



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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LIONS DISTRICT A 1

EFFECTIVE SPEAKING 2020

HOSTED BY THE CHATHAM LIONS CLUB



Effective Speaking contestants : 2019

CATEGORIES: English & French

Junior: Grades 4, 5 & 6

Intermediate: Grades 7, 8 & 9

Senior: Grades 10, 11 & 12.

District A 1 Speak-Off: Sunday March 8, 2020

1 pm at the Active Lifestyle Centre - Chatham

MDA Speak off: April 17 & 18, 2020

Sarnia- Point Edward - Petrolia Lions Club

For more Information : contact:

Members of the Chatham Lions Club

or

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LIONS DISTRICT A-1

EFFECTIVE SPEAKING - 2019-2020

Lions, Lioness, and Leos of District A-1

As Effective Speaking Chair for District A-1, we are asking for your support in funding and promoting this important youth program.

A donation of \$160 is requested to cover the costs of District competitions and prizes and to assist with the expenses of sending the District finalists to the MD "A" competition in April 2020 in Point Edward organized by the Petrolia Lions Club.

Since 1947, the Lions Clubs of Multiple District "A" have provided a challenging opportunity for our youth to compete in one of Canada's largest public speaking competitions. Furthermore, it aids to stimulate self-expression and independent thinking among our students.

The Effective Speaking contest consists of three grade levels in both official languages- English and French. The Junior division includes grades 4, 5 and 6; the Intermediate - grades 7, 8 and 9; and the Senior - grades 10, 11 and 12.

For your convenience, your Club will receive a donation form which also indicates how the funds are dispersed.

Thank you for your support of our own unique "Lions Effective Speaking" program.

The Chatham Lions Club
District A-1 Effective Speaking Chair



WE SERVE



Lions, Lioness, Leos

I have created a website to sell the items I make on my lathe and other items made by Lions Dave Mitchel and Dale Taylor. **ALL PROCEEDS from the sale of these unique items are donated to the Lambeth Lions Memory Box Program.** As our club grows older I find we don't have the people to make the 70 boxes each year. Our boxes are given to families at the Children's Hospital in London. Families from all over District A-1 and even across Ontario are the recipients. Out of the approximately 800 boxes made and donated by us over the past 14 years I can only count 3 that went to families from Lambeth. **We really need support from Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs across A-1 to keep this program going.**

One of these days the boxes will have to be purchased and that will be more expensive. In the meantime we are trying to build our Memory Box trust fund.

We also welcome Club and Individual donations to our project. Individuals can receive a receipt for income tax purposes from the London Children's Hospital Foundation.

We all end up buying a gift for Christmas, a wedding,whatever. So purchasing one of our items for oneself or as a gift will help greatly!

Whatever a person pays for an item they also have the knowledge that ALL the money they pay goes to help a family that has lost a child. It should be an easy way to support us.

Check out the website: garysfinewoodturning.ca

Lion Gary Martins ghmart8@gmail.com

The Following article was recently posted in the December 2019 Villager Publications - Hyde Park and Lambeth!
Source: With permission, courtesy of Villager Publications (Barb Botten – Publisher & Editor)

*Hobby benefits Lions
Memory Box Program*

Gary Martins, a 14-year member of the Lambeth Lions, along with other Lambeth Lions, have made more than 750 Memory Boxes for the Children's Hospital of London. The beautiful, hand-made wooden boxes are given to parents of a child who has passed, to fit with photographs, a lock of hair, castings of their tiny hands, and other keepsakes.

At the same time, Gary was also developing a hobby of woodturning on his lathe, producing many kinds of bowls, goblets, platters, boxes, Christmas ornaments, charcuterie boards, urns and vases, made from Cherry, Oak, Walnut, Maple and Texas Mesquite woods.

"Recently, fellow Lions Dale Taylor and Dave Mitchell have been working with me in my shop, producing gorgeous cutting and serving boards," said Gary.

Gary's wife Toby started asking how many more bowls he thought they could fit into their Sherwood Forest home. "I got the message," chuckles Gary. "Although I had sold a few items and given many more away to family and friends, I needed to speed up the process. Items made by Dale, Dave and I are now available for sale with all profits going to the Lion's Memory Box Program. We now have approximately 100 different items for sale!"

The gorgeous hand-made items make beautiful and unique holiday season gifts, as well as housewarming, wedding or shower gifts, while simultaneously supporting the Memory Box Project to comfort grieving parents.

Visit garysfinewoodturning.ca to see more and to contact Gary to visit his shop, or to arrange a shipped order.

Visit www.lambethlions.org to learn more about the Memory Box Program.





LCIF Support for Australia Fire Disaster

Lions Clubs International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi & LCIF Chairperson Gudrun Yngvadottir look to all Lions for funding donations in support of the Australia current on-going Fire Disaster!

As bush fires reach historic levels of destruction in Australia, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is there during this time of need. Since November 2019, LCIF has awarded US\$143,000 in grant funds towards the purchase of water tanks and immediate assistance to those affected and additional LCIF grants are expected to be awarded in the coming weeks.

The fires already having claimed the lives of 25 people and burned more than 12 million acres of land, the destruction will have a devastating environmental impact for years to come. LCIF is working closely with Australian Lions to provide continued relief and support.

Clubs of District A-1 can join LCIF and support your fellow Lions with the Australia Disaster and wherever we are needed around the world. Together, we can rebuild lives when disaster strikes.

All Presidents of Clubs in District A-1 are encouraged to bring this issue to your Membership and encourage your Clubs to donate to LCIF!



Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF
C/O Stan Durward
Box 38
Sunderland, Ontario
L0C 1H0
Canada

Note that your donations can:

- be forwarded to **Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF** in Canadian Funds,
- be designated to the **Australia Disaster Fund**,
- be accumulated and be applied to a **Melvin Jones Fellow** for a deserving Lion or Community Member.

Don't Forget!!!



LCIF 100 CAMPAIGN LCIF CANADA

Goal to Raise \$300 000 000 – over – 3 Years

Goal to Raise \$12 000 000 – over – 3 Years

Canadian Lions can meet the target for the LCIF Campaign 100.

To meet our target in Canada for LCIF Campaign 100, all it takes is \$10 per month per member.

TEN DOLLARS per month for the next 36 months. AND every Lion who donates \$10 per month to our Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF will receive a

tax receipt at the end of each year! Surely every Lion in your Club can meet that goal of **TEN DOLLARS** per month.

Let's make Canada PROUD!

Responding to the Needs of the World

We're setting our sights on campaign goals that enable Lions' service today and well into the future. To accomplish this, we'll need the full support of every Lion. We know we can do it, because achieving great things together is what we do best.

\$300M 100% **200M**

RAISED BY JUNE 2021 PARTICIPATION FROM LIONS PEOPLE SERVED PER YEAR

PROTECTING and ENHANCING our ENVIRONMENT

Lions Clubs International Global Cause

*From the District -1 ENVIRONMENT CHAIR Lion
Tricia Lystar (London Central Lions Club)*



Ten easy ways you (and your club) can become more environmentally friendly.

1. Quit ‘Single-Use Plastics’

Did you know, as early as 2021 Canada will be banning some single use plastics? Get in the habit and in practice now by buying or making reusable shopping bags, sandwich bags and investing in a re-usable water bottle.

2. Buy Carbon Offsets

Carbon offsets are an easy way to reduce greenhouse gasses and offset your own carbon footprint. They fund projects that reduce emissions such as restoring forests, updating power plants and increasing energy efficiency of transportation.

3. Carpool

Does your Lions Club have a carpool plan? Often, many members live within minutes of on another. Consider setting up a carpool program, connect your members with those who live nearby and alternate driving. In addition to helping our environment, it also saves you money.

4. Plant Trees

Lions Clubs all over the world are known for their tree planting projects. Has your club planted or funded planting of trees this year? It’s not too late to add a special project.

5. Eat Less Meat

Meatless Monday’s are popular all over North America. Replacing one 5-oz steak per week with the calorie equivalent of beans is like not using 143 L of gas and saves water as well.

6. Buy Used, Borrow, Repair or Repurpose

Need an appliance only a few times a year? See if you have friends or family who are willing to share theirs rather than buying new. Local thrift shops often have small appliances in addition to clothing that has been previously loved. With all of the resources that go into making new clothing and products, try to repair or repurpose items where possible. Many communities have fix-it/repair fairs where you can get free help to repair household items or ideas for repurposing others.

7. Give Green

Consider the carbon footprint of gifts given. Give reusable items instead of single use plastics. When buying new, consider the manufacturing process to get the product from resource to finished good. Buy free-trade, fair labour and local or organic.

8. Cleaning Products

Swap out your petroleum based cleaning products for biodegradable plant based ones. It is even possible to clean most areas of your home with entirely natural, home-made solutions. If in need of ideas, please send me an email for a list of easy swaps that can be made for various areas of your home.

9. Buy Local

Frequent your local farmers market. Goods and produce bought from local farmers and merchants use far less fuel to get from farm to table, are picked at the peak of freshness and can offer more nutritional value. Plus, they’re often cheaper than those items imported in large chain grocers.

10. Keep in touch with your District Environment Chair!

District A1 and LCI want to know what your club is doing to help the environment. Please record any activities related to the environment, no matter large or small, and forward them to your District Chair Lion Tricia Lystar at (tlystar@hotmail.com).

Let’s make sure to shine a light on the hard work Lions do to help our environment.

**CLUB CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES
 REPORT FORM - JULY 1, 2019-JUNE 30,2020**

Club _____
 District _____
 Governor _____

A. TREE PLANTING

•Number of trees planted July 1,2019 - June 30, 2020 _____

Type of Project: _____

- Memorial Forest _____
- Roadside _____
- Recreation Trails _____
- Parks _____
- Other _____

B. LIONS COMMUNITY CENTENNIAL PROJECT

- Name of Project: _____
- Lions only Project: _____
- Partnership with other Project _____
- Number of Lions Involved _____
- Number of People Served (Estimate) _____

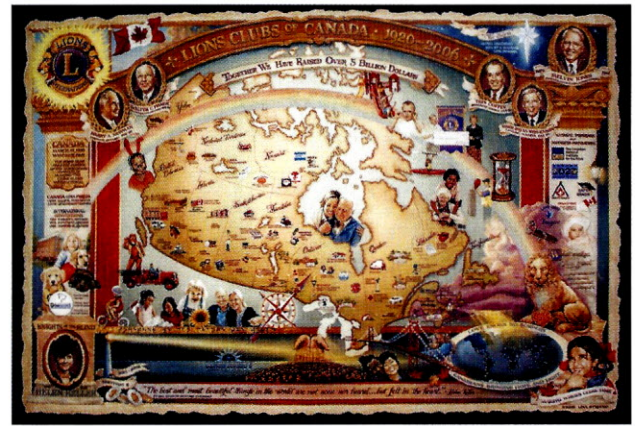
C. ANY OTHER CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES

Club President _____
 Print Name: _____
 Signature: _____

Please forward the above form when completed to:
 PID Carl Young -- pidcarlyoung@gmail.com
 or
 PID Art Woods -- lawoffice@woodsclemens.ca



100 ans de service au Canada



Memorial Forests



A Living Memorial



CÉLEBRATION DU CENTENAIRE DES LIONS CANADIENS



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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND



- Lions Clubs first came to Canada in 1920 with the chartering of the “Border Cities Lions Club”. This club eventually became known as the “Windsor Lions Club.”
- This event led to our Association’s name becoming “Lions Clubs International” and it remains so today throughout the world.
- Among other significant contributions to Lionism is that our International Motto “WE SERVE” was submitted to Lions Clubs International by a Lion in Fonthill, Ontario in 1954.
- Countless untold deeds of Service over the years have finally resulted in our reaching the 100th Anniversary of Canadian Lionism.
- Our Canadian Past International Officers are encouraging the Lions of Canada to celebrate our 100th Anniversary in a significant and meaningful way. As Lions we have accepted this challenge.

LIONS 2020

In keeping with our heritage and our commitment to the environment and the generations to follow the 100th Anniversary Committee has chosen the following goals as a fitting way to celebrate our 100th Anniversary.

1. To plant **100,000** trees across Canada
 2. To create a Canadian Lions Centennial project in each Community where Lions are present.
- The 100th Anniversary Celebration begins July 1, 2019 and ends June 30, 2021.
 - All Clubs are asked to report their projects to their District Governor on the form provided. The District Governors are to forward the Club Project Reports to P.I.D. Art Woods or P.I.D. Carl Young at the E-mail address shown.
 - All Clubs who successfully complete their Club Centennial Project and report same to their District Governor will receive a Club Banner Patch acknowledging this accomplishment.
 - District Governors whose Districts raise \$6500.00 CDN. towards a 100th Anniversary Project are to complete the included “Application Form” (Matching L.C.I. Grant Form) and forwarded it to either P.I.D. Art Woods or P.I.D. Carl Young.
 - Upon verification of monies raised an LCI Matching Grant of \$6500.00 will be forwarded to the District Governor to be used for the District Project.

LIONS 2020 COMMEMORATIVE PIN



- A Lions 2020 Commemorative pin has been created for the occasion. Interested Lions should contact P.I.D. Yves Leveille at “leveille.yves@videotron.ca”



LIONS 2020 E-BOOK

- P.I.D. Gilles Melancon has authored an electronic book titled: “A History of Lionism in Canada March 12, 1920 - March 12, 2020.”
- This E-book will be released in March 2020. Lions should contact: P.I.D. Gilles Melancon at “gmelancon@bell.net” for further information.
- Any Lions requesting further information are asked to contact their District Governor or a member of our Canadian Lions Centennial Celebration Committee.

APPLICATION FOR MATCHING GRANT FORM

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021

DISTRICT _____
GOVERNOR _____

I understand that in order to qualify for a matching grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 U.S. (approximately \$6,500 CAD) from LCI, my District is required to raise or allocate matching funds in our Treasury.

I hereby confirm that my District, District No. _____ now has the sum of \$6,500 CAD in our Treasury allocated for Centennial Activities.

We plan to use these funds in particular the grant money received from LCI for promoting a service project which among others is for the purposes of publicity, marketing, communications and attracting membership.

Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____, 20__.

DG _____

Print Name

Signature

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Facebook.com/canadianyounglions



CANADIAN YOUNG LIONS RETREAT

If you are between the ages of **16-30**,

The 2nd Annual Canadian Young Lions Retreat is looking for you

to join us in **Newmarket, Ontario!**

Join us **March 20-22, 2020** as we gather with Young Lions from across Canada for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and skill development.



Above: After a weekend of fun, attendees left with new friends, connections and a stronger passion to Serve.

Non-Lion community members between the ages of 16-30 are welcome and encouraged to attend the event, where they will be inspired, and given the resources to, start their own clubs or join

Attendees are given the opportunity to complete a meaningful service project together.

Keynote Speakers and Panelists will leave young members of Lions Clubs International feeling inspired to return to their communities and begin making a change through increasing membership, and continuing their journey through Lionism.



Above: Attendees from 2019 Retreat made blankets for Ronald McDonald House Families to take home.

To register, head to our website and fill out the registration form:

www.canadianyounglionsretreat.ca/register-rsvp.html

Have questions? Contact us at: canadianyounglionsretreat@gmail.com or lionkatehewitt@gmail.com

Belle River Lions Club

Submitted by PDG Lion Joyce Mahovlich Belle River Lions Club

DG Lion Barb Tuxford's Official Visit to Belle River Lions Club

PDG Lion Steve Mahovlich, new Club President, receives his President's Gavel from DG Lion Barb Tuxford!

Note:

Belle River Lions Club

President PDG Lion Steve's Info

Phone: (519) 728-9637

E-Mail: stevena1@kelcom.net

Address: 413 Lillian Lane, Belle River, ON NOR 1A0



DG Lion Barb Tuxford Presents

Lion Mark Jubenville

35 Year Membership

LCI Congratulations

Recognition Letter & Chevron



DG Lion Barb Tuxford

Congratulates & Welcomes Belle River Lions Club's Newest Member

Lion Marj Huggett

Sponsor PDG Lion Joyce Mahovlich



BELLE RIVER LIONS CLUB PRESENTS

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

Dinner includes

- Choice of Pasta
- Salad
- Buns
- Dessert
- Coffee, Tea and Water

**WHERE: BELLE RIVER LIONS CLUBHOUSE
41 LIONS CLUB ROAD, BELLE RIVER**

TIME: 4:00 TO 7:30 P.M.

**RESERVATIONS FOR LARGE GROUPS
CONTACT LION DEBBIE (519) 728-0340**

WHEN: SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020

**COST: \$15/ADULT; \$10/CHILD (3 TO 10);
CHILDREN UNDER 3 - FREE**

TAKE OUT MEALS AVAILABLE

Tickets available from Lion Debbie (519) 728-0340 or Lion Joyce (519) 682-9422



**Proceeds from the
dinner will go to
paving the Belle River
Lions Club parking
lot.**



**We are
requesting
your empty
pop cans, Beer
cans or bottles
and Liquor
bottles to help
with the fund
raiser.**



BELLE RIVER LIONS CLUB IS



CELEBRATING THEIR

WHEN: SAT., MAY 23, 2019
WHERE: ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE HALL
267 MEUNER, BELLE RIVER
TIME: 2:00 TO 4:00 P.M
PRESENTATIONS: 3:00 PM

R.S.V.P. TO LION MARY MAHOVLICH

(519) 728-9637 OR

E-MAIL: LIONMARY@KELCOM.NET

Chatham Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Seppo Kuokkanen Chatham Lions Club



The Chatham Lions celebrated Christmas!



Lions Aldo Gonzalez & Zone 2 Chair Lion Bill Finlay laid the Club's Remembrance Day wreath!

The Club & the Canadian Council of the Blind partnered to raise funds with a Pasta Dinner; Lions Phil Piggott & Jim & Elda Faubert serving pasta!



Lion President John Spears presents a cheque to the Chatham Kent Health Alliance for their "Sponsor a Christmas Tree" fundraiser!

The Club's Giant Tiger Gift Card Fundraiser!



Jean Rossini drew the winning ticket in support of the Carlo Rossini Memorial Diabetes Foundation



Jessica Turner drew a ticket in support of the Chatham-Kent Children's Treatment Centre



One of the happy winners of a gift card!



DISTRICT A-1
Delaware Lions Club

CLUB REPORTS / ACTIVITIES

Submitted by Lion Henry Vanderweyst Delaware Lions Club

Delaware Lions hosted DG Lion Barb Tuxford and ZC Lion Mary Hamilton on October 28, 2019!
 A busy evening as DG Lion Barb presented 6 Delaware Lions with Long Term Membership Recognition Letters and Chevrons from Lions Clubs International, ZC Lion Mary Hamilton with assistance by DG Lion Barb inducted Lion Kevin Shelson, newest Delaware Lion and the Club celebrated Lion Kevin Shelson's 30th Birthday!



DG Lion Barb Tuxford – Addresses Delaware Lions



ZC Lion Mary Hamilton & DG Lion Barb Tuxford INDUCT
 Lion Kevin Shelson Sponsored by Lion Matt Vanos



DG Lion Barb Tuxford presented -- LCI Recognition Certificate Letter and Chevron for LONG TERM MEMBERSHIP in LIONISM to the following Delaware Lions!



Lion Mike Ernewein 15 Years



Lion Dave Beaumont 20 Years



Lion Barry Montgomery 25 Years



Lion Bill Groenewegen 40 Years



Lion Pieter DeJeu 45 Years



Lion Roy Ireland 45 Years

Dorchester & District Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Michelle Mundy Dorchester Lions Club

The Dorchester & District Lions Club has had a fun and busy season.

We sold Christmas trees and, speaking with long time members, we figure this was our 60th year selling fresh cut trees, as you can see it's a long standing community event.



We had a Festive Christmas Pizza Party Meeting with fun & games and if you weren't dressed festive you received a fine!

We had our Annual Traditional Lions Christmas Dinner; we collected socks from the Lions and the community.

Club Lions served a Christmas Luncheon to 425 staff & students at our local public school.

Happy New Year to all!
Lion Michelle Mundy
President, Dorchester & District Lions Club



Dorchester & District Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Michelle Mundy Dorchester Lions Club

1st Vice District Governor Lion Dan Armstrong



Lion Dan Armstrong
Owner of Arctic Snowplows
displays his special seasonal
apron its motto on it
"Let it Snow".

1st Vice DG Lion Dan and
Dorchester Lions
Mascot Lion Dandee



1st Vice District Governor
Dan accepting a cheque
from Lion Larry Taylor of
Thamesford Lions for
Dorchester Lions work at
the Farm Show.

On a club visit to the
[Tilbury Lions Club](#)
on November 5th, 2019
1st Vice DG Lion Dan
presented
Lion Nest Tisdelle
(Ernest)
with his 30 Year Chevron
and Recognition
Congratulations Letter
from LCI

