

Lions Clubs International – District A-1

District A-1 Lions Newsletter



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Respond to
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Message from our District Governor Lion Sydney MacLean

The Gift of Lionism

Shopping, gift giving, parties and get togethers are a big part of the holiday season. Why not give the gift of Lionism? Invite someone to a Lions event or a service project. It's a great way to spend time together and a chance for them to have a meaningful and fun experience. Who knows, they may want to attend more events and maybe even join us.

Lions Pamphlets

Club secretaries, watch for an email with the brochure created by our Marketing Chair Michelle Mundy. Here is a link to a few other Lions brochures. https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/search-results?keys=brochure&items_per_page=10. If you would like help with editing, just contact me and we will get the job done. For more marketing kits and tools, visit <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-marketing>

Around the District

I have now visited all but a few clubs in our District. It has been amazing to learn about the wide range of service and events that go on throughout the District. I would like to send a big thank you for the warm reception and hospitality. Also, a big thank you for all your work planning and running events big and small, for understanding and meeting your community needs and the needs of those around the world.

I wish all our Lions members a safe and happy season,
Sydney





*From 1st Vice District Governor
Lion Keith Ryan*



What a great first half of the Lions year. It is hard to believe that we have already gone through almost 6 months of Lions and have been able to help communities by raising money through dinners, breakfasts, car shows, bingo's and selling holiday treats being sold. We have served our communities through donations to Diabetes, Eyes Right, local food banks, youth groups and LCIF. My list could go on and on, as all clubs are busy getting involved in our communities to help make a difference.

With the holiday season upon us, let's take some time to remember those who are less fortunate. It can be as simple as working at the local Salvation Army kettle drive, helping at a food bank, or even donating hats, mitts, and socks to a local shelter. All these small gestures from Lions helps make an impact right where we live. It also allows us as Lions, to work with other groups and organizations. It is key to keep these relationships open and work together. More helps to help, allows more people to be served.

Be sure to take some time this holiday season to spend it with family and friends. Rekindle an old friendship or make a new one. With the spirit of giving, it is easy to brighten someone else's day, even with a simple gesture of a Christmas Card. Enjoy the much-deserved break from Lions and have a Safe and Healthy Holiday Season with your loved ones.

Yours in Lionism,

FVDG Lion Keith





*From 2nd Vice District Governor
Lion Darlene Snyders*



Fellow Lions,

I can't believe it is December already. Where has that time gone?

I know you are all so busy with all your Holiday club events. I have heard about so many great things the clubs are planning for their communities, such as bake sales, craft bazaars, breakfasts with Santa and of course all your hard work planning parades to welcome the big guy in red for all the smiling and excited kiddies.

I have been so busy with all the club visits. To date I have visited 14 clubs. By the end of January, I will have visited 20 clubs, out of the 38 in our District. I love visiting the clubs. There are so many great ideas for service in your communities. It is so nice to see how each club listens to the needs in their communities. Way to go Lions.

We are fast approaching looking at filling your executive positions for the upcoming Lions year. Be sure to keep an eye out for your successor, if you are exiting your current position. Start mentoring them now, so that they will be well prepared for their position. Or express your wishes to step into a position. You just never know what hidden talents you have. There are some great resources in MyLion under the Learning tab. Some great Ebooks for all executive positions. Your club may even want to consider doing a Community Assessment, to see if there has been any change in the needs of your community. I know we fear change. But change is good and can be embraced and worked with. If you need any help finding any resources please reach out and I will assist you in obtaining any information you may need to provide the best to your club, which trickles down to providing the best to your community.

I want to send you my heart felt wishes for a very happy and peaceful holiday season. May your bellies be full, your hearts be warm and your cheeks hurt from smiling and laughing.

Yours in Lionism,

SVDG Lion Darlene Snyders

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From Our District Admin
PDG Lion Barb Tuxford



Good Day Lions

I am your District Administrator

Several clubs have needed some help with their new member info, or new executive info, as well as reinstating lost years when possible, At this time I encourage you to appoint a Club Administrator if you haven't already.

WHAT IS THE CLUB ADMIN OR ADMINISTRATOR?

An appointed non-officer Lion in the club with the same MyLCI/MyLion access as the President and Secretary, who can assist the President or Secretary with tech issues. They can load and drop members, enter service into MyLion, order supplies from LCI and monitor the financial issues from LCI. This is a position that all clubs can have and should have if the Officers need help with dealing with MyLCI/MyLion. It can be created by the President or Secretary adding the name to the officer/chair list in MyLCI.

Creating this position should help alleviate the stress on the Secretary and will give you one more trained person on the "New" portal, that's a bonus.

I can create it if you need some assistance; I just need the member's name.

If you need help just call me 519-282-8897 or email lionbarbtuxford@gmail.com

Lion Barb



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District A-1
Multiple District
Lions Clubs

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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 December/Christmas issue of our District Newsletter.

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

The next issue will be our February 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.

Happy Holidays to all Lions and their families!

Lions Wayne Morrison and Christine Aben

Email us at lionchristine@rogers.com



Next District A-1 Newsletter

Deadline for submissions: January 26 2024

Publish date: February 1 2023

Check out our District's Projects here:

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



We Remember Those Who Served



It is with a heavy heart, that I let know of the passing of Lion Mark Iggulden. Lion Mark joined the Strathroy Lions in 1996, a 27yr member. During that time he held the position of President twice, Club secretary, club treasurer, membership chair and sat on the board of directors several times. Lion Mark was not afraid of work and often was on the list to work any event or even chair the event. He always showed up early and on of the last to leave. Funeral arrangements have not been made at this time.

At Victoria Hospital, London, on Friday, October 13, 2023 with family by his side, Stewart Beausoleil of London and formerly of St. Lucia in his 78th year passed away. Beloved husband of 32 years to Jacinta Eudoxie-Beausoleil and dear son of Muriel and the late Victor. Loving Dad to Nicholas (Denise Azevedo) and Cameron (Melanie Winegarden). Proud Granddad to Aidan, Haven, and Lea. Dear brother to Shirley (Leroy), Eustace (Gloria), Albert (Jeannie), Claudia, Percy and Josephine. Survived by his ex-wife and mother to his children, Camilla. He is missed also by his many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends in the Lions Community.

A funeral service was conducted at Northview Funeral Chapel, 1490 Highbury Avenue North, London, on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. with visitation 1 hour prior to the service.

Cremation followed and Stewart's ashes will be returned to his native St. Lucia.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Lions Club International would be greatly appreciated in Stewart's memory.



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

District Meeting
Youth Exchange Report
November 12, 2023

Last year we had a very successful camp in July 2023 and we are very much looking forward to having another camp in July 2024. Plans are already in motion to have this happen at Camp Sylvan once again as the facility was very accommodating to our needs last year. As I reported earlier we had 7 youth from Europe attend our camp and we would like to grow this year to 10 youth. As everyone is aware the cost of living has gone up and therefore costs for camp have risen as well. As this was the first year for a camp since 2019 some of the increases were incurred.

All A1 Lions Clubs have received my request for funding for camp in 2024 and I have already received some donations and those who have already donated I thank you very for much. If your club has not donated please do so as I require financial assistance to run this camp in the proper manner.

Youth will arrive on Thursday, June 27th, 2024. The first host family will be for 10 days from June 27th to Sunday, July 7th. The second host family will be from Sunday, July 7th to Tuesday, July 16th, at which time camp will start and youth will return to that host family on Thursday, July 25th to Saturday, July 27th which is their departure date. Camp will be from Tuesday, July 16th to Thursday, July 25th, 2024. These dates align our youth arrival, camp and departure dates with the other Districts in MD"A".

I require host families to please come forward so we can bring in 10 youth to our great District. I am looking for commitments to becoming a host family prior to March 1st 2024 so I can commit a camp space to youth who are requesting come. I strongly believe that hosting a youth is a club endeavour and would like to see club involvement with the host family.

The youth were very enthusiastic about our destinations during camp and also thought it was great staying in a camp surrounded by nature!

I am looking forward to coming to your club to show photos and talk about Youth Exchange and how rewarding an experience it can be for everyone involved. Please call me to arrange a time or if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted

Dianne

Lion Dianne Piggott
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Our kids....

Today's students have endured a lot. Our kids, grand kids and neighbors have struggled sometimes to adjust to ever changing needs and expectations. So how do they deal with this? Anxiety and depression are at all-time highs in our youth. Social media has only compounded the problems. The technology that has opened up communication to the world has isolated our kids to digital communication instead of human connections. How do they deal with the responsibility, the scams, the predators, the bullying, etc. Some will retreat to isolation which brings on feelings of hopelessness, loss of self esteem and sometimes suicidal thoughts. Having been a teacher and coach for over 30 years I've been to many memorials. So what can we do? There is a system designed to train and educate kids from kindergarten to grade 12 and its purpose is to empower kids to identify symptoms, develop self-confidence, advocate for themselves and others, develop leadership skills and most important – know that they are valued and together we are strong. This program was designed by educators and psychologists and is recognized world wide. It is a Canadian ... YES, a Canadian program that helps thousands of children. It is taught in some schools, youth programs and sport organizations. The answer is Lions QUEST. The significant problem we face, to help more kids – our kids, is that since the pandemic the momentum we were gaining has come to a halt, but the needs have multiplied. In South Western Ontario only 17% of our clubs actively support this much needed program. My goal is to shed a light on this program that can have a genuine effect on your communities. We need to have all our clubs make a donation to Lions Quest – A simple donation of \$250 - \$500 a year, will grow this program and help our kids. Talk to your clubs, get the word out, speak to your schools – if they don't have it, we can get it. It all starts with a Question. Information is available online or call me directly Dave Baughman 519-860-2794 or email daverosebaughman@rogers.com. I'd be happy to speak to any club that wants to step up and make a difference for the kids in their community. <https://www.lionsquest.ca/> for detailed information and donations.

The Difference Campaign – Make a Difference Today

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides (LFCDG) mission is to empower Canadians with disabilities to navigate their world with confidence and independence by providing Dog Guides at no cost to them and supporting each pair in their journey together.

Established in 1983 by Lions across Canada, LFCDG was the first school in Canada to specialize in training Guide Dogs for people who are blind or visually impaired. Now, LFCDG is the only service dog school in the world with seven distinct Dog Guide programs (Canine Vision, Hearing, Service, Seizure Response, Autism Assistance, Diabetes Alert, and Facility Support).

From breeding to training to matching, each Dog Guide costs approximately \$35,000 yet is provided at no cost to eligible Canadians from coast to coast and includes a lifetime of follow-up services. LFCDG relies on donations from Lions Clubs, members of the public, and corporations to provide these special matches and does not receive any government funding.

Time to Grow to Meet Demand

With one in five Canadians 15 years of age and up living with one or more disabilities, more Canadians are seeking the services of a specialized Dog Guide. To meet the demand, LFCDG is building a state-of-the-art, purpose-built Dog Guide training school.

Right now, the current facility is not accessible to all clients, the 28 guest rooms are scattered around the building, and there are an insufficient number of classrooms and training areas for each program with uncomfortable learning environments.

What's more, the training spaces are inadequate for Dog Guides to experience situations as a working dog, the kennels and veterinary clinic are at maximum capacity, and the play area is inadequate for Dog Guides.

In contrast, the new school will be fully accessible to all clients and provide many improvements, including a classroom and specific training areas for each program. For Dog Guides, the larger and improved kennel space will provide indoor and outdoor spaces to learn, play, and relax which will increase their well-being to set them up for success in their training.

These improvements will create a more conducive learning environment and provide the best experience possible while creating better outcomes.

The Difference Campaign

To make our dream a reality, LFCDG has launched The Difference campaign, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to help friends and neighbours in need, by ensuring they can access the support of our loving, loyal, and highly skilled Dog Guides.

LFCDG has already secured \$39 million towards our \$50 million goal. The sale of the current training school and administration office provides \$25M to the building cost. We could not have come this far without the support of many Lions clubs across the country, who have raised \$2.7 million towards the collective Lions club's goal of \$4.5 million. We are so grateful for your generosity.

Your support will help create many more special partnerships, like Anthony with Gambit, who is experiencing safety and increased independence.



"Our Autism Assistance Dog Guide, Gambit arrived at exactly the right time for my son. Gambit makes sure Anthony is safe when we go out grocery shopping and when we're walking outside. Anthony is now able to stay by our side and does not run away. I do not worry and stress any more when we are out in public."

Maria Zambonnelli, mom to Anthony with Dog Guide Gambit

We invite you to join, if you haven't already, by making a special one-time gift or pledge to The Difference campaign. Please visit www.dogguides.com or call 905-842-2891 ext. 0 or 1 (800) 768-3030 ext. 0.

If you'd like to learn more, one of our dedicated Lions Committee members in Ontario would be delighted to make a presentation during an upcoming club meeting. To arrange a presentation please email thedifference@dogguides.com or call (905) 842-2891 ext. 218 or 1 (800) 768-3030, ext. 218.

Thank you Lions for being champions of Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides and its future.

"Currently, we operate from our Oakville facility, an elementary school that was retrofitted in the late 80s. Although the current structure has served us well, it's time for us to build our new home to help more people, train more dogs, and be accessible to everyone we serve. The Difference Campaign is our most significant campaign in the organization's history. It is not just a building but an investment in potential. Together, we can continue to make a difference in the future of Canadians living with disabilities."

Beverley Crandell, CEO of LFCDG

Rendering: Front image of the new national Dog Guide Training School



Rendering is for illustrative purposes and subject to change.

Header Logo Train: LFCDG and The Difference Campaign logos and campaign colours



The Difference
Campaign for Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides



Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides Scholarship Program

Give the gift of education and help change lives.

Your Gift Creates Life-Changing Opportunities

The skills and knowledge required to be a handler, or a Dog Guide, aren't inherent; they are learned through dedication, training, and hard work.

Education doesn't merely open doors, it creates life-changing opportunities. Donating to the Dog Guide Scholarship Program contributes a portion (or all) of the \$35,000 that it takes to raise and train a Dog Guide, and match with its handler.

The entire process takes up to two years and your scholarship can help cover the cost for a Dog Guide's



training, veterinary care, as well as the transportation and accommodation for each recipient while in residence at the training school in Oakville, Ontario. And it doesn't stop there. We provide follow-up support for the life-time of the match. The Dog Guide team be partners for as long as 10 years.

It's a gift that paves the way for a brighter future and opens doors to opportunity. Your support can change, and even save, someone's life. With the assistance of Dog Guides, individuals across the country can unleash their full potential with the chance to live life on their terms. Having a Dog Guide by their side offers safety and security and empowers handlers with confidence, independence, and the constant companionship of a loyal friend.

Scholarship Opportunities

There are multiple Scholarship Opportunities available to choose your support level:

- 1) **Novice Scholarship - Early Training Unit \$5,000:** Providing basic skills and training for future Dog Guides
- 2) **Intermediate Scholarship - Intro to Training \$7,500:** Offering beginner program-specific training for dogs
- 3) **Advanced Scholarship – Skills Training \$10,000:** Elevating skills to a high level with program-specific training for dogs

- 4) **Expert Scholarship – Final Team Training \$15,000:** Enabling in-person training for recipients with their Dog Guides at LFCDG's training school
- 5) **Full Scholarship - Lifetime Partnership \$35,000:** Ensuring support and follow up for the entire duration of the Dog Guide team's working relationship *The Full Scholarship offers the only opportunity to name a Dog Guide (subject to LFCDG approval).

Your Contribution Has A Lasting Impact

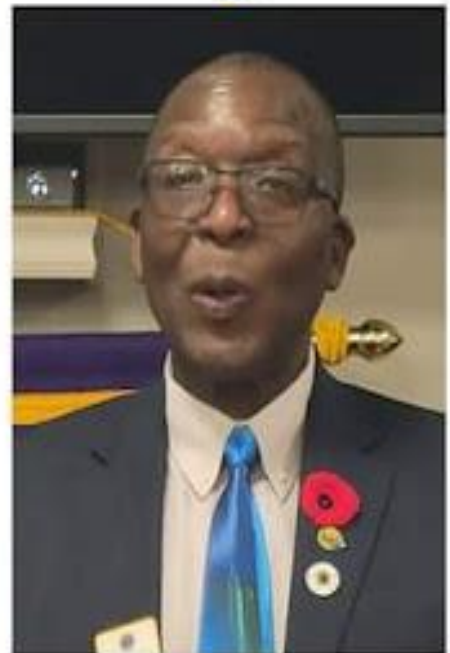
Your contribution to the Dog Guide Scholarship program will have a profound and lasting impact on people who rely on the special skills of a Dog Guide. It's a gift that forges brighter futures and creates a lasting impact for years to come. Join us in empowering individuals and organizations across Canada. Together, we can unlock potential and transform lives, one Dog Guide at a time.

If you're ready to donate a scholarship, please use our online form (Link to Donation Form) and select "Dog Guide Scholarship". Or fill out and mail in the form in our [Scholarship brochure](#):

You can contact the team at 905-842-2891 or scholarships@dogguides.com

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OUR CANDIDATES FOR LIONS INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR CANADA 2025-2027



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District A 1 Tree Hugging Contest 2023 Chatham Lions Club

The Chatham Lions Club organized the first annual District A 1 Tree Hugging Contest beginning in September and culminating in the Awards presentation at the November 12th Cabinet meeting in Chatham. We received 26 excellent entries -including 3 from A 15 - from which our panel of judges chose the winners in the 4 categories: Beauty, Joy, Passion For Nature & Creativity. The winning photos received a framed picture of their entry and a small tree to plant in recognition of their environmental impact.

A selection of entries:



VDG 2 Lion Darlene Snyders

Beauty

We chose this particular tree, because it is one of the oldest trees in the East Lions Park. The park was purchased by the London East Lions in 1951. Several years later the London East Lions donated the land to the city. This park used to have an outdoor pool, soccer field and playground. Approximately 7 years ago the city decided to tear down the old building and build a brand new one. The Grand Opening was 2 years ago. The city wanted to put tenders out for a new name and the community petitioned to keep it East Lions Park. So we are hugging one of the original trees with the beautiful new building in the background.

Pamela Harbottle
Hyde Park & District Lions Club
Category - JOY

The fruit of JOY - a tree that keeps giving to me.
This tree brings me JOY for so many reasons. I lost two brothers last year two months apart. I also lost a brother in 1987. This tree was gifted to my by my neighbour in May of 2023 and it is a very unique pear tree. We planted the tree on our property where I can see it grow and it sort of represents me. Growing continually and bringing joy to all I see.
You see this tree will generate three different types of pears to represent my three brothers in spirit.
Whether the tree is bearing fruit or the beauty of the changing seasons, It brings me so much joy as the memories of my three brothers are always with me.
Just as my lions heart is always serving those in need.





Left: PDG Lion Ev Spieering - With fall in full swing , I am hugging this tree in my yard in the hopes that she will keep her leaves for a few more days .

Right: District A1 Tree Hugging Competition
Lion Rudy Boogerman Chatham Lions Club
Category: Joy
Story: You won't believe how 'overjoyed 'I was when I hit my golf ball into this tree only to have the tree spit my ball out and onto the green. I just had to give this tree a great big hug!



Left: This picture is of Lion Cheryl, Lion Carol and Lion Jeff from the Petrolia Lions.
This picture was taken as we were leaving Alton Wines after a tasting there on September 30th. Hence the name "Passion for Nature"

Right: Chatham Lions Elda Faubert and Aldo Gonzalez prepare the trees for presentation...

Photos: Lion Andy Stockdill





Lion Rudy Boogerman presenting the framed photos to the winning huggers:

Passion For Nature: Lion Anne Wilson - Hyde Park

Joy: Lion Sharon Russell - Port Stanley

Creativity: VDG1 Lion Keith Ryan - Strathroy

Left: Beauty: PDG Lion Alister Cameron & Carolyn Cameron - Dutton & District

Tree Hugging Contest Winners

District A 1 Tree Hugging Contest 2023 - CREATIVITY



Story: "This tree was planted as a sapling when we bought our house 19yrs ago. Over the years as it grew, so did our daughters. This tree became a highlight for them. When they were young they tied a rope around the and climbed it. Over the years, they build forts with pulleys systems and endless days of just sitting in the tree. I would have thought they were boys. As you can see, the rope had grown into the tree and is still there to help FVDG Lion Keith try to climb the tree. No I did not make it up the tree, age was not on my side." Thanks for the fun in getting us involved! My wife and I had a few good laughs with me trying to climb the tree.

District A 1 Tree Hugging Contest 2023 - PASSION FOR NATURE



Story: In Memory of My Dad, Lion Roger This tree was planted by the Beamsville Lions at the Beamsville Lions Park on October 21/23. My Dad was a Life time member. He was at the opening ceremony of this Memorial Forest and Trail. He was my mentor.

District A 1 Tree Hugging Contest 2023 - BEAUTY



Story: Hugging the tree they planted in Buttermilk Bog in memory of their daughter Beth.

District A 1 Tree Hugging Contest : 2023 - "JOY"



Limerick:
There was a tiny oak tree
Whose esteem felt short of glee.
So I hugged her and kissed her,
She knew how I missed her!
So she straightened her trunk
And blew off her funk
And rustled, "How strong I'm gonna be!"



Belle River Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Joyce Mahovlich



Picture top left: On Oct. 3/23 during her official visit, Zone 1 Chair Lion Debbie Lemire is shown here presenting Service Awards to two Lions at Stoney Point - Alphonse Sylvestre (35 Years) and Mark Pickle (25 Years).

Picture top right: Seen here in the picture are the members of Stoney Point Lions Club and members of the Belle River Lions Club who travelled with Zone 1 Chair Lion Debbie Lemire on her official visit on Tuesday, October 3, 2023. Left to Right: Back Row: Lions Tyler Dozois (Belle River), Kathy McIntosh (Belle River), Bob Percy (Belle River), Tom Trotechaud, President, Belle River, Zone 1 Chair Debbie Lemire, Mark Pickle (Stoney Point), Mark Mahovlich (Belle River), Ron Gagnier (Stoney Point), Chad Windibank (Stoney Point), Fred Beaugrand (Stoney Point), and Alphonse Sylvestre (Stoney Point). Front Row: Lions Joyce Mahovlich (Belle River), Mary Blonde (Stoney Point), Mary Mahovlich (Belle River), JP Gagnier (Stoney Point) and Bob Sylvester (Stoney Point).



Picture left: Belle River Lions Club received a Certificate of Appreciation from Camp Huronda when 2 Lions (Mark & Joyce Mahovlich) visited the camp on September 24, 2023. This is a camp for Children with Diabetes. Left to Right presenting the Certificate is 2nd Vice District Governor Darlene Snyders, Lion Tom Trotechaud, President, Belle River Lions Club and 1st Vice District Governor Keith Ryan.



Belle River Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Joyce Mahovlich



Bottom: At the Lakeshore Leo Club Meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, the guest speakers were from the Windsor Chapter of "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" (No Child sleeps on the Floor Tonight!). Left to Right in the picture: Lion Debbie Lemire, Leos Tambre Alford, Leo Allison Alford, Owen Tellier-Hart, Leah Tellier-Hart, Keirstyne Ducharme, Lion Mary Mahovlich, Leos Kaitlyne Gadoury, Bradey Mercier, Brian & Terry Cyncora, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, In Front - Leos Jace Conway, Karyna Ducharme, Elle Tellier & Klaryssa Ducharme.

Top Right: Once again the club was at Stroll the Street event in Belle River on Friday, October 13, 2023. Here in the picture is Lions Fran Dingman, Daria Matheson, Mary Mahovlich, BIA Volunteer, Joyce Mahovlich & Mark Mahovlich. The night was cold but we sold hotdogs, pop and water to anyone that came by our area.

Top Left: On October 21st, the Belle River Lions Club attended the Lambeth Lions Club Memory Box Fundraiser. Here from Left to Right is: PDG Dale Taylor receiving our club's donation cheque from Lion Mark Mahovlich & Lion Mary Mahovlich with Club President of Lambeth Lions Club Terry Lane looking on.



Belle River Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Joyce Mahovlich



Picture Right: On October 7, 2023, Belle River Lions Club held Diabetes Day where they collected any loose change for Diabetes. Here is some of the group with Bob Clarke, father of Lion Jaimie Clarke, Owner of Foodland receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from Lion Jim Sauve, Leo Karyna Ducharme & Lion Joyce Mahovlich. Missing from the picture Lion Mike Bural & Lion Daria Matheson.

Picture Left: On October 7, 2023, Belle River Lions Club held Diabetes Day at Shoppers where they collected any loose change for Diabetes. Here is some of the gang at Shoppers with Lion Joyce Mahovlich, Tyler Laidlaw, Manager, Shoppers Drug Mart, Lion Mary Mahovlich & Lion Tyler Dozois. Missing from the picture Leo Klaryssa Ducharme, Lion Bob Percy and Lion Mark Mahovlich.



Left: our club's recent donation to the Girl Guides.

The Belle River Lions Club donated to the local Girl Guides group. In the picture from left to right is: Leaders Hailey Smeltzer, Monica Hennessey, Debra Datta and Lion Daria Matheson presenting the cheque.



Belle River Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Joyce Mahovlich



Here is a picture taken at the **Lakeshore Leo Club Craft & Bake Sale** that took place on Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 9 AM to 3 PM. Left to Right in the picture is: Lion Debbie Lemire, Leo Tambre Alford, Leo Kларыssa Ducharme, Leo Leah Tellier-Hart, Elli Tellier (Leo in waiting), Leo Karyna Ducharme and Lion Joyce Mahovlich. The Leo Club is a club for young people ages 12 to 18. If any young people wishes to join, please contact Lion Mary Mahovlich, Leo Advisor (lionmarym@gmail.com) or Lion Debbie Lemire (519-728-0340) or Lion Joyce Mahovlich (lionjoycemahovlich@gmail.com). It is a great way to help in the community as well as you can achieve your 40 volunteer hours to obtain your Grade 12 diploma.

The club would like to thank the Belle River Community for all of their support at this year's event. The monies raised will go towards the group's charitable projects. In the past the club has donated to such organizations as Fight Like Mason Foundation, Ronald McDonald House, Noah's House, Windsor Downtown Youth Centre just to name a few. Well done, Lakeshore Leos!





Belmont Lions Club

Submitted by Dave Baughman



Belmont Lions rebooted their Annual November fish fry - their first major event since the Covid shut down. All hands were on deck from the prep, to mix, to frying, to serving, and of course the bar. Thanks to East Elgin Leo's for all their help as well.



Chatham Lions Club

"On Saturday, October 28th the Chatham Lions Club held their 2nd Annual Christmas Bazaar at the W.I.S.H Centre in Chatham, ON. We had a wonderful variety of 38



vendors and crafters. We had a fantastic turnout of shoppers who either began their Christmas shopping or found unique items for themselves. Many shoppers were excited to get one of 23 calls indicating they had won a door prize! Entry was by voluntary donations for the W.I.S.H. Centre's After School Program. A total of \$500 in nonperishables and \$125 in monetary donations were collected. We wish to thank all who

participated; the day was fun and a great success!



In addition, the Club donated \$600 to the program ...Chatham treasurers Lions Jim Faubert and Aldo Gonzalez present cheques to the W.I.S.H. Centre's After School program

Submitted by Seppo Kuokkanen



Treasurers Lions Jim Faubert and Aldo Gonzalez along with Lion Mary Symons and Service Chair Elda Faubert - cheque presentation.



Delaware Lions Club

Submitted by Joyce Feher

Fall is a very busy time for the Delaware Lioness with this year being no exception. Our October meeting topic was Breastfeeding Awareness. Lion Tamer Sue Browning created a unique seating chart and the lioness were able to test their skills by playing "Bra Pong".

Bras were donated for the Rose of Hope Foundation and this will be an ongoing committee in support of breast cancer research.

Mariette Desjardine was our guest speaker and filled us in on Lions happenings.

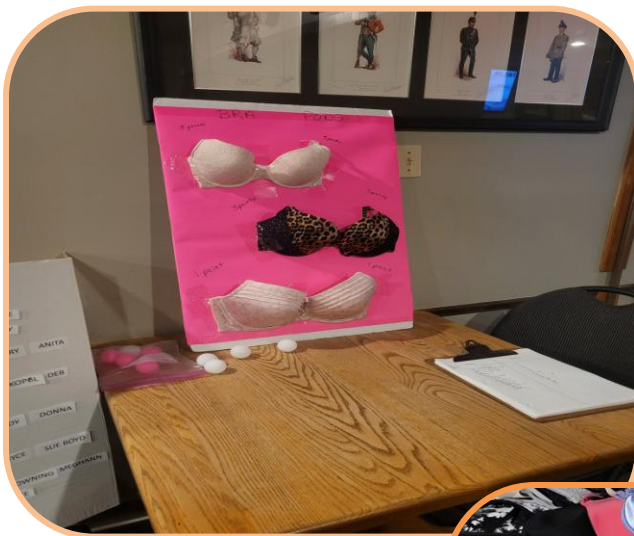
We continue to encourage additional membership and had an interested guest join us for this meeting.

A new outreach committee, chaired by Anita Orsini, has been established and will focus on local community groups.

Summer flowers are coming down and shortly thereafter Christmas Lights will be going up.

As always at this time of year our biggest project, the Christmas Craft Show, was the topic of much discussion. The Plantar Project is a second year initiative which will be a big part for our lioness. Planters will be assembled and sold and the profits will go directly to the homeless.

Lioness Joyce





Delaware Lions Club

Submitted by Joyce Feher

A big part of our Delaware Lioness Craft Show this year was the Planter Project. Lioness assembled and sold Christmas Planters with the profits to go directly to the homeless. This committee was chaired by Chris Kopal and Sue Boyd who invested multiple volunteer hours and were assisted by the majority of our Lioness members. Betsy Hofsteede was kind enough to offer her garage for assembly and storage until the event took place.



Lioness Betsy Hofsteede and Committee Chair Christine Kopal (right) with one of the completed planters. (below left)





Delaware Lions Club



Submitted by Joyce Feher

The Delaware Lioness Annual Craft Sale was another resounding success. This is an "all hands on deck" event and the ladies did not disappoint, coming out full force and working hard. Delaware Lions, assisting with set up and take down, and a few extra volunteers made this a true community event.



Lioness working hard in the kitchen



The tea room ready for business



Santa of course was a big part of the day!



Welcome!



Delaware Lions Club



Submitted by Joyce Feher

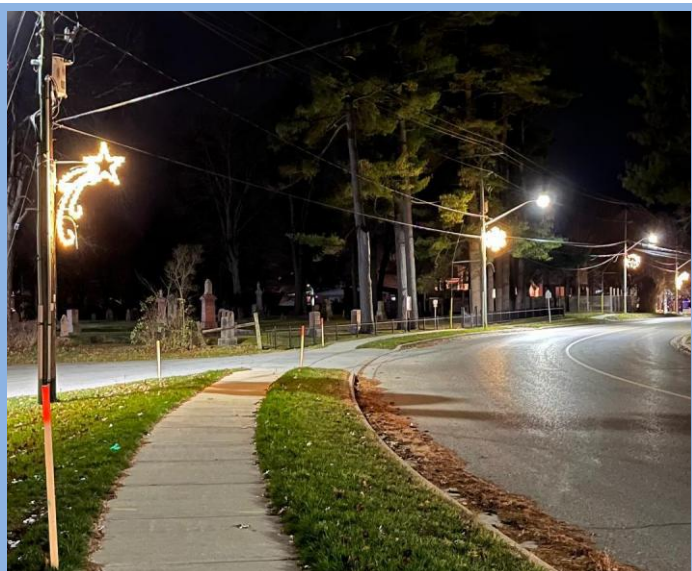


Delaware Lioness started their November meeting with a presentation from a representative who is a volunteer with The Kids Help Line. Having donated to this organization for a number of years we were interested to hear more about it and were astounded to hear how many kids were helped by this group. She is definitely a good speaker to have if you are looking for one.

The beautiful Lioness Christmas Lights are up with the help of the Lions and a "secret Santa". It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

The successful craft show was discussed. Donations were approved for multiple needy organizations. Hard earned money at work!!!! Upcoming projects and plans were also discussed.

Lioness Pat Jackson, a founding member of the Delaware Lioness, was presented with letter of recognition for 30 years in Lionism. Congratulations Patti!!!





Glencoe District Lions Club

Source: Facebook

Glencoe Lions had a spooktacularly good time earlier tonight (October 31) during the SWM CCC Main St. Creature Crawl.

Wow...Wasn't that a party? Over 400 trick or treaters and their families trekked down Main St. for the 2023 Southwest Middlesex CCC Creature Crawl. Thank you to all of the sponsors, donors and participants that number far beyond those seen in these photos. Happy Halloween!





Hyde Park & District Lions Club



Submitted by Pamela Harbottle



Above: Leo Day at Country Cruizin August 31 - Leo Day at Hyde Park Lions Country Cruizin - the leos ran the show for the day and the Hyde Park Lions donated a portion of the proceeds to the newly chartered Hyde Park Leos Club. The lions wanted to show the Leos their appreciation of the youth serving.



Left: Leo Induction Ceremony September 25th - Leo Santiago at the induction ceremony, PZC Pam chose the blindfold ceremony to show the significance that Lions and Leo make in their community by collecting eyeglasses and giving the gift of sight, and the relief they feel when they can

Right: Leo Aram one of the newest Hyde Park & District Leo inducted September 25th.



Left: Lions Mario and Vicki with their kids Leos Victor and Mario - a family serving together



Left: We celebrated Lion George's 80th birthday AND 30 years of service to the Lions.



Left: A gift to our fellow Lion District Governor Sydney MacLean because we are so proud of her leading our district.



Left and Right: Highway and Park CleanUp - October 15th - The Leos and Lions took to the streets and picked up trash along Fanshawe Park Road and at the park the Hyde Park Lions club adopted - Maple Grove Park. Lion Rob with brand new member Lion Mike serving together.





Hyde Park & District Lions Club



Submitted by Pamela Harbottle



Left: A cheque presentation to Vanier Children's Mental Wellness and Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) on behalf of the Lambeth Lions Ontario and Hyde Park & District Lions Club from our joint fundraiser Just Another East Coast Fundraiser with Fraser Newcombe Music.



Above and Right: We also wanted to make special note of our community volunteers who help us week after week with Country Cruizin.

PEPP volunteers Karen, Virginia, Lisa, Ray, Kim, and Val Ken Chaplin (Music Man)
John New (Photographer)
John and Rachel Xtreme Graphix (Signage)
The Hyde Park & District Leo Club.



Left: Leo Membership Drive October 21st - October is Leo Membership Growth Month. Recruit three or more new members during the month of October and you could receive the October Membership Growth Award. We had a display at Sherwood Forest Mall on Saturday October 21st from 11-1. The Leos distributed membership information and spoke to the patrons of the mall while handing out candy. We have two new Leos joining from being at the mall.



Hyde Park & District Lions Club



Submitted by Pamela Harbottle

New Member Induction Ceremony September 25th - PZC Lion Pamela inducts Marilyn, sponsor Larry. Anne and Randy sponsor Rob. Ancha sponsor Mario. Congratulations and welcome to the Hyde Park Lions - we are so excited to serve with you.

Gateway Church October 1st - Members of the Hyde Park & District Lions Club had a wonderful morning at Gateway Church on Sarnia Road. The sermon was about caring and we were available to speak to the members about how Lions care for their community. Lions Anne, Karen, Larry and Sydney and Pam volunteered some time to share about the great things that Lions do. Hyde Park & District Lions Club and Gateway Church have a wonderful partnership.

Appreciation Dinner October 23rd - Our Feel Good Appreciation Meeting. Time is something we can never get back - when people give their time to help us serve; we want to recognize them.

Melvin Jones Fellowship: This fellowship is the foundation's highest honor and represents humanitarian qualities: generosity / compassion / concern for the less fortunate / and leadership both at club and district level. Presented to immediate Past President, Lion Rob

Helen Keller Fellowship: This fellowship is an award to honor Lions who have been actively working with the eye vision and site first projects / hearing impaired projects. Or to a non-club member or organization making significant contributions to the Hyde Park Lions. Presented to Judy Ayers. A member of the community who has collected thousands of eyeglasses. Community member Judy who collects thousands of eyeglasses for our club.

Dog Guide Fellowship: This Fellowship is an excellent way to give recognition to an "all around good Lion" someone who consistently provides excellent service to Lions and is outstanding in service to their community or to Lions Foundation of Canada: Presented to Lions Dale, Karen, Mario, and Priya.

Lions Camp Dorset / Honorary Life Directorship Certificate: Camp Dorset is a dialysis resort for children with diabetes / Kidney failure. This award is presented to members in good standing and continued community service: Lions Dale, Richard, JoEllen, Doug, Anne and Larry





London Central Lions Club



Submitted by Lion Joanne Lystar



Murray Howard from the George Bray Sports Association was our speaker at the dinner meeting on Oct. 26. This organization is a hockey league for people with disabilities which started in 1968. Currently they have 18 teams with 242 participants ranging in age from 6 - 48. Fees are \$180 per season and they provide loaner equipment for those in need. They prove that given the opportunity anyone can play hockey. The players learn life skills including sharing, caring and things which we would consider simple such as sitting beside someone on a bench but can be a challenge for some individuals. London Central Lions have been supporting George Bray for approximately 30-35 years. Lions John Smith and Jim Lystar reminisced about presenting cheques to the Association at their end of year banquet.

Right: At our club's dinner meeting on Thursday November 23 we had the pleasure of hosting Lion Zone Chair Mel Lee.

Lion Mel is pictured with Lion President Jason Cheese. (photos and data courtesy of Lion Joanne Lystar)





Lighthouse Cove & District Lions Club

Source: Facebook

We loved hosting our Lighthouse Lions club 40th Anniversary Celebration. It was such a great evening. Thanks for providing so many valuable services and a beautiful park to our community.

There was a write up in the Lakeshore News! Congratulations, Lighthouse Cove Lions!



London East Lions Club

We have been busy this year at the London East Lions Club. November 5th, we did a park clean up at East Lions Community Centre. We partnered with the Local Hub. Bringing these two organizations together has created a wonderful working relationship with all members involved. So much so, two of their members joined the London East Lions. We are sponsoring the City of London Community Christmas Social, with a magic Santa. They will be holding this event December 16th. We are also partnering with London Central Lions to do our 2nd annual Colour the Night Gold event. So please watch for tickets in the new year. London East Lions would like to wish you all a wonderful and safe Holiday Season. Can't wait to serve with you all in 2024.





Petrolia Lions Club



Submitted by Lion Bill Fell

Join us tonight in the lovely **Town of Petrolia, Ontario** at the historical site of **The Petrolia Discovery Foundation Inc.** for some delicious food, hot apple cider and of course an amazing display of lighted pumpkins. The **Petrolia Lions Club** will be there with their food truck serving fries / poutine / hot dogs / sausages & burgers.



Petrolia Farmers Market. October 7, 2023



Food Trailer @ Lambton Heritage Museum Craft Sale





Petrolia Lions Club



Submitted by Lion Bill Fell



Left: Induction of new member Wilma Sponsor Lion Anne



Right: Supported our Veterans by placing their Banners on downtown Petrolia.

Diane Leckie
Admin 45m · 🌐

Petrolia Lions dropped off several containers of food from a wedding they catered!

We think the picture says a lot - you need a heart to help others! Thank you Gail Tanner for dropping off the food to the PCR!

The PCR is allowed to stock the sandwiches because the Lions prepare the food in an LPH-approved facility.

Thank you Petrolia Lions for your kind and generous donation to help both the Petrolia Youth Advisory Summit and other people facing food insecurity in our community!

Petrolia Community Refrigerator
Diane Leckie · 1h · 🌐

Petrolia Community Refrigerator salutes Petrolia service clubs that support the community and make Petrolia a better place to live.

OPTIMISTS
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PETROLIA



Town of Petrolia, Ontario
4d · 🌐

Members of the Lions Club of Petrolia, Heather and Naomi (and Bill not pictured) attended Council tonight to present the Parks and Recreation Department with a donation to assist with the cost of the replacement dugouts at Greenwood Park! Councillor Bill Clark, and Councillor Chad Hyatt were pleased to accept the cheque on behalf of the department!



Petrolia Lions Club



Left: Oct. 28th 2023 Clean Harbours Waste Day

Lion President Bill Fell.

9 Petrolia Lions took part in emptying 285 vehicles at Clean Harbours.

Right: Petrolia Lions Time Out Committee

This is a group of senior Petrolia Lions Members that get out and have a meal at various restaurants.





Petrolia Lions Club



Submitted by Lion Bill Fell



Petrolia Community Refrigerator

Diane Leckie · 1h · 🌐

Ho Ho Ho- December Hot Lunches!

The hot lunches are on *December 8 and December 22 from 12 noon to 12:45*. The lunches will be supplied by the *Petrolia Lions* with dinner rolls baked by *PSB (Petrolia Street Bakery)*! The hot lunches will be available at the back door (parking lot) of St Paul's church!





Poplar Hill & District Lions Club



Submitted by Neil Mutch



We have our 18th Poplar Hill Christmas Parade this year on November 18 but these are the photos from last year.

Left: In the middle of our parade are the noisy Poplar Hill & District Lions Club "Poplar Hill Hillbillies" float. Miming their merry tunes to music, they have everyone cheering, singing and dancing in the streets. Highly popular!

Below: Poplar Hill & District Lions Club float is at the tail end of the parade with the Club Santa mesmerizing the kids and adults alike.

Right: At the end is free hot chocolate and hotdogs prepared by our Lions Club and a Santa in the log cabin in Poplar Hill Park for photographs paid for by donation. There are hundreds of people who turn up to watch.





Lions Club of Port Stanley Lioness



Submitted by Lioness Sharon Larmour

Top Left: Lioness Sue Nemett receiving recognition for 50 years of service to our community with the Port Stanley Lioness club.

Bottom: District Governor Lion Sydney MacLean and First Vice Keith Ryan attended our October meeting and shared some insight and ideas with our club member.

Top Right: Lioness past President Sandy Marr and Lioness Sharron Russell the ground breaking ceremony for the YWCA project Tiny Hope which will create affordable tiny homes in our community.





Lions Club of Port Stanley Lioness



Submitted by Lioness Sharon Larmour

Event Sold Out!



Ready, willing and able!



After a three year hiatus the Port Stanley Lioness Lions in partnership with the Optimist Club of Port Stanley held our 20th annual Ladies night Wine and Cheese fundraiser in support of Hospice of Elgin. It was a great partnership with another service club and that night we brought in over \$11,000.00. Working cooperatively is a positive for everyone.

Lioness Donna, Lioness Gwen, Lioness President Dorothy and co-chair for the event Lioness Sue.

Emily, Sue, Mary Lou & Paula (and a big door prize!)



Lots of helpers from both clubs!





Lions Club of Port Stanley Lioness



Submitted by Lioness Sharon Larmour



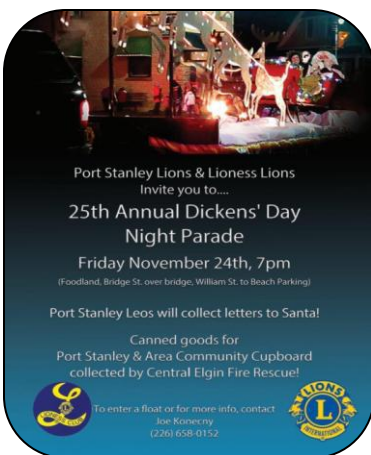
Above from Left to Right: - One of the attractions in our village are post people. They turn up everywhere. The Lioness Lions post person pictured here with Lion Rose Mary Johnstone and Lion Elaine Skinner is now residing outside our village library.

Lions President Dorothy Cook and past president Sandy Marr volunteered to help our local YWCA with their "Dino Days" at a local nursery.

The Lions Club of Port Stanley participated in our village Remembrance Day Service on Sunday November 5th. Lion President Dorothy and Lion Treasurer Rose Mary laid a wreath on our behalf.

Below from Left to Right: On November 24th we will be helping our Port Stanley Lions with the village Annual Dickens Day Parade. The Christmas season is upon us.

One of the main community fundraising projects we have focused on the past couple of years is the building of a Hospice facility in our community. We are looking forward to the ground breaking ceremony happening soon. This picture shows one of many donations we have made to this project during the fund raising campaign.





Strathroy Lions Club

Submitted by Keith Ryan

Strathroy Lions have been very busy over the last 6 weeks. It all started in October with our annual visit from our twin club from Armada Michigan, Armada Lions. We hosted 8 lions with BBQ Steak and Pickerel Dinner and our bucket draws. It's great to see the tradition still going strong after 46 years.

We also had 8 Lions help with our semi-annual highway clean up in late October. It is always said, more hands make light work. With such great response from the Lions signing up it took less than 45 minutes to clean the highway. It was great to see several new Lions help with their first Lions function.

November is always a busy month for the club with Santa Claus Parade and our Online Auction. Both events require 100% club participation to make sure they go over smoothly. This year was no exception. The beautiful weather for the parade made it a fun event for everyone. The auction needed extra help getting it up and running. With a small ask from the membership, there was no shortage of volunteers.

The club also added a new fundraiser in the November. We teamed up with Tim Hortons for the Holiday Cookie Campaign. The sales were only for a week, but was such a success, they sold out within 5 days. They then switched cookies and still sold out. Pretty sure it was 2000 plus happy faces the Lions decorated on the cookies.

Last but not least, the Lions held the 14th Annual Lighting of the Lights! What a huge success it was. The club joined forces with the BIA, Chamber of Commerce, the Municipality and Local School Choir turn on over 1000 lights to start the holiday shopping in Strathroy. With close to 500 people watching the lights come on, it definitely made it worthwhile.

Have a great Christmas and we are looking forward to seeing what 2024 has to bring.





Strathroy Lions Club

Submitted by Keith Ryan





St. Thomas Lions Club

Submitted by Ev Spiering



St Thomas Lions in the Santa Claus Parade!

Our decorated truck is on the right.



CHRISTMAS BINGO & 50/50

MONDAY
DECEMBER 4TH
7PM

\$10 FOR 2 CARDS- 20 GAMES

THORNDALE LIONS
COMMUNITY CENTRE

LICENCED BAR (MUST BE 19+)



Thorndale Lions Club



Submitted by



Oct. 20th- Wings and Trivia

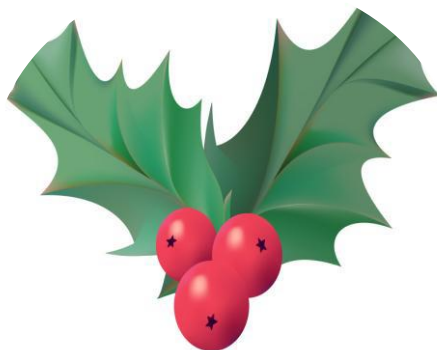
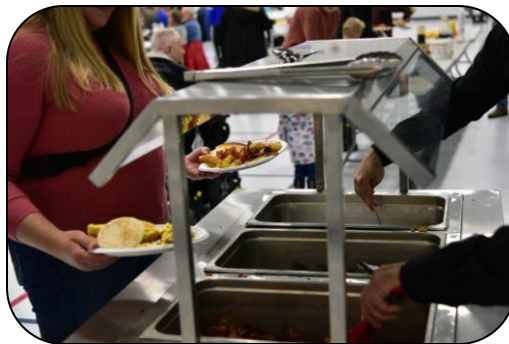
The Thorndale Lions teamed up with Middlesex County Library to host and Wing and Trivia Night. We had 81 guests in attendance for the trivia night and sold over 200 orders of wings through dine-in and take-out.

Oct. 28th - Fall Community Breakfast

The Thorndale Lions hosted our annual fall community breakfast and had over 260 people in attendance.

Nov. 23rd- Pop Up Pub Night

The Thorndale Lions Club hosted a Pop Up Wing Night in the community centre. Chicken wings were sold for take out or dine in, which could be enjoyed with a drink from our bar while watch some American Thanksgiving football.





Wyoming Lioness Lions Club



Submitted by Lioness Lois



Wyoming Lioness Lions are busy preparing many flavors of Pies, Cinnamon Buns, and Christmas treats for the upcoming holiday season.





Wyoming Lioness Lions Club

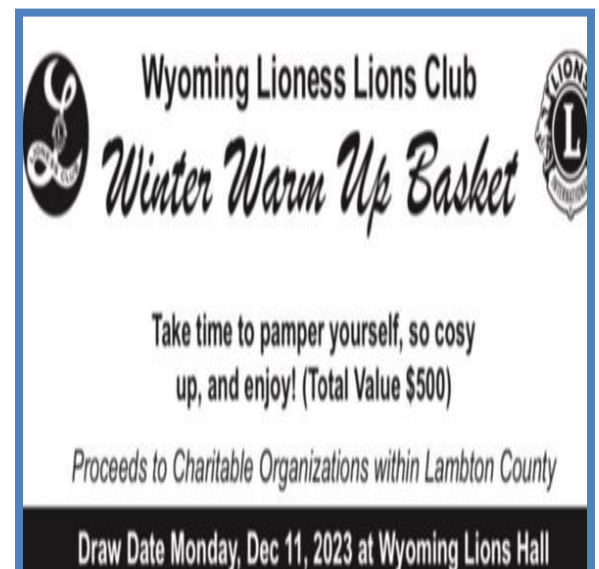


Submitted by Lioness Lois



Wyoming Lioness Lions \$1500 donation to Christmas For Everyone.

Proceeds for the donation were from our Spring Into Summer Fundraiser.





Miscellaneous

From Facebook and website



Ilderton Lions Club

FOOD DRIVE — SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 19th

Lambeth Lions Club

Lion President Terry Lane presents Jennifer Baxter from the Children's Health Foundation with a Helen Keller Award for her unrelenting service to others.
Congratulations, Jennifer.

Don't forget to check out the various pages listed above to get a full picture of the great work of our members, especially our events page for information on our fall food drives.





Miscellaneous Miscellaneous

From Facebook



The **Lucan District Lions Club** won their Zone Challenge last year and donated the winnings to the Youth Exchange. Lion Dianne also presented their President Shawn Smith with a certificate of appreciation.



Left: From the Rodney Lions



Club Activity Report

Ilderton & District Lions Club

The Ilderton Lions were busy during July, August and September building a new storage shed near the Ilderton Community Centre. This will assist with having materials close at hand for our events and Meetings at the ICC. We lost 2 Members. Lion Boyce Powell passed away and Lion Eric Martin resigned in good standing. Our Food Booth was very busy and successful during the Ilderton Fair. We also had a float in the parade and won 3rd and 5th place in the Organizations category. This was helped by our placement behind the Poplar Hillbillies. The Minor Hockey Team that was marching in front of our float was enamoured by the Hillbillies and kept close to them. Thus, organizers awarded them 3rd and us 5th!! We held our first fish fry in October and it was successful as well. We are gearing up in November for our Community Food Drive to support the Ailsa Craig Food Bank. Our Club will hold its first Wing Night on November 10th. November will also see us selling Beavertails at the Tree Lane Christmas Tree Farm. This will take place on weekends from mid month until the trees run out in December.

Lion Chris Christensen, Club Secretary

The Parkhill Lions started out the fall with the startup of their annual sellout of 400 Trip of the Month tickets of the next years worth. They had a busy summer with tent & picnic table rentals, provided some bartending services at weddings and on Sat Oct 28, they took a busload of seniors to St.Marys for fall colour bus tour for some shopping then returned to Parkhill for a complementary roast beef dinner for about 75 folk.

President Lion Carrie



Update for **Ailsa Craig Lions** October 30, 2023

June – a very successful Father's Day breakfast, this is a Pay what you can event, so everyone can come out for a great breakfast

July – Fishing Derby, this is a children's event in conjunction with Ausable Bayfield Conservation Area – they are on site to educate everyone on what is in the river. Prizes are given for Largest fish, smallest fish, most unusual, everyone gets a prize and burgers for lunch.

-Gala Days – Community celebration where we are in charge of BBQ burgers and fries

Labour Day weekend Car Show – we are in charge of our "Famous" Breakfast Burritos....

October is a busy month – our annual memorial tree planting, this year we planted 3-7' maples around the new dog park so there will be shade in later years for puppies and people ,we had a drive thru Chicken Dinner and our Children's Hallowe'en Party October 31...fun, prizes, treats

November 16 is our Annual Farmer's Appreciation Night

We have given donations to Dogguides, Leader Dog, and Local Sports, as well as Women's Rural Resource Centre in Strathroy

Poplar Hill & District Lions

Pres. Jamie Zavitz

Members 34

PH Lions have been meeting at the Komoka Comm.Ctr. for the duration of the construction at the Coldstream Comm. Ctr. 12 - 18 months

The Ham and Turkey Bingo has been cancelled for this year.

Breakfast in the Park ,

Along with a car show, all proceeds from our trailer sales that day were donated to a family in need in our area along with a donation from the club.

Donations

Heartwood Equine

Ilderton Minor Hockey

Sunshine Foundation

District A 1 Effective Speaking

District A 1 Youth Exchange

The ever popular PoplarHillbillies participated in 5 parades this summer and have 6 more booked for Santa Claus Parades.

Monthly Bingos at Forest City Bingo

Bottle Drive for Wheelchair Swing in the Park Ongoing

Annual Seniors Dinner Nov 26th @ Ilderton Comm. Ctr.

Respectfully Submitted

Corresponding Secretary

Jack St Louis

Poplar Hill & District Lions