

# 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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A Monthly Newsletter District A-1 Zone 6

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## President's Message...

Thanks to 1<sup>st</sup> V-P Mariette for chairing the February club meetings and representing me at the Zone Six Advisory meeting in Glencoe during my absence on vacation in Mexico. Thanks also to Lions Barry and Mariette for handling the February meeting minutes when Lion Elma had eye surgery.

We're looking forward to Zone Chair Don Geddy's official visit at our dinner meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> at which time he will induct our new members Kim O'Neill and Karen Lyle as we continue to grow our great club.

Lion's Barry & Marlene plus Lion Irene have participated in meetings via



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

Skype from Florida and Arizona respectively.

Lions Barry and Elma are doing a great job with our club Bulletin and its link to Facebook which Lion Irene is keeping updated.

Five members participated in the Sarnia Sting vs. London Knights "Lions

Day" fundraising game in Sarnia on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>

While the weather has been freezing our member's brains have been quite active with new ideas under discussion for community service and fundraising. These include tree planting in May, The Big Bike Ride for the Heart and Stroke Foundation on May 12<sup>th</sup>, joining the local Chamber of Commerce and possibly participating in their Home and Garden show, possibly assisting with the Town's Turkeyfest in June and possibly becoming involved in the Ontario Waste Collection event. Discussions are continuing with the Town re the installation of Bike Racks downtown with some of the monies raised by our highly successful Tree of Light event in November.

Some members will again assist with the Lions Camp Dorset cleanup

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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  
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## President's Message - continued. . .

week in June and Lions Gary and Jean will again participate in the Lion's Youth Exchange initiative.

Our club is growing and we're having FUN as we increase our visibility in the community and assist those in need. Let's all commit to inviting a prospective new member to our events/meetings soon.

Lion George

## Previous Sponsors:

Nov. [HY - WAY Collision](#)

Jan. [PORTUGAL CUSTOM HOMES](#)

Feb. [RALPH BOS MEATS](#)

## Condolences

Our condolences go to Lion member Kim O'Neill. Her father passed away on Saturday, March 1st, after a short illness.

## Membership Events

Lion Elma continues to recuperate into her usual spirited self. Keep smiling 'kiddo'!

Lion Chief Butch continues to recover from an ankle injury. The editor helping with internal application of spirits in his name.

Kim O'Neill and Karen Lyle will be inducted into membership in Lions on March 20th by Zone Chair Don Geddy. "All hands on deck!"

**THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE IS ASKING ALL MEMBERS TO INVITE A GUEST / MEMBER CANDIDATE TO A REGULAR MEETING.**

## Check your calendar:

Mar. 6 Business Mtg

Mar. 20 ZC Don visit to our club @ induction of 2 members

May 8 3rd Zone Mtg @ Strathroy

July 4-8 Int'l. Convention @ Toronto see page 3 for info.

**OUR SPONSOR OF THE MONTH:**

**[DALE WURFEL CHRYSLER](#)**

**CLICK ON IT!**



## April: Family and Friends Month

Family and Friends Month in April is a great opportunity to grow your club by showing people the difference you're making every day. It's also a time to show your family and friends how much they mean to you, and how much your Lions club means to the community. [Download the Family and Friends Month flyer](#) and start planning your event today!

And don't forget to register your club for the Lions World Lunch Relay on April 4th. It's a 24-hour international event that brings families and friends of Lions together in their local communities with families and friends of Lions around the world. Registered clubs can enter Lunch Relay contests and earn special recognition. Don't wait ... [register your club today!](#)

## International Convention - Toronto:

March 31 is the deadline to register for the International Convention at the rate of US\$150 – a savings of \$20 off the full registration fee. [Register today!](#)

Be sure to book your hotel through LCI. We are offering a thank-you gift to Lions who book their hotel room through LCI while supplies last. [Check our Facebook page for details!](#)

Toronto is Canada's largest and most cosmopolitan city. Discover great neighborhoods, each with its own characteristic flair, including Toronto's extensive underground city. All convention events will take place in the heart of downtown Toronto for your convenience. Make friends with Lions from around the world, and enjoy the fellowship, fun and opportunities to learn from each other.

Whether you're a new or long-time Lion, there's something for everyone in Toronto!

## Getting into 'the spirits' of Dog Guides:

From March 2nd to the 31st, the L.C.B.O. will be collecting donations for Lions Foundation Dog Guides as part of its Provincial Donations Box Program.

## Can you find the Lion?

[Mardi Gras in Florida features many "themed" parades. One of them was the dog walk.](#) Or, in this case, the "Lion" walk. Could be fund-raiser idea for Turkeyfest, Strathroy-Caradoc Lions?



We could lead with a pride of 'Lions' and other S-C dogs could follow. Could generate some funds for Dog Guides?

# Lion Irene Gargantini Strybosch

(a.k.a. author - Rene Natan)



*“Snow pellets pounded the car without mercy, giving the wipers little time to clear the windshield in one sweep. The rear glass was packed with snow, and there was only partial visibility through the side windows.”*

*—from “Fleeting Visions”, by Rene Natan*

The above excerpt, from the latest novel by Rene Natan, is an accurate description of this winter. There should be no surprise about that, as it was created by our own Strathroy - Caradoc Lion, Irene.

Irene Gargantini Strybosch was born in Milan, Italy. She grew up at the time when kids listened to their parents’ advice. She was good at school, in the humanities as well as science. She loved reading and occasionally wrote short stories and a

few poems. In post-war Italy it was difficult to get a job—and her parents thought a woman should not consider marriage as the only alternative in life. They suggested she chooses a scientific or technical career. So, she got her degree in physical sciences from the well reputed University of Milan.

Computers were at their infancy and there was a great expectation that one day they would be useful. She stayed at the University of Milan and

learned the rudiments of programming from a handful of dedicated people. She worked on one of the very first computers, the CRC 152A made by the Computer Research Corporation, with headquarters in California. It was a gift of the Americans to Milan polytechnic institution. Later on she joined the IBM Research Center in Switzerland and a couple of years later, she was offered a job at the University of Western Ontario, which

had established, first in the country, an undergraduate program in Computer Science. She stayed there until she retired, enjoying teaching and research.

She has about a hundred scientific papers to her credit and has received four awards in science; two from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (25 Years of Excellence in Research and Recognition to Contributing to Canadian Research) and two from the IBM Centre for Advanced Studies: Contributing to Canadian Research and Pioneer of Computing in Canada.

The desire of being a storyteller, however, never left her since plots kept taking shape in her mind. After following a number of online courses on fiction writing, she started to jot down her first story, *Mountains of Dawn*. Eight novels followed naturally. Most belong to the romantic suspense genre; *The Jungfrau Watch*, however, is a political thriller and *The Blackpox Threat* is a spying story set in Canada. The latter won the first prize in the 2012 Five Star Dragonfly Award and was one on the four finalists in the 2011 Indie Excellence Award competition. *The Bricklayer* got an honorary mention from the 2012 San Francisco Book Competition.

In 2012 she joined the Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Club.

She is a professor emeritus with The University of Western Ontario (now named *Western*) and an IEEE Life member.

More information can be found over the Internet:

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**[Editor’s Note: You can download Lion Irene’s novels from the Apple iTunes Store or Kindle.]**

## Lions Clubs International

“Dear Club Leader,

We'd like to share an exciting new club contest with you. Together We Can Grow is a special contest that rewards high performing clubs for exceptional membership growth. One club in each district can win US\$250 in LCI club supplies or a US\$250 donation toward your club's next Melvin Jones Fellowship.

The contest period is now underway, and ends on July 31, 2014. The contest period bridges both the current Lion year and next year. We strongly encourage current and incoming club presidents to work together, just as we are.

Don't wait...download the contest flyer today and visit the [Together We Can Grow](#) contest page for complete information.



Together we can strengthen our clubs by inviting more new members. Together we can grow!

Lion Barry J. Palmer  
Your International President”

Dear Lion,

As Lions, we care about our communities and about the health and well-being of others. This is a theme that can be seen around the world. Maybe you've held health screenings as a club, or maybe you have even received a [Lions Clubs International Foundation \(LCIF\) grant](#) to provide needed medical equipment or services in your community. But I

know that one thing is certain – Lions want to help people have a better life. A few years ago, Lions and LCIF [embarked on a pilot initiative](#) to help vulnerable communities where measles is prominent. Lions in those communities wanted to be involved. Three years later, LCIF [solidified a partnership with the GAVI Alliance](#) to continue helping children in those vulnerable communities.

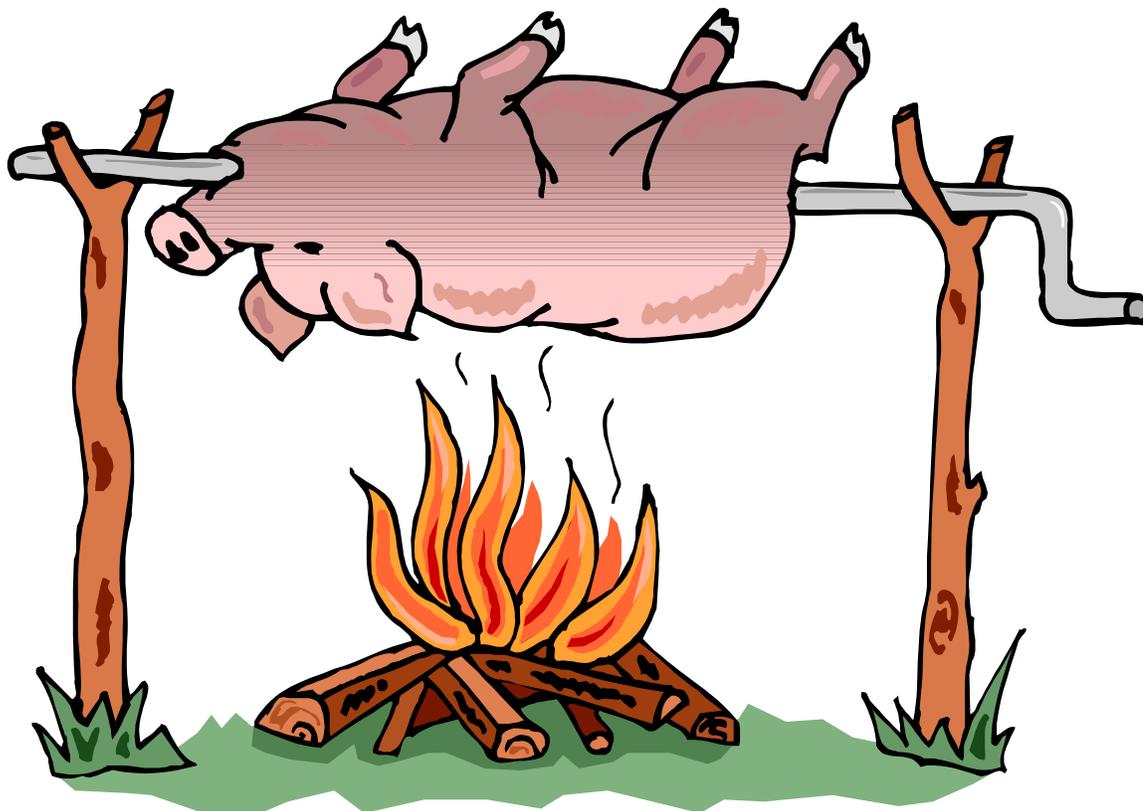
Lions' ability to identify and meet needs, no matter the size, makes a real difference in the lives of others – a quality that is recognized by LCIF's partners. Past District Governor Aruna Oswal and I recently had the opportunity to gather with more than 30 CEOs, senior executives and government leaders, including Bill Gates, at a [GAVI Alliance hosted event](#). We convened in Switzerland to discuss global health and immunization, and the importance of the private sector's role.

Whether measles is a deadly threat in your community or not, there is a need for vaccination efforts globally. Measles still kills more than 300 people each day, and creates lasting health issues for many others. By working with the GAVI Alliance, more than 114 million children will be vaccinated against measles. Thank you for [your support](#) with this initiative. I am looking forward to celebrating Lions' achievements and goals during World Immunization Week in April this year.

Sincerely,

Wayne A. Madden  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs  
International Foundation

**STONEY POINT LIONS are hosting THE MARK BEAUGRAND MEMORIAL  
PORK ROAST BBQ on May 31/14**



**Proceeds towards Prostate Cancer Research.**

**WHERE: STONEY POINT SPORTSMAN CLUB**

**6348 ST. CLAIR RD.**

**STONEY POINT ONT.**

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 P.M.**

**DINNER: 6:00 P.M.**

**DOOR PRIZES**

**AUCTION SALE**

**50/50 DRAW**

**COST: \$20.00 a ticket. Advance or at the door--- 519-798-3347**