

LIONESS OF DISTRICT A-1

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WHAT LIONESS TOWN IS THIS?

President's Message



Hi Lioness:

While having my lunch today, I was looking out into the backyard - where all the snow has disappeared and saw 9 robins, so I guess Spring is just about here (according to the calendar). I'm just waiting for some Spring-like weather.

As I wind up my visits this month, I have noticed that the clubs "Share The Experience" involving their social activities as well as their fundraising ideas. Each club support many projects in their communities as well as the District and Lions projects that were set out.

It seems I'm writing about the same thing each month - a need for District Executive and hoping a club will consider hosting **2015** Rally. We need to keep the fun in Lioness.

Convention is fast approaching. Therefore a notice to all clubs - please bring your banner and stand for the Parade of Banners. Friday night program after the Parade of Banners sounds like it will be a lot of fun with audience participation, including Lioness. So please join in the fun.

The Cabinet meeting, Saturday morning at 9 am. there will be nominations from the floor, so please consider running for an Executive position for the District. Also, delegates for each club **must** have their membership card with them to be eligible to vote. Who knows maybe we will have an election. At any rate the Lioness delegates will be able to vote for 2016 convention location.

School of Instruction will be held after the luncheon on Sat. Apr. 5th. (at convention). It will start approximately 1:30 and lasting about 1 hour. Please let me know before March 31st. who will be attending the school and what category they are interested in. We need to know the numbers to have the materials available.

I hope to see many of you at the convention. It will be **FUN!**

Live, Love, Laugh

District A-1 President, Lioness Joyce Leal



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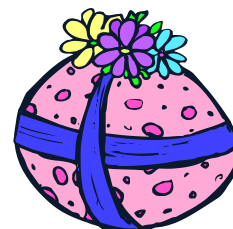
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THE EASTER FEELING...
*The Easter feeling does not end.
It signals a new beginning,
Of nature, spring, and brand new life,
And friendship, peace, and giving.
The spirit of Easter is all about
Hope, love, and joyful living.
Author Unknown*



District A-1 Club News



Arkona Lioness – 18 Members

February- Held dinner meeting at MacPherson's Restaurant. Four Lioness attended a fund raising supper for Thedford Figure Skating Club. They had a meat raffle at Grog's and 4 members worked a bingo in Sarnia. Donation made to Green Rock Glen Conservation.

Aylmer Lioness – 18 Members

February – **WELCOME new member Lioness Shereen Telfer.** After their business meeting the members participated in a drumming session led by instructor, Sheila Horrell. They serve the community by preparing and serve meals for church groups, staff the VON fitness programs, staff school breakfast clubs, knit projects for infants and for ill or infirm, operate the tuck shop at Terrace Lodge and local churches and clubs are represented by many of their members. Four members attended Cabinet Meeting. They sponsor a monthly bingo at Jackpot City and are busy planning for their **Spring Ladies Night, May 23, 2014.** Donations made to Eyes Right, Camp Dorset, Lake Joseph Camp, Port Burwell P.S., Aylmer Library, East Elgin S.S., Camp Kirk, A-1 Convention Prize and Interclub Bonspiel Registration

Belmont Lioness – 37 Members

February – Sorry to hear Katherine Hinz had to resign due to health issues. Regular meeting was a Pizza Night and had 14 guests from the St. Joseph's High School Robotics Team and the Leo Club. They are busy doing Church work, Foot Care Clinic, volunteering at the hospital, have 7 adult blankets completed, weave sleep mats, collect tabs for wheel chairs, Bel Parc Bingo (seniors apartment) and have pie bees for a total of 204 service hours. St. Thomas Bingo Country, pies and a Bazaar is what they do for fundraising. Donations made to AVSS and St. Joseph's HS. Janet, Barb and Sonja accompanied District President Joyce to Glencoe, Janet, Louis, Sharon, Pat, Deb and Sonja to Port Stanley, and Janet to Wyoming.

Delaware Lioness – 14 Members

The club does not met in Jan., Feb., or March.



Glencoe Lioness – 20 Members

February – **WELCOME new member Lioness Susan Sinclair.** Special Guest was District President Joyce Leal along with 3 Belmont Lioness. They helped the VON and drove a senior for a total of 16 service hours. Donation made to the District Presidents Project.

London Central Lioness – 13 Members

February – Not available at this time.

London East Lioness – 12 Members

February – Not available at this time.



Mount Brydges Lioness – 14 Members

February – Guest was Lioness Chairman Lion Bob Bride. President Lioness Eve Crisp attended Cabinet Meeting. For fundraising they work bingos. Donations made to Canada Day, Mt. Brydges Skating Club, Kids Help Phone, Eyes Right, Effective Speaking and Tactile Tales.

Port Stanley Lioness – 44 members

February – WELCOME new member Lioness Donna Morgan. Special guest was District President Lioness Joyce Leal along with 6 Belmont Lioness. They are busy getting ready for their Chili Cook Off on March 21st. and Palmer's Maple Syrup Festival the month of March.

South Windsor Lioness – 14 members

The Club does not meet in January and February.



Springfield Lioness – 13 Members

February – Sorry to report loss of a member – Susan Carrel just not enough time. They work 2 bingos per month and sell community spirit birthday calendars and participate on various committees within the community. They maintain the Mary H Person Memorial Park and sell memorial bricks for the pathway. Nine members attended the Cabinet Meeting, 2 visited Aylmer, 1 attended MDA meeting, 2 visited Belmont and 1 London Central. Donations made to Port Stanley walk-a-dog-a-thon, Effective Speaking, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Tactile Tales, Lions Camp Kirk Tickets and a needy resident's hydro bill.

Tilbury Lioness – 25 Members

February – They have been very busy preparing for Pasta Night and breakfast club. They had 161 service hours this month. Donations made to Lake St. Joseph Camp, Soccer Team, Tilbury hockey Moms, Breakfast Club, Chatham/Kent Health Alliance and Penny Draw for Convention.

Wheatley Lioness – 18 Members

February – Members accumulated 64 volunteer hours. They participated in the Nutrition Program at Wheatley Public School, canvased for Heart and Stroke, helped a disabled senior, worked at the Food Bank, held monthly bingo at The Meadows of Wheatley, assisted at the South Essex Community Council as well as Leamington District Memorial Hospital, Wheatley Library and East Mersea Public School. Main fundraiser is bingo at Chances in Leamington. Donations made to Tactile Tales, Kids Help Phone, Girls Minor Baseball and Lake St. Joseph's Transportation.

Wyoming Lioness – 23 Members

February – WELCOME new member Lioness Marie Hall. District President Joyce Leal was their special guest along with Lioness Janet. All enjoyed a delicious Pot Luck Dinner. Worked a bingo for fundraising. Donations made to Eyes Right, Transportation of visually impaired, Petrolia Food Bank – re District President's Project and South Plympton/Wyoming School Snack Program.



An Invitation to...



Governor Deb Lioness President Jayee



"Follow Your Dream" District A-1 Lions Convention

Holiday Inn Sarnia , ON

April 4 - 6, 2014

Good Day Lions, Lioness and Leos;

Just a quick reminder that the District A-1 Convention is fast approaching April 4 , 5 and 6th to be exact and I wanted to give you a brief update thus far , and also to remind you that if you have not Registered already to please do so . Cost is 25.00 after February 19th

REGISTER NOW! Registration Forms at District A-1 Website: Send to Lion Steve Mahovich or email stevena1@kelcom.com
<http://a1lions.tripod.com/Convention/Convention2014/RegistrationForm2014.pdf>



Our Guest for the weekend will be International Director Yves Leveille , from Quebec, Canada . Lion Yves was elected at the International Convention in Germany , a member of the Ormstown Club Lion Yves joined in 1988 he is a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. He and his Wife Lion Dominique have 2 children and 5 grandchildren.

Hospitality Rooms Well it has taken a number of years but we have been able to secure one hallway to use as a Hospitality Area , All hospitality room are side by side . The hotel has gone out of its way to make this happen , so please there are a few stipulation that they have asked that we try to abide by and I am asking everyone to please do your utmost to do so. One stipulation is that the doors not be propped wide open these are fire doors therefore it is against the fire code to do this .. Second I know we are at Convention but to please keep the ROAR down to a dull Roar. I know we can do this Please enjoy yourselves as you get reacquainted with your fellow Lions Lioness and Leos.

Voting and Credentials: Your club should have received the credentials for the convention already, if you have not please contact Lion Wayne Cudney to get them. There will be an election for Zone Chair in Zone 5. Best wishes to both candidates

Opening Ceremonies and Banners, as there is no place on the walls of the Banquet hall to hang the your club banner , the convention committee is encouraging each club to bring your own banner stand. The display of banners in the hall is very impressive. As usual the presentation of banners will begin at 8 pm so set up in 7:45 in the hallway down by the banquet hall and all clubs are asked to line up in the order that is in the Directory. Lion John Ross will be the convener for this evening, so if you have any question you can look for him at convention.

Officer Training Sessions, again this year there will be sessions directly following the Luncheon on Saturday . Lion Jacqui has put together a number of sessions pertaining to the functioning of your clubs . Sessions include Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer , Orientation/Mentoring , Public Relations , Public Speaking and Membership. This is a great time to rejuvenate yourself and your club. Also a great opportunity for your upcoming club officers and those Lions who are not sure to get some information regarding these board positions. Please encourage all those interested to please come to convention.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at Convention, the Holiday Inn is looking forward to seeing us. So let's plan on making this a great Convention

Your Convention Chair

Lion Evelyn Spiering

See You At The Convention!

Should you have any questions or concerns,
please contact the Lioness Convention Rep Lioness Trudy Brown at trudybrown4@sympatico.ca



A-1 Lioness Draw

Diva Bag

Value of \$450!

All proceeds to support the A-1 Lioness Program

Tickets are just \$2 each or 3 for \$5

**Draw will be held at the
Cabinet Meeting on June 22, 2014**



The Diva Bag includes:

The exclusive Nancy O'Dell Tote Bag;
A Park Lane InStyle bracelet;
A beautiful Pashmina and Scarf;
A bottle of Wine;
A Necklace and Earrings Ensemble
and lots more gift items to unleash
your inner Diva!

Tickets are to be sold
within your Lioness Club
only please



Please ensure ALL tickets and
money are returned
by **June 22nd**,
at the Cabinet meeting,
to **Lioness Joyce Leal**.

CABINET MEETINGS & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

- April 4 – 6, 2014 - A-1 Convention- Sarnia/Pt. Edward,
1498 Venetian Blvd. Sarnia, 519-336-4130
www.holiday-inn.com/sarniaon
- April 5, 2014 - Cabinet Meeting at A-1 Convention in Sarnia – 9 a.m.
- May 2-4, 2014 - MD"A" Convention at Deerhurst
- May 24, 2014 - Spring Ladies Night –hosted by Aylmer Lioness
- May 25, 2014 - Walk for Dog Guides – Port Stanley
- June 22, 2014 - Cabinet Meeting - hosted by Belmont Lioness
at the Belmont IOOF Hall
- July 4 – 8, 2014 - Lions International Convention – Toronto, ON



The Rules of Chocolate

If you get melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating it too slowly.

Chocolate covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want.

The problem: How to get two pounds of chocolate home from the store in a hot car.

The solution: Eat it in the parking lot.

Diet tip: Eat a chocolate bar before each meal.

It'll take the edge off your appetite and you'll eat less.

A nice box of chocolates can provide your total daily intake of calories in one place. Isn't that handy?

If calories are an issue, store your chocolate on top of the fridge. Calories are afraid of heights, and they will jump out of the chocolate to protect themselves.

Chocolate has many preservatives. Preservatives make you look younger.

This is my favourite:

Chocolate is a health food. Chocolate is derived from cacao beans. Bean = vegetable. Sugar is derived either from sugar beets or cane, both vegetables. And, of course, the milk/cream is dairy. So eat more chocolate to meet the dietary requirements for daily vegetable and dairy intake.



PRESIDENT JOYCE'S GOALS

To support the goals of
District Governor Lion Bob Tanner and his Theme of
"SHARE THE EXPERIENCE"

PERSONAL GOALS/PROJECTS

To support Camp for Junior Diabetes, such as Camp Huronda, so that each child may be eligible to attend camp,
if desired.

To support local food banks, ever needed in these times.

To continue making pillowcases for Con Kerr Cancer



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Wheatley Harbour
Wheatley, ON

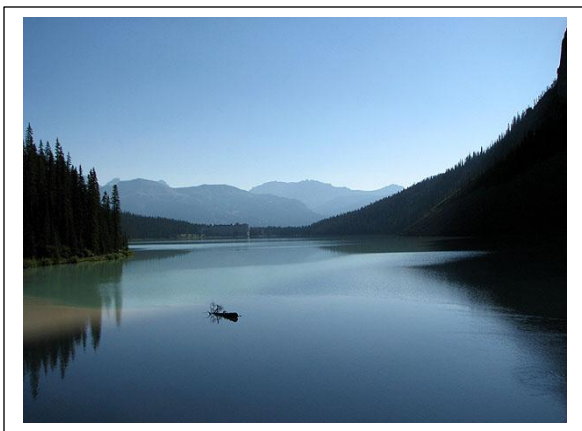
JELLY BEAN POEM
*Little jelly beans
 Tell a story true.
 A tale of Father's love
 Just for me and you.
 GREEN is for the waving palms.
 YELLOW is for the sun above.
 BROWN is for the soft earth where
 People sat hearing of HIS love.
 A SPECKLED bean for fish and sand.
 RED for precious wine
 and BLACK is for the sin He washed
 From you soul and mine.
 PURPLE's for the sadness of
 HIS family and friends,
 and WHITE is for the glory of the
 Day HE rose again.
 Now that you've heard the story
 You know what each color means.
 The story of our Father's love
 Told by some jelly beans.
 So every morning take a bean
 They're really very yummy.
 Something for the soul, you see
 And something for the tummy.
 Author Unknown*

PHOTO CORNER

Rule #8

Framing

The world is full of objects which make perfect natural frames, such as trees, archways and holes. By placing these around the edge of the composition you help to isolate the main subject from the outside world. The result is a more focused image which draws your eye naturally to the main point of interest.



**Purr deadline for May, 2014
 issue is
 April 20, 2014**

Here, the surrounding hills form a natural frame, and the piece of wood provides a focal point.

PERSON OF INTEREST THE MIRACLE WORKER - ANNE SULLIVAN

The Move to Wrentham

In 1904, Anne and Helen bought a farm and seven acres of land in Wrentham, Massachusetts. In Helen's 1955 biography **Teacher: Anne Sullivan Macy** she wrote that these were probably some of the happiest days of their lives, in part because their household now included John Albert Macy.

Macy was a young Harvard teacher and literary critic at the magazine **A Youth's Companion**. He met Anne and Helen when they were at Radcliffe College. In 1902, he helped the women in editing the serialized version of Helen's biography **The Story of My Life**. During the next decade he became Anne's suitor and husband, as well as Helen's manager and editor. He carefully negotiated the terms of the domestic and foreign publications of Helen's works. He also learned manual sign language. Without that skill, he could not have communicated with Helen to correct drafts of her texts. That was a job that had previously fallen on Anne's shoulders alone.

John and Anne announced their engagement on January 16, 1905. Anne saw her marriage to John as a potential benefit to Helen. She trusted John and felt confident that when she died, John would take good care of Helen. (John was 11 years younger than Anne and nearer to Helen in age. As it turned out, Anne outlived John by four years.) Anne married John in the living room of the Wrentham house on May 3, 1905. The twenty wedding guests included Mr. Macy's family, Kate A. Keller, John Hitz, and Sophia Hopkins.

Anne made the wedding cake. Helen stood beside her teacher and a friend stood beside Helen, spelling the service into her hand. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Edward Everett Hale.

In 1908, Helen wrote **The World I Live In** and two years later her poem **The Song of the Stone Wall** was published. Anne's husband, John Macy, was instrumental in the editing and publication of these works. Helen recalled, "I cannot enumerate the helpful kindnesses with which he smoothed my rugged paths of endeavor."

He continued his work as an editor at **A Youth's Companion** and published his own poetry and literary criticism in leading magazines. Macy was a socialist and he corresponded with socialist writers such as Upton Sinclair, with whom he discussed politics and literature. His politics had a strong influence on Helen, and by 1909 she had joined the socialist party. Anne, however, could not be convinced of change through political action. Helen and Anne had very different attitudes toward politics, and each pursued her own path. Anne did not try to interfere with her pupil's opinions and actions.

In February 1913, Anne and Helen began a fifteen-month lecture tour in the Northeast in an effort to supplement their income from Helen's writing. At this time, John and Anne's marriage began to collapse and in May, John traveled alone to Europe. Although the reasons are unclear, Anne's fiery nature and the household's shaky financial situation may have been part of the problem. However, ultimately, John may have felt neglected by Anne in favour of Helen, and in 1914 he left the household for good. In the fall of that year, a young Scotswoman, Polly Thomson, joined the two women as a secretary for Helen.



John Albert Macy



In this photograph taken at Wrentham, circa 1905, John is seated in three-quarter profile between Helen and Anne. Helen stands in front of him and Anne stands behind him. She leans against the back of his chair with her right hand on his shoulder. He is holding a manuscript and looking up at the camera while manually signing into Helen's hand. John wears a light colored suit with a darker necktie that seems to be tied in a soft bow. Anne wears a dark, two-piece dress with a white blouse under the jacket. Helen's dress is also dark, with a deeply curved white collar, a high waist, and full three-quarter length sleeves with net ruffles at the elbow.

Anne's notes and writings about her failed marriage alternate between anger toward John and sadness over a man she loved deeply. In the early years after their separation John would write and ask for money; however, as the years progressed he appears to have faded from their lives. John Macy died in 1932 at the age of 55. Anne's contribution to education was increasingly recognized, as was her stature as an important American woman. In 1915, Anne was honoured with a "Teacher's Medal" at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco. The other honouree was the famous educator Dr. Maria Montessori. Anne and Helen remained at Wrentham for another three years after John and Anne separated. During these years Anne and Helen, accompanied by Polly Thomson, earned a living primarily through the retelling of the story of Helen's life in lectures. The constant travel and countless public engagements left Anne exhausted. In the fall of 1916 Anne had to stop work as a result of pleurisy and (incorrectly diagnosed) tuberculosis. On November 20, she and Polly Thomson traveled to Lake Placid, New York without Helen in order for Anne to recover. While they were there Anne spotted an advertisement for travel to Puerto Rico and immediately bought two boat tickets for herself and Polly. Anne's five months of rest was one of the happiest times of her life. She wrote frequently to Helen, filling her letters with the heady sights and smells of the lush Caribbean island.

The time she spent in Puerto Rico was the only extended period in Anne's life when she left behind the burden of her past and her busy life with Helen. It is the only significant occasion when she and Helen were separated from one another—Helen remained in Tuscumbia, Alabama. What we know of this period is found in wonderful letters that Anne brailed to Helen and Helen transcribed and responded to. These provide a very rare glimpse into Anne's own thoughts and feelings as well as her skill as a writer.

Some of the letters that Anne wrote to Helen from Puerto Rico reveal the very different religious and philosophical attitudes of the two women. These letters indicate that Anne did not try to influence Helen's opinions. On the contrary, they show a sincere pleasure in Helen's independent thoughts and actions. Anne's feelings about religion were not new. As early as her days at the Perkins School, where pupils were expected to attend the church of their faith each Sunday, Anne resisted that ritual.

To be continued