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Message from your District Governor

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for the ongoing service and contributions that you continue to provide to your communities and to your neighbours. Your selfless efforts of kindness have enriched the lives of all those you have touched.

More amazingly, despite the many difficult circumstances and challenges we have all faced during the first half of this Lion's year (brought on by CoVid), as true Lions ~ we have not withdrawn ~ but rather increased our presence and shown, as always ~ where there is a need ~ we have constantly exemplified our motto "We Serve". Well done Lions.

Lions, Lioness and Leos..... amidst all the joyous and fun activities that are common at this time of the year, I ask that we take just a few moments to reflect on the real reason for the season. This season of Love. This season of Caring. This Season of Giving.

That we all dig a little deeper and reach out a little further ~ to a fellow member of your club; or a neighbouring club; or within the District. To a neighbour or a relative. To a friend or to a Stranger. Determine if there is a need that you can help with. A shoulder you can provide. A hand you can offer. To that end, if any of you have a need ~ reach out to a fellow Lion; Reach out to me. No Questions asked.... We Serve.

My wish for all of you is that you have PEACE & LOVE. Health and Safety. Let us continue to embrace our servant's hearts and continue sharing our good tidings with the less fortunate ~ not just during these challenging times, but rather, all the time.

I look forward to serving with you all as we enter the second half of our Lions year and to hearing about your many acts of kindness and service.

From our home to yours ~ Gayle and I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe, Healthy and Service filled New Year!

Remember Always ~ Kindness Matters!!!!

Yours in Lionism

Governor Dan and Lion Gayle

BITS & PIECES by District A-1 DG Newsletter Editor

Lions, Lioness, Leos,

Hope you and yours are all Well and SAFE!

CLUB PHOTO for the Annual Book for the International Guest (Request Emailed to Clubs)

DS Secretary Lion Dianne Piggott has asked that each Club to send a Club photo for the convention book to be given to the International Guest and the District Governor at the convention in April 2021.

Due to the current 'Distancing Restrictions' if you cannot take a recent photo she can use last year's picture (if your Club submitted one)! Just let her know your situation!

Deadline for the photos is February 5th, 2021 to ensure the books are printed and bound before the District A-1 Convention, April 9th, 2021.

For DS Lion Dianne Piggott A-1 Cabinet Secretary 519-312-8645 dianne.piggott@gmail.com



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LION Magazine

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Send your submissions for the LION Magazine to Lion Michelle Mundy!
Articles & Photos – re your Service Activities, Awards, ...

MyLion – POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

– Prepared by District Global Leader PDG Lion Eric Dolansky
Each & Every Lion Member can have access to the LCI Lions Website to view Club, District, Multiple District, Country, International info/stats and reports! Lions can also submit Activity Reports.
PDG Lion Eric Dolansky has put together a great PowerPoint Presentation to guide you through the access, viewing, and reporting procedures!
The PPT Presentation was recently forwarded, by DS Lion Dianne Piggott, to each Club for each member!
Check it out!
WELL DONE PDG Lion Eric!

ALL Members of the Lions FAMILY of District A-1
Give yourself a HUGE ROAR of Appreciation
for what you have already accomplished this Lions Year!



and REMEMBER to REPORT Your SERVICE in MyLion!!!

DISTRICT A-1 LIONS CLUBS & MEMBERS – SUBMISSIONS for DG NEWSLETTER

For this Issue I again received great items from various Clubs!
SERVICE by The LIONS FAMILY – Lions, Lioness & Leos – goes on!
Donations, Fundraisers, Service Activities are we are all about – in Service to others, our Communities, and Global Causes!
Keep the stuff coming!

Yours in Lionism,
PCST Lion Henry Vanderweyst District A-1 DG NEWSLETTER – EDITOR

Hopefully, I haven't lost any emails or missed putting them into this issue!
Please Read (proofread) all pages and let me know of any errors/and/or omission!

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Lioness take on more autonomy and control

by North Shore Beacon | Nov 30, 2020 | Features



To be clear, the Lioness and Lions clubs of Port Stanley are not going anywhere.

Many of the same women and men that channeled upwards of 1.6 million to the needy here in the last 60 years are still supporting the philanthropic needs of the community.

What is changing in Port and elsewhere around the world is how Lions Club International (LCI) engages with its female members.

In a bid to reverse dwindling membership, LCI has initiated an historic and emotional transformation of the organization and its 1.4 million members in more than 200 countries.

Traditionally, female Lioness members were beholden to the male Lions. Lioness Clubs of old were established as “projects of the Lions Club,” requiring Lions Club approval for all Lioness programs.

Talk of restructuring – compelling women to drop Lioness membership and join the Lions – first emerged in the ‘90s. “It came from the very top,” said Sue Nemett, a 47-year member of Port Stanley Lioness Club. “The Lioness got their back up and said they didn’t want to do it.”



Then two years ago, LCI essentially issued an ultimatum. It gave Lioness members three options to choose from by June 30, 2021: leave the Lions Club; disband the Lioness Club and join the Lions Club; or disband Lioness and organize the women under a separate Lions Club charter, with the opportunity to keep the Lioness name.

Now Lioness Clubs around the world are restructuring. “It’s a really exciting time,” said Penny Tolmie, a 46-year Port Stanley Lioness Club member.

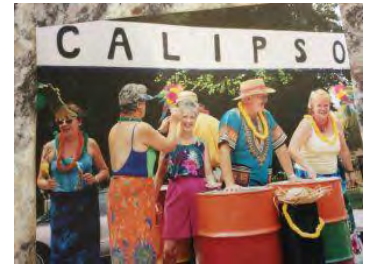
Members of Port Stanley’s Lioness Club are the first in this region to obtain an independent Lions Club charter.

There have been a few bumps on the road. Of the Port Stanley Lioness Club’s 45 members, 10 have lat-out resigned. The remainder are 50-50 on the way forward.

About half have joined the new Port Stanley Lioness Club, with the independent charter. Half are considering a new movement of former Lioness members who want to form an entirely independent club called the Swans.

“The bottom line is that we all want the same thing,” said Melanie McDonald, President of the new Lioness Club of Port Stanley, and a three-year member. “We’re hoping that once the dust settles, we’ll all still collaborate. We’re all going to be doing stuff for the community.”

Some of the men are hurt and perplexed. “There are still some older members who think ‘there are the men, and there are the women,’ and that’s the way it should be,” said David Marr, Port Stanley Lions Club President, and a 20-year member.



Sue’s husband Bob Nemett, a past president and 57-year member added: “The women were really under the Lions’ thumbs. Now they are their own entity. We know these people, we’ve worked together before, and it’s just sad.”

With an independent Lions charter, the women will have much more autonomy and control over projects and fundraising activities. Lioness will also be able to vote at multiple levels in the Lions organization, and they are eligible to hold zone, region, and district positions. Lioness will now have access to many more resources, such as professional development, legal counsel, as well as insurance for events and activities.

“We’re going to show you what a few women can do,” said Sue. “We think it’s the way to go.” She said the women who think otherwise “felt like they weren’t appreciated.

“We will continue to work alongside our Port Stanley Lions Club, as we have for over 57 years,” she said. “We are for the most part a woman’s club and as such, we will continue to support many women’s issues in our area, along with other organizations, like the hospital, the local school and sporting groups.”

There is still a lot of work to do. “Starting up a new club is a big job,” she added.

Incorporated as a not-for-profit organization, the Lioness are developing a new constitution, new bylaws and new structures, but still “sharing some good times ... it’s not all business.”



McDonald is half-joking when she said: “We can pretty much take over the whole world now. Are you ready?”

The LIONS acronym stands for Liberty, Intelligence and Our Nations’ Safety. Its motto is “We Serve,” with programs directed at sight, hearing, and speech conservation, as well as diabetes awareness, youth outreach, international relations and environmental issues.

Some trace the origins of the organization to Dr. William P. Woods, of Evansville, Indiana, who founded the Royal Order of Lions, a fraternal organization, in 1911. Woods turned to a service club structure in 1915. He and Melvin Jones, a Chicago insurance broker, developed a strong network of business clubs across the U.S. and by 1917, delegates from these groups staged a national convention, drafting a constitution, bylaws, and a code of ethics. Most credit Jones with founding the organization.

Now based in Oakbrook, Illinois, the organization expanded into Canada with a new club in Windsor in 1920. Then 60 years ago, Port Stanley Lions Club was established by a group of local businessmen, sponsored by the St. Thomas Lions. In 1963, the Lionettes were established. Founding Lionettes included Alice Haigh, Bette Waite, Ruby Clark and Esther Kirk. Barb Cook and Betty Marr were also instrumental in the new organization, joining in 1964. In the ‘70s the women’s name changed to Lioness.

McDonald said the ink has barely dried on the new charter papers and she is already fielding membership inquiries. “We’ve had an extraordinary number of people who have come forward and asked what we do.” The Lioness are well known for the success of events like Quartermania, bingo, ladies’ wine and cheese, as well as the Lions Walk for Dog Guides.

“With COVID-19, it’s going to be a bit more different,” added McDonald, “but we’re continuing the tradition of supporting our community. It would be nice to see resurgence.”



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LIONESS DONATIONS

Source: Lioness December Bulletin – The Purr
Editor Lioness / Lion Nancy Wright

Arkona Lioness



Arkona Lioness Donated 2,500.00
to the Kiwanis Kinetto Theatre. Covid Style

Springfield Lioness



Wyoming Lioness



“Lioness Linda Reid (left) and Pres. Lioness Pam Kerrigan (right) presented a cheque to District A-1 President Lioness Kim Garside (centre) in support of her project mental health awareness.

Thanks to funds raised at Jackpot City Sarnia, we were able to support the “Opening Doors” program at North Lambton Community Health Centre with a \$500 donation.

Thank you,
Jackpot City, for your ongoing support.”

donation was made to President Kim’s project Mental Health by the Springfield Lioness to #IVEGOTYOURBACK911 in the amount of \$500.

The presentation made to Jill Foster, Co-Founder of #IVEGOTYOURBACK911, accepting from Springfield Lioness Kelly Pearson.

#IVEGOTYOURBACK911 is a local initiative started by a couple of paramedics in Elgin County on October 1, 2014.

The campaign supports all those who have to deal with traumatic incidents in the workplace. It proudly supports Paramedics, Police, Fire, Emergency Telecommunications, Nurses, Corrections and Military.

They have a website if anyone is interested;
<https://www.ivegotyourback911.com/>

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LEOS & LEO CLUB INFO

Submitted by Lion Michelle Mundy Dorchester Lions Club

Source LCI Website

ABOUT LEOS International Leo was Day December 5

On **December 5**, Lions and Leos everywhere celebrated **International Leo Day** to recognise Leo clubs for their service in the community.

LEO “Leadership, Experience, Opportunity.” That’s what makes a Leo. As the youngest members of Lions Clubs International, Leos embody the best qualities of our incredible organization. They are devoted young people who realize the power of action. Together, Leos and Lions form a powerful partnership — one of mutual respect where Lions learn from the innovative insights of Leos, and where Leos gain access to the proven strategies of those who’ve successfully served the world for decades.

Leos get things done



7,200+
clubs worldwide



140,000+
Leos



150+
countries and territories



30,000
service projects 2019-20

District A-1 are proud of our Leos.

LAKESHORE LEO CLUB

The Lakeshore Leo Club had their 4th Annual Craft & Bake Sale. It raised 76% over last year. All funds are going towards Make A Wish Foundation.

Submitted by PDG Lion Joyce Mahovlich Belle River Lions Club



L To R: Leo Landon Diesbourg (at the back standing up), Leo Brady Mercier, Leo Jace Conway (in front), (behind her) Leo Kailley Ducharme and Leo Keirstyn Ducharme.



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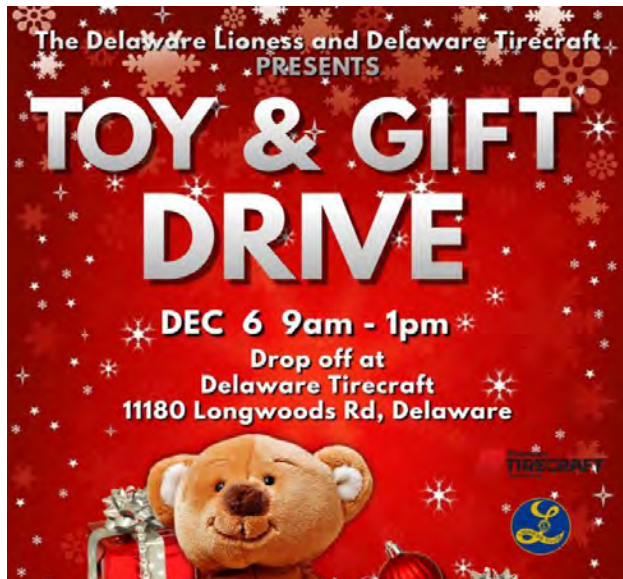
LIONS FAMILY - THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IS ALIVE

The Lions Family of District A-1 again are stepping up to make the 2020 Holiday Christmas Season a little better for so many! Donations to Salvation Army, Local Food Banks, Toy & Gift Drives, ... are plentiful in our District Communities!

Congratulations and Thanks to you all!

Sources: Various

Delaware Lioness – Again did their part in Serving others as they conducted another successful Drive – this time a **TOY & GIFT DRIVE** – to make Christmas a little better for so many in local communities!



Delaware Lioness teamed up with local business **Delaware Tirecraft** on **Tov & Gift Drive** - on December 6, 2020



Hyde Park Lions – Teamed up with the Hyde Park BIA, December 5, 2020, bringing Santa to town for the Children & their Families! – A stationary event, a little different from past years due to the current situation, but still a very successful event with lots collected to make Christmas a little better for so many!



The goal was for kids to see Santa but also collect donations! 'Toys for Tots and Teens'



The organizers emphasized – and adhered to Covid-19 Restrictions!

Thank you Lambeth, London Central, London West and Strathroy-Caradoc Lions for helping!





Youth Exchange

UPDATE

LCI has suggested to all Youth Exchange Chairs to register their camps with them and as such the AI Betterly Youth Exchange Camp is registered with LCI with the youth to arrive in Canada on July 3rd, 2021.

Having said this, with COVID numbers rising again there has been no firm decision as to what will happen with the camp for 2021. The unknowns are great in this matter and yes there are vaccines on the horizon but will they be widely available or limited in their availability considering this is a world-wide pandemic. I will again this year have until March 31st, 2021 to definitely cancel or have the camp.

Usually at this time of year I have started receiving applications from youth to attend our camp and I have received no applications at this time. I know there are camps around the world that have already cancelled their camps. I was on a Zoom meeting with Youth Exchange Camp chairs from the States, Brazil and Canada and our general consensus was that we probably will not have camps this year but will be planning to have camps in 2022.

My concern is the health and well-being of the host families, the youth and the Lions involved with the youth. As well, there will be extra expenses for us when the camp is able to re-open with stricter hygiene/sanitation and of course higher costs for food, travel and admission to tourist attractions. With all of this being said we are in a watch and wait mode.

I would like to thank the clubs for their generous donations and we do know that this is a difficult year for clubs with fundraising and as such if you wish to donate this year and/or wait until next year to donate and as always we appreciate whatever you can give us as we could not do this youth exchange without the support of our clubs.

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EYES RIGHT

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17 November 2020

Dear Lions, Lioness and Leo Presidents,

This letter from the Board of Directors of "Eyes Right" is the official notice of our Annual General Meeting on Sunday, January 24, 2021 in conjunction with the District A 1 Cabinet meeting. This will be our first virtual annual meeting, as the fallout of the COVID-19 epidemic continues to render in-person meetings unsafe. Our annual "Parade of Cheques" is usually conducted at the AGM. **More info about the "Parade" will follow.**

Obviously, fundraising has never been more difficult for our clubs, as well as for other Lions programs (Quest, the Lions summer camps, Guide Dogs, etc). Because the District A1 Lions Sight Conservation Foundation has little to no overhead, and because we have yet to receive any proposals for a future project (to date), 2020-2021 donations to Eyes Right should be lower priority for you this year. We certainly appreciate whatever contribution your clubs can make, but please be mindful of the more immediate needs in your own communities. You may, however, send your cheque at any time to our Treasurer, PDG Mark Mahovlich (his address is in the District A1 Directory), and your contribution will be acknowledged in our annual report and at the District A 1 Convention in April.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of their charter as the FIRST Lions Club in Canada, the Windsor Downtown Lions Club partnered with Eyes Right in 2019-2020 to provide a \$100,000 grant to purchase ocular triage equipment for Windsor Regional Hospital's Metropolitan and Oullette emergency departments. At a ceremony on 11 March 2020, the Windsor Downtown Lions and Eyes Right each presented their \$50,000 cheques to the Windsor Regional Hospitals Foundation. Both hospital ERs will now be equipped with a slit lamp biomicroscope for examining the ocular surface and a tonopen to measure the intraocular pressure. As well, every one of the 30 examination rooms at each hospital will now have an ophthalmoscope for the doctor to view the interior of the eye.

This project will make a profound impact on the efficiency of emergency eye care in Windsor for all who require it. It will ensure timely assessment and treatment of patients who present at both sites, and eliminate the need to transfer patients and/or staff between campuses for eye injuries. The intended result will be fewer delays in receiving ophthalmology care and/or eye surgery."

Normally, that message would have been repeated at the April 2020 District A1 Convention prior to handing out certificates of appreciation and banner patches to clubs in attendance on Sunday morning. As well, a call for new proposals would have been announced. Currently, the Board has not received any proposals from the Lions of District A1 for a future project.

Enclosed are the Nominating Committee Report and the Submission Protocol for new Eyes Right Projects

The Board of Directors of the District A-1 Sight Conservation Foundation extends our sincere gratitude to the Lions family for their continuing support. We extend special thanks to the Lioness Clubs of District A1 for their unwavering dedication to Eyes Right over the past three decades.

"WESERVESOTHATOTHERSMAYSEE"

Lion Dr Gail Tanner, Chair

"Our Mission is to improve vision health by providing funding for equipment in Centres of Eye Care Excellence in Southern Ontario, and promoting cornea donations"

www.lionseyesright.ca

Supported by the Lions family!



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EFFECTIVE SPEAKING District A-1 & MD'A'

For Contact Info for District Chairs CHECK the District A-1 Directory
– Printed Version or District Website Version <https://www.districta1lions.com/>

YOUR SUPPORT / DONATIONS ARE REALLY NEEDED!

Submitted by PDG Lion Joyce Mahovlich Belle River Lions Club

Belle River Lions – SERVE in Their COMMUNITY in Various Ways!



President Lion Steve Mahovlich
playing the pipes at the
Remembrance Day Services
in Belle River on November 11, 2020.



Belle River Lions Club presenting their
donation to the Fight Like Mason Foundation

FIGHT LIKE MASON FOUNDATION

Details about the Fight Like Mason



On Saturday, November 14 our club presented a donation to the Fight Like Mason Foundation. Here in the picture is Lion Debbie Lemire, Iain Macri (Mason's Dad), President Lion Steve Mahovlich and Treasurer Lion Mark Mahovlich.

The Fight Like Mason Foundation

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. On June 27th, 2016, at the age of four, Mason beat cancer. It was not in the way that everyone had hoped, but he beat it.

Mission Statement

To improve treatment, care, quality of life and awareness of patients diagnosed with childhood rhabdomyosarcoma and other childhood cancers.

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.



Belle River Lions Club donation to the Community
Support Centre in the way of Christmas cakes,
books and turkeys and hams for the 50 Baskets for the
Needy to be handed out on December 7, 2020.

Submitted by Lion Seppo Kuokkanen Chatham Lions Club

Chatham Lions – Project & Donation



Lion Aldo Gonzalez, representing the Chatham Lions Club, presented a cheque to Jami Vandevenne - Housing Support Worker - at the Salvation Army for its Christmas Toy Drive. Members donated \$500 in gift cards which was matched by the Club for a total of \$1 000 worth of funds for gifts.

MyLion For Info & Reporting

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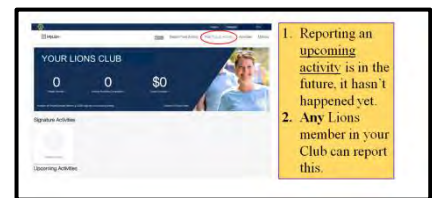
How To ... Instructions in the PPT by PDG Eric Dolansky

Need help contact PDG Eric Dolansky at district1lioneric@gmail.com**Info >>> some Key Pages for Reporting**

Viewing – Too Small to See??? Enlarge in View Options

(See the PPT for actually proceeding with reporting activities!)

(If you don't have it yet check with the Club Secretary!)

Login ... Select Type of Activity (Past or Future) ... Enter Details ... Submit Report ...

These are just a few steps in the process as described and shown in the PPT Presentation!

*Submitted by Lion Michelle Mundy
& DG Lion Dan Armstrong Dorchester Lions Club*

Dorchester Lions – Annual Christmas Tree Sales - Fundraiser

[Dorchester & District Lions Club](#) are selling Christmas Trees once again.

Some of our veteran members say we've been selling trees since we were chartered in 1954 🌲

Lions Dave, Billy, Al & Jim are all smiles (it's hard to tell with masks) and ready to assist the customers.



Ilderton Lions – Serving Community

2020 has been a challenge for all Lions Clubs and the Ilderton & District Lions Club is no exception.

Accomplishments:

- **MEETINGS:** We have been able to maintain our membership even though we are not able to hold regular meetings. We have held one on-line meeting using “ZOOM”. The executive has met once in person and several times using “ZOOM” to ensure the club’s requirements are being met.
- **FUNDRAISERS:** Fundraising committees have been active:
We have held 5 successful, sold out, on-line, takeout, wing nights by working with the local health department and municipal staff to implement a safe and effective procedure to prepare and deliver the product to a very supportive community.
- **COMMUNITY PROJECT:** We have completed a 5 year Medway High School program, in conjunction with the local school board, to upgrade its athletic facilities including a new latex covered, 8 lane outdoor track, pole vault and other jumping pits, high jump area, and steeple chase water pit. The Lions financial contribution was the biggest since its inception, over \$900K.
- **SERVICE ACTIVITY:** Recently, we held our annual food drive and collected over 13,000 pounds of non-perishable food for the local food bank. This was an increase of over 4000 pounds over the previous year.
- **RECOGNIZING OUR VETERANS:** This is our second year of installing, in conjunction with local branch of the Canadian Legion, banners, with photos, on the main street to honour veterans who served in the Canadian Armed Forces. We have now recognized over 25.

Wing Night – December 11

We are now open for orders!!

This will be the last Wing Night of 2020. It will run from 5:00 pm to 7:45 pm (our last batch coming out of the kitchen at 7:30).

As a result, we are going to try and achieve record sales at this next event. We’ve never sold 900 boxes of wings before in a night.

We think we can do it with your support.

Wing Night details are as follows:

Online orders only! No cash sales!

Orders are placed and pick-up slot through the Ilderton Lions website <https://ildertonlions.org>

Prep and Pick-Up at Ilderton Community Center (OUTSIDE)

Wings are cooked at the rear using 7 deep fryers capable of processing approximately 700 wings every 3-4 minutes.

Lions prepare wings in containers of 9 wings and distribute them at the front entrance.

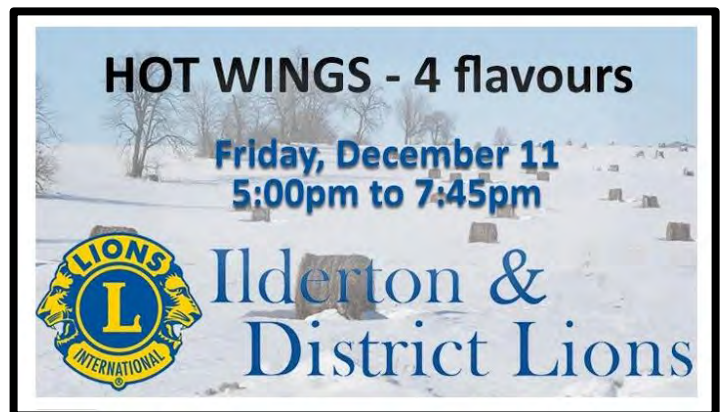
Patrons must wear masks and stay in their vehicles.

Patrons pick up order and leave the area.

First Wing Nights were totally outside but last month distribution from the inside entrance of the Community Centre was allowed!

Have had 5 successful events but weather issues and covid protocols this the last one until next March!

THANKS to ALL the Lions for the work on this fundraiser and to ALL Patrons for your SUPPORT!!!



Lambeth Lions Continue to Serve

*Submitted by Lion Terry Lane
& Lion Dave Michell Lambeth Lions Club*

Despite the restrictions imposed by Covid-19, the Lambeth Lions continue to serve the community while complying with Health department protocols.

- On October 31st we held a Halloween drive-by where approximately 200 children, dressed in their costumes, were given a treat while remaining in their family vehicle. The treat was passed to them in a plastic bag on the end of a hockey stick to ensure distancing protocols were observed.
- On November 21st we held a food drive in the village in partnership with a strong contingent of Hyde Park Lions and local volunteers. Thanks to the generosity of Lambeth residents, we were able to deliver two truckloads of food to the Salvation Army foodbank and one truck load to the London/Southdale Chaplaincy.
- On December 5th a number of our members are helping the Hyde Park Lions with their Santa Drive-by.
- On December 12th we will be having Santa driven around the Village to greet the local children. We express our appreciation to J&A Arbory and TSC(Peavy) for their support for this event.
- On December 18th we will have our members delivering food hampers to residents of the Southdale chaplaincy and on the December 19th we are staffing two locations for the Salvation Army Kettle campaign.

MEMORY BOX PROGRAM



The Lambeth Lions Club has, for almost 15 years, built and donated Memory Boxes to the Children's Hospital in London to give to parents who have lost a child. It is a meaningful keepsake to hold on to their precious moments. These Memory Boxes are distributed to families across Southern Ontario and beyond. We believe that only 3 of these boxes have been given to families in our Lambeth area. The balance of the almost 800 Memory Boxes has gone to our district and other area districts. This endeavour is getting more costly as the years go on and combined with our inability to hold our annual fundraiser we are seeking financial help.

When children die, their final moments become the most personal, powerful and painful moments in the lives of their family members. Creating memories and treasuring the keepsakes that are part of each child's life journey becomes an integral part of support for families.

The global COVID-19 pandemic has not only complicated care at Children's Hospital but **has caused the cancellation of The annual Lambeth Club Memory Box Fundraiser that supports the Memory Box Program.**

Donations to the Lambeth Lions' Memory Box Program, ensures families in Western Ontario always have access to this free grief support program. **Your support ensures families can celebrate and treasure the life of their child in a beautiful way.**

All monies donated will enable us to continue this powerful program. If you wish to support us please proceed to the **Donate Now** button. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$20. Please share this within your social circle. Your help is greatly appreciated.

[**Donate Now**](#)

Donations may also be mailed to:

The Lambeth Lions Club c/o Lion Dale Taylor 59 David St London, ON N6P 1B3

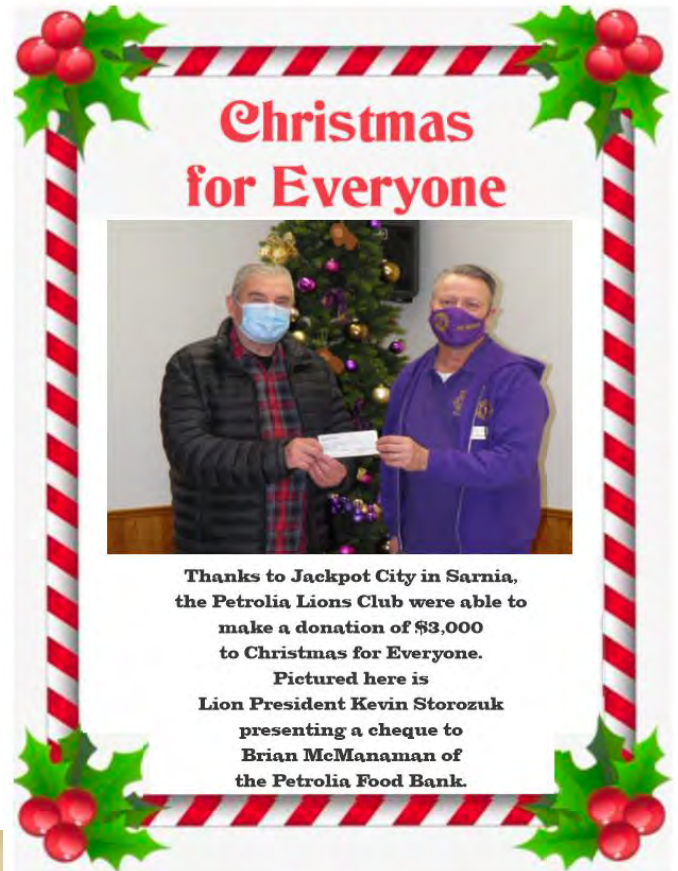
For more info:

Contact Lion Dale Taylor ldtaylor@bell.net or 519-652-5856.

Or check the website <http://www.lambethlions.org/memory/donations>

Petrolia Lions – Donation & Award

Petrolia Lions Club President, Lion Kevin Storozuk, made a donation to Brian McManaman from **‘Christmas for Everyone’**. This was our Club donation and a big help to help feed many at Christmas.



Petrolia Lions Past President Lion Charlie Conrod presented Lion Andy Hart with the Lions Quest award on Monday November 23, 2020 at our Business Meeting.

Post Stanley Lions – Donations



Port Stanley Lions donating \$3,000.00 to St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital.

We extend a special ‘Thanks!’ to Jackpot City and OLG Charity Bingos who make it possible for us to be able to continue to serve our community.

Port Stanley Lions making a donation of \$3,000.00 to Inn Out of the Cold.

We are able to make this donation thanks to the help of Jackpot City and OLG Charity Bingos.



Submitted by Lion Sarah Bechard Rodney Lions Club

Rodney Lions Donate to Zone 3 Project

Lion Corrie Monaghan presents a cheque for \$190 to Lindsay Feltis of **Pearce Williams Summer Camp & Retreat** as the Rodney Lions contribution to the Zone 3 Project.



Lindsay Feltis
Pearce Williams Summer Camp

Lion Corrie Monaghan
Rodney Lions Club

Pearce Williams Summer Camp & Retreat

Fingal, Ontario

Pearce Williams **Summer Camp & Retreat Facility**, summer camp **experience for children to learn:**

to take risks, to resolve conflicts in a natural manner, to appreciate and protect our environment, to stay healthy, learn to be responsible for their personal belongings, and learn to have fun with unabashed enthusiasm.

Campers get to design their own camp experiences - choose to go swimming, play a variety of sports, learn about the environment, and create mini-masterpieces in arts & crafts or choose to create their own session!

The Camp operates in a Non-competitive atmosphere to allow children to discover the world around them, while promoting success, self-confidence and self-esteem in a safe, secure and stimulating environment, while living and growing within our Christian community.

Emphasis is on participation, effort and attitude, being a winner and developing life skills and learning about independence, interdependence, tolerance, responsibility, friendship and loyalty.

Every Child Deserves a Week at Camp!

Submitted by Lion Mary Rothwell Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Club

Strathroy-Caradoc Lions – Recent Projects & Meetings

Tree Planting

Club planted a tree in one of the local cemeteries in Strathroy where there is a whole row of trees dedicated to the Soldiers from Strathroy who served in WWII.

Jerky & Spice Meats Sales Fundraiser

Our 'Jerky & Spice Meats Sales' was a fundraiser we came up with that would be ok during Covid. The profits went to a new shelter in town for young people who need a place to stay for a day or two.

Sock Collection for Youth Shelter

Club members collected 50 pairs of socks for a new shelter for youth.

Club Meetings

Meetings by ZOOM have been going well!



Lions who planted the tree are Lion Gary (with 1 r) and Lion Garry (with 2rs)
(That's how we refer to them in the club).



DISTRICT A-1

WHEATLEY LIONS CLUB

Submitted by Lion Geraldine Vary Wheatley Lions Club

Wheatley Lions hosted ZC Bill Finlay on his Official Visit

On Nov. 24th the Wheatley Lions Club had Zone Chair Bill Finlay attend for his official visit and he performed a very special duty and recognized some members with special awards.

Inducted into the Lions Club – Lion Nancy Wright, the newest member! Lion Nancy was sponsored by her husband Lion Wayne. Note that as a Lioness she served as PDP and as Editor she puts out a great Newsletter

The PURR and will be a great addition to the Club!



Presented Lion Geri Vary with her 15 year Membership Chevron
as well as a
Diamond Centennial Member Sponsor Pin.



On behalf of PDG Mary Mahovich, ZC Bill Finlay presented **Secretary Jodi Lynn Turner** with her **100% Secretary Award** for PDG Lion Mary's year as Governor 2018-2019.

DISTRICT A-1

HOW TO ... MyLion

A Power Point on **MyLion** from the District Global Leader PDG Eric Dolansky is available and has been forwarded to Club for distribution to Members.

MyLion is designed so that all Lion members can view club activities and see other club activity reports to help build on ideas for service within your own clubs.

Presidents & Secretaries, Lion Eric is requesting that you share this Power Point with your club members – they will need their member number which is on their membership card.

If you have any questions, concerns and/or would like in person training please contact Lion Eric Dolansky at district1lioneric@gmail.com

Also available through **MyLion** login is the Lions Learning Centre where Lions Members can take courses such as: Club President Learning Path Club Secretary Learning Path
Club Treasurer Learning Path Along with other training opportunities.

Member Portal

Welcome, Lion HENRY!



MyLion



MyLCI



Insights



Learn



Shop



Connect

Take the tour

LIONS FAMILY SUPPORT VISION Related Causes!!

HOW YOU CAN HELP AS KNIGHTS of the BLIND!



Ontario Visually Impaired Golfers

October 2020

Dear Ontario Lions Clubs,

We are the Ontario Visually Impaired Golfers, and our mandate is to help blind and visually impaired people experience the game of golf. We represent Ontario in a national organization called Blind Golf Canada. Golf is an amazing game because it can be enjoyed no matter how well you play. For a blind person it can have physical, social and emotional benefits.

We are writing to you for two reasons. The first is to keep blind golf in your mind throughout the year. We are always looking for new players and volunteers who are willing to help them. You can help by referring people to us, teaching a blind person to play golf (we can help), finding equipment and local learning or playing opportunities.

Every blind golfer has a great story, although this letter is too brief to go into them in detail. Here are just a couple of our (Lion) members:

Lion David Burnett – David is totally blind – a B1. He is retired but regularly active in a variety of sports such as hockey, skiing, and of course golf. Like many retired people, he may be busier now than he was when he was working. He serves on many boards, including OVIG and BGC, and probably doesn't get to play as much as he would like. David is a member of the Aurora Lions Club.

Lion Kevin Frost – Kevin is a Lion in the Ottawa area. Kevin is a new golfer but has been a successful Paralympic athlete for many years, competing in speed skating, rowing, and cycling. Kevin is classed as a B2, meaning he has less than 5% vision. Kevin is accompanied everywhere by his guide dog Lewis – even the golf course.

We also need your financial support. Due to COVID-19, we moved two events from 2020 to 2021. In August 2021, we will have up to 40 blind golfers competing at the Ontario Blind Golf Championship. Even more exciting is the 2021 Canadian Blind Golf Championship, with up to 50 golfers and their guides. Our cost for the two Championships will be close to \$50,000. We would like to have the Ontario Lions as our primary sponsor with combined support of \$25,000.

Please send any cheques to Ontario Visually Impaired Golfers, 25 Lander Crescent, Thornhill, ON L4J 8V2. If you have questions about blind golf or our events, one of us would be happy to join you or your club in a Zoom meeting.

Thank you for your time, your dedication, and your ongoing support of blind and visually impaired people in your communities and around the world.

Sincerely,

Glenn Babcock

Glenn Babcock

President, Ontario Visually Impaired Golfers

Lion Kevin Frost

Lion David Burnett

(OVIG is a registered charity: 13998 3852 RR0001)

And / or Support:



Sandy Leadlay Club Service Project Award (Open to Lions and Leo Clubs)



This will be an annual award that recognizes the 'best club service project' for that year within District A1. Coincidentally ~ this will now tie into Lions of Canada 100 Service Stories FB Contest as well ~ and therefore you may use a photo from an LCI Website and a Story to qualify for the Lions of Canada prizes

HOWEVER

You must post/submit a Service Project Picture by your club to win the District Award

The Winning Club will hold possession of the District Award until the next year's presentation as well as receive their own individual club plaque recognizing their award-winning project

Lions of Canada will also award monthly prizes for the 5 posts that have the most likes or responses

The overall annual winner will be decided by the District GAT team + 1VDG and 2VDG and presented at the first Cabinet Meeting of the Lion's year, by the District GST

Rules of Engagement

1. Photo must be service related; NOT a Fundraiser (But always post both on your Social Media)
2. Post a great photo that depicts your Service and a short story about your project on your Facebook account; Lions of Canada Facebook page and/or your web site if you have one
3. Forward a copy of that photo and story to Social Media Chair Lion Michelle Mundy michellemundy@live.com; and to District GST Lion Pam Harbottle (pammycda@gmail.com)
4. Post as many stories/photos as you would like
5. You **must** use **hashtags** in your post and **must** use the hashtag of the month **PLUS** one of the Lions **hashtags** Example: #Hunger#KindnessMatters
6. "Tag" at least 5 of your Lions friends and at least 5 of your non-Lions Friends. You are also invited to "Tag" VP Dr. Patti Hill in each post

Hashtags of the Month

October	#Vision
November	#Diabetes
December	#Hunger
January	#Hunger
February	#Childhood Cancer
March	#Disaster Relief
April	#Environment
May	#Community Service
June	#MakeaDifference

Lion's Hashtags

#100LIONSCANADA
#WeServe
#Kindness Matters
#LionsClubs

Note: You may also use hashtags that are Associated with your community so that your Neighbours see your posts

Guidelines: Please ensure that any photos you post demonstrate **safe physical distancing and/or proper use of face masks**

TO ALL of the LIONS FAMILY of DISTRICT A-1

HAPPY HOLLIDAY SEASON and Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to All!

Merry Christmas!



Have a great Holiday Season!

Happy New Year!



**MOST OF ALL – ON BEHALF OF DISTRICT A-1 LIONS FAMILY
WE ALL HOPE THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS ARE ALL WELL!
MAKE THE BEST of the CURRENT SITUATION!**

BE CAREFUL & BE SAFE!!