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President's Message

April 2013

As I look out my kitchen window I can't help but think how "drab" it looks outside. The grass is a muddy green colour, the flower beds are full of dried leaves and garbage that has blown from yard to yard during the winter snow storms. I absolutely dislike this time of year. I am so looking forward to the warmer weather that comes with spring. The green grass, the budding flowers, the opening of the windows and the singing of the birds. I love Spring. ☺

This is a time of the year when we as Lioness get busy again and the "snow birds" return from the warm south. There are a number of upcoming events that I hope that all Lioness will consider attending and supporting.

Firstly, the 38th Annual District A-1 Convention will begin April 12th until the 14th at the Pelee Days Inn in Leamington. On Saturday, April 13th we will be getting together for the Lioness Cabinet Meeting at the Convention with the meeting starting at 9:30 a.m. Historically, the Convention is a time for everyone to get together to have fun. Hope to see you there.

Secondly, mark your calendar as the Port Stanley Lioness Club will be hosting our Spring Rally on April 24th. This is a fun night and I challenge each club to get a few car loads of their members together for an evening of good times at the "Tiki Hut". RSVP by April 10th. You will be glad that you did.

And finally, this is the time when our thoughts go to a new executive for next year. Thanks to those Lioness who have put their names forward for executive positions. And, should you get a call asking to take an appointed position, please consider it. It is a great way to get to know other members in our Lioness community.

Well, take care, and don't work too hard getting your lawns ready for warmer weather.

Yours in Lionism

District A-1 President Lioness Trudy Brown

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



Host Families are NEEDED for youth exchange!!! asap



District A-1 Lions Convention

Pelee Days Inn, Leamington , ON April 12-14, 2013

"In a World of Service"

As the 2013 District Convention approaches, we would like to share some of the details of what is being planned for the convention this year. Hope to see you there!

....District Governor Wayne Cudney, Lioness President Trudy Brown

Convention Schedule

Friday

- 3:00 PM- 4:00 PM Pre Registration
- 4:00 PM- 7:45 PM Registration
- 8:00 PM- 9:00 PM Opening Ceremonies
- 9:00 PM-12:00 AM Hospitality
- 9:30 PM-11:30 PM Friday Night Entertainment

Saturday

- 8:00 AM- 10:00 AM Registration
- 8:00 AM- 1:30 PM Penny Sale
- 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM Vendor Sales
- 9:00 AM- 11:30 AM A1 Lions Cabinet Meeting
- 9:00 AM- 11:30 AM Lioness Cabinet Meeting
- 11:15 AM- 11:45 AM Lioness Voting
- 12:00 PM- 1:30 PM Luncheon
- 1:30 PM- 2:30 PM Breakout 1 Club President
- 1:30 PM- 2:30 PM Breakout 2 Club Secretary
- 1:30 PM- 2:30 PM Breakout 4 Membership Chair
- 1:30 PM- 3:30 PM Tour - Colasanti's Gardens
- 1:45 PM- 2:30 PM Breakout 3 Club Treasurer
- 2:30 PM- 3:30 AM Breakout 8 Speak-Easy
- 2:30 PM- 3:30 PM Breakout 5 PIP Brian Stevenson
- 2:30 PM- 3:30 PM Breakout 7 Orientation
- 2:30 PM- 3:30 PM Breakout 6 Fundraising

Saturday

- 3:30 PM- 4:30 PM Credentials
- 3:30 PM- 4:30 PM Voting
- 3:30 PM- 4:30 PM Choir Practice
- 4:00 PM -4:30 PM Memorial Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM- 6:00 PM Governor's Reception
- 6:30 PM- 9:30 PM Convention Banquet

Sunday

- 8:00 AM- 9:00 AM Registration
- 8:00 AM- 9:00 AM Voting
- 8:00 AM-9:00 AM Credentials
- 9:00 AM-10:30 AM Memorial Service
- 10:30 AM-11:30 AM A1 Lions Cabinet Meeting
- 11:30 AM-12:00 PM Convention Closing



A special welcome to our International guest!

Past International President
Judge Brian Stevenson

See more convention highlights on next page

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"In a World of Service"

What's happening?..

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Saturday Club Officer Training 1:30pm - 2:30pm		Saturday Interest to Lions Family 2:30pm - 3:30pm	
1	<u>Club President</u> <i>New President? What to do? What to do? .. and how to have fun doing it!</i>	5	<u>PIP Judge Brian Stevenson</u> <i>This most renowned Lion has been there, done that and is still doing it! PIP Lion Brian will connect you to a Lions world that is sure to inform, entertain and inspire you!</i>
2	<u>Club Secretary</u> <i>This role is most important! How to keep your Club organized while everybody is having fun!</i>	6	<u>Fund Raising</u> <i>It's a tough world out there! Many Clubs need to find new ways to fund their service work. Here is some help to start you thinking of new and innovative ways to raise funds!</i>
3	<u>Club Treasurer</u> <i>This role is much more than counting and there are rules to follow. Simple Do's & Don'ts will make it fun!</i>	7	<u>Orientation</u> <i>Are you a new Lion? This Jeopardy-like game presentation will give you a fun-filled way to learn the basics of Lionism!</i>
4	<u>Membership Chair</u> <i>"Want your Club to Grow? - Lose the Fear!" This presentation is focused on getting you the tools to help your Club grow. It could be easier than you think!</i>	8	<u>Speak-Easy!</u> <i>In a leadership role? Do you want communication OR conflict? It's your choice! In this fast-paced/interactive session you discover that making this choice can be easy and fun!"</i>

***Attend Club Officer Training and your Club will be rewarded!** Not only will you become a more effective Club officer, your Lions Club will receive a 50% rebate on 2012-2013 District A-1 dues if they provide an attendee at one of 4 Club Officer training sessions. Sign up at the Registration Desk!

TOUR

Tour Colasanti's Tropical Gardens. Just in time for spring! Taxis available at nominal fee or drive yourself. Sign up at Registration Desk.

PRIZES!

Prizes! Prizes! Prizes! Earlybird, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, TimCards **every hour!**

REGISTER NOW!

Registration Forms at District A-1 Website:

<http://a1lions.tripod.com/Convention/Convention2013/RegistrationForm2013revised.pdf>

or email Lion John Ross: lionjohn@bell.net



News Around A-1

Arkona – 17 members

Held meat raffle at Grog's Restaurant in Port Franks. Donations to Easter Seals Camp and glasses for Diabetic client.

Aylmer – 17 members

Members continue to be actively involved in local service activities with January volunteer hours of 256.5! WOW –

Way to go!!! Donations to Eyes Right and Aylmer Library for March Break programming. Continuing to work monthly bingos.

Belmont – 42 members

Volunteer hours for February total 163 – Way to go!! Three boxes of food were donated, five adult wool blankets completed and 3 pair of eyeglasses donated. Continue to work monthly bingos and make pies as fundraiser. Donations to Tactile Tales, Dorchester Ringette and Farmtown Canada. Members assisted at the Belmont Skating Club Carnival.

Delaware – 14 members

Glencoe and District Lioness – 19 members

One member attended MD "A" Lioness meeting and Cabinet meeting. Catered meal at bonspiel. February volunteer hours – 32 – and March – 56 - Way to go!! Donation to AIDS Committee of London, Lions Foundation of Canada, Quad County, Glencoe Junior Fair and Tactile Tales.

London Central – 13 members

Continue to hold bingos for residence of local nursing home. Donations to Lions Foundation of Canada, Mission Services and Memorial Boys & Girls Club Swim-a-thon.

London East – 11 members

Held draw on vests and pins. Winners are PDG Lion George Vary and PDP Lioness Arla Walsh. Donations to Make A Wish Foundation and Community House. PDP Lioness Paula Bax presented with a Helen Keller Award at the February meeting by PDP Agnes Crofts on behalf of MD "A" Lioness.

Mount Brydges – 15 members

Welcome to new Lioness member Janet Mowbray. Club continues with monthly bingos. Donations to Delko Bridge Baseball Team, Kids Help Phone, Tactile Tales, Lions Home for Deaf and local student who will be teaching in Dominican Republic.

Port Stanley – 43 members

Members are now collecting "Dog Gone Pennies" with proceeds to Lions Foundation of Canada. Donations to Lions Foundation of Canada Special Skills Dogs, Port Stanley Youth Group, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of St Thomas, Second Stage Housing, Tactile Tales, and Community Policing Easter Egg Hunt. Volunteer hours for February total 213 – Way to GO!!!

South Windsor – 14 members

No meetings ...





News Around A-1



Springfield – 14 members

Donations to Jesse's Journey, Camp Kirk, Aylmer Air Cadets and Springfield Family Fun Day. Continuing with twice monthly bingos. Sponsoring local candidate in Aylmer Fair's Junior Ambassador Contest.

Tilbury – 25 members

Donations to Lions Foundation of Canada "Diabetic Alert Dogs" and Tilbury District Chamber of Commerce for Easter Egg Hunt. Volunteer hours for February total 72 – Way to go!!

Wheatley – 18 members

Continuing with monthly bingos. Planning new fundraiser for September – Ladies Night Out. Donations to Kids Help Phone and Tactile Tales. Volunteer hours for February total 87 – Way to go!!! Members volunteer at The Meadows monthly bingos, the Food Bank, leading a Tai Chi class at the Half Century Club in Leamington, participate in Nutrition Program at Wheatley Public School, assist an elderly lady and drive a patient to doctor's appointment. Awesome!!! Congratulations to Lioness Lucy Hodovick on receiving her 25 year pin as Lioness!! Donated 289 pair of glasses, 70 lenses and 66 pair of glasses in cases!!

Wyoming – 16 members

Sent Valentine's cards and birthday card to friends in area group homes. Continue to work bingos. Donations to Eyes Right, Effective Speaking, diapers for handicapped person and transportation for visually impaired.



What's a commonym you ask?

A commonym is a group of words that have a common trait in the three words/items listed. For example: the words; A car - A tree - An elephant... they all have trunks. These will make you think!

1. The Brain - The Lung - The Ear
2. Spider - Fiddler - Hermit
3. Back - Butterfly - Side
4. A Car - A Tree - An Elephant
5. A Bear - A Hammer - A Lobster
6. Finish - Fishing - Dotted
7. Metal - Radar - Lie
8. Stop - Spot - Strobe
9. Trap - French - Glass
10. State - Sales - Income

If April Showers Bring May Flowers ... What do
May Flowers bring??
.... *The Mayflower brought the Pilgrims!!!*

The mind is like a parachute ... it only works if it's open.

*Don't confuse your path with your destination.
Just because it's stormy now doesn't mean that
you aren't headed for sunshine.*

Earth Day April 22

The Largest, Most
Celebrated
Environmental Event
Worldwide.



Giving Sick Kids a reason to smile
...one pillowcase at a time.

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Treasurer: Janice McCallum
Past Treasurer: PDP Janet Payne
President: Trudy Brown
Past President– PDP Ruby Hunter
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President Trudy presenting donations to date to Fund Development Co-ordinator Natalie Hebert at the Regional HIV/AIDS Connection in London



Some words of wisdom at Belmont



Belmont Visitation
Port Stanley Lioness singing
their song
Belmont Members Lioness
Christine & Janet

Commonym Answers:


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| 1. Lobes | 2. Crabs | 3. Swimming strokes |
| 4. Trunks | 5. Claws | 6. Lines 7. Detectors |
| 8. Lights | 9. Doors | 10. Taxes |






Attitude

There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror, and noticed she had only three hairs on her head. 'Well,' she said, 'I think I'll braid my hair today.' So she did and she had a wonderful day.



The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only two hairs on her head. 'H-M-M,' she said, 'I think I'll part my hair down the middle today.' So she did and she had a grand day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that she had only one hair on her head. 'Well,' she said, 'today I'm going to wear my hair in a pony tail.' So she did, and she had a fun, fun day.



The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that there wasn't a single hair on her head. 'YAY!' she exclaimed. 'I don't have to fix my hair today!'



Attitude is everything.



Be kinder than necessary, for **everyone** you meet is fighting some kind of battle.
Live simply, Love generously, Care deeply, Speak kindly,
and pray continually.

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass... It's about learning to dance in the rain.
Thanks to PDP Lioness Ruby Hunter



Motivating your Members

PRAISE – praise every little thing that goes well. Every kind word, every job done, every dish washed – EVERYTHING. The more our members feel appreciated, the happier they will be to contribute in the future.

ENTHUSIASM – Members are more inclined to follow and assist a leader who truly believes in the importance of the project being undertaken. Enthusiasm is contagious. The more highly we speak of what needs to be done, the more satisfaction members will achieve from completing the project.

KNOWLEDGE – the more we know about something, the better, right? Our members need to learn about the causes our Clubs support. Visit the places you support, watch “your” Minor Baseball team play, invite speakers from the local shelter or Cancer Society, etc. The more our members see first hand what their contributions of time, money & service can do for others, the more they will be **MOTIVATED TO SERVE!**

RECOGNITION – recognize the contributions of each member in our club minutes and bulletins and make sure the contributions of our clubs are recognized by our communities. Submit articles to the local newspaper, talk about Lioness all every opportunity. Brag about what we do!! Support the school yearbook, amateur theatre, etc. in order to keep the Lioness name in the public eye. Be Proud – wear your Lioness pin daily, not just to meetings – be recognized as a Lioness!

FUN! FUN! FUN! – The Best motivator of all! If members enjoy doing something they will line up for a chance to participate. We need to remember this when planning projects and activities. Even shopping for groceries for that big catering event can be fun if two or three members shop together!

**KEEPING OUR MEMBERS MOTIVATED
WILL HELP US TO KEEP OUR MEMBERS!!!**





**CONGRATULATIONS TO
PDP LIONESS PAULA BAX.
RECIPIENT OF A
HELEN KELLER AWARD
FROM MD "A" LIONESS.**

**PDP LIONESS AGNES CROFTS
ATTENDED THE LONDON EAST LIONESS
MEETING TO PRESENT THE AWARD TO
PDP PAULA.**

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Reminder to check out the Following Websites:

A-1 Lions:

<http://allions.tripod.com/index.htm>

Eyes Right:

<http://www.lionseyesright.ca/>

Lions Foundation of Canada:

<http://www.dogguides.com/>

Medic Alert "No Child Without"

<http://www.nochildwithout.ca/lcc/en/>

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 21 TO 27, 2013

Now in its 71st year, National Volunteer Week is all about volunteer recognition. Canada's volunteers make a tremendous contribution in communities across the country and around the globe. They make our communities resilient and our country vibrant.

Today, volunteers are involved in more ways than ever. Volunteers complete tasks from smartphones while waiting at the bus stop. They sign and share petitions. They govern organizations as board members. They lead rescue efforts when disasters strike. Every day, Canadians lend a hand to their neighbours and friends. And many of them don't realize that in doing so they're volunteering.

National Volunteer Week pays tribute to the millions of Canadian volunteers who graciously donate their time and talents to our communities.

History

NVW began in 1943 to draw attention to the vital contribution women made to the war effort on the home front. Although NVW was largely forgotten after the war ended, it experienced a revival in the late 1960s, when organizations stressed the importance of thanking volunteers across Canada. NVW was reinstated and has since grown to become the largest celebration of civic participation in Canada.

Volunteers: Passion. Action. Impact.

The theme of this year's NVW campaign recognizes the individual volunteers across Canada who dedicate themselves to improving their communities. Volunteers have a **passion** for getting involved. They take **action** to support the causes and organizations that matter to them. And they make an **impact** in our communities.



Answers to Commonyms:

- 1.. They have lobes
2. Crabs
3. Swimming strokes
4. They have trunks
5. They have claws
6. Lines
7. Detectors
8. Lights
9. Doors
10. Taxes



Results for 2011 - 2012

In 2012, more than 250 communities across Canada and in every province participated in the *Purina® Walk For Dog Guides*. Thanks to the organizers, volunteers and participants that made the 2012 Walk a huge success raising a record \$1,063,622.33.

Dog Guide Programs

Lions Foundation of Canada trains Dog Guides and assists Canadians with a wide range of disabilities. With five programs in place, Canadians with disabilities are offered the opportunity to find greater independence, mobility and safety through the help of a Dog Guide.

- **Canine Vision** for people who are blind or visually impaired
- **Hearing Ear** for people who are deaf or hard of hearing
- **Autism Assistance** for children and their families living with autism spectrum disorder
- **Special Skills** for people with a medical or physical disability
- **Seizure Response** for people with epilepsy
- **Diabetic Alert** launching in 2013

Depending on the program, Dog Guides are trained to perform a set of basic skills that are useful to all handlers. However, some of their training is also tailored to meet the specific needs of their future handler. In the final stage of training, the client and Dog Guide train and live together at the Oakville facility for two to four weeks. This helps to ensure that the new working team develops a bond and prepares them for their next step - returning home.

Port Stanley Walk

May 26, 2013

Registration: 1 pm

Walk Time: 1:30 pm

Location: Port Stanley Legion

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