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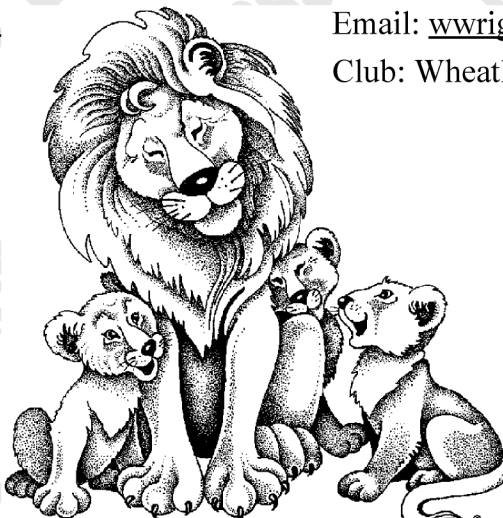
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President's Message



Hello District A-1 Lioness:

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone is over the hustle and bustle of the Christmas Holidays, and are ready to get back to fundraising and helping out in your communities.

It is January already and I have visited five clubs, attended an "M.D.A." meeting, 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. 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 have inducted some new cubs into, Arkona Lioness, Port Stanley Lioness, and the installation of the Wyoming Executive. I'm looking forward to inducting two new members into the Belmont Lioness Club on Jan12th. I would like to invite all the new cubs to join us at the Cabinet meeting on February 1st. There is a New Member Achievement Award and Sponsor Award in the new member kit. I hope to give these out to all new cubs and sponsors at the June Cabinet meeting.

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."

Happy New Year 2015

from your District A-1 Officers



A Warm Welcome to All the New Lioness Members.

we hope to see you at the Cabinet Meeting on Feb. 1st. in Wyoming

Arkona Lioness - Janet Cogswell

Wyoming Lioness - Natalie Neville
Lori Gosse

Glencoe Lioness - Laura and Lindsay Degraw

Mt Brydges Lioness- Sharon Taylor
Janice Turnbull

Port Stanley Lioness - Peggy Ruby
Ruth Prentice
Wendy Berger



St Thomas Charitable Gaming Association
Christmas Care 2014



St. Thomas Gaming Association donated \$11,300 to Christmas Care this year. The funds were raised through each charities donations, player donations and funds from the change over at the hall from bingo to electronic bingo.

Included in the photo are Belmont Lioness Deb McFarlan and Sonja Kennedy and Springfield Lioness Rosemary Kennedy. Andreana Collins, (far left) volunteer coordinator for Christmas Care is accepting the cheque from Cathy Walsh(2nd from right) who is President of the St. Thomas Gaming Assoc., which comprises of 71 charities. The two helpers with the hats are Jackpot City staff - Shannon (tall hat) & Katie (Santa hat). The others in the photo are from South Dorchester Optimist & Middlesex Community Living.



District A-1 Lioness Cabinet Meeting

When : Sunday February 1st, 2015

Where: Wyoming Lions Hall 554 Main Street Wyoming

Cost: \$10.00 per person payable to the Wyoming Lioness Club (our hosts)

Coffee and Muffins will be available between 9-10 a.m before the meeting

Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.

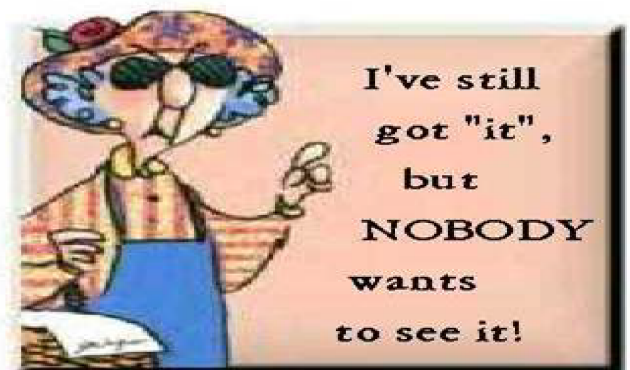
Light Lunch will follow the meeting

contact Wyoming Club President Carol 519-845-0479

with the number of members from your club who will be attending

or email her at carolgardiner15@gmail.com

A little Maxine Humour to Start the New Year off right.



A-1 Lioness Presidents Official Visits 2015

January 12, 2015	Belmont
January 14	Port Stanley
January 27	London Central
February 12, 2015	Aylmer
February 18	London East
February 23	Mount Brydges
March 9, 2015	Glencoe (with Chairman Ray)
March 19	Springfield



CABINET MEETINGS & Other Important Dates:

- January 17,18 2015 MD"A" Cabinet Meeting – Markham
- Feb 1st, 2015 Cabinet Meeting hosted by Wyoming Lioness at the Wyoming Lions Hall
- 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 Stankey Lioness Club

Lioness Directory Corrections

MD"A" President Lioness Marg Turon's new address is
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Wheatley Lions & Lioness Float carrying Santa Claus in the Wheatley Christmas Parade. It was designed and built by Lioness Nancy and Lion Wayne Wright



What's Happening in District A-1

Arkona - Dist. President Beth Ann inducted new member Janet Cogswell at the Nov.25th meeting. November donations totalled \$2250. Members donated canned goods to Contact House and went carolling and gave all the seniors a tin of homemade cookies. (47 tins) They also enjoyed Christmas Dinner with the Lions.

Aylmer - Oct. - Dec. donations totalled \$3152. Busy planning for their Annual Ladies Night May 22, 2015 mark that date on your calendar. Donated to Corner Cupboard Food Bank which serves many families in the community. Volunteer service hours for Oct. 349.45 hrs.

Members volunteer to operate the Tuck shop at the Terrace Lodge Retirement Community.

Belmont - Their fundraising activity is 3 bingos a month and in November they donated \$3,225.00 to various causes. They decorated the Community park with Christmas decorations. They also decorated the Arena Hall for Christmas and participated in the Santa Claus Parade. Members packed food for the Corner Cupboard in Aylmer at least 50 boxes and also collected mittens. They enjoyed a Christmas PotLuck at their Dec. meeting and invited the Belmont Lions to the meeting.

Delaware - Dist. Pres. Beth Ann & Lioness Chair Ray made their official visit in November at a Pot Luck Dinner.

Glencoe - Glencoe Lionesses are busy catering dinners they had 92 volunteer hours in November. They helped out at the Christmas Parade and donated to the Glencoe Library for honour books. Two new members joined at the November meeting, Laura and Lindsey Degraw.

London Central -Donations for the month of November totalled \$600.00. They continue to hold bingos at the Dearness Home. They also held a bazaar in November and support their community through donations to food bank, Salvation Army, Childreach, Women's Community house, Ark Aid Street Mission and more.

London East - Are currently selling tickets on a fund-raiser.They have sent tickets to all A-1 Lioness clubs.

Mount Brydges- PMDA Pres Ev Crisp inducted 2 new members at the Nov. meeting, Sharon Taylor and Janice Turnbull. They had their annual Christmas dinner, where they played word games, pass the gift and everyone received a goodie bag. Monthly bingos are their main fundraiser. Lioness work the blood donor clinic and bingos with 24 volunteer hrs listed on the November M&A.

Port Stanley - Very busy travelling with Dist. Pres. Beth Ann and Lioness Chair Lion Ray. Four Lioness worked the Diabetes Tag Day with the Port Lions Club. Lioness help put on the Dickens Parade and they had a great turnout. A \$2,500. donation was made to St. Thomas Elgin Hospital towards Laproscopic Bowel Equipment from the profits of their Wine & Cheese night. The club held a Christmas Party at their Dec. meeting with a traditional Turkey Dinner, the members donated canned goods, mittens, scarves, etc. in lieu of exchanging gifts.Their volunteer hours totalled 178.5 and donations totalled \$2600. They hold monthly Foot Care Clinics, volunteer at Elgin manor Tuck Shop, work church suppers and are involved with Community Policing.

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

South Windsor - They do not have meetings in January or February as they have several snowbirds away. They continue to collect Canadian Tire Money and have Nevada tickets as a fundraiser. In November they donated \$704. for books, Coats for Kids, Children's Aid Christmas, Windsor Homes Coalition, etc. They also collected for Remembrance Day Poppies. Dist Pres. Beth Ann and Lioness Chairman Lion Ray visited in November. with 4 Port Stanley Lioness.

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 was busy selling fudge and peanut brittle before the holidays and held a very successful Craft Show. They hold a 50/50 draw and stuffed Lion Draw at every meeting. In December they were fined if they didn't wear an ugly sweater. Profits from the sale of Pudge/Brittle \$962.50 and the Craft Show \$1370.50 The club is very involved in their community especially with the school breakfast programs. In Dec. they reported 171.5 volunteer hours and \$1750. in donations. Donations in December were to VON, Chatham Kent Dynastic Image, Chatham Women's Shelter and the Goodfellows.

Wheatley - Wheatley Lioness Club held an Ugly Sweater Contest at the Dec. meeting and members brought canned goods, mitts, scarves, gloves, toys, books, etc. for the Wheatley Food Bank. The Wheatley Santa Parade Dec. 7th was well attended and Lioness Nancy Wright did an awesome job on the reindeer for the Lion/Lioness float. See picture on page 5. Lioness Judy was in charge of the Kids Christmas which was held right after the parade at the Legion this year, Santa was on hand to greet the children and hand out bags of candy. There was also hot chocolate, tim bits and a fish pond for the kids. Great Job ladies. In November the club recorded 85 volunteer hours and also presented a bursary of \$500.00 at the Tilbury High School Graduation Ceremony. They also made donations to Eyes Right, Wheatley Community Chest, Wheatley Area Public School (for mittens) and Leamington Hospital Continuing Care Unit. The Wheatley Lions invited the Lioness to their Annual Christmas Party held at the Car Barn and all the ladies received a gift. The Las Vegas Vacation Draw Dec. 24th was won by Ted Cobby of Wheatley.

Wyoming - In November they added two new members Natalie Neville and Lori Gosse. They also visited Albany Retirement Village in Nov. & provided the residents with pie, ice cream and entertainment. Donations from November and December M&A total \$5,306. In December they had a wine & cheese party at the President's home and each member took a child's gift which was donated to Petrolia & Dist. Christmas for Everyone. They also enjoyed a joint dinner with Lions & spouses, catered by a local Church group. Everyone donated canned goods for Petrolia Food Bank. The club also visited C.E.E. Hospital Chronic Care and took cupcakes, arranged entertainment and gave each patient a small gift as well as donation to their activities. They continue to work bingos and have pie bees.

The Adventures of "L" the Travelling Pumpkin

"L" has been very busy travelling ever since we got her while visiting the Wheatley Lioness Club in October. She attended our Port Stanley Lioness Wine & Cheese Fundraiser on Oct. 24th where she spent the evening under the watchful eye of the bartenders. Then she was off to South Windsor Lioness on Nov. 5th with us, where she had a lovely dinner at the Lumberjack Restaurant. Her next visit was to the Tilbury Lioness Club on November 10th, with Lioness Chairman Lion Ray.

"L" then went to visit the Delaware Lioness Club on November 18th, where she enjoyed a fabulous Pot Luck dinner.

The following night November 19th she was invited to the Port Stanley Lions Club, where she even got to meet some of the Leos.

After a short rest "L" was off to the Arkona Lioness Club on November 25th. where she met

a new cub that was inducted that night and everyone there enjoyed the gift exchange.

"L" is learning that although the Lioness are all members of the Lions family, all of the clubs have their own unique way of doing things.

The one thing that is the same, is that All of the Lioness in District A-1 work hard to raise money for their communities.

"L" will be making one last visit to the Port Stanley Lions & Lioness Christmas Party after which she will be retired. Thank you to the Wheatley Lioness who gave us "L" back in Oct. She has had a great time travelling and has had many photo ops during her visits.

Hopefully we will find a new travelling mascot in the New Year, so that we have more adventures to tell.

We are sharing some pictures for you to enjoy.

President Beth Ann, Lioness Chairman Ray and the Port Stanley Lioness

Lioness Lucy Hodovick was the creator of "L" she is the Wheatley Lioness taitwister

