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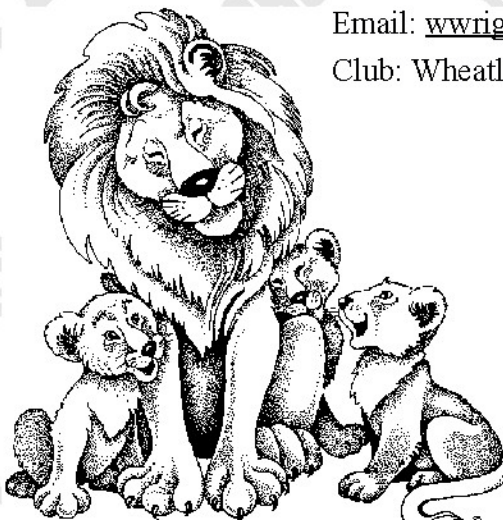
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President's Message



I have visited five clubs, attended 2" M.D.A." meetings, the Laugh and Learn, a Ladies Night, and Chaired a Cabinet meeting. I have learned a lot and made new friends along the way. This has been a great journey so far and I want thank everyone in District A-1 for helping make my "Dream Come True."

The Lioness of District A-1 have been very busy working at Bingos, selling baked potatoes, holding Bazaars, meat draws and raffles. These are only a few of the fundraisers in District A-1. There are hundreds of volunteer hours spent driving people to and from appointments, having birthday parties for seniors, Christmas parties for teen girls, attending Remembrance Day parades, filling Christmas Baskets and of course Christmas Parades. There has been over \$35,000 donated in District A-1 so far for various community projects. All of this done with a smile and "giving to others, basic needs without having my motive a personal reward."

One of my goals this year is to get more "Cubs in The Clubs." I am very happy to report that there are 12 new cubs in District A-1.

My Presidents project this year is Lions Foundation Canada Guide Dogs for Autism. So far there has been \$1150.00 donated, to this.

That is what makes me proud to represent the District A-1 Lioness. All the hard work ,many volunteer hours, and new cubs into the clubs.

Have a Happy and Healthy 2015, yours in Lionism,

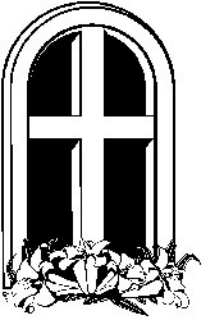


District A-1 Lioness President Beth Ann Connors

"Save the Monarch Butterfly, plant milkweed."

I attended the Lioness "M.D.A." meetings on Jan 17th-18th and here are some of the highlights:

1. There are 59 clubs in M.D.A. total membership 724. Two clubs dropped out of the" M.D.A." programme. Ideas were discussed about how we can keep Clubs in the "M.D.A.
2. A-1 P.D.P. Lioness Rosemary Kennedy will be the new Administrative Assistant for "M.D.A. as of July 2015.
3. A Helen Keller award was presented to A-16 P.D.P. Lioness Elaine Umphries by MDA Lioness.
4. There were 174 Lioness registered at the Laugh and Learn. They made over \$9,000.00. Next year's Laugh and Learn will be in London on November 6th-8th. The theme is Juke Box Memories.
5. In 2016 it will be the 20th Anniversary of the Laugh and Learn. It was decided that the sitting M.D.A. committee of 2014-2015 would host the event. A-15 Lioness President Janet Dawson Brock will head the committee. More info later.
6. District A-15 President Janet Dawson Brock brought to our attention a letter that she wrote to International Lion President Joe Preston about the Lioness Organization. It was suggested that each Lioness member send a heartfelt e-mail to President Joe telling him why you joined a Lioness club and not Lions Club.



Our sincere sympathy is extended to Dist. President Beth Ann Connors and Lion Rick Waite on the passing of their mother Lioness Bette Waite.

Lioness Bette Waite was a charter member of the Port Stanley Lioness. She passed away January 13, 2015, peacefully in her sleep at home.

There will be no visitation or funeral. A celebration of her life and Lioness service will be held at the Port Stanley Legion in April.

She will be missed by all who knew her.



CABINET MEETINGS & Other Important Dates:

- April 10 - 12 2015** **A-1 Convention in London at the Lamplighter Inn**
- April 11, 2015** **Cabinet Meeting – at Convention**
- May 22 - 25** **MD”A” Convention in Kingston at the Ambassador Hotel (1-800-267-7880)**
- June 21st, 2015** **Cabinet Meeting hosted by Port Stanley Lioness Club**

A-1 Lioness Presidents Official Visits 2015

- February 18** **London East**
- February 23** **Mount Brydges**
- March 9, 2015** **Glencoe (with Chairman Ray)**
- March 19** **Springfield**

Highlights from the February 1st A-1 Lioness Cabinet Meeting

There were 41 Lioness representing 8 of the clubs in the district at the cabinet meeting hosted by the Wyoming Lioness Club plus one guest Dist. Governor Lion John Johnston .

- Introduction of new members- one from Pt Stanley, Lioness Peggy Ruby sponsored by Sheila Henderson.
- nomination for the position of President of Dist. A-1 for next year by the Port Stanley Lioness for current Vice President Lioness Sherry Wismer. Nomination accepted.
- Secretary Sonja received reports from all 14 clubs with 3069 volunteer hours and \$53,048.00 in donations up to the end of December
- President of A-1 Lioness Beth Ann presented the Belmont Lioness with their 35th Anniversary Seal
- LFC Chair Lioness Bev Filewood announced an Open House at Lions Foundation of Canada on Saturday April 18th from 9:30 until 3:00 pm at the headquarters in Oakville
- PDP Joyce Leal reported on Dist A-1 Convention at the Best Western Lamplighter from April 10-12 she is in charge of the Penny Table and is looking for volunteers.
- PDP Ruby Hunter reported Dist. A-1 is hosting the 2015 Laugh & Learn in London Nov 6-8th the theme is "Jukebox Memories 50's & 60's"
- District President Beth Ann's Pins are available for sale at a cost of \$6.00 each
- Guest speaker was Dist. A-1 Governor Lion John Johnson who spoke to the Lioness about how Lions International is wanting to make Lioness into Lions. Various Lioness let their feelings be known as to their remaining a Lioness or leaving the Lions family completely. Governor Lion John thought he was having an early roast. Governor John announced that the Petrolia Play house is doing a play " A Miracle Worker" it is about Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan. There may be a couple of scenes of this play done at Convention.



What's Happening in District A-1

Arkona - 5 members attended the Cabinet Meeting in Wyoming Feb. 1st. They continue to hold monthly meat raffle at Grog's. Donations to Tactile Tales, Convention Penny Draw and glasses for a diabetic senior.

Aylmer - January meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. In Dec. they had 274 volunteer hours with things like VON, church, school & community events. They operate the Guck shop at Terrace Lodge Retirement home each month. Fundraising is done with bingos at St. Thomas Jackpot City and they are busy planning for their Annual Ladies Night May 22, 2015. They continue to collect eyeglasses & hearing aids.

Belmont - They added another new member Lioness Deb O'Connor, sponsored by Lioness Sharon Shackleton. They hold 3 bingos a month for fundraising, their service activities include foot care clinic, taking down Christmas decorations at the park and the arena, volunteering at the Hospital gift shop and the church activities as well as making wool blankets and milk bag mats. Donations to Eyes Right, Lions Foundation Canada (Dist. pres. project) Camp Kirk, Youth Exchange, Corner Cupboard, Community Park, Caring Cupboard, VON, Bel Parc Xmas Party and the Santa Parade. Five members attended the Cabinet meeting in Wyoming.

Delaware - No meeting in January, so nothing new to report.

Glencoe - Glencoe Lionesses had two members attend the Cabinet meeting in Wyoming. They continue to cater dinners in their community.

London Central - They continue to hold bingos at the Dearness Home. They are planning 2015 Plant Sales and BBQ's. A donation was made to the Dearness Bingo.

London East - Members went out for coffee and donuts after their January meeting. Birthday cards were sent to members with Feb. birthdays. They are currently selling tickets on a fund-raiser. Donations to Community Living and Chrn's & Colitis.

Mount Brydges - Nine Lionesses attended the Mt. Brydges Lions Christmas Party and five Lionesses helped with the Christmas Party at the rest home in Mt. Brydges. One member attended the Poplar Hill Lions Christmas Party. Five members attended the Cabinet Mtg. in Wyoming Feb. 1st. They do a bingo once a month as a fundraiser. Donation to the Christmas Party at the Rest Home.

Port Stanley - Reported the sad loss of their last charter member Lioness Bette Waite, the mother of our Dist. Pres. Beth Ann Connors, a Celebration of Life will be held in April. They had a fun pajama party at their January meeting. Busy preparing for their annual Chili Cook Off on March 20th, also Palmers Maple Syrup where they serve breakfast every weekend in March as a fundraiser. Busy travelling with Dist. Pres. Betha Ann and Lioness Chairman Lion Ray. Donations went to Eyes Right (in memory of Bette Waite) to Effective Speaking, LFC Special Skills Dogs & Seizure Response Guide Dogs. They also donated to the Port Stanley Food Bank and the Red Cross for West Africa Ebola Relief. The club continues to hold and subsidize monthly foot care clinics at Kettle Creek villa with members assisting the VON. Seven members attended the Cabinet meeting in Wyoming. Their volunteer hours reported were 124 for service projects.

South Windsor - They do not have meetings in January or February. They continue to collect Canadian Tire Money and have Nevada tickets as a fundraiser. Donations were made to Tactile Tales and Heart and Stroke.

" Somewhere in the Dark of Winter, lurks the blossoms of Spring"

What's Happening in District A-1 (continued)

Springfield - The club sponsored the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and had the task of co-ordinating and looking after all the decorations in the park. December meeting was a pot luck of finger foods at Lioness Janice's home. The club purchased grocery gift certificates for 4 needy families. Fundraising - they just completed a Craft Show in November and work 3 bingos a month. A stone bench was purchased and installed at the Memorial Gardens and recognizes Keith & Sugar Johnson for their community involvement. Other donations in Dec. \$800.

Tilbury - The club has been busy preparing for their annual Spaghetti Fundraiser which was a sell out again this year. The club is very involved in their community .

Wheatley - Wheatley had 2 members attend the cabinet mtg in Wyoming. The club is planning their next Ladies on the Loose fundraising Event at the Pelee Island Winery in Oct., more info to follow. They continue to work bingos several times a month at Chances in Leamington. A prospective member Cathy Nerada attended the January meeting and may be interested in joining. The Las Vegas Trip Raffle winner in Dec. was Ted Cobby of Wheatley. Several members did gift wrapping at Devonshire mall in Dec. for Commity Living, the club continues to hold monthly bingos at Meadows Manor nursing home. Donations in Jan. to Youth Exchange, the Petrolia Community theatre for their production of "A Miracle Worker" a play about Helen Keller and Ann Sullivan. They donated to the Randy Atkinson Memorial Fund after they had guest speakers at the Jan. mtg, this fund helps people battling with Cancer cope with transportation costs, etc. to the hospital for treatments. Continuing to collect eyeglasses.

Wyoming - They hosted the Feb. 1st Cabinet meeting at their Lions Hall and had 13 of their members in attendance. In Jan. they visited Fiddick's Nursing home, took cupcakes, arranged entertainment and provided birthday cards for the January birthdays as well as donating to the home's activities. Fundraising they worked 2 bingos , had a pie bee and worked a funeral lunch. They also donated to transportation of a visually impaired person.

A little bit of humour from a friend "MY TRAVEL PLANS FOR 2015"

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Kahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Kahoots with someone. I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family and work. I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often. I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm. Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older. One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenaline flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

I may have been in Continent, but I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there. Life is too short for negative drama and petty things. So laugh insanely, love truly and forgive quickly! From one unstable person to another. I hope everyone is happy in your head - we're all doing pretty well in mine!

AND THEN IT IS WINTER

You know ... time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is... **the back nine of my life** and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that I was only on the first hole and the back nine was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting gray...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change...Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd become. Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit! And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that though I'm on the back nine, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's over. A new adventure will begin! **Yes, I have regrets.** There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime. So, if you're not on the back nine yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether you're on the back nine or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one. *LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY! HAVE A GREAT DAY!* Remember *"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver."* LIVE HAPPY IN 2015!

LASTLY, CONSIDER THIS: Your kids are becoming you....but your grandchildren are perfect !~ Going out is good.. Coming home is better! ~You forget names.... But it's OK because some people forgot they even knew you!! ~You realize you're never going to be really good at anything like golf. ~The things you used to care to do, you aren't as interested in , but you really do care that you aren't as interested. ~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV 'ON' than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep". ~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch.. ~You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"..."when?"... ??? ~What used to be freckles are now liver spots. ~Everybody whispers. ~You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear. ~~~But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, **OLD FRIENDS!!** It's Not What You Gather, But What You Scatter That Tells What Kind of Life You Have Lived. TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN; YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE, SO ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS “Do Not Regret Growing Older. It is a Privilege Denied to Many.”

Thanks Ruby for this one!

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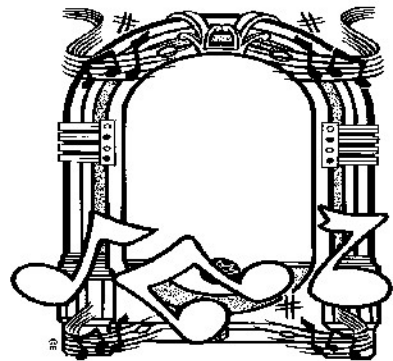
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Laugh & Learn 2015 in London



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Thanks Joyce