



Lions Clubs International – District A-1

Governor's Newsletter



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Message from our District Governor

Lion Evelyn Spiering



Hello Lions Happy Thanksgiving.....

I am beginning my message from Calgary Alberta home of the Stampede where I am attending the USA/Canada Forum. Calgary is a beautiful City and one that should be explored. We received a warm welcome from the Lions of Calgary and were treated to great hospitality. The planning committee did a wonderful job, 80 different seminars to choose from over the 3 days with topics from The Art of Recognition, Protect the Pride, Specialty Clubs, there were Lions University sessions as well as Meeting some of the International Directors. There was truly something for everyone. 1100 Lions attended with MDA receiving an award for the most attended Multiple District.... Woo-hoo MDA.

Plan to attend 2023 UAS/Canada Forum in Reno Nevada you will be glad you did.

It was a great opportunity to meet some old friends and meet new ones and I had the chance to finally spend a few hours with family in Strathmore, Alberta, where I got to meet my 9-year-old great nephew who at 6 was diagnosed with Leukemia. Lewis is truly remarkable he is tough and he endured many days and weeks of chemo, losing his hair, and just feeling yucky..... but with support he has come through the other side and is doing well. Cancer in Children can and is a difficult road for families of all walks of life. It disrupts work, school, and social time with family and friends and is a burden on some financially. So, thank you to all the Lions who supported Childhood Cancer in September.

As we look towards Thanksgiving, Rick and I wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy your time with family. I ask you "what are you thankful for?" For me it is Family and Friends. Family who are loving, supportive and encouraging and well friends for without them my life would be empty. They keep me laughing when I need it, and keep me mindful.

Continue to submit you Service hours and accomplishments, we are a Team Together our District can accomplish great things but we must do it together.

Many communities have been hit hard by Hurricane Fiona so please support Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF

100% of you donation will be used to assist in the cleanup and rebuilding efforts.

Thank you,

Lion Ev

District Governor

From International: Watch the Lions Global Service Journey video here:

[Lions Global Service Journey](#)



From the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors



A Message from 1st VDG Sydney MacLean

Happy fall District A-1 Lions!

So far it has been a very exciting fall with attending the USA Canada Forum and starting club visits.

The Forum was in Calgary this year and it was fantastic. It is held every September at a different location around the US and Canada. Next year it will be in Reno. I highly recommend attending as it is a great opportunity to learn what plans and programs are being developed by Lions International, find out about successful projects from clubs outside of our district and meet Lions from all over the US and Canada. Two of the overarching themes this year are *be seen* and *have fun*. Be seen as Lions at our events, permanent signage around our communities and online through our websites and social media. Our International President stresses how important it is that we have fun as Lions.

I see that many clubs have started reporting their service in MyLion. Great work and keep reporting! In September I started club visits and I always learn so much from each club. My club, Hyde Park, is getting used to me coming to meetings saying "Hey, you know what they do...". Thank you for the hospitality and I look forward to upcoming visits.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving,
Lion Sydney, FVDG

A Message from 2nd VDG Keith Ryan

It was good to see everyone at the District Cabinet Meeting in Chatham. Our Lions year has started and meetings are starting to take place in person. Although, some members are hesitant to come out, hybrid meetings are a great way to keep club members involved. Yes, I understand adding more technology to an already aging demographic, however it is actually pretty simple to use. If you are not hosting the meeting, all you have to do is log in, turn on your camera and learn to mute and unmute yourself. You can use your computer, iPad, or phone. This is also great for club members who may head south for the winter but still want to be involved and perhaps bring interest for busier younger members.

Did you know that Lions International offers free training for all Lions? All you have to do is log into MyLion and click on Learn. The options are endless. And did I mention free to all Lions. I have done several myself and continue to relate what I have learnt through Lions and to my job. The transferable training is truly second to none. I encourage all Lions to check it out.

In the next month I will be attending ALLI training. Advanced Lions Leadership Training. I can wait to get back and report back to clubs. I will also be starting my club visits starting Leamington and Wyoming Lioness Lions.

Yours in Lionism,

2VDG Lion Keith Ryan

Helvetica and Times New Roman walk into a bar.

"Get out of here!" shouts the bartender. "We don't serve your type!"



Meet your Region and Zone Chairs



Zone 5 Chair Richard Lucas

Lion Richard has been a member of Ilderton and District Lions since 2009

He served as Ilderton Lions Secretary for 9 years

Presently he is a 2nd year Director and the Zone 5 Chairperson

Lion Rich strikes us as a man of few words, but many deeds!



Zone 6 Chair Peter Pakalnis

Peter Pakalnis has been a member of the Wyoming Lions Club for over 10 years and just finished up a successful term as President. He assists with many volunteer duties, but the main one is selling Christmas trees on behalf of the club.

When he is not working at his part time job testing emissions out of smoke stacks (not one of the lucky fully retired blokes), he enjoys working at his hazelnut orchard and farm. During off time he enjoys playing bass, organizing the odd music event, fishing, motorcycling and snowmobiling. He has a very beautiful understanding wife and a great son and daughter who have put up with him for a long time.

He looks forward to meeting many new Lions and serving the Lions as the new Zone 6 Chair!



A man was telling his neighbour: "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me \$4000, but it is state of the art: it is absolutely perfect"
"Really?" said the neighbour. "What kind is it?"
"Twelve thirty!"



Meet your Region and Zone Chairs



Zone 1 Chair Denise Poisson

Proudly serving as Zone Chair for a third time. It has been an honour to be a part of District A1 Cabinet. This has been a wonderful learning experience, one that I highly recommend for anyone wanting to take a step outside their Club. It opens many doors to learning, friendship as well as helps with gaining confidence.

I joined Lions in 2004 with Windsor Downtown Lions Club. I have served at the club level as Tail Twister, Assistant Treasurer, Vice-President, 96th President in 2016 and currently as Board Member.



Co-Chair of the Spring Fling – an annual springtime dinner for the Blind and visually impaired.

Chair of our Lions Club sponsored Blind Bowling team, running from September to April at a local five pin Bowling Alley. My partner Morris and I have been together for 25 years. I have two sons, stepson, three grandchildren and a dog named Ozzie (because of my love of the Detroit Red Wings & favourite player Chris Osgood).

Zone 4 Chair Darlene Snyders

I am Darlene Snyders, Zone 4 Chair. I have been a Lions since 2017 starting with the Hyde Park and District Lions club and now currently with London East Lions club. They are an amazing club to be part of. I am married to Lion Mark Snyders, and we have two adult children. No grandbabies yet (fingers crossed someday).

Giving back to my community has always been something that has been instilled in me from childhood. I was Vice President of Student Council when I attended H. B. Beal Secondary School. Ontario Federation of Home and School while my children were in the education system. I served on all 3 levels of Home and School, F.D. Roosevelt P.S and Knollwood Park P.S, Thames Valley Council of Home and School and the Ontario



During my time in Home and School I helped implement several policies, such as petitioning the Government to change safety issues on school buses (flashing light on the tops buses so students can see them in the fog) and the Government to cover the cost of Hearing Tests for students. I ran for School Board Trustee in two elections. I volunteered for 7 years with Victim Services of Middlesex County as an on-call crisis volunteer.

I worked as a PSW for 25 years, a Paralegal, Security Guard and my last position was with The Royal Canadian Legion, advocating for Canadian and Allied Veterans to help them obtain benefits and to help house homeless Veterans.

I recently retired, and am not sure if I like all the free time. But that now gives me more time to dedicate to Lions. I enjoy volunteering with Lions and very proud to say I am a Certified Guiding Lion. I love the different aspects of how Lions make a difference in their communities. I look forward to representing Zone 4. I am always educating myself, so that I can provide the best to the clubs, members and community. Please do not hesitate to contact me anytime. If I don't know the answer, I have some wonderful Lion Mentors who will help me find the answer. Lions are an amazing organization and I look forward to all the wonderful experiences that await my journey.



Message from the DG Newsletter Editors



Dear fellow Lions,

It is fall already - where does the time go?

This issue includes several more bios, and we are hoping for a few more for the December issue.

Again we included flyers etc. we were able to round up from the A-1 clubs' websites and Facebook pages. The last few pages 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** to the clubs who sent us photos and descriptions of events!

Governor Ev suggested we include a memorial section, honouring Lions who have passed away in our District. For this we would need a photo (if possible) and a brief bio. Let's honour these Lions!

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 December issue!

Lions Wayne Morrison and Christine Aben

Email us at lionchristine@rogers.com

Next District Governor's Newsletter

Deadline for submissions: November 29 2022

Publish date: December 8 2022

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'.*

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Please check your info is correct.

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

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<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 5

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

Zone 2

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

Zone 6

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

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

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

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





LCI Service Programs



October is Diabetes Month!



Diabetes

Diabetes is the signature cause of Lions and Leos around the world.

Diabetes can lead to serious diseases affecting the heart and blood vessels, eyes, kidneys, nerves and teeth. In most high-income countries, diabetes is a leading cause of cardiovascular disease, blindness, kidney failure, and lower limb amputation.

Lions want to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those diagnosed.

For more information contact

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Diabetes



Environment



Hunger



Vision



Childhood
Cancer



Young People



Respond to
humanitarian crises



We Serve

AILSA CRAIG AND DISTRICT LIONS

Fundraiser Chicken Dinner!



includes

1/2 CHICKEN
BAKED POTATO
SALAD
BUN
DESSERT

\$25

Thursday, October 20th

take out only!

serving from 5:00 to 7:00pm

Lions Park, Ailsa Craig

Tickets from Home Hardware or any Lion



Belle River Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Joyce Mahovlich



Belle River Lions Club fills the bus!

At the 'Fill the Bus' fund raiser on Saturday, August 20, the Belle River Lions Club and Lakeshore Leo Club presented a certificate of appreciation to Foodland Belle River to thank the store for allowing the clubs to do this project at their location Notre Dame St. location.

Items donated were back to school lunch snacks for the Food Pantry in Puce.

For the shopper's convenience, 50 pre-loaded bags were available for purchase.

Other donations included funds to purchase back to school items.



From left; Lion Joyce Mahovlich, Leo Kailey Ducharme, Leo Landon Diesbourg, Lion Mary Mahovlich, Leo President Tambre Alford, Lion Debbie Lemire and Owen and employee of Foodland. Many thanks to everyone in Belle River who supported this fund raiser.

We did manage to get into our local newspaper showing the Fill the Bus Event. Publicity is always great!



Lakeshore Leo Club September 2022 Meeting

Left to Right: Back wall Leos Karyna Ducharme, Brady Mercier, in the front Jace Conway (wheelchair), Allyson Alford holding baby Leon & her husband William, Landon Diesbourg, Owen Tellier-Hart (just his head) and Leah Tellier-Hart.

Missing from the picture Leo President Tambre Alford, Leo Advisor Mary Mahovlich, Advisor Debbie Lemire and Joyce Mahovlich (taking the picture).

The Leos are busy making crafts for their upcoming Craft & Bake Sale on Saturday, November 19, 2022 of which all proceeds are going to purchase sleeping bags for the homeless.



Belle River Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Joyce Mahovlich



The Belle River Lions Club was once again at Stroll the Street on September 16!

Foodland was our location and many thanks to Lion Jaimie for his permission to use the parking lot. Left to right: Lions Kathy McIntosh (sitting), Joyce Mahovlich, President Tyler Dozois, Jim Sauve, Bobby Lemire (brother-in-law of Lion Debbie), Bob Percy, Mark Mahovlich, Debbie Lemire and Adrian Diesbourg (sitting). Missing from the picture are Lions Fran Dingman, Jaimie Clarke, Lindsay Clarke and Marg Huggett. Many thanks to the community for supporting us!

Once again a very famous person stopped by our spot at Stroll the Street September 16 and purchased one of our famous well done hotdogs! Here are Mayor Tom Bain and Lion Debbie Lemire posing for the picture!

Source: Belle River Lions Facebook page



Diabetes Day in Belle River!

Right: Diabetes Day Saturday, October 1st, 2022 at Foodland was another great success! Here in the picture is Leo Leah Tellier-Hart (sitting), Lion Debbie Lemire (sitting), Employees of Foodland Ella & Katie accepting the Certificate of Appreciation.

Left: On Diabetes Day Saturday, October 1st, the Belle River Lions Club and the Lakeshore Leo Club collected any loose change to help fund a cure for Diabetes. Here in the picture is Lion Mary Mahovlich, President Lion Tyler Dozois presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Bonnie Pope, Manager of Shopper's Drug Mart and Lion Joyce Mahovlich.



Chatham Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Seppo Kuokkanen

LION CURTIS MARWOOD HAS MOVED:

Lion Curtis has left District A1 and moved in with his daughter in Tottenham Ontario:



Lion Curtis exemplifies the Lions motto- WE SERVE! He has served our Club as president, secretary and as a fundraiser and many others; he has served District A1 as a Zone Chair, as a valuable member of the Effective Speaking committee as well as the MC for the Speak-Offs, and as the Chair and organizer of the Youth Exchange. He has also hosted a great number of the youth who came to Canada from many points of the globe.

Lion Curtis remains as a member of the Chatham Lions Club and we wish him well in this next phase of his life.



Chatham Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Seppo Kuokkanen



Dorchester & District Lions Club



Lion Chris is creating hats for children battling cancer.

Treatments often lead to hair loss or sensitive skin, special extra soft yarn is used for these projects.

Cancer is a leading cause of death for children and adolescents around the world.

Approximately 300,000 children aged 0 to 19 years old are diagnosed with cancer each year. Childhood cancer generally cannot be prevented or screened.

We Have a Plan

Lions and Leos help children and families: Increase acts of support to families and children affected by childhood cancer.

Lions and Leos help communities: Improve diagnostics, treatment, and continued care to those affected by childhood cancer.

Lions and Leos help the world: Increase awareness for childhood cancer as a global priority.

Source: Dorchester Lions Club

Lambeth Lions Club

Annual Memory Box Fundraiser



Saturday October 22, 2022

Cost: \$75.00 per person

Early Bird Price - \$65 if purchased before September 22th

Hellenic Community Centre, 133 Southdale Rd. W. London

Cocktails – 5:00 P.M. (bar cash only, ATM available), Dinner 6 P.M.

Live and Silent Auctions

Entertainment by ---DJs Ken and Paul Adair - MC Rocks

For Tickets and Information:

Lion Terry Lane
Ph 519-652-8116

Lion Dale Taylor
Ph 519-652-5856

Payment: Cash, cheque or e-transfer to: **lambethactivity@outlook.com**

Proceeds to support:

Lambeth Lions Memory Box Program at Pediatric Critical Care Unit,
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Pediatric Emergency,
London Health Sciences Centre
Child & Parent Resource Institute (CPRI)
Lambeth Lions Community Projects
Income Tax Receipts for cash donations of \$20 or more

Source: Lambeth Lions website



London Central Lions Club



Submitted by Lion Christine Aben

Our club sadly lost two great Lions recently



Lion Grant Brown started out in the London South Lions club. He has been a Lion for 54 years. He was a Life Member, and a Melvin Jones Fellow. Lion Grant held many positions, including President of London South twice, as well as President in London Central. He also served as Cabinet Treasurer, and took his job very seriously.

When the District was raising money for Ronald McDonald House, (which ended up being \$250,000, a LOT of money in those far off days), and Grant was Cabinet Treasurer, he called the Governor in a panic one day: no matter how he counted, he was short \$4.00. He refused an offer of \$4.00, he then checked again and again until he found the discrepancy, and the books balanced perfectly. That was our Lion Grant!

But to talk about more than his ample accomplishments in Lions: Grant was a kind, generous, extremely modest person who preferred to avoid the lime light, and simply wanted to do good where needed. He will be very much missed by all.

Doug Speares was a member of London Central Lions since 1980. He served the club in many capacities over those years. He worked with the Blind Bowlers for decades as well.

He also was a dedicated helper with the Bike Project, first with Lions Henry Feenstra and Wilf Klopp, and later with Lion Wayne Morrison. He worked diligently until his health would not allow it any more. Doug and his wife Mavis moved to Cobourg to live with their daughter, where he was very content.

Doug, too, was a kindly, quiet man, who only wanted to serve his community in any way he could. He did that very well. Doug is sorely missed by his family and Lions friends.





London Central Lions Club



Submitted by Lion Christine Aben



Our business meeting on September 8 went very well. To the left you see Lion Stewart Beausoleil presiding, while Secretary Pat Nolan looks on.

Lion Mike Hamilton received the Queen's Platinum Jubilee award for his fundraising walks to support the Brain Injury Association of London and Region. The ceremony took place on Sunday August 28th at the Knox Presbyterian Church in Thedford, Ontario.

Right: Front and back of Mike's beautiful medal. Congratulations to Lion Mike and his family!



Four men are in a hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies.

A nurse approaches the first man and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins."

"That's odd," answers the man. "I work for the Minnesota Twins!"

A nurse then tells the second man, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!" "That's weird," answers the second man. "I work for the 3M Company!"

Another nurse tells the third man: "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets." "That's strange," he answers. "I work for the Four Seasons hotel!"

The last man starts to groan loudly and leans his head against the wall. "What's wrong?" the others ask. "I work for 7 Up!"

Bottle Drive for Wellspring London

Save your empties!

The Lions Club of London Central is putting on a
bottle drive in support of Wellspring London

Saturday, October 15, 2022
9am-12pm

Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot
746 Colborne Street, London





Leamington Lions Club



Submitted by Lion Candy Westlake



The Leamington Lions Club started a new project called "Go Kart Races and Vintage Cars".

"For a first adventure it turned out very good" says Club Secretary Lion Candy Westlake.



It looks like it was a ton of fun!
Congratulations, Leamington Lions!

Petrolia Lions Club - 90 years old!!

Submitted by Lion Bill Fell



Lion Bill writes: "Governor Ev is in the Red Prowler with President Jerry.
Special thanks to Poplar Hill Hillbillies and Wyoming Lions for their addition to our parade.

We had many groups that we support in the last 90 years.

Dignitaries were Federal Gov. Marilyn Gladu, Provincial Bob Bailey and our Mayor Brad Loosley".

Heartfelt Congratulations to the Petrolia Lions on achieving this huge milestone!



Petrolia Lions Club - 90 years old!!

Submitted by Lion Bill Fell

The rest of the festivities! A great Parade, lots of food, now that's a party!





Port Stanley Lions Club



Submitted by: Lion Bob Nemett



Left: Another donation was made of \$2,000.00 to VAWSEC (violence against women services).

Port Stanley Lions helping however we can.

Below:

A successful first annual Lobster Fest and \$10,000.00 for Hospice Elgin from the Lions of Port Stanley.





Port Stanley Lion Lioness



Submitted by Lioness Sue Nemett

Left:

The Port Stanley Lioness at their September meeting.

A presentation of a beautifully inscribed vase to Lioness Mary Lou MacKinnon in recognition of her 55 years of Service in the Port Stanley Lioness Club. Also in the picture are Lioness Dorothy Cook, Membership Chair and Club President Sandy Marr.

Congratulations! Fifty-five years of service!

Right: Our Guiding Lion Dianne Piggott drawing the winners of our Afghans. With her is President Sandy Marr.





Strathroy Lions Club

Strathroy Lions Club – Disc Golf

Over the past 18 months, the Strathroy Lions club have been working with the municipality to install a 9-basket disc golf course. About 3 years ago the Municipality approached the Lions about participating in one of several projects that were starting in the community. Unfortunately, the ideas that were brought forward were either too expensive or we geared to a specific group of individuals and not everyone would be able to utilize it. Although we did not agree on a project at that time, the club still wanted to do something.

During the lockdown, one of our members noticed the disc golf course in St. Thomas was busy, free to use and anyone could use it. The idea to bring disc golf to Strathroy was born. The club agreed and course layout and proposal was given to Municipality and was turned down because of location and safety concerns. The committee met with the town, met with other disc golf players and locations. We found a new location ½ block from our Lions Hall and laid out another course, this time 9-baskets with the option to rotate baskets to make it 18. It was given unanimous approval from the Municipality.

The course was installed over the summer of 2022 and was opened at the beginning of August. Although the club still has not had an official opening, the course is busy and has seen people from St. Thomas, London and Sarnia. It was featured in Keepin' it local magazine - [_ Home \(keepinitlocal.com\)](https://www.keepinitlocal.com). The club is excited to finally give back to the community and keeping it free for anyone to use.



Submitted by 2nd VDG Keith Ryan



Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Club



submitted by Lion Mariette Desjardine

Finally a summer that we could interact with the public and raise some much needed funds to help support the community needs. From May to September we had our tent at the Downtown Strathroy Market on Saturday morning.

It was a wonderful way for our club members (especially our 5 new members) to meet with the public and inform them of ways that we support the community. We had a 50/50 draw each week and sold 300 tickets. Many local residents were very happy and \$300.00 richer. We continue to promote our club and hope to increase our membership in 2022-2023.





Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Club



submitted by Lion Mariette Desjardine

Local children drawing the weekly ticket!

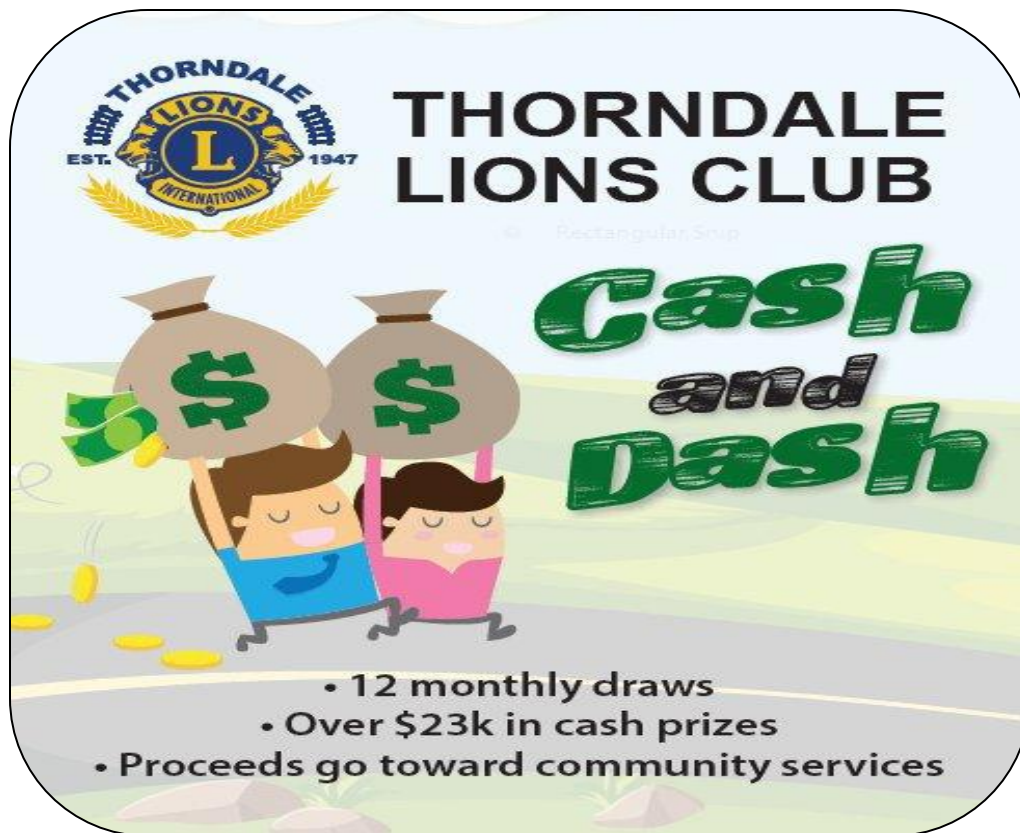


Below Left: Indoor Market

Below Right: Outdoor Market



Thorndale Lions Club



Cash and Dash 2023 tickets are on sale now!

For those who are new to Thorndale or haven't heard of our fundraiser, here are the details:

Tickets are \$135 each and only 300 tickets are sold. Starting January 2023, one ticket will be drawn on the first Friday of every month, and the winner will receive a cash prize. There are nine \$2200 prizes, two \$1500 prizes, and a grand prize of \$4000. All proceeds to towards community projects.

To order your ticket today, click the link below.

[Order Cash and Dash tickets here:](#)

Good luck!

Source: Thorndale Lions Club



Wheatley Lions Club

The Wheatley Lions Club held their first meeting of the year at the Village Resource Centre on Tuesday Sept. 13th. They drew the winning ticket for their 50/50 draw and the winning number was #0904. The photo shows PDG George Vary alongside winner Samantha Klassen of Leamington receiving her cheque for \$7,765.00 from Club President Bob Springthorpe.

Thank you to all who supported the club by purchasing or selling tickets. This is our first fundraiser since Covid began. Congratulations to the winner!

Submitted by: Lion Geraldine Vary





Motley News & Tidbits

From our clubs' websites



Farmer's Appreciation Night on November 18, 2022

TBA - Ailsa Craig Community Centre

Steak dinner with all the trimmings and dessert. Live auction, prizes, 50/50 draw, bucket of booze draw. Fun for everyone.

The Ailsa Craig & District Lion's Clubs current project is expanding the Lion's trails in the park. The completed trail will be barrier free and easy access for wheelchairs.



Bluewater Health Foundation

Last year, the District A1 Lions Club Sight Conservation Foundation made a generous pledge of \$99,995 toward the purchase of an Optos Retinal Scanner and E-Lift Table for the emergency department at Bluewater Health. The scanner will do a retinoscopy in a matter of seconds and gives a clear and complete picture of the retina. This new technology has recently been installed and staff are currently undergoing training, with the expectation that the machine will be in use for patients this fall. Members of the Foundation presented Kathy Alexander, Executive Director, with the final installment of their pledge at their recent District Cabinet meeting.

Source: Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Club Facebook page

Love the game? Never played? Somewhere in between? We want you. Come out and play against/with your neighbours and family. All are welcome. Mark your calendars - drop in when ready no appointment necessary. Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month (except Dec. 27) Start time is 1:30 (so maybe come a few minutes early to get settled)...

<https://www.ildertonlions.org/euchre-is-back-season.../>





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DELAWARE LIONS CLUB NEXT SERVICE ACTIVITY TBD

Check out some of the Lambeth Lions projects!

[Lambeth Lions Catch The Ace](#)

[Lambeth Lions Memory Box Program](#)



The Lighthouse Cove Lions Club
donating to a Chatham food bank!



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At the Delaware Community Centre at 10.00 a.m.

Source: Delaware Lions Club



The East Elgin Leos are back up and running. We had our first meeting and BBQ this week with 8 returning members and 1 new member. As we move forward we are encouraging any students in the Belmont area between the ages of 13 - 17 to check it out. Our meetings are the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8 Great social time and planning activities. We assist most of the Belmont Lions club and community events as well as some fund raising and support of local charities. We are involved and pride in our efforts is our reward. High school community service hours are also achieved.

Source: Belmont Lions Club Facebook page