

Lions Clubs International – District A-1



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Message from our District Governor Lion Sydney MacLean

September is upon us, and I am looking forward to getting out on the road again visiting clubs! Here are some of the topics that the District A-1 team is excited to share with you this year.

We're on a Mission to Change the World!

Lions International has set a goal to grow our organization to 1.5 million members by 2027. That is **Mission 1.5**. The more members we have, the more service we can do and the bigger impact we can have on our communities and around the world. As our international President Dr. Patti Hill says, "we are changing the world".



Here is the link to the video with our International President speaking:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOhfN6EuBdE

On the Mission 1.5 page, MISSION 1.5 | Lions Clubs International, you will find information and resources for Inviting New Members and Chartering New Clubs. There are also links to logos which are available in a variety of formats. Just to make things a little more fun, check out the MISSION 1.5 Awards Page | Lions Clubs International.

For our part, Dr. Hill has asked District A-1 to grow our membership by 100 members and charter 2 new clubs by June 30, 2024. What will the district do to achieve these goals?

We will develop and distribute promotional material to clubs, develop digital material for clubs to use in their communities and assist clubs with membership initiatives, campaigns, and club development. How can clubs get involved?

Identify opportunities in your communities to present digital material (community centres, public buildings, businesses).

Submit ideas for new clubs (location, specialty clubs, for example senior's residences, sports, hobbies, lifestyle, professions, youth, global cause...).

Your District Global Action Team is here to work with our clubs.

Global Membership Coordinator: PCC Bob Tanner, lionbobt@icloud.com
Global Service Coordinator: Lion Pamela Harbottle, pammycda@gmail.com
Global Leadership Coordinator: Lion Dianne Piggott, dianne.piggott@gmail.com
Global Action Team Chair: Lion Sydney MacLean, lionsydneymaclean@gmail.com
Let's work together to reach these goals so that we can better serve our communities!

Our International Foundation, Lions Clubs International Foundation

When we think of LCIF, our first thought is often disaster relief, and unfortunately Canada has had more than our share of disasters over the past year. But LCIF also does so much more. For instance, LCIF grant programs assist clubs and districts with taking on large projects and achieving larger community impact. Lions can be proud of the great work of our global foundation.

District LCIF Coordinator: PDG Eric Dolansky, districta1lioneric@gmail.com

Digital Events Calendar

Check out the new events tab on our District website

Send links to your club events to Michelle Mundy, michellemundy@live.com Help us help promote your events!

We have a great District, and we will have a great year! Sydney



From 1st Vice District Governor Lion Keith Ryan



As September quickly arrives and the fall is upon us, I hope all Lions have had a good summer and have enjoyed some time away from work and Lions and spent it with your families. I personally took a much needed vacation, from all the above, including all emails. Although I came home to way too many emails, it was nice to take time for family to rejuvenate ourselves. As busy as life gets, we need to remember to take the time for ourselves and identify when we need a break. As has been said before, family first, then work, then Lions. It is important to remember to this take time for yourself when needed. Breaks like this gives us the extra boost when we start back up.

Now that our Lions year has come to a start with club meetings, return of service projects and club fundraisers, be sure to share this information for everyone to see. It can be through MyLion, Facebook, Instagram, and the District Website. I also encourage you to share events from other clubs on your own personal social media and your clubs' sites as well. The more we share this information; it allows the public to know who we are and what we do. Important to remember, when posting items with the Lions logo, it must be one of the approved logos from Lions International.

For more information, Brand Guidelines (Logos & Brand) | Lions Clubs International.

Everything is free and in several different formats. Be sure to send your events to Michelle Mundy to get them posted on the District calendar.

I look forward to seeing all of you throughout the year and wish the best of success as your Lions year starts. I know that the team DG Lion Sydney has put together is keen and excited to get things going. If your club needs any help or information, feel free to reach out to your zone chairs, region chairs, VDG's, Committee Chairs and of course DG Lion Sydney. We are here to help and only a phone call or email away.

Yours in Lionism

FVDG Lion Keith

Canadian candidates are running for International Director!

Past Council Chair Debbie Dawson, District 16

Past District Governor Dan Sibanda, District A711

Past District Governor Len Day, District A12

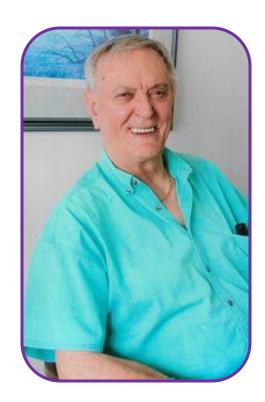


We Remember Those Who Served



MacKinnon, Donald William

lit is with deep sadness that we share the sudden passing of Don MacKinnon on August 15. He was at his home in Port Stanley, with his loving wife of 59 years, Mary Lou, by his side. In addition to Mary Lou, Don is survived by son Mike (Anne) of Lambeth, daughter Donna (Chris) Sutarno of Toronto, brother Dave (Marie) of Halifax, grandchildren Lauren, Ethan, and Austin MacKinnon, and Ella and Jack Sutarno. Predeceased by sister Mary MacKinnon-Adell. Don was raised in Littlewood, Ontario, where he developed an appreciation for the outdoors. A member of the Port Stanley Lions Club since 1963, he made many close friendships and served as past president, past deputy district governor, and was a recipient of the Helen Keller Fellowship for his service. He was an active member of the Port Stanley United Church, where he formed a strong community and contributed to the building's operations. . Don was a bird lover, a great whistler, an avid reader, hunter, hockey dad and granddad. His quick wit, many stories and bits of wisdom kept those around him smiling. His family will miss him dearly.





District A-1 Region and Zone Chairs



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District A-1 Multiple District Lions Clubs www.districta1lions.com www.mdalions.org www.lionsclubs.org/en

The new **District A-1 Directory 2023-2024** has been emailed to all Lions, and is also available

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 <u>a1cabsec@gmail.com</u>

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

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

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DISTRICT A-1 LIONS CLUBS BY ZONE

Zone 1

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

Zone 2

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

38 clubs

Zone 5

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

Zone 6

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

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



Message from the DG Newsletter Editors



Dear fellow Lions.

Wayne and I have been working hard to get this Newsletter together in time under very difficult family circumstances. We are proud we did it and met our deadline. I am actually very picky about the deadline, because many clubs have events in the first few days of the month, and we want to make sure they are showcased and successful. Putting together three newsletters in a row is not easy when life gets in the way, but what a rush if you manage regardless! Wayne and I hope you will enjoy this issue, and we are looking forward to receiving your submissions for October. Keep them coming!

Lions Wayne Morrison and Christine Aben

Email us at lionchristine@rogers.com

Next District A-1 Newsletter

Deadline for submissions: September 26 2023

Publish date: October 1 2023

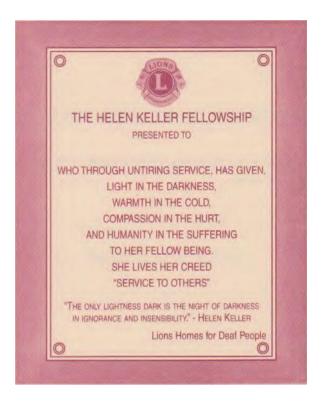
Check out our District's Projects here:

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

I asked my wife to embrace her mistakes.

She gave me a hug.

HELEN KELLER FELLOWSHIP



This award has been established by the Board of Directors, Lions Homes for deaf People, to honour outstanding Lions and Leos throughout Multiple District "A" and deserving members of the community.

The fellowship is of very significant design and quality to reflect the importance and honour of the occasion for which it is presented. An attractive lapel pin bearing a montage of Helen Keller is provided for each recipient. Recipients display both the award and lapel pin with pride.

To make a fellow Lion, Leo or a member of your community a "Helen Keller Fellow", a donation of at least \$600.00 must be sent to Lions Homes for Deaf People. For example, a number of clubs in a district might make smaller donations for a total of \$1800.00. The district would then be eligible to request a Helen Keller Fellowship to honour individuals within a Lion year.

This is an excellent way to honour a member of your club or citizen of your community while providing support to the projects of Lions Homes

for Deaf People. The solid oak frame, red velvet background and gold lettering make this a very impressive award.

Please consider this Fellowship a suitable way to honour someone in your club or district. To order a Helen Keller Fellowship, please complete the order form on the reverse side of this page and send it along with your cheque to:

Chairman, Lion Zoltan Dohar Lions Homes for Deaf People 75 First Street, Suite 240 Orangeville, ON L9W 5B6

Email: silverd@xplornet.ca

TEL: 905-776-0163



Charitable Registration Number: 83789 3478 RROOOI- Form 2020-01



LIONS HOMES FOR DEAF PEOPLE
75 First Street, Suite 240, Orangeville, Ontario L9W 5B6

www.edistrict.org/sites/lhdp/

Chairman Lion Zoltan Dohar Telephone: 905-776-0163 silverd@xplornet.ca Secretary Amanda Mesko Telephone 519-619-7233 a.mesko@deafblindontario.com

ORDER FORM FOR HELEN KELLER FELLOWSHIP AWARD

NOTE: Please complete this form very carefully. Print clearly. The award will be engraved exactly the way you complete the form. Minimum Donation of \$600.

Name of Recipient	
Date of Presentation	
Presenting Club	District
SHIPPING INFORMATION	
SHIP TO:	Name
	Full Address (include Postal Code)
	Email:
	Telephone Number:
	Cell Phone Number:
	Signature
<u>Please (</u>	allow 4 weeks for delivery before presentation date.
	OFFICE USE - ORDER CONFIRMATION
DATE INSCRIBED DATE ORDER PLACED AUTHORIZED BY	

LIONS HOMES OFFER A PLACE TO GROW

Charitable Registration Number: 83789 3478 RROOOI- Form 2020-01



Arkona Lions Club



Source: Facebook

The Bruce Redman Car Show And Community Day

Sponsored by The Arkona Lions
Saturday September 16th, 2023 from 9 am until 3 pm
Rock Glen Conservation Area
8680 Rock Glen Rd Arkona, Ontario
The First 100 cars will receive a Free Dash Plaque
For More Information, please contact
Stan at 519-828-3261





Cost \$10 per Old Car Spectators enter for Free Things to enjoy at the event

- ·Classic Cars
- Scenic Waterfall & Hiking Trails
- Playground
- •Museum Fossils, Artifacts, Minerals, and much more
- ·Food for sale by The Arkona Lions

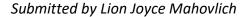








Belle River Lions Club









Top Left: On Saturday, August 26, 2023 the Lakeshore Leo Club and the Belle River Lions Club held their annual Fill the Bus Event to assist the Food Pantry with "Back to School" lunch items. In the picture Left to Right: Lion Jaimie Clarke, Owner of Foodland accepting a Certificate of Appreciation from Lions Debbie Lemire, Joyce Mahovlich, Mary Mahovlich & Past President Tyler Dozois.

Top Right: On Sat., Aug. 26/23, the Lakeshore Leo Club along with the Belle River Lions club collected "Back to School" lunch items for the Food Pantry. In the picture is Leo Kaitlyne Gadoury, Lions Mary Mahovlich, Joyce Mahovlich, Debbie Lemire and Leo Tambre Alford collecting the items donated. Missing from the picture is Leo Klaryssa Ducharme.

Below: The Fill the Bus event was another huge success on Sat., Aug. 26/23! Left to Right: Hannah Haskell, Food Service Coordinator, Lion Mary, Leo Klaryssa, Lion Debbie & Kamal Mann, Manager, Food Pantry. Our donations totaled \$2,000 of the Back to School items as well as other items the Food Pantry needed to fill their shelves.





Belle River Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Joyce Mahovlich





Below: At the August 13th District A-1 Cabinet Meeting, our club was presented the Sandy Leadlay Award for our Service Project of Medical Equipment.

Above: The PDG's of District A-1 met at PCC Mary Jane & PDG Rick Gagnier on Sunday, August 13, 2023. Left to right back row: Allister Cameron, Mark Mahovlich, Joe Elliott, Joyce Mahovlich, Rick Gagnier, John Johnston, Steve Mahovlich, Bill Sasse, Pat Howe, Jacqui Flood, Eric Dolansky, Bob Lake, Walt Grieve & Barb Tuxford. Front Row: Val Burningham, Dale Taylor, Mary Mahovlich, Mike Tuxford, Mary Jane Gagnier & George Vary.



THE CHATHAM LIONS CLUB

PRESENTS THE

DISTRICT A1 TREE HUGGING CONTEST





How to enter:

- (a) Choose your favourite tree your yard, a park, a neighbour's yard
- (b) Hug the tree and take a picture give it a title if you wish.
- (c) Choose the category & briefly explain why you chose that particular special tree
- (d) Send your entry to Lion Seppo

lionseppo@cogeco.ca

Hugging Categories:

- 1. Joy
- 2. Passion for nature
- 3. Beauty
- 4. Creativity

Submit entries by Sunday November 5, 2023.

Winners will be announced at the Cabinet meeting in Chatham on November 12, 2023.

CHATHAM LIONS CLUB

July 9: Chatham Lions worked a BBQ event in support of the TJ Stables Acceptional

Riders Program providing a therapeutic riding program for children and adults with disabilities. It builds confidence, improves concentration, strength, balance, posture and is FUN.







Seven Chatham Lions had a splendid time selling hot dogs and hamburgers at Sobey's There was some dancing, singing and general silliness. \$197 was raised with a total donation of \$800.

July 2 - 12: Ciao Guido - benvenuto in Canada e Chatham...



at Point Pelee











una nuova esperienza culinaria...

Poutine!





Dorchester & District Lions Club



Source: Facebook



On August 21 we helped with Peter's Bus.

Peter's Bus started in 1986 and takes visually impaired campers of all ages to the CNIB Camp on Lake Joseph in beautiful Muskoka Ontario Canada. This bus trip, supported by the District, is organized by Lion Peter Best of the Windsor Downtown Lions Club and is unique to District A1.



Hyde Park & District Lions Club



Sumitted by Pamela Harbottle







Top Left: Kayla McConnell wrote a book on the premise of the Hyde Park Lions Car Show. She will be out at our cruise nights every Thursday selling her book. She has offered to give a donation to the lions for helping her get more attention to her book.

Top Middle: The newly formed Hyde Park Leos have been working together with the Hyde Park Lions at their country cruizin fundraiser every Thursday. August 31st will be Leos day at Country Cruizin - all proceeds raised will go towards Leo and their community partners they choose to donate to.

Top Right: Lion Karen serving at the front gate of Plunkett Estate for Country Cruizin

Bottom Left: Lion Rob with the assistance of Lion Frank selling Lions Merchandise at the MDA Convention held in London in May.

Bottom Middle: Hyde Park Leos attending their first official dinner meeting

Bottom Right: Cheque presentation to PEPP. The Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Psychoses is a community focused mental health program located in London, Ontario. They do so much for the community and they help us weekly at Country Cruizin.









Hyde Park & District Lions Club



Sumitted by Pamela Harbottle



Top Left: Hyde Park Leos with Leo Advisor Pamela Harbottle as they unveil their new banner.

Top Middle: Lion Pamela being presented with The Melvin Jones Fellowship from Lion Praveen from India.

Top Right: DG Lion Sydney being presented with The Melvin Jones Fellowship from Lion Praveen from India.

Bottom Left: President Lion Rob is presenting Lion Praveen and Lion KumKum visiting from India for two months as a gift of appreciation. They attended several of our meetings and presented awards and attended the MDA convention with us.

Bottom Right: Award winning country singer songwriter Fraser Newcombe performed at CountryCcruizin June 1st to get everyone excited for our fundraiser June 4th.







Hyde Park & District Lions Club



Sumitted by Pamela Harbottle









Top Left: Fraser Newcombe is from Nova Scotia and is world famous for his lobster guitar - it was well received at our car show.

Top Right: members of The Hyde Park Leos club serving at their first fundraiser on June 4th - Just Another Kitchen Party hosted by the Lambeth and Hyde Park Lions

Bottom Left: Lion Dwaye Linnier - MC of Just Another Kitchen Party and a great job he did.

Bottom Right: Volunteer Santiago running the Rock Lobster Mystery Game. He liked serving so much - has now joined The Hyde Park Leo Club - amazing.







Source: Facebook



LIGHTHOUSE VARIETY

Resident Appreciation Party!

Friday, September 1
5pm – 10pm
at the Lions Park









Tickets are \$20 each and include one complimentary food ticket

ONLY 400 TICKETS AVAILABLE

All proceeds from this event go towards a new park walkway



LIVE music with

The Sand Box

(formerly Toast & Jam)



Don't miss the community "Party of the Year"!

This event is intended for Cove residents. Must be 19 or older to attend.



London Central Lions Club



From e-Clubhouse

Bicycle Sale

Trinity Lutheran Church Parking Lot 746 Colborne St. London

September 02, 2023

10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.







Lucan & District Lions Club



Source: facebook

JOIN US...

LUCAN DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

75th Anniversary Celebration



Roast Beef & Chicken Dinner & Murder Mystery Theatre

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Lucan Community Memorial Centre

5pm Doors Open | 6pm Start

Tickets: \$40.00 each available from your local Lions Club Member or Langford Lumber







Melbourne & District Lions Club



Source: Facebook

Pages taken from Melbourne & Middlemiss Booster @ Melbourne Fair and Tractor Fest August 23,2023





Mount Brydges Lions Club



Source: Facebook





Drive Thru Take Out or
Eat In at the Lions Den,
(behind the Mt. Brydges Arena)
September 15, 2023
4:30 to 7:00 pm

For a unique experience and community camaraderie, tables and chairs will be set up inside the Den and picnic tables in the park.

Coffee, Pop and Water available.

Tickets available from ANY Mt. Brydges LIONS MEMBER or CDS Pharmacy. Walk in meals welcome.

Interac® Ticket purchases: treasurer@mtbrydgeslions.ca

All Proceeds to Community Betterment and Lions Park Improvements

Like us on Facebook

www.mtbrydgeslions.ca



Poplar Hill Lions Glub



Source: Facebook



2nd Annual Cruise In and Breakfast in Poplar Hill Park

SUNDAY, September 17th, 2023 @ 9am to 2pm

Poplar Hill Park
24375 Poplar Hill Rd, Ilderton, ON N0M 2A0

Hosted by Poplar Hill & District Lions Club and & Strathroy Caradoc Cruisers

PUBLIC ADMISSION TO CAR SHOW: Free
CAR ADMISSION: \$10 Per Car Entry (Includes \$5 Breakfast
Voucher)

POPLAR HILL LIONS Pancake breakfast in the a.m.\$15 (same price as last year! Where else has inflation been 0% this year?)

POPLAR HILL LIONS BBQ lunch in the p.m.Lunch costs vary – please arrive hungry! SHARE THE WEALTH DRAW AND CAR AWARDS @ 2 P.M.Last year, over 60 cars attended and hundreds of breakfasts were consumed. INQUIRIES: info@phlions.ca

Sylvester Stallone said he wanted to make a movie about classical music.

"I'll be Beethoven" he said

Jean Claude van Damme said: "Okay, I'll be Mozart

Arnold Schwarzenegger said: I'll be Bach!"



Lions Club of Port Stanley Lioness



Source: Facebook

Friday, October 20, 2023, 7pm. All for a great cause! More info soon...stay tuned!

Appetizers
Dessert Table
Entertaimment
Silent Auction
Cash bar





Port Stanley Lions Club



Source: Facebook





Port Stanley Lions Club supports the Port Stanley Sailing Squadron and today contributed \$500 to the PSSS sailing school for local youth.





Wyoming Lioness Lions



Submitted by Barbara Jardine













Fund raising efforts to give back to local communities is vital to Wyoming Lioness Lions. Above, members presented donations to Petrolia Food Bank and Lambton Shores Dragon Boat team. As well, here are a few Canada Day celebration pictures, children enjoying cookie decorating. Fun had by all!! "

Wyoming Lioness Lions

Barbara Jardine.



Wyoming Lions Club



Source: Facebook



Wyoming Lion's Club

WYOMING LION'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 17th, 2023
Wyoming Lion's Club
8:00 am - Noon
Eat In or Take Out
Adults - \$15 • Children under 10 - \$10