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President's Message

Happy New Year Lioness,

January 2013

Some of you may be aware that I am a Grey's Anatomy fan, so it was only fitting that as I was writing my New Year's message that I quote Meredith from Grey's. "Fresh starts, thanks to the calendar, they happen every year—just set your watch to January, our reward for surviving the holiday season is a new year. Bringing on the great tradition of New Year's resolutions, put your past behind you and start over. It's hard to resist the chance of a new beginning, a chance to put the problems of last year to bed."

On an individual basis may each of you enjoy good health, peace and love in the year to come and as a Lioness Club may the strength of the fellowship that you experience continue to show itself in the work that you do in your communities.

Can you believe it...our Lioness year is half over! Since my last report I have enjoyed warm welcomes when I visited Arkona, Wyoming, Delaware and Mt Brydges Lioness Clubs. As I stated before, it is most interesting to see how unique each club is "In a World of Service". I would like to congratulate the Glencoe Lioness Club as they celebrated their 25th Anniversary in November.

The next six months are going to be very busy for A-1. On February 3rd we will be heading to Port Stanley for our Cabinet Meeting and another opportunity to get together and have some fun. Get a car load and come on out. Would love to see you.

As well, I welcome each one of you to attend the A-1 Convention in April in Leamington. Registration forms are out and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact either myself or Lioness Ruby Hunter.

Finally, I would like to ask each of the Club Presidents to ask their members to consider running for executive positions for A-1. Now is the time for each Club to put their support behind those in their Club who have the potential to add to the continued success of our district. Please think about it, it's a great experience.

Yours in Lionism

District A-1 President Lioness Trudy Brown

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



Lioness Chairman West George Vary and President Robbie Matthews South Windsor.



South Windsor Lioness Cathie Matthews, Pauline Patterson and Sandy Meisner presenting toys to George Robillard of the Windsor Goodfellows.



Past Club President Darlene Priestley presenting Shirley Baillargeon with the Leader Dogs for the Blind Founders Tribute.

Around A-7

Congratulations Glencoe on 25 yrs of Service!



Charter Members of Glencoe Lioness ... celebrating at their 25th Anniversary !



Greetings from the Springfield Lioness who were enjoying their Christmas Meeting!

From Port Stanley's bulletin...something to consider about Membership:

At the Director's Meeting the topic was introduced for a new 'category' for Lioness members. We have many Lioness who are reaching the point where attending meetings on a regular basis is becoming increasingly difficult. The Lions have several types of Membership and one of those is a Privileged member. It describes this member as "one who has been a Lion fifteen or more years, who, because of illness, infirmities, advanced age or other legitimate reason, as determined by the Board of Directors of this Club, must relinquish his active status. A Privileged member shall pay such dues as the local club may charge, which dues shall include district and international dues. He shall have the right to vote and be entitled to all other privileges of membership except the right to hold Club, District or International Office."

Editor's Note: Our Dad was honoured to be classed years ago as a Privileged member of the Springfield Lions Club (until it disbanded this June). He joined in the late 1960's but in 1974 suffered a debilitating stroke that left him unable to fulfill his obligations as an active member. Being a privileged member allowed him to remain a member yet not feel so guilty about not being able to help the club as he wanted to do. As Mom was so involved with helping the Lions run the Springfield Lions Community Hall and kitchen for so many years, the Lions waived his dues. Thanks to the St Thomas Lions, Dad remained a Lions Club member until his passing in November.

Club Info Changes:



Wheatley Lioness have changed their meeting start time to 6:30 instead of 7:00 effective as of December's meeting.

Please update Lioness Maureen Coleman's e-mail address to: acoleman@bell.net. It is different from last year's info.

The quickest way to make yourself feel better is to help someone who feels worse.

The great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction are we moving.

Definition of Eternity: Keeping a smile on your face till the shutter clicks.

It's a rare person who can weigh the faults of others without putting his thumb on the scales.

When people cease to complain, they cease to think. ~ Napoleon Bonaparte



Wheatley Lioness at Devonshire Mall doing volunteer gift wrapping. This year CTV Windsor's own Arms Bumanlag was there with them. He is pictured here with members at the booth. Lioness were on TV and he was recording live (CKLW) on location and mentioned the Wheatley Lioness every time so there was lots of promotion for Lioness.



News Around A-1



Wyoming – 18 members

Donations to St Francis Advocates for horseback riding, Petrolia & District Christmas for Everyone, Food Bank, Aids, President Trudy's project, diapers for handicapped person and transportation for visually impaired individual. Members enjoyed a dinner catered by a local church group. Visited a retirement village and provided musical entertainment, pies and donation.

Wheatley – 18 members

Members volunteered 61 hours in October and 77.5 hours in November! Way to go!! Sold raffle tickets on trip to Vegas. Donations to Eyes Right, Wheatley Community Chest, Wheatley Food Bank, Effective Speaking, Wheatley Figure Skating and gifts for seniors in continuing care. Members attended Port Stanley's Black & White Revue, South Windsor Lioness Meeting, Glencoe's 25th Anniversary and Laugh & Learn. Members attended Remembrance Day parade with Lions and laid wreath in honour of past & present servicemen. Collect canned goods, toys, or hats and gloves at December meeting for Community Chest.

Tilbury – 24 members

Held a craft show and bake sale in November. Donations to Tilbury Skating Club and Tilbury Goodfellows for Christmas Baskets.

Springfield – 13 members

Two members attended Laugh & Learn. Donations to local fire victim, Mary H Pearson Memorial Park upgrades, Springfield Santa Parade, Ladies Hockey Team, area senior in need, and Student on mission trip. Member participated in Springfield's Remembrance Day ceremony, volunteer with annual Santa Parade. Welcome back to transferred member Lioness Carrol Vincent.

South Windsor – 14 members

Held a Past President's Night with awards and presentations made. Club will not meet in December, January and February but will in the summer months. Saving pennies to donate to Windsor Downtown Mission. Donations to Coats for Kids and Cancer. The club is participating in the Christmas Adopt a Family program and they are also planning to furnish a room at Hiatus house with new bedding, lamps and pictures for the wall.

Port Stanley – 43 members

Held a very successful Black & White Revue. Several members participated in Remembrance Day parade and ceremony. Members had tables in the Community Christmas Bazaar in November. Members assist with foot care clinics at Kettle Creek Villa. One member grocery shops for a senior. Volunteer hours for October 297 and for November 100 service activities and 100 for fundraising. Way to go!! Donations to VON, Aids, Food Bank, United Way, Union Firefighters, local citizens in need, Christ Anglican Church, LFC, Diabetes, YMCA For Strong Kids Campaign, and Port Stanley Christmas Care. Lioness & Lions organize the annual Dickens Day Parade. Members assisted the Lions with their Tag Day for Diabetes on Nov 17th. Considering a new membership status as the Lions have "Privileged" Member. See notes elsewhere. Congratulations to Parade committee for winning the Best Service Club Float in the Fingal parade!! Planning the Chili Cook Off in spring of 2013!

The challenge faced by today's builders is constructing a house that will last as long as the mortgage.

There are obviously two educations. One should teach us how to make a living and the other how to live.



News Around A-1



Mount Brydges – 14 members

Held a Blood Donor Clinic. Visitations to Cabinet Meeting, MD "A" Meeting, Laugh & Learn, Glencoe Lioness Anniversary and London North Lions Awards night. Donation to Eyes Right, Effective Speaking, Make A Wish, wheel chair ramp for local resident and fire victim.

London East – 11 members

Two Members attended Port Stanley's Black & White. Donations to SARI, Merrymount, Multiple Sclerosis, Crohn's & Colitis, Cancer Research, Community House & Salvation Army.

London Central – 13 members

Held a Christmas Bazaar, and a Teen Girls Christmas Party. Donations to Eyes Right, A-1 Effective Speaking, London Food Bank, Salvation Army, Childreach, SARI, Women's Community House, and Ark Aid Mission.

Glencoe and District Lioness – 19 members

Held a celebration in honour of 25 years as a Lioness Club. CONGRATULATIONS! Volunteer hours of 162 for November! Way to go! One member attended Laugh & Learn. Held a Christmas Tour of Homes in November.

Delaware – 11 members

Contacted local schools for Peace Poster contest. Purchased new Christmas lights for the village and with Lions' help having them installed. Five volunteer hours in Delaware! Way to Go!!

Belmont – 42 members

Ten members attended Laugh & Learn. Volunteer hours in October were 98 and November were 387! Way to go! Donated 23 boxes of food. Monetary donations to LFC, Cdn Mental Health Assoc, Eyes Right, VON, PAN Mission, Christmas Care at Bingo Country, All That Glitters, London Health Foundation and Belmont Santa Claus Parade.

Aylmer - 17 members

September volunteer hours 281! Way to Go!! Guest speakers at November meeting shared info on the local Food Bank and its origins. Club decorated a downtown Aylmer store front window for the Christmas season. Participated in Aylmer Remembrance Day ceremony. Donated over 700 pair of eyeglasses. WOW!! Donations to Legion Wreath, Cdn Mental Health Assoc, Kids Help Phone, Lupus Fdn Ontario, Springfield Santa Claus Parade, Christmas Care at Bingo Country, and Aylmer Corner Cupboard. Members volunteer at local tuck shop in nursing home.

Arkona – 16 members

Lioness organized & held a Remembrance Day parade in Arkona. Donations to Gifts of Hope, Diabetes, Guide Dogs, CNIB, Sunshine Foundation, Effective Speaking, United Way, Aids, Strathroy Hospital Foundation and SARI. Helped community raise funds for retiring doctor who served Arkona for over 30 years.





An Invitation to...



District A-1 Lions Convention

Pelee Days Inn, Leamington , ON

April 12-14, 2013

"In a World of Service"



The dream of every District Governor is to have a successful year. One of the highlights that would make this year memorable for me would be to meet you at the District A-1 Convention. Many changes and activities are planned to be added. This Convention team has been working hard to provide an interesting and exciting weekend. I invite you to join with me and the District A-1 Lions, Lioness & Leos for a time of fun, learning and friendship in Leamington on April 12-14, 2013.

DG Lion Wayne Cudney

We, as members of the Lions family, have an opportunity to get together at the April Convention to renew Lioness/Lions friendships and to meet new "family" members. Getting together in such a setting and having a few laughs with people of like mind can rejuvenate the spirit at which we as Lioness function. I invite all Lioness to "come on out" to a weekend of good times. I look forward to seeing you.

A-1 President Lioness Trudy



WHAT'S UP?

The Judge is coming!

Yes! That,s right! Past International President Judge Brian Stevenson will be our honoured guest!

Friday Night Entertainment (more details in February)

A Prize draw every hour during the convention

Saturday Tour (more details in February)

Let the convention team know your preference – Winery, Transportation museum, Colasanti, shopping

Club Officer Training

Your Lions Club will receive a 50% rebate on 2012-2013 District A-1 dues if they provide at least one attendee at one of 4 Club Officer training sessions. Think about it – that's over \$100 for most Clubs!

REGISTER NOW!

Registration Forms at District A-1 Website:

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

or email Lion John Ross: lionjohn@bell.net

RESERVE YOUR ROOM EARLY! More than 50% booked already! Call Pelee Days Inn **(519) 326-8646**

TO BOOK YOUR ROOM (up to 4 rooms) just tell reservations desk that you are with the Convention and secure your room(s) with your credit card#

TO BOOK A BLOCK OF ROOMS (5 or more) ask to be transferred to Events Manager Denise Gaffan

TO BOOK A HOSPITALITY ROOM ask to be transferred to Events Manager Denise Gaffan

See You At The Convention!

I know we are over the holiday season, but I couldn't resist sharing from the Port Stanley Bulletin. Some tips you need to remember for Holiday eating! Enjoy!

Holiday Eating Tips

1. **Avoid carrot sticks.** Anyone who puts carrots on a holiday buffet table knows nothing of the Christmas spirit. In fact, if you see carrots, leave immediately. Go next door, where they're serving rum balls.
2. **If something comes with gravy, use it.** That's the whole point of gravy. Gravy does not stand alone. Pour it on. Make a volcano out of your mashed potatoes. Fill it with gravy. Eat the volcano... Repeat.
3. As for **mashed potatoes**, always ask if they're made with skim milk or whole milk. If it's skim, pass. Why bother? It's like buying a sports car with an automatic transmission.
4. **Do not have a snack before going to a party** in an effort to control your eating. The whole point of going to a Christmas party is to eat other people's food for free. Lots of it!
5. **Under no circumstances should you exercise between now and New Year's.** You can do that in January when you have nothing else to do. This is the time for long naps, which you'll need after circling the buffet table while carrying a 1 pound plate of food and that vat of eggnog.
6. **One final tip:** if you don't feel terrible when you leave the party or get up from the table, you haven't been paying attention. Re-read the tips, start over, but hurry, January is just around the corner!



January 27, 2013 – Family Literacy Day! This year's theme ~ 15 Minutes of Fun!



In honour of Family Literacy Day's 15th year, ABC Life Literacy Canada is encouraging Canadian families to have "15 Minutes of Fun" learning together. Learning can happen at any time. Practicing literacy together for just 15 minutes a day has tremendous benefits for both children and parents.

Website: <http://abclifeliteracy.ca/fld/family-literacy-day>

"Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope." — Kofi Annan

"With words at your disposal, you can see more clearly. Finding the words is another step in learning to see." — Robin Kimmerer



*We extend sincerest thanks and appreciation to our Lioness & Lions family
who thought of us with cards, emails, notes and words of kindness
during the recent loss of our beloved Dad ~ Lion Chris Pearson.*

It's a comfort to know we can count on our friends through whatever life brings.

With sincere thanks

PDP Lioness Rosemary Kennedy, Lioness Janice McCallum & Lioness Kelly Pearson

A silent hug means a thousand words to an unhappy heart. ~Unknown



**President Trudy at Glencoe's 25th
Anniversary Celebration**

Visiting Delaware Lioness



**At Port Stanley's Black & White
Revue**



President Trudy visits Mount Brydges

President Trudy at Wyoming



***Trudy's
Travels***





PORT STANLEY'S BLACK & WHITE REVUE!



WHEATLEY'S KIDS CHRISTMAS EVENT

PLEASE, REMEMBER...



IMPORTANT DATES:

January 7 President Trudy visits Wheatley
January 14 President Trudy visits Tilbury
January 15 Lioness Chairman Bob visits Delaware
January 17 President Trudy visits Springfield
January 19 & 20 MD "A" Cabinet Meeting, Markham
January 28 Lioness Chairman Bob visits Mount Brydges
February 3 Cabinet Meeting hosted by Port Stanley Lioness
April 12, 13, 14 A-1 Convention, Pelee Days Inn Leamington
April 13 Convention Cabinet Meeting, Pelee Days Inn, Leamington
April 2013 A-1 SPRING RALLY hosted by Port Stanley Lioness
May 30 - June 2 MD "A" CONVENTION Toronto
June 2013 Cabinet Meeting hosted by Wheatley Lioness
November 8-10 Laugh & Learn, St Catherine's

20th of each month - PURR deadline ☺

**MD "A" is looking for a
new treasurer
Deadline is January 19th, 2013**

*"Time isn't measured by the years you live, but by
the deeds you do and the joy you give."*

**Any club(s) interested in hosting
the
2014 MD "A" Laugh and Learn
please contact A-1 Lioness
President Trudy.**

A-1 LIONESS CABINET MEETING

Hosted by Port Stanley Lioness

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2013

More details to be sent to each club.

There were A LOT of pictures waiting n my inbox so be on the lookout in future issues for more pictures! I just could not include them ALL in this issue!! Thank you to President Trudy's photographer Lioness Nancy and to PDP Lioness Geri!

REMINDER:

**Next Deadline is January 20th
for February Publication.**

PRESIDENT TRUDY'S GOALS

*To support the goals of District
Governor Lion Wayne Cudney
and his Theme of
Dedication and Communication*

Personal Goals/Project:

*To support Aids Committees
To support local food banks so that no
child goes to bed hungry
To continue Making pillowcases
for Con Kerr Cancer
To promote & encourage District
participation at the Club Level*