



Lions Clubs International – District A-1

Governor's Newsletter



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Is your Club looking for new members?

District A-1 has received a Public Relations Grant from Lions Clubs International

We are here to help you increase your community footprint



Does your club have 20 members or less?

Are you actively interested in growing your club?

We are here to help you jumpstart your membership growth

If you are keen on growing your club please contact

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Diabetes



Environment



Hunger



Vision



Childhood
Cancer



Young People



Respond to
humanitarian crises



Message from our District Governor

Lion Evelyn Spiering



Happy New Year!

May this year bring you health, happiness and prosperity. This past Christmas was so enjoyable as I was able to spend it with my whole family, but I am more grateful for the fact that my parents could spend it with all 4 Great Grandsons.

Thank you to all the Clubs who extended the hand of Kindness to those in Long Term Care, your local food banks, the homeless shelters with your monetary donations as well as your gift of food, gifts of clothing, or your gifts to brighten someone's day. These are much appreciated by the agencies that you help. Not everyone's Christmas is Merry and Bright. But with your generosity I hope it made them smile even for a little while.

Lions, we are half way through our second quarter and as we embark on the third quarter of our Lions 2022-2023 year it is time to boost our impact. Thank you to the clubs who have already made their donation to Lions of Canada Fund for Lions Clubs International Foundation, in times of Canadian disasters these are the funds are so desperately needed and distributed. If you have not already done so, please help me fulfill my goal of every club making a minimum donation of \$100 and making our District a 100% District in Contributions. But let's be clear there are many grants available for your club to apply for however in order to receive you have to give. Please check out www.lionsclubs.org for the many grants that are available

Lion Ev

Your District Governor



*From 1st Vice District Governor
Lion Sydney MacLean and 2nd Vice District
Governor Keith Ryan*



Let's Be Seen

I hope that your 2023 is off to a great start. I see that there are lots of upcoming events being posted on Facebook. Check out our District A1 Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/DistrictA1LionsClubs> for a recent post with links to every club Facebook page in our District. Like and follow these pages to keep up with what's new.

Promoting the Lions name and logo is such an important part of growing our service and our membership. Lion's signs on buildings, parks and arches are great because they are advertising for us 24/7. Another way of increasing our visibility is online. We are pretty good with Facebook. Some other places to consider are Instagram, @lionsclubs, and YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/@lionsclubs>. Currently on Instagram there are about 87,000 followers and 33,000 followers on YouTube, but there are over 1,400,000 Lions worldwide. If we Lions follow and subscribe to these, they could easily top 1,000,000 followers each. That's huge! Lions would start popping up as suggestions on non-Lions feed and increase the number of people who see what Lions do. It's free and as simple as pressing a button.

I look forward to seeing you at convention and at your club events throughout the year.

See you soon, Sydney

As we head into the second half of the Lions year, it good time to stop and reflect on some of the accomplishments that we have had in Lions this year for District A1

Membership is up by 16 members overall for a total of 1134 members. This time last year the District was down 63 members

Service activities – 97 408 people served with 20 198 service hours. Great work!

Donations to LCIF - \$9529 – not bad for 18 donations

Training – 100% of Zone Chairs and 80% of Club officers have completed their training. Training is available and free through MyLion

Clubs Reporting to LCI – 57% - not sure what or how to report, feel free to reach out, we are here to help!

All of these numbers are great are on target to meet all of our District goals. All of this information is available for all Lions, through MyLion – Insights. Great way to see how our clubs / District is doing as well as all other clubs across the world.

I have been able to visit with several clubs this year and almost every club that I visit is either inducting new members or have a potential new member at the meeting. It's great to see and look forward to see it continue to grow through the second half.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Keith, 2VDG







LCI Service Programs



February is Childhood Cancer Month

March is Disaster Relief Month

Childhood Cancer
We Have A Plan.



There's no telling where or when
a disaster might happen ...

**But you can
count on Lions
to be there to
help.**

Join your local Lion Club today.



Diabetes



Environment



Hunger



Vision



Childhood
Cancer



Young People



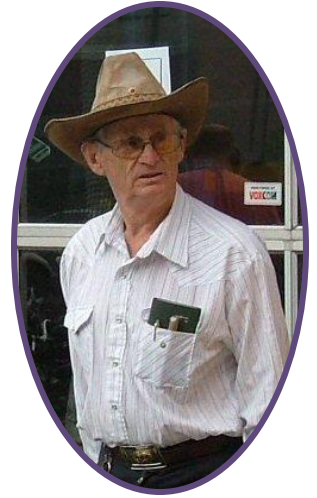
Respond to
humanitarian crises



We Remember Those Who Served



On November 30 London Central Lions Club's Lion Gord Kennedy passed away. He was a member of Fort St John Lions Club British Columbia starting in 1981 and transferred from Cedar Lions Club British Columbia to London Central Lions Club in 1998. Gord was a dedicated Lion for 41 years and received a Life Membership in the Lions Foundation of Canada, and the Judge Brian Stevenson Award in 2007, and the Helen Keller Fellowship in 2014. Lion Gord loved to BBQ and he could always be found at our BBQs at Canadian Tire on Wonderland Rd South. He was also dedicated to the bike project and would always have parts to donate, and help with sales. He still cycled himself until a few years ago, when he donated his beloved bike to the project. Lion Gord had a unique personality with a dry sense of humour. He will be missed by all who knew him. Rest in peace, Lion Gord.



Lion Keith Grigg

Keith joined the Ilderton and District Lions Club in 1957. In 1976 he became Governor for District A1. Soon after becoming Governor, Lion Keith climbed the ranks and was elected Council Chair for Multiple District "A" which included, at the time, Ontario, Quebec and Labrador. During his time as Council Chair, he and his wife Sonja visited Quebec City 5 times, spoke at the International Conference in Texas, and even travelled to a Conference in Hawaii. Though he was travelling far and wide, Lion Keith always maintained a strong bond with his Ilderton community. His commitment to Lionism is to be commended and recently he received his second Melvyn Jones Fellowship. He was a lifetime Lions Member and had many friendships through Lions far and wide. Lion Keith was also a loving husband (married 65 years) and an amazing father and grandfather. He will be missed.



Message from the DG Newsletter Editors



Dear fellow Lions,

Happy New Year! May it be a healthy and successful one for all!

We decided to experiment with a table of contents in this issue. That way you can hopefully quickly find the submission or information you are looking for.

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

A big heartfelt **Thank You** goes to the clubs that sent us photos and descriptions of events. We prefer photos with descriptive text, but feel free to do your own lay out if you'd rather.

Included as well is the registration form for the upcoming MDA Convention.

Also included is some very important news about changes to MyLion and MyLCI. (look on page 12).

On our Memorial page is a memorial for the Lions who passed away recently. We hope we did not miss anyone else, 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 April issue!

Lions Wayne Morrison and Christine Aben

Email us at lionchristine@rogers.com

I told my wife she was drawing her eyebrows too high.

She looked at me surprised.

Next District Governor's Newsletter

Deadline for submissions: March 27 2023

Publish date: April 1 2023

Check out our District's Projects here:

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



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District A-1
Multiple District
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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

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

Evolving Our Digital Tools

We're updating the digital tools you use as a Lion. To put it simply, we're taking the functionality you have today with MyLion, MyLCI, Insights and other tools and combining them into one cohesive and consistent experience — the Lion Portal. This includes Lions Learn where all members can take courses with their Lion member number.

To ensure a smooth transition to the new Lion Portal, please take the following steps:

1. **Check their member information.** Lions and Leos should make sure their information is correct and up to date. This includes their name, contact information and communication preferences.
2. **Confirm they have a unique email address.** A unique email address (not shared with anyone else) is required for the Lion Portal. Lions and Leos can work with their club officers to make sure their information is updated in MyLCI.

You are encouraged to have other Lions members to do the same in preparation for the new system. More news and updates can be located on the [Lion Portal webpage](#).

Will I be able to use my Lion Account credentials to access the new system?

To ensure the security of your account, current Lion Account passwords are encrypted. This means we cannot see them or port them over into a new system. Because of this, we will prompt you when it's time to update your Lion Account credentials — your username and password — to access the Lion Portal. Please note that we can no longer support the use of telephone numbers as usernames, so you will need to use a unique email — one that is only used by you — and create a new password to log in.

The target conversion timeframe is 7/15/2023 – 7/24/2023, subject to change. To make the conversion we need to wait until after the elections of international officers at LCIcon in Boston.

How can clubs help us all stay on track for this date?

- Get your incoming club officers assigned before 6/15/2023. There are several end of Lion year validations and we need to get as much of this work completed ahead of time.
- Make sure any service activity reporting for events before 6/1/2023 is completed before 6/15/2023. Back reporting after 6/1/2023 – to conversion date events, can be entered in the new system after we make the conversion.
- Record any club or above donations to LCIF are in the bank with the appropriate supporting documentation for recognitions before 6/15/2023.
- Make sure club data is accurate for this year before 6/15/2023. New members and their sponsors, new clubs formed & members, and any associated transfers and any other end of year activities specific to the club are accurately reflected in MyLion/MyLCI.

Hope this information is helpful to everyone. If you have further questions please contact me.

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MD'A' CONVENTION REGISTRATION

May 26, 27, 28, 2023

Reserve rooms directly with the Hotel Four Points by Sheraton, 1150 Wellington Road South, London, ON 519-681-0600

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND ANY FUNCTION OR MEAL

Person A		Person B	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lion	<input type="checkbox"/> Leo	<input type="checkbox"/> Lion	<input type="checkbox"/> Leo
<input type="checkbox"/> Guest		<input type="checkbox"/> Guest	
Club _____ District _____		Club _____ District _____	
Name: _____		Name: _____	
NAME ON BADGE: _____		NAME ON BADGE: _____	
Phone: _____		Phone: _____	
Email: _____		Email: _____	
Title/Office	<input type="checkbox"/> Club	<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input type="checkbox"/> MD'A'
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Past	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	
First MDA Convention	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

<p>Dietary Requirements / Allergies:</p>	<p align="center">Summary of FEES:</p> <p>Convention Registration:</p> <p>Before 31 Dec 2022 [] x \$25 = \$ _____</p> <p>After 31 Dec 2022 [] x \$30 = \$ _____</p> <p>Meal Package: [] x \$180 = \$ _____</p> <p>{Fri Dinner; Sat Luncheon; Sat Banquet} (save \$10)</p> <p>Friday Welcome Dinner [] x \$75 = \$ _____</p> <p>Saturday Youth Luncheon [] x \$40 = \$ _____</p> <p>Sat International Banquet [] x \$75 = \$ _____</p> <p>Vendor Table # of tables [] x \$35 = \$ _____</p> <p>TOTAL Enclosed.....\$ _____</p> <p>NOTE: Payment MUST be made to confirm registration</p>
<p align="center">PAYMENT METHODS:</p> <p><i>Cheque payable to “2023 MDA CONVENTION”</i> and forward to: Lion Rosemary Kennedy, R# 4, 11206 Springfield Road, Aylmer, ON N5H 2R3 R - 519.773.2751 C - 519.859.2751 email: mdareg2023@gmail.com <i>Registration & etransfer to: mdareg2023@gmail.com</i> OR Cash</p>	

- ✱ Every Lion, Leo or Guest MUST be registered using this form and payment made
- ✱ Payment MUST accompany this form & forwarded to Registration Chair to confirm registration
- ✱ All Cancellations must be in writing. No Refunds after March 31st, 2023, except in the event the host committee has to cancel due to a pandemic or gov't regulations
- ✱ NO meals or hotel rooms guaranteed AFTER 27th April 2023

ROOM RESERVATIONS

Room Reservations must be made directly with the Four Points By Sheraton, 1150 Wellington Road South, London,

By calling 519.681.0600 **Booking code is "Lions Convention May 2023"**

Reservations must be made by April 27th, 2023 in order to be eligible for the group rate.

If you have special room requirements, please advise the Four Points at the time of booking.

Check in time is after 3pm

Checkout time is 11 am.

DISTRICT A 1 EFFECTIVE SPEAKING



**SUNDAY MARCH 26, 2023
ACTIVE LIFESTYLE CENTRE
20 MERRITT AVE - CHATHAM**

Registration at 12:00

**Opening Ceremonies and Contest
at 1:00**

**Entries Due:
Thurs. March 23, 2023**

**Contact the Chatham Lions Club
or
lionseppo@cogeco.ca**

Lions Homes for Deaf People

“New Pilot Project” in conjunction with Sensity,
(The Deafblind and Sensory Support Network of Canada).

Submitted by

PDG Mary Mahovich

District A-1 Hearing and Lions Homes for Deaf People Chair

The \$100,000 LHDP contribution would cover the cost of one modular unit.
Sensity commits to funding land acquisition, site development
and servicing, and any additional modular units necessary.



What is Modular Housing?

- Modular construction is a process in which a building is constructed off-site, under controlled plant conditions, using the same materials and designing to the same codes and standards as conventionally built facilities – in approximately half the time.
- Buildings are produced in “modules” that when put together on site, reflect the identical design intent and specifications of the most sophisticated site-built facility.
- The Government of Canada's 2020-21 \$1.5 billion Rapid Housing Initiative mandated that any new builds funded by the program must use modular construction.
- We believe this pilot project is critical to position Sensity for future government-funded programs for affordable modular housing.



Belle River Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Joyce Mahovlich



The Belle River Lions are always busy!

Left: On November 30th, our club donated 50 Christmas cakes for the Food Pantry's baskets at Christmas time. The club is also donating 50 turkeys and cranberry sauce for the Christmas baskets. Left to Right: Lion Joyce, Rachel Noel, Food Pantry coordinator, Lion Tyler, Club President, Tracey Bailey CEO of Community Support Centre for Essex County and Lion Susan.



Right: Once a week Lion Tyler, Club President and his mother Lion Susan delivery Meals on Wheels to the clients in the Belle River area. In the afternoon, these two Lions also assist the Food Pantry with deliveries and pickups for the Community Centre.



Left: Our Club President Tyler Dozois with the newly elected Mayor of the Corporation of the Town of Lakeshore Tracey Bailey. She is congratulating him on receiving his President's Gavel.



Right: Donation by the Lakeshore Leo Club to the Windsor Downtown Mission of 20 sleeping bags for the homeless plus 10 sets of men & women's gloves, scarves, hats and socks. Left to Right: Lion Joyce Mahovlich, Lion Mary Mahovlich, Leo Advisor, Lion Debbie Lemire, Director Matt Johnson (Director of Programs & Services) and Jodi (Service & Support Work Floor Staff).



Belle River Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Joyce Mahovlich



Above: At the Leader Dog Kick Off Fundraiser on December 1st, 2022, President Lion Tyler Dozois presented our club's donation to PDG Val Burningham and Sue Daniels, CEO of Leader Dog.

Bottom Right: President Lion Tyler with instructions from a representative from the Leader Dog organization is seen here walking with and using a white cane similar to a blind person.

Bottom Left: resident Lion Tyler walking with Guide Dog Finley and his handler Lion Mike Togar. This gave a great experience to Lion Tyler of how walking with a Guide Dog can assist a blind person greatly in their daily activities.





Belle River Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Joyce Mahovlich



FIGHT LIKE MASON FOUNDATION



On Thursday, January 5 our club presented a donation to the Fight Like Mason Foundation. Here in the picture is President Lion Tyler Dozois, Iain Macri (Mason's Dad), and Lion Jim Tellier.

The Fight Like Mason Foundation is a Registered Charity organization formed by Iain Macri and Chantelle Bacon, parents of Mason Bacon-Macri. Their son, Mason was diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma (a form of childhood cancer) on May 4th, 2015 at the age of two. Mason fought this terrible disease head-on, like a Superhero, because he was a Superhero. Unfortunately, just after his 4th birthday Mason passed away.

Iain and Chantelle thought they would do Mason no greater honour than to carry on his name, his way of life and legacy in the form of a foundation. They decided to turn their life-shattering tragedy of losing a child into something positive. With their experience and compassion, they pledged to make a difference and give other children a chance to fight just like Mason did.

There are so many families that are shattered, broken and suffering from something that is of no choice of their own. This disease is in no way "rare" to any family going through it. Iain, Chantelle, the Fight Like Mason Board of Directors and volunteers will continue to do their part to honour Mason and provide research funding, medical equipment, support programs and valuable resources to help improve the lives of children and families who are currently fighting just like Mason did. They will continue their work until the villain is defeated for good.

Iain and Chantelle wanted to create something fun for any child going through cancer treatment. They created IV poles and now wheelchairs dressed and designed in the child's favourite Super Hero. The parents also dress up as Super Heroes and visit children in children's wards throughout Ontario. The Foundation receives no government funding. The Foundation could not exist without support from clubs like ours. September is childhood cancer month and gold ribbons are placed throughout Belle River. Recently, boxes have been created to give to each child when diagnosed with cancer some support. The boxes include such items as a t-shirt, Polaroid camera, etc. These boxes have been distributed to children with cancer in the Province of Ontario which unfortunately is now 400 plus. Fight Like Mason Foundation has raised over 1.6 million over the past 6 years. The Foundation has now opened an office just behind Tim Horton's in Puce.



BELLE RIVER LIONS CLUB PRESENTS

A PASTA FUND RAISER



Dinner includes

- Choice of Pasta
- Salad
- Buns
- Dessert
- Coffee, Tea and Water

WHERE: BELLE RIVER LIONS CLUBHOUSE
41 LIONS CLUB ROAD, BELLE RIVER

TIME: 2 SEATINGS

3:00 PM TO 4:30 PM OR 5:00 TO 6:30 PM

WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023

COST: \$15/ADULT; \$10/CHILD (8 TO 10)

CHILDREN UNDER 8 – FREE

TAKE OUT MEALS AVAILABLE - \$10

CALL BY MARCH 1ST FOR TAKE OUT ORDERS

For further information Contact Lion Debbie Lemire (226) 346-5755

Or Lion Joyce Mahovlich (lionjoycemahovlich@gmail.com)



Proceeds from the fund raiser
will go towards paving the
parking lot.



We are requesting your empty
pop cans, Beer cans or bottles,
& Liquor bottles to help with
the fund raiser.



Belmont Lions Club

Source: Facebook

The Belmont Lions and Belmont Swans have FINALLY put Covid behind them - a night out at the Western Fair Raceway on December 16. A great night, excellent meal, but not much luck though. It was awesome to socialize without a meeting.

Thanks to president Bob for organizing. Merry Christmas, everyone!





Delaware Lions Lioness



Submitted by Lioness Joyce Feher



It was a very special night in Delaware! Our first meeting of the New Year had a host of special guests and dignitaries as seven...yes seven! new members were inducted into the Delaware Lioness club. Along with two new members in November of 2022 that makes a total of nine, far surpassing the District goal of one new member per club. We nailed it! We are grateful to have these women join us and look forward to having them participate in future club activities.

Left: New members with sponsors and Lion Club liaison.

Our meeting tonight included a report on our very successful annual Christmas Craft sale which allowed us to make several timely charitable donations prior to Christmas. Future fund raising projects were also discussed. A social time followed the meeting.

Right: District Lions Club Dignitaries and Special Guests with club president Pat Jackson.





Delaware Lions & Lioness Balance

*Service, Fundraising, Growth,
Support to Community & Global Issues and Recognition of Service*

SENIOR SOCIAL

December 3, 2022

Delaware Lions and Lioness hosted Seniors of Delaware, both current and past residents of Delaware Area, formerly known as Delaware Township!

Seniors enjoyed a social afternoon with friends, chatting and rekindling acquaintances!

They were treated to refreshments and a luncheon of sandwiches & snacks!

In attendance were 74 invited Seniors along with several Senior Delaware Lions and Lioness!

As in past, some Seniors opted out for various reasons, including other commitments, but asked to be contacted and invited again next year!

Both Seniors in attendance and those who could not attend were very appreciative and expressed thanks to the Lions & Lioness for hosting the event!

All in - hall rental, refreshments, food, ... - cost to the Club was \$1432.23!

Food leftovers were donated to Teen Challenge Farm!



TRIVIA CHALLENGE & Silent Auction

January 21, 2023

Delaware Lions resurrected the Annual Trivia Challenge and Silent Auction Fundraiser after 2 years of cancellation due to Covid Restrictions!

This annual event is a main fundraiser for Delaware Lions and allows the Club to support local causes – youth, seniors, minor sports, health issues, ...



28 Teams – 224 patrons were challenged with a great variety of questions!

The Silent Auction with 126 Donated Items raised \$4700.

The evening was organized by Lions, headed by Lion Mike Rombouts , along with Lions & Lioness and Partners! Youth were recruited as volunteers and helped serve the snacks and luncheon!

Corporate Sponsors donated a considerable amount to the success of the event!



Club Growth **NEW MEMBERS**

Inductions January 2023

Delaware Lions and Lioness Clubs are growing!
In Delaware, 10 New Members have joined Lionism
and are dedicated to living the Lions Motto 'WE SERVE' !



Delaware Lioness – Inducted by IPP Lion Mike Ernewein
Delaware Lioness Club - Increased their roster by 9 New Members in 2022-2023



**Where there is a need in our Community,
There will be Delaware Lions & Lioness!**



Lion Bob Lloyd with Sponsor Lion Eric Cornelis
Inducted by 2nd VDG Lion Keith Ryan



Delaware Lions Recent Donations

- \$ 660 Zone 7 Project – 37 Frank Youth Centre – Strathroy (Club Share at \$20 /Member)
- \$1000 Lions Foundation of Canada – Dog Guides
- \$ 500 Women's Rural Resource Centre – Strathroy
- \$ 500 Girl Guides of Canada – Delaware Club
- \$1000 EYES RIGHT – District A-1 Lions Sight Conservation Foundation
- \$ 500 Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation
- \$ 500 Children's Health Foundation
- \$1000 Salvation Army – Strathroy
- \$1000 Delaware Scouts
- \$2000 Diabetes Canada

Delaware Lions Recognize Long-Time & Leadership Service by Members

Delaware Lions Biennial Awards Program November 28, 2022

Recognizing Achievements / Service by Delaware Lions

Recognitions this year were based on Service up to June 30, 2021

Chair Lion Henry Vanderweyst

Lioness President Patty Jackson assisted with presentation of Awards



PP Lion Frank Berze
President 2009-2010



PP Lion Jim Deslippe
3 Terms – 4 Years
President 2003-2004
& 2011-2012 & 2016-2018



Lion Ernie Comerford
Delaware Lion 12 Years
Previously – Lion Member in
Calgary, Yellowknife, NWT
Total close to 50 Years Service



IPP Lion Mike Ernewein
Recognized for 100% Effort in Leading
Delaware Lions & Lioness through
Covid Restrictions
& In the formation of the
Delaware Lions-Lioness Club Branch



100% Attendance & Participation in Club Service / Activities (Years)
(LtoR) Lion Henry Vanderweyst (50) Lion Frank Berze (15)
Lion Ernie Comerford (10 +) Lion Nick Hedges (10) Lion Jim Deslippe (25)



Long Time Membership / Service (As of June 30, 2021)
(LtoR) Lion Henry Vanderweyst (50) Lion Nick Hedges (100)
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Lion Mark Paquet (15) Lion Jim Deslippe (25)

Lions with similar achievements but not available for the Awards Night will be recognized for their achievements at a later date presentation!

**CONGRATULATION TO ALL DELAWARE LIONS & LIONESS!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

Submitted by Lion Henry Vanderweyst



Dorchester & District Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Michelle Mundy



The Dorchester Lions & community volunteers have been working with the Magic Yarn Project over the past 7 months to create wig for young warriors with childhood cancer. Chemotherapy treatments often leave young scalps too sensitive for scratchy traditional wigs, but yarn wigs are comfy, soft, and warm. Magic Yarn wigs are inspired by beloved Disney characters and invite children back to the world of play and daydreaming. They are a beacon of fun, laughter, and imagination during a scary time. Wigs are made for both boys & girls using special yarns that are extra soft for their sensitive scalps.



DORCHESTER LIONS CLUB



SOCIAL GAMING



Saturday February 18, 2023
8PM-1AM

Tickets \$10

ELIMINATION DRAW TOTAL \$2075
LIMIT OF 600 TICKETS TO BE SOLD

FUN-GAMES-FOOD-BAR

For tickets contact
Lion Tim O'Brien 519-808-1038
Lion Mike Murray 519-933-0253
or any other Lions Club member

Dorchester Arena Auditorium
2066 Dorchester Rd, Dorchester



Glencoe District Lions Club

Source: Facebook

A record-setting full house was in attendance on December 6 for the final Glencoe District Lions Club bingo of 2022. Along with a great crowd and the distribution of ham and turkeys was the presentation of \$750 to each the Ekcoe Central Nutritional Program, St. Vincent de Paul and the Re:Generation Centre. Thanks to all who attended and sponsored our events throughout the year.





Hyde Park & District Lions Club



Submitted by Lion Pam Harbottle



The Hyde Park Lions Santa Claus Parade Theme was Christmas Together. The Hyde Park Lions and The Hyde Park Business Improvement Association come together every year on the last Saturday of November to bring the community an old fashion parade. The lions collected lots of non-perishable food items and were able to raise \$6000 for the community. This event brings lots of Lions visibility to the city of London and beyond. We have parade ads on the tv and the radio and on all aspects of social media to reach a large audience. The event is also shown on television many times during the holiday season. The commentators of the parade are lions members which gives even a greater opportunity to share the greatness of lions. The lions collect Santa letters and a lion member answers them.

The week after our parade we collaborate once again with The Hyde Park Business Improvement Association to bring an event called Breakfast with Santa to the community on December 3rd. The Hyde Park Lions cooked thousands of pancakes, while a member was asked to portray Mrs Claus to assist Santa and dance with the children. Right after breakfast, we headed down to Ungers Market where we helped the HPBIA with their Christmas Market on December 3 and 4. Lions members had a booth of crafts for sale, other members served beer, and Mrs Claus was dancing and hearing the magical stories of the children. Letters to Santa were collected.

A lion member responded to 56 letters that were personally written to the children.





Hyde Park & District Lions Club



Submitted by Lion Pam Harbottle



Our President initiated an award for the year titled the Lions Members Roar.

Lion Rob presented the first award to Lion Larry.

The winning member is to award a lion member at the next meeting whom they feel has made a great contribution to the success of the club.

October winner - Lion Karen

November - Lion Sydney

December - Lion Mike

January - Lion Ted Orr from Lambeth Lions for serving as Santa for The Hyde Park Lions Santa Claus Parade.

The Hyde Park Lions have been keeping busy since our Country Cruizin ended in September. We had the most successful year to date for our signature project. We introduced the Feature Car Award for the first time. We awarded 3 people a metal and Facebook promotion and a sign at the car show indicating they won. We had Miss London World 2022 Annie Gasca join us as an ambassador. We raised over thirty thousand dollars for the community. We had a sponsor for the whole season, Xtreme Graphix, who had a wonderful season with us.

A donation of \$3000 was presented to PEPP - The Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Psychoses.

We present \$600 to The Bill Sells Memorial Scholarship



Hyde Park & District Lions Club



Submitted by Lion Pam Harbottle

Lion Mike Mulders was awarded The Dog Guides Fellowship.

The members also did a day for the Salvation Army Kettle on Saturday December 10th from 11- 8 pm at the Hyde Park Canadian Tire.

The members collected toiletries from September to December and made a donation to PEPP with what was collected.

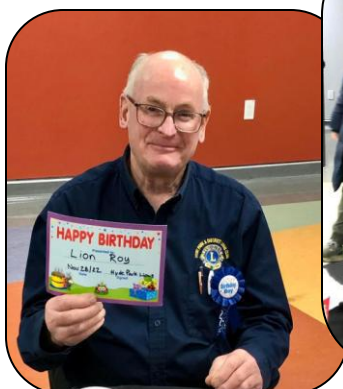
The NorthWest London Resource Centre Presented the Hyde Park Lions a Community Resource Recognition Award in October for our great collaboration.

A Christmas Party was held at Richie's Family Restaurant in Hyde Park. It was very well attended and a great time was had by all. The lions brought in unwrapped toys and a huge collection of toys were taken to Life Spin.

The Lions started the New Year off right with 3 new members
Lion Sue McLeish
Lion Amer Kuzam
Lion Val Murphy
Transferred member from Exeter Lions Club Lion Craig Herbert

Two members of The Hyde Park Lions received the Peggy Sattler Community Recognition Award at a ceremony at the Byron legion on January 19th.

President Lion Rob Harbottle and Lion Larry McLeish were the award recipients. Well deserved for their time and commitment in the implementation of safe and successful events for the community during the pandemic.





Leamington Lions Club



submitted by Lion Steven Lashmar



Above: Lion Peg Lashmar donates to Toys for Tots for 2022.



Above: Lion Peg Lashmar is welcomed into the Lions Club Family



Above: The Leamington Lions Club donates to Erie Shores Hospice and to help with fund raising efforts for new hospital beds. Pictured are Club Members and Hospital Staff.



Right: Lion Peg Lashmar and Lion Dennis Edmondson donate to Leamington Salvation Army.



Leamington Lions Club



submitted by Lion Steven Lashmar



Left: A cancer patient has money donated by Leamington Lion President Steve Lashmar requested by South Essex Community Centre.

Below left and right: Members of the Leamington Club at the Hospice Rally volunteer appreciation dinner. The Leamington Lions were the original sponsors of the Rally, in 4 years of operation and participation, the Rally organizers raised over \$1,000,000 this year.



Below: The brainchild of Leamington Lion Bruce Medcalfe: the first annual Leamington family raceday took place. Opened by Mayor Hilda McDonald, the club raised \$2,000 for local food banks.





Lighthouse Cove & District Lions Club

Source: Facebook - December 9

WOW! Thank you to the residents of the Cove who, once again, have shown what an amazing community we are! The Lions collected hundreds of cans, boxes of cereal, hygiene products, toys and more for the Goodfellows. Together we are making a difference for many families in need this holiday season. THANK YOU!!!





London Central Lions Club



On December 10 our club again organized our traditional "Breakfast with Santa".

It was very well attended and enjoyed by all, including the elves.

Even the Grinch came to visit!

A long overdue group photo was taken at our January 12 meeting.





London Central Lions Club



January 26 was a very special day for the London Central Lions. At our dinner meeting NINE new Lions were inducted.

This all happened after a delicious roast beef dinner. We were honoured to have PDG Lion Dale Taylor officiating. Above you see Lion President Stewart Beausoleil on the left, with Lion Dale Taylor beside him. To the far right is our membership chair PDG Walt Grieve, who was instrumental to bring new Lions into the pride. In the middle our new Lion inductees, Rob Gaebel, Sarai Guererro, Peter and Rosanna Martensson, Catherine Nolan, Thomas Whitworth, Sterling Brough, Aleksandr Reuta and Roman Stoian. Welcome, new Lions!



PETROLIA LIONS

MEAT Raffle!

EVERY THURSDAY

NEW TIME 6:00 TO 8:00 PM AT

Haywood's Tap & Grill
4196 Petrolia Line
Next Door to Petrolia Library & the Farmer's Market

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Lions Club of Port Stanley Lioness



Submitted by Lioness Melanie MacDonald



Top second left: Dickens Days parade in Port Stanley. A wonderful project in conjunction with the Port Stanley Lions Club. Attendees were thrilled to have the parade back and said it was the best one in years. We had over 40 floats and collected lots of food donations for the Port Stanley Community Cupboard. Congratulations to the winners in our float contest: Lidup4Branden - Judges' Choice, Harbour Cheesecake - Victorian Award, Second Nature Land Design - Winter Wonderland Award, Port Stanley Sailing Squadron - Youth Award.

Top Left: Lidup4Branden - Judges' Choice Award

Top Right: Harbour Cheesecake Victorian Award.

Third Left: Port Stanley Sailing Squadron - Youth Award

We welcomed a new member – Carly Cullen – to our club and inducted Brenda Bolt into the club. See previous page (Port Stanley Lions) for a photo!





Lions Club of Port Stanley Lioness



Submitted by Lioness Melanie MacDonald



Top Left: We helped decorate Christmas Trees at Port Stanley Extendicare. We also collected gifts for residents of Extendicare.

Top Right: We participated in the Fingal Christmas Parade, winning the award for Best Marching Group (we were the **only** marching group!). But kids enjoyed the candy canes we handed out.

In January we met with the Port Stanley Village Association and other service groups to discuss activities in Port Stanley over the coming months. The goal of this meeting was to ensure that everyone knows what's going on in our community and even explore opportunities for collaboration.

The club will be running a Meat Pie Fundraiser through January into February, offering Turkey pies and Apple pies for sale. Proceed will go to support causes in our community.

A donation was made to the A1 District Lions Club Youth Exchange - \$1000.00!

Congratulations to Grace Harris who is celebrating 56 years of service as a Lioness.

December birthday wishes go to Lioness Elaine Skinner and Lioness Holly Winton.

January birthday wishes go to Lioness Susan McAlpine and Lioness Margaret Haskins.



Port Stanley Lions Club

Lions Club of Port Stanley Lioness

Submitted by Lion Bob Nemett and Lioness Sue Nemett



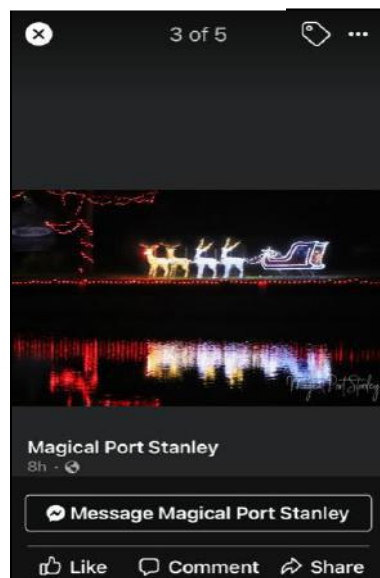
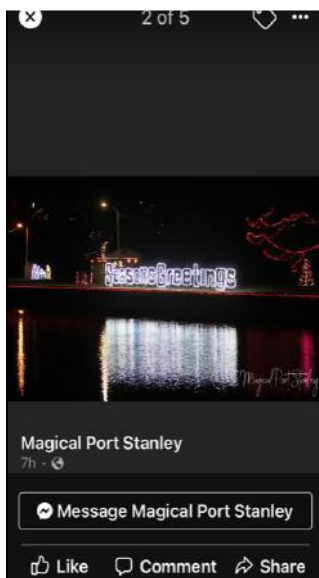
Christmas dinners were provided again this year!



A successful open house for the Lions, Lioness Lions and Leos. Two new members for the Lions and Leos and three for the Lioness Lions! An opportunity to have 15 groups we support on hand to tell their story.

Above: Our newest member Lion Tim Bell with Governor Ev Spiering and Lion Tim's sponsor, president Joe Konecny.

Below: Another year of Christmas Lights at Lions Landing Marina Park in Port Stanley.



The Lions Club of Port Stanley Lioness inducted Brenda Bolt into our Club on Jan 11th. She is pictured with her Sponsor Lioness Elaine Skinner on the left and Membership Chair Dorothy Cook on the right.



Sarnia Lions Club and more



Left: Sarnia Lions Club President Frank VanKemppen presenting a cheque to Lion Murray Sutherland (of Sarnia Lions and District Chair for Lions Camp Dorset) The cheque is \$1000 going to Lions Camp Dorset for Honourary Life Directors certificates. Money will help with the new medical building to be built.

Check out:

www.lionscampdorset.com

and

[Friends of Lions Camp Dorset](#)

LEADERDOG NEWS FOR LIONS

The newsletters are accessible by following this link to the Lions “resource” page on our website. Scroll down to the “Newsletter” tab where you will find January and February’s newsletters in both the PDF version (drop in like a flyer) and the Word version for anyone having issues with accessibility. [Lions Newsletters](#)

Any questions, please reach out to me.

Together we serve,

Lion Beth

Director of Lions Engagement

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Strathroy-Caradoc Lions - Helping those in need.



Thank You to the Strathroy
Fire Department



Cheque for WRRRC Christmas Hampers

Happy
New Year
2023



100 bags of potatoes for the Salvation Army Food Bank
and cheque for the Christmas Hampers.



Christmas gifts
and poinsettias for
Strathroy
Sprucedale
Seniors



Christmas Basket Draw





Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Mariette Desjardine



Zone 7 Zone project for 2022-2023.

37 Frank St. Youth Centre was chosen by Melbourne Lions Club as this year's Zone 7 project.

The Cheque presentation of \$4,100.00 to Dave Berdan was by Bruce Cuttell, Melbourne Lions on behalf of the zone.

Check out what 37 Frank St. Youth Centre is all about.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/37frank/>

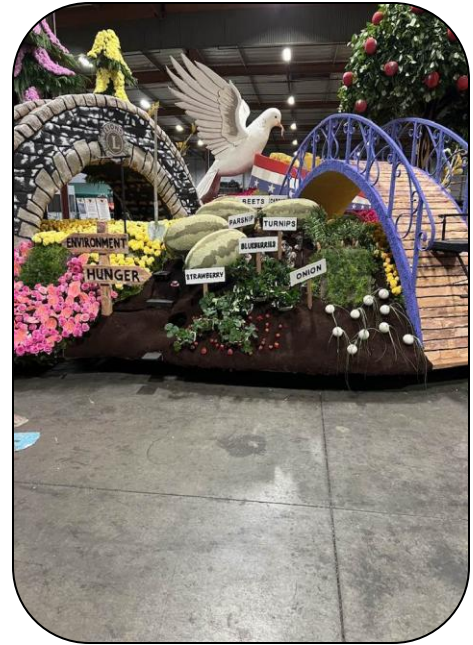
What's the best thing about elevator jokes?
They work on so many levels!

What happened to the cow that jumped over the barbed wire fence?
Udder destruction!

I dreamed about drowning in an ocean of orange soda last night
It was just a Fanta sea



Windsor Downtown Lions Club





The Lions International Float completed! This beauty was in the Rose Parade on January 2nd. What a stunning float! Congratulations, Windsor Downtown Lions!






Miscellaneous Club News




**LUCAN DISTRICT LIONS CLUB**



DRIVE – THRU TAKE OUT
SMOKED PORK CHOP DINNER!
(incl. baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw & dinner roll)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023
LUCAN LEGION (136 MARKET STREET, LUCAN ON)
4:00pm – 7:00pm

\$22 per ticket
Advance tickets only

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Order deadline February 4th

Save the Date

**DUTTON
NIGHT
MARKET**

Saturday June 17, 2023



Miscellaneous Club News

Source: club websites and Facebook



Above: from the Thorndale Lions: (Jan 4)

Our pride has a new Lion! The Thorndale Lions welcome Robert Sven Kuenzlen to the Club. Rob was sponsored by past DG John Ross and inducted by 1st vice District Governor Sydney MacLean.

Below: the Tilbury Lions Club posted in December:

Have you found the 5 Little Lions hidden at Memorial Park? Thank you to those who joined in the fun and submitted their SCAVENGER HUNT photos!



Essex District Lions

Upcoming Events:

May 27th - Walk for Guide Dogs

Location: Sadlers Pond, Essex