

Lions Clubs International – District A-1

District A-1 Lions Newsletter



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Message from our District Governor Lion Sydney MacLean

New Portal

April 11th is the last day that MyLCI and MyLion will be available. Starting April 15th, the new Lions Portal will start to roll out. It will take some time until everyone has access, so if you have service or new members to report, please enter that in advance to avoid any potential delays. Please reach out to your district team if there are any questions.

Survey

Our 49th District Convention was March 22-24. I hope that everyone had fun and maybe learned a few new things. The convention committee has put together a survey as we would like to hear from you if you had any ideas of what you would like to see at conventions in the future. So far, we have had a great response. Thank you!

Charter Anniversaries

Each year, we recognize milestone charter anniversaries of clubs in our District. This Lions year, July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, congratulations and thank you for your service to the following clubs:

Lucan District Lions, 75 years
Wheatley Lions, 75 years
Chatham Lions, 75 years
Dorchester and District Lions, 70 years
Ilderton and District Lions, 70 years
Parkhill Lions, 85 years
Strathroy Lions, 100 years
Tilbury Lions, 90 years

Keep up the great work A-1!

Sydney



*From 1st Vice District Governor
Lion Keith Ryan*



What a great couple of months Lions have had throughout our District. From Pasta Dinners, Social Nights and we can't forget the breakfast – a Lions favorite fundraiser for sure. We have also seen an increase in membership – AWESOME! As we go into our last quarter of this Lions year, let's keep the momentum going and help increase our membership, without Mission 1.5 goals!

Thank you to all of those who came to the convention, a groovy time for sure. Everything from the Lions Feud, Hippy Parade, Speed learning and we can't forget the Hospitality rooms. Thanks to all the clubs who hosted one. Thanks to a special group of younger Lions who kept the energy up for the evening. I am sure it may have been quite a drive home. Our Leos collected over 160 pairs of shoes for Soles for Souls and LCIF raised over \$2100. Thank you for everyone's support.

Remember that club elections are coming up and will need to be input into the Lions Portal before May15th. We have our Club Officer training schedule on June 8th in Wyoming from 9am-3pm. Be sure to watch for an email about this. We also have scheduled Zone and Region Chair training for May 1th in Petrolia. If you are interest in learning more about these positions but currently a zone or region chair, please let me know and we will make sure you are added to the list.

Thank you to the Lions of District A1 for having the confidence in me to lead the District through our 2024-2025 Lions year. Thank you for recognizing me with International Presidents Appreciations; I totally wasn't expecting it and honoured that I received it! I'm looking forward to leading our District with our global causes and our Lions Foundations. It is because these programs, we can help those in need, Let's keep this in mind as set out budgets and goals for the next Lions year.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Keith Ryan

DGE District A1 Lions



*From 2nd Vice District Governor
Lion Darlene Snyders*



Looks like spring is just around the corner! And so is the District A-1 Convention, Feelin' Groovy. The committee has worked so hard to make this a different from expected convention. Of course, we have to stay with protocol and hold certain events. However, they are having a lot of fun with the theme. They are encouraging attendees to bring out their inner Hippie and dress up. There will be a parade and the attendees will vote on their favourite costume. Please support the committee by dressing up and being part of their hard work planning this fun event. They are also having Speed Learning. They hope you take full advantage of this event. It has been done at other events and has gotten nothing but positive reviews. Also, for the competitive types, they are hosting a Lions Feud. This is an opportunity to work as a team and have some fun! So, I hope to see you all there. Oh yes and there will be 3 hospitality suites on the Friday night for your enjoyment as well. Who know there may be a little Jimmy Buffet and Margaritaville happening.

I hope you have all had an opportunity to get your nominations for your new executives in place. Remember to encourage and support, not tear down. Change is good, even if we don't like it. Lions will only continue to do the great work in their communities, if they work together, pick each other up and dust each other off, when we falter. I look forward to working with the new executives in our Clubs. We are doing a great job getting new members. Please remember signing them up is not the only thing that matters. We have to look at retention. Utilize each members strengths and experiences no matter how long they have been a member. Everyone comes with a vault full of skills and knowledge.

I want to take this time to thank all those who supported me this year in my role as Second Vice District Governor. Your words of encouragement, advice and smiles made this a wonderful experience. Did I ever think I would be on Cabinet? NO! But some Lions believed in me and encouraged me to go farther. Because of their encouragement and support, I am having the time of my life! I have learned so much beyond the club level. I believed in Lions before, but now even more. I will toot the Lions horn whenever I can. I have built some amazing friendships that will stay with me for the rest of my life. I would encourage any Lion to step up for a cabinet position, just to see how Lions affects not just our communities, but our world. If you are considering a position, please reach out. I would be more than happy to answer any questions you have, or mentor you along the way. I would love to pay it forward! I am so looking forward to serving you all as your First Vice District Governor.

Respectfully yours in Lionism

Lion Darlene Snyders, SVDG



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Regional Chair 24

**District A-1
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*The new **District A-1 Directory 2023-2024** is available now for download from the District A-1 web site. The password is 'weserve'.*

Please check that your info is correct.

Email Cabinet Secretary Lion Rosey with any changes at a1cabsec@gmail.com

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

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

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Message from the DG Newsletter Editors



Dear fellow Lions,

Lion Wayne and I hope you will enjoy this April issue of our District Newsletter.

Thank you to all the clubs and individual Lions for all your submissions. We, as always, were very pleased with them!

The next issue will be our June issue. Please send us your news; preferably "as it happens" so we can work on it at a bit more leisurely pace as it comes in. And please send your submissions to lionchristine@rogers.com.

Lions Wayne Morrison and Christine Aben

A message from Lion Henry VanderWeyst (Delaware Lions Club)

A few years ago I was researching some details for the Lioness Club, upon my request several Lions were kind enough to help by giving me some Hardcopy District A-1 Directories (adding to my collection)!

So I have a collection of most Hardcopy District A-1 Directories from 1984 through to 2021:

Don't know if anyone in the District is interested for archiving or researching and might be interested in having the Directories??

Just wondering if you could put a short note into the next DG Newsletter -- letting Lions In District A-1 know that I have them and any Lion would be welcome to get them from me!

District A-1 Directories (Hardcopies) 1984 through to 2021 (Missing 1986-87 & 2007-08!)

Contact: Lion Henry Vanderweyst - lionhenry@bell.net, phone: 519-652-3738

Next District A-1 Newsletter

Deadline for submissions: May 26 2024

Publish date: June 1 2024

Check out our District's Projects here:

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



We Remember Those Who Served



Passing of A12 PDG Peter McCague 2007-2008

From his daughter Jennifer

To our Lions Family,

We lost Lion Peter last evening.

My father was an incredible person. He was not only the best role model, but he volunteered in his free time. See my dad wasn't okay with only being a wonderful father, but he also wanted to give back to the world and help others. I cherish the memories I have with my father and know he is smiling down on all of us. I feel so grateful to have had as much time with my father as I did. I miss him so much already and I will forever remember having the most incredible Dad. His generous spirit and gift of service will live on in all that knew and loved him.

NO FUNERAL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. Will pass them on when received.

It is with a heavy heart and great sadness that I let you know, Lion John Vermeulen passed away last night. Lion John joined the Strathroy Lions in 1985, with 39 years of service and was sponsored by Lion Phil Jackson. He held many different offices in the club including Club President in 2010-2011. John was key member of the club sitting on several committees and most of the time doing all of the behind scenes computer work. He was key member on the rebuilding of the Lions hall and spent countless hours making sure it was maintained. Lion John had a passion for the International Youth Exchange and making sure the community of Strathroy had what they needed.

At this time there, we are unsure of funeral arrangements, however I will keep the club informed as I hear anything.

Thanks,

Lion Keith Ryan

DISTRICT A-1 LIONS CLUBS BY ZONE

38 clubs

Zone 1

Belle River Lions Club
Lighthouse Cove & District Lions Club
Stoney Point 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

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
Hyde Park Leos

The District A-1 Directory has details



Greetings fellow Lions! There will be an info table at the upcoming convention for Lions Camp Dorset. I'm looking to have a raffle of a gift basket to raise funds for the request from Lions Camp Dorset for Gator seats replacement.

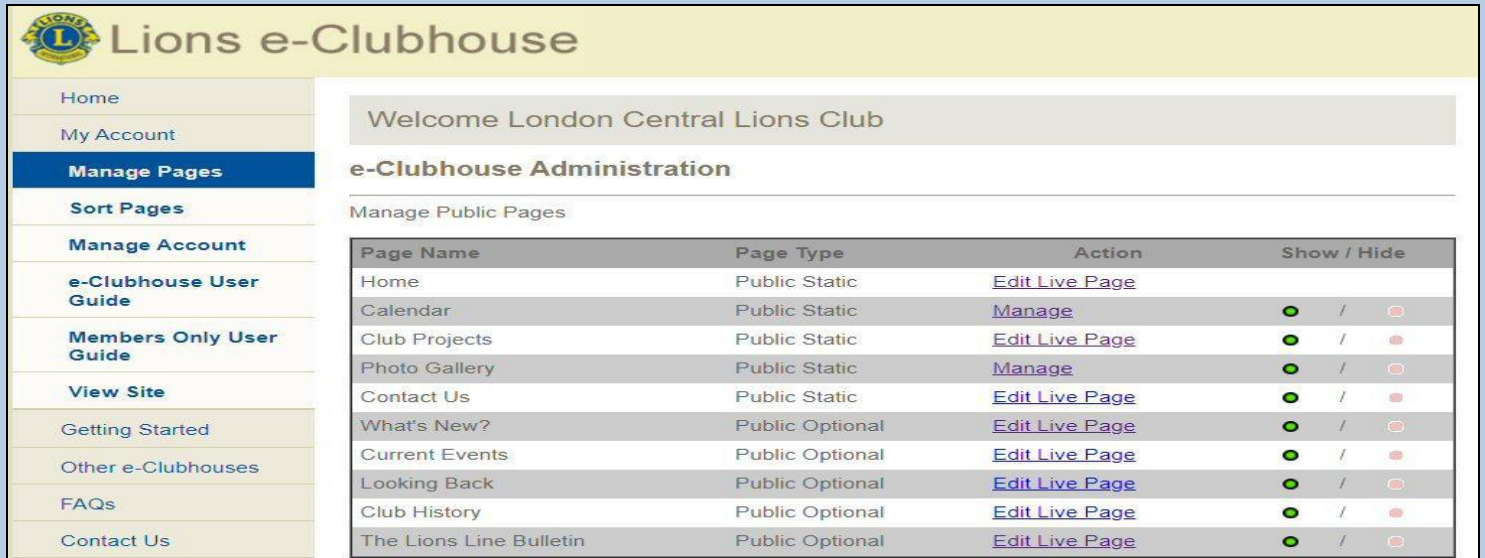
I would be truly grateful if a club or individual could donate a gift basket for this. I can be reached at msutherland3@cogeco.ca or 519-336-tt56

Thanks in advance for considering this request

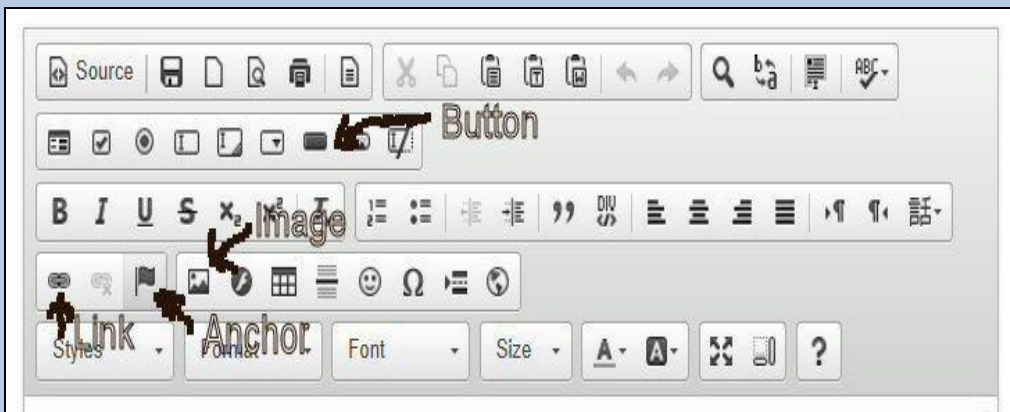
Lion Murray Sutherland
Lions Camp Dorset Chair District A1

E-Clubhouse Nook –What Next?

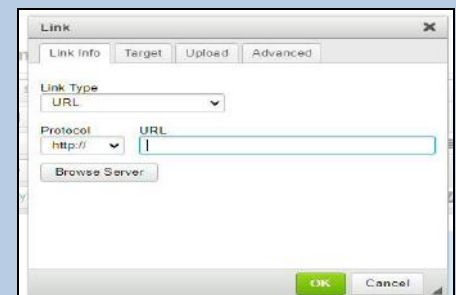
If I still have your interest in working with the E-Clubhouse system, I would like to show you how to use some of its features comfortably. I felt that I had to be careful last time to keep from intimidating potential new users . The first image below is what you see when you first login to the website



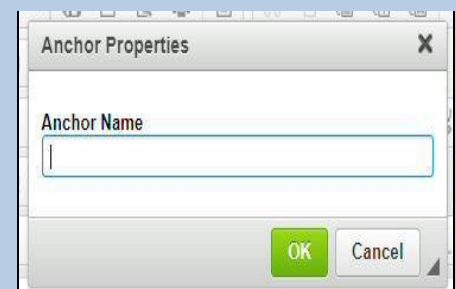
Main E-Clubhouse Menu



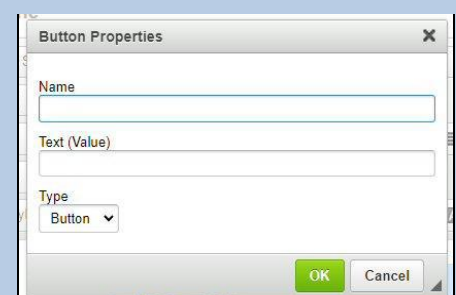
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Anchor Properties Sub Menu



Button Properties Sub Menu



The master menu at the top allows you to choose which page you wish to work with and the main menu allows you to select the tools to get the job done. The link anchor and button sub menus work in a very similar way to the image sub menu you were using last time. When you want to put a link somewhere on one of your pages you should first assign an anchor for it so that when users are accessing your site the link will stay in the expected area of your webpage. The link submenu allows you to both upload your document and assign information like titling.

The Button submenu allows you to assign a clickable and nameable button to your link. You can also assign an image for clicking on through its submenu



Belle River Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Joyce Mahovlich



Picture Left :On Thursday, February 1st, our club presented a donation to Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Here in the picture is Lion Joyce Mahovlich, Club Secretary, Jeff Mailloux, Sleep in Heavenly Peace Director and Lion President Tom Trotechaud. The organization's efforts are a 100% volunteer based and donation-based charity. SHP is a registered Canadian Charity on a mission to end the international problem of "Child Bedlessness." Their research shows that between 2% to 3% of all children do not sleep in their own bed. In the Windsor Essex County, there are 195,000 children and out of that population at least 1,900 children are bed less in our community. This organization believes that with food, shelter and clothing being the three necessities of life, a bed falls into the category of shelter as a basic need for the proper physical, emotional and mental support of a child and sleep it helps them prepare to take on the challenges of each day. Since July 2021, the group has built 482 beds and delivered almost all of them which means that same amount of children are no longer sleeping on the floor. With the value of a delivered bed is \$450 (includes bed frame, mattress, sheet set, pillow and comforter) that equates to an investment of \$193,500 of beds into needy homes within Essex County. The organization is the only one in the Province of Ontario so far. They have received requests from Chatham, Ontario but have not been able to supply the necessary beds. The single beds are built for children between the ages of 2 to 17. The Windsor chapter is hopeful that other communities in Ontario will contact them so they can start a group in their area.

Picture Right: On Feb. 1, 2024, the Belle River Lions Club invited the Lakeshore Leo Club to their dinner meeting. The Leo Club at this meeting also presented their donation to Sleep in Heavenly Peace (proceeds from the annual Craft & Bake Sale). Left to Right: Lion Joyce Mahovlich, Jeff Mailloux (Sleep in Heavenly Peace), Lion Mary Mahovlich, Leo Advisor, Leo Karyna Ducharme, Leo Brady Mercier, Leo Tambre Alford, Leo in waiting Elle Tellier & President Tom Trotechaud.



Belle River Lions Club



Submitted by Lion Joyce Mahovlich



Above: Some of us visited the Windsor Club on Feb. 7th! Here is Lion Val Burningham and Lion Joyce Mahovlich advertising their two clubs Pasta Fund Raisers – Belle River Lions Club was on March 2nd, Windsor Lions Club was on March 9th! The picture is known as the “Pasta Queens!”



Bottom: On February 7th, Zone 1 Chair Debbie Lemire made her official visit to the Windsor Lions Club. Left to right: Lion Dave Balmos, Treasurer, Lion Jim Rigney, President, Zone 1 Chair Debbie Lemire, Lion Ron Devos, Secretary & Lion Annie Rigney, 1st Vice President.



Middle: On February 7th, 9 members of our club assisted Zone 1 Chair Debbie Lemire with her official visit to the Windsor Lions Club. Left to right: Lions Steve Mahovlich, Mark Mahovlich, Zone 1 Chair Debbie Lemire, Tyler Dozois, Mike Bural, Daria Matheson, Bob Percy, President Tom Trotechaud, Pat Beaulieu & Joyce Mahovlich.



Belle River Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Joyce Mahovlich



Top Right: The Belle River Lions Club Pasta Fund Raiser on March 2nd was a huge success! The entertainment was provided by the Essex Kent Bluegrass Club.

Bottom Left: At the Lions International Trading Pin Club in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on March 15, 2024, Lion Joyce was presented the William A. Smith Fellow award for all of her work in Literacy.

Top Left: Convention District A-1 walking in of the Belle River Lions Club banner by Zone 1 Chair Debbie Lemire and Past President Tyler Dozois.

Top Middle: Zone 1 Chair Debbie Lemire declaring that she was running for Zone 1 Chair for the Lion's Year 2024 to 2025 at Friday Night's Opening Ceremonies.



Delaware Lions Club



Submitted by Joyce Feher and Nancy Ernewein



Welcome to spring in Delaware!!! It's a busy time for our Lioness group as the next few weeks have multiple events coming up. We start off with our very popular Easter Egg Hunt on Mar. 30 for the little ones in our community. Lioness will be gathering prior to that to get those bright plastic Easter eggs stuffed. We have a "must visit" with the Melbourne Lions club at the end of March. Mid April brings us to Strathroy for a Zone Project presentation for the new MRI machine for Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital. Our busiest week begins on April 20th when we will be assisting the Lions with their annual Fish Fry evening. April 22 is Earth Day where lioness will be cleaning debris in various village locations before joining the Lions in the evening for dinner as they have their "must visit" with us. An event that has long been in planning takes place on April 24 as the Lioness host an evening called Vulnerable Innocence which focuses on internet safety for children. We are hoping that widespread publicity makes this a well attended event as this is such an important topic.

Whewwwwwww.....busy Lioness!!!

Lioness Joyce Feher



Dorchester & District Lions Club













Lion Tanya Lion Bob Lion Robert Lion Paula
Our 4 newest members, welcome to the Dorchester Lions Club.

Dorchester Lions Club









Lion Tanya Lion Bob Lion Robert Lion Paula
Our 4 newest members, welcome to the Dorchester Lions Club.

Dorchester Lions Club

A couple of photos of our new member induction held at Tuesday's 12 March meeting.





Lion Tanya Lion Bob Lion Robert Lion Paula
Our 4 newest members, welcome to the Dorchester Lions Club.

Dorchester Lions Club







Lion Tanya Lion Bob Lion Robert Lion Paula
Our 4 newest members, welcome to the Dorchester Lions Club.

Dorchester Lions Club



Glencoe District Lions Club

Source: Facebook



Smiles were in abundance at March 5th's Glencoe District Lions Club bingo! Not only were players smiling with the great evening of fun but some will even walk out with a variety of cuts of meat. The award for the biggest smile of the night goes to Nikki Clark, president of the Glencoe Skating Club, who was presented with a \$700 cheque by Lion Doug Reycraft before the games began. This is another example of Lions giving back...and we couldn't do it without the support of our community. It was a great night for all.



London Central Lions Club



London Central Lions



Present



COLOUR THE NIGHT GOLD FOR YOU*

All Proceeds go to Youth Opportunities Unlimited*

Come and enjoy a 4-course dinner, music, live and silent auctions,
door prizes and more.

Canadian singer- songwriter Leanne Mayer, will entertain.



Saturday April 27, 2024

At

Portuguese Club of London, 184 Falcon St
Doors Open At 5pm Dinner at 6pm

Tickets \$55 per person,
available until April 19th, 2024

For more information
Text or call 226-377-4709
Email: catherine.dallas@gmail.com

For etransfer payment: loncentralfundraising@gmail.com
Include your name, # of tickets and contact information

Frequently Asked Questions

Receipts?

- Charitable Donation receipts can be issued on request, to individuals only by Y.O.U. (not Lions)
- Businesses can request a Business Acknowledgement Receipt from Y.O.U.
- If Lions get either of these requests, please advise Catherine Dallas, the Fundraising Committee Chair, and she will contact the donor for any information needed by Y.O.U.

Use of Funds Raised?

Funds stay in London & area. If the individual has internet access, check out Y.O.U.'s website – but if not:

- Temporary Shelter for up to 30 youth (15-30)
- Y.O.U. Centres – provide support for basic needs
- Housing – Assists to locate and maintain suitable housing
- 340 Project- 6 residential units for youth who have “aged out” of foster care but still need housing with a 24/7 Youth Support Worker
- Career Services – Counselling, training and other supports, e.g. Job Board
- Enterprise Services- Y.O.U. operates 5 social enterprises (e.g. YOU Café) with hands on training and employment supports
- Integrated Service Development – support to employers and youth during the first year of employment

Why the price?

The per meal cost and use of the Portuguese Club make up over 90% of the ticket price. Attendees also get a chance to win prizes and bid for other items and services – usually at a big saving – and enjoy an evening out that benefits them and the community. Lions are reimbursed ONLY for expenses related directly to the event, but get no other funds raised, as we are a self-funded community (and international) organization.

Why can't I just buy at the door on the night of the event?

The Portuguese Club needs to know at least a week ahead, how many meals are needed, which helps to decide how many tables to set up. Also, by-laws limit the number of people who can be in the room.

How to buy a ticket online?

Contact a London Central member or the Fundraising Chair to tell us how many tickets you need. We deliver in person so we need to know where we can drop them off. Then send an e-transfer for the number of tickets you need (\$55 X #) to: loncentralfundraising@gmail.com



London Central Lions Club



Submitted by Lion Joanne Lystar



A group of Lions cooked pancakes & sausages at St. Aidan's Anglican Church on Shrove Tuesday. We enjoyed helping the church school children who served the pancakes and those involved had an enjoyable time.

"Old age comes at a bad time." –
San Banducci





London Central Lions Club



Left and below right:

On Thursday evening 2nd VDG Darlene Snyders inducted two Lions into our tribe. Welcome, Lions Andrew and Damitha!

The plan is to induct more new Lions at the April dinner meeting.



Below: Our second Easter Egg Hunt held on Friday March 30 at Lorne Ave Park





Mount Brydges Lions Club



Five Mt. Brydges Lions were recognized with long service awards from LCI. I have attached the group photo of four members as one member was absent. From left to right, we have Lion Frank Kovacs - 60 years as a Lion. Next to Lion Frank is Lion Peter Evans - 40 years as a Lion. Next is Lion Ted Sinclair - 40 years as a Lion. On the right is Lion George Whitney - 40 years as a Lion. Absent was Lion Cyril Mayo - 15 years as a Lion.
Congratulations to all!



Petrolia Lions Club



Submitted by Lion Bill Fell



PETROLIA LIONS
Lions Effective Speaking Contest
We Invite All Students to Participate

This contest is well established and serves to provide students and opportunity to develop public speaking skills; to participate in a meaningful educational experience; and to increase person self-confidence.

Petrolia Lions Club Date - March 24th, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.
Junior - Grades 4 -6
Intermediate - Grades 7 - 9
Senior - Grades 10 - 12
Each Category has an English and French component

District Contest will be held in Thorndale April 14, 2024
Finals will be held in St. Catharines May 24 - 25, 2024
For further information please contact
Lion Carol Stankevich
519 381-4154
cslstankevich@hotmail.ca





Petrolia Lions Club



Submitted by Lion Bill Fell



From your editor: Hopefully everyone recognizes these photos. 😊
The Petrolia Lions have been VERY busy!



Petrolia Lions Club



Submitted by Lion Bill Fell



Left: Zone 6 Chair Peter inducts two new Petrolia Lions Members. Mike Wongkee and Will Aliston



Right: Lion Heather presented a \$250. cheque for the Black Top League-Handicapped baseball. Accepting the cheque from the "Town" are Larissa and Julie



Above: Petrolia Lions newest 1/2 century member Lion Doug Dew!

Below: Petrolia Lions Ann & Marlene present a \$1,000.00 cheque to Deb Pitel. for suicide prevention





Poplar Hill & District Lions Club



Submitted by Ian MacDonald

Poplar Hill Lions Club – A Boy Named Marty

by Richard Castle & Ian MacDonald – Poplar Hill & District Lions Club members

Almost four years ago, Marty Ferreira, at age 11, was an active boy playing games outside his home in Poplar Hill, until one night he suddenly woke up sick with a debilitating headache. He was taken to London Health Sciences Centre Children's Hospital, where a scan revealed a parent's worst nightmare, Marty had a brain tumour.

Within days Marty bravely underwent brain surgery and had most, but not all, of this cancerous tumor removed. His journey to recovery was only just beginning. A second brain surgery was performed, and after he recovered, he was scheduled to head to Boston for two months of radiation treatment, five days a week, followed by chemotherapy upon his return.

Naturally, there were immense costs to his two-month stay in Boston. Fortunately, the spirit of our wonderful community of Poplar Hill was there to help this brave boy and his family.

We heard about Marty from another member of the Poplar Hill & District Lions Club, Carey Thody, who knew the family. Together, along with other club members, we started a bottle drive to help cover the costs of Marty's stay in Boston. Although Shannon Cushman, a friend of Marty's mother, was officially running the fundraisers and a GoFundMe page, members of the club played a major role in advertising, directing donations and organizing the bottle drive.

Along with the proceeds of the bottle drive, and \$2,000 raised by a sausage BBQ hosted by the Poplar Hill Lions, the whole fundraiser exceeded its goal of \$25,000 to cover the costs of the trip to Boston for Marty.

At the time of his surgery and radiation therapy, predictions were that he would never walk again. Marty, who turned 15 this past December, is in grade nine at Holy Cross High School in Strathroy, is now walking with some assistance and has a walker at home. He is going to Toronto this month for more physiotherapy and is expected to be there for a month.

All of us at the Poplar Hill & District Lions Club are very happy that we could be part of Marty's journey to recovery, and we would like to thank all those in the community who responded to our fundraising and helped us reach our goal.

The Poplar Hill & District Lions Club is now organizing a fundraising event in the spring for a wheelchair swing for the park. Follow us on Facebook for updates on this and other events.

www.facebook.com/phlionsclub/events/



Poplar Hill & District Lions Club



Submitted by Ian MacDonald





Poplar Hill & District Lions Club



Submitted by Ian MacDonald



"At age 20, we worry about what others think of us... at age 40, we don't care what they think of us... at age 60, we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all." - Ann Landers



Lions Club of Port Stanley Lioness



In 2023 the Lions Club of Port Stanley Lioness worked 32 bingos, 128 hours of service, to raise \$35,719 to support our communities charities, non profit groups and Lions functions and activities. We could not provide this level of donation and support without Jackpot Times bingo hall.



For the month of February our members are selling Turkey and apple pies. There is a challenge set to see which pie is most popular and which member can sell the most pies.

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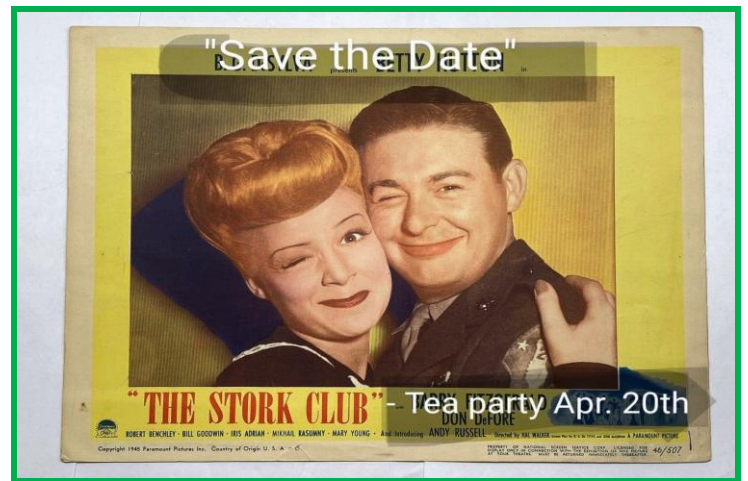
Lions Club of Port Stanley Lioness



Submitted by Sharon Larmour



The Lions club of Port Stanley Lioness is a participating club in the OLG bingo hall Jackpot Times. On February 20, 2024 Jackpot times celebrated that to date there has been 16 million dollars raised for participating charities to use to support important charitable causes in our communities and in our Lions work and activity.



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One of the fun activities our Lioness have been doing this year are mystery tours for the members. It gives members time to enjoy each other's company outside of meetings and fund raising activities. Lion Dona Morgan coordinates and organizes the mystery tour and activity. On February 24th club members took part in indoor mini golf and a visit over coffee. Lion Gwen Vanderheyden got a hole in one on #18.



Thorndale Lions Club



Source: Facebook



Another fun Easter Bingo. Congratulations to the 50/50 winner, who took home just under \$400!

Our next bingo will be the Thanksgiving Bingo.





Miscellaneous



The Parkhill Lions Club are having a TAKE
OUT - Full Roast Beef Dinner
Sun, April 21/24
\$25 pp

Pickup at Parkhill Community Centre 5-6pm

~Bring a bag to carry supper home in~

Advance tickets only

(By April 19th)

Available at Carrie's Hair Designs

All proceeds go to Community Programs

Wyoming Lion's Club

Fish Fry

Friday, April 19, 2024

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Adults \$30 • 6-13yrs \$15

Eat In or Take Out

Proceeds Go Back Into Our Community.



Windsor Lions Club established in 1920 continues to advocate and support the official Lions Clubs International Eyeglass Recycling Centre providing recycled eyewear free of charge to people in developing countries.

The Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre (CLERC) is located in northeast Calgary in a small, unassuming warehouse. 2023 was the 25th anniversary of the Calgary operations. Stacks of boxes are piled high, each filled with donated eyeglasses from across Canada. Volunteers touch every single pair that arrives to make sure they're good enough to donate to someone in need, just about anywhere in the world. CLERC even finds uses for broken glasses. To date, over 6.3 million pairs of glasses have been used by people in 103 countries. In an optometrist's office, machines would typically evaluate around 150 pairs a month, yet at the (CLERC) location an average of 225-250 are inspected each day.

253 million people are blind or have moderate to severe distance vision impairment (MSVI).

1.1 billion people have near-vision impairment simply because they don't have a pair of glasses.

75% of all blindness and MSVI is avoidable.

89% of people with visual impairment live in developing countries.

Windsor Lions Club has a long history of serving the blind and visually impaired, and remains committed to continuing this mission into our next century of service. The Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.4 million members in approximately 46,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world.