



## *Lions Clubs International – District A-1*

# Governor's Newsletter



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## Message from our District Governor

*Lion Evelyn Spiering*



HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!

As I began to write my Christmas message on how wonderful life is, I began to wonder about the many families who will have a much different Holiday Season.

Our Service to others is needed more than ever. Whether it is ringing the bell for the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign, or helping to pack those boxes for the food hampers, or the many other ways we assist those in our communities who are struggling: Lions please help where and when you can. Together we can and are making a difference in someone's life. It is truly an honor to serve as you Governor this year.

Congratulations to the many Lions and Clubs who received a Queens Platinum Jubilee Medal this past year. I know they were very well deserved.

Welcome to all the New and Returning Lions this year, we are so glad you are here.

Thank you for all you support thus far.... Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and however you celebrate this season enjoy & stay safe.

From our family to yours we wish for you a happy and wonderful Holiday Season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Ev & Rick



At the November 27  
Cabinet Meeting in  
Strathroy!

Check out that gavel,  
eh?

Photo supplied by Lion  
Seppo Kuokkanen



*From the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor*

*Lion Sydney MacLean*



### **First Half Year as a FVDG**

#### **13 Club Visits, 13 Amazing Nights!**

Thank you for the warm welcomes and giving me the chance to learn more about your clubs, your activities, and your communities. It has been wonderful to meet your clubs in person and hear firsthand about the events you have run and those that you are planning – you have so many great ideas and success stories!

#### **The Train Ride**

Well, training that is. Both through our Multiple District and Lions International, the training has been exceptional.

For anyone considering taking on roles within their club or beyond their club, know that there is training and support for all positions. Lions are here to help you succeed.

#### **Looking Ahead**

My crystal ball (agenda) says more training ahead, planning for our next Lions year and getting out and participating in more activities around our district.

Happy Holidays and best wishes for continued success on your Lions journey,  
Lion Sydney, FVDG



**Merry  
Christmas**





*From the 2nd Vice District Governor*

*Lion Keith Ryan*



In the past few years, I have had the opportunity to start to learn more about Lions and what Lions in our District is all about.

I have visited clubs, attended meetings and different training. Over that time, I have learnt that we all have the same common goals – to serve our community. Yes, as an individual club we have our own goals and projects that mean a lot to us.

Together, this is what makes us the world largest service organization.

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, I had the opportunity to travel to LA, to continue my learning with Lions at ALLI – Advanced Lions Learning Institute. During this time, I met Lions from across North America – Sudbury, Toronto, Calgary, Saskatchewan, Vermont, California, Alabama, Texas, Jamaica, NY, Maine just name a few places. Over the weekend we worked in groups and discussed tonnes of different topics including MyLion, LCIF, Project Management, Conflict Resolution and Applying for Grants. The discussions were priceless and they did not stop in the classroom. It continued through our meals, breaks, social time and we have even been in touch since we've been back. I came back with lots of ideas for my club, zone and District on different projects we can work on to improve our goals and ourselves. Now it's time to organize these thoughts.



These opportunities and many other learning opportunities are available to all Lions. I strongly encourage everyone to take a few minutes, go into MyLion and look up “LEARN”. All of these courses are free, take less than an hour and allow you to work at your pace; start and stop and you need to. Be sure to watch for in person learning coming up in the new year.

There is something for everyone.

Enjoy You Holiday's with your Families, Friends and Fellow Lions.

# REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

**EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.  
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A  
FOOD BANK.**

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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## *We Remember Those Who Served*



Unexpectedly on November 3 / 2022 Bert Vanderwal of the Poplar Hill Lions Club passed away. Visitation was held at Dennings of Strathroy on Tuesday November 8 2022 from

2:00 pm until 4:00 and 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm.

Bert joined the Lions in 2010 and was a big part of the ever popular, Poplar Hillbillies.

He will be missed.

Lion Bert was a Poplar Hill Lion and a great PH Hillbilly as he dragged us around from parade to parade often with a puppy passenger in his Model A.

Bert was a farmer and elevator mechanic. He spent his life building and fixing things for anyone who needed his help.

In memory of Lion Bert, donations may be made to the Poplar Hill Lions Club or to the Middlesex Centre Archives

<https://strathroyfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/19145/Bert-Vanderwal/obituary.html#tribute-start>

Lion Gerald Veale passed away suddenly on October 22 2022 in his 85<sup>th</sup> year. He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

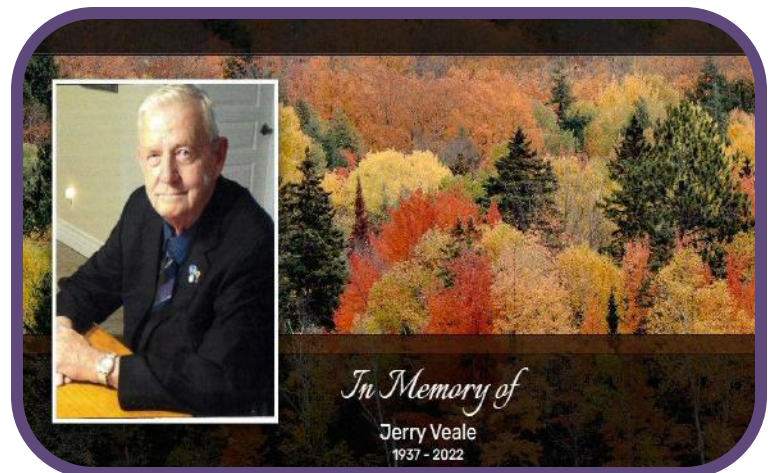
Jerry worked for CP Rail from 1955 until 1976 as a telegraph operator and train dispatcher. He owned and operated Sandy Ridge Orchards from 1976 until 1997.

Jerry joined the Mount Brydges Lions Club in 1965 and was still a member until his passing.

Jerry volunteered countless hours for VON Middlesex Elgin for many years. He served on their Board of Directors, the VON Walk Committee as a co-chair.

Lion Jerry will be missed by all Lions who knew him.

<https://strathroyfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/19126/Jerry-Veale/obituary.html#tribute-start>



**Source: Strathroy Funeral Home website**



## *Message from the DG Newsletter Editors*



Dear fellow Lions,

Happy December! Christmas is almost here and has everyone excited.

We included flyers and news we were able to round up from the A-1 clubs' websites and Facebook pages. The last few pages again have tidbits of news etc for clubs that would not have filled an entire page, but we felt should be included. Have a look; your club may well be featured!

If we missed an event, send us the info so we are able to include you next time.

A big **Thank You** goes to the clubs that sent us photos and descriptions of events.

Governor Ev suggested we include a memorial section, honouring Lions who have passed away in our District. In this issue we created memorials for two Lions who passed away recently, and used the info that came to us through Lion Secretary Rosey and/or Facebook. We hope we did not miss anyone, but if we did, please send us the information and we'll include it next time.

**Please** send us photos and a description of all your activities. So much is happening in our District and we love to showcase that.

***Looking forward to your submissions for the February issue!***

Lions Wayne Morrison and Christine Aben

Email us at [lionchristine@rogers.com](mailto:lionchristine@rogers.com)

A very merry, happy Christmas and New Year to all Lions

Our Jacquie Lawson animated Christmas card is below for you to enjoy! Just click on the link.

<http://jlcards.com/nr5wl5>

### **Next District Governor's Newsletter**

**Deadline for submissions: January 27 2023**

**Publish date: February 1 2023**

**Check out our District's Projects here:**

<https://www.districta1lions.com/projects.html>





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*The new **District A-1 Directory 2022-2023** is available now for download from the District A-1 web site. The password is 'weserve'.*

*Please check your info is correct.*

*Email Cabinet Secretary Lion Rosey with any changes at [a1cabsec@gmail.com](mailto:a1cabsec@gmail.com)*

*You can find info on the MD'A' council here:*

<http://mdalions.org/pages/Directory/Council>

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## **DISTRICT A-1 LIONS CLUBS BY ZONE**

## **42 CLUBS**

### **Zone 1**

Belle River Lions Club  
Essex & District Lions Club  
Lighthouse Cove & District Lions Club  
Stoney Point Lions Club  
Tecumseh Lakeside & District Lions Club  
Windsor Downtown Lions Club

### **Zone 2**

Chatham Lions Club  
Highgate & District Lions Club  
Kingsville Lions Club  
Leamington Lions Club  
Tilbury Lions Club  
Wheatley Lions Club

### **Zone 3**

Belmont Lions Club  
Dutton & District Lions Club  
Lions Club of Port Stanley Lioness  
Port Stanley Lions Club  
Rodney Lions Club  
St. Thomas Lions Club

### **Zone 4**

Dorchester Lions Club  
Hyde Park & District Lions Club  
Lambeth Lions Club  
London Central Lions Club  
London East Lions Club  
London West Lions Club  
Thorndale Lions Club

### **Zone 5**

Ailsa Craig & District Lions Club  
Ilderton & District Lions Club  
Lucan Lions Club  
Parkhill Lions Club  
Poplar Hill Lions Club

### **Zone 6**

Arkona Lions Club  
Petrolia Lions Club  
Sarnia Lions Club  
Wyoming Lions Club  
Wyoming Lioness/Lions Club

### **Zone 7**

Delaware Lions Club  
Delaware Lions-Lioness Club Branch  
Glencoe District Lions Club  
Melbourne & District Lions Club  
Mt. Brydges Lions Club  
Strathroy Lions Club  
Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Club

### **District A-1 Leo Clubs**



Port Stanley Leo Club  
Petrolia Leo Club  
East Elgin Leo Club  
Lakeshore Leo Club



**The District A-1 Directory has details**




# LCI Service Programs




**OCTOBER IS  
VISION MONTH!**

Join your local Lions Club and  
get involved in our world-wide  
vision mission

**#100LIONSCANADA**




**November is  
DIABETES MONTH**



**Join us in  
the fight  
against  
Diabetes.**

**#LionsFightDiabetes  
#100LionsCanada**



 Diabetes	 Environment	 Hunger	 Vision	 Childhood Cancer	 Young People	 Respond to humanitarian crises
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# LCI Service Programs






**Help us fight  
Hunger and Poverty  
across Canada**



We see how the global hunger and nutrition crisis bears upon our local communities.

We work towards ensuring all community members have access to the nutritious foods they need.



**#100LionsCanada**  
**Join your local Lions Club today!**

Lions - This request (see next two pages) is made on behalf of the Children's Health Foundation, in support of Childhood Cancer, at Children's Hospital in London, Ontario. As you know Childhood Cancer is one of the 5 core Projects that Lions International would like us to support. This is a new request for us to support Cancer Research, at Children's Hospital, over the next 3 Years. If you would like me and someone from the Hospital to come and speak at your club or Zone Meeting. You can reach me at 226-927-3216, or email [liondoug2007@gmail.com](mailto:liondoug2007@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support going forward. Lion Doug Crockett District A1 Childhood Cancer Chair





Scan to  
learn how  
you can  
help fight  
childhood  
cancer.

October 14, 2022

Dear Lions Clubs of District A-1,

**RE: Fighting Childhood Cancer: Support the Best Possible Cancer Care**

Gabby's family had no idea a nasty summer cold would turn their life upside down.

As her parents began to recover from the usual congestion and fatigue, Gabby did not.

She spiked a fever of 104 and was coughing through the night. The family rushed to Children's Hospital's Emergency Department thinking she had pneumonia.

Within two hours, ***everything changed.***

Gabby was diagnosed with **leukemia** and her coughing turned out to be a symptom of **heart failure** caused by the cancer overtaking her red blood cells.

When children and their families, like Gabby, face the devastation of a cancer diagnosis, they turn to Children's Hospital's Specialized Childhood Cancer Program for wraparound care.

**We need committed and compassionate partners like the Lions Clubs of District A-1 to help further the best possible cancer care for our children and their families.**

For thirty-years, the Lions District A-1 Clubs have made an unquestionable impact in supporting Children's Hospital, London Health Sciences Centre. Over time, by joining with other districts and the Lions Club International Foundation, you have generously supported Children's Hospital with gifts exceeding \$915,000.

**Families like Gabby's need you.**

While they manage the constant stress and fear of critical illness, our kids and their families need the Lions' to fund life-saving research that brings hope for better days!

We respectfully ask the Lions Clubs District A-1 for a new commitment to Children's Health Foundation for critically important research into oncology treatments at Children's Hospital, London Health Sciences Centre. Our Children's Hospital Cancer Care Program region and the District A-1 region, match, both serving communities from Windsor to London and all parts in Southwestern Ontario.

We are asking the Lions Clubs District A-1 to collectively raise \$50,000 a year for each of the next three years to improve childhood cancer care in our region. If each of the Clubs joins this childhood cancer campaign and raises \$1,000 or more, Lions District A-1 will achieve this target!

**Together, we can help conquer kids' cancer.**

Children's Hospital is the hub of childhood cancer care in Western Ontario, performing ground-breaking research, and providing state-of-the-art treatments that lead to the best possible care. Our survival rate is 85 percent.

But **surviving** and **ensuring the best quality of life** are not the same goal.

What you may be surprised to learn is that Gabby, like many other children, experienced a relapse. Just as her two-years of chemotherapy were coming to an end, the cancer crept back. The second time around, treatment is more challenging and comes with fewer options.

**As a patient at Children's, Gabby was offered the benefit of leading-edge research.**

Her family was presented with the option of a novel treatment as part of a brand-new clinical trial. And, fueled with hope the family chose to be part of this trial. The experimental immunotherapy medication – Blinatumomab - replaced a whole block of Gabby's chemo, allowing her to go to school, socialize and continue living her life. Clinical research that needs donor support to continue.

The Children's trial made a world of difference. It gave Gabby a **future and her family a future with her**.

**Today, Gabby is an active 13-year-old who celebrated five years of being cancer-free!**

With the Lions' global cause of improving diagnostics, treatment, and continued care for kids with cancer, we believe the work of ground-breaking Children's Hospital clinicians and researchers like Dr. Zorzi – which you can see here: [www.childhealth.ca/lionsA1](http://www.childhealth.ca/lionsA1) - are a perfect match for the Lions' goals.

Your generosity will lead to better solutions for kids like Gabby. Treatments that cause fewer moments of sickness and more moments outside of the hospital, feeling well, so kids can just be kids and hope for families like Gabby's

We know how powerful it can be when the Lions' band together in support of the Childhood Cancer Research Program, you will help ensure better treatments for our children. We know because donor-support helped make Gabby's clinical trial possible.

**Today, Gabby's novel treatment is the first new standard of care for acute lymphoblastic leukemia and the first new paediatric cancer treatment available since the days of Terry Fox!**

By supporting Children's Childhood Cancer Research Program, you can be a part of life-saving change. **Join with your District A-1 Lions Clubs and create better futures for kids like Gabby.**

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,



R Scott Fortnum, MA, CFRE, ACFRE  
President and CEO  
Children's Health Foundation

To join contact Lion Doug Crockett, District A-1 Childhood Cancer Care Campaign Chair:  
[liondoug2007@gmail.com](mailto:liondoug2007@gmail.com) or Penny Harman, Children's Health Foundation: [pharman@childhealth.ca](mailto:pharman@childhealth.ca) .



## District A-1 Youth Exchange 2022-2023

The Youth Exchange committee is looking forward to having a successful camp in 2023. Our last Youth Exchange occurred in 2019.

In order to have a successful camp we need host families. The youth are 17-19 years of age. Host families do not need to be a Lion so if you know of someone who would be interested in being a host family from July 2-12, 2023 and/or July 12-22, 2023 please contact Lion Dianne Piggott – [dianne.piggott@gmail.com](mailto:dianne.piggott@gmail.com) 519-312-8645.

### **Is Hosting Right for Me?**

Are you interested in learning about other cultures and ways of life while sharing your own customs and experiences? Are open-mindedness, tolerance and cultural competence of high importance to you? Do you have a desire to contribute towards peace, international understanding and the creation of global citizenship in youth? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may enjoy being a host family for the Lions Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE) Program!

### **Benefits of Hosting**

Hosting an exchange youth is guaranteed to be a rewarding experience because:

- You experience the joy of sharing your culture and daily customs
- You learn about the exchange youth's customs and culture
- You open a new world of possibilities and thinking to the exchange youth
- You make a new friend - maybe a friend for life

### **Host Family Eligibility**

The Host Lions Club must approve all host families. To be eligible to become a host family you must:

- Have regular contact with youth of the approximate age of the participant
- Be familiar with Lions clubs and the goals of YCE
- Be able to provide a bed and meals for your guest
- Follow all local laws related to youth protection

**Please contact your District Youth Exchange Coordinator**

**right away to start your application to become a**

**Youth Exchange Host family, an "Opportunity of a Lifetime!"**

**More information is also available on the District A-1 website**

**[www.districta1lions.com](http://www.districta1lions.com)**

**OR**

**I would be more than happy to attend your club meeting to discuss Youth Exchange.**

## **DISTRICT A1 LIONS EFFECTIVE SPEAKING 2023**



**Categories: English & Français**

**Divisions:**

**Junior: grades - 4, 5 & 6**

**Intermediate: grades - 7, 8 & 9**

**Senior: grades 10, 11 & 12**

**District A1 finals: Sun. March 26, 2023  
organized & hosted by the Chatham Lions Club**

**MDA Finals: May 5, 6 & 7, 2023**

**Sarnia**

**Organized & hosted by the Petrolia Lions Club**

**For more information contact the Chatham Lions Club  
or [lionseppo@cogeco.ca](mailto:lionseppo@cogeco.ca)**





# Belle River Lions Club

*Submitted by Lion Joyce Mahovlich*



Left: At our October 6, 2022 Dinner Meeting, President Tyler Dozois presented to Lion Toni Sauve a Helen Keller Award and a Leader Dog Tribute for all of her volunteer hours over the years. Also in the picture is Club Treasurer Lion Mark Mahovlich.

Right: On October 22nd was the Lambeth Lions Memory Box Fund Raiser. In the picture is: Lions Joyce, Steve, Dale Taylor (Lambeth), Mary, Mark and Lambeth Club President Darlene Webber accepting the Belle River Lions Club annual donation.



Left: Once again the Belle River Lions Club is selling Christmas Cakes (\$12 each), and shortbread (\$10 each). Without the support of the following businesses, our club could not have such a success! They are: Campeau Small Repairs, Edna's Restaurant, Joe's Garage, Libro Credit Union, National Bank, Outfield Diner, Rana Eye Care, Royal Bank of Canada, Royal Canadian Legion, Sauve's Home Hardware, Top Dollar, Walt's Paint and Body Shop Ltd. and White's Meats.





# Belle River Lions Club

*Submitted by Lion Joyce Mahovlich*

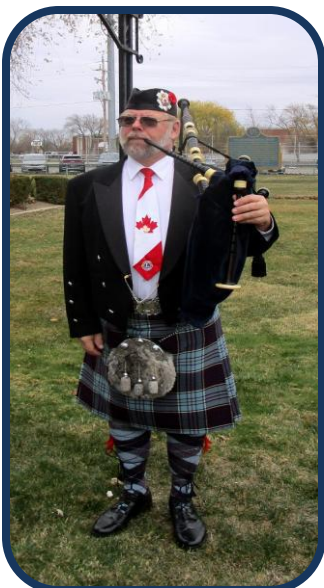


Left: This photo was taken on November 3 at our Zone 1 Advisory Meeting hosted by the Belle River Lions Club. There were 25 Lions in attendance (7 from Windsor, 1 from Stoney Point, 2 from Essex, 13 from Belle River plus Region Chair Bill Finlay and Zone 1 Chair Denise Poisson). Obtaining new younger members was the main topic. Suggestions were to hand out business cards with the club name and some of the club's projects on the front and who to contact on the reverse side.

Middle picture below: Here is a picture of the group ready to serve the young people after the Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday, November 6, 2022. Left to Right: Lion President Tyler Dozois, brother-in-law of Lion Member Debbie Lemire Bobby Lemire, Lions Walt Desrosiers, Daria Matheson, Mark Mahovlich, Bob Percy, Helen Diesbourg (wife of Lion Member Adrian Diesbourg), Adrian Diesbourg, (behind Helen) Lions Dennis Blain and Mark Jubenville. Missing from the picture Lions Jim Sauve, Toni Sauve and Kathy McIntosh.

Picture below right: On November 6, 2022, the Belle River Lions Club served hotdogs, chips, water and juice to any young person who walked in the Remembrance Day Parade. Here in the picture is President Richard Brooks, Royal Canadian Legion and Lions Club President Tyler Dozois presenting monies collected for any hotdogs, etc. purchased by family members, friends, etc., All proceeds went to the Belle River Legion Poppy Fund.

Picture below left: Here is Lion Steve Mahovlich playing the bagpipes on Friday, November 11, 2022 for the Belle River Canadian Legion services at the Town Cenotaph.







# Belmont Lions Club



source: Belmont Lions Facebook page

The annual East Elgin Leo Pumpkin Sale has wrapped up and once again - a very good result. Thank you to all of our patrons for your support. A very big thank you to our sponsors Teresa and Jason Ferguson of Ferguson Farms, and Tori Marr for the straw bales. Lots of fun was had, as you can see in the photos!



EAST ELGIN  
Leo's Club  
PUMPKIN SALE  
LARGE MED. SMALL  
\$6 \$5 \$4





## CHATHAM LIONS CLUB

### First Annual Bazaar & Craft Sale

All the Chatham Lions served to make our first Bazaar a successful fundraiser for the ***Outreach For Hunger*** food bank. Members at different times during the day helped set up, cooked and served food and drink and then to take down.



(L) Lion Rudy Boogerman with our display;

( R ) Lions Mary Symons and president John Dawson at the reception table



Lion Lorea Boogerman at her daughter's table; (R) some of the the crafters...



Lion Mary the salesperson...

Lion Aldo was a terrific salesman!







(L) Lion Phil Piggott - hot dog chef extraordinaire



( R ) Lion Jim Faubert serves the hungry...



Doing the little things often make the difference for vendors:  
Lion Michaelanne Kerrigan delivered water and treats to all...

( R ) A proud "pride" of Lions with the results of the day for the Food Bank.





Delaware Lions & Lions-Lioness Clubs  
Working Together in Community



Delaware Lions & Lioness  
**44<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SENIORS APPRECIATION EVENT**  
Saturday, December 4, 2021 Delaware Community Centre

With the easing of restrictions and the somewhat safer situation for gatherings, the Delaware Lions and Lions-Lioness joined together to offer Seniors the opportunity to socialize, renew friendships and/or generate some new acquaintances!

Hosted were 81 Guests - Seniors - current and past residents of the former Township of Delaware along with Senior Lions & Lioness Members.



In organizing this **44<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SENIORS APPRECIATION EVENT**, Lion Mike Rombouts took charge and assisted by his Committee, along with many additional Lions and Lioness Members, contacted to invite current and former Delaware residents and made known that the event was once more a 'GO!' since it had been suspended due to Covid-19! Organizational tasks were shared by many Lions, Lioness, Partners, & Delaware Legion Ladies Auxiliary!



Source: Delaware Lions website





# Dorchester & District Lions Club



Source: Dorchester website

Get  
Your  
Christmas  
Tree  
Here!



Above: What do you think, will this get us noticed? Christmas trees are all ready to go, available 7 days a week in the gravel parking lot at the Flight Exec Centre. We've got Scotch Pine, Balsam, Fraser Fir & beautiful Blue Spruce \$60 - \$200. We have sizes for everyone!!



Left: November 23 was a great day to get all the trees organized, sorted and unpacked.

Thank You to these hardworking Lions, Carl (L) & Billy (R)





# Glencoe District Lions Club

Source: Facebook



Left: Members of the Glencoe District Lions Club were active in the November 11 Remembrance Day ceremony. Thank you to Glencoe Legion Br. 219 for conducting the parade and ceremony and to all attendees who paid their respects to the fallen. Lest we forget.



## Hey Santa!!!



The Glencoe District Lions Club is selling Christmas Cakes again this year.....and fudge .....and truffles.....and PartyTrays.....and short bread !!!!

**Lions Christmas Cakes**  
(Twin Packs, 2 450 gm. dark cakes or 1 dark cake and 1 light cake 450 gm. each.)

The price for Cakes this year is \$17.00

Fudge is \$15.00

Truffles are \$11.00

Party Trays are \$20.00

Short Bread is \$10.00



Contact:

Doug Reycraft	519-287-3113
Keith Dickie	519-287-2931
Ken Eason	519-287-2639
Bruce Edwards	519-287-2927
Ted Schroter	519-287-3284
Marjorie Emery	519-319-6184

Or any other Glencoe Lions Club Member



Above: With funds coming from our monthly bingos, Lion Rick Cowell presented a \$1000 cheque last night to Cathy Brooks of G.D.H.S. The donation will go towards replacement of the basketball backboards & frames in the newly repainted gymnasium.



November 26 2022

<https://www.hydeparkparade.ca/>







**FUNDrive® Coordinator**

Heidi Rexer  
(519) 962-8875  
rexer.heidi@yahoo.com

**Our Goal: \$1000**

290 Large Yard Bags  
100 Medium boxes (household goods)

**Fundraiser Dates:**

11/01/2021 - 03/25/2022



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## Clean out your closets and cupboards for Kingsville Lions Club!

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The Kingsville Lions FUNDrive will raise funds to support our community initiatives and causes.

### We Are Collecting

#### Clothes

men's, women's and children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, belts, backpacks, etc.

#### Household Textiles

bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

#### Small Household Goods

kitchen items (such as pots/pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, serving pieces and hand-held appliances), home decorative items, knick-knacks, toys, games, and small electronics

Please use bags for clothes and textiles and tightly packed boxes for small household goods.  
All items must be clean and in sellable condition.



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## Lambeth Lions

The Lambeth Lions have been involved in numerous activities since the beginning of the new year in July. Since then we have delivered 15 Memory boxes to the NICU and PCCU. ( 38 year to date)

In August we and other Zone clubs provided a charter bus day trip to Grand Bend for our new Ukrainian neighbours.

In September the club was a sponsor for the local Harvestfest weekend as well as creating a float for the event's parade. Many members also volunteered to sell 50/50 tickets to help fund the weekend's activities.

October saw the club donate \$1000 to the Ukrainian community to buy Christmas gifts for those in need. We donated \$500 to the Port Aux Basque Lions to help with their Fiona Relief efforts. We also had a very successful annual fundraiser. Three new members joined our Club.

In November we held two food drives. The first at Loblaws on Wonderland resulted in 4 shopping carts of food and nearly \$500 in cash donations. The recipient was the London Chaplaincy food bank on Southdale Rd. The second at No Frills (Col Talbot and Southdale) resulted in more than 4 carts of food plus \$500 in cash donations. The proceeds went to the Oneida First Nations food bank.

December will continue to be busy, although we thought it prudent to cancel our Breakfast with Santa because of current concerns regarding pediatric respiratory virus activity. Plans for our Lambeth Santa Claus parade on Dec 10<sup>th</sup> are continuing. On Dec 17<sup>th</sup> we will be staffing two Salvation Army Kettle locations at the Wonderland and Byron LCBO's.

Merry Christmas to all.

*Submitted by Lion Shirley Atkinson*



# London Central Lions Club



Submissions from Lions Pat Nolan and Joanne Lystar

The October 15 bottle drive was a success with lots of volunteers and lots of donations. Many thanks to all those who helped and/or donated. We raised almost \$400 for Wellspring London and about \$100 for the club.



Above: Lions Pat Nolan and Jason Cheese



Lions Greg Millar and Rick Letton with volunteers Kyle and Sarai loading cans and bottles



Above: Lions Bob Lucas and Doug Riehl



Lots and lots of donations!



Our guest volunteer Sarai relaxes after a hard day of collecting



Lion Joanne Lystar is rearing to get started. Where's Lion Jim hiding?





# London Central Lions Club



It all started last summer, when Lion Walt Grieve, during our club's produce and bike sale, met a Ukrainian family just arrived in Canada. In the end Lion Walt organized help for several Ukrainian families. He received a lot of help from other Lions, most notably Lion Jim DeSlippe from the Delaware Lions. The public in London and area generously donated furniture and everything else needed to furnish a home. An anonymous donor gave a family \$500 to buy winter clothes for the children. Great job!

Above left: Lion Walt with our Ukrainian friends. Above right: Lion Walt with the teenage son who is showing off his new bike. Right: Lion Jim delivering furniture.



Our October 27 Dinner Meeting at the Kiwanis Senior Centre on Riverside Drive was very much enjoyed by all, as well as a number of guests.

Our Zone Chair Darlene Snyders was visiting, which made it all extra enjoyable.

Here is Lion ZC Darlene receiving a cheque for Diabetes from Lion President Stewart Beausoleil and Lion Secretary Pat Nolan





# London Central Lions Club



During our November 10 business meeting we commemorated our veterans.

Our club is proud to count two Canadian veterans among us.

Saluting the flag are Lion Jim Lystar and Lion Ron Lindsay, surrounded by members and guests.



At our November 24 dinner meeting we had the great pleasure of having 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Keith Ryan visiting.

Left: Lion 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Keith, Lion President Stewart Beausoleil, and Lion Secretary Pat Nolan

Below: Lion VP Jason Cheese presents Lion Keith with a cheque for Lions Foundation of Canada







9-1130AM

# Breakfast with Santa

DECEMBER 10TH 2022

\*Photos with Santa \*Activities  
\*All ages welcome

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
746 Colborne St, London, ON

HOSTED BY  
LONDON CENTRAL LIONS CLUB  
**ADMISSION BY DONATION**



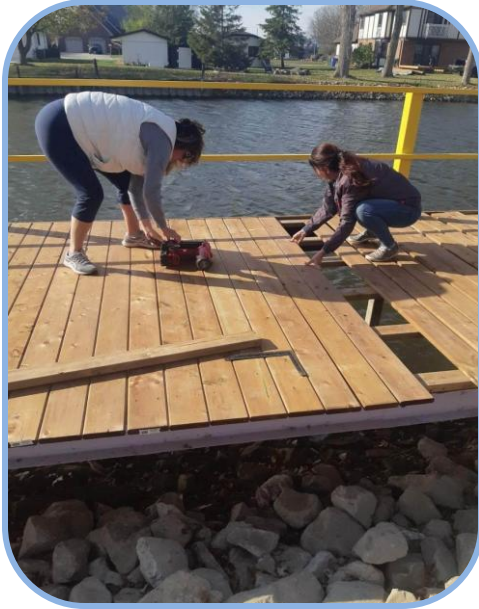




# Lighthouse Cove & District Lions Club



Source: Facebook



Your editors could not resist when they stumbled over these on the Lighthouse Cove Facebook page. The Lighthouse Cove Lions built this beautiful dock, which was finished very recently.

Members of the community were making use of it within minutes of the last nail being driven home. Well done, Lions!







# Parkhill Lions Club



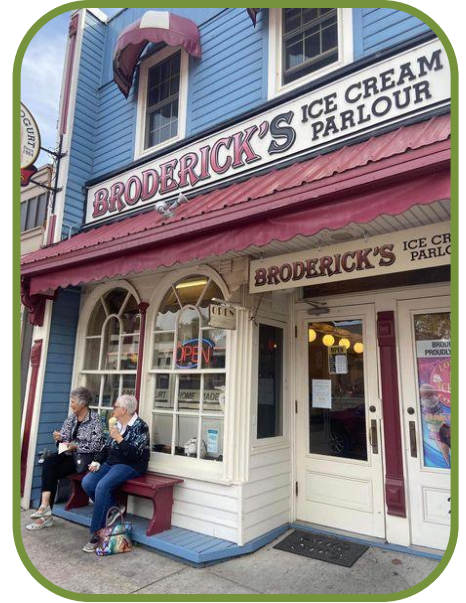
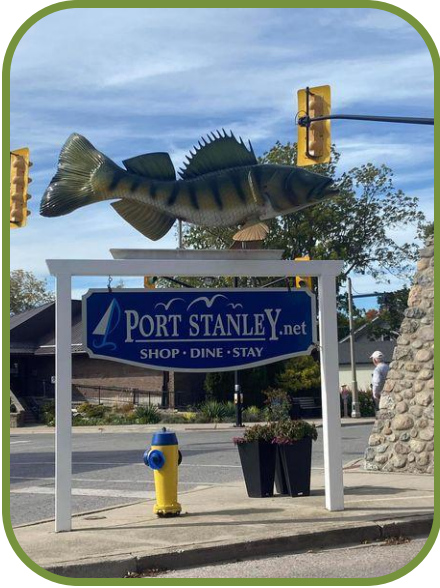
Parkhill Lions Club member Lion Bill Waters (with over 50 years of service) recently presented Lion Scott Brophey with his Lifetime Membership award. He is currently in his 24th year of service. Congrats again Scott !



The Parkhill Lions Club took a full bus on a fall tour to Port Stanley for the afternoon on Sat, Oct 1. An Ice cream stop, some sightseeing and then a roast beef dinner was served upon return to town, with more joining them there. A fun day was had by all. (more photos on the next page!)



# Parkhill Lions Club



On October 1 the Parkhill Lions Club provided a Fall bus tour to Port Stanley with a roast beef dinner after at the Leisure Club, with more joining us there.  
A great day was had by all.

Source: Parkhill Lions Facebook page







# PETROLIA LIONS CLUB ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DRAW



ALL PROCEEDS TO  
*Christmas* FOR EVERYONE  
A CARING COMMUNITY PROJECT

1st Prize	\$1,000.00
2nd Prize	\$500.00
3rd Prize	\$300.00

**Tickets**  
\$5.00 each  
or  
5 for \$20.00

**Draw Date**  
December 9th - 7:00 p.m.

Watch for Lions  
Selling Tickets at  
Heidi's Independent











## Lions Club of Port Stanley Lioness



Source: Facebook



Through the support we receive from Jackpot City St. Thomas, we are privileged to support a number of charities and initiatives in our community. We were glad to be able to join the Lions Club International Foundation in providing support to people in the Maritimes recovering from Hurricane Fiona.



Our sincere thanks to all that came out to our Open House on October 28, 2022. We enjoyed meeting neighbours and having a chance to explain what Lions, Lioness and Leos do in our community. We were also privileged to share space with many of the organizations we support. Thank you to the following who came to talk about what they do in the community:

YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin

Port Stanley and Area Community Cupboard

Fur-Ever Wildlife Rehabilitation

Elgin Hiking Trail

Eyes Right

Gift of Life

Women's Shelter

Lions Club Youth Exchange

Fresh Start

Autism Dog Guide

Port Stanley Firefighters

Courage for Freedom





## *Lions Club of Port Stanley Lioness*



*Data submitted by Lioness Melanie MacDonald*

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The Lions Club of Port Stanley Lioness has been extremely busy these last five months!

In July and August they spent many volunteer hours at a Yard Sale at the Port Stanley Calypso event to raise funds for the community.

They also assisted at Port Stanley Lions Club Classic Car Nights, as well as holding a raffle.

In October they created flower arrangements for residents' tables at Port Stanley Extendicare.

In November they helped the Lions Club of Port Stanley organize the Dickens Days Parade in Port Stanley which will be held on November 25, and the Dickens Days Christmas Bazaar on November 26.

On December 4 they will participate in the Fingal Parade.

Their Annual Christmas Dinner will be on December 14 at The Bistro in St. Thomas.

They will also decorate Christmas trees at Port Stanley Extendicare, and organize Christmas gifts for residents.

Between July and October they donated \$9250.00 to eleven different charities and community projects. The money was raised partially through the work for Jackpot City St. Thomas.

In November they also decided to donate \$1000 to the 2023 Youth Exchange program.

Several Lionesses reached milestones in years of service. To name but a few:

Lioness Mary Lou MacKinnon, 55 years in September

Lioness Sue Nemett, 49 years in October

Lioness Penny Tolmie, 48 years in October

Lioness Gertrude, 41 years in October

Sharon Larmour, 27 years in November

Lioness Susan McAlpine, 18 years in September

Donna Morgan, 10 years in November

Congratulations to all for such wonderful service!







# Strathroy Lions Club



## ***Strathroy Lions – Armada Lions Visit – Submitted by Lion 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Keith Ryan***

The Strathroy Lions and Armada Lions from Michigan became twin clubs in 1977 when Lion Henk VanDyke (Strathroy) and Lion Jim Gavin (Armada) started a conversation in a parking lot in Strathroy, all because Henk saw a Lions sticker on his car. This was the start of the twin clubs and 45 years of International Friendships. They visit in the fall we visit in the spring. We have supported each other over the years and most importantly, continue to meet and enjoy the night together.

Our clubs have met every year since. We did have a break from visiting in person due to Covid and not being able to cross the border. We did manage to meet through zoom to keep the tradition going. In May, we returned to meeting in person when 6 Lions from Strathroy finally got the chance to cross the border. On October 27<sup>th</sup>, we hosted 8 Lions from Armada. Although the numbers are lower than years past, they were treated to BBQ steaks, Pickerel and Trout (caught by Lions), our bucket draws and trivia. As always, it was great to see each other.







District meeting  
Parade of cheques for  
Diabetes Canada



# Santa Claus is Coming to Town

On **Friday, December 9th!**

**7pm Parade** \*New Floats Welcome! Arrive 6pm at Thorndale Lions Community Centre, no registration required

**Social After Parade** (hot chocolate, hot dogs, crafts, music) & pictures with Santa at the Community Centre





**TILBURY LIONS CLUB**

# **CASH \$ DRAW**

**\$100 PER TICKET**

**PROCEEDS TO COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

**GRAND PRIZE OF \$7,500**

**SECONDARY PRIZES:**

**4 DRAWS OF \$500**

**2 DRAWS OF \$200**

**Draw held virtually on  
January 4, 2022 @ 8pm**

**250 TICKETS PRINTED**

**LICENSE #M839743**





# Wyoming Lions Club



*The Wyoming Lions entered their (somewhat famous!) Parade Wagon in the Plympton-Wyoming Fair Parade this past September 17*

*submitted by Lion Mike Smith*



Plympton-Wyoming

# Christmas in the Village

DECEMBER 3

WYOMING LIONS HALL

554 Main Street

5:00pm Gather outside the  
Lions Hall with friends & family

5:15pm Help welcome Santa to  
Wyoming! Wear your  
holiday colours!

5:30pm Join Santa's Jingle Bell Walk  
for the Tree Lighting  
Ceremony



6:00pm Head back to the  
Lions Hall for photos  
with Santa, Crafts,  
Smores, Horse &  
Carriage Rides

...and more!

The Town Of  
PLYMPTON-WYOMING



Legion







# Miscellaneous Club News

## Lambeth Lions, Lighthouse Cove Lions



Source: club websites



On the left is a picture of **Lambeth Lions** President, Darlene Webber, presenting the Helen Keller award to two very special nurses from the NICU department at the hospital. Heidi Wakem and Robyn Watson received this award for their tireless efforts in serving the community, their patients and the Memory Box Program.

Heidi and Robyn, thank you for doing what you do.

Right: Parkwood Hospital proudly displaying the lawn poppies to honour our veterans. Thank you, Parkwood!



The Lighthouse Cove Lions Club showing off their beautiful new gazebo!





*Dutton & District Lions, Essex & District Lions, Ilderton  
Lions, Lucan Lions*

Bingos are held the first Wednesday of every month. Payouts this month are Bonanza for \$500.00 in 61 #'s and Progressive for \$675.00 in 56 #'s. If you have any questions, contact Diane at 519-719-6667.

May 27th 2023 - Walk for Guide Dogs

# Ilderton Lions Club

Left: Lions Clint, Murray and Eddie are hard at work on the morning of October 21 doing what they can to ensure that we never forget the sacrifices made by our local heroes. Take the time this weekend to bundle up and take a walk down Main Street. Enjoy the beautiful fall colours and learn the names of those who fought for the freedoms we enjoy.



# Lucan Lions Club

Right: On behalf of Lucan Lions and the support of our community, we thank you for welcoming and offering unconditional support to Iryna Biriak and family from Ukraine (from FB)







## Miscellaneous Club News

Delaware Lions, Poplar Hill & District Lions



From the Delaware Lions Facebook page: (see above)  
Lion Eric was able to finally hand deliver to a real person. The first time Fredrick Banting could not hold on to the cheque.

Lion Eric was able today to hand it over to the curator of Banting House. Grant Maltman was happy and grateful with our club's donation of \$2000.00

Here are a couple of pictures. Grant loved the pictures of Fredrick Banting, "They are better than the one with a Toronto Maple Leafs jersey on"

### POPLAR HILL AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB



**TURKEY AND HAM DABBER BINGO**  
**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14, 2022**  
**STARTS AT 7:00 PM**

**25 GAME PACKAGE \$23.00**

**2 STRIP 25 GAME PACKAGE \$42.00**

**AT COLDSTREAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO BACK INTO COMMUNITY PROJECTS**



**LICENCE M 843318**



**18 YEARS OLD TO PLAY**







## Miscellaneous Club News

*St. Thomas Lions, Lakeshore Leo Club*



November 11 2022 - Morning showers fail to dampen turnout for St. Thomas Service of Remembrance.

Under a canopy of colourful umbrellas, several hundred attended this year's St. Thomas Service of Remembrance at Veteran's Memorial Garden.

The morning's commemoration contrasted with the much-shortened services of the past couple of years during the pandemic.

Royal Canadian Legion Lord Elgin Branch 41 Poppy chairman Adrian Williams said the large gathering was heartwarming.

On Saturday, November 19, 2022, the Lakeshore Leo Club hosted their annual Craft & Bake Sale. We had great support from everyone to make this fund raiser a great success! Left to right: Lions Pat Beaulieu, Debbie Lemire, Mayor Tom Bain, his wife Brenda Bain, Lions Joyce Mahovlich & Jim Sauve. In front Leo Jace Conway and Lion Toni Sauve. All proceeds from the sale are going to purchase sleeping bags and hats, mitts, scarves and socks for the homeless.

