

## Spring A-15 Cabinet Meeting Minutes

2:03 PM June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Wellington County Museum, Elora

1. Call to order and Welcome – DG Wayne Litt

Attendance as indicated:

**Voting Cabinet**

DG Wayne Litt	IPDG Diane Smith	1 <sup>st</sup> VDG Charlene Dwyer	2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Kevin Banfield
CS Rick Banks	CT Peter Oswald	RC Bill Robinson	RC Debbie Cserhalmi
RC Tracey Leary	ZC Ray Derouin	ZC Tony Davidson	ZC Paul Lalande
ZC George Corrin	ZC Linda Litt		

2. **COMMITTEE CHAIR**

PRC Paul Anstett (R)	PDG Dan Ayim	PRC Rick Bell	PZC Aline Chan
PCC Bill Carson (R)	PDG Thom Herrmann	Lion Ernie Kaethler(R)	Lion Fran MacFarlane(R)
Lion Mark Henkell(R)	Lion Joanne McQuiggan(R)	Lion Allison Henkell (R)	PDDG George Patton
Lion Bob Pearson(R)	PDG Nancy Ransom(R)	Lion Bob Rutter(R)	PCS Ted Rypma
PDG Doug Smith	PCC Todd Wilson (R)	PID Art Woods (R)	PDG Tim DeBlock (R)
PRC Jim Keron(R)	PRC Vic Bovingdon(R)	Lion Janet Dawson-Brock (R)	

Also in attendance were approximately 23 other Lions.

3. National Anthem of Canada. Moment of Silence

4. Setting of Protocol – VDG2E Tracey Leary

5. DG Remarks & Updates

Thanks everyone for showing up to day. I know it seems that it was just a short time since our last meeting. This coming Wednesday, June 7, Lions Clubs International will officially become 100 years old. 100 Years of Service as Lions. Of course this is monumental in history. Each of you is responsible for making that happen. Today I would like to thank the Cabinet Members, Committee Members, and Club Executives and of course Lion Members of each and every club for the hard work and dedication that it took to get that way. I especially want to thank you for your continued support to me and for our Cabinet this year. It has been a pleasure to serve alongside each of you. Some of you have been here for the first time, others have tried new positions this year. Each of you have more than proven yourself. You have surpassed all expectations, and I thank you for making this year a tremendous year. I could now burst into a litany of many things that we have accomplished, projects, the things that we have fostered around the District and beyond. But of course we already know what that is. It would be like preaching to the choir. Char, Kevin and Tracey together with their team, have been charged with guiding us on the next step of this journey that we as Lions take. They have already shared some of the goals with us, and going forward they will roll out more information, particularly after the International Convention in July. I have full confidence in their ability to continue to serve, and in your ability to continue to serve, and most important, to make a difference in the lives of the many people we serve.

We have the flags for the second order on hand and if needed clubs can order additional flags.

That being said, Happy Birthday Lions.

6. Transfer of the Chair to DGE Charlene Dwyer. DGE Charlene thanked DG Wayne for all of his hard work during the past Lions year.

7. Approval of the Agenda – PDG Doug Smith requested a spot on the Agenda for the Future Convention Advisory Committee. MOTION to approve the amended Agenda. Carried
8. Approval of Minutes of the May 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> 2017 Cabinet Meeting Circulated by email and posted to the Website - Carried
9. Secretary's Report  
MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Secretary's report. Carried.
10. Treasurer's Report
  - 10.1. Report and Financial Statements
  - 10.2. Treasure Pete suggested that it is time for a understudy to his role, since he has been doing this position for the past 10 years.
  - 10.3. MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's report and Financial Statements as presented. Carried.
11. **Future Convention Advisory** – PDG Doug Smith - Bid package is complete to my satisfaction and is being presented to Cabinet today.  
The Convention will be hosted by Plattsville and Woodstock Lions Club. Proposed dates are April 5-7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Quality Inn in Woodstock. This is the same facility where we held the 2006 Convention. Current room rates are \$129.99 plus tax per night, however Lion Gabrielle has secured rooms at \$94.99 plus taxes which includes a complimentary free breakfast. (136 rooms are available). If need be there are 72 more rooms available at the Days Inn next door.  
Facilities on site will accommodate Friday Opening Ceremonies, Hospitality Rooms, Cabinet Meetings and the usual lunch and Dinner.  
With the above Bid being complete and in order, I recommend that the Cabinet accept this Bid for the 2019 Convention in Woodstock.  
  
MOVED that we accept the combined Plattsville/Woodstock Club bid for the 2019 Convention to be held at the Quality Inn in Woodstock. Peter Oswald advised that he would be abstaining due to a potential conflict of interest. Carried.
12. Cabinet Reports
  - 12.1. MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Cabinet Reports. Carried
13. Committee Reports –
  - 13.1. Youth Camp and Youth Exchange  
There are currently nine youth waiting for a host family. All youth are shown on the website including those hosted and not hosted. Charlene advised that Clubs could undertake to host as a group. Just a reminder to those clubs who have provided financial or work assistance in preparing or paying for meals to confirm your willingness to continue to do so as soon as possible with the Host Committee. Keep the camp in mind as it is a very important program in our District.  
MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the other Committee Reports. Carried.
14. District Governor Elect Remarks  
WE SERVE! 2 words that epitomize what we do and who we are! We are in this midst of our Centennial celebrations with 100 years of service as well as celebrating Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday! We as Canadian Lions can be very proud of ourselves and our dedication and commitment to helping those in need within our own communities and globally! We are "International"!  
As we reflect on the past 100 years it is exciting to now set a new course for the next century of service! Lions International has been focusing on where we are going and how to increase our impact as the world's largest service organization introducing Lions Forward as we move forward....you will be learning much more about this incredible structure for service as we head into our new Lions year.....times are changing and we have to change with it to continue to be relevant and viable in our service as well as to our Lions family who are dedicated to making a difference.

I can tell you that your incoming Cabinet are excited for this next year and will be bringing a wealth of information and service to you our Lions family in this great District. We are here for you, our Lions, Lioness and LEO's of District A15 and it is our honour to serve you and continue the growth and strength of our District.

Your incoming Cabinet is here to share your challenges and successes, sharing ideas, creating and fostering team building in your Clubs. Strong Clubs make for strong service to those who need us. Share your passion for Lions, Lioness and LEO's with your friends and family, knowing that one new member impacts up to 70 people!

We are Lions, Lioness and LEO's and WE SERVE!

15. DG Appreciation Plaque & Pin Presentation – IPDG Diane Smith
16. DGE Gavel Presentation – DG Wayne Litt to DGE Charlene Dwyer
17. Toast, Lions Grace & Dinner
18. Good & Welfare

Sweaburg Club hosts a charity Golf Tournament and this is a reminder. Two charities we support is the Bruce Murray Youth Camp and Camp Dorset.

Ingersoll Lions are introducing an emergency bottle with all medical details located in one location for a first responder. Cost are around \$1.00 each. Ingersoll Lions would like to see District A-15 take this on as a District project.

Mosborough Busy Busy is celebrating their first anniversary on June 24 at Breslau at the Pavilion at the Guide Dog Facility.

PDG Lion Denis Vinette advised that he was just returning from a VDG training session and provided a report. Fergus/Elora will be building the Groves Memorial Community Hospital and several clubs are working together to raise funds for a portion of the costs. See link: <http://www.gmch.ca/new-groves-hospital-news-room>

Comments from Charlene on the Rockton Fish Fry and how it was so well organized for community involvement. We are still looking for Zone Chairs for 51W and 9E. Thanks to Guelph Lions for hosting the Cabinet Meeting. Thanks to sitting District Officers for their work in the past year.

Thanks to Lion Linda Vinette for catering this dinner.

Next Meeting is Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at Lions Foundation Dog Facility at Breslau.

Canada USA forum is September 22/23. See the website for more information.

19. Adjournment – 2:46 PM

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT TO CABINET**

I have enjoyed the year as District Secretary and have learned a great deal about how the District works. It is amazing what likeminded people can accomplish with little fanfare and fuss. Happy Lion's Centennial Year to everyone. Time for remember to reward those Lions who have worked hard and not expected anything in return, even if it is just "Thanks".

### **TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET**

The financial statements are presented today as at May 15, 2017 – just 6 weeks after my last report. All bank accounts have been reconciled to their respective statements for April 30. The financial statements presented here fairly reflect the financial position of the District. I chose the mid-month date to include/reflect the expenses from the convention paid early in May. However, there are still various items to update before the end of the Lions year.

#### **ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS**

- Our administration account remains in a good position. Various year-end expenses for convention, committee chair honorariums and sundry operating expenses (Leadership Seminar, GMT/GLT expenses) remain to be paid. But I do expect we will end the year in a surplus again.
- If anyone has an expense claim that should be paid through the District, please get it to DG Wayne or myself for processing as soon as possible.

#### **TRUST ACCOUNTS**

- The balance sheet for the Trust accounts is an accurate reflection of all balances held in Trust as at May 15, 2017.
- Committee Chairs have received a summary of any fund activity for their respective committees to date.
- Correction from last report - There is 1 minor variance of \$50 between Effective Speaking and Youth Camp – the liability side is correct but \$50 needs to be transferred from Youth to Effective Speaking.
- The investment balances have been updated since last report – some certificates were renewed earlier this year and the interest added onto the certificate had not been properly accounted. All balances are now correct.

On a personal note, it has been a pleasure to serve the District again this year. In looking back, I am completing my 10<sup>th</sup> year as Cabinet Treasurer with this report. And, while I enjoy providing this service and it is not a lot of work, it is now time to start to train a replacement – for the good of the District. We need to have other Lions in the District that are involved and trained to take on the role of Cabinet Treasurer. I will develop a detailed guide for the position in the coming year and would be happy to have someone job shadow with me during 2017-18.

#### **MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- I move receipt of the financial reports as submitted.

# DISTRICT A-15 LIONS CLUBS®

## THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

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2017-05-22  
Accrual Basis

### District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust Balance Sheet As of 15 May 2017

	15 May 17
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
CIBC- Lions Quest Imprest	3,167.79
CIBC - Eff.Speaking Impst	428.50
CIBC - Trust Account	18,846.54
CIBC - Youth	
Youth Exchange Imprest	28,674.52
Youth Investments	12,911.60
Total CIBC - Youth	41,586.12
Investments	
QUEST - Investment	7,686.93
Investments - Other	5,234.58
Total Investments	12,921.51
Youth Camp Capital Fund	7,845.49
Total Chequing/Savings	84,795.95
Total Current Assets	84,795.95
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>84,795.95</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Camp Dorset	500.00
Centennial Project	12,338.41
Cultural Festival	217.11
Diabetes Awareness	900.00
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	478.50
Hearing Conservation	850.00
Hearing Equipment	703.07
Lake Joseph	500.00
LCIF - Measles	200.00
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Leash Free Park	5,055.90
Lions Foundation of Canada - Other	50.00
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	5,105.90
Lions Home for Deaf People	100.00
LIONS Quest Contra Account	10,854.72
Peace Poster	770.98
Reading Action	6.12
Vision Screening	1,789.53
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	41,636.12
Total Other Current Liabilities	76,950.46
Total Current Liabilities	76,950.46
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	7,845.49
Total Long Term Liabilities	7,845.49
Total Liabilities	84,795.95
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>84,795.95</b>

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2017-05-22  
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### District "A"-15 Lions - Admin Balance Sheet As of 15 May 2017

	15 May 17
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account	11,006.61
CIBC - Investments	31,948.14
CIBC USD Account	8.57
International Director Fund	58.48
New Club Assessment Fund	1,370.56
Total Cash	44,892.36
International Director GIC	6,000.00
Total Chequing/Savings	50,892.36
Total Current Assets	50,892.36
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>50,892.36</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
A/P USD for LCI	0.01
Total Accounts Payable	0.01
Other Current Liabilities	
Convention Fund	2,995.07
DGE Partner Travel	1,736.43
Total Other Current Liabilities	4,731.50
Total Current Liabilities	4,731.51
Long Term Liabilities	
International Director - Contra	6,058.48
New Club Assessment - Contra	1,870.56
Total Long Term Liabilities	7,929.04
Total Liabilities	12,660.55
Equity	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	3,704.97
Net Income	10,836.30
Total Equity	38,231.81
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>50,892.36</b>

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### District "A"-15 Lions - Admin Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2016 through May 15 2017

	Jul '16 - Jun 17	Budget	Over Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
Income			
Advertising	500.00	500.00	0.00
District Directory	185.00	225.00	-40.00
District Dues			
Dues - Collected	12,614.00	12,809.50	-195.50
<b>Total District Dues</b>	<b>12,614.00</b>	<b>12,809.50</b>	<b>-195.50</b>
Interest Earned	427.89	425.00	2.89
Leadership Seminar Income	1,450.00	1,450.00	0.00
MD 'A' Dues	0.00		
Membership Assessment	2,226.00	2,260.50	-34.50
Pin Sales	1,345.00	1,250.00	95.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>18,747.89</b>	<b>18,920.00</b>	<b>-172.11</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>18,747.89</b>	<b>18,920.00</b>	<b>-172.11</b>
Expense			
Awards			
Awards - Cabinet	79.04	500.00	-420.96
Awards - Other	244.16	450.00	-205.84
<b>Total Awards</b>	<b>323.20</b>	<b>950.00</b>	<b>-626.80</b>
Badges & Patches	489.15	700.00	-210.85
Bank Charges	375.02	350.00	25.02
Cabinet Expense	721.00	1,800.00	-1,079.00
Centennial Project	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Convention Expense	337.13	750.00	-412.87
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair Expenses	90.12	600.00	-509.88
District Chair - Other	0.00	1,800.00	-1,800.00
Global Leadership & Membership	223.69	1,700.00	-1,476.31
Leo Clubs	0.00	250.00	-250.00
<b>Total District Chair Expense</b>	<b>313.81</b>	<b>4,350.00</b>	<b>-4,036.19</b>
District Directories	1,967.60	1,750.00	217.60
Internet	137.61	140.00	-2.39
Leadership Institutes	350.88	540.00	-189.12
Leadership Seminar	0.00	1,450.00	-1,450.00
Liability Insurance	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Pins Purchased	1,769.86	1,760.00	9.86
Postage & Telephone	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Printing & Stationery	46.33	350.00	-303.67
USA / Canada Forum	1,080.00	1,800.00	-720.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>7,911.59</b>	<b>18,890.00</b>	<b>-10,978.41</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>10,836.30</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>10,806.30</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>10,836.30</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>10,806.30</b>

## **CABINET REPORTS**

### **1<sup>st</sup> VDG – Charlene Dwyer**

What a great District A15 Convention we had despite the weather! It was a fun weekend of Lions fellowship and fun! Thanks to Elmira & Woolwich Community Lions for a great weekend. We shared the loss of members of our Lions family together on Sunday morning with the largest list in over 20 years, a tough year for sure! I had the pleasure the following week to induct a new member into the Elora Lions Club. The next weekend Lion Russ & I attended the MDA Convention hosted by the Lions Club of Kitchener, it was another great weekend of Lions fellowship & commitment! It was truly an honour on Sunday to have the current District Governors give their chairs to the District Governor Elects. We also had the pleasure to meet our incoming Lions International President Lion Naresh Agarwal and his wife Navita Aggarwal. I also had the pleasure to install the incoming Club Officers into the Cambridge-Highlands Lions Club. This past weekend we held the District A15 Cabinet Officer Training on Saturday followed by the Club Officer training on Sunday, thanks to the New Hamburg Lions Club for hosting Sundays learning day and to those Lions Leaders who provided Leadership Training. I look forward to inducting 2 new members into the Thamesford Lions Club and install their incoming Club officers. We have a great A15 Cabinet team coming in for 2017-2018 and we are excited to present the new Lions Forward program as well as the mobile app My Lion to you over the next several months. We continue to search for Zone Chairs for Zone 9 East and Zone 51 West. Have a safe and happy summer and I do hope you will consider hosting one our visiting International Youth! Thank you for your service to this great District of A15.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> VDG – Kevin Banfield**

#### **IPDG –Diane Smith**

Nothing to Report.

#### **RC 9 – Bill Robinson**

Nothing to Report.

#### **ZC 9S – Tony Davidson**

Nothing to Report

#### **ZC 9E –Ray Derouin**

Nothing to Report.

#### **RC 51 – Debbie Cserhalmi**

It has been a pleasure serving as your region chair this year. I especially want to express my pride in a special project that some clubs are involved with. The clubs in 51E have joined together (along with two clubs from District A-9) to raise \$200,000 for the Groves Memorial Hospital Foundation. Truly, where there's a need there's a Lion.

For those of you who are taking the summer off (do Lions really take time off?) enjoy your summer. To those who still have summer events, keep up the good work.

#### **ZC 51E – Neil Hoogendoorn**

Nothing to report.

#### **ZC 51W – Linda Litt**

Nothing to report.





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**RC37 – Tracey Leary**  
Nothing to report.

**ZC 37S – Paul Lalonde**

I would like to thank all the clubs of 37S for their support and hospitality shown to me on my visits, the clubs of 37S are already gearing up for next year for the farm show with 2 meetings on the books. It's truly been an honour to have worked with all of you.

**ZC 37W – George Corrin**  
Nothing to report.



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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Bulletin & MDA- Lion Bob Pearson**

**Plan of Action:** Continue with the established quality of the newsletter issues.

Prepare for transition to new bulletin editor for A15, Lion Gerry Haliburton from St. Mary's Lions will be taking over this coming Lions year. Present editor, Lion Bob Pearson from Copetown Lions will be the new Lions Magazine Editor for MD "A".

Encourage A15 Clubs to ensure they have a bulletin editor in place and there are regular entries for the district bulletin contest. It is noted there are only four entries for this year and there were six entries for the 2015-2016 contest. The normal deadline for the bulletin contest is February 28<sup>th</sup>, that date was extended to March 31<sup>st</sup> to allow for sufficient entries. Contest Rules and an entry form were included in the January issue of the bulletin.

***New Item: As a result of feedback from club members it has been suggested that it might well be time to consider changing the format of the bulletin contest to promote more interest within district clubs and the rating system perhaps be based on regular submissions as opposed to a one time entry for the contest. More to follow.***

Timely submissions make for a better product. Please submit your material as soon as practical for next month's issue.

Presently submissions can be in most formats, PDF's are preferred, but most other platforms can be converted. Contact the bulletin editor if you have questions about file formats. Microsoft Word seems to be the most popular format and that is suitable as well.

**Camp Coordinator – RC Bill Robinson**  
Nothing to report

**Centennial Coordinator – PDG Dan Ayim**

On June 7, 2017, Lions will celebrate one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Lions Clubs International; but it is well known to us that this celebration began in July 2014 and will end on June 30<sup>th</sup> 2018. Clubs in A15 and around the world are encouraged to continue service projects focused on the core programs of Engaging youth, Hunger relief, Vision Care and environmental protection. Equally important is membership building. Plan to complete your legacy projects by June 30, 2018.

Let me humbly remind each club secretary to report all finished projects and membership growth in MyLCI service report so that your club's contributions may be recognized.

**Entranceway Legacy Project – Breslau.**

Many thanks go to clubs in A15 as well as non-Lion individuals and businesses in our communities who have contributed materials, cash and/or labour to our district centennial legacy project at LFC dog breeding facility in Breslau. If your club has not yet participated, I encourage you to get involved. Any contribution, no matter how small, will be appreciated.

**Constitution & By-Laws – PDDG George Patton**  
Nothing to report



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**Convention Host 2017** –PID Art Woods & Lion Linda Litt  
Final report submitted.

**Convention Advisory (Future)** – Doug Smith  
Nothing to report

**Cultural Events** –PZC Fran MacFarlane  
Nothing to report

**Diabetes Awareness** – PRC Rick Bell  
Nothing to report

**Effective Speaking** – Lion Ernie Kaethler  
Nothing to report

**Elections & Credentials** – PDG Doug Smith  
Nothing to Report

**Environment** – Lion Jason Crowe  
Nothing to report

**Gift of Life Coordinator** – Lion Bob Rutter  
Nothing to report

**GLT District Coordinator** – IPDG Diane Smith

The leadership team for the District has been formatting goals to aid in the strengthening of the incoming Cabinet and District officers for the 2017-2018 Lions year. To that end, a workshop for Cabinet was held on May 27<sup>th</sup> and a workshop for incoming club officers was held on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Leadership and Membership goals for our incoming District Governor were reviewed and feedback from Lions members, as to the needs and challenges facing our District, will be used to modify current District on-line resources and format new and practical on-line resources.

At both workshops there was a review of the events of the coming year, the roles of committee chairs and the effectiveness of meetings.

The District should be very proud of those who have taken on a leadership role.

**GMT District Coordination** – PRC Jim Keron  
Nothing to report

**GMT – Club Success Team Leader** - PRC Paul Anstett  
Nothing to Report.

**GMT – Membership & Club Growth Team Leader** – PRC Vic Bovington  
Nothing to Report

**Hearing and Speech Action** – PDG Tim DeBlock  
Nothing to Report



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**Honorary Committee**–IPDG Diane Smith

During our annual District A-15 convention, sixteen of our Past District Governors, including our International guest PID Carl Young attended an honorary committee breakfast on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>. We conducted a brief meeting and reviewed the most current Club Health Assessment report for our District.

I attended the MDA convention, May 11-14 in Kitchener. It was a great opportunity to meet PDGs from other Districts. Currently there are 269 members in the MDA Past District Governors Association. PDG Harold Huhtanen will be the incoming Chair of the Association for the 2017-2018 Lions year. PDG Nancy Watt-Durant will remain as Secretary.

**Historian** – PDG Nancy Ransom

Nothing to report.

**Information Technology** – Lion Ted Rypma

I wish to thank the District for giving me the opportunity to serve yet again as the Technology Committee Chair and District Webmaster. The job is made so much easier with a computer-savvy Cabinet Secretary on the job - Dennis in the past, and Rick now, have made my job easier.

I would like to reiterate that the web site is set up so any committee chairs who are up to the challenge can have control over one or more pages on the site for their committee. I may not always respond to your request for access immediately, as a bit of setup is required, but eventually you will have control of your content if you need and want it.

I look forward to continuing to serve.

**Lions Clubs International Foundation** – VDG2 Kevin Banfield

**Lions Foundation of Canada** – RC Deb Cserhalmi

Thank you to all who supported this year's Walk for Dog Guides. The weather was perfect this year and I hope the totals reflect that. There is still time to support some walks, so if you haven't, check out the walk site at [www.walkfordogguides.com](http://www.walkfordogguides.com) and donate today.

Thinking of honouring a member of your club? Please consider one of the honours that give back to the Foundation. You can find more info at [www.dogguides.com/lions.html](http://www.dogguides.com/lions.html)

As a proud Canadian charity, we want to honour Canada's 150th birthday in a truly Canadian cherished way. Nothing is more precious to us than our future Dog Guide puppies. We will be naming an entire litter of puppies, born right after Canada Day, 2017, with special names that recognize our country Canada. To do this, we need your help! Please join us by participating in our contest to recommend these special names that celebrate Canada. We are looking for suitable names with a Canada theme. Please submit your ideas now through June 30th. When submitting a name for consideration only, kindly avoid the use of common human names or names that sound similar to a dog command (i.e. Bob might be heard on the street to distract a Dog Guide, and "Fletch" might think he needs to "Fetch"!).

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Lions Clubs International. As an officially recognized Lions project, we want to help commemorate this milestone in our own special way. We will be naming an entire litter of puppies in ways that honour the many achievements of Lions Clubs. To do this we need your help! Please join us by participating in our contest to select these special names to recognize Lions achievements. We are looking for suitable names with a Lions theme. Please submit your ideas now through June 30th. Submissions



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are being accepted via email to [cmorrow@dogguides.com](mailto:cmorrow@dogguides.com), or contact Caron Morrow directly at [905-842-2891 ext. 244](tel:905-842-2891). Winners will be notified in July, following the birth of our future special Lions Dog Guide puppies.

As always, I will be available throughout the summer. If you need a speaker or puppies for your event please feel free to contact me at [lfc@a15lions.org](mailto:lfc@a15lions.org) or the foundation directly to fill out the request form at <https://www.dogguides.com/forms/New%20Event%20Form.pdf>  
I look forward to serving you next year as well. Have a great summer Lions!

**Lions Opportunities for Youth** – Joanne McQuiggan  
Nothing to report

**Lions Services for Children** – Interim DG Wayne Litt  
Nothing to Report

**Literacy** – PZC Aline Chan  
Nothing to report

**Long Range Planning** – PDG Thom Herrmann  
Nothing to Report – waiting for a mission.

**Nominations Committee** – PDG Bill Carson  
Nothing to report

**Peace Poster & Essay For the Visually Impaired** – Lion Janet Dawson-Brock  
Lions and Lioness thank you for your support for the Peace Poster Contest for 2016-2017  
It is now time to plan for 2017-2018. **LIONS AND LIONESS WHEN YOU ARE SETTING YOUR BUDGET FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR, COULD YOU PLEASE PUT A DONATION IN FOR THE PEACE POSTER CONTEST** for District A 15 and M D A Peace Poster.

I haven't asked in three years and it is now time to support the contest financially.

I have Peace Poster kits and if you would like one please contact me. [519 501 4853](tel:519-501-4853).

I look forward to being District A-15 and M D. A Chair for the contest.  
Happy summer

**Police Check Gatekeeper** – PDDG George Patton  
Nothing to report

**Public Relations – Club Visit Liaison** – PDG Nancy Ransom  
Nothing to report

**Protocol** – PID Art Woods  
Nothing to report

**Sight Screening & Conservation** – PDG Tim DeBlock  
Nothing to Report

**Special Olympics** – 1VDG Charlene Dwyer  
Nothing to report



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**Technology Coach** – CS Rick Banks  
Nothing to report

**Youth Camp & Exchange** – Lions Mark and Allison Henkell  
Nothing to report – see the District Bulletin  
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