

LIONESS OF DISTRICT A-1

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MAY 2014



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WHAT LIONESS TOWN IS THIS?

President's Message

Hi Lioness:

Well convention is behind us now and I think I'm back to normal and rested up to take on what the rest of my term has in store for me.



I hope those that attended A-1 convention in Sarnia/Pt. Edward enjoyed their weekend. Friday night was a fun night with the Dr. Love's skit and then visiting the hospitality rooms, renewing old acquaintances. Lions and Lioness offered training sessions to help those taking on positions for the 2014-2015 season. I hope you found them informative. Thanks to the Lioness who accepted when I asked if they would help with the School of Instruction. Without your help we couldn't have done it.

Thanks so much to those Lioness who stepped up and accepted executive positions. If you get a call to take an appointed position on cabinet - please say yes. It is a rewarding experience.

Congratulations to Lioness Nancy Wright of the Wheatley Lioness Club for winning the Bulletin contest and congratulations also to Lioness Sue Nemett of the Port Stanley Lioness Club for the runner-up for the Bulletin contest. Well done girls.

I hope the Easter Bunny hopped by and you enjoyed Easter time with your family and friends.

There are upcoming functions and I hope all Lioness will attend and support each other club's functions.

The Advisory Committee (which consists of PDP's) are hosting a **FUN NIGHT**, Friday, May 30th. (in place of the Rally) at the Harrow Colchester South Lions Hall, (see flyer). As this event is "No Charge" please consider getting a car load or two and all chip in to help pay for the gas and come out for a fun time. I hope to see many of you in Harrow.



Live, Love, Laugh

*District A-1 President,
Lioness Joyce Leal*



A-1 LIONESS APPOINTED OFFICERS

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Past President: PDP Trudy Brown
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PPMD"A" Geri Vary
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District A-1 Club News

Arkona Lioness – 18 Members

March –Dinner meeting was held at Ash's Restaurant and then a movie. Held a Meat Raffle at Grog's on March 8th. Donations made to Guide Dogs, Make a Wish, Easter Seal Camp, Camp Kirk, Lake Joseph's Transportation and Small World Nursery School.

Aylmer Lioness – 18 Members

March–Lion/ Lioness Liaison Lion Bob Bride was their guest. They are busy serving meals for church groups, staff the VON fitness programs, staff school breakfast clubs, knit projects for infants and for ill or infirm, operate the tuck shop at Terrace Lodge and local churches and clubs are represented by many of their members. Several members represent their club at the inter-club curling bonspiel and others come to cheer them on. Total volunteer hours for January and February were **475** hours. Their 2 co-chair presidents and past president attended an interclub dinner sponsored by the Kinsmen. They continue planning for their **Spring Ladies Night, May 23, 2014**. Donation made to Fresh Start Maternity Supports.

Belmont Lioness – 38 Members

March–They are active in the community by doing Church work, Foot Care Clinic, volunteering at the hospital, making wool blankets, weave sleep mats, collect tabs for wheel chairs and Bel Parc Bingo. Nine members accompanied District President Lioness Joyce on her visit to Springfield and 6 members went with her to Mount Brydges. For fundraising they do bingos at St. Thomas Bingo Country, make pies and have a Bazaar. Volunteer hours are **218.5**.

Delaware Lioness – 14 Members

The club does not meet in Jan., Feb., or March.

Glencoe Lioness – 20 Members

March –Their service hours are: VON 3 hours, driving senior 10 hours and making pies 8 hours for a total of 41 service hours. Donations made to updates in the Legion, medical help for senior and Lions Home for the Deaf People.

London Central Lioness – 13 Members

February – No meeting this month due to the weather.

March – They held a bingo at the Dearness Home and are planning Summer Bar-B-Ques. Donations made to Lions Foundation (Dog Guides), Camp Kirk Foundation, Easter Seals (Camp Woodeden), Boys & Girls Swim-a-thon, Dearness Bingo and Mission Services.

London East Lioness – 12 Members

February – For fundraising they have a 50/50 draw, Nevada Tickets and are talking about selling Almonds and Cookies. Went for coffee and donuts after meeting.

March – They are selling Chocolate Almonds, Nevada Tickets and have a 50/50 draw. Donations made to Lions Foundation, Homes for the Deaf, Effective Speaking, Youth Camp, Crohn's & Colitis and Tactile Tales. After meeting had coffee and donuts.

Mount Brydges Lioness – 14 Members

March – Special guest District President Lioness Joyce Leal along with 5 Belmont Lioness. Donation made to St. Jude's Food Bank in District Presidents name. They do Bings every 2nd. Friday of the month and the 5th. if there is one.

Port Stanley Lioness – 44 members

March – Donations made to Serenity House, Port Stanley Theater, Tactile Tales, Easter Egg Hunt and the Legion. The Chili Cook Off was a great success with over 175 people attending.

South Windsor Lioness – 14 members

February – Three members attended the Cabinet Meeting

March- District President Lioness Joyce Leal was their special guest along with another Belmont Lioness. Selling Nevada Tickets is on-going. Donations made to Lake St. Joseph's Transportation and District President's project for Diabetes Camp.

Springfield Lioness – 13 Members

March – They work 2 bingos per month and sell community spirit birthday calendars and participate on various committees within the community. They continue to maintain the Mary H Person Memorial Park, sell memorial bricks for the pathway and upgrade the parks appearance. They host the seniors Christmas in July every year. Donations made to Aylmer Fair Horse Show, District President Joyce's project – Diabetes Camp for youth and Heart & Stroke in memory of former member's father-in-law passing. Visitation was Vienna Lioness.

Tilbury Lioness – 25 Members

March – Service activities are World Day of Prayer, Pasta Night, Church, KC Fish Fry and Big brothers and Big Sisters for a total of 43.5 volunteer hours. Club activities are 50/50 draws, Breakfast Club and Club of Clubs. Donations made to Tilbury Youth Swim Team and Easter Egg Hunt.

Wheatley Lioness – 18 Members

March – They are still busy with the 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. Continue to work a bingo once a month for fundraising. Donations made to Leader Dogs, Wheatley Minor Soccer, Meadow's Social Fund, Two Creeks Conservation Area and swimmer Cody Lavoie.

Wyoming Lioness – 23 Members

March – Worked two bingos and had a pie bee. Donations made to Transportation of visually impaired, Kids Help Phone, Petrolia Figure Skating Club, Children's Hospital in London, Petrolia Food Bank, Inn of the Good Shepherd and Organization for Literacy in Lambton.





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.
N0L 1B0, Phone 519-644-1504
email - norma.potter@sympatico.ca

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

The Aylmer Lioness Invite You To

COUNTRY GOLD



an evening of fun



Featuring *DOUBLE "L"*



Guest speaker : *ALLAN HUGHSON*

Appetizing *FOODS*

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Aylmer Legion Hall

Friday, May 23rd, 2014 7 PM

doors open at 6:30

Tickets: \$20.00



Barb - 519-773-9058

Sharon - 519-773-2364



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

Yours in Lionism,
Lioness Dale Jackson,
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A-1 Lioness Convention Cabinet Meeting – Saturday, April 5, 2014 Sarnia/ Pt. Edward

Condensed

District A-1 President Lioness Joyce Leal welcomed the Lioness members, & Lioness Chairmen.

President Joyce Leal called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the singing of “O Canada”, followed by the Lioness Ode. Lioness Geri Vary lit the Diabetes Candle of Hope, followed by a moment of silence for those from our Lioness family who have passed away.

**President Joyce ask all first time Lioness to stand & be introduced by their sponsor,
Lioness Shereen Telfer, Aylmer by Sponsor Lioness Roberta Wilson, Lioness Tina Davidson, Belmont,
Sponsor Lioness Deb McFarlan**

**President Joyce introduced the head table which included Secretary Sonja & President Joyce.
Protocal was set.**

Roll Call :

Elected Officers: 2 Present - 1Absent

Lioness Chairmen: 2 Present

Clubs: 14 Clubs represented

Appointed Officers: 10 Present - 3 Absent

Past District Presidents: 12 Present - 5 Absent

Copies of the complete minutes of the February 2, 2014, Cabinet Meeting held in Harrietsville were placed on the chairs for the members to peruse prior to the meeting. In addition, these minutes were sent out in February via e-mail and/or mail to the Club Secretaries to distribute to their members.

There were no errors found by the members.

Correspondence - read by Secretary Sonja Kennedy

International Lioness Coffee Morning, Friday, July 4, 2014, International Convention, Toronto- Lioness Dale Jackson.

Laugh & Learn November 7 – 9, 2014, Holiday Inn, Barrie

Business arising from the correspondence – none raised

Report of Lioness Chairman

***East* - Lion Bob Bride - has had a great learning year including how to read a calendar. He has made completed 8 visits. Membership in the East is 165. He wishes his successor all the best & is available for help & warnings at any time.**

***West* - Lion George Vary – has finished Official Visits to a total of 120 members with an increase of 7 in the West. George thanks the Secretaries for their reports, hospitality & fellowship during his visits.**

Lion Ev Spiering – reported on Effective Speaking MDA Finals being held May 31, 9:00 a.m. Four Point Sheraton, London.

Lion Ev reported registration 279 guests.

Report of Elected Officers:

***President* – Lioness Joyce Leal has visited all her clubs thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality shown to her & her travelling companions.**

President Joyce will collect Con-Kerr Cancer Pillowcases at the June Cabinet Meeting to be distributed to child cancer patients.

She is still hoping to make a child happy by going to Diabetic Camp Huronda.

Vice President – NA

Secretary – Lioness Sonja Kennedy - Have received M & A reports regularly except when clubs are away holidaying. Thank the Secretaries for their good reports, Volunteer hours reported are 6, 971.75 hours, Donations since September \$82, 062.15

Treasurer – PDP Lioness Ruby Hunter reporting for Treasurer Lioness Janice McCallum. Treasurer's copies of the financial report are found on chairs.

To date – comparison of actual & budget figures are looking good. Bank balance is \$3,430.88 in addition to the GIC value \$2,089.46. Effective May 1st, 2014 there will be a change to the BMO Community Accounts – there will now be a monthly "Account Administration Fee" of \$2.50 for balances under \$5,000. & will no longer pay interest .

Report of Appointed Officers:

Purr Editor – Lioness Nancy Wright – 8 issues are now out Please contact Nancy if you would like something in the Purr.

Eyes Right – Lioness Sherry Wismer has received donations from 13 clubs totaling \$2,775.00. Eyes Right have completed the last project (2 Cyro Systems & Head pieces for the Ivey Eye Institute) in half the time projected.

In twenty-three years of existence the foundation has purchased eye surgical equipment worth \$759,052.18. A new logo has been designed & new brochures will be printed. Check website for Eyes Right at

www.lionseyesright.ca

Remember to register your organ donation consent with the Ministry of Health to ensure your wishes are known.

Lions Foundation of Canada – Lioness Bev Filewood, Port Stanley Lioness are holding an information day at the Foodland Store on May 9th. This is to seek donations & educate the public on the L.F.C. the Canada wide fundraising. "Walk for Dog Guides" is on May 25th at Port Stanley. She encourages each club to hold their own walk. Five clubs have donated \$1,300 to date to L.F.C.

Membership – Lioness Barb Wintermute noted that the District A-1 membership is 284. Wyoming Lioness have added 6 new members.

Sensory Conservation – Lioness Robbie Matthews did not send in a report

Social Services – Lioness Cathie Matthews has heard from 8 Clubs who have donated a total of \$5,595.64 on several projects for a grand total of \$39, 298.26. Lioness Cathie hopes to receive donations from the other clubs before the June Cabinet meeting.

Youth & Substance Abuse – Lioness Karen Watson has heard from 7 clubs & donation since the last cabinet meeting are \$1,295.00. Donations have gone to High Schools, Library programs, Camps, Effective Speaking & Youth Camp & extra blankets for Youth Camp.

Youth Camp Lioness Co-chair – Lioness Carrol Vincent reported it will be a small camp of only 10 students due to the lack of Host Families. New spot to take the youth to is Iceculture plant in Hensel. Lioness Carrol would like to thank Port Stanley for the check to purchase items for the camp & London east for the tubs & towels.

Tactile Tales – Lioness Maureen Coleman reported heard from 10 clubs for a total of \$650.00. There continues to be a continual rise in calls to Tactile Tales because of all-day kindergarten. There is a shortage of volunteers to prepare the books.

Lions Home for the Deaf – PPMD "A" Anna Giles An open house for the new home in London will take place at a later date to be announced. Lioness Anna hopes to receive 100% participation from the Lioness Clubs.

Advisory Committee – PDP Ruby Hunter gave an extensive report from the Advisory meeting March 22nd Below is a summary: Lengthy discussion on executive for 2014 - 2015. – Financial report was presented &

discussion on investment. – Change to M & A – set up & wording – Cost of Purrs \$20.00 – Fun Social Night – since no rally – advisory to host a social night – details to follow –
Policy Manual changes – revamp wording, copies ready for June Cabinet Meeting with changes & updates –
Winner of Bulletins – 5 copies sent to MD “A” President – School of instruction at Cabinet Meeting - Financial review committee – Ev Crisp, Agnes Croft & Anna Giles.

Convention – PDP Trudy Brown reported 53 Lioness registered. Lioness are only voting on the location of the 2016 Convention. 3 bids are Holiday Inn, Sarnia, Lamplighter Inn, London, Four Points, London

International Director Yves Leveille from Quebec brought greetings from Lions International.

District Governor Bob Tanner spoke on the importance of having a Lioness Executive and encouraged Lioness to step forward.

District President Lioness Joyce Leal presented International Director Yves Leveille with her district pin.

Business arising

Please note the following mail change: janetrpayne@hotmail.com

Mailing address for Mt. Brydges Lioness c/o Lioness Ev Crisp, R.R.# 4, 23605 Coldstream Road, Komoka, Ontario, N0L 1R0

Beth Ann Connors, 411 Tower Heights, Port Stanley, N5L 1G2

Travelling Lioness – PPMD”A” Ev Crisp is encouraging everyone to get travelling & get your card signed.

Old Business

New Business

School of Instruction is being held after lunch in this room for President, Secretary, Treasurer, Lioness Tamer & Tail Twister.

Election of Officers – Lioness Karen Watson made a motion to nominate Lioness Beth Ann Connors, Port Stanley Club for position of District A-1 President 2014 – 2015. Seconded by Lioness Mary Lou MacKinnon, Port Stanley Club.

Lioness Beth Ann Connors accepted & carried.

Lioness Karen Watson made a motion to nominate Lioness Cheryl Wismer, Port Stanley Club for Position of 1st Vice President of District A-1 2014 – 2015. Seconded by Lioness Mary Lou MacKinnon, Port Stanley Club.
Lioness Cheryl Wismer accepted & carried.

Lioness Janet Payne made a motion to nominate Lioness Sonja Kennedy, Belmont Club for position of District A-1 Secretary 2014 – 2015. Seconded by Lioness Barb Wintermute, Belmont Club.
Lioness Sonja Kennedy accepted & carried.

Lioness Geri Vary Made a motion to nominate Lioness Nancy Wright, Wheatley Club for the Position of District A-1 Treasurer. Seconded by Lioness Janet Payne, Belmont Club.
Lioness Nancy Wright accepted & carried.

Very happy Lioness that we have a full slate of officers for 2014-2015. Thank the Lioness that came forward.

PDP Lioness Trudy went over the Voting for 2016 Convention site – Four Point Sheraton & Lamplighter, in London & Holiday Inn, Sarnia/Point Edward.

Fun Night - Since there is no Spring Rally for 2014 Lioness PDP Janet Payne explain the Fun Games Night being held at Harrow, Friday, May 30th, 7:00 p.m. Light lunch, table snacks courtesy of Wheatley Lioness. Let PDP Lioness Janet Payne know if you attending. Lioness that are attending should bring a desert.

Presentation of Bulletin Contest went to Lioness Nancy Wright, Wheatley Lioness Club & runner up Sue Nemett, Port Stanley Club.

PDP Janet Payne had a Fun Auction & the proceeds \$ 30.00 went toward sending a child to Diabetic Camp Huronda. Winners were Lioness Kim Garside, Arkona, Geri Vary, Wheatley, Carrol Vincent, Springfield, Anna Geene, Delaware, Beth Anne Connor, Port Stanley, & Pat McLellan, Belmont.

Club Announcements

- Country Gold, Aylmer Legion Hall, Friday May 23rd, 2014 at 7:00 pm- \$20.00
- Next Cabinet meeting will be held on June 22, 9:30 Brunch at the Belmont Odd Fellows Hall 14004 Belmont Road. Cost \$15.00
- Port Stanley –Guide Dog Walk – May 25th
- Port Stanley Lioness Black & White, Friday, October 24th
- Past Petrolia Member Dennis Walton donated full set of PDG Pins – tickets 3/\$5.
- Effective speaking pins \$5.00

Lioness Song sung proudly by all.

Motion to adjourn made by Lioness Dianne Redman, Arkona

President Joyce thanked the Lioness for coming & hope they would return for School of Instruction following Lunch.



NOTICE: Change of Address:

Due to the high cost of a Post Office Box the Wheatley Lioness address is now: Wheatley Lioness Club, c/o Lioness Geri Vary, Box 865, Wheatley, ON N0P 2P0

Mailing address for Mt. Brydges Lioness c/o Lioness Ev Crisp, R.R.# 4, 23605 Coldstream Road, Komoka, Ontario, N0L 1R0

Beth Ann Connors, 411 Tower Heights, Port Stanley, N5L 1G2

NOTICE: PDP Lioness Janet Payne's Email address: janetrpayne@hotmail.com

NOTICE:

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

DISTRICT A-1 SOCIAL



Friday, May 30

All welcome!!

Come and enjoy a Spring evening with other A-1 Lioness.

Our **Fun Friday** will include some small donated door prizes, board games (Bring one you have.), cards, crokinole (Bring your board.), etc. plus a 50/50 draw.



There will be no entry charge.

Just partner up or bring a club dessert for eating later.



---Cash bar---

Location - Harrow Colchester South Lions Clubhouse, 206 McAfee St.

Time – 7:00 p.m.

Please contact Lioness Janet Payne, PDP by **May 15**, to let her know how many are coming from your club.
Call 519-268-3587 or email janetrpayne@hotmail.com



CONVENTION APRIL 4~6

Friday Night



Parade of Banners



Creative Thinking
What Club Forgot the Banner?



Governor Bob Tanner
President Joyce Leal



Guest Speaker
Ryan Chin



The Choir

Cabinet Meeting - Saturday



Doctor Love



Guest Speaker at Luncheon



Lion Evelyn Spiering



President Joyce and International
Guest Yves Leveille



PDP Janet Payne
Fun Auction



Past District Presidents



Past District Governors



Convention Sunday, April 6, 2014

Remembrance Service held for:

Lioness Helen Veale – Club: Mount Brydges

Lioness Eleanor Helps – Club: Wyoming

Lioness Betty Page – Club: Port Stanley

Lioness Yuksel Altan – Club: London Central

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal.

Love leaves a memory no one can steal.

CABINET MEETINGS & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

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| May 2-4, 2014 | - MD"A" Convention at Deerhurst |
| May 24, 2014 | - Spring Ladies Night –hosted by Aylmer Lioness |
| May 25, 2014 | - Walk for Dog Guides – Port Stanley |
| May 30, 2014 | - Fun Night – hosted by the Advisory Committee – Harrow, ON |
| June 22, 2014 | - Cabinet Meeting - hosted by Belmont Lioness at the Belmont IOOF Hall |
| July 4 – 8, 2014 | - Lions International Convention – Toronto, ON |

DISTRICT A~1 ELECTED OFFICERS 2014 ~15

A-1 Lioness President – Lioness Beth Ann Connors – Club: Port Stanley
Immediate Past President – Lioness Joyce Leal – Club: Belmont
A-1 Lioness Vice-President – Lioness Sherry Wismer – Club: Port Stanley
A-1 Lioness Secretary – Lioness Sonja Kennedy – Club: Belmont
A-1 Lioness Treasurer – Lioness Nancy Wright – Club: Wheatley

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
Town Hall
Aylmer, ON**

A Mother's Love

There are times when only a Mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappoints
And calm all of our fears.
There are times when only a Mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.
There are times when only a Mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.
For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith
And a Mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the Angels
And sent from God above.
Author Unknown



PHOTO CORNER

Rule #9

Cropping

Often a photo will lack impact because the main subject is so small it becomes lost among the clutter of its surroundings. By cropping tight around the subject you eliminate the background "noise", ensuring the subject gets the viewer's undivided attention.



**Purr deadline for June, 2014
issue is
May 20, 2014**

Cut out all unnecessary details to keep the viewer's attention focused on the subject.

PERSON OF INTEREST THE MIRACLE WORKER - ANNE SULLIVAN

Trouble at Home and Abroad (1917-1930)

On April 9, 1917, Helen wrote Anne and Polly in Puerto Rico that the United States had declared war on Germany three days earlier. The two women immediately returned to the United States. Back home, Anne and Helen felt the need for a fresh start in a house that did not remind them of the breakup of Anne's marriage and earlier happy years at Wrentham. The Wrentham house was sold and the two women bought a home in Forest Hills, New York. Polly always remained an intrinsic part of the household but was never a financial partner of Helen and Anne's.

Anne and Polly spent much of this time accompanying Helen as she delivered anti-war speeches and visited blinded servicemen. On one occasion the three women visited Evergreen—the Red Cross Institute for Blinded Soldiers in Baltimore, Maryland. Nella Braddy Henney, in her biography **Anne Sullivan Macy**, describes Anne as "seething with fury" as a result of this visit. She declared that all their work was useless in the face of the chauvinism that brings about war and that will continue to leave men and women blind and maimed.

Anne's letters from Puerto Rico provide a rare glimpse into her political and social opinions. She was opposed to capitalism and the war, but her own hard, working-class background left her sceptical about the possibilities for real change. Helen held similar political views. She was an avowed socialist and pacifist. However, her own life experience, growing up in a comfortable upper middle-class southern family, left her full of idealism and a keen desire to enter the political fray. Even as Anne pours scorn on Western nations, she encourages empathy and gentle understanding as a solution to man's problems. Anne could be both a firebrand and surprisingly conciliatory.

In February 1918 Anne, Helen and Polly were invited to go to Hollywood and make a movie about Helen's life. The movie, **Deliverance**, was intended to portray the overcoming of physical blindness and deafness as well as the deliverance from political and spiritual blindness. The film was well reviewed in the national press, but it was not a commercial success. It was considered too "high-brow," with too much moralizing and not enough romance. Nor was it without its production trials and tribulations. On one occasion Anne had a heated argument with one of its financial backers whom she found too controlling; and on another occasion Helen was roundly criticized for taking the movie's script writer, Francis T. Miller, to a dinner honouring Walt Whitman. The dinner would be full of "radicals" and would bring negative publicity to the film project. To cap it all, the women had to borrow money for a journey home to New York during production of the movie.



Anne, Helen, and Polly visit Evergreen, the Red Cross Institute for Blinded Soldiers in Baltimore, Maryland, March 1919. This picture shows Helen walking with a blinded soldier, her arm linked with his. Polly and Anne follow behind with a Red Cross official in uniform and another man in civilian clothes.

The warm climate was good for Anne's health and for a short while she enjoyed the excitement and glamour of Hollywood. Helen was very aware that most of the people they met ignored Anne and focused their attention on her. This was not the case with Charlie Chaplin. At a dinner that he hosted, Chaplin spent the entire time talking to Anne about his life and his marriage. Afterward he invited them to a private screening of two of his movies, **A Dog's Life** and **Man-At-Arms**.

The commercial failure of the movie **Deliverance** brought them home to the East Coast, where they began searching for alternative work. The success of their lecture series seven years earlier encouraged them to look for similar work.

In early 1920 they took the opportunity to perform on the vaudeville circuit. The vaudeville performances were in a question-and-answer format. Anne would read prepared questions and Helen would answer them. The questions ranged from current political topics to her personal likes and dislikes. Helen's answers were witty and funny and often took aim at politicians.

The shows were a success and Helen thoroughly enjoyed the excitement of it all, but Anne did not. By 1922 her eyes were again failing, her overall health was poor, and she and Helen stopped performing.



Helen Keller (left) stands next to Anne Sullivan Macy, who is perched on a stool. This image was taken in 1924 during their vaudeville careers. Anne Sullivan Macy holds a book in her left hand and manually signs into Helen Keller's right hand. Both women are wearing embroidered and beaded evening wear. Helen's dress is sleeveless and appears to have a scooped neck. The light colored dress is highly decorated to the waist and then falls in layers of organza-like fabric with a few vertical sections around the skirt that repeat the pattern of the bodice. Anne Sullivan Macy's dark, caftan-like dress has a boat neck. The elbow-length sleeves have slits on the top. Both women have waved hair typical of the 1920s.

American Foundation for the Blind

In 1924, Anne, Helen, and Polly had the opportunity to work for the American Foundation for the Blind. AFB was founded three years earlier with a mission to represent those in the United States who were blind or visually impaired. Its president and executive director, M. C. Migel, hired Helen and Anne as ambassadors who could draw attention to the young organization. The women's task was to raise funds and advocate for the blind on behalf of AFB. The work suited them. It unleashed Helen's passion as an advocate and provided them with the financial security they needed. This business relationship was not without friction regarding expectations. During their first year of employment, Anne and Helen set a goal of two million dollars to be raised in six months for the Helen Keller Endowment Fund. By the following summer they were far from their target, as Migel suspected would happen.

Anne's attitude was far less diplomatic when she later went on the offensive. She was furious when she discovered that campaign monies for the 1926 campaign would go toward securing memberships to the Foundation and not toward the Helen Keller Endowment Fund. In addition, income that she thought they would receive outside of their contract would not be forthcoming. Ultimately, Migel and Anne compromised with certain gifts going to the Endowment Fund, but not before Anne had unleashed her anger. Although the campaign was not a fund raising success it was a public relations success. By 1927 Anne and Helen had addressed 250,000 people at 249 meetings in 123 cities. They had brought the issue of blindness to the awareness of more Americans across the country than had been achieved at any previous time. The women were invaluable—they knew it and so did Migel. The President and Executive Director used his formidable powers of persuasion to keep Anne, Helen, and Polly satisfied. He was canny enough to deal carefully with his famous employees, whom he flatteringly dubbed "The Three Musketeers."

As the years progressed, the trio and the aristocratic Migel became genuinely fond of one another.