



District A-15
Governors Newsletter
Fall-Christmas
2025



**Season's Greetings to our Lions Family of District A-15,
As we start into our 6th month of the Lions year, and I'm proud
to report that our membership growth is strong.**

**We've welcomed 51 members since the end of June, bringing
our net total to 1320 Lions. I'm so very pleased with our
District for taking on the challenge to grow our numbers
because every new Lion represents more hands to help and
hearts ready to serve.**

**Sometimes it's as simple as asking someone to join for an
activity or inviting them to see what Lions all is about.**

You never know who's waiting for that invitation!

**Service reporting is sitting at 48% of clubs reporting. We can
do better in this area, and I'm confident we will. I'm hoping to
meet our preset goal of 75% reporting. Let's make sure that
the great work being done across our district is being shared
and celebrated.**

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On the LCIF front, our clubs have donated \$21,287.64 USD so far a wonderful start, but it represents only twenty- three of our fifty - six clubs. Our district goal for the year is \$36,662 USD.

I encourage every club to consider a contribution, no matter the size. Together, we can reach that goal and make a global impact.

As we celebrate this Christmas season and the holidays ahead, I extend my heartfelt thanks for the service you provide too so many. Your dedication, compassion, and commitment to our communities truly embody the spirit of Lionism.

May we continue to grow in numbers, expanding our ability to assist those in need and bringing hope where it is needed most. Let us remain happy, healthy, and supportive of one another—caring for our fellow Lions as we care for our neighbours.

Together, we will create a brighter future for everyone. Wishing you peace, joy, and love this holiday season and throughout the coming year.



Lion Linda



CABINET 2024-2025



Linda Vinette
District Governor



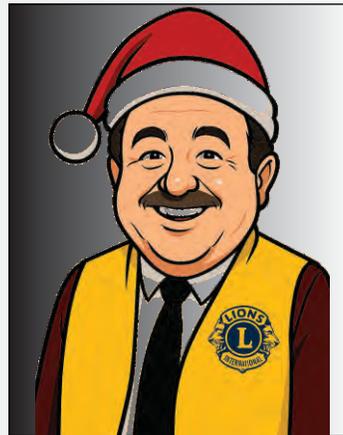
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The Difference

Campaign for Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides



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

**Your Urgent
Donation is
Needed!**

 **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”

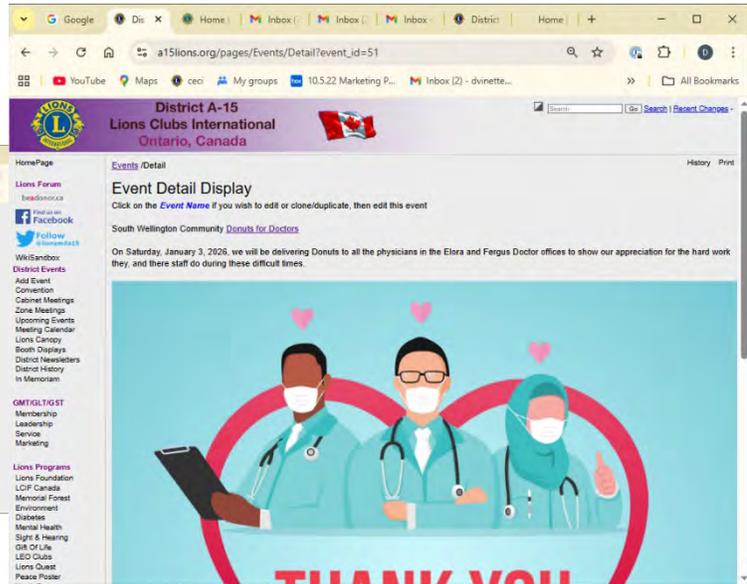


Lion Edward Rickus
Burford Lions
September 25, 2025



[Click Photo For Obituary](#)

NEW! District and CLUB EVENT LIST WEBPAGE - DISTRICT A15



This year, under the leadership of DG Linda Vinette, District Information Technology chair Ted Rypma and District Admin Denis Vinette were asked to provide a means for the clubs to post their own club activities (fundraisers, service, etc.) directly to the District A15 website.

Social Media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, X, etc.. are very popular to to post events to the public, but we can soon lose track of where, who and what clubs are doing in their communities.

To help organize these random postings, and to **eliminate** the unwanted promotions and constant ads of current social media platforms, it was decided that we would provide a simple yet effective way of posting club activities that allow members to post, and view our Lions Club events at will.

The District website is now ready to accept events and is looking forward to making this an important resource to the Lions of District A15.

To see what postings we have just go to our District website at www.a15lions.org, select "District Events" from the menu bar and *voila*, you see all current and future events (organized by activity date). To ADD an event, click on the "**Add a New Event**" link at the top of the page and, ONCE LOGGED IN, simply fill out the form with the event details, upload an image (poster, flyer, other) and submit your event to the list. For more detailed step-by-step instructions and additional features such as Editing, Deleting or Cloning Events, please refer to "**Posting District A15 Events**" document

NOTE: To ensure that we have some measure of control over these postings, any additions or edits will require the District member username and password. Contact District Admin Denis Vinette or Information Technology chair Ted Rypma for any assistance or clarification.



ROCKWOOD & DISTRICT LIONS & SOUTH WELLINGTON COMMUNITY LIONS

3rd Annual Community Thanksgiving dinner in Rockwood at St. John's Anglican Church Parish Hall. Combined effort between Rockwood & District Lions, South Wellington Community Lions and Pantry volunteers and members of St. John's Anglican Church. Just shy of 100 people served, which included meals sent to Squire's Lodge Seniors Home in Rockwood..





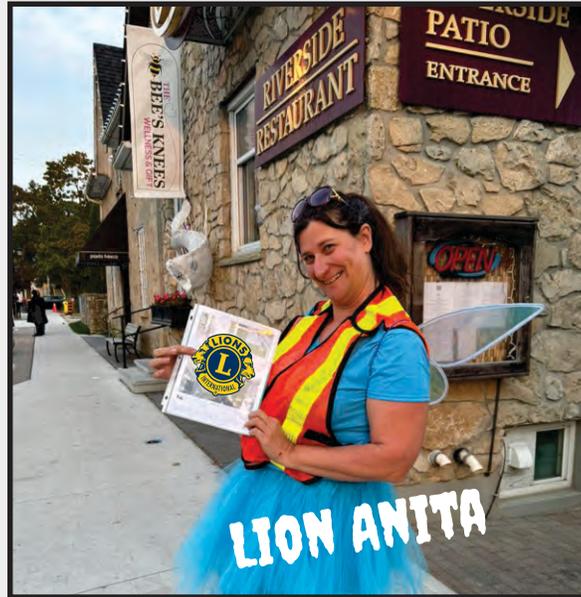
Wilmot Lions/Lioness



Paul Mackie, Wilmot Lions/Lioness Club presented Kayla Orleck owner of the New Hamburg Pet Value store and manager Megan Leblanc with a certificate of appreciation for their assistance with our Lions/Pet Value Dog Guide Walk. Many happy dogs showed up for their walk through Schmidt Woods and received a doggy treat bag. Over \$2,200.00 was raised by the New Hamburg event and was the second highest earning walk in the history of Dog Guides, a national fundraiser with a powerful purpose.



South Wellington Community Lions Club Branch



**SOUTH WELLINGTON LIONS PARTICIPATED IN THE
ELORA MONSTER MARCH PARADE OCT. 18, 2025.**





Stratford Lions

While attending the USA Canada Forum in Atlantic City in September, International President A.P. Singh presented Lions Trudy Carter, Tracey and Bill Robinson with their Lions University Masters Certificate.





Copetown Lions



The Lions of Copetown A.K.A. “*The Hub of the Universe*” held their annual Turkey Roll Nov 15th, it was, as usual, a sellout. The highlight of the night was a \$10,000.00 donation to the Lions Foundation of Canada,.Shown in the photos are LFC Chair Nancy Chiasson, Lions Peter Oswald, Moe Crickmore(hiding behind the cheque) and Dan Bartley, their furry friends are:Irish, Turbo and Nashville. A big shout out to Lions Leah Rowles and Cathy McAughlan for the food prep(delicious) and the consummate M.C. Moe Crickmore and the hordes of other volunteers including Lions and members of the Copetown Minor Baseball Association.





2025 Christmas Toys & MORE Drive

New & Unwrapped only please

This year, we're collecting more than toys—your donations of essentials can make a real difference for families in need.



What to give

Toys
Baby items
Board Games
Clothes
Personal Hygiene
Beauty essentials
Books
Electronics
Puzzles
Winter Gear
Gift Cards
Sports Equipment
Outdoor play items

Presents can be dropped off at the following:

1. 4000 Governors Road (Lynden main intersection)
2. Lynden Legion
3. 69 Lynden Road (Brooks Residence)

You can also call/text Andrew: 905-923-7193



ST. MARYS LIONS

The St. Marys Lions Club entered their float in this year's Kinsmen Santa Claus Parade. The turnout of residents to view the parade was amazing! We don't think we have seen so many residents lining the streets Thank you to all the residents of St. Marys for coming out to see the parade. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! Photos Lion Raymond Taylor





ST. MARYS



Several members of the ST. MARYS LIONS CLUB volunteered their time to monitor the SALVATION ARMY KETTLE at Foodland on Wellington St S in St. Marys on Saturday, November 21. Pictured here are Lions Luke, Dawn and Raymond. Other members who volunteered were Lions Rob, Evelyn, Bruce and Charlie. Thanks to all for volunteering their time, and thank you to the shoppers at Foodland for their generous donations to assist the Salvation Army at this special time of year. (Photos courtesy, Lions Raymond Taylor and Dawn Reynen)



FOODLAND

Fresh food. Friendly neighbours.



DUNDAS LIONS



**Lions Greg Best(l) and Wayne Hay
make a presentation to Pam Koortman, from
the William Osler Elementary School
music department.**



ST GEORGE LIONS



Exciting news this week with the grand re-opening of Sunnyhill Park! Our club, together with the County of Brant and Kal Tire, invested in this important playground renovation. We are thrilled to be a partner in this project with a goal of ensuring everyone has access to playground and recreational spaces. Lions Kevin and Steve present Mayor David Bailey with a \$25,000 contribution from our club for the new playground equipment. It is thanks to the continued support of all our fundraising events that our club can continue to serve our community with meaningful projects like Sunnyhill Park!



COPETOWN LIONS



At a recent Copetown Lions meeting the members were treated to an interesting presentation from Theresa Howe, Indwell Representative about her organization and their plans for the future, looking after some of the needs of homeless citizens. “Thresa was presented with a for \$2,000.00 by Lion Doreen Wilson, treasurer and Lion Ken Biehler, President.



At recent meetings Lion Tamer Cathy has come up with some unigue ideas making for a fun night. This time around she created a form of bowling, bouncing & pinball, the ultimate winner after extra innings was Lion Dave, Lion Peter is keeping an eye on Dave.



BURFORD LIONS



"A Picture Speaks a Thousand Words"





TEAM EFFORT



Thank you to all the local service clubs who braved the cooler temperatures to collect donations for the WCS Funds for Food Drive. Thank you, Glenrose Lodge Free Masons, Woolwich Community Lions Club, Optimist Club of Elmira, St. Jacobs Lions Club, Optimist Club of St. Jacobs, 1st Elmira Scout Group, Knights of Columbus Council 8192, EDSS First Robotics-Team 4917, Gale Church, & Floradale Friends of Dog Guides, Kiwanis Club of Elmira, Kitchen Kuttings, Shoppers Drug Mart, Woolwich Memorial Centre, Foodland-Elmira, Food Basics-Elmira, Elmira Home Hardware, Harvest Moon, St. Jacobs Home Hardware, and you, our awesome community for all of your support.



**WOOLWICH
COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Together Making A Difference



BELWOOD LIONS



Belwood Lions presented a cheque to Diabetes Canada Representative John Camelford this evening during our business meeting. This donation reflected the funds raised from the Lions voluntary Toll Bridge held this past September. This evening meeting also hosted our Official Visit from Zone Chair William Belrose. Pictured is John, with Lions Julian, Terry, Gord & George who all helped on the Toll Bridge (including John). Many thanks for the communities support at the Toll Bridge



THAMESFORD LIONS



ANOTHER GREAT CHRISTMAS PROJECT BY THE THAMESFORD LIONS!

**A big thank you to our amazing Lions volunteers!
On a beautiful sunny November day, our small but mighty team came together on short notice to put up the Christmas lights at Lions South Park. Together, they gave 8 hours of community service to make sure the park shines bright for everyone walking or driving by this season. Your time, effort, and dedication do not go unnoticed—our community is brighter because of you!**



THE LIONS CLUB OF PARIS



Recently the Lions in Pariss hosted their 2nd Friends of Lions dinner. Friends of Lions are volunteers who assist us in filling food trailer shifts.. The Glen Morris Lions, Burford Lions, Optimists Paris Optimist Club,, and individuals who generously offer their time, including spouses, students seeking volunteer hours, and grandchildren. This year, we donated \$2000.00 to the Salvation Army, \$2000.00 to the Paris Christmas Hamper, \$1500.00 to Participation Support Services,

and \$1000.00 to the Cambridge Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Additionally, Mike Yarek Dodge Chrysler Limited was presented with a plaque in recognition of their generous donations over the years, which have supported our ud. Other

sponsors this year include Paris Automotive, Johns Automotive, Brantwood Farms, Vlaar Financial, Strodes BBQ and Deli, Thompson Printing, Isaac Rosebrugh, Pelton Bros. Transport Ltd, Paris Veterinary Clinic, H.S. Knills Company Ltd, Kings Wood Products, Whitelaw Automotive, Yarek Dodge Chrysler Jeep, Avenir Energy St.George, Tim Hortons Grand River St.N., and Tim Hortons Rest Acres Rd. We extend our gratitude to these organizations for their generous donations, which enable us to serve our community.





FERGUS LIONS



We are honoured to continue to receive your generous support, since your first \$250 to Education in January 2003. Your most recent \$40,000 gift from the 2024 Fergus Lions Home Show fully funded a much-needed new paediatric colonoscope for O.R., and makes a significant difference in our ability to care for our young patients at Groves.

Thank you for your incredible \$40,000 pledge and hard work & support of the \$250,000 from Lions for Groves to the New Groves Hospital Campaign. Your commitment helps to ensure we have a state-of-the-art new facility to serve our growing rural community and meet the needs of our patients.



In total, Fergus Lions gifts to Groves have reached \$168,900 over the past 22 years; the



largest of any Lions Club in our history. You are recognized by your listing on our Donor Wall, at the \$100,000 - \$249,999 Level, One Private Medical In-patient Room named Fergus Lions, and Lions for Groves' naming of the Diabetes Education Centre, with a plaque listing Fergus Lions & your partners inside the department. You are eligible to be listed on our new Donor Feature, coming in 2026!

We are grateful for your support and to be chosen as repeat recipients of the funds raised at your Home Show. We look forward to hosting a booth again in 2026. Thank you for everything you do for Groves & the community!



ST. GEORGE LIONS CLUB

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AT THE 2025 PARIS FAIR!



**THANK
YOU**





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 Braysan'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.

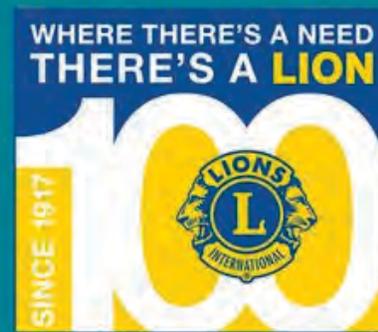
1920: This rendering with monogrammed L and back-to-back lions is the basis for the logo today.



Recent



Current



Centennial

lions100.org

#Lions100



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



Wishing you a very Merry Christmas
and bring in the New Year with a
“BIG ROAR”

