



Lions Clubs International

District A-1

GOVERNOR'S



*Belated Merry Christmas
& a Happy & Healthy New Year
to all of our Lions Family in District A-1*

NEWSLETTER

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Message from our District Governor:



Greetings Lions, Lioness and Leos! Happy New Year to you all and all the best for 2020!

We as Lions in Southwestern Ontario have challenges this year. We need to listen to our clubs that are having difficulties and help whenever we can. We need to look for new opportunities for clubs and for members and seriously look at Branch Clubs. Sometimes we get complacent with the group of good Lions we have around us and don't want to change anything. You don't have to, make a Branch Club and that group can work on their own doing more work in your community.

We have a convention coming up in April and also a learning opportunity in late May or early June. You'll be getting more information at the convention. There will be some training at the convention offered, one of the courses being **MyLion** and I hope to see at least one representative from each Club attending this course. It is very important that we do our reporting, it means we get assistance from other groups like the Gavi and the Gates

Foundations when we need more funds to do bigger projects to help our world be a better place.

About the Convention - for Friday Night pick your favourite decade 50s, 60s, etc and dress up for the fun of it and then the Cabinet Meeting on Saturday. Dust off those Convention vests and let's Rock the Vest. If you don't have a vest you can probably borrow one for the occasion. Let's have a fun and informative Convention!

See you in a couple of weeks at the District A-1 Meeting in Chatham on Sunday, January 26, 2020.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to message me, email me, call me!

DG Lion Barb Tuxford

**DG Lion Barb Tuxford -- 1st VDG Dan Armstrong
2nd VDG Lion Valerie Burningham Visit District Lions Clubs**

**Some repeats but some Clubs not yet included -
We welcome any pictures you may have so that
we can do a complete display of our Leaders'
Visits to our Clubs!!**



Belle River Lions Club



Delaware Lions Club



Petrolia Lions Club



Chatham Lions Club



Tilbury Lions Club



Wheatley Lions Club



**Lighthouse Cove
& District Lions Club**



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Lions Clubs International



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Dr. Patricia Hill

Third Vice President
 Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

The Memorial Candle is but a small symbol of the light which Lion Judge Haynes Townsend caused to shine in the hearts of his fellow human beings.

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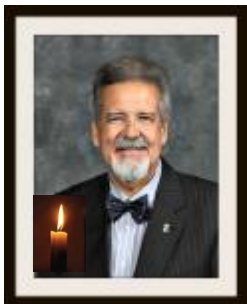
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Lionism and Humanity Loses a Great International Leader!



With the passing of 1st Vice International President Judge Haynes H. Townsend, from Dalton Georgia, on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, we lost a great International leader!

Lions of District A-1 extend sincere condolences to his family, wife Donna and two daughters!

He started working at Fraker Hardware at age 15 and later served as Chief Magistrate Judge for Whitfield County for 22 years before retiring in 2019.

As a member of the ***Dalton Noon Lions Club*** since 1979, he has held many offices within the Association, including Club President, Region Chair, Zone Chair, District Governor, District Librarian, Multiple District Leadership Chair and International Director. He served on the Lions Clubs International Board in various positions and was a presenter at the USA/Canada Leadership Forum.

He was elected to serve as 1st Vice President of Lions International in Italy in July 2019.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received many awards including 3 Lion of the Year Awards, 15 District Governor Appreciation Awards, the Ervin-Crumbley Award, District 18-A Hall of Fame Award, numerous International President's Awards, International President's Leadership Awards, the Association's highest award the Ambassador of Good Will Award, a Membership Key Award and a Knight of Strength Award. Vice President Townsend was a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, he was active in numerous professional and community organizations. He Chaired the Dalton-Whitfield Christmas Parade and was honored as the Judge of the Year by the State of Georgia.

Haynes Townsend had a servant heart and a love for community.

He was an outstanding friend, loved photography and loved his family deeply.

Haynes believed kindness matters and was an example of how kindness can change the world.



The glow from the candle is but a small symbol of the light which Lion Haynes caused to shine in the hearts of his fellow human beings. Fellow Lions do not to allow the flame of the candle to grow dim. Instead, kindle it so that its glow will be ever brighter so that it may be seen by many more persons and for many years to come!



Dear Lions,

It is with great sadness that I am writing you today. We have experienced an incredible loss to our Lion family. On December 17, International First Vice President Judge Haynes H. Townsend passed away. We are heartbroken by this tragic loss to our Lions family, to the Townsend family and his loving wife, Donna.

Judge Townsend was a capable man, a humble man, a man who believed in the power of kindness to help and to heal. He was a judge who presided over his courtroom with integrity and heart, knowing that lives and destinies hung in the balance. He was a leader who believed that big ideas should drive us but that compassion should guide us. And above all, he was a Lion.

For 40 years, Judge Townsend served. He was an active member of the Dalton Noon Lions Club in his home of Dalton, Georgia, USA. He believed that acts of kindness, both big and small, could change lives. And that's just what he did as a Lion.

It is difficult to lose an international leader of such importance. But it is even harder to lose a man of such character. We will always cherish the time we had with Judge Townsend, and we will continue to move forward, working to bring his vision for Lions, and a world of kindness, to life.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

International President

Details from various sources including - the LCI Website – Letter from International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, Lioness PURR Newsletter, ...



DR. PATTI HILL

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

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November 2019,

Hello Fellow Lions,

On behalf of the Committee to Elect Dr. Patti Hill for 3rd VP of our association in Milano, Italy, at the 102nd International Lions Convention, I want to “thank” each of you, your Club, your District and your Multiple District for your endless support.

The donations over the past three years have been amazing, along with your moral support and good wishes have all kept the momentum moving forward to a successful result in Milano, Italy.

Canada and the World have a new 3rd Vice President in Dr. Patti Hill of Edmonton, Alberta.

3rd VP Patti Hill and her Partner in Service Lion Greg Holmes “thank” each of you for allowing them to represent Lions Clubs International as 3rd VP.

Our campaign to elect a 3rd Vice President was a success, now 3rd VP Patti continues to need our monetary and moral support as she is 3rd VP, 2nd VP, 1st VP, President and Immediate Past President of our Association.

The expenses for these next few years continue for 3rd VP Dr. Patti Hill, as Lions Clubs International does not cover everything, [gifts she is expected to give when she travels, etc.]

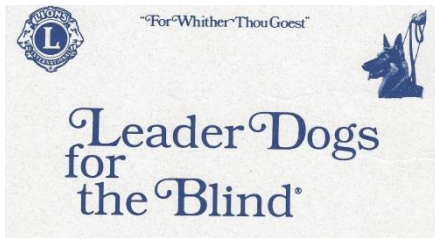
I/we ask you to please consider continued financial support for 3rd VP Patti Hill as she moves forward in Our Association. Along with your personal and Club donations our committee will be offering the opportunity to purchase “Patti pins” for each year she is a member of the Executive of Lions Clubs International [5 pins in total].

Let us, the Lions of Canada, show the Lions of the World our “pride” in electing 3rd VP Dr. Patti Hill.

Yours truly,
PID Marvin Chambers
Global Chairperson for
3rd VP Dr. Patti Hill Committee

Ccrd VP Dr Patti Hill

Committee to Elect Dr. Patti Hill



Leader Dogs for the Blind “Kick Off Dinner”

Kick Off - President’s Award Presentation

To 2nd VDG Lion Valerie Burningham

Leader Dogs for the Blind celebrated their annual “Kick Off Dinner” on Thursday December 5. Thank you to all Lions, Lioness, Leos and guests who attended the event.

Leader Dogs for the Blind President and CEO Lion Susan Daniels was proud to present Windsor Downtown Lion Val Burningham with the 2019 Kick Off President’s Award at the event.

Each year, the President’s Award is given to a Lion who has exemplifies the spirit and passion of Lionism for Leader Dog through their advocacy, volunteerism and philanthropy. Lion Val embodies all three attributes. Lion Val can always be counted on to help with fundraisers and to be a strong Leader Dog presence at conventions and other Lions meetings and events. She has helped drive clients to and from Leader Dog for their training sessions. She also does some less obvious “under the radar” things like visit longtime Leader Dog clients and keep them in the loop with what is new at Leader Dog.



Lion Val served as the District A1 Leader Dog Chair for 7 years. Her commitment to her community extends beyond helping Leader Dog. She began as a Lioness in 1986 and she has been a part of the Windsor Downtown Lions Club since 2003. She is a Past Club President and has served as a Zone Chair for 2 years, currently the 2nd Vice District Governor of Lions District A-1.

The Kick Off President’s Award was founded in 2008, to honour a Lion from District A-1, 11 A-1, or 11 A-2 who exemplifies the spirit and passion of Lionism for Leader Dog. Previous recipients have been Past Council Chair Frank Cunningham, Past Council Chair Paul Hemeryck, Past Zone Chair Debbie Dayton, Past District Governor Ron De Vos, Past Cabinet Secretary Celia Domalewski, Past District Governor Ron Papa, Past District Governor Jim Leach Sr., Past District Governor Rich Pfeiffer, Lion Cathy Mc Adam and Lion Dave McKenzie.

Source: Lion Kathleen Breen – Leader Dogs for the Blind – Lions Events & Logistics Coordinator

On behalf of all Lions, Lioness and Leos of District A-1, we extend to you, Lion Valarie, congratulations on receiving the award and thanks for your tremendous support for Leader Dogs for the Blind along with all your other countless contributions to Lionism!!!



Lions Clubs International District A-1
District Governor's Newsletter
 Issue # 3 January 2020



Message from Editor of DG's NEWLETTER,

Just some suggestions for Clubs – Presidents, Members, Committees, to Consider!!!
 Info and details included in this Newsletter!

• **MEMBERSHIP**

Lions, Club Presidents, Membership Chairs – take the initiative to grow your Club.
 Post signs in your Community to attract and welcome prospective Lions! If they are not aware they won't consider volunteering! Go out and invite them!

• **YOUTH EXCHANGE**

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!
 DONATION REQUEST: \$10 Per member to a Maximum of \$200 Per Club!
 See the attached letter from DISTRICT A-1 CHAIR Lion Dianne Piggott!

• **AUSTRALIA FIRE DISASTER RELIEF**

Lions Clubs International Foundation is already supporting Australian Lions Clubs with funding and more will be needed and will be provided! **CLUBS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ASSIST WITH DONATIONS!!**
 Every little bit Helps!!
 Donations can be made in Canadian Funds through Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF.
 For more info see the Info in this Newsletter!!

• **LIONS 2020 – CANADIAN LIONS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION** (See the attached Brochure!)

Clubs are encouraged to: Plan & Complete CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES and REPORT them!
 LIONS 2020 COMMEMORATIVE PIN (Contact PID Yves Leveille leveille.yves@videotron.ca)
 LIONS 2020 E-BOOK "A History of Lionism in Canada March 12, 1920 – March 12, 2020"
 (To be Released in March 2020) Contact PID Gilles Melncon gmelancon@bell.net

• **MEMORY BOX PROJECT** – Lambeth Lions

REQUESTING SUPPORT – See the attached article!! Contact Lion Gary Martins ghmart8@gmail.com

• **PROTECTING & ENHANCING our ENVIRONMENT**

Ten Easy Ways Lions / Lions Clubs can become MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY!
 See the attached List!! District A-1 Environment Chair Lion Tricia Lystar tlystar@hotmail.com

Again thanks to all for the great contributions to our DG NEWSLETTER!!!
 Please review this Newsletter and make sure that you let me know of any errors or omissions so that corrections can be noted!

Special Note: Content is from multiple sources with permissions secured as possible!



IMPORTANT!!

DISTRICT A-1 CABINET MEETING

Sunday, January 26, 2020

Active Lifestyle Centre Chatham

On Arrival – Beverages, Muffins, Fruit

Meeting 10:00 AM

(No Lunch planned - Meeting to continue until business is completed!)

THANKS! Your Editor
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Publish Early March 2020
Submission Deadline – February 29, 2020



FYI - DIRECTORY CHANGES / CORRECTIONS (Hardcopy and/or Digital Copy on Website)

BELLE RIVER LIONS CLUB – Change of Club President

President now is Lion Steve Mahovlich
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FYI – FOR YOUR CALENDAR

• **DISTRICT A-1 CABINET MEETING**

Sunday, January 26, 2020 Active Lifestyle Centre Chatham 10:00 AM
 On Arrival – Beverages, Muffins, Fruit Meeting at 10:00 AM
 (No Lunch Planned – Meeting to continue until business is completed!)

EYES RIGHT ANNUAL MEETING

• **YOUTH EXCHANGE**

Host Families – Needed!! Deadline February 10, 2020 Contact Chair Lion Dianne Piggott

• **EFFECTIVE SPEAKING**

February – March - April 2020

February / Early March Club Effective Speaking Program (Club to Arrange & Conduct)
 March District A-1 SPEAK-OFFS March 8, 2020 Chatham
 April MD'A SPEAK-OFFS April 17-19, 2020 Point Edward

Request Donation of \$160 per Club to DISTRICT & MD'A EFFECTIVE SPEAKING PROGRAMS

• **DISTRICT A-1 CONVENTION**

April 3 - 5, 2020 Best Western Stonebridge Inn
 6675 Burtwistle Lane London, Ontario N6L 1H5 Canada (at 401 & Colonel Talbot Road)
[1- 519-652-6022](tel:15196526022) [1\(800\) 780-7234](tel:18007807234)
 District A-1 Cabinet Meeting at Convention – April 4, 2020

• **MD'A' CONVENTION**

May 1 – 3, 2020 Muskoka – JW Marriott Rosseau Muskoka Resort & Spa Minett

• **DISTRICT A-1 CABINET MEETING**

Sunday, June 7, 2020 Petrolia

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OFFICIAL VISITS

By District Governor / 1st Vice District Governor / 2nd Vice District Governor

District Governor Lion Barb Tuxford

<u>Clubs</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>
West London Lions Club		TBD
Belle River Lions Club	Thursday ,	January 9, 2020
Ilderton & District Lions Club	Tuesday ,	February 11, 2020
Lucan & District Lions Club	Tuesday ,	February 18, 2020

1st Vice District Governot Lion Dan Armstrong

<u>Clubs</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ailsa Craig & District Lions Club	Tuesday ,	January 28, 2020
Poplar Hill & District Lions Club	Tuesday ,	February 4, 2020
Tecumseh-Lakeside & District Lions Club	Wednesday ,	February 5, 2020

2nd Vice District Governor Lion Valerie Birmingham

<u>Clubs</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>
Rodney Lions Club	Tuesday ,	March 24, 2020

WANTED for the District A-1 DG NEWSLETTER!!

PICTURES of CLUB EVENTS - MEETINGS, VISITS by DISTRICT OFFICERS, CHAIRS and ANY OTHER GUESTS, CLUB - PROJECTS & SPECIAL HAPPENINGS!

Send to DG Newsletter Editor Lion Henry Vanderweyst at lionhenry@sympatico.ca



LIONESSE CLUBS of District A-1



Aylmer
Belmont
London Central
London East
Port Stanley
Springfield



Arkona
Wyoming
Delaware
Glencoe
Tilbury
Wheatley

LEO CLUBS of District A-1

District LEO Chair Lion Carol Stankevich

CLUB

Lakeshore Leo Club
East Elgin Leo Club
Petrolia Leo Club
Port Stanley Leo Club

LION ADVISORS

PDG Lion Mary Mahovlich
Lion Dave Baughman & Lion Brenda Buis
Lion Tony Beaulieu
Lion Rick Nemett

DISTRICT A-1 CABINET MEETING

October 29, 2019

Source: Photos and Details/Comments from Chatham Lions Bulletin!



PDG Lion Mike Tuxford & Lion Trigger – in Sales



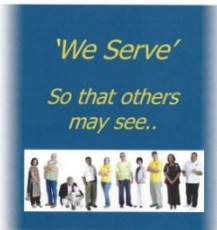
Peter's Bus: Lions Gail Tanner and Peter Best with guest speaker Brandon Lortie describing his experiences at Camp and the importance of funding. He has been going to the Camp for many years. Lion Peter explained that the cost for a camper is \$695 but with some subsidies the coast is \$495. When some campers need an escort, they must pay the full price. Campers have been picked up from 5 different districts - perhaps share the costs?

Lion Aldo presents the Club's \$500 cheque to Lion Bev Wirta during the Diabetes Parade of Cheques. Lion Bev has been serving as A1 Chair for the past 15 years. This year, a part of the donations (totalling \$16 075) will be earmarked for the building of new cabins at Camp Huronda; MDA needs to raise \$85K from the 10 Districts in order to qualify for an LCIF grant.



EYES RIGHT District A1 Sight Conservation Foundation Chair Lion Dr. Gail Tanner

NEW PROJECT



Grant proposal from the Windsor Downtown Lions Club motion passed September 25, 2019!

Details:

Equipment for the Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation at the cost of \$100,000.00 to be paid over 3 years,

To outfit the emergency rooms in both Windsor Hospitals with up-to-date ophthalmology equipment,

For Windsor Regional Hospital Ouellette Campus and Windsor Regional Hospital Metropolitan Campus,

Cost of Equipment Totalling \$100,000.00,

Windsor Downtown Lions Club to contribute \$50,000.00 over a 5year period or sooner if required.

Youth Exchange Chair Lion Dianne Piggott



Youth arrive in Canada on July 4th, 2020 in Toronto.

Changeover is scheduled for July 15th, 2020 with Youth Camp starting on July 25th, 2020.

Have received letters of interest from Germany, Finland, Italy, Brazil and Spain.

Looking for **Host Families** -- if you are interested in being a Host Family please contact me at liondianne.piggott@gmail.com as soon as possible so I know how many youth I can accept.

Asking for **Donations** to the Al Betterley Youth Exchange Camp at \$10.00 per member up to \$200.00 but willing to accept more as we do depend on your generosity.

Please ensure that "Youth Exchange" is put on the memo line on the cheque.

Looking for **Clubs for activities and/or providing meals for the Youth Camp** and in this regard please contact Lion Cheryl Schleihauf the Camp Director lioncheryl368@gmail.com

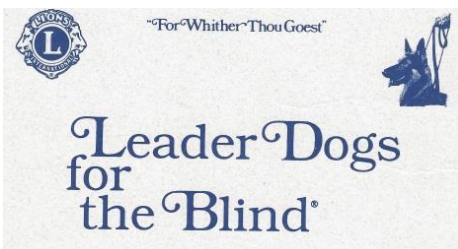
Outbound Youth Exchange

Three Youth currently interested!

If you know of any other youth in the area who are ages 16-20 wishing to look into this prospect, please let me know so I can supply information to them.

Leader Dogs for the Blind

Chair Lion Will Raymond



Suggest- Clubs Donate \$80 for **Leader Dogs for the Blind 80th Year!**

The Cost of a Leader Dog is \$43,000 US which is free of charge to the client and paid for by Lions around the world.

Currently 8 dogs in District A-1 --- 36 in Ontario and 54 in Canada -- the cost for the 8 dogs is total of \$344,000 US!

Currently 1496 dogs around the world



District A-1 Youth Exchange

The Youth Exchange committee are looking forward to having another successful youth exchange this year. Youth will be arriving in Toronto on July 4th with a changeover taking place on July 15th and camp starting on July 25th, 2020.

Thank you to all of the zone chairs who welcomed me to their zone meetings and allowed me to show a video of the youth from 2019 and talk about Youth Exchange. If your club would like to have me come to a club meeting with this presentation I would be more than happy to.

I am still looking for host families so I can start accepting youth to come to Canada, applications are starting to come in. If you are able to be a host family and/or know someone who is able to host or would like more information on hosting please contact me at liondianne.piggott@gmail.com or at 519-312-8645. I need to have confirmation of host families by February 10th, 2020.

Thank you to the clubs who have already generously donated to Youth Exchange this year but if you have not and wish to do so please send your cheque made out to District A-1 Lions with Youth Exchange on the memo line to our District Treasurer PDG Eric Dolansky, 598 Ontario St., Box 656, Watford, ON, N0M 2S0.

Lion Cheryl Schleihauf is also looking for clubs who are willing to be involved with providing meals and activities at the camp. If your club is interested please contact Lion Cheryl at lioncheryl368@gmail.com

Also, there are opportunities to send youth from our District to another country on an exchange as well. If you are interested in this information please contact Lion Dianne.

Lion Dianne Piggott
District A-1 Youth Exchange Chair
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At the Zone 2 Advisory Meeting:

District A1 Youth Exchange Chair: Lion Dianne Piggott presented a video story of the 2019 Youth Exchange experience: travels, Club events, & departures...

The 2020 Youth Exchange will run July 4 until August 1st.

Lion Cheryl Schleihauf will once again be Camp Director.

Requests for incoming youth are already arriving and will be accepted if there are enough host families.

February 10, 2020 is the host family deadline.

There may be 3 outgoing youth.

REQUEST: CLUB Donations at \$10 per member to max of \$200.

YOUTH EXCHANGE - SPECIAL REPORT

Source: PDG Lion Allister & Carolyn Cameron

TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONSIDER BEING A HOST FAMILY!!

THIS IS WHAT YOUTH EXCHANGE HOSTING IS ALL ABOUT.

**We hosted Rolf from Denmark in 1995.
He has visited us twice. We went to his wedding.**

Recently Received this Christmas Letter from Rolf & FAMILY

Dear Carolyn and Allister

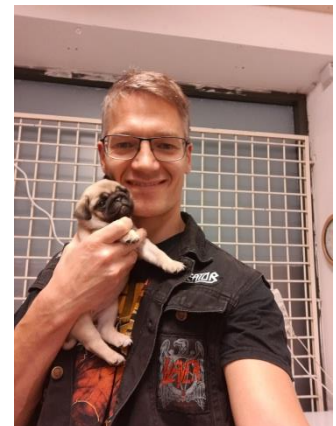
Thank you so much for your letter that arrived last week. We are continuously impressed that you keep up your voluntary work, and manage to be a role model for generation after generation of young Exchange students. Thank you!



We were sad to read about Ruth and Allan. We remember Allan as a thoughtful and considerate man. It was he who attended our wedding a good ten years ago with you in Denmark, right?



Bolette keeps working with research in Microbiology, and Rolf has been a practice manager of a successful Small Animal Veterinary Clinic in Copenhagen for the last 2½ years. Saga thrives in school (7 years) and Visti is a humorous 4-year old. They usually get a long, and our house is a constant buzz of children's talk, laughs, fights and questions about the world. Tonight Visti asked me if I had great great grandparents and if they were very old? He asked me if people get to be 99 years old? "Yes", I replied. "If you eat your broccoli you'll live for a very long time!"



We feel so grateful that you are still in the world encouraging international hospitality and understanding!

All the best for your future.

Love from Visti, Saga, Bolette and Saga

