



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*

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CLUB REPORTS / ACTIVITIES

Dutton & District Lions Club

Submitted by Lions Dianne & Bob Purcell Dutton & District Lions Club

Dutton & District LIONS held the 10th Annual Trivia Night; on Saturday, November 16th, 2019.

During the 10 year history of this fun night we have been able to raise over \$60,000 net -- all of which has been re-invested in our local Community.

We were 'Sold Out' again this year and raised close to \$6,000 net profit.

\$5,000 was recently donated to the Municipality to help pay for some much needed up-grades to the Community Centre – including re-painting the Main Hall.



Left to Right)

Lion Mike Brady Trivia Night Chair

Brian Downie President & CEO of Club's

Corporate sponsor 'West Elgin Mutual Insurance'

Patricia Corneil Councillor Dutton

Lion Bob Purcell Mayor of Dutton/Dunwich

Ken Loveland Councillor Dunwich

Amarillis Droulliard Councillor Dunwich

Mike Hentz Deputy Mayor Dutton/Dunwich

"Growing Again"!

New LIONS JoAnne & Bill Hannent (Front Row) were inducted at the December 5th, 2019 Meeting.

Some of the Dutton & District Lions
From Left to Right

Back Row: Lions Duncan McCallum,
Elton Brazier, Bob Hales, Mike
Dietrich, Don Campbell, Mel Barron,
Pam Close, Peter Adams, Barry Burn

Middle Row: Lions Jim Austin, Lynne
Brady, Rachel Hales, Ruth Breitner,
Patty O'Brien, Melissa Ward, Gaby
Barron, Robyne Burn, Bob Purcell

Front Row: Lions Stan Champ, John
Hughes, Brenda Patterson, JoAnne
Hannent, Bill Hannent



Kingsville Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Debbie Cross Kingsville Lions Club

The Kingsville Lions Club has had a very busy fall and end to the year 2019.

We volunteered at Super Ethan’s Walk in September with proceeds going to Windsor Regional Hospital in support of Pediatric Cancer.

October was busy collecting shoes for “Soles4Souls” in cooperation with BioPed as an Environmental Project. Our Migration Festival weekend in October also saw us holding a Pancake Breakfast, Dress-a-Decoy Contest and a Rubber Ducky Race.

We also assisted at Blood Clinics providing and serving juice and cookies.

Early November we worked on our ongoing environmental project of cleaning litter and other items from our local Greenway. We do this 3 times per year.

**Kingsville Lions Club
Christmas Party on December 3, 2019**

President Joan Cope presented the **Melvin Jones Fellowship Award** to Kingsville Lions Club Member **Past District Governor Lion Fred Cross**.
Congratulations Lion Fred!



That evening we also had the honour and privilege of **inducting two new members** into our club.

Lion Debbie Cross sponsored **Lion Casey van den Heuvel** and
President Joan Cope sponsored **Lion Marcy Fogal**.

Happy New Year!!!

London Central Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Christine Aben Morrison London Central Lions Club

Lion Zone Chair Pam Harbottle visited London Central Lions Club on November 28 at our Dinner Meeting. She presented Lion Ron Lindsay with his 30 years in Lions Award as well as inducted a new member, Valerie Lewis, sponsored by Lion Ron Lindsay. It was a wonderful evening!



Lion Ron Lindsay receiving
30 Year 'Long-Term' Membership
LCI Recognition Award Letter and Chevron –
Presented by ZC Lion Pam Harbottle



Induction by ZC Lion Pam Harbottle
– New Member Lion Valerie Lewis - Sponsor Lion Ron Lindsay



On December 14 another successful **Breakfast with Santa** was held for the London community by the London Central Lions Club. The location was, as always, Trinity Lutheran Church on Colborne Street.

Many hungry mouths were fed, and our terrific Santa enjoyed entertaining the children.

One youngster who was sitting on Santa's lap had permission from his family to have his photo published.



Pictured are the hard working Lions who made the event such a success!

Petrolia Lions & Leo Clubs

Submitted by *Lion M.B. Wilson* Petrolia Lions Club

On the weekend in late November the Petrolia Leos invaded Heidi's YIG and held their 20th Stuff the Bus Food Drive for the Petrolia Food Bank and Christmas for Everyone. Thank you to Heidi A. Soudant for letting us invade the grocery store, and Geoff and Paul Ainsworth for supplying the bus for us to fill. The customers made this our most successful food drive ever. The Leos again did a fantastic job. Thank you Leos!!! They are a great group of young people



Petrolia Lions and Petrolia Leos had "Breakfast with Santa". It was a great turnout with the Lions Hall, for 2 hours, packed with Families having **"Breakfast with Santa"**.

Melvin Jones Fellow - Awarded

The Petrolia Lions presented **Lion Carol Stankevich** with a *Melvin Jones Fellow* at our Christmas Party on December 13th, 2019. Lion Carol has been an active member since joining the Lions Family in 1988. Pictured with A-1 District Governor Lion Barb Tuxford.



CHRISTMAS for EVERYONE
Proceeds Presented To
Petrolia Food Bank

Petrolia Lions Bryan and Connie present a cheque for \$7,000.00 to Brian of **Christmas for Everyone**, Petrolia Food Bank.

We thank all of Petrolia for supporting this Draw **"Christmas for Everyone"**!

Belated Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year!!
From Petrolia Lions



Strathroy Lions Club*Submitted by Lion Keith Ryan Strathroy Lions Club*

On Saturday, December 7th, Strathroy Lions held their Annual Christmas Party and Awards Night. With almost 50 in attendance, we were able to present 3 Past President Plaques, 13 Perfect Attendance Awards for 2018/2019 year and 3 Life Memberships!

LIFE MEMBERSHIP Awarded to Lion Ken Werboweski, Lion Ken joined Lions as a Charter Member with Delaware Lions Club in 1971. He transferred to Strathroy in 1979. In his 49 years in Lions he was President (86/87), Zone Chair (89/90), Region Chair (90/91) and District Governor (92/93). Lion Ken has also been the recipient of a Melvin Jones Fellow Award in 1993.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP Awarded to Lion Dorley Clark Lion Dorley Clark joined Strathroy Lions in 1974. Over the past 45 years Lion Dorley has shown his commitment to the club and his community. He held the position as President twice, (82/83 11/12) and is the recipient of both the Melvin Jones Fellow and Helen Keller Award.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP Awarded to Lion Avery Bishop

Lion Avery Bishop has been a Lion for 41 years. He first joined in 1966 before leaving to join another service club. Since his return to Lions in 1982, Lion Avery was President (88/89) and has received both the Melvin Jones Fellow and Helen Keller Award. Lion Avery has been a key part of the Strathroy Lions Santa Claus Parade, 56 years as part of the parade and 46 years as the Chairman of the Parade.

With a combined 135 years of service, it is not hard to see how committed these gentlemen are to Lions, their club and their community. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication!

HARRY A NEWMAN AWARD Presented to Lion Peter Vitez

Over the past 20 plus years, Diabetes has been one of the projects that have been on the top of the list of donations for the Strathroy Lions Club. The main fundraiser, to support Diabetes is our annual Good Friday

Brunch. For the past 19 years Lion Peter Vitez has been the chair of the Good Friday Brunch. As a diabetic, this brunch is very near and dear to Lion Peter. Each year, the club serves between 650-800 people with over 75 volunteers to help out. It always runs smoothly and is truly a lot of fun to work.

This year Lion Peter Vitez was the recipient of the Harry A Newman Award for all of his hard work and dedication to both Diabetes and the Good Friday Brunch. Thank you Lion Peter! Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.





STRATHROY LIONS



**FEB
07**
ALMOST SOLD OUT!!

Winter BBQ Mens Night

Doors Open 5pm

**18oz Steak, Baked Potatoes, Fried Onions
Baked Beans, Caesar Salad Dessert
\$50 ticket**

**MAR
07**

6th Annual Ladies Night Dinner, Hypnotist and DJ

**Classic Caesar Salad with Homemade Dressing
Spinach and Feta Stuffed Chicken
with Herb Cream Sauce
Tarts and Squares
\$45 Ticket**

**APR
3**

Craft Beer Night

Friday, 5pm - 10pm

**Featuring - NatterJack Brewery
Free Food, Free Prizes, Full Bar
\$5 Entry / \$5 Drink
Strathroy Lions Hall**

**APR
10**

Good Friday Brunch

Friday, 8am - 1pm

**Bacon / Sausages / Eggs
Pancakes with real Maple Syrup
Toast / Coffee / Tea / Juice
Annual fundraiser for Diabetes**

Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Club Submitted by Lion Tawnya Baldwin Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Club

Strathroy-Caradoc Lions completed the 10th Annual Tree of Light Ceremony!

The Club donated money and children's books to our local Salvation Army and Women's shelter.





Windsor Downtown Lions Club
230 Strabane Ave. Windsor, ON N8Y 4V2

The Windsor Downtown Lion's Club is preparing to celebrate their 100th Anniversary of Service to the blind and visually impaired in the Windsor/Essex County area.

During the past 100 years we have provided and funded many services & events, such as Lions Manor, the Outdoor Rink & Pool Complex in Lanspeary Park, various pieces of equipment used in the care of eyesight in the Eye clinic located in Windsor Western Hospital Ouellette Campus.

Some of our fundraising activities include – annual Steak in the Snow BBQ & Auction, Monthly Bingos, annual Golf Tournament, Christmas Cake Sales, White Cane Tag Days

In preparation for our 100th Anniversary Celebration we are preparing a booklet which will highlight our history. The booklet will be in full color, measure 5" x 8", with the advertising spaces available in the following sizes & rates – ¼ page \$75; ½ page \$100 & full page \$125.

Thanking you in advance for your interest. Please provide us with information you would like highlighted in your ad by January 30th, 2020 & make your cheque payable to the Windsor Downtown Lion's Club.

If you require further information, I can be reached by phone at or by email at davecarol@sympatico.ca or 519-791-8714

Sincerely,

Lion Dave Balmos



Remember this date and book early to avoid disappointment

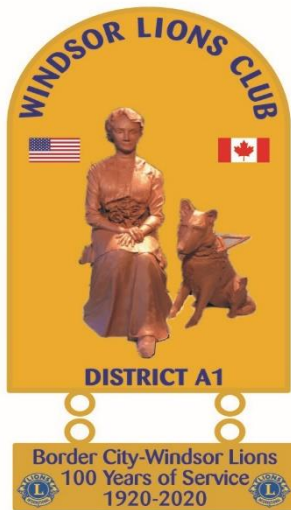
March 21, 2020

Join us in celebrating our 100th anniversary!
That's 100 years of community service!

Windsor Lions

Caboto Club - 2175 Parent Ave, Windsor

The Club that made Lions International



Tickets	\$ 55.00
Pins	6.00
Plaques	100.00

Can reserve table for 10

Hotel rooms have been blocked for those who may need to book one

Holiday Inn use Group Code QWE/Association - 519-966-1200
King \$134.99; Queen \$134.99
Hampton Inn use Group Code WDL - 519-972-0770
King \$139; King Suite \$149; Queen \$139

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LIONS SERVICE – TO HUMANITY



REPORTED ONLINE – SERVICE ACTIVITIES
By District A-1 / Multiple District 'A' / Canada / LCI World

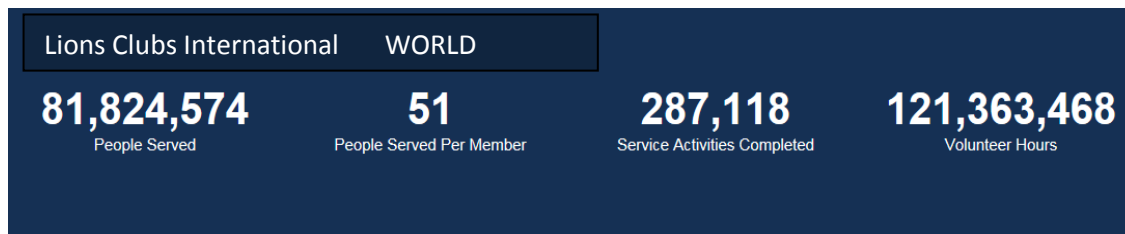
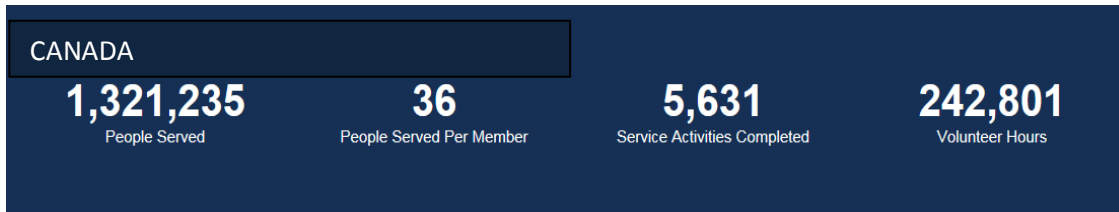
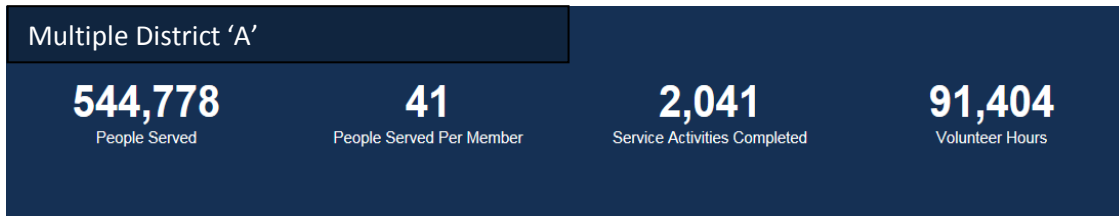
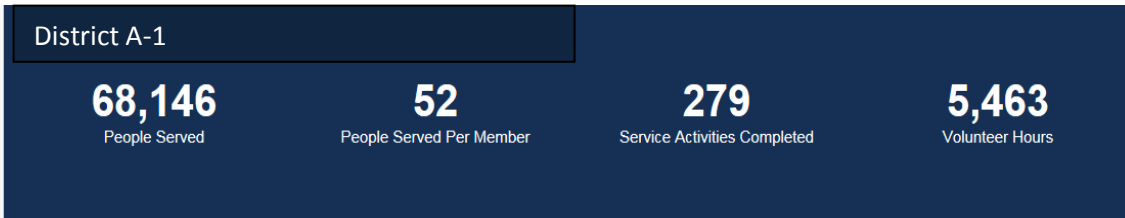
Each shows:

- People Served
- People Served per Member
- Service Activities Completed
- Volunteer Hours



As Reported by Clubs for the Current Lions Year as of December 31, 2019

The Numbers are impressive! Congratulations Lions!



NOTES:

Realize that ALL activities are not yet complete or not yet reported!

So the numbers may even be higher!

ALL CLUBS are encouraged to get Service Activities info to the Secretary for Reporting!

Secretaries or Alternate (Club Administrators who have ONLINE Access to Reporting) are encouraged to Report on a Monthly Basis or Each Activity when Completed !

Looking forward to the FINAL NUMBERS in June for the Entire Year!!!



District A-1 – **Does anyone know who this is or was?**

Button was purchased by a citizen at the St. Lawrence Market in Toronto and wants to know who it is!

Thanks goes to those of you who remembered and submitted info!!
I have highlighted the main details below!
I have forwarded the info to the Pin Finder and received a note of thanks from him!



Info from Lion Dr. Gail Tanner

Dr Don Rumball was an optometrist practicing in Essex, Ontario when I met him in 1980.

He graduated as an optometrist in 1950.

As a newly graduated optometrist myself, I was an associate in his practice 1980-81, before I moved to Petrolia.

Dr Rumball died in 2016 (See below - Info from Obituary).

He had been a member at least a couple of the Lions Clubs in Essex County.

He was a great guy, always quick with a joke.

Perhaps the button was a campaign button? Back in those days, Lions actually had serious elections for the honour of becoming DG

Info from PDG Lion Rick Gagnier

Doc Rumball was going to be a candidate for governor in 1984-85

He was a past ZC Member of the Essex Lions Club in District A-1

An eye optometrist -- therefore the name DOC.

Info from Delaware Lions Club

Doc Rumball visited – Delaware Lions Club on February 14, 1972

Spoke on Convention and Why he should be Elected District Governor of District A-1

Following is taken from his obituary, including comments about Doc Rumball's Lions' Service.

RUMBALL, Dr. Donald

September 11, 1923 - March 15, 2016

Passed away peacefully at 92 years of age. Beloved husband of Bernice. Loving father and hero to daughter Sue Anne Rumball. WWII vet in the medical corps. Lifetime Lions Club Member.

Helped start the first mobile eye clinic and was on the Board for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Dr. Rumball mentored many optometric students throughout his career.

His wife, Bernice, passed in 2017.

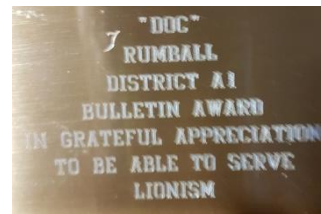
Doc Rumball Trophy – District A-1 Bulletin Contest

The District A-1 Bulletin Contest Trophy was named 'Doc Rumball Trophy' and was awarded annually to the Editor of the best Club Bulletin in the District as determined by the District Bulletin Contest Chair and presented at the Convention in each respective Lions' Year!

With communications transforming to Social Media such as Club Websites, Facebook, ... there has been a significant decrease in Club Bulletins and so the Trophy was not awarded in recent years!.

See the list of **Doc Rumball Trophy – District A-1 Bulletin Contest - Winners 1972-2015** – noting the absence of winners in recent years as the contest faded!

Doc Rumball Trophy



Lions - District A-1 -- Bulletin Contest

YEAR	WINNERS	CLUB
1972 - 1973	Jap Sanford	Kingsville Lions Club
1973 - 1974	Norm Knott	Dorchester Lions Club
1974 - 1975	Ken Rieveley	Windsor Riverside Lions Club
1975 - 1976	Cor VanderElst	Mt. Brydges Lions Club
1976 - 1977	Jim Campeau	Windsor Riverside Lions Club
1977 - 1978	Doug Dickson	London North Lions Club
1978 - 1979	Gor Ryall	Windsor Riverside Lions Club
1979 - 1980	Ken Rieveley	Windsor Riverside Lions Club
1980 - 1981	Mel Goyette	Kingsville Lions Club
1981 - 1982	Cor VanderElst & Leigh Laughton	Mt. Brydges Lions Club
1982 - 1983	Not Available / Not Awarded	
1983 - 1984	George Tether	Lambeth Lions Club
1984 - 1985	Harry Wismer	Port Stanley Lions Club
1985 - 1986	Not Available / Not Awarded	
1986 - 1987	Roy Cook	Dorchester Lions Club
1987 - 1988	Jim Hilt	Port Stanley Lions Club
1988 - 1989	Ron Van Stone	Essex & District Lions Club
1989 - 1990	Stephen Hodgetts	Petrolia Lions Club
1990 - 1991	Terry Heeney	Dutton & District Lions Club
1991 - 1992	Dennis Minor	Port Stanley Lions Club
1992 - 1993	Harry Wismer	Port Stanley Lions Club
1993 - 1994	Henry Vanderweyst	Delaware Lions Club
1994 - 1995	Ray Hooker	Glencoe Lions Club
1995 - 1996	Joe Madacsi	Petrolia Lions Club
1996 - 1997	Joe Madacsi	Petrolia Lions Club
1997 - 1998	Joe Madacsi	Petrolia Lions Club
1998 - 1999	Joe Madacsi	Petrolia Lions Club
1999 - 2000	Dave Williams	London North Lions Club
2000 - 2001	Carolyn Oshell	Kingsville Lions Club
2001 - 2002	Bruce Edwards & Larry Willoughby	Glencoe Lions Club
2002 - 2003	Michael Kresky	Strathroy Lions Club
2003 - 2004	Michael Kresky	Strathroy Lions Club
2004 - 2005	Michael Kresky	Strathroy Lions Club
2005 - 2006	Michael Kresky	Strathroy Lions Club
2006 - 2007	Joe Madacsi & Marilyn Madacsi	Petrolia Lions Club
2007 - 2008	Michael Kresky	Strathroy Lions Club
2008 - 2009	Ann Stevens	Chatham Lions Club
2009 - 2010	Neil Mutch	Poplar Hill Lions Club
2010 - 2011	Michael Kresky & Crystal Alves	Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Club
2011 - 2012	Michael Kresky & Crystal Alves	Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Club
2012 - 2013	Jack McBride	St. Thomas Lions Club
2013 - 2014	Barry Wolfe & Elma Dolansky	Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Club
2014 - 2015	Barry Wolfe & Elma Dolansky	Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Club
2015 - 2016	Not Awarded	
2016 - 2017	Not Awarded	
2017 - 2018	Not Awarded	
2018 - 2019	Not Awarded	

Past Club Bulletin Editors & all other Lions,
 If you have any Pictures relating to the Doc Rumball Trophy or and other Trophies that were presented in our District - I would appreciate getting copies!
 I can use them in upcoming Newsletters and/or at least put them on record for future reference!
 Thanks!
 Lion Henry Vanderweyst



*Lion Henry Vanderweyst
 receiving the Doc Rumball Trophy 1993-1994
 at District A1 Convention 1994
 DG Governor Lion Joe Elliott
 Bulletin Contest Chair Lion Jim Lystar*



LIONISM – DISTRICT A-1 HISTORY



Thanks to your help we solved the Doc Rumball Button & Trophy Issue!!

Next History Item

Dick Kennedy Visitation Trophy

- Who was Dick Kennedy? (Do we assume that he was a Lion in our District or ???)
- I have a 1995-1996 Results Sheet – with Dick Kennedy’s Name on both Sections - District Governor’s Efficiency by District Clubs and Visitation Contest (District Overall and by Regions)

If anyone can remember or has documentation, we would appreciate hearing from you!



The Lighter Side

Sources: Various – Web and Emails Received – (Permission per Individuals Submitting)

Car Keys !!

They weren't in my pockets. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My wife has scolded me many times for leaving my keys in the car's ignition. She's afraid that the car could be stolen. As I looked around the parking lot, I realized she was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Eventually, I plucked up the courage and made the most difficult call of all to my wife: "I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen."

There was a moment of silence. I thought the call had been disconnected, but then I heard her voice. "Are you kidding me?" she barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was my turn to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me." She retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this cop that I didn't steal your bloody car!"

Welcome to the Golden Years!



How do you determine if you are ready for an old age home?

During a visit to my doctor I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill a bath tub with water, then we offer a teaspoon, and a tea cup and a bucket to the person to empty the tub!"

"Oh, I understand", I said, "a normal person would use the bucket, because it is bigger than the spoon and the tea cup!"

"No," he said, "a normal person would pull the plug! Do you want a bed near the window?"



Golf is going to be a lot more fun this year at the new course!