



# District A-1 "LIONS LINES" Governor's Newsletter

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## On being PROUD....

A group of Lions is called a PRIDE.  
How appropriate!

I often ask Lions to be PROUD when I visit their Lions Clubs. . It is amazing to me how little is known about the good works Lions do. The more I find out what is going on in District A-1, the more amazed I become.

It occurs to me that Lions tend to be much to humble. We need to communicate the good works that we do so Lions can become better known to their community. I would not ask Lions to say "Look at the good works that we do, aren't we good!?" While it is true... that would be boasting. But I do ask Lions to communicate what they do to the public and to other Lions. Simply say "This is what we do." That is being proud.

Such communication raises awareness.. It inspires other Lions, and it attracts the interest of the public. When we contribute to diabetes research and insulin pumps, when we recycle 1000's of glasses to third world countries,

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## Lions Web Sites

Lions International  
[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

**A-1 Lions**  
<http://a1lions.tripod.com/>

**MD 'A'**  
[www.mdalions.org](http://www.mdalions.org)

**Leader Dogs**  
[www.leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org)

**Lions Foundation of Canada**  
[www.dogguides.com](http://www.dogguides.com)

**CNIB Lake Joseph**  
[www.cnib.ca/lakejo](http://www.cnib.ca/lakejo)

## Dates to Remember

### MDA Effective Speaking Dates

Region 1—Feb 22—Tilbury  
Region 2—Mar 1—Thorndale  
Region 24—Mar 8—Petrolia  
District A1—Mar 29—St. Thomas

### **District Meeting**

Jan 25—Strathroy  
**Eyes Right**  
Annual Meeting

### Zone Advisory Dates

*(See page 2)*

### **Region Rallies**

Region 1—Feb 13—Harrow  
Region 2—Feb 20—Thorndale  
Region 24—Feb 6—Lucan

## A Gathering of Heroes

34th Annual District A1 Convention  
April 3-4-5, 2009  
Holiday Inn, Sarnia  
Register now.

**A1 Convention Registration Form**  
<http://a1lions.tripod.com/Happenings/A1Convention2009.pdf>

District Events

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when we build parks, when we provide bursaries, when we provide care for seniors, when we contribute to food banks, when we provide seeing-eye dogs, when we provide eye care equipment to hospitals... when we do all this and so much more....

Lions, we should be PROUD. Tell friends, neighbours and , co-workers “This is what we do.” The next time your club raises funds or provides support to a community cause.. be PROUD. Wear your vest, shirt or cap with the Lions logo. And don't forget.. send in a report to the local paper, and Lion's Magazine Reporter Lion Marilyn Madacsi [fonet.madacsi@golden.net](mailto:fonet.madacsi@golden.net) and Governor's Newsletter Editor and Webmaster Lion Curtis Marwood [curtis.marwood@gmail.com](mailto:curtis.marwood@gmail.com) .

Be PROUD,

Proud of you all,

DG Don McKessock



Dear Club Officers,

Happy New Year! May 2009 be filled with many miracles of service for your club.

But we all know that just wishing for good things to happen don't make them come true. We have to work at it. We have to plan. We have to be pro-active.

The new year is a good time to evaluate our clubs to make sure we are on track.

Are you...

- Targeting young people, women or men if few in your club, and members of specific professional groups?
- A “family-friendly” Lions Club?
- Using marketing and public relations techniques to their best effect?
- Working closely with your district's MERL team?
- Making membership development a 365-day a year priority?

Fortunately, there are many proven tools available to help you perform this self-evaluation and to make any mid-course corrections needed....

Only by changing and adapting to the prevailing conditions can your club be a beacon of hope and an anchor of stability in troubled times. But if you are successful in this effort the good people of your community will surely recognize what we already know: that it is a great joy and privilege to be a Lion.

You have my best wishes for a happy and successful new year of service.

Sincerely, Al Brandel, International President  
(The full letter is published on the web site and emailed to clubs.)

Zone Advisory Meetings

ZONE 1	LOCATION	DATE
West	Harrow-Colchester	22-Jan-09
	Windsor Riverside	19 Mar-09
Central	Kingsville	06-Jan-09
	Belle River	05-Mar-09
East	Stoney Point	03-Feb-09
	Lighthouse Cove	01-Apr-09
ZONE 2		
South	Rodney	13-Jan-09
	Lambeth	19-Mar-09
North	London Central	26-Feb-09
	London North	16-Apr-09
East	Thorndale	04-Feb-09
	Dorchester	24-Mar-09
ZONE 24		
South	Poplar Hill	20-Jan-09
	Ilderton	24-Mar-09
North	Lucan	19-Jan-09
	Arkona	17-Mar-09
West	Petrolia	05-Jan-09
	Wyoming	13-Apr-09

Coming Events

Ilderton Curling Bonspiel—31-Jan 2009

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[http://a1lions.tripod.com/Ilderton\\_Bonspiel.pdf](http://a1lions.tripod.com/Ilderton_Bonspiel.pdf)

Chatham Breakfast—01-Mar-09

519-352-8732 [seppok@vianet.on.ca](mailto:seppok@vianet.on.ca)  
[http://a1lions.tripod.com/Breakfast\\_flyer\\_2009.pdf](http://a1lions.tripod.com/Breakfast_flyer_2009.pdf)

Chatham Lions 60th Anniversary

Chatham 02-May-09  
Watch for coming details soon.

District Events

**REGION 1 RALLY**

**Fri. Feb. 13/09**

**Harrow-Colchester Clubhouse**

**206 McAfee St., Harrow**

**6:15 – 7:00pm Cash Bar**

Dinner: 7:00 pm \$10.00

Roast Beef on a Bun, Baked Beans,  
Tossed Green Salad, Pasta Salad,  
Dessert and Beverages

Region Highlights: Zone Chairs  
Candidates for District Office  
Fun ‘n Games | Raffle

Call or e-mail your numbers by Feb. 6  
to Region 1 Chair Joan Cope  
(519-712-9279 or [joanswin@yahoo.ca](mailto:joanswin@yahoo.ca))

**Thorndale Lions Induct Seven New Lions!**

Thorndale President Lion Les Youngson and District Governor Don are shown with new Lions Paul Weir, Hans Frick, Jason Pike, Scott Cochrane, Jeffrey Arts, Craig Walsh and Mel Lee. These new Lions were inducted in January 2009. It all started with a barbeque to which young men of the local community were invited. Thanks Thorndale, for making membership a priority and setting a record for inductees at one ceremony.



**MDA Effective Speaking  
Region & District Speak-offs**

**Region 1**– Hosted by Tilbury Lions Club Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009 at Tilbury Lions Club Hall at lot 18 - Conc. 8 - Quinn Line Tilbury .

**Region 2**– Hosted by Thorndale Lions Club on Mar 01<sup>st</sup> 2009, Thorndale Community Centre 255 Queen St. Thorndale.

**Region 24**- Hosted by Petrolia Lions Club on Mar 08<sup>th</sup> 2009 at Petrolia Lions Hall on 451 Huggard St. Petrolia.

**District A1 Speak Off** - hosted by the St Thomas Lions Club on March 29<sup>th</sup> 2009 at the St Thomas Legion Hall.

If your Club has Speakers this year, let Ron Lindsay know one week ahead of the Speak Off in your Region. Please see the web page for more details.

**Youth Exchange 2009**

Jim Deslippe sends the following advance information:

1. Youth arrive July 4 - leave August 1.
2. Host family terms: July 4-15 & 15-25.
3. Camp July 25 - August 1 in Mt Brydges
4. Closing ceremonies & International Day—July 31

We are hoping to have the changeover in Chatham again on the 15th as it seemed to work out great last year and the feedback was very positive for it.

I would appreciate hearing from those who are interested in participating this year so I will know if I need more host families. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again this year. All are invited to the closing ceremonies and International Day on July 31st. Can I get everyone to email me back and let me know one way or the other as soon as you know.

**New Club Activity Report Format**

A new, revised Lions Club Activity Report format now appears on the Lions Web site. The revised format features three main sections:

- Community Services including Environmental Services and International Relations
- Lions Opportunities for Youth including Leo clubs and Scouts

- Health Services including Diabetes Awareness, Hearing and Speech Action and Work with the Deaf, Sight Conservation and Work with the Blind

Club secretaries who submit a year-end (June or until July 15) Lions Club Activity Report can download a personalized Certificate of Excellence signed by the Lions International President. The online report is now linked through the online Monthly Membership Report.



A-1 Heroes

**Four Melvin Jones Fellowships Awarded!**

Melvin Jones Fellowships were awarded to four Dutton Lions in December! Shown (left to right) are Lions Bob Purcell, George Smith, Bob Hales and Lorne Stanley. These Lions spearheaded the building of a second seniors residence, "Caldonia II", in Dutton. Over 350,000\$ was raised in the Dutton community to complete this 4 million \$ building project!



**Hyde Park Lions Serve at Christmas**

Hyde Park and District Lions held their annual Christmas get together and dinner on the 15th of December. Rather than exchange gifts among members and guests each Lion brought items to be donated to Mission Services and Youth Opportunities Unlimited. As can be seen by the photo the HPL were very generous and the two organizations were thrilled with the donated items.



**Lion Heroes**

Send photos and a brief description of your “heroes” to the editor at

[curtis.marwood@gmail.com](mailto:curtis.marwood@gmail.com)

**Please attach photos as separate JPG files.**

**Petrolia Leos 5 Year Banner Patch**

District Governor Don McKessock presented the Petrolia and District Leo Club with a Five Year banner patch from L. C. I. F. The Lions Club of Petrolia was presented with a Five Year chevron as the Leo’s sponsor, to be placed on their awards banner.

Pictured are L. To R: Lion Toney Beaulier, Leo Justin Beaulieu, Gov. Don McKessock and Lions Club President Sharon Hornbostel.



**Petrolia Leos donate to EyesRight**

Petrolia and District Leo Club presented Gov. Don McKessock with a cheque for \$75.00 for the charity of his choice [Eyes Right]. The Lions Club of Petrolia also presented Gov Don with a cheque for his favourite charity in honour of his Official Visit. Pictured L. To R: Leo Philip Laker, Eric Richter, Corey Sitek, Gov. Don McKessock, Jessica Beaulier, Tyler Vandeburghe, Michael Thrower, Mark Johnston and Justin Beaulieu.



**Governor Don has a moment with Santa**

District Governor Don McKessock was invited to sit on Santa’s (A.K.A. Lion Art Parkes) knee at the Lions Club of Petrolia’s Christmas party. Governor Don said he had been a good Lion all year long.



**Petrolia Giant Christmas Sock Draw**

The Lions Club of Petrolia held the annual draw for the Giant Christmas Sock full of toys at their business meeting Dec. 15th. The winning ticket was drawn by Lion Gail Tanner and the lucky winner was Don Phillips of Andrew St., Petrolia. Shown in the picture are winner Don Phillips and Christmas Sock Draw chairman Lion Jim Stapleton. Proceeds totaling \$3100.00 from the draw will be donated to Christmas for Everyone.



For more photos, resources and useful Lions links, go to

**A-1 Web Site**

[\(http://a1lions.tripod.com/\)](http://a1lions.tripod.com/)