

LIONESS OF DISTRICT A-1

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WHAT LIONESS TOWN IS THIS?

President's Message

Hello Lioness:

Well we sure have had our share of snow and cold. Record temperatures and all. And again this week we are in for more snow and cold. I am so looking forward to an early Spring!!!



Visits are going well - Aylmer, Belmont, my home club and London Central. I shared my home visit with Lion Bob Bride and had a great night. There has been lots of good food and great hospitality. Thanks Lioness.

For those clubs that visit other clubs, etc. the Visitation Committee Chair for your club may send your visitation reports to me. Also on the M&A reports, it is important to report your volunteer hours. We all do a lot of volunteering in our communities and it is worthy of being recorded.

I attended the MDA meeting in Markham this month. What a great group of ladies. Lots of items were discussed, such as MDA Convention - May 2-4th. at Deerhurst, near Huntsville; International Convention - July 4-6th. in Toronto; as well as 2014 Laugh and Learn Forum - Nov. 7-9th in Barrie. Registrations forms are available for all these events. A full report will be made at the District Cabinet meeting on Feb. 2nd.

Springfield Lioness club will be hosting the Cabinet meeting, Feb. 2nd. at the IOOF Hall in Harrietsville. As well, they have been selling tickets for the District to all Lioness on a great prize - MONEY - who doesn't like money!

Well, no club has come forward to host the 2014 Rally, so I'm hoping each club is considering a 2015 Rally. Please talk it up at your meetings. I really would like to make an announcement at the Cabinet meeting held at Convention.

Speaking of convention - registration forms are available now. Early bird registration closes Feb. 20th. so get your registration in early.

That's all for now, but I am looking forward to seeing you at the Cabinet meeting, Feb. 2nd.



Live, Love and Laugh

District A-1 President Joyce



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The Cake of Friendship

Preheat the oven of love
With plenty of secrets and hugs
Mix in giggles and laughs
That make your sides split in half
Bake with the love and care
And all the things you both should share
Decorate with the frosting of trust
This is really a must
Enjoy the cake do not eat it fast
Just like your friendship make it last.



District A-1 Club News



Arkona Lioness – 18 Members

December- Had Lion & Lioness Christmas Dinner at Widder Station. Donated canned goods received at Family Bingo to Contact House in Forest. For fundraising they had a Christmas Family Bingo at Rock Glen, meat raffle at Grog's and 4 members work a bingo in Sarnia at Bingo Country.

Aylmer Lioness – 17 Members

December – A delicious Christmas Dinner was held at the home of Trudy Geling and exchanged gift with their “secret sister”. New to be member Shereen Telfer joined them for this occasion. They continue to work with the VON, church and community projects, operate tuck shop at Terrace Lodge, collect eye glasses, operate school breakfast program and do knitting projects for infants and elderly or infirm in the community. Bingos are their main fundraiser. Donation made to Christmas Care for Teens. Oct. & Nov. their service hours were 582.5 hours.

Belmont Lioness – 39 Members

December – Helped decorate the park and held a Christmas party at Bel Parc (seniors' apartment). They do bingos, Foot Care Clinic, Church work, volunteer at hospital, making wool blankets, weave sleep mat, and collect tabs for wheel chairs. Volunteer hours for this month was 211. Lioness Janet, Deb, Wandy and Dorothy accompanied District President Joyce to Delaware and Lioness Jane and Jane went with her to Arkona. For fundraising they do bingos and made pies.

Delaware Lioness – 14 Members

December – Planning stage for Trivia night with the Lions on Jan. 25th. They sold Appin theater tickets and 50/50 tickets. They did 14 service hours this month.

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

Glencoe Lioness – 19 Members

December –The whole club worked on 100 dinners for seniors

London Central Lioness – 13 Members

December – They had their Christmas party at Lioness Arla's church hall. Held a Christmas Party for the Teen Girl's Home. Lioness Mickey, Carolyn, Marlene, Maureen, and Arla visited the Central Lions Ladies Night. Sold poinsettias for fundraising.

London East Lioness – 12 Members

November – Sold Nevada tickets for fundraising and talked about selling fudge and peanuts. Went for coffee and doughnuts after meeting. Had a guest this meeting. Donations made to Child Reach, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Women's Community House, VON, Ark Aid Street Mission and Salvation Army.

December – Held Christmas Party at the Mandarin Restaurant with guests present. Handed out sheets for selling fudge and peanuts.

Mount Brydges Lioness – 14 Members

December – Held a Christmas Party at the Mount Brydges Nursing home with Santa and the school band present. Nine Lioness visited the Mount Brydges Lions Party and Lioness President Ev visited Poplar Hill Lions Christmas Party. Work bingos for fundraising. Donations made to Mt. Brydges Nursing Home Christmas Party. Thirty two service hours this month.

Port Stanley Lioness – 43 members

December – Guest speaker at their meeting was from Canadian Mental Health Association, speaking on depression. After a delicious Christmas Dinner they had a Christmas trivia game and made beautiful table centerpieces out of bits and pieces of assorted paper and pieces of Christmas decorations.

South Windsor Lioness – 14 members

December – Lioness Chairman Lion George Vary visited this meeting. Instead of a gift exchange the members collected materials for Coronation School. They collected 13 scarfs, 25 hats, 45 pairs of gloves and 134 pairs of socks and also donated pencil crayons, soaps, back packs and thermal lunch bags. They sell Nevada Tickets and hold a book sale each meeting. Donations made to – Effective speaking, Cancer Society, Diabetes, Heart and Stroke and Tactile Tales. They won the Kitchen Basket from London East Lioness Club and donated it to Hiatus House (home for abused women).

The Club does not meet in January and February.

Springfield Lioness – 15 Members

December – Worked 2 bingos this month and take part in various committees in the community. Continue to maintain the Mary H Pearson Memorial Park and sell memorial bricks for the pathway. Still sending cards to area residents on events in their life. Attended the Springfield Santa Claus Parade. They are selling community spirit birthday calendars. Donations made to Springfield Santa Parade, needy families and the Christmas Shoppe.

Tilbury Lioness – 25 Members

December – Their service activities are Nursing Homes and School Breakfast Club for a total of 147 hours. They had a Craft and Bake Sale and do 50/50 draws. Donations made to Effective Speaking, St. Joseph Giving Tree and Tilbury Figure Skating.

Wheatley Lioness – 18 Members

December – The Wheatley Lions join them for their Christmas Dinner Meeting, the occasion being their 65th. Anniversary Celebration. They joined the Lions for a Christmas Party on the 13th. Participated in the Santa Parade on December 1st. and held a Ham, Turkey and Food Basket raffle give-a-way and meet Santa at the Arena after the parade. For fundraising they do bingos and sold tickets on a Trip to Las Vegas and are selling tickets for a Quilt Raffle in February. Donations made to Wheatley Community Chest, Leamington Hospital Continuing Care, Eyes Right, Lion's Camp Dorest and The Hospice of Windsor and Essex County.

Wyoming Lioness – 17 Members

December – Congratulations and Welcome - Two new members – Lioness Sue Jennings and Lioness Joan St. Marie. Had a Wine and Cheese Party – Pot luck finger food and each member took a gift to be donated to Petrolia and District Christmas for Everyone. Had a joint Christmas Dinner with the Lions Club and spouses. Visited Continuing Care Unit of local hospital and arranged for musical entertainment and took cupcakes. They worked two bingos this month and had a pie bee. Donations made to transportation of visually impaired, diapers for handicapped person and Continuing Care Unit of Petrolia



Port Stanley Lioness Club now has a Published Author!

Lioness Margaret Berry has had her book "Till Death Does Us Part" published.
If you go on Amazon.ca and put in the title of her book and her name you will see the book.
The setting for the story is Port William on the shores of Lake Erie.
Check it out!

We wish you all the best in this new venture and look forward to hearing more from her in
the publishing world.
Congratulations!

A Woman's Heart Attack

If you are a woman, recognizing a heart attack may have its own set of hurdles and obstacles. A recent study in women who were hospitalized for a heart attack found that they tended to be slightly less likely to have reported chest pain/discomfort than men. Instead, they may report what doctors call vague or less-typical symptoms, including the following:

- Upper back pain, shoulder pain
- Jaw pain or pain spreading to the jaw
- Pressure in the center of the chest
- Some sweating
- Light-headedness or dizziness
- Unusual fatigue, like they just ran a marathon

It's also important to keep in mind that doctors cannot necessarily tell from your symptoms, alone, whether or not there is a cardiac problem. They work based on the level of suspicion, folding in the results from further tests and evaluation. That's why knowing your risk factors and having a healthy (but not to the point of obsessing) suspicion that it could happen to you is so important.

In considering the list of heart attack symptoms, consider the following:

- You can definitely have a heart attack without chest pain.
- Chest pain/pressure/discomfort is often present, but not always.
- **Women are more likely than men to have so-called atypical symptoms (and no chest pain) such as upset stomach, nausea and shortness of breath.**
- Not having chest pain can make it harder for both you and your doctor to recognize a heart attack.

Symptoms of Stroke

If you experience a stroke on the left side of the brain, the right side of the body is impacted, often resulting in numbness, tingling, etc. If the right side of the brain is injured, then the left side of the body is affected. A stroke in the back of the brain can impact vision, while a stroke in the front of the brain can impair speech.

The classic symptoms of strokes include:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg – especially on one side of the body
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination

While women experience the classic symptoms of stroke, they can also experience different symptoms that are often dismissed as something else.

These include:

1. Sudden Nausea and Vomiting: These symptoms are usually very sudden and are often accompanied by other more common stroke symptoms.

2. Pain on One Side of the Body: In addition to or instead of the traditional numbness or tingling, women often feel pain that can occur anywhere in the body, such as the face, arm, or leg.

3. Hiccups: These involuntary contractions of the diaphragm are controlled by nerves in the brain which, when irritated, may cause a stroke. It is unknown why this occurs in women but not in men.

4. Extreme Exhaustion: Women often experience a sudden fit of sleepiness, such as the urge to lie down and take a nap before having a stroke. However, taking a nap is the worst thing you can do when having a stroke since your brain needs to stay active so you can take action and get help right away.

If you ever think you are having a stroke, take these action steps:

- First, appraise your symptoms. Bear in mind that stroke symptoms tend to come on suddenly, and victims often experience at least two symptoms.
- If you think you're having a stroke, call 911 immediately in order to get to a hospital within 3 hours for best chance of recovery. The most effective stroke treatments are only available if the stroke is recognized and diagnosed within the first three hours of the first symptoms. Many Americans are not aware that stroke patients may not be eligible for stroke treatments if they arrive at the hospital after the 3-hour window.

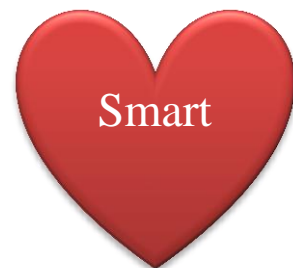
If you think someone may be having a stroke, act **F.A.S.T.** and do this simple test:

F—FACE: Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

A—ARMS: Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

S—SPEECH: Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is their speech slurred or strange?

T—TIME: If you observe any of these signs, call 911 immediately.



CABINET MEETINGS & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

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
May 24 - Spring Ladies Night –hosted by Aylmer Lioness
June 2014 - Cabinet Meeting - hosted by Belmont Lioness



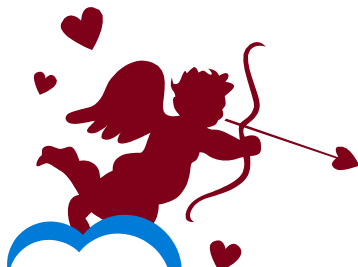
2013 -2014 A-1 LIONESS PRESIDENTS VISITS

FEBRUARY 2014

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

MARCH 2014

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



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Wheatley - 3 February 2014
Tilbury - 10 February 2014

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Visitations:

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
Tilbury Northside Park
Tilbury, ON



District President Joyce presenting
 30 years of Service Certificate to
 Aylmer Lioness President Linda Newman



PHOTO CORNER

Rule #6

Background

How many times have you taken what you thought would be a great shot, only to find that the final image lacks impact because the subject blends into a busy background? The human eye is excellent at distinguishing between different elements in a scene, whereas a camera has a tendency to flatten the foreground and background, and this can often ruin an otherwise great photo. Thankfully this problem is usually easy to overcome at the time of shooting - look around for a plain and unobtrusive background and compose your shot so that it doesn't distract or detract from the subject.



**Purr deadline for March, 2014
 issue is
 February 20, 2014**

The plain background in this composition ensures nothing distracts from the subject.



"FOLLOW YOUR DREAM"



39th Annual DISTRICT A-1 Convention Registration Form

April 4, 5, 6, 2014, at the Holiday Inn Point Edward (Sarnia)
Reserve rooms directly with the Hotel 1-888-212-2252

All persons attending the Convention must be registered (including guests and exhibitors) to participate in any portion of the Convention including meetings, seminars, luncheons and the banquet. Complete names exactly as you would like them to appear on your name badge.

PERSON "A" Club: _____ ☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest/ Title: _____

Name: _____ email: _____

Address: _____

CITY: _____ PROV: _____ Postal Code _____ Phone: _____

Check if special diet ☐ _____

FIRST TIME REGISTRATION: Free registration prior to April 3rd ☐ 1st time Lion/Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Children Under 12

PERSON "B" Club: _____ ☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest/ Title: _____

Name: _____ email: _____

Address: _____

CITY: _____ PROV: _____ Postal Code _____ Phone: _____

Check if special diet ☐ _____

FIRST TIME REGISTRATION: Free registration prior to April 3rd ☐ 1st time Lion/Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Children Under 12

EARLY BIRD DRAW – Entry if registered prior to February 20, 2014

PAYMENT INFORMATION

	PERSON A	PERSON B	TOTAL COST
REGISTRATION prior to February 20 th \$ 20.00	\$	\$	\$
REGISTRATION after February 19 th \$ 25.00	\$	\$	\$
SATURDAY LUNCHEON \$ 23.00	\$	\$	\$
SATURDAY BANQUET \$ 43.00	\$	\$	\$
CONVENTION PIN \$ 6.00	# \$	# \$	\$
WEEKEND DRAWS 3 for \$5.00 (Fri/Sat/Sun Draw)	# \$	# \$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$	\$

Make cheque payable to "District A-1 Convention" and send to
PDG Lion Steve Mahovich, 413 Lillian Ln, Belle River, Ontario N0R 1A0
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HOSPITALITY ROOMS MUST BE BOOKED BY February 20th, 2014
Email: hi-sarnia@fortisproperties.com website: www.holidayinn.co/sarniaon

MULTIPLE DISTRICT "A"/A12 CONVENTION 2014

MUSKOKA ROCKS

DEERHURST RESORT HUNTSVILLE

MAY 2 - MAY 4, 2014

HOSTED BY THE LIONS CLUBS OF DISTRICT A12



A District _____ Club _____

Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Partner in Service ☐ Highest Office _____ Past ☐ Present ☐

Name _____ Name to appear on badge (if different) _____

Mailing Address _____
STREET # or PO BOX CITY PROV P.C.

Phone _____ Email _____

B District _____ Club _____

Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Partner in Service ☐ Highest Office _____ Past ☐ Present ☐

Name _____ Name to appear on badge (if different) _____

Mailing Address _____
STREET # or PO BOX CITY PROV P.C.

Phone _____ Email _____

Hotel registration is being handled by *Deerhurst Resort* and you are responsible for booking your room directly with them. Please refer to the **ACCOMMODATIONS** information flyer - choose your room then call **Deerhurst** and make your reservation. **Deadline for hotel reservations is APRIL 1, 2014.** Book early and avoid disappointment!



PLEASE NOTE:

- **Everyone, including guests and exhibitors** must be registered in order to attend any convention functions, including meals.
- All cancellations must be in writing by mail or e-mail and acknowledged. Cancellations received after **March 1, 2014** will be subject to a \$10 handling fee.
- **NO REFUNDS AFTER April 1, 2014**

FUNCTION TICKETS	COST PER PERSON	"A""B"	TOTAL
Saturday Luncheon	\$ 45	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Saturday Night Banquet & Entertainment	\$ 70	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	\$
<i>If you purchase both tickets, the cost is \$105</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Total Amount for Function Tickets Required \$ _____			

Tickets must be ordered by April 1, 2014 and are available only while quantities last. Don't delay!

NO FUNCTION TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE CONVENTION

AMOUNT DUE

Full Registration fee for A	\$25.00= \$
Sunday only A	\$10.00= \$
Full Registration fee for B	\$25.00= \$
Sunday only B	\$10.00= \$
Exhibitor/Pin trader	\$25.00= \$
Registration fee for Leo	\$10.00= \$
Function tickets (as above)	\$
Convention pin _____ x	\$5.00 = \$
Pin trader table _____ x	\$25.00= \$
Commercial exhibitor table _____ x	\$25.00= \$

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

Pay by cheque: payable to "MDA/A12 2014 Convention"

OR charge to your ☐ Visa or ☐ Master Card

Card # _____ Exp. ____ / ____

Your statement will show a Gravenhurst Lions Club charge

Name on card (Please print) _____

Signature _____

Send completed registration to:

PDG Maureen Hilt
RR 1 381 N. Bay Lake Road
EMSDALE ON P0A 1J0
Phone 705 636-1862
E-mail registration@mda2014.ca

Or you can register on line at
www.MDA2014.ca

SPECIAL REQUESTS

We will try our best to comply with any special requests listed below.

	A	B
Diabetic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vegetarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gluten Free	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



MUSKOKA ROCKS

Be there and be part of the fun!

FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY

DATE REC'D

BY

REGISTRATION #

PERSON OF INTEREST

THE MIRACLE WORKER - ANNE SULLIVAN

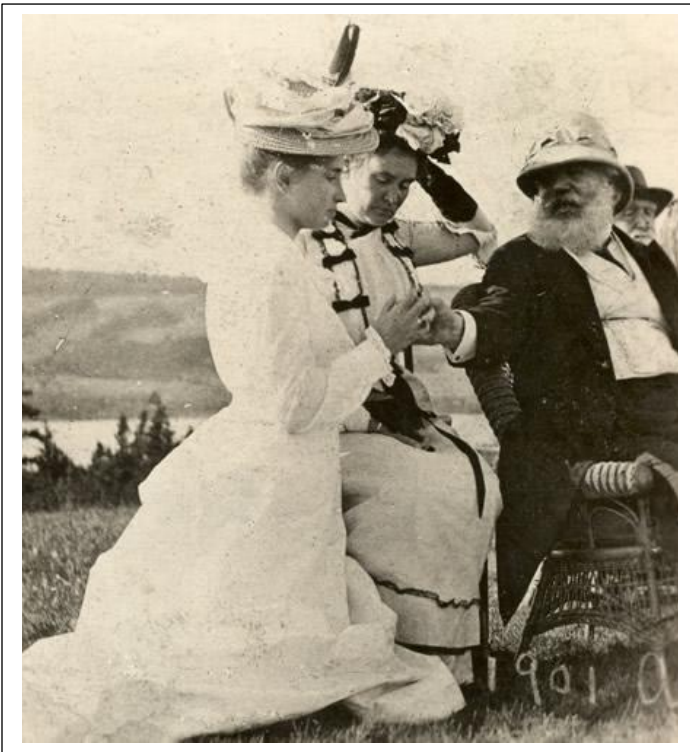
Anne as Teacher (1886-1904)

In August of 1886, Michael Anagnos, Director of the Perkins School for the Blind, asked his star pupil, Anne, if she was interested in working for the Keller family in Tuscumbia, Alabama. He told her that their six-year-old daughter, Helen, had been deaf and blind since the age of 19 months because of a severe illness. Since that time the baby had grown into a wild and increasingly uncontrollable child. The parents, Kate and Arthur Keller, had contacted the famous inventor and educator of the deaf, Alexander Graham Bell in Washington, D.C. for help. He, in turn, had put them in touch with the Perkins School for the Blind.

In June 1892, Anne was elected a member of the American Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf. In 1894, Alexander Graham Bell asked her to give a speech at an Association meeting. She was so shy, however, that Bell had to deliver the speech for her.

It was at this meeting that Anne and Helen met a man named John D. Wright. He convinced them to attend a new school in New York City run by him and a colleague. Helen was the only deaf-blind pupil at the Wright-Humason School for the Deaf. Anne was critical of the teaching methods used there, which were very different from hers.

Alexander Graham Bell was a towering figure in Anne's life from the time she arrived in Tuscumbia, Alabama until the early 1920s. The inventor and educator of the deaf strongly supported Anne's great talent as a teacher. Many times Bell helped her in dealing with others. He gave her emotional support as well. Bell understood Anne's anxiety over her past. He was also good at dealing with her prickly nature. More importantly, perhaps, he came to her aid in times of crisis. Several times during Anne's early career as Helen's teacher, she was accused of being too controlling. Some claimed she tried to mold Helen's thoughts and opinions. Bell's solid support was a constant source of strength to Anne.



Left to right, Helen, Anne, Alexander Graham Bell, and possibly John Hitz, on a hilltop in Nova Scotia, 1901.

Helen is kneeling next to Anne and Bell, who are seated. Everyone is wearing a hat. Helen's straw hat has a spiral of sheer fabric on top and a big dark feather sticking straight up on the left side of the brim. Anne wears a hat with huge flowers and a white dress with black ribbon trim and elbow-length gloves. She has one hand on her hat and the other hand in Helen's left hand. Bell is sitting on a wicker chair to the left of Anne. His head is turned toward Helen, and he is wearing a pith helmet. His right hand is outstretched to Helen's right hand, and he seems to be communicating with her using the manual alphabet. Behind Bell is another man, possibly John Hitz of the Volta Bureau.