



District A-15 *Governors Newsletter* *Summer 2025*



A SUCCESSFUL START TO OUR LIONS YEAR!

On August 10th South Wellington Community Lions Branch proudly hosted our first District Cabinet Meeting of the year — and what a success it was! We were thrilled to welcome *twenty-nine* clubs in attendance, a wonderful show of commitment and unity within the District. .

The meeting opened with the formal installation of Cabinet members by Past International Director Art Woods. With hands and hearts united, every leader pledged to guide our district with honour and humility throughout the year ahead.

This year's International Theme — *Lead to Serve and Serve to Lead* — was at the forefront of discussion. District Governor Linda Vinette outlined the District plans and goals for the year, emphasizing that she will continue to track and report on progress to ensure we remain on course. DG Linda, along with her Governor team, will be visiting clubs across the district to share and inspire with this international message.

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Adding a personal touch, DG Linda presented each Cabinet and Committee Chair with a small gift as a token of appreciation for stepping into their leadership roles. This gesture also reflected her individual theme:

Sift through the needs!

Stir up excitement about being a Lion!

Serve as Lions do!

Following the formalities, attendees enjoyed a delicious meal together in the serene setting of the Ennotville Historical Library grounds, shaded by the grand old pine trees — a perfect backdrop for fellowship, conversation, and the warm spirit of Lionism.



Lion Linda

With such a strong and spirited beginning, A-15 is poised for a year of growth, service, and joy in being Lions.



CABINET 2024-2025



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The Difference

Campaign for Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides



**Your Urgent
Donation is
Needed!**

EDITOR'S CHALLENGE
Copetown Lions have approved
a \$10,000.00 donation.
Other A15 Clubs are
welcome to participate!

 **Our Dogs are Ready to Work.**
But our Future is in Jeopardy. 

The Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides is currently facing a \$20 million shortfall that has halted construction on Canada's largest Dog Guide training school in Oakville, Ontario. This shortfall is due to rising costs and the expansion of the project's scope. The organization is seeking to raise the funds needed to complete the project by the end of October, with \$5 million coming from public donations. The foundation is also trying to bridge the remaining gap through a plea to government, major donors, Lions Clubs, and corporate partners. The demand for Dog Guides is growing, with one in four Canadians living with a disability today, which has increased since 2017. The new National Training School aims to increase the number of Dog Guides trained and matched by more than 65% each year, reducing wait times for Canadians with various disabilities.

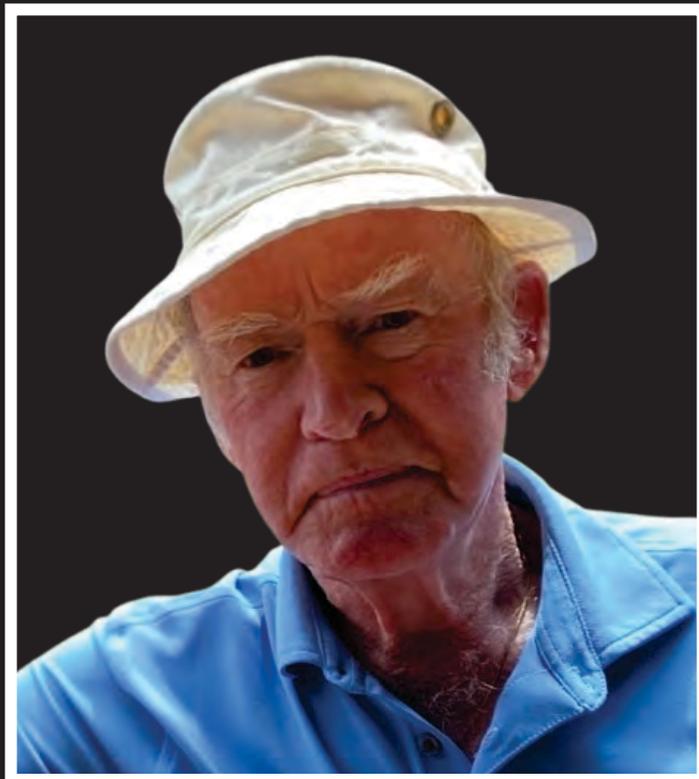
to donate click here.....

PASSINGS

“HE SERVED”



Lion Bill Hunter
Rockton Lions
July 20th 2025



[Click Photo For Obituary](#)



HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

TELL All about it!

- Do you have an upcoming event?*
- Would you like other Lions clubs to attend?*
- Would more hands help?*
- Can other Lions learn from your success?*

DG Linda is launching a new initiative this year:

She wants to make more clubs aware of your **upcoming** Service, Fundraising and other events. She realizes there are other social media platforms but she wants to make this program a focused one. A site that helps bring District A15 clubs and members closer together without having to navigate through the clutter of many social media outlets.

To do this, she is asking you send your UPCOMING events and activities to a new CLUB PROMOTION committee chair at promotion@a15lions.org. Or, optionally, send this information to your Zone or Region Chair and they will consolidate these for you.

Once we receive this information, it will be posted to our District Website at a new searchable webpage and also referenced at our District A15 Facebook site.

Let's make this year one where the clubs in the District share their events, their successes and let's support each other in our quest to BEST Serve our communities. **So how do you get the word out!**

Send your event details / posters by Email to: promotion@a15lions.org

Call or Email your Region or Zone Chairs:

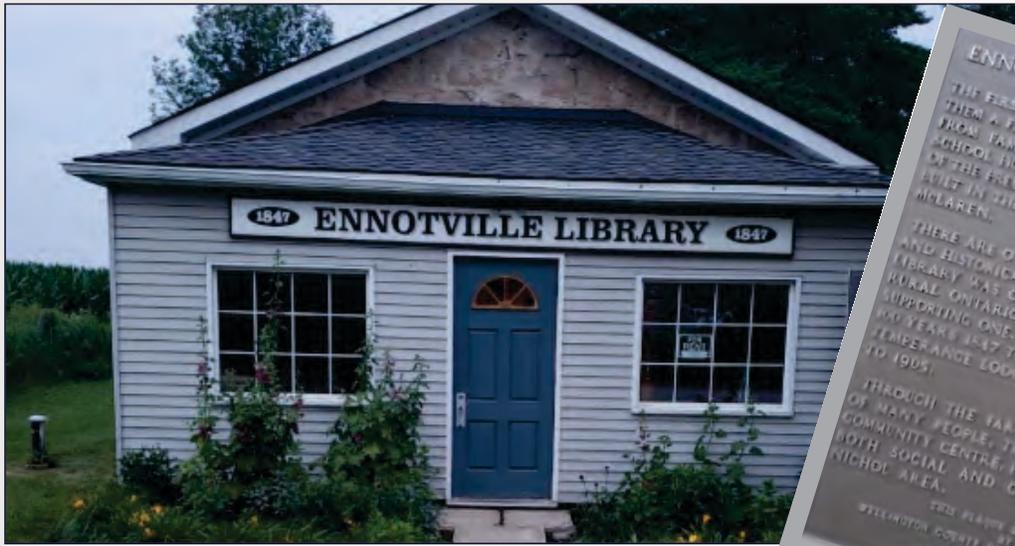
[see District Website for their respective emails]

Call the promotion chair at 226-343-0261

Use our online form to upload your event details and flyers! **[COMING SOON]**

Looking forward to hearing from you so we can **ALL ROAR** about what we do.

PHOTO OPS FROM CABINET MEETING



ENNOTVILLE HISTORICAL LIBRARY

THE FIRST SETTLER, JOHN PUGH ON BROUGHT WITH THEM A FEW PRECIOUS BOOKS WHICH WERE PASSED FROM FAMILY TO FAMILY, THEN KEPT IN A LOG SCHOOL HOUSE. THESE BOOKS FORM THE NUCLEUS OF THE PRESENT LIBRARY, ORGANIZED IN 1847 AND BUILT IN THE ISSUES ON LAND DONATED BY JOHN McLAREN.

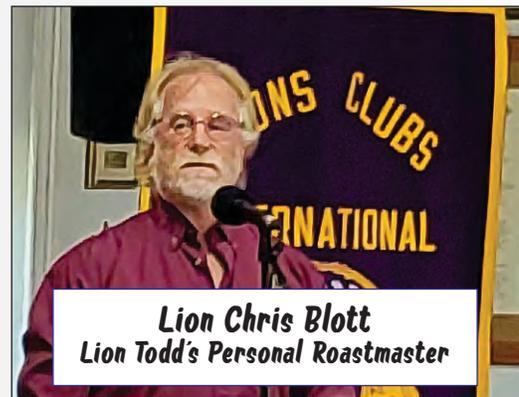
THERE ARE OVER 4,000 BOOKS HERE, MANY RARE AND HISTORICALLY VALUABLE. AT ONE TIME, THIS LIBRARY WAS CONSIDERED THE SECOND BEST IN RURAL ONTARIO AND IS NOW THE ONLY SELF-SUPPORTING ONE. A MUNDAY SCHOOL MET HERE FOR 60 YEARS 1847 TO 1947 AND THE MORNING STAR TEMPERANCE LODGE FOR ALMOST 30 YEARS 1869 TO 1905.

THROUGH THE FAR-SEEING, UNSELFISH EFFORTS OF MANY PEOPLE, THE LIBRARY SERVING AS A COMMUNITY CENTRE, HAS HAD A WIDE INFLUENCE BOTH SOCIAL AND CULTURAL, IN THE LOWER NICHOL AREA.

TED FLAHERY EXECUTOR IN 1975
BY THE
WILMINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY
AND THE
ONTARIO HERITAGE FOUNDATION



**DG Linda
"WELCOME"**

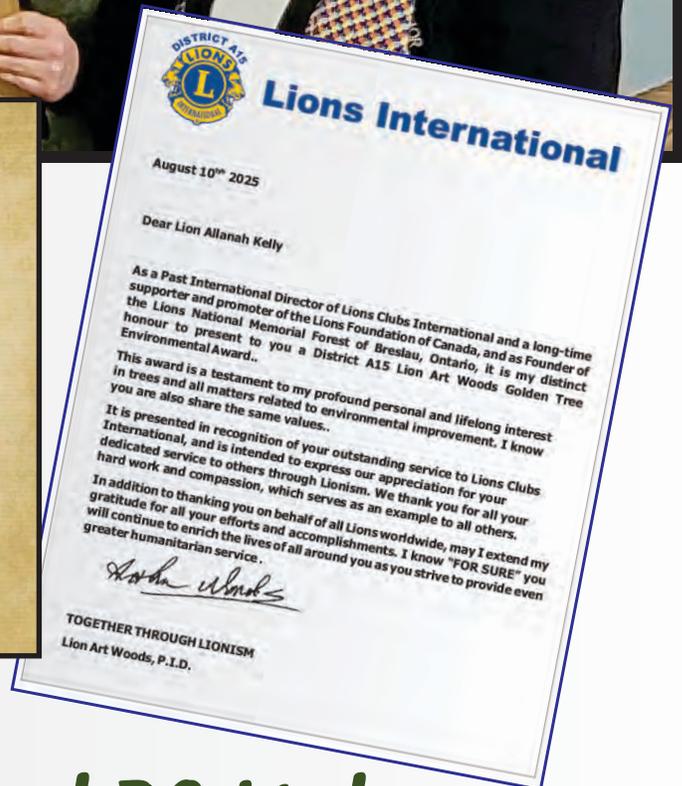
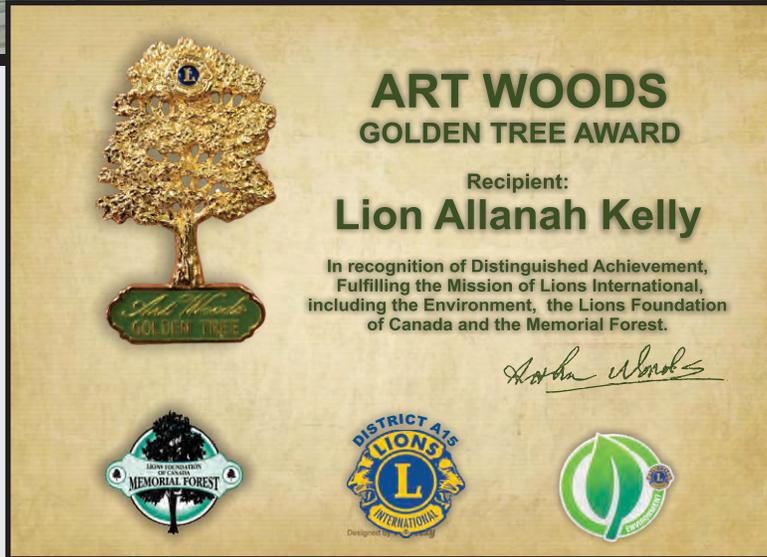


**Lion Chris Blott
Lion Todd's Personal Roastmaster**



PID Lion Art "CABINET INSTALLATION"

"SPECIAL RECOGNITION"



PID Lion Art and DG Linda presenting Lion Allannah Kelley with the Art Woods Golden Tree Award

TEAMWORK!



Hello Lions



I am excited to again be your Global Service Team coordinator for 2025-2026. As we embark on another exciting year, our team is here to help you plan and launch impactful service projects. Whether your passion lies in protecting the environment, fighting hunger, supporting those affected by diabetes or childhood cancer, vision or exploring other areas of need, you're not alone. My mission is to support you through every step of the process - struggling with brainstorming, planning, execution or reporting. Let's make this the year of change and bring our clubs & communities together. Please join me in welcoming two of your returning committee chairs.

Lion Anita Ertel

HUNGER



Hello Lions, I'm Dawn Raynard, Hunger Chair for District A15 and Vice President of the Rockwood & District Lions Club. I'm passionate about fighting hunger and looking forward to working with you to create impactful service projects that make a real difference in our community.



ENVIRONMENT



My name is Lion Allanah Kelly of the Freelon Lions Club. I am returning as the Environment Committee Chairperson for District A-15. Last year was a learning experience, I hope to expand on ideas I've received from conversations with you about what environmental initiatives you'd like to see in our district. I look forward to hearing what ideas your have for advancing environmental causes, I am eager to help.





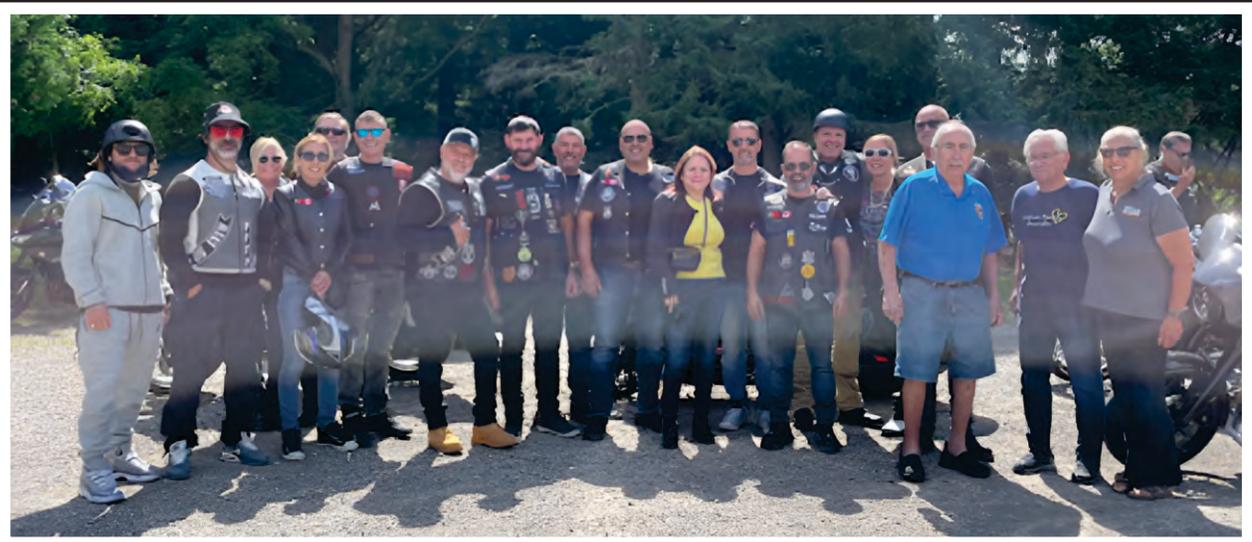
DUNDAS LIONS 11th ANNUAL

RIDE4AUTISM



Sunday August 24th started out cool , the sun shone through and warmed everyone up for the Poker Run. There were several Dundas Lions, Lioness and Autism Ont. volunteers that lightened the work load for everyone involved. Thirty Five motorcycles and passengers made for a total of fifty enjoying the day and supporting Autism Ontario. Poker Card stops were at Freelton , Sheffield Lynden and the last stop in Copetown where members recorded and monitored Poker activity. Copetown was the last stop, then the group headed back to Dundas where a BBQ was held at the Hamilton Air Force Club, the participants and volunteers enjoyed the fellowship along with a silent auction. The ride generated approximately \$22,000.00.

SINCE 2015 WE'VE
RAISED
OVER \$110,000!



DUNDAS LIONS & H.P.S. PROJECT CONCERN



HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE - PROJECT CONCERN

The H.P.S. In conjunction with Dundas Lions Ride for Autism. Concern donated \$1,000.00 to the Lions Poker Run held August 24th. The Ride Project raised over \$22,000.00, all proceeds go directly to Autism Ontario. Project Concern is the name of a in-house Charitable Donation Fund, created in 1976 is funded through payroll deductions from members. The goal is to give something back to the community and help others less fortunate. Project Concern has made many donations since 1976 and will continue to respond to the needs of the less fortunate. It is their opportunity to say “We care”.

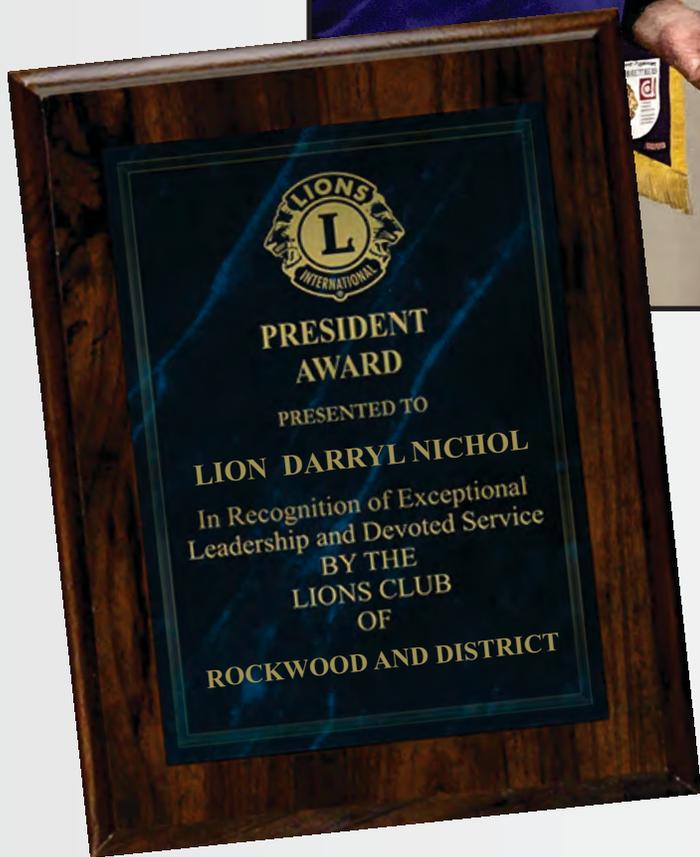
L-R: Sergeant Sarah Ricker, Lions Al Little and Wayne Griffiths, Theresa DiClemente from Victims Services, Detective Lindsay Filice and Detective Sergeant Sara Beck.

LYNDEN LIONS



On August 24th Lynden Lions hosted one hundred and fifteen migrant farm workers from Mexico at a barbeque in the Lions Park. These workers are essential to our local farmers and are with us from planting to harvesting.. Many of them come year after year and have become old friends. The community participates generously with both time and produce to create a fun afternoon to show our appreciation.

ROCKWOOD & DISTRICT



In June of this year PDG Gary Ransom presented Lion Darryl Nichol with a President's award for his outstanding service and leadership.

BURFORD LIONS



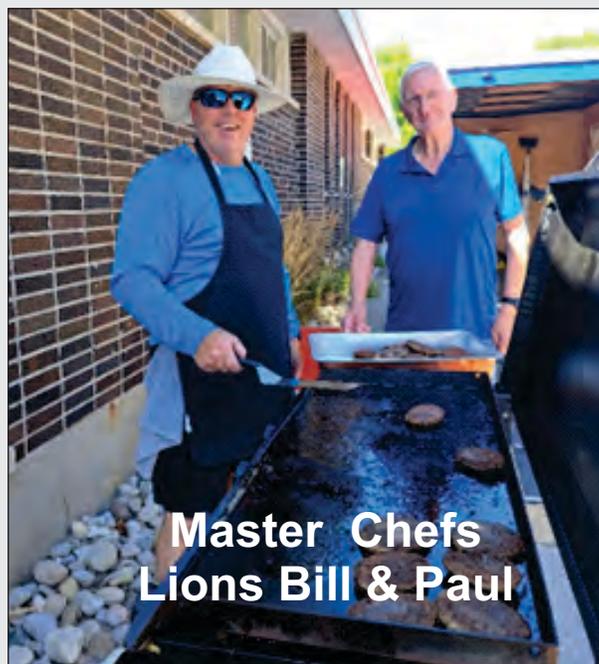
This past summer, the County of Brant hosted a friendly competition know as "Park Vs Park" to discover Brant's Favourite Park. The votes have been tallied and the verdict is in: Burford Lions Art Cadman Park has officially been crowned Brant's Favourite Park for 2025! The park is at 78 Maple Ave N in Burford and captures people's hearts with its scenic walking trails, peaceful creek-side setting and local charm.

STRATFORD LIONS

The Stratford Lions Club provided a Community Meal at Saint Joseph's Church on August 21st. It was well attended by the community members and the Lions were complimented on the meal. Those in attendance commmented on the continuing good work by their Lions.



The Team, Lions Tracey, Trudy, Kathy, Kim, Frieda, Paul and Bill.



Master Chefs
Lions Bill & Paul



DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT + GET YOUR 2026 CALENDAR

There's not a moment that goes by when Sasha Delorme isn't on edge.

Maybe you or someone you love knows the kind of worry she lives with: the constant pressure of managing her son Brayson's diabetes.



"Diabetes invaded our lives," says Sasha. "It was a shock that turned our world upside down and rocked us completely."

You can make 2X the impact and help more families like Sasha's today.

Until September 30, your gift to Diabetes Canada will be 2X MATCHED by Manulife! You'll also receive your very own copy of our 2026 End Diabetes recipe calendar.

2X THE IMPACT

DONATE NOW



Lions Logo Refresh

In nearly 100 years of use, the Lions logo has changed and evolved. But it has always stood for the same idea:

We Serve

1916: This first Lions logo reveals the organization's early ties to the Masons.



1918: Note the visual pun in this early logo: a Lion and a club.

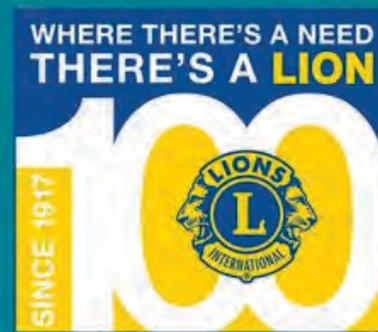
1920: This rendering with monogrammed L and back-to-back lions is the basis for the logo today.



Recent



Current



Centennial

lions100.org

#Lions100

Ariss & Maryhill Lions

Bottle Drive

in support of Ariss &
Maryhill Lions
initiatives



Collection Date:

Sept 13th

9 am - 12 pm

Drop-off Location:

Maryhill
Community Centre
58 St Charles St E
Maryhill

Draw for \$50 LCBO Gift Card
Ballot given at drop off

For More Information Contact Rick Motz
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GARAGE SALE

**SEPTEMBER 21ST & 22ND 2024
SAT 8:30AM - 2PM
SUN 9:00AM - 2PM**

**STRATFORD RUGBY CLUB
ORLANDO STREET**



Lions Club of Elmira

70th Anniversary



October 25, 2025



TICKETS

Pre September 30/25
Single Ticket = \$50.00
Table for 6 = \$280.00

After September 30/25
ALL Tickets Single = \$60.00

Tickets Available @ Elmira Meat Market
Or

Elmira Lions Club Members

Social @ 5:30 pm - Dinner @ 6:30 pm

Dress Code:
Business Casual

Guest Speaker
PIP Judge Brian Stevenson
Calgary, Alta.



Venue: Lions Hall - 40 South St W, Elmira ON



Eat in or Take-out Schnitzel Dinner

Sat. Sept 27th

Seating time 4:30 & 5:30pm

hosted by

***South Wellington Community Lions Club Branch
at the Ennotville Historical Library,***

7722 Sixth Line, Elora,

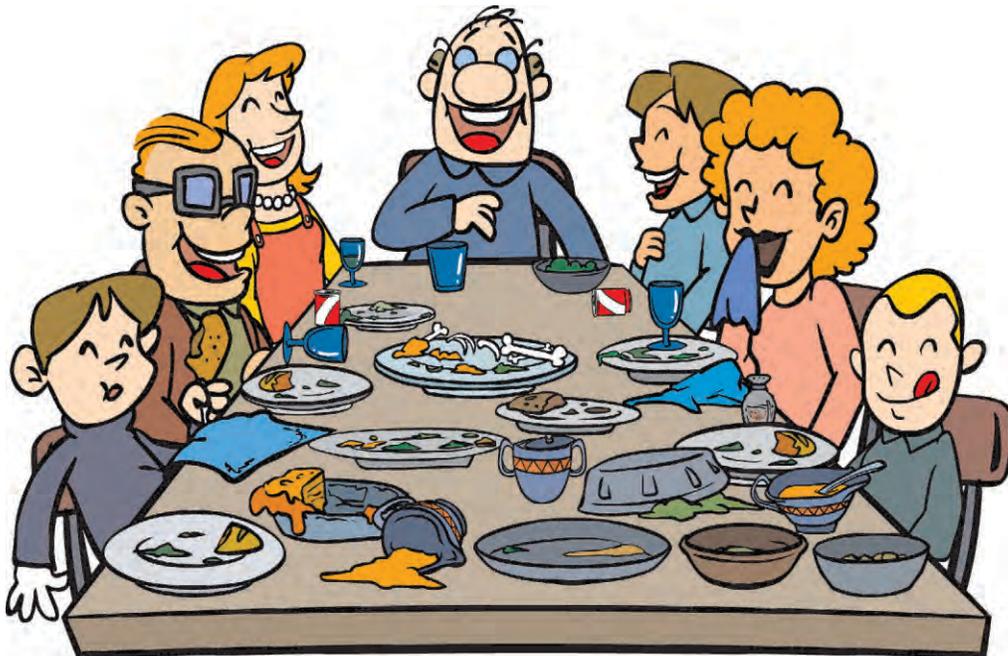
just off of Hwy 6,

Price \$20 per person

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or call 519-577-2914





Calling All Vendors

ARISS AND MARYHILL LIONS

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

MARYHILL COMMUNITY

CENTRE

SATURDAY NOV 29TH 2025

TABLES AVAILABLE

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District A-15 *Governors Newsletter Publishing Schedule*

The plan is to have the Newsletter be distributed the second week of the following months, subject to adjustment where required:

**October, December,
February, April and June**

It would be good if we could get your submissions on the first day of the scheduled month, however experience shows this might not be practical in some cases.

THE GRAVEYARD OF PAST DEADLINES

