

The Lions Roar

The Lions Club of Strathroy - Caradoc

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We welcome community-minded men and women with a desire to assist others and enjoy good fellowship.

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President's Message...

Thanks for the opportunity to again serve as President and to the members who agreed to serve on our BoD, as Committee Chairs and committee members.

We are grateful to Governor Wayne for our club officers' installation on June 27th and to Lion Gayle for joining with us in our new home at the Duke on Sydenham restaurant.

Congratulations to the following members who received well-deserved recognition during the awards portion of the evening:



Lion George Croft is President of the Strathroy - Caradoc Lions Club, and a member of the Global Membership Team for Zone 6.

- LFC Puppy Symbolic Adoption - Lion Mariette
- LFC Life Membership - Lion Elma
- LFC Life Membership - Lion Gary
- Lions Camp Dorset Honourary Life Director - Lion Barry
- Lion Camp Dorset Honourary Life Director - Lion Ed

• President's Appreciation Plaque - Lion Mariette

Our members' dedication and energy have produced successful BBQs and sales of "back to School Shopping Spree" draw tickets at Giant tiger throughout the summer.

Lions Gary and Jean hosted Elena, a Lions Youth Exchange student from Italy and held a BBQ at their lovely home where we all had a chance to meet this delightful young lady.

Thanks to our Audit Committee for their report and to the Finance Committee for the Draft Budget which were received at our BoD meeting on August 1st at the lovely home of Lion Irene.

Our club info. booth at Art-in-the-Park on August 10th enhanced our visibility in **(Continued on page three...)**



Upper Deck Youth Camp

A gourmet meal of hamburgers and hotdogs leaves smiles on many happy campers!

Strathroy - Caradoc Lions sponsored camping experiences for five youth from the Strathroy - Caradoc area.

Strathroy is a relatively urban area with its busy streets, stores built up to the sidewalks, trains whistling through the crossings and the same daily mix of closest friends.

Some of our youth need to get away from their old routines in town and have the opportunity to grow with new challenges. If habitual behaviours are going to change, then a change of setting often helps. Thus the Upper Deck locates its Youth

Camp at the A.W. Campbell Conservation Area near Alvinston. It's close enough to

padding a canoe, learning camp fire songs, protecting your stuff from racoons and

paraphernalia needed to put on a stomach filling supper for hungry campers.



Everyone chipped in helping hands to help get the food on the table and then into stomachs!

'home' to feel secure, but far enough to start new things. like putting up and maintaining your own tent and bedding, sharing table setting duties, washing dishes,

other huge wild critters.

Lion Mariette Desjardine again led the way on August 13th with her "chuck wagon" loaded to the max. with all the

Hamburgers and hot dogs were predictable favourites, and the banana splits with 3 choices of ice cream and sprinklings 'went down' easily and quickly.

Lions Mariette, Marlene, Jean, Ed, Gary, George and Barry had almost as much fun as the very polite youth and their cheery leaders did.

As the picture shows, the youth were appreciative of our support.



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DISTRICT A-1

ZONE 6

- Regular Club Meetings are held at The Duke on Sydenham restaurant
- 1st Thursday of each month is a Business Meeting held at Lion Irene's
- 3rd Thursday of the month is a Dinner Meeting at The Duke

President: George Croft
 1st Vice: Mariette Desjardine
 2nd Vice: Elma Dolansky
 Secretary: Barry Wolfe
 Treasurer: Gary Lawton
 Membership: George croft
 Mariette Desjardine
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President's Message - continued. . .

the community and we all enjoyed our "hands on" service activity providing dinner at the Upper deck Youth Centre camp.

Thanks to Lions Ed and Barry for the installation of the new lights on the large blue spruce tree beside the town hall and to Butch Desjardine for donating the strings of lights.

Planning is well underway for the annual Tree of Light project and the new Christmas Gift Basket initiative.

We're waiting responses from the Town re. our possible donation towards equipment for the new town pool and our painting of the handrails of the footbridge over the Sydenham River downtown.

Our members' dedication and enthusiasm will ensure that our rebuilding efforts are successful.

Membership Events

Aug 3 50th anniversary: Jean & Gary Lawton

Aug 25 Birthday: Ed Hadbavny

Aug 27 Birthday: Irene Strybosch



Check your calendar:

Sept 5 Business mtg. @ Irene's

Sept 19 Dinner mtg @ Duke Restaurant

Oct 3 Bus. mtg. @ Irene's

Oct. 17 Dinner mtg. @ Duke

Nov. 2 30th anniversary dinner @ Lighthouse Lions (\$25 each). Contact Lion Eric Vogler @ 519-682-1334

Nov. 7 Bus. mtg. @ Irene's

Nov. 10 Dinner mtg. @ Duke

Nov. 29 Tree Lighting Ceremony @ Town Hall

Dec. 5 Bus. mtg.

Dec. 19 Dinner mtg. @ Duke

New Service Project

President George just heard back from Rob Lilbourne, Director of Parks and Rec. for the town advising that the town and union are okay with our repainting the handrails on the pedestrian bridge over the Sydenham river between the Senior's Centre parking lot and the park and they're ordering the paint.

We should briefly discuss the timing of this "hands on" community service (subject to availability of the paint) at our meeting on Sept. 5th as this activity may provide an opportunity for prospective new members to join with us in "hands on service".



Shopping Spree Draw

Back to School can be a stressful time, and not just for the kids who have to give up their summer "freedoms" - but also for parents and \$\$\$\$\$\$.

Lions at work!



Lions Gary, Mariette, Barry, Ed, Store owner Don Bumstead, Lions Jean and Marlene taking a break after a long day of BBQing and selling draw tickets.

Don Bumstead, the owner of Giant Tiger in Strathroy, has been very supportive of our Lions club over the past few years by providing a venue to sell hot dogs, hamburgers and sausages to the visiting public. Giant Tiger provides the BBQ, a couple of tables and we set up a tent, tables, coolers and go to work.

Each week we also sell raffle tickets on a draw for three Giant Tiger gift cards worth \$100, \$200 and \$500.

The draw for winners was held on Saturday, August 24th at 2:00 p.m.

- * 1st prize / \$500 gift card: Linda Reid
- * 2nd prize / \$200 gift card: Linda Croft
- * 3rd prize / \$100 gift card: Colleen Dezorzi

50th Anniversary

Kathy, Gary, Cindy and Jean.



August 3rd, a big day in the lives of Lions Gary and Jean. The start of many adventures all fondly recalled: from selling the family car out from under Jean, several times, because "I got such a great deal for it!", to major home renovation projects - usually at the edge of a steep hillside or the top of a ladder, to family camping excursions, to . . .

Their 50th was celebrated in their own yard with numerous friends, including some who were at the wedding 50 years ago.

Congratulations on your stamina - both of you.

Youth Exchange Student



Each year, the Lions International Youth Camp and Exchange Program introduces young people from hundreds of countries around the world to life in other cultures by helping them travel abroad.

Lions Gary and Jean Lawton hosted Elena, who is from Milan Italy, at their home. Her father is a doctor, but her uncle and grandfather are Lions members. Elena visited many local sites, but no, she didn't drive Lion Barry's car to get there.





2013-2014 Executive is sworn in...

Governor Wayne Cudney with Lions Ed, Mariette, Elma, Gary, Barry, George, Jean

2013-14 International Theme

Join International President Barry Palmer and Lions everywhere in fulfilling the dream of stronger clubs, stronger communities and stronger Lions.



If you are reading this online, [CLICK](#) on the blue, underlined headings below to go to the L.C.I. website page for that topic.

Responsibility: Service is more than a dream - it's our identity.

- [Global Service Action](#) - Get involved in a year-round service initiative that impacts youth, vision, hunger and environment.
- [Tree Planting](#) - Plant a tree and better our environment.
- [Reading Action Program](#) - Make reading and literacy a focus in your community and share the dream of education.

Reach: More members mean more service, and satisfied members lead to active and engaged clubs.

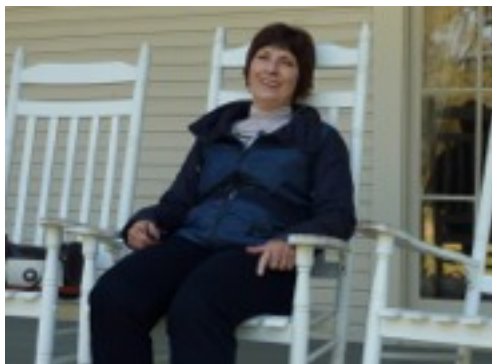
Resources available from L.C.I. include:

- ["Just Ask"](#) a new member recruiting guide
- ["Membership Satisfaction Guide"](#) learn how to keep members coming back.
- ["Club Excellence Process"](#)
- "Start a new Club"

Recognition: Here are some ways

- [Club Membership Awards](#)
- [Excellence Awards](#)

Member of the Month: Marlene Wolfe



It's not very often you'll catch Lion Marlene sitting down, like she is here at the Eden Plantation in Florida.

A beaming smile and a flow of exuberant chatter bubble up when she's talking about her children Shannon and Greg, her grandchildren Mykenzie, Greyson and Landyn, or her gardens.

Before retiring, Marlene was a teacher in St. Thomas, Waterloo, and Bruce County. She specialized in art, physical education and special education. All good training for chasing after and controlling her special needs' husband, Lion Barry.

She is a member of the local horticultural society and dedicates hours to the planning and maintenance of 'her gardens' at the Seniors' Centre. Even when she's on holiday in Florida or Italy she's planning the next task for buying, dividing-up, transplanting, pruning . . .

Marlene has been a traveller on cruises and touring Europe even before she married. Guess where her next planned trip is? Yup, Amsterdam - and yup - to see the tulips in spring bloom.

She really enjoys chatting and shopping with 'the girls' and the family Lions Club fits right in there.

Tree of Light



The first organizing meeting was August 20th and planning is well underway. Lists of things to STOP, START, CONTINUE were discussed and jobs were divided up to get started on.

We'll be putting up an indoor tree in the library on which we can place the 'dedication cards', a club promotional sign will be placed in front of the tree of light, along with a target thermometer to help us all keep track of how we're doing in raising funds toward our goal.

We're waiting for a response from Rob Lilbourne from the recreation department with his suggestions for things we could contribute toward. This would be our advertised goal to the public for funds raised.

Due to reduced work force, we'll be selling at only two sites this year, at the Super Store and Shoppers.

The next planning meeting is September 19th, after our dinner meeting at the Duke on Sydenham.

