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# FOCUS NEWSLETTER

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# A Great Sidewalk Cleaning Season!

Thank you to our amazing sidewalk cleaning crews for all your hard work and dedication. It was a great season, with lots of fun being had throughout!

# **Thank You Rotary Club!**

LCDS has been successful in receiving funds from The Rotary Club Sarnia-Bluewaterland. Two separate gifts of \$2500 and \$4000 to go towards new equipment for Petrolia Enterprises to continue producing marketable items and generating profit. This new equipment will also offer extra safety to all employees.







## A Fun Day Trip to Comerica Park!

What a great day! Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and spent the day cheering on the Toronto Blue Jays (or Detroit Tigers!)

This was the first year we offered a coach bus for transportation to and from Detroit - oh what fun we had!



## Andy at Foodland

Andy Cousins got a job working at Watford Foodland! He started on Jan 19th of this year. Andy disinfects the door handles of the store, as well as the handles on all the fridges and freezers. In addition, he stocks and faces the shelves. He has completed his training and works hard to keep the store looking nice. Andy often sees people he knows from the community and enjoys the opportunity to say "hi" to everyone he knows!

Good work, Andy!

# **Emma's Fabulous Prom!**

Emma in her beautiful gown, dancing the night away with her friends. What a night!



# **LCDS End of Summer BBQ!**





















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## Happy 6oth Birthday Patsy!



Patsy loves anything and everything RuPaul and drag performances. She has been to several shows and loves every minute of it! She adores the glitz and glam of dressing up in her bling and getting her makeup done. When staff realized it was her big 60th birthday this year, we knew we had to do something big. Patsy went through several profiles on Instagram with staff and picked out 3 local drag performers to come and do a show while also doing a drag bingo! Sheerah Mae Hart, Rubbin Williams, and Suga Cube put on a great show, and all of Patsy's buddies had a great time.

Special shout out to staff Kassa and Trinity for coming in on their day off to set up the very impressive balloon arch, Julia Pagano for taking Patsy shopping for decorations and bingo prizes, April for making sure the food got ordered and picked up, and Elaine for booking the hall and talent, cooking up some burgers and hot dogs, setting up and taking down the hall.

Patsy had a fantastic time! Happy 60th birthday Patsy!

### **Philip Crochets Hats for Patients at London Hospital!**



Philip Laker has a passion for creating beautiful crochet hats, cinch sacks, and much more. He joined up with the Petrolia Lions to do drop offs for patients fighting cancer, at a hospital in London. Philip has donated over 100 homemade hats over the years. He was a patient himself in the past, and enjoys giving back to the community who was there for him and to spark hope and comfort for current patients. Great work, Philip!

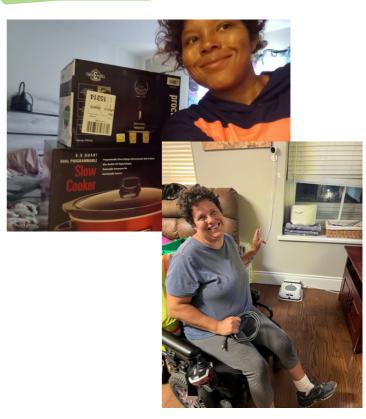


# **Birdhouses by Robert!**

Robert is a dedicated employee at Petrolia Enterprises, in Petrolia. The birdhouses Robert creates are beautiful, and provide great homes to the birds in the area. He enjoys designing each birdhouse and picking out the theme and colours on each. Robert's birdhouses are available for purchase at The Olde Post Office Gift Shoppe, in Petrolia. Be sure to check out all of the beautifully crafted home decor and seasonal items while you browse! Robert knows his way around the shop, and provides great quality craftsmanship to every piece created - from start to finish. **Awesome work, Robert!!** 



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# **September 9th was International FASD Day!**

#### LCDS supports FASD!

The theme for this year's FASD awareness month was "Uniting our Strengths: Finding Solutions Together."

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a very complex issue that intersects with so many different fields. Our theme, Uniting our Strengths: Finding Solutions Together, goes beyond framing FASD as an individual issue, as the impacts of FASD matter to the whole community. We all have a role to play and need to work together to find solutions.

We have, and continue to see, real progress and change for FASD and FASD prevention in Canada. Many organizations and advocates have created innovative solutions to how they create and deliver services and supports. This outside-the-box thinking is one of our community's biggest strengths. During FASD Month, let's talk about these innovations and services. Show how you are making a difference. When we share effective solutions, it shows problems are solvable. Highlighting the innovative and strengths-based solutions is one way we can support and raise awareness around FASD and FASD prevention.

How are you working with other community members, partners, and organizations to improve policy, practice, and awareness of FASD? Let's change the conversation and show how united we can make a difference!



