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President's Message

This past year has been a growing experience for me and I thank each one of you for being a part of my growth. If I can leave you with one thought, please think of the Lion's family as a big jigsaw puzzle. Every member, Executives, Committees, Clubs, Districts, Projects are each one a piece of the puzzle. When we join a Lioness Club we begin putting the puzzle pieces together. At first it is confusing and we find that at each meeting we learn more and more about the Lions family to which we belong. As the years go by it is easy to get comfortable with serving just our community. If we stay where we feel most comfortable our puzzle will never be completed. Unless we branch out and experience the entire Lions organization, we will only know a portion of what we as a Lioness are all about.

This year as A-1 President, I have put more of my puzzle together. I have made new Lion and Lioness friends. I have sat on committees that helped me to make more sense of how Lionism functions. There is no doubt that I have grown to appreciate the Lions organization. But, my puzzle is not complete. There is a lot more for me to do and understand.

As a member of the largest service club in the world, please consider putting more of **your** puzzle together. Consider branching out and visiting a Club that you have not visited; or taking on an executive position in your Club or in the District. One puzzle piece at a time and you will find, as I have, that there are a lot of wonderful people out there with the same values and principles to make the world a better place.

Now, as you can imagine, I am "doing the happy dance" at the completion of my term as A-1 President. At the June Cabinet meeting we will be celebrating as we induct the 2013-14 Executive under the very capable leadership of our incoming President Lioness Joyce Leal. I wish Lioness Joyce and her executive well and I know that Joyce will enjoy her year as much as I have enjoyed mine.

On July 1st I will take on the role as Past District President. It is my belief that it is a Past President's responsibility to share what they have learned during their presidency, to be a mentor, and to positively promote Lionism. One more puzzle piece. If I can be of help to anyone, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you to all for your support and thank you for the wonderful year. See you at the Cabinet Meeting.

Yours in Lionism

District A-1 President Lioness Trudy Brown

Don't forget the Golden Rule in your day to day encounters.



Walk for Dog Guides

On Sunday May 26th, the Purina Walk for Dog Guides took place in Port Stanley. This annual event is a major fund raiser for L.F.C. (Lions Foundation of Canada).

Port Stanley Lioness Beverley Filewood, who is the Lioness District Chairman for L.F.C, was very pleased with the way the day turned out. There were draw prizes, certificates, and goody bags handed out. Over two dozen walkers and a dozen dogs took part in the walk. Also in attendance to help and show support were Central Elgin's Deputy Mayor Dave Marr, Lioness President Darlene Bastien and Lions President Greg Selway. This year's total funds raised was a whopping \$7,108. All this money goes directly to the Lions Foundation of Canada's headquarters in Oakville, and remains in Canada for those in need. The Foundation is a national charitable foundation that was created by the Lions of Canada. Its mission is to assist Canadians with a medical or physical disability by providing them Dog Guides at no cost.

The Lions Foundation trains five different types of Guide Dogs, with a sixth program being launched later on this year. These programs are

1. Canine Vision Dog Guides, for people who are blind or visually impaired.
2. Hearing Ear Dog Guides, for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.
3. Special Skills Dog Guides, for people with a medical or physical disability.
4. Seizure Response Dog Guides, for people who have epilepsy.
5. Autism Assistance Dog Guides, for children with autism.

The new program starting in the fall is Diabetic Alert Dogs, for people with type One diabetes.

It costs approximately \$20,000 to raise, train and place each Dog Guide.

Lioness Bev went on to say how appreciative she was of those that worked, participated or donated to this worthy cause. She wanted to extend personal thanks to her committee that worked hard to organize this event. Also many thanks to Lions President Gary Selway and the members of the Port Stanley Lions Club for their overwhelming support. The Port Stanley Lioness Club and members of Branch 410 Legion for their help and donation. Obviously a big, big thank you to the community for once again coming through with their kindness and generosity.

Story and photos by Lion Ray Filewood



Opening ceremony from left to right:
Lions President Greg Selway, LFC Chairman Lioness Bev Filewood, Deputy Mayor Dave Marr, Lioness President Darlene Bastien



Lining up at Registration





News Around A-1

Arkona – 17 members



Three members attended the Aylmer Ladies Night. Donations to Kids Help Phone, Soccer for Kids, Dragon Boat Team, Cancer - Relay for Life, Arkona Seniors, Jump Rope for Heart and Glasses for a Diabetic.

Aylmer – 17 members



Donations to Aylmer Splash Pad Committee, Youth Exchange, The Perc (local cafe/diner that offers work & training for youth with barriers to employment), LFC, Aylmer Library, Camp Discovery, and ChildCan . 105 pair of eyeglasses and 4 single lenses donated! Volunteer hours for the month of March total 344 and April 348! Way to go!! Held a very successful and FUN Ladies Night!! Two members agreed to co-chair the presidency for next year.

Belmont – 41 members



Welcome to newest member Kat Weekes!!! March volunteer hours total 161!! Way to GO! Six boxes of food donated to the Corner Cupboard. Donations to Youth Exchange, Belmont Lions Seniors Dinner, My Sister's Place, Belmont COmmunity Park, South DOrchester Public School and Monta Rebekah Lodge. Helen Keller award presented to Lioness Norma.

Delaware – 14 members



Glencoe and District Lioness – 19 members



London Central – 13 members



Three members attended the convention. Planning summer barbeque fundraisers. Selling flowers. donations to COmmunity Living London.

London East – 12 members



Volunteer helped with Daffodil campaign for Cancer Society. Guest speaker from My Sister's Place.

Mount Brydges – 15 members



Port Stanley – 43 members



Hosted a very fun & successful Rally!! Thanks Port Stanley!! Continuing to send out cards of get well, sympathy, special birthdays to village and area residents. Volunteer hours total 509.5!! WOW ! Way to go!! Donations to Serenity House, Eyes Right, and Port Stanley Lions Golf Tourney, Port Stanley Legion, Relay for Life, Camp DIsccovery, Port Stanley PS Graduation awards, Port Stanley United Church, YWCA Summer Camp, Port Stanley Festival Theatre and "Golf for a Cure" Tournament. Interclub visits to Aylmer and Waterford Lioness (District A-2).

South Windsor – 14 members



Four members attended the Convention. Donations to Tactile Tales, Easter Seals, Windsor Essex Therapeutic Riding Association and Aids Project. 50 pair of glasses have been donated.

The mail has gotten so slow that last month some flower seeds arrived as a bouquet.

A halo has only to fall a few inches before it becomes a noose.

All the ink spots were crying as their father was in the pen.

To succeed in life you need 3 things - a wish bone, a back bone & a funny bone.



News Around A-1



Springfield – 14 members



Welcome newest member Linda Koscik! Planning a display and info board for Annual Family Fun Day. May meeting was a Walking Tour of Springfield with historical highlights. Additional donation to sponsor local minor ball teams. Continuing to send cards of get well & sympathy to area residents. Two members visited the Long Point Lioness Club.

Tilbury – 27 members



Donations to Grade 8 award at local school, Tilbury Fun Fest, Jesse's Journey and Golf. Volunteer hours total 78! Way to GO!!

Wheatley – 18 members

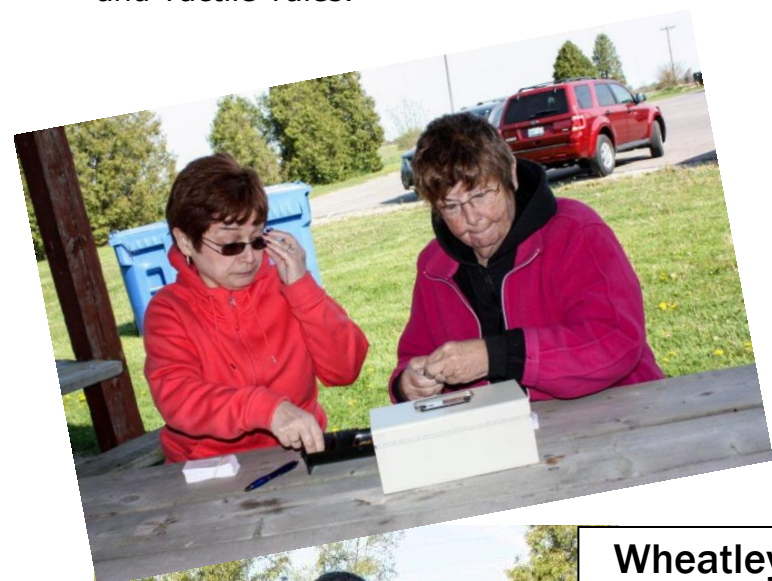


Donations to Girls Baseball Team, Big Brothers & Sisters, and local teen swimmer. Volunteer hours total 77.5! Way to go!! Plans well underway for the Cabinet Meeting in June and their Ladies Night in September!

Wyoming – 16 members



Held a successful 35th Lioness Anniversary and 60th Lions Anniversary. Congratulations! Donations to LFC, Petrolia Skate Club, Petrolia Cadets, Kids Help Home, Organization for Literacy and Tactile Tales.



Wheatley Lioness Members
supplied the BBQ at Public
School Track & Field Meet





A few "ole" Aylmer Lioness



Lioness Barb Forsdike

Aylmer Ladies Night Fun Fun Fun!



Lioness Helen Hall

Lioness Barb Forsdike assisting
Lioness Jose VanRoestel



*THANK YOU To Lioness Bev
Filewood for the pictures!!*



Incoming President Lioness Joyce
Leal enjoying the night



Speaker - Dr Ken Shonk ~ The
Healing Power of Humour

Highlights of the District A-1 Lioness Cabinet Meeting – Saturday, April 13, 2013

Held at the Dist. A-1 Convention in Leamington at the Pelee Days Inn

- The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by District President Trudy.
- The Candle of Hope was lit by Lioness Maureen Coleman of London Central.
- Roll Call - Elected Officers - 5 present; Appointed Officers - 10 present 1 absent; Lioness Chairmen - both present; Past District Presidents: 11 present; Clubs: 12 present, 2 absent
- Two nominations received: District President submitted by the Belmont Lioness to nominate Lioness Joyce Leal, and the Springfield Lioness Club, nominating Lioness Janice McCallum for a second term as Treasurer.
- A thank you was received from the Aids Committee for the donations President Trudy presented to them from the Lioness Clubs of A-1.

Reports

- East - PZC Lion Bob Bride thanked the East end clubs. He stated that the old expression “ You are never too old to learn” applied to him this year. He was amazed at the diversity of the activities of the Lioness Clubs & said he would hate to think what some towns would be lacking if not for the Lioness.
- West - PDP Lion George Vary shared something he heard at the Tilbury Lioness Meeting. “Ladies join Lioness for fun, fellowship and friendship. The Lioness Tail-twister and the games we play make our meetings fun. We have fellowship with our extended family each month and friendships that may never have happened, could last a lifetime.” He commented on how much our Lioness Clubs are needed and on all of the members who take pride in their hard work and dedication to their communities.
- Vice President Lioness Joyce Leal thanked the 4 clubs who participated in the club bulletin contest with a bulletin every month. Joyce felt that being Vice President of the District is worthwhile just to be able to read these. She then announced the winner of the Bulletin Contest Lioness Nancy Wright of the Wheatley Lioness Club and the runner up this year was Lioness Sue Nemett of the Port Stanley Lioness Club.
- Secretary Lioness Geri reported our membership as of March 31st, stands at 277 Lioness in 14 clubs, that is an increase of 2 members since the July 1st Quarterly. Donations total \$64,573.51 to date. We have about half of the clubs who currently report their volunteer hours and our total to date is 5,378¹/₄ service hours.
- Treasurer Lioness Janice McCallum reported all bills have been paid to date and we are still on track with the budget.
- District Governor Wayne Cudney thanked President Trudy and proceeded to introduce his International Guest for the weekend Past International President Judge Brian Stevenson, as well as the Protocol Aide PDG Dale Taylor and first lady of our district, Governor Wayne’s lovely wife Lion Gayle. Governor Wayne and our International guest congratulated the Lioness on our dedication to “SERVE TOO” and stayed to listen to some of the reports. District President Trudy presented a card to International President Judge Brian Stevenson before they left. It was for a donation made in his wife Patricia’s name by the District to the Tactile Tales program
- Eyes Right Lioness Sherry Wismer the Lioness Clubs of District A-1 had 100% participation in supporting Eyes Right. The present project is two Systems and Headpieces for the Ivey Eye Institute to be used for retina repair tears.
- LFC Lioness Bev Filewood reminded us about the Open House at the LFC headquarters in Oakville, on Apr. 20th She asked those who have not donated, to please do so, or come and participate in our Dog Guide Walk A Thon in Port Stanley on Sunday May 26th.
- Membership Lioness Sonja Kennedy reported that London East and Tilbury have added a total of 3 new members. Belmont Lioness have lost 2 members due to personal commitments.
- Sensory Conservation Lioness Linda Newman had recently delivered 431 pr. of glasses, 18 single lenses and many cases to Hakim Optical in St. Thomas.

- Social Services Lioness Barb reported on donations making special note of the donations to Aids Committees in honour of our District President Trudy's Project
- Youth Camp Lioness Co-Chair PPMDA Carrol invited District President Trudy to the Opening of Youth and also invited Vice President Joyce Leal to attend the camp closing ceremony. There will be 16 youth attending camp, 5 boys and 11 girls. They represent France, Germany, Mexico, Spain, Holland, Slovakia, Switzerland, Chec Republic, Mongolia and Canada.
- Tactile Tales Lioness Maureen Coleman reported we are on target to meet our aim of \$700.00. If you are ever in London between 12:30 and 2:00 p.m. on a Tuesday visit the volunteers working on the books. They are located in the Kiwanis Seniors Centre on Riverside Drive
- Lions Home for Deaf People PPMDA Lioness Anna Giles updated the Lioness on 3 major projects that Lions Homes for Deaf People has undertaken. Reminder that a Helen Keller Fellowship is a great way to honour someone in your club or community and help fund LHDP. But if you cannot afford the cost of \$500.00 for a Helen Keller Fellowship, we are grateful for any donation.
- Advisory Committee Report PDP Lioness Ruby that the memorial "L" for the west end has been located and passed on to President Trudy. We are doing a Spring Fundraiser of a "Spa Basket", tickets for the draw and a picture of the basket are in your envelopes. It is valued at \$350.00 and will be drawn at the June Cabinet Mtg. in Wheatley. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.
- Convention Committee PDP Lioness Ruby reported on the Penny Table Draw, there were 63 gifts received
- Travelling Lioness - PPMDA Lioness Ev Crisp will have your new cards for next year at the June Cabinet meeting.

New Business

- Election of Officers was handled by Immediate Past Dist. President Ruby, Lionesss Pat McLellan from Belmont nominated Lioness Sonja Kennedy from Belmont for the position of District Secretary. Sonja accepted the nomination and it was seconded by Lioness Jayne Snider of Belmont. Since no other nominations were put forth it was voted and carried.
- There were no nominations for Vice Pres. so we will be looking to fill this position.

Club Announcements were read

- Draws: there were several draws for Tim Horton's cards thanks to the convention committee.
- Guest speaker Lioness Anna Geene from the Delaware Lioness Club who spoke on a cause near and dear to her heart the Pan Missions organization.
- Date for the Next Cabinet meeting is Sunday June 24th, 2013 upstairs at the Wheatley Legion hosted by the Wheatley Lioness Club.

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Upcoming Events



June 15.....	Springfield Family Fun Day
June 16.....	Father's Day
June 23	Cabinet Meeting hosted by Wheatley Lioness
June 29 to July 20	Youth Exchange Students in Canada
July 20 to July 27	Youth Exchange at Youth Camp
July 1st	CANADA DAY!!!
Jul 5-9.....	Lions International Convention, Hamburg
Sept 27	Wheatley Lioness Ladies Event "Ladies on the Loose"
November 8-10	Laugh & Learn, St Catherine's



In honour of Canada Day, some interesting facts about two Canadian favourites



In Canada, we have many options when it comes to our chocolate treats. And although we have a lot to choose from, there are a few products that stand out as favourites of Canadians everywhere. So whether you live here or abroad, these two brands may give you a taste of home:

Smarties

Smarties are unique to Canada within North America - and the brand is a long-time favourite in a number of other countries, including the UK, Germany, Australia, South Africa. However, if you ask for Smarties south of the border, you'll be in for a totally different kind of treat!

Initially named 'Chocolate Beans', the Smarties brand has held a special place in people's hearts since 1937. Continuous product improvements, including a shift to natural flavours and no artificial colours in Canada, ensure Smarties remain a popular choice for kids and adults alike.

Coffee Crisp

Originally from the United Kingdom, this delicious wafer bar made its way into the hearts (and stomachs!) of Canadians during the 1930s. Now exclusive to Canada, certain Coffee Crisp formats are produced at a factory in west Toronto, Ontario. While the original Coffee Crisp is still the longstanding favourite, over the years Canadians have been treated to a wide variety of limited editions: including French Vanilla, Raspberry and Maple! Coffee Crisp was also featured on a Huffington Post Canada list called "25 Reasons Why Canada Rocks" - further proof supporting Coffee Crisp as a perennial Canadian classic!

There's a lot of fun facts about Canada Day that we should know but may not. So, here they are!

- Canada Day is celebrated to mark the union of the confederation (joining Nova Scotia & New Brunswick and subdividing Ontario & Quebec on July 1 1867)
- Canada Day was originally known as Dominion Day until October 27 1982. The Canada Act was inspiration to the name change
- First official celebrations for Canada Day was in 1958
- Cross-country television transmitted by the CBC began on Canada Day in 1958
- "O Canada" became the official National Anthem in 1980
- Some immigrants become new citizens of Canada on Canada Day
- Color T.V. was first introduced in Canada on Canada Day in 1967



You Might Be Canadian If

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| • Your municipality buys a Zamboni before a bus. | • You have Canadian Tire money in your kitchen drawers. |
| • You bring a portable TV on a camping trip so that you don't miss Hockey Night. | • You brag to Americans: Shania Twain, Jim Carrey, Celine Dion & more, are Canadians. |
| • You can sing "O' Canada" in French and actually know what the words mean. | • You know that the last letter of the English alphabet is always pronounced "Zed" |
| • You think Peter Mansbridge is sexy. | • You know how to pronounce and spell "Saskatchewan" |
| • You have twins named Wayne and Gretzky (alternately Gordie and Howe). | • You have worn shorts and a parka at the same time |
| • You know Casey and Finnegan are NOT a Celtic rock band or imported beer. | • You perk up when you hear the theme song from "Hockey Night in Canada." |
| • You know who Foster Hewitt is. | • The trunk of your car doubles as a freezer. |

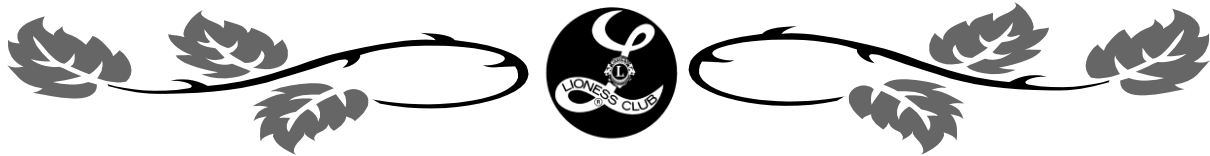


*In Memory of our Departed Lioness
May they never be forgotten ...*



Lioness Helen Veale - Charter Member Mt Brydges
Lioness Eleanor Helps - Charter Member Wyoming

*"Sadly missed along life's way, quietly remembered every day ...
No longer in our life to share, but in our hearts you're always there."*



There is a Heaven for Volunteers

Many of us will be shocked to find
When the day of judgment nears,
There's a special place in heaven
Set aside for volunteers,
Furnished with big recliners,
Satin couches, and footstools,
Where there is no committee chairman,
No group leaders, no car pools,
No eager team that needs a coach
No bazaar nor bake sale
There will be nothing to staple
Not one thing to fold or mail
Telephone lists will be outlawed,
But a finger snap will bring
Cool drinks and gourmet diners
And rare treats fit for a king.
Who'll serve those privileged few
and work for all they're worth?
Why .. all those who reaped the benefits
and not once volunteered on Earth!

Author Unknown



A Place For Me

There is a secret place in life
That needs my humble skill
A certain job I'm meant to do,
Nobody else can fulfill.
The hours are quite demanding,
And the pay is not so good,
And yet I wouldn't change it
For a moment, if I could.
There is a special place in life,
A goal I must attain,
A dream that I must follow,
For I won't be back again.
There is a mark that I must leave,
However small it be
A legacy of love for those
Who follow after me.



**WE MAKE A LIVING
BY WHAT WE GET
WE MAKE A LIFE
BY WHAT WE GIVE**

- Winston Churchill

Service to others is the payment you make for your
space here on earth ~ Mohammed Ali

No one is useless in
this world who
lightens the burden
of it for someone
else.

~ Benjamin Franklin

*How can we expect our children to know and experience the joy of giving unless we teach them that the greater
pleasure in life lies in the art of giving rather than receiving. ~ James Cash Penny*

*I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will
be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve. ~ Albert Schweitzer*

Greetings from Your Purr Editor

Lioness ... If you are reading this .. Great!! That means you are trying to keep informed about what's happening in our District! The Purr is an essential part of communication within our organization. Thank you for taking the time to read!! I hope you have all enjoyed the Purr this year, and have learned something new about Lioness - either about A-1 or about our Multiple - and can use that information to enhance and improve your community or your club.

What an amazing, inspiring and eventful year this has been. Thank you to all who helped me complete every issue of your district newsletter this year. Without the information from you ... I could not do my job ... so Thank You. Sincere appreciation to Lioness Nancy Wright and Lioness Geri Vary from Wheatley for taking such great photos of President Trudy on her travels. You made my job that much easier!!

I knew at the start of this year that it would be challenging. Little did I know last summer it would be a life altering year in a few unexpected ways, but here we are at the end of our year already. Through struggles and road blocks, each issue was completed. As the phrase goes - Just Do It! (some of you will understand what that phrase means to me).

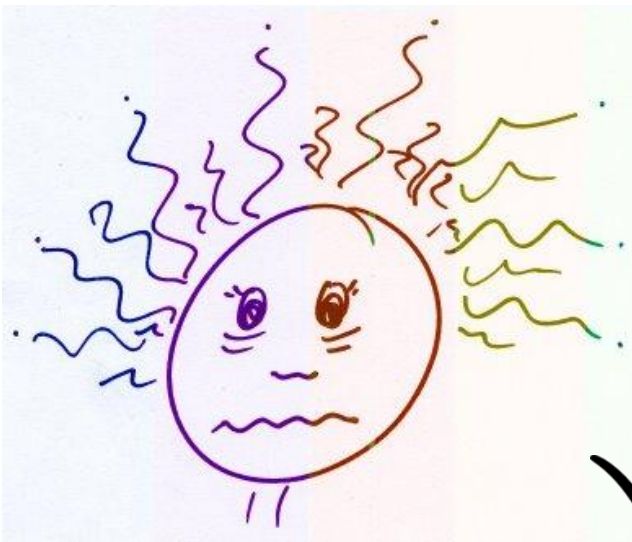
Thank you President Trudy for having faith in me to complete another year as Purr Editor. You have been a wonderfully insightful President leading our District, and I have thoroughly enjoyed being on your Cabinet.

The following is something I have been waiting years to use!! .. and it fits!!! Haha!! Enjoy!

From your very tired Purr Editor,
Lioness Kelly

See you at Wheatley Cabinet!

The Purr Editor's Burnout



Hard of Hearing - from exposure to Cabinet Meetings

Permanent Wrinkles - from constant smile and deadline pressures

Teeth Lost - from holding paper clips in mouth

Ulcers - from too much good food at Cabinet Meetings

Finger Cancer - from too many rewrites, retypes and paper cuts

Hair Frazzled - from bad nerves

Bad Eyesight - from deciphering poor handwriting (my own!!)

Bad Posture - from bending over enhanced keyboard

Hand lost - in copy machine

Tennis Shoes - to be on the constant run

THE END

