

# LIONESS OF DISTRICT A-1

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WHAT LIONESS TOWN IS THIS?



## *President's Message*

Hello Lioness:

Well Laugh & Learn is behind us now. What a great week-end. Speakers, sessions and food was excellent. Not to mention, a lot of lucky District A-1 Lioness came home happy. We truly laughed a lot. Mark your calendar for a Hill Billy weekend in Barrie next year.



Visitations are going well. I have visited 3 Lioness clubs to date. Thank you for the hospitality extended to me as well as my travelling companions.

Congratulations to Aylmer Lioness who are celebrating their 30th. Anniversary this year (Nov. 22, 2013).

Again, I'm pleading for a **VICE PRESIDENT**. I hope our District is not falling apart. We are very visual at all MDA functions and we need to continue to be up front. I'm still looking for individuals to help with the Bulletin contest, and the Visitation contest, as well as someone to take charge of the flags, etc. until a Vice President is found. If you are asked, please don't say no.

Now for another plea - we need a club to set up and host the District Rally for Spring 2014. Please bring this up to your membership and talk it over. This is another fun night. I'm sure there is a club that has not hosted a Rally for some time or ever and could host it for 2014.

Christmas is fast approaching - now it is time to make lists and start shopping (if you haven't already). Don't forget to support the Food Banks in your community.

From my house to your house, I wish each and every Lioness and your families a Merry Christmas.

*Live, Laugh and Love*

*District A-1 President, Lioness Joyce*



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### **Christmas Giving**

Christmas is for giving  
And for showing that we care,  
For honoring the Christ Child  
With the loving gifts we share.  
The wise men gave of riches;  
The shepherds, faith and love.  
Each gift, in its own measure,  
Was smiled on from above.  
Let every gift be treasured;  
Not always size or price  
Determines the extent of love  
And willing sacrifice  
Handsome gifts with festive trim  
Bring smiles of sweet content,  
But modest gifts of humble means  
are oft-times heaven sent.  
Whether it be large or small,  
Each gift will share in part  
The message of true Christmas joy  
If given from the heart!  
by Iris W. Bray

## District A-1 Club News

### Arkona Lioness – 18 Members

October – Provided lunch at Seniors Euches for 5 Wednesday nights. Seven Members attended Mt. Brydges initiation – 4 were initiated. They held a Meat Raffle at Grog's Restaurant, had a Thanksgiving Turkey Bingo at Rock Glen Resort and worked a Bingo in Sarnia. Donations made to Forest Ringette Team and Arkona Seniors.

### Aylmer Lioness – 17 Members

October – Had guest speaker, Diane Vaughan from St. Thomas Horticultural Society. The Club continues with the VON programs, Church and Local Organizations. WOW!!! 309.5 service hours. They continue to do bingos. Turned in 73 pairs of glasses. Donations made to Lupus Foundation, Kids Help Phone and Royal Canadian Legion.

### Belmont Lioness – 39 Members

October – **Welcome** new member, Christina "Tina" Davidson. Sad to say that two members dropped out, Janice Hooker and Michelle Hart. Their service actives are: Bingos, Foot Care Clinic, Bel Parc Bingo, Church work, Hospital volunteers, making wool blankets, weaving sleep mats out of milk bags and collecting tabs for wheel chairs. Volunteer hours were 164 and they collected 3 boxes of food and completed 2 blankets. For fundraising they do bingos, make pies and had a Bazaar. Donations made to Lions Foundation of Canada Guide Dogs, Ronald McDonald House and LEA Ladies Auxiliary.

### Delaware Lioness – 14 Members

October – **Welcome** two new members. Lion Chairman Bob Bride made his official visit. Donated to the Poppy Fund. They are busy planning for a Craft sale, selling Appin Theater Tickets and volunteering at the Race against drugs. They have 25 volunteer hours.

### Glencoe Lioness – 19 Members

October – 27 Volunteer Hours – VON 5 hours, music for seniors 6.5 hours, transportation 5.5 hours and helping seniors 10 hours. Donations made to St. Vincent DePaul and Glencoe Legion.

### London Central Lioness – 13 Members

October – Held a bingo for the residents of Dearness home. They are busy planning for a Nov. Bazaar, Teen Girls' Christmas party and their Dec. Pot Luck. Donations made to Eyes Right and A-1 Effective Speaking

### London East Lioness – 12 Members

October - District President Joyce made her official visit. Sent cards to members with Oct. birthdays. Had draw for 3 Kitchen Baskets – winners were from London Central, Springfield and South Windsor Clubs. Went for coffee and donuts after meeting.

### Mount Brydges Lioness – 14 Members

October- Initiation Night on the 30<sup>th</sup>. - had 7 members from Arkona – 4 were initiated and 6 members from London Central – 3 were initiated. Held bingos and 6 members had 24 service hours. Donations made to Scouting, Seniors Home Xmas Party and gift for Laugh and Learn.

### **Port Stanley Lioness – 43 members**

October – **Welcome** - New Member Gwen Gowan. Had a successful wine and cheese party. Assist the VON in monthly Foot Care Clinic. They send cards to village and area residents, volunteer at Elgin Manor Tuck Shop, grocery shop for a senior, and drive fellow lioness for dialysis. WOW! – 356.5 Volunteer hours. Donations made to Alzheimer's Society, V.O.N., Port Elgin Food Bank and Elgin-St. Thomas United Way.

### **South Windsor Lioness – 14 members**

October – Continue to sell Nevada tickets. This month they held a Pasta Fundraiser each Wednesday and held a bake sale and sold novels. Donations made to the Coronation School breakfast program as well as supplies for the students. Eighteen coats were purchase and donated to Coats For Kids. They collected pennies and donated them to the Downtown Mission

### **Springfield Lioness – 15 Members**

October – They continue to hold bingos and maintain the Mary H. Pearson Park and sell memorial bricks. At different evens in area resident's life they send cards. They are busy preparing for a Craft Show on November 17<sup>th</sup>. They try to visit as many clubs and events as time allows.

### **Tilbury Lioness – 26 Members**

October – Due to illness Pat Moxley dropped out. Their services activities are nursing homes, school, bingo at Manor, Church and Craft Show Preparation. They have a 50/50 draw for fundraising. Donations made to Splash Pad, Wreath for Cenotaph and Tilbury Manor Bingo. They did 58 hours of service.

### **Wheatley Lioness – 18 Members**

October – For fundraising they do bingos, selling tickets for a Trip to La Vegas and selling tickets on a quilt. Donations made to Salvation Army, Youth Exchange and the Bank Theatre and meeting Place. Two attended Belmont's Bazaar and 4 attended Port Stanley's Wine and Cheese Party. They did 166.5 hours of service by assisting an elderly lady, Leamington Hospital, leading Tai Chi Class, Food Bank, Meadows Manor Bingo, Wheatley Public School Nutrition Program, Wheatley Two Creeks Association, Wheatley Library, East Merea Staff/Parent Council, Bingos and sewing pillow cases.

### **Wyoming Lioness – 15 Members**

October – Had 2 two legged members and 2 four legged members from St. John's Ambulance, Therapy Dogs gave an informative speech. They worked bingos, catered 2 funeral lunches and had a pie bee. Donations were diapers for handicapped person and transportation of visually impaired person.







Drum roll please... I am proud and honored to say that 64, 638 pillowcases or 30 1/2 miles were sewn worldwide during our September Miles of Pillowcase Smiles Campaign. I am so proud of our 131 coordinators and you - our invaluable volunteers and supporters. A special thank you to our friends in Malaysia who sewed over 2,000 pillowcases for their children.

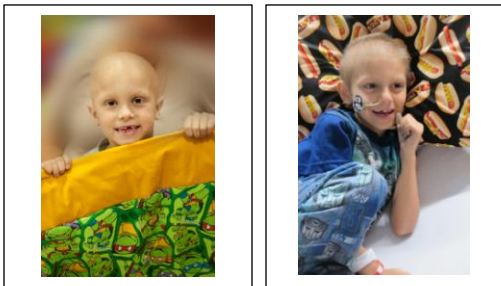
Did you know that 64,638 pillowcases equate to 528 football fields laid end to end? That's a lot of astro turf! I have spent many days in the hospital sewing with the children lately in hopes of providing some normalcy and choice during their hospital stays. The parents and children alike cannot wait to tell me about all the different pillowcases they have received. I wish you could see how animated they get about their favorite ones. I am often stopped in the hall by a nurse, doctor or staff member who wants to thank ConKerr and its volunteers for providing some comfort. It makes their job a lot easier and definitely more fun.

### Your Time and Talents Light Up Their Faces

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### We Love Our Pillowcases



Whether you washed, cut, sewed, ironed or donated \$, you were, and continue to be, an integral part of our mission and our success. We couldn't do it without you! Over the past 6 years over 790,000 pillowcases have been delivered to hospitals, camps and Ronald McDonald Houses all over the world. That is no small feat.

As always, a picture is worth a thousand words so I hope these smiling faces convey our deepest thanks for all you did and continue to do for our local children. I wish I could give each and every one of you a big hug!

With deepest gratitude,  
Cindy

## **CABINET MEETINGS & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:**

January 18, 19, 2014 - MD"A" Cabinet Meeting - Markham  
February 2, 2014 - Cabinet Meeting - hosted by Springfield Lioness  
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  
April 2014 - A-1 Rally - hosted by  
May 2-4, 2014 - MD"A" Convention at Deerhurst  
June 2014 - Cabinet Meeting - hosted by Belmont Lioness



### **2013 -2014 A-1 LIONESS PRESIDENTS VISITS**

#### **JANUARY 2014**

Thursday Jan.9	Aylmer
Monday Jan. 13	Belmont
Tuesday Jan. 28	London Central

#### **FEBRUARY 2014**

Monday Feb. 10	Glencoe
Wednesday Feb. 12	Port Stanley
Monday Feb. 17	Wyoming

#### **MARCH 2014**

Wednesday Mar. 5 (changed)	South Windsor
Monday Mar.10	Tilbury
Thursday Mar. 20	Springfield
Monday Mar. 25 (changed)	Mount Brydges

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#### **Visitations:**

Wheatley - 3 February 2014

Tilbury - 10 February 2014

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#### **Visitations:**

London East- 15 January 2014

Mount Brydges - 24 February 2014

Aylmer - 25 March 2014



### **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





**Title Page Photo**  
**Rock Glen Conservation Area**  
**Arkona, ON**



**Wheatley President Andrea presents District President Joyce with Pillow Cases for Con Kerr Cancer**

### What Does The "X" In Xmas Stand For?

The "X" doesn't stand for the cross, as is commonly thought, nor is it intended to keep the name of Christ from being used in a frivolous or unholy way.

Quite the opposite.

The Greek word for Christ is *Xristos*, from which the English word is derived. *Xristos* begins with the letter *chi*, the 22<sup>nd</sup> letter of the Greek alphabet and equivalent of our letter "X". That makes the substitution both accurate and respectful.

## PHOTO CORNER

### **Rule #4**

### **Symmetry and Patterns**

We are surrounded by symmetry and patterns, both natural and man-made. They can make for very eye-catching compositions, particularly in situations where they are not expected. Another great way to use them is to break the symmetry or pattern in some way, introducing tension and a focal point to the scene.



The symmetry of this chapel is broken by the bucket in the bottom right corner.

**Tip: When photographing animals focus on the eyes.**

**Purr deadline for January, 2014  
 issue is  
 December 20, 2013**





## BELMONT BAZAAR

October 26, 2013



## DELAWARE CRAFT SHOW

November 17, 2013



## SPRINGFIELD CRAFT SHOW

November 17, 2013





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NOVEMBER 8, 9, 10, 2103  
CHRISTMAS



Lioness Geri Vary Won  
Best Costume Award

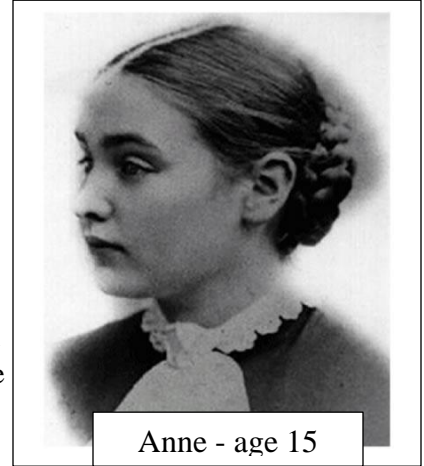


## **PERSON OF INTEREST**

### **THE MIRACLE WORKER - ANNE SULLIVAN**

#### **Anne's Formative Years (1866-1886)**

Anne Sullivan was the eldest daughter of poor, illiterate, and unskilled Irish immigrants. She was born in Feeding Hills, Massachusetts on April 14, 1866. Anne was raised in extreme poverty. She was the eldest of five children, only two of whom reached adulthood. Her father, Thomas Sullivan, was an alcoholic and her mother, Alice Chloesy Sullivan, died from tuberculosis when Anne was 9 years old. When Anne was 7 years old she developed trachoma, a bacterial infection of the eyes. This infection went untreated and affected her vision. She had almost no usable sight until she had an operation at the age of 15, which restored some of her vision, but she remained visually impaired for the rest of her life. Sullivan's family situation became extremely difficult after the death of her mother in January 1874. At first,



Anne - age 15

Anne's siblings, Mary and Jimmie, were sent to live with their uncle, and Anne remained with her father. During this time, Thomas Sullivan shared stories with Anne about Irish folklore and railed against the injustice of Irish landlords and the British. This portion of her childhood ended on February 22, 1876, when Jimmie and Anne were sent to the Tewksbury Almshouse, an institution that housed poor and needy people. Anne was just 10 years old at the time. Their sister Mary was sent to live with an aunt. Jimmie died three months later in the Almshouse, and it appears that Anne never saw Mary again.

No explanation exists as to why Anne and Jimmie were sent to the almshouse, while their sister Mary was sent to an aunt's house. However, Nella Braddy Henney, in her biography entitled **Anne Sullivan Macy**, suggests that Anne and Jimmie were harder to handle than Mary; Anne because she misbehaved and was contrary, and Jimmie because he suffered from a tubercular hip.

Upon their arrival at Tewksbury, Anne successfully protested against attempts to separate her from her brother. As a result, both siblings were sent to the women's ward, where inmates included women who were physically and mentally ill. Three months after Anne and Jimmie arrived at Tewksbury, Jimmie died. Anne had befriended a severely disabled woman named Maggie Carroll. When Jimmie died, this deeply religious woman advised Anne to resign herself to a life at the institution, this being God's will. Anne would not accept that as her future. Nor would she agree to continue taking part in Catholic rituals such as confession. She grew increasingly skeptical of organized religion, while at the same time retaining a strong feeling for her Irish Catholic heritage. A grim fatalism stalked her for much of her life: Sullivan had many operations on her eyes during her lifetime. Two unsuccessful operations were performed at Tewksbury. In February 1877, she was sent to the Soeurs de la Charite hospital in Lowell, Massachusetts, where she had yet another unsuccessful operation. She remained there until July, helping the nuns in the wards and going on errands in the community.

In July 1877, she was sent to the city infirmary where she had one more unsuccessful operation. (It would be another four years, after entering the Perkins School for the Blind, that she would have a successful operation.)

After nearly six months away from Tewksbury, she was returned there kicking and screaming. Anne now fully realized the horror of the almshouse. This time at Tewksbury, instead of returning to the area with predominantly ill and insane patients, she was housed with single mothers and unmarried pregnant women.

#### **Tewksbury Almshouse**

Tewksbury was infamous throughout the state of Massachusetts. By 1874, the population included alcoholics requiring treatment, as well as those labeled "pauper insane." The largest group were poor immigrants from Europe. During Anne's time at Tewksbury, the majority of these were Irish Catholics.

Rumors circulated throughout the state about cruelty to inmates at the institution, sexually perverted practices, and even cannibalism. As a result of these rumors, the Board of State Charities launched an investigation into the facility. The investigation was spearheaded by Samuel Gridley Howe, a founder of the Perkins School for the Blind in Boston, Massachusetts.

To be continued