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Hello Lioness,

At our last Cabinet meeting during the Club announcements we heard about the upcoming Christmas bazaars held by various clubs. The meeting was in September and I recall thinking "I can't believe that we are talking about Christmas already". Well, here we are 7 weeks away from December 25th and it's still hard to fathom that Christmas is just around the corner and approaching fast. So, why not get a car load of your Lioness friends together and head out to the bazaars; and, while starting your Christmas shopping you will be supporting your colleagues in their fund raising to serve their communities.

I am most proud of our Past District President Paula Bax as she will be presented the prestigious Helen Keller Award at the next MDA meeting. Currently Lioness Paula is the president of the London East Lioness Club and continuously shows her commitment to her club and to the Lioness family. Congratulations Lioness Paula!

At this writing I have had the pleasure of visiting with the Port Stanley and the London East Lioness Clubs. It was very interesting to experience two very different clubs (one with 44 members and one with 11) who hold Lioness values to the same degree. Both clubs "make it work" and are most successful. And, both clubs use humour and kindness in the running of their meetings. Well done.

As well as looking forward to meeting each one of you during my visits, I am looking forward to seeing many of our Lioness at the Laugh and Learn in Kingston in a couple of weeks. There's nothing better than sitting with Lioness friends and having a few good belly laughs while we get to know each other better. See you there!

Yours in Lionism

District A-1 President Lioness Trudy Brown

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







Make remembrance more than something you feel.

Make it something you do.

Each year, from November 5 to 11, Canadians join together to celebrate Veterans' Week - this year is no different. During this week, hundreds of commemorative ceremonies

and events will take place across the country to recognize the achievements of our Veterans and honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

This Veterans' Week, take the remembrance challenge. There are many ways to show that you remember and honour our Veterans:

- Pin a poppy above your heart.
- Attend the local Remembrance Day ceremony.
- Talk to a friend or relative who has just returned home from Afghanistan or who served in other areas of conflict.
- Listen to Veterans talk about their experiences.
- Visit the Veterans Affairs Canada Facebook fan page, write on our wall and share how you remember.
- Follow Veterans Affairs Canada on Twitter and tweet about how you remember
- Change your Facebook profile picture to a poppy.
- Blog, tweet or update your Facebook status about the importance of remembrance.
- Plant a Garden of Remembrance.

Above all, we must vow never to forget. However you choose to remember, be sure to share with everyone you know. Together, it is our duty to pass on the legacy and keep the memories of our Canadian Veterans alive.

This Veterans' Week, *take time to remember*

Canadian Virtual War Memorial (CVWM)

http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/collections/virtualmem

This site contains a registry of information about the graves and memorials of more than 118,000 Canadians and Newfoundlanders who served valiantly and gave their lives for their country. Included on this site are the memorials of more than 1,700 soldiers who died in service to Canada since the Korean War, including peacekeeping and other operations. The site also contains digital images of photographs and personal memorabilia about individual Canadians. The purpose of the Canadian Virtual War Memorial is to recognize and keep alive the memory of the achievements and sacrifices made by those who served Canada in the defence of freedom and so have contributed to the development of Canada as a nation.

Editors note: Our great uncle Erwin Leslie Pearson died May 29, 1917 serving our country in WWI. He was survived by his wife Maggie and their four children as well as his parents and his siblings. He is buried in La Clytte Military Cemetery, Belgium. He is recognized and remembered on the CVWM. ~~~ We will never forget ~~~





Visiting Lioness from Exeter at London East





President Trudy visits Port Stanley





Inducting President Darlene

President Trudy visits London East



In A-1 Lioness ...

Wyoming – 18 members



Welcome to new member Lioness Cheryl Dawson!! Lioness put a float in Wyoming fair parade. Donations to visually impaired and diapers for handicapped person.

Wheatley – 18 members

Lioness Nancy Springthorpe thanked the Club for supporting her in her Parkinson Walk she did 2 K, and she and her family raised over \$2,000.00 Way to go Lioness Nancy! Donations to Meadows Entertainment, Meadows Social Fund, Salvation Army, Legion Ladies Auxiliary, and A-1 Youth Exchange. September volunteer hours totaled 76. Way to go!! Eight members attended the cabinet meeting.

Tilbury – 24 members 🤞

58 volunteer hours in September. Way to GO!! Donations to splash pad, VON, skating club, LFC Dog Guides, Boy Scouts, Local School breakfast clubs, Local High School art bursary, Legion for Remembrance wreath, Tilbury Manor Bingo, and Tilbury Skate. Fundraising includes BBQ's and grocery tapes. Gave a donation for 30 kids to have "Drug Books" to be presented by Chatham-Kent Police, and with this donation the club has advertising in the book.

Springfield – 12 members

All tables sold out for Annual Crafts and More Show on November 18th. Donations to A-1 Effective Speaking, Lions Foundation of Canada, Wreath for Remembrance Day at Springfield Cenotaph, and The Christmas Shoppe. October meeting cancelled and replaced with a Saturday breakfast together and road trip. © Held a photo contest for area amateur photographers and the winning entry will be on the 2013 Community Birthday Calendar. At Tilbury Cabinet Meeting presented with the Visitation Award for under 20 members.

South Windsor – 14 members



Port Stanley – 44 members

Presentations of to Lioness Sherry, a 100% Secretary's award and a 100% President's award to Past Pres. Karen Watson. Congratulations!! Membership committee presented Lioness Mary Lou Mackinnon and Lioness Barbara Whalls a lovely rose in recognition of 45 years for Mary Lou and 44 years for Barb. A bouquet of flowers was given to Lioness Bette Waite as the oldest member in years of service. Donations to Huntington Patient and family. At the Cabinet meeting President Darlene accepted the Visitation Award (for over 20 members) from First-Vice Pres. Joyce Leal. Congratulations!!!

Mount Brydges – 15 members

Lioness held a Blood Donor Clinic. The members attended the MD "A" Meeting in Markham. Hold monthly bingos as fundraisers. Held a dinner for the Youth Camp and Host Families this summer.

London East – 11 members

Member volunteers for the Breast Cancer Campaign. Send birthday and anniversary cards to members. Fundraisers include Nevada ticket sales.



In A-I Lioness

London Central – 13 members



Donations to Sunshine Foundation, Teen Girls' Christmas, Mission Services, and Merrymount Family Support.

Fundraisers include selling spring bulbs and November bazaar (3rd). Two members attended the Lioness Cabinet meeting in Tilbury. Effective October - MEETING NIGHTS HAVE CHANGED to the Fourth TUESDAY of

the month. Same time, same location.

Glencoe and District Lioness – 19 members

Donations to Glencoe District High School Commencement and Gael force, Kidney foundation. Fundraising includes Glencoe Fall fair parade in conjunction with the Glencoe Lions; Home Tours November 23 and 24, and several catering jobs in November. Glencoe and District Lioness will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary in November with an in house event. FIVE members have been with the club for 25 years. CONGRATULATIONS!!

Delaware – 11 members 🥻

Contacting local schools for the Peace Poster Contest. Selling tickets for the Appin theatre as fundraiser. The Village Lights are being refurbished to be put up in the fall.

Belmont – 42 members

Avlmer - 16 members

Candle of Hope is lit at meetings. Assisted with the following community events Canada Day activities, Active Elgin Day at the Hub, Concert in the Park, and Breakfast in the Park. Volunteer Hours for June, July & August ~ 397!! Way to GO!! Donations to local student who participated in the World's Junior Games in Barcelona, London Health Sciences Centre and school scholarships.



Planning Ladies' Night event on May 24th, 2013. Club will be host to the East Elgin area Service Clubs Bonspiel on March 23, 2013. Members continue to serve the community through a variety of VON programs and Terrace Lodge tuck shop. Other service activities include school breakfast programs, milk bag mat making for Third world countries and through local church and community associations. Volunteer hours for June, July and August totaled 624 hours. Way to GO!!! Two members attended the cabinet meeting in Tilbury. Donations to East Elgin Secondary School for award and Royal Canadian legion. Two members attended the cabinet meeting.





Eight members attended volunteer supper hosted by the Municipality of Lambton Shores. Fundraising includes Bingos, meat raffles and food booth sales. Donation to Blue Water Hospice - Sarnia Lambton.

"The more you read, the more things you'll know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." ~~Dr Seuss

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." ~~Henry Ford, American Industrialist



Fall Back On November 4th President Trudy at Arkona!

Trudy's

Travels



Arkona Lioness presented President Trudy with 33 pillowcases for Con Kerr!! Awesome!!

Four "R"s of MEMBERSHIP

✓ Recruit ✓ Retain

Rebuild
 Regenerate

Know your fellow Lioness
Evaluate their capabilities
Encourage their participation
Pamper them a little
Emphasize teamwork
Maintain Fellowship

Found this in an old magazine ... some of you may not recognize the advertising slogans!!

What are Volunteers?

- They have a Better Idea.
- Volunteers are like Coke They're the Real Thing.
- Volunteers are like Pan Am They make the Going Great.
- Volunteers are like Pepsi They've got a lot to Give.
- Volunteers are like Standard Oil You Expect More and you get it!
- Volunteers are like VO-5 Hair Spray Their Goodness Holds in all kinds of Weather.
- Volunteers are like Hallmark Cards They Care enough to give their very best.
- But MOST OF ALL ...
- Volunteers are like Frosted Flakes ... THEY'RE GRRREEEEAT!!

Thank You to All Volunteers:

Mummies don't take vacations for fear of relaxing and unwinding

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May your life someday be as awesome as you pretend it is on facebook. ©

Christmas Word scramble

- 1. VISUROA _____
- 2. NGELA _____
- 3. ARMY _____
- 4. ODNYKE _____
- 5. SIKNG _____
 - 6. HEJOPS _____
 - 7. NAECDL
 - 8. BHTRI _____
 - 9. AVEHE _____
 - 10. SINAMEW

- 11. MALEC _____
- 12. DPREHSEH _____
- 13. LEHHTEEMB _____
- 14. REMGNA
- 15. RASTW _____
- 16. PEEKNNRIE _____
- 17. TRAS ______
- 18. YPSTOIHLIR _____
- 19. SUJES _____
- 20. SEDSBLE _____



Answers are elsewhere in this issue. 🕝

Benefit of the community)



<u>HIGHLIGHTS from District A-1 Lioness Cabinet Meeting – Sunday, September 30, 2012</u> <u>Hosted by the Tilbury Lioness at the Leisure Centre in Tilbury</u>

- Guest speaker was Michelle Sharp, Executive Director for the Aids Committee of Windsor.
- Welcome new club members. Two clubs presented their new members, Springfield Lioness introduced Karen Brooks and Arkona Lioness introduced two Patricia Comeau and Pam Capling.
- Roll Call 5 Elected Officers, 8 Appointed Officers (3 absent), 7 Past District Presidents & 10 Clubs (4 abs)
- London Central Lioness- Beginning in October, they are changing their Meeting Night to the fourth Tuesday of the month due to scheduling conflicts. Place and time remain the same: St. Luke's Church 6pm.
- District A-1 Lions Effective Speaking Chair Mary Mahovlich requesting financial support of the Lioness Clubs, a copy was placed in your club envelope today.
- District A-1 Governor Lion Wayne Cudney, St. Thomas Lions Club -this was Governor Wayne's first visit to a Lioness meeting and he was impressed. We are a great asset to the Lions organization.
- PDG Lion George Vary Lioness Chairman West this year. Available to assist with new member inductions or Club presentations. Arkona, Wyoming & Wheatley have added new members.
- PZC Lion Bob Bride Lioness Chairman East. Has never attended a Lioness meeting. Amazed at the number of fundraisers, service projects, etc. that each club is involved in. He will confirm his visitations as they come up and he is looking forward to visiting each club.
- Plans are being made for next year's School of Instruction to be held in June.
- President Trudy has her District President pins available for sale cost of \$6.00.
- Visitation Contest Awards were presented ... for clubs 19 members or under to the Springfield Lioness Club, and for clubs 20 members and over to the Port Stanley Lioness Club.
- Only 3 clubs reported volunteer hours Secretaries please report your club's volunteer hours!
- Treasurer Janice presented the proposed budget for the coming year.
- Eyes Right Sherry Wismer reminded us that the Foundation is looking for a new project,
- LFC Chair Bev Filewood is challenging all clubs to donate this year to help us beat last year's total.
- A certificate was presented to the Port Stanley Lioness for their walkathon for LFC.
- Growth Award for last year went to the Arkona Lioness club presented by PP MD "A" Carrol Vincent.
- Sensory Chair Linda Newman 110 pair of eyeglasses donated to Hakim Optical in St. Thomas.
- Please include the number of used glasses, lenses & frames in your reports.
- Youth Camp Lioness Co-Chair PPMDA Carrol presented PDP Lionesss Ruby with a Youth Camp pin.
- 15 youth from 11 countries at camp ages between 16-18. Lion Curtis, Cheryl & Bob and Carrol will be doing it again next year. Camp pins presented to Arkona, Belmont, Mt. Brydges, & Port Stanley for providing the campers with meals.
- From Cathy Easterbrook of Tactile Tales due to the generous donations of A-1 Lioness, Tactile Tales has a healthy bank balance. Asking that clubs donate no more than \$50.00 per club so that it frees up your funds for other uses.
- Lions Home for the Deaf Reminder that a club donation of \$500.00 entitles you to a Helen Keller Award and other donations are used for MDA Lioness and when the donations total \$1500 then the Lioness Program of MDA is given a Helen Keller Award to present.
- A-1 Lioness PDP Paula Bax was awarded this honour at the September meeting in Markham and will receive the plaque at the January meeting in Markham.
- Advisory Committee Report PDP Ruby Hunter stated that we need to locate the Memorial "L" at the West end of the District, so that it gets to Dist. Pres. Trudy in the event it is required. The "L" at the East end is stored at Westminster (PDP Rosemary can access it if needed)
- Fund raising draws will be held at September and June cabinet meetings & tickets sent to all clubs to be returned at those cabinet meetings. Ideas were presented for the June draw
- School of Instruction- Dist. Pres. Trudy to check with the clubs.
- Rosey to put together instruction manuals on flash drive or booklet form for each club there will be a nominal charge for the cost of the flash drive and the copying
- Clubs are to let Dist. Pres. Trudy if they are bringing a new member.
- Minutes no longer read at cabinet meetings, they are sent to each club after the meeting and each member should have the opportunity to review them. A copy will also be available on the tables for review at the Cabinet meeting.

- Policy Manual Changes
 - VP duties concerning MDA bulletin contest "send to MDA bulletin judge (MDA President) before Apr. 30th
 - VP duties contests change the word plaque to patch
 - \$20.00 for Life member at MD "A"
 - Page 17 (3) f delete "Governor elect"
 - Policy Manual page with past & present district and MD "A" officers in each club please check for accuracy and send any changes to rosey
- Discussion on Communication between Lions and Lioness need to open the lines of communication
- A-1 Convention to be held at the Pelee Days Inn, Learnington April 12, 13 & 14,2013. The registration forms should be coming out soon.
- Travelling Lioness awards presented by PPMDA Ev Crisp to 11 Lioness from 5 clubs. They were Joyce Leal & Janet Payne from Belmont, Anna Giles from Glencoe, Janice McCallum, Kelly Pearson & Rosemary Kennedy from Springfield, Agnes Croft & Ev Crisp from Mount Brydges, and Bev Filewood, Karen Watson & Sherry Wismer from Port Stanley. Lioness Rosemary had 21 Visitations on her card.
- Club announcements were made.
- District Fundraiser draws PDP Arla Walsh from London Central won the Lap Quilt and Joyce Leal from Belmont won the wall hanging. Thanks to all who purchased tickets.
- Changes were announced to the District Directory.
- The next cabinet meeting will be in Port Stanley on February 3, 2013



EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE: PDP Lioness Pauline Patterson: dpatterson3@cogeco.ca

Meeting Location change:

DELAWARE – still meet on the third Tuesday of each month – LOCATION CHANGE to Delaware Legion at 7 pm. Executive meetings at 6:30 on those nights.

Meeting NIGHT change:

LONDON CENTRAL – location & time is the same – St Luke's Church at 6 pm. NOW MEET on the fourth TUESDAY of the month.







THANK you Tilbury Lioness for the hospitality!!



District Governor Lion Wayne Cudney

Answers to Christmas Word Scramble 1. SAVIOUR

- 2. ANGEL
- 3. MARY
- 4. DONKEY
- 5. KINGS
- 6. JOSEPH
- 7. CANDLE
- 8. BIRTH
- 9. HEAVEN
- 10. WISEMAN
- 11. CAMEL
- 12. SHEPHERD
- 13. BETHLEHEM
- 14. MANGER
- 15. STRAW
- 16. INNKEEPER
- 17. STAR
- **18. HOLY SPIRIT**
- 19. JESUS 20. BLESSED

Our fearless leader – A-1 President Trudy Brown!



FIRST PRIZE winner of the beautiful Christmas Lap Quilt was PDP Lioness Arla Walsh, London Central Lioness!!



Congratulations!

SECOND PRIZE winner of the gorgeous Christmas Wall Hanging was Vice President Lioness Joyce Leal, Belmont Lioness!!

IMPORTANT DATES:

November 3	London Central Lioness Bazaar (see flyer)
November 9, 10, 11, 2012	
November 12	Chairman Lion George visits Glencoe
November 12	Chairman Lion Bob visits Belmont
November 18	Springfield Lioness Crafts and More Show (see Flyer)
November 19	President Trudy visits Wyoming
November 20	President Trudy visits Delaware
November 23 & 24	Glencoe Tour of Homes
November 24	Tilbury Craft Show
	President Trudy visits Mount Brydges
November 27	Chairman Lion George visits Arkona
January 19 & 20, 2013	MD"A" Cabinet Meeting, Markham
February 3 2013	Cabinet Meeting hosted by Port Stanley Lioness
April 12, 13, 14, 2013	A-1 Convention, Pelee Days Inn Leamington
April 13, 2012	Convention Cabinet Meeting, Pelee Days Inn, Leamington
April 2013	A-1 SPRING RALLY hosted by Port Stanley Lioness
May 30 - June 2, 2013	MD"A" CONVENTION Toronto
June 2013	Cabinet Meeting hosted by Wheatley Lioness

20th of each month – PURR deadline 🙂



MD "A" IS LOOKING FOR A NEW TREASURER DEADLINE IS JANUARY 19[™], 2013

Laugh & Learn 2012

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

The Ambassador Conference Resort, Kingston, ON Nov 9, 10, 11

"Follow the Yellow Brick Road

REMINDER:

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The Purr will NOT be published in December. Next Deadline is December 20th for January Publication. THANKS !!



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Lioness

I hope you are all enjoying the Purr this year! Thanks to all of you for your M&A's, bulletins, notes and emails. Keep those pictures coming my way!!

I challenge each club to send me a picture of a service activity you do OR a picture of your major fundraiser. Let your fellow A-1 Lioness know what you are doing!

What goes oh, oh, oh? Santa Claus walking backwards!

The deadline for the next issue will be December 20th. There will be no issue published in December. I should have some hours after Christmas to get the next issue out to all of you by January 1^{st} – although it might be a day or two late! \bigcirc

I know it's early, but as this will be the last issue before Christmas, I want to wish each and every one of you the joy of family, happiness of friends and the love of Christmas.

All the best in 2013, Lioness, as we make this another A-1 year!

Lioness Kelly

"May the peace and blessings of Christmas be yours, and may the coming year be filled with happiness."



What's so special about the Christmas alphabet ... it has NO EL .

Why didn't the skeleton go to the Christmas Party? He had no body to go with!



Please Note: CHISTMAS IS CANCELLED

Apparently, YOU told Santa that you have been GOOD this year ...



He died laughing





As requested here is the Recipe from the Tilbury Cabinet Meeting:



Pour over entire dish. Cover & put in fridge overnight. Remove 30 minutes before baking. Preheat oven to 350 F. Bake uncovered for 30-35 minutes.

Sept 30, 2012 Cabinet Meeting

At last, an explanation!!

Ever walk into a room with some purpose in mind, only to completely forget what that purpose was? Turns out, doors themselves are to blame for these strange memory lapses. Psychologists at the University of Notre Dame have discovered that passing through a doorway triggers what's known as an event boundary in the mind, separating one set of thoughts and memories from the next.

Your brain files away the thoughts you had in the previous room and prepares a blank slate for the new locale.

It's not aging, it's the door! Whew! Thank goodness for studies. 🙂

Thanks to Springfield Lioness Editor Nancy Ross-Hill



"Life is an exciting business and most exciting when it is lived for others." -Helen Keller

"There is just one way to make sure of immortality, and that is to love this life and live it as richly and helpfully as we can." –Helen Keller

"It is no true optimism to declare that the world is a good world when it is not. It is for us rather to insist that it shall be made good, and exert ourselves to bring it about." -Helen Keller

Belmont Lioness Bazaar

Some Springfield Lioness members enjoyed a breakfast out and then a visit to a couple local bazaars to shop shop shop!!

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Aylmer Lioness member Lesley Malcolm made her way to Belmont, too!!