



# Lions Clubs International

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# Lions Clubs International District A-1 District Governor's Newsletter

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## **Message from your District Governor**

As we enter the final month of our Lion's year for our District Cabinet of 2020-2021, I am overcome with feelings of sadness, but more so with feelings of happiness and pride.

Sadness because we have all encountered many changes in the past year. Changes which started, in March 2020, with a decision to cancel our District Convention due to CoVid. Changes which were brought about by economics and restructure within our overall organization as we knew it. The passing of many members of our Lions/Lioness family and the loss of some of our 'sister clubs'.

Happiness and Pride because we have not let these changes bring us down. Quite the contrary!!

I have seen our membership across the District respond in new and creative ways to serve their communities in need. We have become closer as a District. As a family. We have not just helped our communities, but we have helped our neighbouring clubs and our fellow/sister members. We have partnered with other NFP associations and with businesses. Sometimes we have even served at risk to own health. The sharing of ideas. The sharing of projects. Serving Together.

We have lived our 'creed' that "Where there is a Need ~ There is a Lion."

As a District Governor I had two key personal goals. Those goals are reflected on my DG pin.

We Serve in Unity      Kindness Matters

Those goals: those 'expressions' were decided before I had even heard of CoVid or had any inkling how it would change our Lion's world ~ But ~ in my opinion became more needed and more important because of CoVid.

Lions; Lioness Lions; Leos ~ you have all more than risen to the occasion.

Your service has become noticed and broadcast throughout the District in more 'mediums' than ever before. Your service has become 'infectious'. Your service, combined with the strong efforts of your Service Chairs; your Membership Chairs; your Zone and Region Chairs has resulted in one of our best years of membership growth ~ in some time. Because of your efforts. Your Service.

The public has seen you Serving in Unity and with Kindness. They want to be a part of it. They need to be a part of it. Human nature demands we play it forward. They too have chosen to become members.

I began the year in our Directory addressing the proverbial elephant in the room. The LCI decision on restructuring the Lioness. I will end it likewise. Personally, I am (as I believe all Lions are) forever thankful to all our sister Lioness for what they have done; for what they have given ~ to the community and beyond for so many years. You are and always will be heroes. I know that many have had to make a very personal and difficult decision. To those of you who have chosen to continue as Lioness Lions or Lions, my heartfelt thanks for your continuance of service as our Service Partners. To those of you who have chosen to move forward as Swans ~ my heartfelt wishes and blessings for your Service journey

To each member of A1 ~ I thank you. I thank you for your support this year. For your guidance and for helping me to grow. I have been both blessed and honoured to serve as the District Governor for the bestest darn District, Clubs, and members in our Lions organization.

Blessings to you all ~ from our house to your house

Lion Dan and Lion Gayle



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***From your District A-1 DG Newsletter Editor***

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As Editor I have really enjoyed the input from so many Clubs of District A-1 this Lions Year and as Lions shared reviews of Club Service Activities & Fundraisers, I hope that somehow ideas were of interest and presented some possibilities for Clubs to take on similar projects!

It has been amazing to see how Lions, Lioness, and Leos of District A-1 weathered the pandemic with all its restrictions, persevered and continued to SERVE and made sure all activities and fundraisers were safe for all – Members and Clients!

**CONGRATULATIONS on YOUR  
Successes and & THANKS for your  
Service and Contributions!!**

Looking forward to the new Lions Year, as editor once more I encourage ALL CLUBS and MEMEBRS to send in info relating to Upcoming Activities and Follow-Up Reports – include pictures and descriptions!

The first Issue of 2021-2022 will be published sometime in mid-to-late August!  
Submit at any time starting asap – If I get it, I can include it!

**2021-2022 Publication Issue # 1 Mid-August 2021  
Deadline for Submissions >>>> Early August 2021**

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!

***THANKS  
And  
HAVE a GREAT SUMMER!  
BE SAFE!***





## TRIBUTE to LIONESS of District A-1



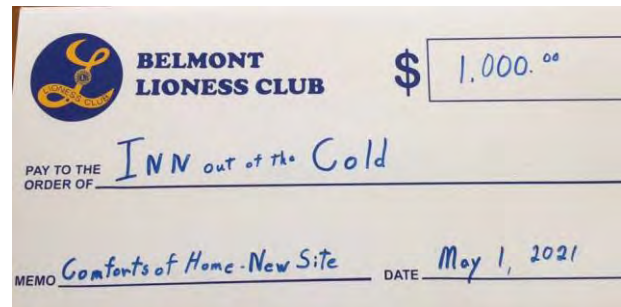
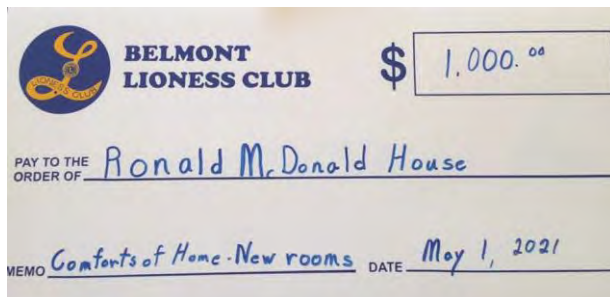
LIONESS SERVICE deserves RECOGNITION by and THANKS from all the LIONS FAMILY of District A-1 !!!

As of July 1, 2021 LIONESS of District A-1 begin a new chapter in SERVICE to COMMUNITIES, GROUPS and INDIVIDUALS!!

Current Lioness will continue to serve as they have for so many years!

Some Lioness will form new LIONS-LIONESS Clubs, some will Serve as Members of a Lions-Lioness Branch Club, some will Serve as Lions, joining their local Lions Club and some continue Serving in Communities in other capacities with support to community in various ways!

Following Items - **SOURCE: PURR LIONESS BULLETIN A-1** by EDITOR PDP Nancy Wright  
Editor PDP Lioness Nancy Wright has put out a phenomenal Newsletter!  
Well Done Lioness / Lion Nancy!!!!



On Earth Day, some Delaware Lioness and their families filled garbage bags to help beautify the town.

## **LIONESS of District A-1**

### **Recent Lioness Contributions – Service in their respective Communities!!**

### **In just 2 Months of Service, the contributions – Hours, Donations, ... by the 13 Lioness Clubs of District A-1 are phenomenal as we look at their 2021 April & May Reports!**

#### **ARKONA 11 Members**

**April** – Had a zoom meeting. Donations made to Lambton Centre -Kids Camp - \$500.00, ALS-Walk (MacPhersons) - \$500.00, Crohn's and Colitis -Walk - \$500.00, Children's Health Foundation - \$500.00, Canadian Cancer Society – Daffodil Campaign - \$500.00 and Dog Guides - \$1,000.00.

**Total Donations = \$4,000.00**

#### **AYLMER 23 Members**

**April** - No meeting and no activities this month. Donations made to Eyes Right - \$1,500.00 and Aylmer Lawn Bowling Club - \$500.00.

**Total Donations = \$2,000.00**

Volunteer Hours = 164

**May** - No meeting and no activities. Donations made to School Awards - \$325.00, Terrace Lodge and Crohn's and Colitis - \$2,100.00.

**Total Donations = \$2,425.00**

#### **BELMONT 30 Members + 2 Honourary**

**April** - Guest speaker Taylor Longfield from Ronald McDonald House attended their zoom meeting. He advised them that RMHC is adding 5 more bedrooms to the house. They provided and delivered a meal to Bell Parc Residents, several members are knitting and crocheting blankets for the homeless and some are weaving plastic sleep mats. They are still receiving funds from St. Thomas Jackpot City. Donations made to Terrace Lodge – Comfort of Home - \$500.00 and dinners for Bel Parc Residents \$450.00. Total Donations = \$950.00

**May** – Guest speaker this month was Lori Fitzgerald from Inn Out of the Cold. They donated the Lioness Freezer to Harvest Hands. Members are still knitting and crocheting blankets for homeless and weaving plastic sleeping mats. Donations made to Lions Home for Deaf People - \$500.00, Camp Discovery - \$250.00, Camp Kirk - \$250.00, CNIB – Lake Joe Camp - \$250.00, Crohn's & Colitis - \$500.00, Melanoma Network of Canada - \$500.00, Parkinson's Society Southwestern Ontario - \$500.00, LHSF – Myeloma Research - \$500.00, ALS Research - \$500.00, Ronald McDonald House - \$1,000.00, Inn Out of the Cold - \$1,000.00, Canadian Mental Health Assn. Elgin - \$500.00 and I'vegotyourback911 - \$500.00.

**Total Donations = \$6,750.00**

#### **DELAWARE 20 Members**

**April** - On Earth Day, some Delaware Lioness and their families filled garbage bags to help beautify the town. Many of the Delaware Lioness have been able to obtain their initial COVID-19 vaccination. They have supported others to book their appointments and provided transportation for others as well.

#### **GLENCOE 21 Members**

#### **LONDON CENTRAL 10 Members**

**April** - PDP Rosemary Kennedy was their guest at their April zoom meeting. PDP Lioness Arla attended the A-1 District Convention and Cabinet Meeting. Donations made to CMHA (DP Kim's project) - \$100.00 and Crohn's and Colitis (Gusty Walk) - \$50.00).

**Total Donations = \$150.00**

#### **LONDON EAST 8 Members**

#### **PORT STANLEY 33 Members**

**April** - They are still sending cards and looking after seniors in various ways. Three Lioness attended the zoom Advisory meeting on April 17th., 5 Lioness attended the zoom Cabinet meeting on April 10th and six Lioness attended the zoom MD"A" meeting on February 28th. Four Lioness were registered for A-1 Convention. Donations made to LFC earmarked for Diabetic Alert Dogs - \$200.00, Support Guide Dogs - \$200.00, Camp Dorset - \$150.00, Camp Discovery - \$150.00, Port Stanley Foodbank - \$500.00, Courage for Freedom - \$150.00, Fresh Start - \$200.00, YWCA Women's Residence - \$250.00, Violence Against Women - \$250.00, Port Stanley Library - \$150.00, and ChildCan - \$200.00.

**Total Donations = \$2,400.00.**

**Total Volunteer Hours = 65 from March 27<sup>th</sup>. to April 28th.**

**SPRINGFIELD 15 Members**

**TILBURY 24 Members**

**April** - Donations made to Tilbury District High School (Bursary) - \$300.00 and Blenheim School - \$100.00.

**Total Donations = \$400.00**

**VIENNA 19 Members**

**April** - Donations made to Port Burwell Home and School - \$500.00, Terrace Lodge Aylmer - \$300.00 and Crohn's and Colitis Walk - \$100.00.

**Total Donations = \$900.00**

**WHEATLEY 20 Members**

**April** - Continuing with zoom meetings. Donations made to Eyes Right - \$100.00, Wheatley Food Bank - \$100.00, Two Creeks Conservation Area - \$200.00, Chatham Kent Hospice Walk - \$100.00 and Crohn's and Colitis Walk - \$100.00.

**Total Donations = \$600.00**

**May** - For Mother's Day they sent Ice-Cream Cakes to Meadows Manor for the seniors.

Donation to Jesse's Journey - \$100.00

**WYOMING 17 Members**

**April** - Sending cards to residents of group homes. They receive share of proceeds from Jackpot City in Sarnia.

Donation made to Petrolia Food Bank - \$500.00

**Total Membership = 251 + 2 Honorary**

**Total Donations Reported = \$21,175.00**

**Total Volunteer Hours Reported = 229**



***To ALL LIONESS of DISTRICT A-1***

***THANKS!!!***

***And***

***Much Success in your NEW-- but in most cases similar situations --  
in the coming years(s)!***

***The above are just a few examples of the innumerable contributions of Service and  
Donations by Lioness of District A-1!!***



# History of Lioness Clubs

By Ray Charbonneau



Source: PURR Lioness Newsletter by Lioness Nancy Wright

In 2020 we celebrated 100 years of Lions coming to Canada and our Emblem, so now it is time to celebrate 100 years of the Lioness. These service heroines have played a huge part in the success of Lions Clubs International. Their complete story is too big to put into this simple narrative so we will present a timeline of their story so that we may remember how important their service has been.

In 1920 the first Lioness Clubs as they appear to have been called appeared in the Lions Magazine. In this era women auxiliaries played a support role to male member only Lions clubs with many identified by their husband's names such as Mrs. J. Frank Garner etc. As you read their stories it becomes apparent that they were well suited to rolling up their sleeves and getting involved.

The Lions of MD"A" had a magazine started in 1942 and by 1948 had a page dedicated to these ladies under the heading of "For You My Dear" (a Page for Ladies). The Lions of Canada had one such club called the Women's Auxiliary of the Lions Club of Ottawa formed in 1925 and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lions Club of Barrie in 1936. By 1948 there were other clubs named Lions Ladies Clubs of Millbrook, Welland, and Timmins. By 1949 there were other clubs in Orillia, London, and Port Hope. In 1950 a new page in the Lions Magazine was called "Lioness News" (activities of Ladies Auxiliaries) with new clubs in Weston, Kirkland Lake, Port Dalhousie, and Guelph. The 1950s brought about a new name as well with new clubs in Agincourt, Angliers, Chatham, Sault Ste. Marie and Credit Valley being called Lionettes.

It appears that membership rules required these women to be married to Lions but that would change in 1975 with Lions Clubs International formally recognizing Lioness clubs on their own and providing them with their own Lioness emblem and constitution which now allowed them to accept women members who were not married to Lions. However, they were still required to be sponsored by a Lions Club and could be in jeopardy of dissolving if their Lions Club sponsor failed.

In 1987 Lions Clubs International changed their own constitution and made membership invitation available to both men and women. The Lioness constitution was also changed to allow men to become members in Lioness clubs and International President William Woolard and MD"A" Council Chairman Cleo Roy amongst others were invited to join.

By 1991 Lions Clubs International commissioned a worldwide survey of Lioness Clubs and made the decision to dissolve the Lioness Program. These clubs would be allowed to continue if they wished to but only as a service project of a Lions Club and with a liaison. Many did and have carried out a fine tradition since then.

In 2021 Lions Clubs International will no longer support Lioness Clubs as a project of Lions Clubs. As we adjust to this, let us all hope that together as Lions we can continue to be the great humanitarian service that Lioness Clubs have helped us become.

Thank you to all Lionesses for 100 years of outstanding service!



***An historical chronology of the A-1 Lioness ...  
District A-1 Lioness formed in 1980 with 14 clubs.***

Submitted By PDP Lioness Rosemary Kennedy

***We now have 13 clubs – 5 of the original clubs are still active.***

***1946 to 1979***

- London Central is a founding Club. It began in 1946, certified as Lioness in 1975 and amalgamated with the London West Lionettes in 1954.
- London East is a founding Club that began in 1952 and was certified as Lioness in 1979.
- Port Stanley is a founding Club. It began in 1963 and was certified in 1977.
- Windsor Downtown was a founding Club that certified 1973 and disbanded 2003
- Dorchester was a founding Club. It began in 1975, certified as Lioness 1980 and disbanded 2001
- Grand Bend was a founding Club that certified 1976 and disbanded 2011
- St Thomas was a founding Club that certified 1976 and Disbanded 1994
- London Westmount was a founding Club. It certified in 1977 and disbanded in 1992.
- Mount Brydges was a founding Club that certified 1977 and disbanded 2018
- Stoney Point was a founding Club that certified 1977 and disbanded 2007
- Wyoming Wy-ettes are a founding Club that certified 1978
- Chatham was a founding Club, was certified 1979, and disbanded 1988

***1980 – 1981***

The first year with an organized Lioness District. Belmont Lioness formed and certified in 1980. Strathroy Lioness formed in 1980 but closed in 2007. The first A-1 Lioness District President was Darlene Priestley from the Stoney Point Lioness. The Rally was hosted by Grand Bend Lioness with “Sand Blast” Theme. The A-1 Lions Governor was Allister Cameron, Dutton Lions.

***1981 – 1982***

District President was Joan Gyle Werboweski, Strathroy, the Rally Host was London East with theme Well Rooted & Still Growing. Lions Governor Al Betterley, Mount Brydges

London North certified 1981 and disbanded 1992; South Windsor certified 1981 and disbanded 2016; Springfield Lioness certified 1981 and Tecumseh Lioness certified 1981 and disbanded 1984.

***1982 – 1983***

District President was Arlene Fielding, Windsor Downtown. Rally Host was St Thomas. Lions Governor Adriaan VanDongen, Lambeth. Ailsa Craig was certified 1982 and disbanded 2000; Sarnia certified 1983 and disbanded 1991 and Tilbury Lioness certified 1983.

***1983-1984***

District President was Joan O’Brien, Wyoming. Rally Host was South Windsor with Rally of the Roses theme and the Lions Governor Pete Anderson, Strathroy

***1984 - 1985***

District President was Ev Crisp, London North. Rally Host Wyoming with theme Roundup ’85 and the Lions Governor Rick Gagnier, Stoney Point. Aylmer Lioness was certified 1984 and Petrolia certified in 1984 and closed in 2000.

***1985 – 1986***

District President was Cecelia Glover, Mt Brydges. Rally Host was Belmont Lioness present Bell ‘R’ Ama. Lions Governor Bob Lake, Bluewater LC. Wheatley Lioness certified 1985.

***1986 – 1987***

District President Mary Watson, Springfield; Rally Host Petrolia Pirates of Petrolia; Lions Governor Barry Flanigan, Belmont. Arkona Lioness certified 1986 and Glencoe was certified 1987.

**1987 – 1988**

District President Jane Betterley from Mt Brydges; ally Host Springfield Rainbow Brite and MD “A” representation Jane Betterley, Chair. A-1 Lions Governor Cliff Ryan, Arkona.

**1988 – 1989**

District President was Cathy Walton from Petrolia. Rally Host Port Stanley Roaring 20’s and Lions Governor Ron DeVos, Windsor Downtown. Kingsville certified 1988 and closed 2008. Delaware was certified 1989.

**1989 – 1990**

District President was Helen Howe, Windsor Downtown and Lions Governor Tim Blackburn, Delaware.

**1990 – 1991**

District President Evelyn Spiering, St Thomas, the only Lioness to also serve as A-1 District Governor Rally Host Glencoe Pajama Party and Lions Governor Joe Madasci, Petrolia.

**1991 – 1992**

Lioness President of A-1 Carrol Vincent, Springfield. Rally Host Grand Bend with a Hawaiian theme. Lions Governor George Vary, Wheatley.

**1992 – 1993**

Lioness President Geri Vary, Wheatley. Rally Host London Central Olympics and Lions Governor Ken Werboweski, Strathroy.

**1993 – 1994**

Lioness President Rosemary Gough, Glencoe with Rally Hosted by Mount Brydges themed Tacky Tourist. Lions Governor Joe Elliott, Thorndale.

**1994 – 1995**

Lioness President Janet Payne, Dorchester. Delaware hosted the Rally. Lions Governor Walt Grieve, Hyde Park & District Lions.

**1995 – 1996**

Lioness President Pauline Patterson, South Windsor. Springfield Lioness hosted a BINGO rally. Lions Governor Bill Sasse, Glencoe & District

**1996 – 1997**

Lioness President Anna Giles, Glencoe & District. Rally Host London East themed Flapper / Charlie Chaplin MD “A” representation Joan O’Brien, Administrative Assistant. Lions Governor Rob Spiering, St Thomas. Laugh & Learn started in Kitchener – no theme.

**1997 – 1998**

Lioness President Henny Van Kessel, Arkona. Rally Host Windsor Downtown and the Jack & Jill 50’s Bash. MD “A” representation Joan O’Brien, Admin and Geri Vary, President. Lions Governor Pat Howe, Windsor Downtown. Laugh & Learn in Kingston, theme – medieval.

**1998 – 1999**

Lioness President Mary Watson-Grissom, Springfield. Rally Host Belmont with Henry the 8<sup>th</sup> theme. MD “A” representation Joan O’Brien, Admin. Lions Governor Mary Jane Gagnier, Harrow Colchester South. Laugh & Learn in Markham – theme 50’s.

**1999 – 2000**

Lioness President Sandy Nixon, Strathroy. Rally Host Port Stanley A Look Back at the Nifty 1900’s. MD “A” representation Joan O’Brien, Admin. Lions Governor Peter Geene, Delaware. Laugh & Learn in St Catharines – theme Black Tie.

**2000 – 2001**

Lioness President Rosemary Kennedy, Springfield. Aylmer Lioness hosted a Space Odyssey Rally. MD “A” representation Joan O’Brien, Admin and Anna Giles, President. Lions Governor Dennis Minor, Port Stanley. Also note that PDG Peter Geene was MD “A” Council Chair. No Laugh and Learn.

**2001 – 2002**

Lioness President Robbie Matthews, South Windsor. Rally Host Glencoe and the Teddy Bear Picnic. MD “A” representation Joan O’Brien, Admin. Lions Governor Dale Taylor, Lambeth. Laugh & Learn in London – theme Night at the Theatre.

**2002 – 2003**

Lioness President Jane Minor, Port Stanley. Rally Host South Windsor Lioness present Disney Dreams Extravaganza. Lions Governor Jacqui Tofflemire Flood, Essex. Laugh & Learn in Kitchener–Gathering of the Clan.

**2003 – 2004**

Lioness President Gayle Sylvestre, Stoney Point. Rally Host Grand Bend - I am Canadian, Eh? MD “A” representation Sandy Nixon, President and Lions Governor Fred Cross, Kingsville. Laugh & Learn in Toronto – theme Lioness Around The World

**2004 – 2005**

Lioness President Arla Walsh, London Central. Rally Host Mount Brydges Lioness Country Hoe-Down. MD “A” representation Rosemary Kennedy, Treasurer and Ev Crisp, President. Lions Governor Ray Adam, Harrow Colchester South. Laugh & Learn in Kingston – theme Twenties.

**2005 – 2006**

Lioness President Barb Innes Classen, Wyoming. Rally Host Wyoming Lioness Sock Hop. MD “A” representation Rosemary Kennedy, Treasurer and Lions Governor Bill Bissonnette, Bluewater. No Laugh and Learn.

**2006 – 2007**

Lioness President Minnie Crouch, Mt Brydges. Rally Host London East Rally of Hats, Scarves & Flowers MD “A” representation Anna Giles, Treasurer. Lions Governor Dave Balmos, Windsor Downtown. Laugh & Learn in St Catharines – Theme Mardi Gras.

**2007 – 2008**

Lioness President Peggy Runciman, Grand Bend. Rally Host South Windsor at the Ole Country Fair. MD “A” representation Anna Giles, Treasurer and Carrol Vincent, President. Lions Governor Mark Mahovich, Belle River. Laugh & Learn in London – theme Country.

**2008 – 2009**

PDP Janet Payne, Belmont as Chair as President Elect Catherine Newman deceased May 2007 prior to being inducted. Rally Host Aylmer with Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner? MD “A” representation Anna Giles, Admin. Lions Governor Don McKessock, Sarnia. Laugh & Learn in Markham – theme Tropical Paradise.

**2009 – 2010**

Lioness President Paula Bax, London East. Rally Host Belmont with the Olympics & Belmont’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. MD “A” representation Anna Giles, Admin. Lions Governor Ev Spiering, St Thomas. No Laugh and Learn.

**2010 – 2011**

Lioness President Martha Berze, Delaware. Rally Host Mt Brydges were Clowning Around. MD “A” representation Anna Giles, Admin. Lions Governor John Ross, Thorndale. Laugh & Learn in Owen Sound – Theme Under the Big Top.

**2011 – 2012**

Lioness President Ruby Hunter, Springfield. MD “A” representation Anna Giles, Admin. Lions Governor Steve Mahovich, Belle River. Laugh & Learn in London – Theme Pajama Party.

**2012 – 2013**

Lioness President Trudy Brown, Wheatley. Rally Host Port Stanley presented the Lioness Beach Bash MD “A” representation Anna Giles, Admin. Lions Governor Wayne Cudney, St Thomas. Laugh & Learn in Kingston – Theme follow the Yellow Brick Road.

**2013 – 2014**

Lioness President Joyce Leal, Belmont. MD “A” representation Anna Giles, Admin. Lions Governor Bob Tanner, Petrolia. Laugh and Learn in St Catharines – theme Christmas Past.



**2014 – 2015**

Lioness President Beth Ann Connors, Port Stanley. MD “A” representation Anna Giles, Admin & Marg Turon, A-15 (now in A-1), President. Lions Governor John Johnston, Belmont. Laugh & Learn in Barrie – theme Hillbilly Reunion

**2015 – 2016**

Lioness President Sherry Wismer, Port Stanley. Rally Host Springfield Lioness present It’s Snow Wonder. MD “A” representation Rosemary Kennedy, Admin. Lions Governor Mike Tuxford, Lucan. Laugh & Learn in London – theme Jukebox Memories – the 50’s and 60’s

**2016 – 2017**

Lioness President Deb McFarlan, Belmont. MD “A” representation Rosemary Kennedy, Admin. Lions Governor Eric Dolansky, Hyde Park. Laugh & Learn in Waterloo – theme The Wonderful World of Cartoons

**2017 – 2018**

Lioness President Nancy Wright, Wheatley. MD “A” representation Rosemary Kennedy, Admin. Lions Governor Joyce Mahovlich, Belle River. Laugh & Learn in Owen Sound – theme The Oscars

**2018 – 2019**

Lioness President Bev Filewood, Port Stanley. MD “A” representation Rosemary Kennedy, Admin. Lions Governor Mary Mahovlich, Belle River. Laugh & Learn in St Catharines – theme Canada 150+

**2019 – 2020 and 2020 – 2021**

Lioness President Kimberly Garside, Arkona. MD “A” representation Rosemary Kennedy, Admin. Lions Governor Barb Tuxford, Ailsa Craig & Dan Armstrong, Dorchester. 2019 – Laugh & Learn in Belleville – theme Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes. Yet to be held this November 2021 – Laugh & Learn in Oshawa – theme Sail Away with the Royal Lioness Cruise Lines.

The above timeline indicates the dedication of the A-1 Lioness to serve their District, their Lioness Clubs and their Communities and to work along side the A-1 Lions. The A-1 Lioness, over the past 40 years, have made donations to many, many organizations, too many to list, supporting many Lions projects as well as community projects. Since 2008 the A-1 Lioness, from all reports, have donated \$1.6 million to these various causes. Their outstanding service projects are numerous and many communities have benefited from their generosity and been a driving force to improve and make them a better place to live. Their fundraising activities were varied and unique. There was always fun to be had at Rallies, Laugh and Learn and just working along side one another at whatever function they were participating in.

An era has passed and now, the Lioness have decided the route their service will take, whether it be as a Lion, a Lioness Lion, a Swan or just a social club. The saddest part about LCI’s decision was that many clubs will be folding the end of June – the loss of these clubs and members will be felt not only by the communities but by all those they helped over the years and by those who knew them well and will miss them at meetings, functions, events, etc. As we mourn the passing of the Lioness Program into extinction, we look forward to a different future and hopefully, those friendships that we have made over the many years will remain and we will keep in touch, regardless of what path we have chosen.

God Bless All the Lioness– May your future be bright and may your outstanding service never be forgotten – you have made District A-1 and the world a better place for your presence.

## DISTRICT A-1

## DELAWARE LIONS CLUB DELAWARE LIONS-LIONESS CLUB BRANCH

*Submitted by PCST Lion Henry Vanderweyst Delaware Lions Club*

### Delaware Lions-Lioness – Form a Branch Club

Delaware Lioness opted to continue their Service in the Community as a Branch of the Delaware Lions Club! 18 Delaware Lioness form the Membership of the Delaware Lions-Lioness Club Branch and officially Serve as such starting on July 1, 2021!

Congratulations to all the Delaware Lioness for taking on the new title but know that we all appreciate your commitment to Serve as Lioness, as you have done here in Delaware since 1989!

Delaware Lions have appreciated the great support you have provided in working with us over the years and look to continue that close partnership as we go forward!

Special Congratulations to the Executive of the Lioness Branch Club, noting that Lioness Pat Jackson was the CHARTER President of the Delaware Lioness Club 1989-1990 and will be the CHARTER President of the Delaware Lions-Lioness Club Branch for 2021-2022. Her dedication and commitment to lead is a Family Trait here in Delaware – Her Father, the Late Lion Ross Jackson, served as the CHARTER President of the Delaware Lions Club – 1971-1972!!!

### District A-1 DELAWARE LIONESS CLUB

*Submitted by Lioness Donna McManus Delaware Lioness Club*



L-To-R Top Row to Bottom  
Irene Ducharme, Jo Ann Johnston, Wendy Cornelis,  
Sharon Beaumont  
Donna Potter, Chris Kopal, Monica Crowder, Betsy  
Hofsteede  
Pat Jackson, Ellen Whiting, Donna McManus, Nancy  
Ernewein  
Val Van Oosterhout, Krystal Caldwell, Bernadette  
Boersma, Anna Geene  
Christine Mann,  
Absent: Liz Paquet, Susan Boyd, Mary Vanos

During a global pandemic and the looming end to the Lioness era, the Delaware Lioness have consistently done what they do best-serve the community.

They have a rich history of working together with the Delaware Lions. This made the decision to seamlessly transition from the Delaware

Lioness club, to the Delaware Lions-Lioness Branch Club, a logical choice.

As the saying goes, we may not be able to direct the wind, but we can adjust our sails. Since July 2020, the Delaware Lioness have safely developed new skills and proven their resilience in the presence of real obstacles. These include a 50/50 online auction, Food Drive, Toy Drive, and Winter Coat Drive. These items went to local agencies and food banks for needy families. They also supported nursing home staff and residents along with local agencies in the distribution of gift cards, donated books, snacks and inspirational cards. The Delaware Lioness contributed to the betterment of the community during Earth Day and tirelessly, reached out to others to offer mental health support, sympathy cards and provide masks during the early stage of the pandemic. The Easter Bunny drive through the village two years in a row provided a pleasing alternative to the Easter Egg Hunt. Through the generosity of local businesses and citizens, they were able to raise funds and continue the

tradition of hanging the Christmas Lights and adorning the village with the beautiful flower baskets for the past two years.

#### PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Design of Lioness Pin-when club started

Golf Tournament-since 1999

Craft Show-since 1991

Delaware Christmas Lights 2000 and upgrade 2019

Flower Pots in the Village-several years

Built Ball Hockey Park- 2007

Easter Egg Hunt-since 1994

I think the words of Charter member Anna Geene says it best, “One of our accomplishments is that we have been part of making a Community that takes care of one another. A Community people want to live in and join in helping others in need.”

#### LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Pat Jackson, founding president of the Delaware Lioness Club, will be the first president of the new Delaware Lion-Lioness Branch Club. I think that is pretty cool. Nancy Ernewein will be the Vice-President and Donna Potter and Wendy Cornelis will be staying on as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Two other charter members, Christine Mann and Anna Geene, (who is also a Helen Keller award recipient) will be Branch club members as well. The remaining Life Member Award recipients Sharon Beaumont, Donna Potter, Irene Ducharme and Chris Kopal, will join them. Susan Boyd, Bernadette Boersma, Mary Vanos, (director in new club) Monica Crowder, (correspondence secretary in new club) Ellen Whiting, (immediate past president), Liz Paquet, Jo Ann Johnston (Facebook lead), Betsy Hofsteede (current Vice-President and Scratching Post editor) and Val Van Oosterhout (card correspondence) are all very talented and generous individuals who make up the remainder of the members who are going to form the branch club. I will be joining the Delaware Lions Club and Krystal Caldwell has offered to MC for future events. So for all intents and purposes, all 20 current members are remaining involved in Lionism at some level. The future looks very promising

In closing I just want to add, it takes both rain and shine to make a rainbow. I know the journey since we heard the news about the end of Lioness clubs has not been easy. I hope we can appreciate each other more. I wish all Lioness throughout the district, whatever path they take, much health and happiness personally and in the service to others.

Donna McManus

Delaware Lioness Club



#### **Delaware Lioness Service – Recent Clean-Up Activity – One of Many contributions!!**

On Earth Day, some Delaware Lioness and their families filled garbage bags to help beautify the town.

*Source: PURR A-1 LIONESS NEWSLETTER - Editor PDP Lioness Nancy Wright*



*Submitted by Lioness Sue Nemett Post Stanley Lioness Lions Club*

## Port Stanley Lioness – Service & Donation

Lions Club of Port Stanley Lioness are refreshing the gardens at Lions Landing in Port Stanley as part of their Service projects for May.

This garden encircles the Lions' Memorial Stones. We have several more gardens to work on in the next few weeks.



L-to-R Lioness Holly Winton, Sharron Russell, Sandy Marr, Elaine Skinner, Mary Lou

Donation of \$800 made by the Lions Club of Port Stanley Lioness to the Inn Out of the Cold in St Thomas. This donation was made possible through the support of OLG Jackpot City St Thomas.



L-To-R Lioness Dorothy Cook , Lori Fitzgerald, Executive Director of the Inn and Lioness Sharon Larmour.

## DISTRICT A-1

## WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

by Lion Michelle Mundy

### Hey Lions - DID YOU KNOW?

#### Fun Facts about our District A-1 Website

- On average, 2500 people a month visit our District A-1 website
- On average 103 people a month look at our directory online - did you know our directory was updated 15 times after it was published?
- On average 84 people a month read our District A-1 Newsletter online, there are 9 newsletters posted thus far.
- On average 44 people per month look at 'Projects' page on our website
- Most people find our District A-1 website through google search & others through the MDA website directing them to us.

Please consider adding a link to the District A-1 page on to your club's website.

#### Did you know?

Our District A-1 website is <https://www.districta1lions.com/>

Our District A-1 Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/DistrictA1LionsClubs>

Lions of Canada has a website? <https://www.lionscanada.ca>

Lions of Canada have a Facebook page, I encourage you to share your service stories and activities here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/200806093380365>

PLUS..... I encourage everyone to visit the Lions Club International website, there is so much to see, so many learning opportunities, courses, webinars, stories, templates, ideas and inspiration. <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en>

Have a ROARING great day,  
Lion Michelle Mundy  
District A-1  
Website/Social Media Chair



### Lions Camp Dorset Report

Greetings Fellow Lions

As I write this, it's a sunny warm day and hopefully the start of a great summer.

I would like to send a big Thanks to our generous Lions clubs for the support they've shown Lions Camp Dorset. This special place is such a wonderful 'vacation' spot while still being able to receive dialysis treatment. We have our fingers crossed that the camp can open next year and the 'campers' can enjoy a well-deserved break.

Our Lions clubs have always been generous and we are very grateful for this. Please ask me about recognition for your donations (such as the Honourary Life Directorships for every \$100 collected)

Hoping for a Beautiful 2021 Summer!!!

Lion Murray Sutherland ([msutherland3@cogeco.ca](mailto:msutherland3@cogeco.ca))

Lions Camp Dorset District A-1 Chair



**Belle River Lions – SERVE!! –**

Belle River Lions Club Helping out a client - A lift was donated to the Belle River Lions Club. In the picture(s) is Lion President Steve Mahovlich and Lion Adrian Diesbourg are getting the lift ready to move to a client.

Missing from the picture Lions Mark Mahovlich, Mark Jubenville and his son Joe Jubenville. As soon as the lift was donated, another client in need of the lift in Belle River was found within 48 hours. The Lions just had to remove it from the person's house donating the lift. Lions in action once again helping with much needed medical equipment in the Belle River community.





## Chatham Lions – Serving Special Programs!

Lorea and Rudy Boogerman took part in the Day of Service .

Dog beds delivered to Chatham-Kent P.A.W.

Lions Lorea and Rudy Boogerman of the Chatham Lions Club deliver a dozen dog beds to the Chatham-Kent P.A.W. (Pet and Wildlife Rescue) to celebrate a 'Day of Service' campaign in honour of PDG Chris Lewis (Of the Gravenhurst Lions - District A-12).



Usually held on May 1, the campaign was delayed to May 15 due to Co-Vid restrictions.

The material for the dog beds was donated by the Woodstock-Oxford Branch of Victoria's Quilts Canada – a Canadian organization of volunteers who make and donate lap quilts free of charge to cancer patients, helping them keep warm during their recovery from cancer treatments. Lion Lorea accepted the donation of scrap, unusable material and repurposed them for use in the dog beds. The dog beds, pending availability, are provided to every dog that is adopted by foster parents.



## Chatham Lions Club – Donate \$1000 To Chatham-Kent Hike for Hospice



Lions Mary Symons and Life Member Aldo Gonzalez present the Club's \$1 000 donation to the Chatham - Kent Hike For Hospice fundraiser. Our donation qualified as an Adventurer Sponsor.

Chatham Lions Club, along with a few other Lions Clubs in the Zone began supporting the Hospice as a Zone project when it opened in 2016. The Chatham Club has been supporting the Hospice with a significant donation each year as well as participation by members in the annual "Hike for Hospice".





HYDE PARK and DISTRICT LIONS CLUB



PRESENTS ITS FIRST  
ANNUAL

# Community Yard Sale



**Sherwood Forest Mall**

**Parking lot**

**Saturday, July 17**

**10am - 4pm**

**Donations may be dropped off @ Sherwood Forest Mall**

**Saturday and Sunday July 3 ,4**

**Saturday and Sunday July 10, 11**

**10AM-12PM**

PLEASE NO mattresses,  
large appliances or large furniture

**Event Contact: Lion Walter 226-377-8917**

All Covid safety measures will  
be in place.



Hearing Aid  
Recycling

Bring your gently used eye  
glasses and hearing aids  
and receive a HYDE PARK  
and DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Dollar towards any  
purchase at the Yard Sale

**ALL  
PROCEEDS GO  
BACK INTO  
OUR  
COMMUNITY**



## Lambeth Lions - Supporting our Veterans

Our club has entered into a licencing agreement with the Royal Canadian Legion, Dominion Command, to sell and distribute Poppy lawn signs. We have further negotiated an arrangement whereby the profits will go to the various Poppy Trusts in the local Legion branches and not to Central Command in Ottawa. The idea was put forward to the club by member Lions Gary Martins and Dave Mitchell when it was learned that last year's Poppy drive fell short of expectations because of Covid.



Each plastic poppy sign is approximately 12 inches in size mounted on a 24 inch stick.

So far ten other Lions clubs and one Lioness club in Southwestern Ontario have joined the initiative, with three others currently considering their participation. All profits from their campaigns will go to their local Legion Branch Poppy trust fund.

For further information you can contact:

Lion Gary at  
[ghmart8@gmail.com](mailto:ghmart8@gmail.com)

or Lion Dave at  
[damit.t.183@gmail.com](mailto:damit.t.183@gmail.com) .



**Lambeth Lions Club plan to help our Veterans by covering London and the surrounding areas with a sea of red Poppies\*.**




\*The Poppy Design is a registered trademark of The Royal Canadian Legion, Dominion Command and is used under license.\*

Qty	Price
1	\$10
3	\$25
6	\$50
12	\$100
24	\$200
36	\$300
120	\$1000

**Prices are as follows:**

Please help and honour our Veterans by placing your order as soon as possible so that we may have as many Poppies displayed during the 2021 Remembrance period as we can.

Orders must be paid in advance as the Lions Club have to pay the manufacturer of the signs when ordered.

**For ordering information contact:**  
 Gary Martins 519-472-2124 email: [ghmart8@gmail.com](mailto:ghmart8@gmail.com)  
 Dave Mitchell 519-619-2313 email: [damit.t.183@gmail.com](mailto:damit.t.183@gmail.com)

Expected delivery to start Oct. 1st.



## DISTRICT A-1

## LEAMINGTON LIONS CLUB

*Submitted by Lion Candy Westlake Leamington Lions Club*

### Leamington Lions – SERVE & DONATE

Donated \$500. To the Leamington Arts Centre.

Membership:

40 Year Chevrons went to Lions David Dillon, Brian Collins and Paul Burnett-Jones.

10 Year Chevron to Lion Ron Haley who passed away earlier this year.

Congrats to all!

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## DISTRICT A-1

## PETROLIA LIONS CLUB

*Submitted by Lion Bill Fell Petrolia Lions Club*

### Petrolia Lions – Serving Fellow Lion's Family Member

The Petrolia Lions purchased a used stair lift and installed it for a wife of a very active Lions member. By doing this our fellow Lion is able to move his wife safely up and down from the living room to the outside door.

In the photo installing the lift are Lion Walt Richter at the bottom of the lift, Lion Andy Hart operating the lift and giving operating instructions to Lion Jake Powell. Lion Bill Fell behind the camera! Total cost around \$300.00. Total Lion Hrs. 20.



**St. Thomas Lions – Donations**

Lion President Rob Neill of the St. Thomas Lions Club presented a cheque to Executive Director Lori Fitzgerald of Inn Out of the Cold in support of their new site opening later this year on Princess Avenue, St. Thomas. This donation was made possible thanks to OLG funds raised through our partnership with Jackpot City Gaming St. Thomas.



Port Stanley Lions donate \$2,000.00 to Central Elgin Collegiate Institute towards their Outdoor Classroom.



## Strathroy-Caradoc Lions – Service to Community

The Club decided to help in the area for cleanup. Well, we live in a community that if you find litter you are encouraged to pick it up. Which we all do but just a few yards away. Well, that is not the same - just the opposite! So we took our bucket and bags and headed out and we were only out an hour and got three large bags full and then gave up due to heat and forgot water. So be grateful where you live!!



***Lion Sharon***

*Strathroy-Caradoc Lions  
Community Service Day*



***Lion John***



***Lion Mary***

PICCOLLAGE



## LINK TO AUCTION

[32auctions.com/sclions2021](https://32auctions.com/sclions2021)



**START**

16 July 2021

01:00 PM EDT



**ENDS**

26 July 2021

07:00 PM EDT

### About Our Auction

#### STRATHROY CARADOC LIONS FUNDRAISING FOR FRANK ST. YOUTH CENTRE STRATHROY

All proceeds are to be donated to 37 Frank Coffee House / Refuge Drop in Centre.

We believe that all youth deserve to have a place to be safe, to be accepted, to belong, to be themselves, to know that they are awesome in who they are and that they are not alone. This is why 37 Frank has become an incredible blessing as they have been able to give our youth such a place!

Learning the basics of life, like doing laundry, cooking, shopping, money skills etc.

Conversations can happen over a cup of coffee and a sense of genuine community, trust, and care can be created. This enables them to help young people with anything from problems at school, to a family crisis, and, if necessary, connect them with an agency that can provide specialized care.

37 FRANK, also functions as a refuge during the day to help homeless, at risk, and impoverished youth. At the refuge we provide warmth, food, toiletries, clothing, showers, and laundry.

- All payments to be made by etransfer prior to pick up or cash at time of pick up.
- Pick up at 15 Centre St Fraternal Hall, Strathroy, On
- July 29th and 30th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

"WE SERVE"

[www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/strathroycaradoc](http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/strathroycaradoc)

