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District A-1

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Message from our District Governor:

Lions All

September 'technically' begins the start of a new Lion's year in earnest. This year will present continued challenges in a Covid world; but challenges that Lions are willing to meet head on.

Now is the time to find new and innovative ways to continue serving our communities and helping those in need ~ wearing your mask when required and delivering those proverbial warm and fuzzy feelings to our neighbours.

A-1 is a collection of clubs that are in cities, towns, villages and small hamlets. We have some clubs that own their halls, others share space with community groups and others rent meeting spaces.

Some clubs have areas that allow efficient drive through meals as an option of fund raising, some have municipal landfills that are all for recycling or bottle drive opportunities and some of our clubs are searching for new ways to serve the communities ~ safely and comfortably.

The A-1 leadership team has purchased a Zoom license in order that all clubs and/or committees will have the accessibility to continue to meet virtually. IF you require access to the Zoom calendar, please contact Lion Michelle Mundy michellemundy@live.com Michelle is our Gatekeeper!

You're A-1 Leadership team encourages all clubs to follow the Provincial guidelines and the recommendations of your local Health Unit with respect to meetings. As you know we can meet outdoors (as we did for Cabinet) or indoors if you have access to space that allows safe social distancing and members are comfortable doing so.

Remember Lions ~ IF we can SUPPORT a fellow club member / citizen in their efforts or provide words of encouragement then we are serving successfully. We are being KIND and above all KINDNESS MATTERS!!

For more than 100 years Lions have risen to meet local, national and international challenges. We will continue to do so because above all else

WE ARE LIONS !!!

Blessings to you all!

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Daniel L Armstrong



Lions Clubs International

GLOBAL CAUSE

CHILDHOOD CANCER

"We serve to help those affected by childhood cancer survive and thrive."



Childhood Cancer Facts

- **2 minutes** a child is diagnosed with cancer every two minutes
- **13%** increase in incidence of childhood cancer over the last 20 years
- **6 years** average age at diagnosis of children with cancer
- **>90%** of childhood cancer deaths occur in low resource settings

Lions Family,

Since Childhood Cancer became a new Global Service Project of LCI a few years ago, it has not received the recognition it truly deserves.

Accordingly, it is A1's intention to bring more awareness to its membership about this worthwhile initiative. Unfortunately, no one is immune to Cancer and when it afflicts Children it seems to heighten our emotions. A diagnosis of childhood cancer is a big, scary, sudden swerve in the road - changing life in an instant!

This first day of September marked the start of Childhood Cancer Awareness month.

I would ask that all of us consider how we may be able to support this worthy cause!!!

Kindness Matters

District Governor Lion Daniel L Armstrong,

We all in our communities have felt the effects of cancer on children and their families!

Thanks to all the Clubs and Communities that have already joined in with service and support to help those affected by childhood cancer survive and thrive!

For more insight into this Global Cause by Lions Clubs International
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-global-causes/childhood-cancer>



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL



Information for Childhood Cancer

Source: Lions Clubs International MD'A'

Adapted Excerpts from 'Information on Childhood Cancer for Chairperson'

LEARN

Become familiar with childhood cancer via the World Health Organization (WHO):

Questions and Answers about Childhood Cancers.

Explore MyLION, MyLCI, LCI/LCIF's social media sites and the annual Leo Video Contest to learn more about how Lions and Leos are addressing similar challenges and opportunities in their communities.

DISCOVER

Bring your knowledge to the local level by exploring how childhood cancer is directly impacting your community.

Conduct a Community Needs Assessment with a special focus on childhood cancer.

Contact your local department of public health, children's hospital, childhood cancer registry, and other relevant organizations to learn about the needs of local children with cancer and their families.

CELEBRATE: Report their childhood cancer projects using MyLCI and as well report your Childhood Cancer Projects in your Community - using Facebook and or Local Media Publishings!!

LCIF GRANTS: LCIF offers grants to Lions districts and multiple districts in amounts from US \$10,000 to US\$150,000. The goal of the LCIF Childhood Cancer Pilot Grant Program is to improve the quality of life for children receiving treatment and their families.

LCI WEBSITE: There are many great resources on the LCI website.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CAMPS:

Camp Oochigeas & Camp Trillium

Camp Ooch & Camp Trillium helps kids affected by childhood cancer, and their families, explore enriching, and fun experiences with other kids and volunteers who understand.

The programs allow kids who were forced to grow up too fast feel like kids again, and keep families connected to a community that understands their journey.



Camp Ooch is located just East of Rosseau, ON (Dist. A12) and is an over-night Camp for children. Typically in the Summer months, children afflicted with cancer attend the camp and the Fall is usually attended by siblings of those afflicted. Camp Oooch programs are administered in Hospitals in London, Hamilton, Toronto and Ottawa on a year-round basis.

Camp Trillium has two sites in Ontario at Rainbow Lake in Waterford as well as OuR-Island in Wellington. Camp Trillium offers and promotes recreational experiences to bring children with cancer and their families in an over-night camp.

Last Fall, Camp Ooch and Camp Trillium announced a merger aimed at furthering their shared goal of reaching every child and family affected by childhood cancer across Ontario.

New in 2020 are virtual programs, keeping our community safe and connected during the COVID-19 pandemic.



GETTING TO KNOW OUR LIONS LEADERS, LIONS MEMBERS, and CLUBS



Environment Chair Lion Dale Taylor, Lambeth Lions Club.

I have been a lion for 30 years and am pleased to be Environment Chair in this very important time in history. I have been married to Lindy for 52 years and have two wonderful children and 5 fantastic grandchildren. They are the reason I think we have to do more, or at least as much as possible to help our environment. We can do everything from planting trees and flowers to recycling and using less single use plastics.
Please report any of your clubs activities to me and I will report to the District and MD'A'!

Message from Editor of DG's NEWLETTER,

Next Publication Issue # 3 October 2020

Thanks to all who contributed to this issue of the DG NEWSLETTER!

As Editor, I look forward to passing on your info throughout the year!

- Submit items you wish to share throughout the year – including Upcoming Events / Activities, Reports of Completed Activities – with short summaries and pictures (jpg Format preferred)
- I would like to include each and every Lions, Lioness & Leo Club in the Newsletter at some time in this Lions Year.
- If you submit it I can include! If I don't get it I can't!
- Please review each issue and make sure that you let me know of any errors so that corrections can be noted in the following issue!

If you have anything to share please submit it and it will be included in the next upcoming issue!!

Just a friendly reminder for those who just didn't have the time or misplaced the input or just forgot to submit – we're looking for the following in this Year's Issues!

- **LEADERS in OUR DISTRICT** – To help Lions, Lioness, Leos of our District know who your leaders are, I am hoping to include a short Bio of each and will include them as I receive them! District Officers, District Chairs, Club Presidents, ... are invited to submit short Bios, including a photo to help Lions 'Put a Face to the Name'. I have already received some and they are included in the first 2 issues! Looking forward to getting others!
So if you have not already done so, I invite you to submit your Bio to lionhenry@sympatico.ca
- **DISTRICT A-1 CLUB HISTORIES**
Our District has a lot of history to share – so I invite each Club to submit a short Club History to lionhenry@sympatico.ca for publication as received!
Just some suggestions to include: Charter Date, Sponsoring (Mother) Club, Years of Service, Number of Members (at Charter and Current), Major Projects, Major Fundraisers, including pictures as available, any special info/items you feel might be of interest to our Members!!!

IF I RECEIVE IT I CAN PUBLISH IT!!!!

Special Note: Content is from multiple sources with permissions secured as possible!
Your Editor ***Lion Henry Vanderweyst*** [***lionhenry@sympatico.ca***](mailto:lionhenry@sympatico.ca)



USING SOCIAL MEDIA



Lion MICHELLE MUNDY Dorchester Lions Club

Lion Michelle Mundy is your resource for questions you may have on using social media to get your info out to the public and Club Members! See below and in future issues for her ideas and suggestions!

Use Facebook to Promote your Club

Is your club page a Facebook group or public profile?

A public profile is the best way to go for Lions Clubs

What's the difference between the two?

In general, a page is a **public profile** that allows us service groups, companies and brands to introduce/feature their services and activities. A group is a community-based feature that gathers people with the same interests to discuss topics and share their opinions.

A public profile page is seen by more people, more of the public and even worldwide depending on who likes/follows your page, a group page is only seen by people who are in your group which is very limited.

Facebook is a powerful & FREE tool that your club should be using to:

- Promote your upcoming club activities, share photos and successes after the event
- Share the events of your neighbouring club
- Share relevant information about Lions Clubs International & our global causes
- Use it to inspire other Lions Clubs & the public
- Show how fun Lions can be, use Facebook as a recruiting tool.

Keep your page LIONS RELATED, professional and clean looking, not blurry or pixelated.

Great graphics and photos attract people, ensure you are not using watermarked images or trademarked images without permission (Do not use Disney, Winnie the Pooh, Lion King etc.).

Your page is a reflection of your club as well as Lions Clubs International.

Did you know we have a District A-1 Facebook page?

Give it a LIKE, share with us your upcoming and past activities so we can share it with the entire district <https://www.facebook.com/DistrictA1LionsClubs>

Any questions? Just shout, find me on Facebook or email me at michellemundy@live.com

Lion Michelle Mundy District A-1 Web-Social Media & Bulletin Chair



DISTRICT A-1 DIRECTORY CHANGES



District A-1 Directory 2020-2021 – Online – on District A-1 Website districta1lions.com

The most up-to-date and accurate Directory is and will be the Directory that is available online!

Lion Doug Crocket, Lambeth Club President has a new email liondoug2007@gmail.com

Zone Chair 1 – Lion Denise Poisson Meeting Date for Essex should read February 23, 2021

PDG Lion Chandra Gajjar has changed his phone number to (519)777-9094

Delaware Lions Club – Due to Covid-19 Restrictions – Meeting Changes September – December 2020

Meetings – 1 Meeting per Month - Business (No Dinner Meetings)

Meetings 2020 --- September 14, October 19, November 9 and December 14



District A-1 Cabinet Meeting

Sunday, August 23rd, 2020 Dorchester, ON

District A-1 Officers and 23 Clubs were represented with 75 Club Members in attendance.

Dorchester Lions Club served the “peameal bacon on a bun” for lunch.

INDUCTION of the DISTRICT A-1 CABINET 2020-2021 by PDG Lion Ron Devos



DG Lion Dan Armstrong was **‘Officially Installed’** as Governor of District A-1 by PCC John Johnston as he performed a **Ribbon Pulling Ceremony**

DG Dan missed having this with the cancellation of the International Convention this year in Singapore due to COVID.

Lion Gayle & DG Lion Dan performing the tradition of Lions Ribbon Pulling!



DG Dan Armstrong Remarks

My ribbon pulling done here was more important than going to Singapore. It was great to share this with A-1. It is overstated and understated that COVID has brought about tremendous changes and we are going to have to do things differently, write less cheques and do more service. Be known, be seen. We serve and we serve with respect.

NAMI Membership growth – not that difficult, we get involved and speak with people. Become story tellers about Lions. We would not do this if we did not have a servient heart. That is why we serve! People that want to join are all around us. Remember why we chose to become a Lion. Makes us feel good to be a Lion.

Thanks to all District A-1 Lions Family Members for attendance at the District A-1 Cabinet Meeting!



IPDG Lion Barb Tuxford
Passes the Gavel to
DG Lion Dan Armstrong

Thanks and Congratulations All Lions for your work and Awards well deserved!!

Lion Michelle Mundy of Dorchester Lions Club was presented the **Rob Spiering Leadership Award** by 2nd VDG Lion Ev Spiering

IPDG Lion Barb Tuxford was presented an **LFC Fellowship (Dog Guides) Award** on behalf of the Lions, Leos and Lioness for her leadership in 2019-2020 by 2nd VDG Lion Ev Spiering.

IPDG Barb Tuxford presented 2019-2020 Awards

Dog Guide Awards and Banner Patches

London East - silver

London Central – silver

Hyde Park – silver

Lambeth – silver

Port Stanley Lioness – gold

Strathroy-Caradoc – bronze

Club excellence Awards 2019-2020

Michael Anne Kerrigan – Chatham Lions

Michelle Mundy – Dorchester Lions

New Voices Awards

Leadership - Rick Nemett

Service - Dianne Purcell

Membership - Highgate Lions Club

Marketing – Michelle Mundy

LCI Presidential Leadership – Lion Henry Vanderweyst

LCI Presidential Medal – PDG Cliff Ryan



DG Lion Dan Armstrong presented a Helen Keller Memorial from the Windsor Lions Anniversary to IPDG Lion Barb Tuxford.



DG Lion Dan Armstrong fist pumping Lion Anne of the Hyde Park Lions Club.



Dorchester Lions – Served the Meal – Peameal Bacon on Bun, Fries, Dessert

NEXT
District A-1
Cabinet Meeting
October 18th, 2020
in Windsor



Hyde Park Lion at the Cabinet!



PZC Lion Pam Harbottle posed with Lion DANDEE – Dorchester Lions Mascot

DISTRICT A-1

BELLE RIVER LIONS CLUB

Submitted by PDG Lion Joyce Mahovlich Belle River Lions Club

Belle River Lions Club Award Presentations at CLUB MEETING SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

All of these awards would have been presented at our 75th Anniversary which the Belle River Lions Club had to cancel due to the virus.



Lion Mark Mahovlich presenting Lion Daria Matheson a Leader Dog Tribute for all of her hard work on behalf of our Lions Club.



Lion Joyce Mahovlich presenting Diamond Centennial Awards to Lion Jim Sauve, Lion Mary Mahovlich and Lion Steve Mahovlich.



Lion Bob Percy presenting Lion Pat Beaulieu a Harry A. Newman Award for all of her assistance in many of our club projects.



President Lion Steve Mahovlich presenting a Judge Brian Stevenson award to long time member Lion Jim Taylor (58 years of service). In the picture from left to right: Lion Debbie Lemire, Lion Jerry Ducharme (28 years of service), Lion Jim Taylor, Lion Bob Percy, Lion Mark Mahovlich and President Lion Steve Mahovlich.

DISTRICT A-1

DORCHESTER LIONS CLUB

Submitted by Lion Michelle Mundy Dorchester Lions Club

Dorchester Lions held a Free Movie Night in the park on Saturday August 29th. The idea was to lift the spirits of the community, hold an event that thanks the community for their continuing support.





DISTRICT A-1 CLUBS NEED YOUR SUPPORT CLUB FUNDRAISERS



LAMBETH LIONS CLUB

MEMORY BOX PROJECT

FUNDRAISER



PDG Dale Taylor – Lambeth had a display of their outdoor tables, bowls, etc. at the District Meeting.

Lambeth Lions have for 14-15 years fundraised for their Memory Boxes.

LONDON CENTRAL LIONS CLUB

BIKE FUNDRAISER

For the year of 2019 the Bike Project brought in well over \$2000. This project has been bringing in money for club charities for several decades now! I think this must make this one of the longer continually running projects in the world of Lions clubs!

NEED YOUR HELP!!!

London Central Lions Club – Bike Sale has done so well that they have no bikes left.

Looking for donations. If you have a bike to donate please contact Lion Christine lionchristine@rogers.com and arrangements will be made to pick up your donation.



DORCHESTER LIONS CLUB

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

FUNDRAISER

Dorchester Lions Club



Farm Fresh

CHRISTMAS TREES

FOR SALE

Everyday starting November 30th
FlightExec Centre - 2066 Dorchester Road, Dorchester

A variety of prices & sizes



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**MOUNT BRYDGES
LIONS CLUB**

FALL RIB DINNER

FUNDRAISER



Mount Brydges Lions
Fall Rib Dinner



**1/2 Rack of Ribs with
Potatoes and Baked beans!**

All for just \$20



Kid's meal available on pick up :
Hot Dog & packet of chips: **\$5**

Drive Thru Take Out at the Lions Barn,
Lions Park (Community Center)
September 25, 2020 4:30 to 7:30 pm

➡ **ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY!** ⬅

Tickets on sale until Sept. 18, 2020
ANY MT. BRYDGES LIONS MEMBER
or CDS Pharmacy

Interac® Ticket purchases: treasurer@mtbrydgeslions.ca

All Proceeds to Lions Park Improvements

www.mtbrydgeslions.ca

Submitted by Lion Bob Purcell Dutton & District Lions Club



Left to Right:

Spearchuker (QMC); **Kodak** (President, Queensmen MC Iona Station Chapter); **Lions Gord Ward & Patty O'Brien** (Lions Club couple, thus no social distancing); **Mumbles** (QMC); **Lion John Hughes** (President Dutton & District Lions Club)

On, Saturday, August 15, 2020 the members of the **Queensmen Motorcycle Club (QMC) Iona Station Chapter** delivered a one of a kind custom made Fire Ring to the **Dutton & District Lions Club**.

Note: Social distancing was strictly established, using bikes and picnic tables to ensure everyone remained separate.

This unique Fire Ring will be raffled off by Lions Club members with 100% of the proceeds going towards their local charity work.

The Queensmen MC wanted to recognize the hard work done by the Lions for everyone in Dutton Dunwich and help raise some much-needed funds, during these difficult Covid19 times.

This Fire Ring is an ideal prize when we are all forced to social distance and spend more time in our yards with limited human contact.

The Fire Ring has a retail value of over \$500 and **tickets sell for \$5 each or a book of 5 for \$20. You can purchase these tickets from any Lions member and the draw will be held Oct. 31, 2020.**

QMC feels this is a good way to 'Thank' the entire community for their hospitality & reminded us all to Shop Local, as we support our small businesses with their recovery.

With limited current income the Lions greatly appreciate **this joint project!**



WE SERVE
with unity, dignity, diversity,
inclusion, kindness & respect.

District A 1 Lions: Effective Speaking 2021



Categories: English & French

Junior: grades - 4, 5 & 6

Intermediate: grades - 7, 8 & 9

Senior: grades 10, 11 & 12

**District A1 finals: Sun. March 28, 2021
at the Active Lifestyle Centre-Chatham**

**Opening ceremonies: 12:30
organized & hosted by the Chatham Lions Club**

**MDA finals: Fri. & Sat. May 7 & 8, 2021
at the Sunbridge Hotel & Conference Centre
Point Edward
organized & hosted by the Petrolia Lions Club
(Each contest - COVID 19 permitting)**

**For more information contact the Chatham Lions Club
or lionseppo@cogeco.ca**

Please consider donating to this worthwhile project.

Lions Clubs International

Lions International has implemented a new membership program called:

NAMI North America Membership Initiative

North America Membership Initiative



NAMI is a focused Program designed to address and reverse the decline in Lions Membership in Constitutional Areas 1 and 2(CA1 & CA2)!

NAMI Objectives:

- Rejuvenate Districts with New Clubs,
 - Revitalize Clubs with new members,
 - Re-Motivate members with new fellowships and exciting service!
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- With NAMI Communication and Interaction within a Lions District can improve tremendously because of participation by Clubs and the Membership.
 - With NAMI Lions can be heard and things they suggest can be implemented.
 - With NAMI More Lions can become involved, as they see new and innovative ideas being tested to provide support for them and the club.
 - With NAMI Change can occur in the mindset that ‘we do not accept unfavorable outcomes’ but we make adjustments and keep on trying instead of giving up.

Fast Start – Rejuvenated Club Award

We have too many clubs with too few members. NAMI District Governorss with clubs that start 2020-21 with 10 or fewer members and have 15 or more members on August 31, 2020 will receive the International President’s Certificate of Appreciation to be awarded to the rejuvenated club.

NAMI Goal Achievement Award

NAMI districts must also maintain their momentum throughout the year. Progress tracking, team accountability and continual communications are key to long-term success.

NAMI Goal Achievement plaques will be awarded to all NAMI districts and NAMI multiple districts that achieve their net membership goal as of June 30, 2021.

DISTRICT A-1 NAMI

As you know, we are always looking for new ways to attract new members and we are hoping your responses to the questionnaire sent to Presidents and Secretaries will help us with putting together a plan for your club to do just that attract new members.

DISTRICT A-1 NAMI TEAM

IPDG Lion Barb Tuxford, DG Lion Dan Armstrong, PCC John Johnston, 1VDG Val Burningham, Lion Bob Nemett, Lioness Sue Nemett (See A-1 Directory for Contact Info!)

If you have questions, please reach out to any Team Member!!!.

The following questionnaire is being distributed to Clubs for input so that the NAMI Team can address the Membership situation of Clubs and take the initiative to help Clubs grow Membership!

NAMI

Questions for Lions Clubs - District A-1

1. Is your club stuck in the same old patterns? (e.g. electing the same people to Board positions every year, etc. etc.)
2. Is your club willing to change?
3. Is your club aware of the different types of membership available?
4. Is your club aware of the different types of Lions clubs available?
5. Do your incoming elected club officers attend the training sessions every year?
6. Does your club have an active Membership Chair and Membership Committee?
7. Does your club hold a membership recruitment event(s) every year?
8. Is your club aware of the Club Quality Initiative or Your Club Your Way or other guides/resources from LCI?
9. Does your club hold an exit interview when a member leaves the club?
10. When would your club be willing to do a SCOT exercise with your club members to identify your club's Strengths, Challenges, Opportunities and Threats? This could be used as a basis for a plan of action to grow your club.
11. Is your club using the Lions Club Standard Form Constitution, revised in 2019? If so, which parts have you been able to implement thus far? For example, changes in the composition of your Board of Directors (Executive)

DISTRICT A-1

LIONS PROGRAMS

WE SERVE

Even in these trying times, Lions Programs must go on and need your support! These and other programs in our District and at the Club level service activities and fundraisers may be in a position to proceed and as the situation improves, hopefully eventually return to some kind of Pre-Covid-19 successes!

Sources: Various – including the NEW & FANTASTIC DISTRICT A-1 WEBSITE!

Check out the Website www.districtallions.com

Great Source of links to useful guidelines and information!!

Lions Foundation of Canada



From guiding their handlers through their daily lives to getting help when it's needed most, Dog Guides play a crucial role in the lives of Canadians with disabilities. Lions Foundation of Canada's mission is to assist Canadians with a medical or physical disability by providing them Dog Guides at no cost.

LFC DOG GUIDES PROGRAMS

www.guidedogs.com

Canine Vision for people who are blind or visually impaired

Hearing for people who are deaf or hard of hearing

Autism Assistance for children who have autism spectrum disorder

Service for people who have a physical disability

Seizure Response for people who have epilepsy

Diabetic Alert for people who have diabetes with hypoglycemic unawareness

Support for use by professional agencies with individuals in traumatic situations

District A-1 Chair Lion Wendy Durante Kingsville Lions Club kingsvillelions@gmail.com

Youth Exchange



Youth are encouraged to use their travel opportunity to share and experience different cultures!

Exchanges typically last for 4-6 weeks with the help of host families sponsor and host clubs, districts or multiple districts.

Club Support is crucial to the Success of the Camp Program.

In the current situation Youth Exchange had to be cancelled for 2020 but we need to look forward to 2021 in the hopes that it will happen next year!

District A-1 Chair Lion Dianne Piggott dianne.piggott@gmail.com

EYES RIGHT



Over 100,000 patients have received eye care employing equipment funded by EYES RIGHT.

Supporting vision healthcare in Southwestern Ontario.

We are always looking for another project.

Chair Regional Rep - Lion Gail Tanner
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Vice Chair PZC Murray McDonald
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Lions Quest Canada

Centre for Positive Youth Development!

Lions Quest Canada is dedicated to fostering positive youth development by producing and supplying effective tools including innovative and well-researched programs, products, training and services for youth, parents, educators, and community leaders to have an influence all aspects of young people's lives.

Proudly Supported by the Lions Clubs of Canada

District A-1 Chair PDG Mike Tuxford

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[Lions Quest Canada](#)



Peter's Bus

Transportation to Lake Joe Summer Camp

Peter's Bus takes 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 Club and is unique to District A1.

District A-1 Chair

Lion Peter Best

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Gift of Life

In Ontario, over 1,500 people are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant, their only treatment option, and every 3 days someone will die because they did not get their transplant in time.

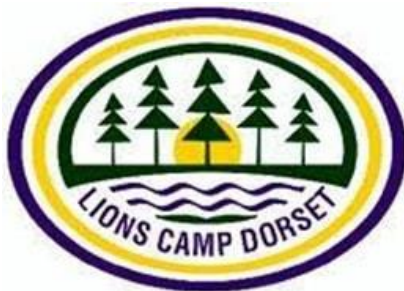
But you can help. When you register your consent for organ and tissue donation, you let those waiting know that you would help them if you could.

District A-1 Chair

PRC James Rigney

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Register at Ontario.ca



Lions Camp Dorset

Lions Camp Dorset was founded & continues to be supported by the Lions & Lioness Clubs of Ontario. Camp Dorset has grown to enhance the dialysis patient's vacation experience. Despite its size, Camp Dorset manages to maintain its grass roots style. While services expand, the client's cost is kept to a minimum. The result is a state-of-the-art dialysis treatment facility which provides a place for a family getaway into the heart of Ontario's vacation land.

District A-1 Chair

Lion Murray Sutherland

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www.lionscampdorset.ca



Diabetes

Diabetes Canada

Diabetes is the signature cause of Lions and Leos around the world. Diabetes can lead to serious diseases affecting the heart and blood vessels, eyes, kidneys, nerves and teeth. In most high-income countries, diabetes is a leading cause of cardiovascular disease, blindness, kidney failure, and lower limb amputation.

Lions want to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those diagnosed.

District A-1 Chair

PDG Jacqui Flood

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[Diabetes Canada](#)



Hearing & Vision

Hearing

We serve to prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind and visually impaired.

We have a long history of serving the blind and visually impaired, the deaf and hearing impaired. We remain committed to continuing this mission into our next century of service.

We collect & recycle both eyeglasses & hearing aids and have collection boxes throughout our communities.

District A-1 Chair Lion Robert Neill lionrobneill@rogers.com



Peace Poster Contest

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.

District A-1 Chair Lion Cheryl Schleihau lioncheryl368@gmail.com
[Lions Club International Peace Poster information](#)



Environment

Environment

We serve to sustainably protect and restore our environment to improve the well-being of all communities.

Lions and Leos serve to strengthen the relationship between the community and its environment. We've seen how our stewardship of natural resources can improve quality of life and increase engagement in our local communities.

District A-1 Chair PDG Dale Taylor dale.taylor@gmail.com



Leader Dogs for the Blind

At Leader Dogs for the Blind we believe that everyone deserves a life of independence and mobility. All of our services are provided free of charge to our clients, including travel in the U.S. and Canada, room and board, equipment and training. This means that no one is excluded from living their most fulfilling life due to lack of funds.

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Junior, Intermediate & Senior Speakers
March 2020

EFFECTIVE SPEAKING

District A-1 and MD' A' annually promote and host the Effective Speaking Program for Youth of Elementary and Secondary School Age!

Lions Clubs host Effective Speaking Programs for local Youth with local Winners advancing to the District A-1 Speak-Off and Winners advance to the MD' A' Speak-Off!

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LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

Multiple District A Convention
Four Points by Sheraton , London
May 28 - 30, 2021



Hello Lions, Lioness, Leos and Friends

As you know District A1 will be hosting the upcoming MDA Convention at the Four Points by Sheraton, May 28-30th 2021. Since the initial bid was accepted by the MDA Council of Governors, we have been working to put together a Convention then Covid 19 hit.....and hit hard everything stopped and we could not longer continue, now that we are in Stage 3, we are full steam ahead with planning. Registration forms are being finalized and will be out shortly. We are confident that the Convention will take place.

On Thursday August 27th I met with the MDA Convention Advisory Committee, it was a very enlightening and informative meeting. Through this meeting it was requested if we could find one or more Lion/Lioness who could volunteer their time to take candid photos all weekend. This task would also include taking the Official Photos of the Governors Council and Spouses. If any Lion or Lioness are interested please contact Lion Ev, we are also looking for a Club who would be willing to be Sergeant of Arms that weekend, please contact myself or any Committee member.

Plans are also in the works for a Service Project to be held on the Saturday Afternoon. Possible Distress Bags for Ronald McDonald house - focusing on Childhood Cancer.

The International Guest for the weekend is not finalized but as soon as we know you will know. Between our District Committee and the MDA Advisory Committee we are committed to bringing you a great Convention.

Please stay tuned for more updates and information how you may help.

Please contact Lion Ev if you are interested in helping out.

Convention Committee

PDG Lion Ev Spiering—Chair,

PDG Lion Mike Tuxford—Co Chair

PCC Dave Balmos-Treasurer/Registration

ZC Rick Waite-Secretary

PDG Allister Cameron

RC Bruce Campbell

PCS Gerald Smith

PDG Mark Mahovlich

PLP Rosemary Kennedy-Lioness Rep



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You can experience the Forum this year in a new way! Join us for the USA/Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience. Although we aren't able to facilitate the 80 wonderful seminars that were planned for Louisville, the Forum Planning Committee is excited to present 19 sessions you can attend virtually. It's easy and affordable.

If you have never attended a USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, our Virtual Leadership Experience will give an opportunity to understand what we do for your leadership growth in a scaled down version. Our mission is to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International. We have created a virtual experience filled with seminars that enhance your leadership skills and knowledge. **The Virtual Leadership Experience is for every Lion.**

Choose from 19 sessions that will educate you on programs and services like a Childhood Cancer Symposium, Faces of Diabetes Innovation, how to approach the younger generation about Lions, projects for women and families, learning more with NAMI and so much more.

General Sessions Keynotes



Katherine Greenland
Katherine is a cultural innovator and inclusion strategist with over 20 years of experience as a public speaker, team builder and advisor.



Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, President LCI
Dr. Choi will speak on the services and programs of LCI and give us insight on being United with Kindness and Diversity.



Striker Corbin
As a motivational speaker, certified hypnotist, and success coach, Striker Corbin focuses on personal development.

**Complete Event Registration Fee
3 Days - 2 Hour Sessions**

\$20

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Use the link to register for the USA/Canada Forum. Due to COVID the Forum has gone digital this year. The cost is \$20.00 US and it is in DG Dan's Budget to reimburse the first 20 registrations the fee with proof of registration.