

1st LIONESS OF DISTRICT A-1

PURR-R

JANUARY 2014



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WHAT LIONESS TOWN IS THIS?

President's Message

Hello Lioness:

What's with all this snow? It's going to be a long winter. By the time you read this, Christmas and all the hustle and bustle will be over. I hope everyone had a meaningful holiday and enjoyed precious time spent with family and friends, as I did.



My visits were put on hold for the month of December as many clubs enjoyed their own Christmas celebrations. November, I enjoyed visits with Wheatley, Delaware and Arkona Lioness. Each club extended a warm and hospitable welcome to me as well as my travelling companions.

Last month in the Purr I spoke of **STILL** needing a Vice President or individuals to help lessen the load. At all club visits I asked if anyone would be willing to assist me and as of this writing, I have not had one reply. Convention will be upon us shortly and we need to fill **EXECUTIVE** positions for 2014-2015. I certainly invite anyone to come forward and be part of this great District A-1.

Spring Rally for 2014 is still up for grabs. I hope a club will consider hosting this fun night! I know I sound like a broken record.

I wish everyone has a happy and healthy New Year.



Live, Love and Laugh
District A-1 President, Lioness Joyce



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Happy New Year Wish

My Happy New Year wish for you

Is for your best year yet,

A year where life is peaceful,

And what you want, you get.

A year in which you cherish

The past year's memories,

And live your life each new day,

Full of bright expectancies.

I wish for you a holiday

With happiness galore;

And when it's done, I wish you

Happy New Year, and many more.

District A-1 Club News

Arkona Lioness – 18 Members

November - Dinner meeting was "Bring A Buddy Night" and visitation of A-1 Lioness President Joyce Leal. They organized and held Remembrance Day Parade and Service. Had a Meat Raffle at Grog's Restaurant. Donations made to Eyes Right, LFC, NLSS Athletic Association, United Way, Gifts of Hope, Sunshine Foundation and Jr. Diabetics - Camp Huronda.

Belmont Lioness – 39 Members

November - Nine members attended Laugh & Learn. They decorated the Arena for Christmas, held bingo's at Bel Parc (seniors apartment), help at Foot Care Clinic every other month, Church Work, Hospital volunteers, making wool blankets, weaving sleep mats out of milk bags for 3rd world countries and collected tabs for wheel chairs. Fundraising was Bingos at St. Thomas Bingo Country, making pies and had a Bazaar. Donated to Belmont Santa Claus Parade, Camp Kirk, VON, London Health Sciences Children's Foundation and All That Glitters.

Glencoe Lioness – 19 Members

November – Their club activities were - 2 legion dinners, Santa Claus Parade. Their services activities were the VON, music for seniors, legion dinners, Remembrance day parade and a Santa Claus Parade. Total service hours 172.5. For fundraising they did 2 dinners for Legion members. Donations made to Eyes Right, candy for parade, four counties hospitals and Glencoe Library.

London East Lioness – 12 Members

Not available at this time.



Aylmer Lioness – 17 Members

November – Had 2 guest speakers, Carol Watson and Daisy Vanagus, who spoke on Violence Against Women. Had another guest Shereen Telfer, who is a perspective member. Their members are involved in church sponsored activities such as; meal preparation and serving, school breakfast clubs, sponsored monthly bingo, and are preparing for a Spring Ladies Night scheduled for May 24, 2014. They are hoping to have a Fall fundraiser - a bus trip to the Toronto. Donations made to Carter Scott (retinal assessment), Cdn. Mental Health, Springfield Santa Parade, Corner Cupboard Food, Con Kerr pillowslip project and Christmas Care for Teens.

Delaware Lioness – 14 Members

November - Had a successful craft show and Tea Room on Nov. 17th. They sold tickets for Appin Theater and awarded prizes to the top 3 Peace Posters as well as 2 honorable mention. They decorated the community center for Christmas and put up Christmas lights in Delaware as well as helped with Racing against Drugs. (205.5 Service Hours). Donations made to Camp Huronda, Middlesex Library and prizes for Peace Posters. District President Lioness Joyce Leal made her official visit along with 5 other Belmont Lioness.

London Central Lioness – 13 Members

November - Guest were Lioness Chairman Lion Bob Bride, Frances Toll, Christina Naarden and Marianne Dalgleish. They held bingo for the residents of the Dearness home. For fundraising they held a Bazaar and are planning a Teen Girls' Christmas party and are having a December Pot Luck. They are selling poinsettias. Donations made to Juvenile Diabetes, Teen Girls Christmas Party, Camp Dorset, London Food Bank, Salvation Army, Women's Community House, Dearness Bingo, Ark Aid Street Mission and Childreach.

Mount Brydges Lioness – 14 Members

November – Had a Xmas Party with games and entertainment by Paul French. Fundraising was 2 Bingos with 48 service hours. Donations made to Mt. Brydges Lions Club Splash Pad and Leader Dogs. Collect and delivered 4 pr. of glasses.

Port Stanley Lioness – 43 members

November - Members had tables in the Community Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 23, 2013. Lioness Beverley Filewood and her husband, Lion Ray organized the Dickens Day Parade held on Friday, November 29, 2013. Several members walked in this parade. Special guests in the parade were Joe Preston, M.P. and Jeff Yurek M.P.P. Service activities were - hold and subsidize monthly foot care clinics with 3 lioness members assisting the von, send out cards to village and area residents, three members volunteer at Elgin Manor tuck shop, volunteer at the Port Stanley Policing office, one member grocery shops for a senior, one member volunteers at a public school reading program, one member volunteers at the Port Stanley Villa (apartment building for seniors), volunteer to pick up a fellow Lioness member from her dialysis treatment three times a week and assisted the Port Stanley Lions with their Diabetes Tag Day. Volunteer hours are 325. Guests were District A-1 Liaison Officer, Lion Bob Bride and Port Stanley Lion Greg Selway. Donations made to LFC (Canine Vision Canada and Hearing Ear Dog Guides), Diabetes, Port Stanley Christmas Care and Philippines Typhoon Relief Fund.



Springfield Lioness – 15 Members

Octobers Donations – Springfield School Sprite, help Josh Breathe, Tillsonburg Hospital, St. Thomas Hospital, St. Joe's Ivey Eye Institute, London Health Science Centre, Seniors Committee and St. Johns United Church.

November – They work 2 bingos per month and participate on various committees in the community – Fun Day, Santa Parade, and Malahide Community Policing. They maintain Mary H Pearson Memorial Park and sell memorial bricks and send cards to residents in the area. For fundraising they do bingos and sell community spirit birthday calendars. Donations made in November were to Springfield Parade and Christmas Shoppe.

South Windsor Lioness – 14 members

November - Each member is collecting socks, outerwear, underwear, etc. for the indigent children of Coronation School. Fundraising was Nevada and they held five Pasta Dinner Fundraisers. One every Wednesday evenings in October at the Riverside Sportsman's Club. They held a bake sale one night and sold books/novels. Donations made to Eyes Right, provided a Christmas basket to Windsor Homes Coalition, and Children's Aid Society, specifically for Christmas.

Tilbury Lioness – 25 Members

November – Due to illness one member dropped out. Service activities are Nursing homes, schools, Bingo at Tilbury Manor and church. For fundraising they do 50/50 draws and fines. Donations made to Eyes Right, Tilbury High School breakfast club, Kids Help Phone, Tilbury Lions Xmas Gift Fund and St. Peters Church

Wheatley Lioness – 18 Members

November – Service activities are bingos at Meadows Retirement Home, Wheatley Area Public School Nutrition Program, Diabetes Tag Day, Wheatley Food Bank, The Bank Theatre, Wheatley Library, Leamington Hospital, Chances Bingo in Leamington, assisted an elderly lady, East Mersea Kids Christmas Council and classroom helper and Two Creeks Conservation. For fundraising they work bingos at Leamington Country Bingo, holding a raffle for a trip to Las Vegas as well as a Quilt Raffle. Donations made to - Eyes Right, Legion Wreath, Children's Xmas, Wheatley Figure Skating Club, Tilbury High School Bursary, Meadows Social Fund, Camp Huronda and Lioness Family Medical Crises. District President Joyce made her official visit accompanied by Sonja Kennedy, Sharon Shackelton and Pat McLellan.



Wyoming Lioness – 15 Members

November – Had a Pot Luck dinner and enjoyed a visit with Lioness Chairman, PDG Lion George Vary. Visited Albany Retirement Home and took pies for a treat and arranged for a musician to entertain. For fundraising they worked a bingo and had a pie bee. Donations made to transportation of visually impaired, child undergoing eye treatment, diapers for handicapped person, Petrolia & District Xmas for everyone, Petrolia & District Food Bank, Albany Retirement Home (for activities), Day Away at Meadowview Nursing Home and Benefit held for town resident/volunteer Fireman.



Just Kind a Nice

When I was a kid, my Grandma liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day. On that evening so long ago, she had placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my Granddad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed!

Yet all my Granddad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my Grandma and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that ugly burned biscuit. He ate every bite of that thing... never made a face nor uttered a word about it! When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my Grandma apologize to my Granddad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits every now and then."

Later that night, I went to kiss Granddaddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Grandma put in a hard day of work today and she's real tired. And besides - a little burned biscuit never hurt anyone!"

As I've grown older, I've thought about that many times. Life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people. I'm not the best at anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. But what I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults, and choosing to celebrate each other's differences, is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.

And that's my prayer for you today... that you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of your life. Because in the end, a burnt biscuit isn't a deal-breaker!

We could extend this to any relationship. In fact, understanding is the base of any relationship, be it a husband-wife or parent-child or friendship!

So, please pass me a biscuit, and yes, the burned one will do just fine.

Submitted by District President Joyce

Purr Editor's New Year's Resolution

This year's resolution is to finish things that I have started.

I looked around my house to find things I'd started & hadn't finished.

I finished a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of Chardonnay, a bodle of Baileys, a butle of wum, tha mainder of Valiuminun scriptins, an a box a choclutz.

Yu has no idr how fablus I feel rite now.

CABINET MEETINGS & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

January 18, 19, 2014 - MD"A" Cabinet Meeting - Markham
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

JANUARY 2014

Thursday Jan.9	Aylmer
Monday Jan. 13	Belmont
Tuesday Jan. 28	London Central

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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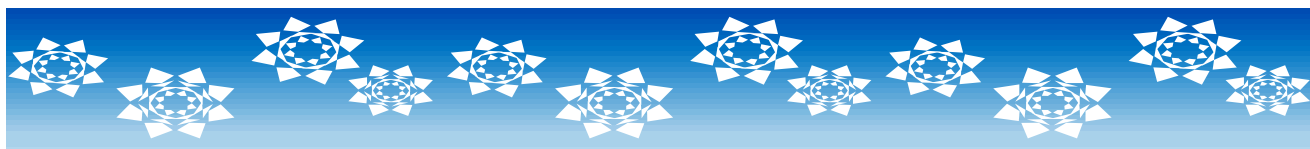
Wheatley - 3 February 2014
Tilbury - 10 February 2014

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Visitations:

London East- 15 January 2014
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
Glencoe Train Station
Glencoe, ON**

Lioness Club History

Lioness Clubs began in America as a result of the success of the auxiliary clubs which were started for the wives of the all-male Lions Clubs. The Lioness emblem and name were approved in 1975 and membership was open to any lady over the age of 18, whether or not she was married to a Lion. The first Club to be formed was the Mount Pleasant Club, North Carolina on December 24, 1975.

The Colours Purple and Gold.

Purple stands for loyalty to country, to friends, to one's self and to integrity of mind and heart. It is the traditional colour of strength, courage, and tireless dedication to a cause.

Gold symbolizes sincerity of purpose.

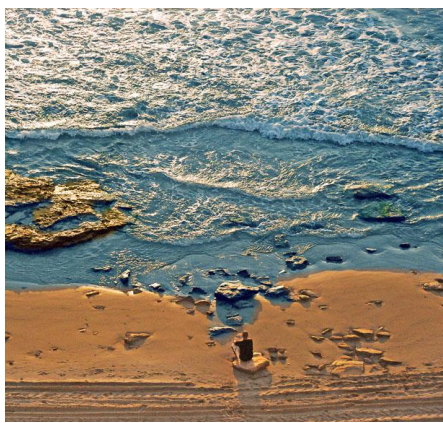
Meaning of The Lions emblem placed on the *L* is the letter "L" standing for Law, Liberty, Labour, Loyalty, Love, and Lions. The "L" is placed on a circle with two lion profiles looking two ways representing a Lion or Lioness looking in every direction for an opportunity to give unselfish service.

PHOTO CORNER

Rule #5

Viewpoint

Before photographing your subject, take time to think about where you will shoot it from. Our viewpoint has a massive impact on the composition of our photo, and as a result it can greatly affect the message that the shot conveys. Rather than just shooting from eye level, consider photographing from high above, down at ground level, from the side, from the back, from a long way away, from very close up, and so on.



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

The unusual viewpoint chosen here creates an intriguing and slightly abstract photo.

PORT STANLEY'S LIONS & LIONESS DICKEN'S DAY PARADE



Rose

Mary Lou



Norma

Marion

Mary

Barb

Beverley

WHEATLEY LIONS & LIONESS SANTA FLOAT & CHRISTMAS WITH SANTA



Frosty (Geri Vary)

Face Painting
By Morgan Malott &
Alyssa Wright





A-1 LIONESS DRAW

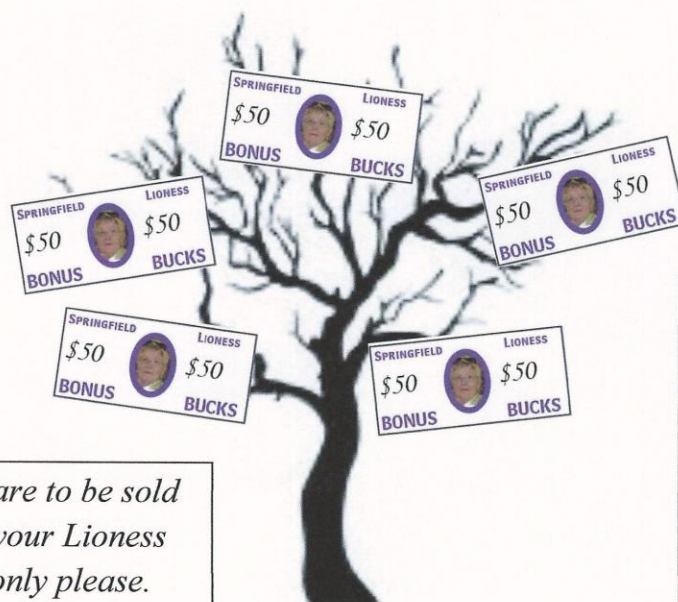


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Value of \$250.

ALL PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT THE A-1 LIONESS PROGRAM

Tickets \$2. each ~ or ~ 3 for \$5.

**TO BE DRAWN AT THE FEBRUARY
CABINET MEETING – FEB 2, 2014**



*Tickets are to be sold
within your Lioness
Club only please.*

**Please ensure ALL
tickets and money
are returned
by Feb 2nd
(at the Cabinet
Meeting) to Lioness
Kelly Pearson.**



Springfield Lioness
are PROUD to host the



A-1 Lioness Cabinet Meeting

Sunday, February 2, 2014

~ ~ Harrietsville I.O.O.F. Hall ~ ~

5457 Elgin Road, Harrietsville
Wheelchair Accessible – see map enclosed

**Come out to Support
Our A-1 Lioness Executive**

Cost - \$15.00 per person
[includes lunch and door prizes]

9:30 am - Coffee & Refreshments

10:00 am - Meeting begins

Lunch to Follow

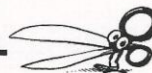
Please R.S.V.P. BY Wed, January 22, 2014

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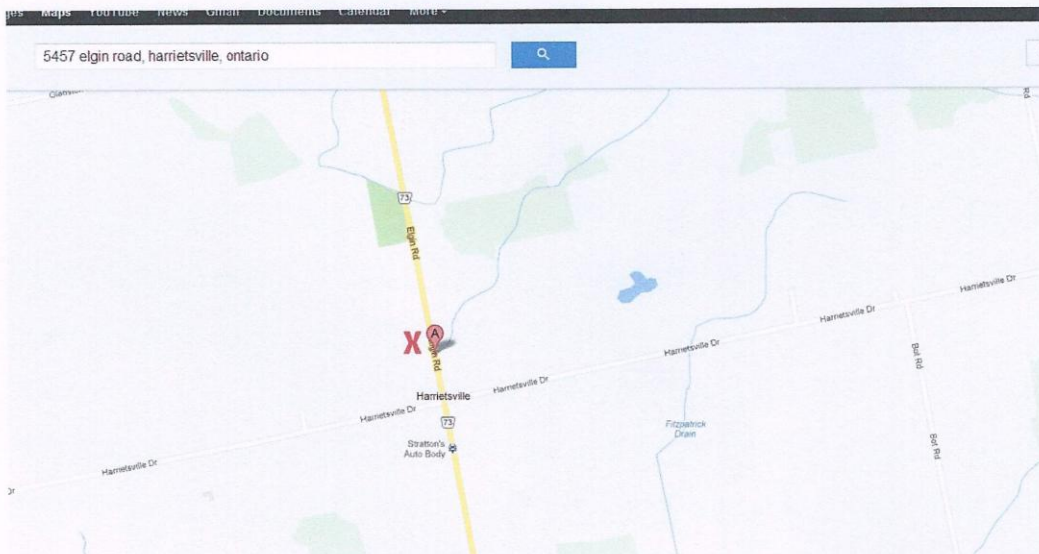
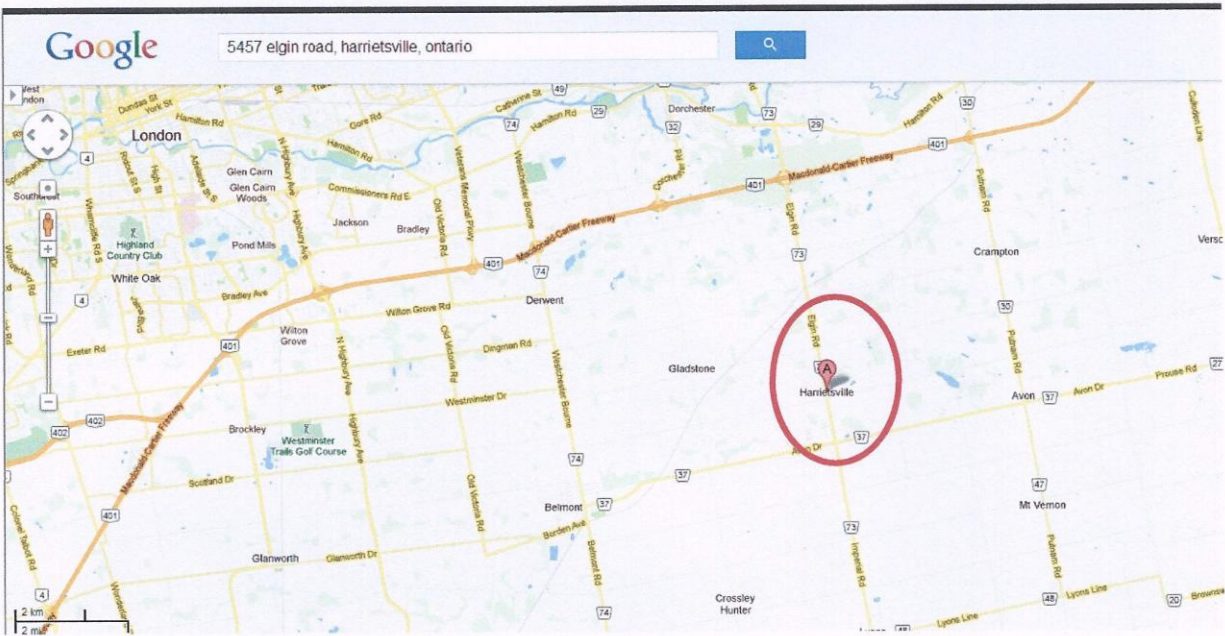


Club Name & Contact: _____

Number attending Brunch _____ **x \$15.00 per person =** _____

Please make cheques payable to "Springfield Lioness"

Please order and pay in advance – RSVP by Wed, January 22, 2014



**HARRIETSVILLE I.O.O.F
HOPE LODGE
No. 69
HARRIETSVILLE**

- AS YOU ARE COMING SOUTH FROM 401 – THE LODGE IS ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD IN HARRIETSVILLE. (WEST SIDE)**

PERSON OF INTEREST THE MIRACLE WORKER - ANNE SULLIVAN

Anne's Formative Years (1866-1886)

Anne was determined to get out of Tewksbury. She had heard of a school for blind children in Massachusetts and she had heard that an investigation of Tewksbury was about to take place. In 1880, when Frank B. Sanborn, an official for the State Board of Charities of Massachusetts, came to inspect the school, Anne flung herself at him saying, "Mr. Sanborn, Mr. Sanborn, I want to go to school!"

Her plea was successful. Very soon after she had pleaded with the official, she was sent to the Perkins School for the Blind. Some of the women who lived at Tewksbury dressed her for the journey, replacing her threadbare and ill-fitting garments with better clothing.

Anne found it hard to adapt to the Perkins School for the Blind. It was a quiet and polite place, unlike the rude environment of Tewksbury that she was used to. Tewksbury was noisy and raw. The working class men and women, who were predominantly Irish Catholic, expressed all their emotions out loud and in public. Perkins on the other hand was quiet and sedate, reflective of its prosperous and Protestant patronage. Distasteful matters were not discussed at Perkins, whereas Tewksbury painted the world in very real, stark colors.

Sullivan was mortified when the other girls laughed at her for not being able to spell the simplest words. This made her determined to succeed. In time, she became a good reader and a lover of poetry.

A year after her arrival at Perkins, she was sent to the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, where she had the first of two operations. The second operation took place a year later in 1882. These operations changed Sullivan's life. Her sight was greatly improved after ten years of almost no usable sight.

At Perkins Anne's hard work and keen mind resulted in her being chosen as the valedictorian of her class in 1886.



A classroom at the Perkins School for the Blind, circa 1890. In the background, students are seated in a circle around what is possibly a rabbit. Two students are seen working at a desk in the foreground. Two large windows create a bright atmosphere, enhanced by plants, a piano, and cabinets filled with equipment.

To be continued