

## Lions Year Events

### April 2023

Environmental Awareness Month  
Family & Friends Month  
Leo Club Awareness Month  
21-23 District A4 Convention, Kingston  
22 - Earth Day  
22 - Roadside Cleanup  
27-29 Club's Play at Upper Canada  
Playhouse

### May 2023

Strengthen Membership Month  
15 - House of Commons Tour  
28 - World Hunger Day

### June 2023

03 - WDMH Murder Mystery Night  
07 - Lions Clubs Birthday  
17 - Galop Canal Bluegrass Chicken  
BBQ

### July 2023

22 - Seniors Ice Cream Social

### September 2023

16 - Iroquois Apple Festival Chicken  
BBQ  
22-24 - Williamsburg Harvestfest

### November 2023

25 - Seniors Christmas Party

## 2023-24 Club Executive (Upcoming Year)

1st Vice President Renée is still looking for members of the executive and committee chairperson. If you are interested, please contact Lion Renée Devenny.

**Thanks for helping make the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club a success!**

## BP Scouts Banquet – Feb. 22, 2023



Williamsburg Baden-Powell Scouts Banquet  
Harold Jansen, Maureen Mulchair, David McKenzie, Evonne Delegarde, Lisa Vreman

Lions Evonne and Maureen attended the Williamsburg BP Scouts banquet. The Scouts returned the favour and helped serve dinner at our St. Patrick's evening. Thank you Scouts!

## April - Environmental Awareness Month

The Environment is one of Lions global causes and April happens to be Environmental Awareness month. The Iroquois-Matilda Lions will do our part and on Earth Day (Apr. 22), we will hold our bi-annual roadside cleanup. The early birds will be at Yefsi's for a pre-cleanup breakfast before patrolling the roadside for errant trash. **Meet up is at 9am by the Adirondack chair.** Hope to see you there!

## District A4 Convention

Our District convention will be held Apr. 21-23 at the Four Points by Sheraton in Kingston. It's not too late to register!

## Student Lions Vanessa & Trent

Seaway students Vanessa and Trent are helping to raise funds towards Seaway's prom. To that end, another Paint Night is planned for April 12. Also, there will be a Kids Paint Night on May 13.

Lions Vanessa and Trent are planning a spaghetti night on April 23 at the Legion. The Iroquois-Matilda Lions will be asked to help serve.

For more information about any of these events or to get tickets, contact either Lion Vanessa or Lion Trent.



# THE MANE WORD

Iroquois-Matilda Lions  
District A-4  
Zone 41 South

2nd and 4th Mondays  
Iroquois Legion

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## Meetings

### 2022

September 12

September 26

October 3 – Chinese food

October 24 – Oktoberfest dinner

November 14 – Yefsi's

November 28 Chili/sandwiches or lasagna/spaghetti (Guest speaker House of Lazarus)

December 12 – roast beef

### 2023

January 9 (Guest speaker Dundas County Hospice)

January 23

February 13

February 27

March 13

March 27

April 10 (The Wok)

April 24

May 8

May 29

June 12

June 26

## St. Patrick's Party

After multiple postponements, our St. Patrick's Party returned with a bang. Wayne Rostad did a superb job of entertaining our guests.



Thanks to Lion Maureen, her committee and all who helped make the evening a success!

**New Members – Sharon & Gord**

On March 13 the club welcomed new members Sharon Sorenson and Gord Sheldrick. They have graciously provided the following profile.



Hi fellow Lions, we're happy to be a part of this organization and hope to make a difference in our community. Here's a little bit about Gord and myself.

Gord was born in Ottawa but his parents moved their four boys just outside Russell when he was seven to be closer to their rural roots. Gord lived in that area until recently, attending Russell Public School and North Dundas District High School and there aren't too many old timer residents of Russell who he doesn't know.

He worked on neighbouring farms in his youth and one of the farmers brought him along one year to help at the Russell Fair. Gord never looked back. He was an integral part of the Russell Agricultural Society for over 36 years, serving in just about every capacity including President. One of his favourite positions was head of the entertainment committee, finding and booking bands as well as taking care of their many requirements. Gord carried that love of music forward, serving on the entertainment committee for the 2022 International Plowing Match in Kemptville. He has also volunteered with the bar committee at the Kemptville Live Music Festival.

After completing the meat cutting course at Algonquin College Gord briefly worked as a butcher then started his career in network cabling in 1988. This led to work subcontracting for Bell Canada, responsible for pay phone installation, among other things, in all of the 613 exchange area and beyond. This ensured that he knows every country store, campground and rural backroad in Eastern Ontario. To this day if you show him a photo of a pay phone he can tell you where it is.

Gord operated his own communications business for a few years in the mid-2000s and when things were slow he got his bus license and drove a school bus part time to help out a friend. He maintains his bus license 'just in case' and has driven a Russell Legion gang on a Legion crawl around Eastern Ontario several times.

He also operated a DJ service with his youngest brother for 15 years in the 80' and 90's, playing at stags, wedding receptions and parties of all kinds in halls in Russell, Ottawa and surrounding areas.

Gord now works in the security field, managing a crew of technicians.

I was born in Windsor but moved to Ottawa as an infant when my dad was hired by the federal government. The family moved to rural Vernon just in time for me to start Grade 1 at Metcalfe Public School. I attended Osgoode Township High School and then completed the Legal Assistant diploma at Algonquin College.

I have primarily been a title searcher ever since, with a few years work in a dental office to change things up. Back in the day title searching required travelling to each County's Registry Office but the records are now automated and I am able to search all of Ontario from the comfort of my home.

We have been together for 20 years and have a blended family of four daughters and three grandchildren. Two of the girls live in Toronto, one in Kanata and one in Embrun.

We moved to Iroquois in May 2021 and although our neighbours have become great friends we were looking to make more new friends and get involved in the community so chose Iroquois and Matilda Lions.



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## Lions Play – Drop Dead!

The Upper Canada Playhouse has been booked, the cast has started rehearsals and set building has begun. For all play tickets sold at Scotiabank (Morrisburg), they will again donate a matching amount to the club to a maximum of \$3,000. If you are purchasing tickets for this year's play, please consider buying them at the Morrisburg or South Mountain branches of Scotiabank.

**LIONS INTERNATIONAL**

*Iroquois  
Matilda  
Lions Club*

*Presents*

**“DROP DEAD”**

*by Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore*

**Thursday, April 27<sup>TH</sup> 7:30 p.m.**

**Friday, April 28<sup>TH</sup> 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 29<sup>TH</sup> Matinee 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.**

Tickets available from:  
Lions Club Members &  
Mustard's Variety in Iroquois  
Upper Canada Playhouse &  
Scotiabank in Morrisburg

**Scotiabank**

Produced by special arrangements with  
Samuel French Inc.,  
a Concord Theatricals  
Company

**ALL SHOWS  
\$30<sup>00</sup> HST incl.  
per person at**

**Upper Canada  
Playhouse**

## **House of Commons Tour – May 15, 2023**

Contact Lion David Hess by May 1 to reserve a seat on the bus. The host will be Eric Duncan, MP for Stormont—Dundas—South Glengarry.

## **SmartServe**

On November 9, 2021, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) announced a new 5-year Smart Serve recertification requirement, effective July 1, 2022. This means that anyone involved in the sale, service, delivery, or sampling of liquor, or who takes liquor orders from customers must complete the Smart Serve training program every five years.

If you hold a certificate issued PRIOR to July 1, 2018, your certificate will expire on June 30, 2023. Anyone certified on or after July 1, 2018, will have 5-years, from the date of issue, to recertify.

It is the certificate holder's responsibility to recertify BEFORE their certificate expires. All valid Smart Serve certificate holders can recertify for a discounted price of \$29.95 if you do so prior to their certificate expiring.

There are 4 easy steps to renewing your Smart Serve certificate

- Step 1: Login or register to get started at the AGCO website <https://smartserve.ca/>
- Step 2: Purchase (recertification is \$29.95, first time certification is \$44.95) and complete the online training
- Step 3: Take the proctored Final Test (mobile friendly)
- Step 4: Download, save or print your eCertificate