

# LIONESS OF DISTRICT A-1

# PURRR-R

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WHAT LIONESS TOWN IS THIS?

## *President's Message*

Hi Lioness:

Is Spring here yet? I see the buds on the trees and the farmers in the field, but the weatherman isn't co-operating consistently with the temperatures -28 one day and 13 the next. I love to see the growth popping thru the earth. To me this signifies a new beginning. I'm writing this during 2-4 weekend, stuck inside in between rain showers. I had hoped to be able to get my yard work done this weekend, but will have to work at it in the coming week.



The municipality where I live is compiling a History book of families in the community and residents from years ago. My ancestry goes back to the early 1800's from this community, so I have been trying to dig up information on my family. Well I'm really excited as I have found a 4th generation cousin. All this information is so interesting, but where does it stop.

To all club Secretaries, please send in your M&A reports to the appropriate committees so that they can be counted in the June totals.

Cabinet officers please bring your name tags to the Cabinet meeting so that it may be passed on to the 2014-2015 Cabinet officer.

Pillowcases - any club or individual who has sewn pillowcases for Con-Kerr Cancer, **I THANK YOU**. Please bring them to the Cabinet meeting and I will see they are distributed to the proper children's ward.

Don't forget to send in your Visitation reports to Lioness Sherry Wismer, who has taken on this part of the Vice President's duties. You have until June 30th to include your visits.

I have mixed emotions for this coming June. I will be sad to step down from an incredible year of Lionism. I have met so many great Lioness and am impressed with all that they do. Of course, I'm happy for the District to have an incoming President, Lioness Beth Ann Connors. I know she will enjoy this journey such as I did. I wish Beth Ann and her cabinet well for the year 2014-2015.

Now the last Cabinet meeting will be hosted by the Belmont Lioness club on Sunday, June 22nd in Belmont. I hope to see many of you there.



*Live, Love, Laugh  
District A-1 President,  
Lioness Joyce Leal*



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#### **What Makes A Dad**

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad

Author Unknown



## District A-1 Club News

### Arkona Lioness – 18 Members

**April** – Had a Pot Luck dinner meeting and made pillow cases after. Held a Meat Raffle at Grog's. On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, they held a free supper for the Seniors' of Arkona. Donations made to Seniors Hot Water Heater Rental and Taxandria Kids Soccer Club

### Aylmer Lioness – 18 Members

**April** – Had one guest in attendance this meeting. They are still busy on the final plans for their Spring Ladies Night, May 23, 2014. They continue to support their community by VON programs, church and local clubs and associations, and staff the tuck shop at Terrace Lodge each month. Total volunteer hours for March were **226** hours. Four members attended A-1 District Convention in Sarnia. They continue to sponsor monthly bingos. Proceeds from their Ladies Night event will be donated to Elgin services (Violence Against Women) towards the building of a new facility in St. Thomas. Donations made to Dog Guides, Tactile Tales, East Elgin Agricultural Society, Canadian Cancer Society and Lions Home for Deaf.

### Belmont Lioness – 38 Members

**April** – Several members attended the Convention. Service Activities include Church work, Foot Care Clinic, volunteering at the hospital, making wool blankets, weave sleep mats, collect tabs for wheel chairs and Bel Parc Bingo. Service hours are **143**. Bingos at St. Thomas Bingo Country, make pies and a Bazaar are their fundraiser. President Joyce and PDP Lioness Janet attended the District Presidents A2 visit to the Vienna Club. Donations made to VON Middlesex, Harmony LEA, Belmont Lions Seniors and Belmont Community Park.

### Delaware Lioness – 14 Members

**April** – In January they helped the Delaware Lions with Trivia night and also with a Fish Fry. They held and Easter Egg Hunt. Service hours were **172**. Donations made to Canada Day, Kids Help Phone, Eyes Right and Dog Guides.

### Glencoe Lioness – 20 Members

**April** – Service hours were **13** hours. They drove a senior and helped the VON. One attended Convention and Cabinet meeting. Donations made to Junior Fair, Junior Golf Day, Tactile Tales and the VON.

### London Central Lioness – 13 Members

**April** – They held a bingo at the Dearness Home and are planning Summer Bar-B-Ques. Donations made to Dearness Bingo, Community Living London and Brain Tumour Foundation

### London East Lioness – 12 Members

Not available at this time.

### **Mount Brydges Lioness – 14 Members**

**April** - Had dinner at St. Jude's Church and had a scavenger hunt. Every Lioness won a gift. Bingos are their main fundraisers. President Ev Crisp attended the Convention. Donation made to Local Church, Delko Brydges Baseball and Walk Ride & Stride for Cancer which 3 Lioness participated in – Phyllis, Marilyn and Marie.

### **Port Stanley Lioness – 44 members**

**April** – Seven Members attended Cabinet meeting at convention, 3 the luncheon, 2 the banquet and 4 the School of Instruction. Lioness Donna Morgan visited the headquarters of Canine Vision Canada. Held and Easter Egg Hunt at the Legion. Members collect postage stamps and Campbell's Soup Labels. Service Activities are: hold and subsidize monthly Foot Care Clinic at Kettle Creek Villa, send cards to village and area residents, volunteer at Elgin Manor Tuck Shop, grocery shop and make pastoral visits for a senior and volunteer at Port Stanley Policing Commission Office. The club historian continues to take pictures for the club album. **Volunteer hours are 571 ¾.** Donations made to Lions A-1 Youth Camp Program, Brain Tumor Foundation and Lions Camp Dorset.

### **South Windsor Lioness – 14 members**

**April** – Donated a gift for the Penny Bank at Convention. Secretary attended the Convention. Selling Nevada Tickets is on-going. Donations made to LFC, Leader Dogs, Windsor Classic Indoor Games and Lions Home for The Deaf.

### **Springfield Lioness – 14 Members**

**April** – They continue to work 2 bingos per month and participate on various committees within the community as well as send cards to area residents. Four members including secretary attended the Convention and Cabinet Meeting. They continue to maintain the Mary H Pearson Memorial Park, sell memorial bricks for the pathway and upgrade the parks appearance. They are selling Community Spirit Birthday Calendars. Donations made to Springfield Family Fun Day, Port Stanley Golf Tournament for Hospital, Jesse's Journey, Springfield Fire Department and Lions Home for the Deaf.

### **Tilbury Lioness – 27 Members**

**April** – **WELCOME TWO NEW MEMBERS – Christine Mather and Charlotte Vaughan.** Service activities are Big Brothers Big Sisters, Breakfast Club, Nursing Home Bingo, Church Fish Fry, Hudson Manor, school Fund Raiser and St. Peter's Church. Club activities were 50/50, St. Patrick Dinner with Club of Clubs. Donations made to Physically Disabled, St. Frances School for Trophies, Windsor Classic Indoor Games, Hospice Windsor Essex and Tilbury Kinsmen for Summer Festival

### **Wheatley Lioness – 18 Members**

**April** – Service Activities are Nutrition Program at Wheatley Public School, worked at the Food Bank, bingo at The Meadows of Wheatley, assisted at the South Essex Community Council as well as Leamington District Memorial Hospital, Wheatley Library, East Mersea Public School, Sun Parlour Home for Seniors and Two Creeks Conservation Area for a total of 64 service hours. Main fundraiser is a bingo once a month. Three members attended Convention. Club historian is still taking pictures and bring scrapbooks to meeting. Donations made to Lions Home for the Deaf, C.N.I.B. and Big Brother Big Sisters.

### **Wyoming Lioness – 23 Members**

**April** – Five members attended the Convention. Worked two bingos this month. Donations made to Transportation of visually impaired and the future Lambton Children's Safety Village.







## A-1 Lioness Draw

### *Diva Bag*

Value of \$450!

All proceeds to support the A-1 Lioness Program

**Tickets are just \$2 each or 3 for \$5**

Draw will be held at the  
Cabinet Meeting on June 22, 2014



#### *The Diva Bag includes:*

The exclusive Nancy O'Dell Tote Bag;  
A Park Lane InStyle bracelet;  
A beautiful Pashmina and Scarf;  
A bottle of Wine;  
A Necklace and Earrings Ensemble  
and lots more gift items to unleash  
your inner Diva!

Tickets are to be sold  
within your Lioness Club  
only please



Please ensure ALL tickets and  
money are returned  
by **June 22nd**,  
at the Cabinet meeting,  
to **Lioness Joyce Leal**.



BELMONT LIONESS CLUB  
P.O. BOX 480  
BELMONT, ONTARIO  
CANADA N0L 1B0

**A-1 Lioness Cabinet Meeting**  
**Sunday, June 22, 2014**  
**Belmont I.O.O.F. Hall**  
**14004 Belmont Road**  
**Wheelchair Accessible**

Cost - \$ 15.00 per person  
Brunch at 9:30 a.m. Meeting  
to follow

Please R.S.V.P. by June 13th, 2014  
To Norma Potter, Box 480, Belmont, On.  
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Club Name & Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending Brunch \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15: per person + \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheques payable to Belmont Lioness  
Please order & pay in advance - R.S.V.P. by Friday, June 13th, 2014

### NOTICE:

**Please bring all Pillow Cases for  
Con Kerr Cancer to the  
June Cabinet Meeting**



### **International Lioness Coffee Morning**



**Lioness President Marie Meeks and the Lioness  
of Multiple District "A" invite you to attend an  
International Coffee Morning**

**Lioness – Do come and join us.**

Share ideas, chat, enjoy fun and fellowship with Lioness  
from around the world over a cup of coffee and pastries.

**Friday, July 4, 2014 10:00 am – 12:30 pm**

**Niagara Room**

**InterContinental Hotel/Toronto Centre (Multiple District "A")**  
225 Front Street  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

**RSVP – June 4, 2014**

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## ARKONA LIONESS



We enjoyed a delicious potluck supper  
and then got busy making the 38 pillow cases.  
*Photo submitted by Lioness Doris Atchison*

### Stress Management for Women

A young lady confidently walked around the room while leading and explaining stress management to an audience with a raised glass of water. Everyone knew she was going to ask the ultimate question, 'half empty or half full?'. She fooled them all .... "How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile. Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. to 20 oz.

She replied , "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm.

If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes." She continued, "and that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden - holding stress longer and better each time practiced. So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night... Pick them up tomorrow.

Be the kind of woman that when your feet hit the floor each morning the devil says~~ "Oh Crap, She's up!"

### CANCELLED

**Social Night planned for May 30<sup>th</sup>. has been cancelled. With just 20 responding it is difficult to have enough to play games and the distance in driving is not worth going.**

**Thanks PDP Lioness Janet Payne**

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## **CABINET MEETINGS & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:**

June 22, 2014	- Cabinet Meeting - hosted by Belmont Lioness at the Belmont IOOF Hall
July 4 – 8, 2014	- Lions International Convention – Toronto, ON
Oct. 24, 2014	- Lioness Black and White – Hosted by Port Stanley Lioness
Nov. 7- 9, 2014	- Laugh & Learn – Hillbilly Hollow Reunion – Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites 200 Fairview Road, Barrie, ON L4N 4P3



### **Why be a Volunteer?**

It is not for money  
It is not for fame  
It is not for any personal gain  
It is just for love of fellowman  
It is just to lend a helping hand  
It is just to give a title of self  
That is something that you  
    can not buy with wealth  
It is not medals won with pride  
It is for that feeling deep inside  
It is that reward down in your heart  
It is that feeling that you have been

A part of helping others far and near

That makes YOU a better VOLUNTEER!

*Submitted by President Joyce Leal*

Hello Lioness

This is my last issue of the Purr.

I cannot thank each and every one of you enough for your support over the last year.

Special thanks to President Joyce for asking me to be your Purr Editor and to Lioness Kelley Pearson for getting me started in the right direction.

I wish incoming President Beth Ann and her cabinet the very best. I am sure that District A-1 Lioness will have another successful year.

To the next years Purr Editor if I can help you in any way please let me know and my advice to all bulletin editors is to just have fun with it.

See you at the Cabinet Meeting

Purr Editor

*Lioness Nancy Wright*



### **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  
Port Stanley**



## **DREAMS**

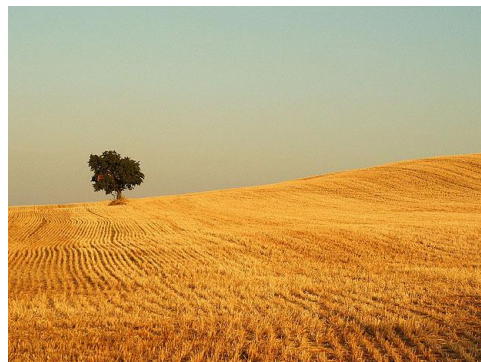
When you find  
a dream  
inside your heart  
don't ever  
let it go  
For dreams are the  
tiny seeds  
from which  
tomorrows  
grow

## **PHOTO CORNER**

### **Rule #10**

## **Experimentation**

With the dawn of the digital age in photography we no longer have to worry about film processing costs or running out of shots. As a result, experimenting with our photos' composition has become a real possibility; we can fire off tons of shots and delete the unwanted ones later at absolutely no extra cost. Take advantage of this fact and experiment with your composition - you never know whether an idea will work until you try it.



### **Tip:**

#### **Rule of odds**

For some reason, items grouped together in odds (three strawberries rather than two) give you a shot that's more interesting and easier to focus on as the middle element is automatically framed by those that surround it. Try it next time you're shooting still life work or group portraits.

Digital photography allows us to experiment with different compositions until we find the perfect one.

## **PERSON OF INTEREST**

### **THE MIRACLE WORKER - ANNE SULLIVAN**

#### **Anne's Vision Deteriorates**

Between 1927 and 1930 Anne's sight became significantly worse. As a result, she taught Polly the manual language so that she could take over the reading and daily workload. In May 1928 Anne struggled to help finish the last draft of Helen's biography **Midstream**, in which (to Helen's disappointment) Anne refused to let her mention Anne's traumatic childhood.

In June 1929, Anne's right eye was removed and Anne, Helen, and Polly traveled to the Adirondacks for Anne to convalesce. However, people continued to flock around Helen and the women decided to travel abroad to recuperate.

By 1930 Anne had less than one-tenth normal vision. Polly Thomson increasingly traveled with Helen on business engagements because Anne was physically unable to do so. That same year, under continuing pressure from Dr. Conrad Berens for Anne to convalesce, the three women took their first trip to Scotland, England, and Ireland.

The vacation brought Anne much needed rest and recuperation. The Irish leg of the trip was full of mixed emotions for Anne, who was returning to the country her parents had emigrated from. Anne felt an intense connection to Irish culture, history, and politics.

#### **Anne's Final Years (1930-1936) and Her Legacy**

In October 1930, Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania sought to honour both Anne and Helen with honorary degrees.

Anne's stubborn nature initially led her to refuse the honour, unlike Helen who graciously accepted the award. Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Temple University, A. Edward Newton, tried to convince Anne to accept the award.

Anne would not be budged and Newton said he would forcibly confer the honour upon her. Anne said she would not attend the ceremony. The more strenuously she insisted on being omitted from the event, the more attention she drew.

At the ceremony in 1931, President Charles E. Beury introduced Newton, who was presenting the award to Helen. Newton's speech transitioned from praise for Helen to an impromptu address about Anne. This rallying cry was picked up by Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania, who was attending as a recipient of an honorary degree. Pinchot demanded that the audience vote with their feet to give Anne an honorary degree. Everyone in the audience rose except for one woman, Anne, who had secretly entered the auditorium from a side entrance without the knowledge of Helen and Polly.

On February 16, 1932, Anne finally agreed to accept the honorary degree from Temple University. She delivered a speech, entitled **Education in the light of present-day knowledge and need**.

Anne's teaching methods were rarely criticized, perhaps because at that time there were no sources of comparison. However, in 1933 a clinical psychologist, Dr. Thomas D. Cutsforth, published a book **The Blind in School and Society**. In the book he questions whether or not Anne's goal was to make Helen as much like a sighted person as possible or to develop her own potential. Helen described the world around her in vivid ways; was this the result of Anne's emphasis on language and books? Cutsforth raised the important issue of Anne's influence over Helen in her teaching methods. Anne and Helen never responded publicly to Cutsforth's publication. However, Helen rejected his nomination for an M. C. Migel award in the late 1950s.

By 1933, Anne's eyesight had deteriorated still further. Once again, the three women traveled to Scotland to help Anne gather her strength. While in Scotland, Anne suffered from an outbreak of carbuncles, a serious skin condition, further undermining her health. She was admitted to a hospital shortly after their return to the United States. During her stay in the hospital, Alexander Woollcott, drama critic and radio announcer, came and read to her. Influential men sought to come to her aid.



The question arises whether or not Anne would have chosen a different path for herself if she could have, rather than remain with Helen her entire life. John D. Wright, in the 1890s, noted her musical talent and Helen recorded that her teacher had a love and aptitude for sculpture. Anne was an excellent equestrian and loved poetry. Her letters and essays reveal a very talented writer. However, her thoughts reflect a degree of fatalism as to life's eventual outcome.

In 1932, four years before she died, she again considered teaching. This time her pupil was to be a baby who was deaf-blind, however she was dissuaded from doing so. The little documentation suggests that her own volatile nature (and perhaps her bouts of ill-health) impaired her ability to focus her own talents. Moreover, her poor working-class background was perhaps a constant reminder that to remain Helen's teacher was a far more reliable way of ensuring a secure future.

By 1936 Anne's health was in an irreversible decline. Her remaining eye, operated on in April, soon began to cause her pain and she was diagnosed with gastric pains and senility. She made various trips to Canada and eastern Long Island, but none of these helped her. Finally Anne collapsed. She was taken to a hospital, suffering from a coronary thrombosis. Anne died on October 20, 1936. Anne was cremated and her ashes were laid to rest in the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. She was the first woman to be given this honour on her own merits. The momentous nature and irony of this would not have been lost on her. The daughter of poor Irish immigrants, whose life involved so much hardship and who fought to be heard and to have others listen to her as an advocate for the blind, was ultimately honoured in such a celebrated way. Moreover, Anne saw her role as secondary to Helen's and remained sceptical about her own legacy. However, she became very much a part of American popular culture.



This photograph shows Anne Sullivan Macy, center, receiving an honorary degree from Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1932. Polly is second from the left and Helen is third. All three women, as well as the four male faculty members, are wearing caps and gowns. They are standing in front of the glass doors of a large stone building.

The End