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A-15 CONVENTION CABINET MEETING MINUTES
April 14th 2018 9:00 -10:30 AM & April 15th, 2018, 10:30 AM - Noon
Holiday Inn, Guelph

Saturday 9:10 AM

1. Call to order and Welcome – DG Charlene Dwyer
Attendance as indicated:

Voting Cabinet

DG Charlene Dwyer	IPDG Wayne Litt (R)	1 st VDG Kevin Banfield	2 nd VDG Tracey Leary
CS Rick Banks (R)	CT Peter Oswald	RC George Corrin	RC Tony Davidson (R)
ZC Henri Callebert (R)	ZC Cecilia Fulker	ZC Linda Vinette	ZC Harvey Wood
GLT Dennis Lougheed	GMT Bill Robinson	GST OJ Wilura	

COMMITTEE CHAIR

PRC Paul Anstett (R)	PDG Dan Ayim	PRC Rick Bell	PZC Aline Chan (R)
Lion Jason Crowe (R)	PRC Deb Cserhalmi (R)	Lion Janet Dawson-Brock	PDG Tim DeBlock(R)
Lion Lyle Fair	PZC Gerry Haliburton	Lion Allison Henkell (R)	Lion Mark Henkell (R)
PDG Thom Herrmann(R)	Lion Joanne McQuiggan	PDDG George Patton (R)	Lion Robert Keleher (R)
PDG Nancy Ransom	Lion Garry Ransom	Lion Bob Rutter(R)	PCS Ted Rypma(R)
PDG Diane Smith	PDG Doug Smith	PID Art Woods (R)	PDG Denis Vinette

2. O Canada
3. Protocol – Set at the Friday evening Opening Ceremonies.
4. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
 - 4.1. **MOVED** that the agenda be approved as presented. Carried
5. Introduction of International Guest – PID Art Woods
6. Approval of Minutes of the January 30th, 2018 Cabinet meeting.
Available at <http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/CabMinJan30-2018.pdf>
 - 6.1. **MOVED** that the minutes of the January 30, 2018 Cabinet Meeting be approved as presented.
Carried.
7. Secretary's Report *See Page 2*
MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Secretary's report, with the June Cabinet meeting amended to June 13th at St George. Carried
8. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements. *See pages 2 through 5*
MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's report. The Interfund Transfer to the Effective Speaking account is to be returned over a two to three year period. Carried as amended.
9. Cabinet Reports *See pages 6 through 8*
 - 9.1. **MOVED** to acknowledge receipt of the Cabinet reports. Carried.
10. Committee Reports *See pages 9 through 12*
 - 10.1. Peace Poster Chair– Please pick your peace poster submissions and return them to the entrants.
 - 10.2. **MOVED** to acknowledge receipt of the Committee reports.
11. Award Presentation
 - 11.1. Guiding Lions Certificates were presented to Lion Nancy Chaison from Mosborough Busy Busy Lions and to ZC Harvey Wood from Rockton.
 - 11.2. Awards from the Luncheon and Dinner Banquets



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- 11.2.1. LCI MDA District Level Service Award presented by GST Coordinator OJ Wilura to:
Jack Broadfoot, Larry Ford, Bill Shewfelt, Roger Lyster
 - 11.2.2. A15 Service Awards
Presented to: Maureen Bonner, John Lyons, Sandra James, Shirley Ruler, Carolyn Parks and Jim Saunders
 - 11.2.3. International President's Certificate of Appreciation (4th Highest IP Award) presented by ID Tom Gordon, PID Art Woods and DG Charlene Dwyer
Presented to: Janet Dawson-Brock, Dennis Lougheed, Denis Vinette, Ernie Kaethler and Tim DeBlock
 - 11.2.4. International President's Leadership Award (3rd Highest IP Award) presented by ID Tom Gordon, PID Art Woods and DG Charlene Dwyer
Presented to: GST Coordinator OJ Wilura
 - 11.2.5. International President's Medal (2nd Highest IP Award) presented by ID Tom Gordon, PID Art Woods and DG Charlene Dwyer
Presented to: PDG Diane Smith
12. Candidates
 - 12.1. Candidates for election are: R9 Harvey Wood, R37 Cecilia Fulker, R51 Jim Davis, Z9S Tony Davidson, Z9E – vacant, Z37W Jody Cherwonak, ZC37S Gabriella Pfaff, Z51E Linda Vinette, Z51W – vacant, VDG2 George Corrin, VDG1 Tracey Robinson, DG Kevin Banfield
 13. Adjournment until Sunday morning at 9:40 AM

Sunday 10:26 AM

1. Call to order – DG Charlene Dwyer
2. Remarks from International Guest
3. Convention Report
360 Registrants, 103 for the Saturday Lunch and 117 for the Banquet
4. Remarks from DG Charlene Dwyer
5. Bulletin Contest – two winners – Marg DeBoer from Cambridge Highlands and Janet Massell from New Hamburg Lioness
6. Awards & Presentations
 - 6.1. First Timers Contest – Leah Reiger from the Stratford Club
 - 6.2. Home for the Deaf – Lion Janet Dawson-Brock – See page
 - 6.3. Effective Speaking – Lyle Fair
7. Convention Raffle Results –
 - 7.1. Raffle – Fern Kindhorst won the Beer Fridge, Ron Bowman won the Wine Cooler, the Drumbo Club won the Suitcases, and the Atwood Club won the Holiday Inn Package
 - 7.2. Due to the weather the winning 50/50 ticket holder was not in the room. The number was posted on the A15 Website.
8. Report from Election Committee and announcing of results – PDG Thom Herrmann
 - 8.1. Credential Fines totaled \$90.00
 - 8.2. There were 172 potential delegates, 85 Credentials were processed and 57 votes were cast.
 - 8.3. Changes to by-laws and constitution were passed. DG, VDG1 and VDG2 were approved.
9. **MOVED** that the ballots be destroyed. Carried.
10. New Cabinet
 - 10.1. Introduction of the new Cabinet



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R9 Harvey Wood, R37 Cecilia Fulker, R51 Jim Davis, Z9S Tony Davidson, Z9E vacant, Z37W Jody Cherwanak, Z37S Gabriella Pfaff, Z51E Linda Vinette, Z51W Mark Koenig (Appointed) VDG2 George Corrin, VDG1 Tracey Robinson, DG Kevin Banfield, IPDG Char, GST OJ Wilura, GMT Bill Robinson, GLT Dennis Lougheed, LCIF vacant

11. DG-Elect remarks
12. Passing of the Campbell, oldest to newest
13. Presentation of Flags to 2018-2019 Convention Host Club
14. Adjournment



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SECRETARY'S REPORT TO CABINET

Lions Clubs are reminded that 2018/19 Officer elections must be completed by April 15th and reported to International no later than May 15th. LEO and Lioness Clubs must report 2015/16 Officer information to the Cabinet Secretary no later than May 15th. Our last Cabinet Meeting for the year will be June 6th in Monkton at 7:00 pm.

Please take the time to update all of the member data in MyLCI as this makes for printing an accurate and useful District Directory.

Treasurer's Report to Cabinet –

The financial statements are presented today as at February 28, 2018. All bank accounts have been reconciled to their respective statements for that date. The financial statements presented here fairly reflect the financial position of the District.

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS

- All Club dues for District and MDA for 2017-18 have been paid in full
- Administration balance sheet includes satisfactory bank balance of over \$14,000. There are some funds from pin sales to collect.
- With respect to Expenses vs Budget, we are on track – less than 50% of the budgeted expense funds have been allocated to February 28 and no expense lines are over budget.

TRUST ACCOUNTS

- The balance sheet for the Trust accounts is an accurate reflection of all balances held in Trust as at February 28, 2018 and all accounts have been reconciled to the Bank records.
- Committee Chairs have received a summary of any fund activity for their respective committees to date.
- There is a difference of \$1,500 between Youth Camp and Effective Speaking as an inter-fund transfer has been made to support the Effective Speaking committee.
- At the time of the report, the District had received CAD \$12,300 from LCIF to support Lions efforts in Flood Relief in Brantford. As the municipality and Province stepped in to support the area, the funds were not used by Lions and have since been returned to LCIF.
- The Centennial project currently has over \$17,000 available to complete the Legacy gates Project at Breslau.

MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- I move receipt of the financial reports as submitted.



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Accrual Basis

District "A"-15 Lions - Admin Balance Sheet As of 28 February 2018

	<u>28 Feb 18</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account	14,847.31
CIBC - Investments	32,045.50
CIBC USD Account	7.45
International Director Fund	58.48
New Club Assessment Fund	<u>1,870.56</u>
Total Cash	48,829.30
International Director GIC	<u>6,000.00</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	54,829.30
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	<u>332.00</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>332.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>55,161.30</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>55,161.30</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
A/P USD for LCI	<u>0.01</u>
Total Accounts Payable	0.01
Other Current Liabilities	
Convention Fund	4,010.07
DGE Partner Travel	4,236.43
International Director Suspense	<u>363.25</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	8,609.75
Total Current Liabilities	8,609.76
Long Term Liabilities	
International Director - Contra	6,058.48
New Club Assessment - Contra	<u>1,870.56</u>
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>7,929.04</u>
Total Liabilities	16,538.80
Equity	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	4,266.69
Net Income	<u>10,665.27</u>
Total Equity	<u>38,622.50</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>55,161.30</u></u>



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District "A"-15 Lions - Admin Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2017 through February 2018

	Jul '17 - Jun 18	Budget	Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Advertising	500.00	500.00	0.00
District Directory	130.00	200.00	-70.00
District Dues			
Dues - Collected	12,350.50	12,350.50	0.00
Dues - Rebated	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total District Dues	12,350.50	12,350.50	0.00
Interest Earned	97.36	435.00	-337.64
Leadership Seminar Income	1,450.00	1,450.00	0.00
MD 'A' Dues	0.00		
Membership Assessment	2,179.50	2,179.50	0.00
Pin Sales	874.00	1,080.00	-206.00
Returned Cheque Charges	7.00		
Total Income	17,588.36	18,195.00	-606.64
Gross Profit	17,588.36	18,195.00	-606.64
Expense			
Awards			
Awards - Cabinet	66.70	400.00	-333.30
Awards - Other	372.09	450.00	-77.91
Total Awards	438.79	850.00	-411.21
Badges & Patches	416.90	700.00	-283.10
Bank Charges	61.12	300.00	-238.88
Bank Service Charges	7.00		
Cabinet Expense	1,582.61	1,800.00	-217.39
Centennial Project	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00
Convention Expense	0.00	750.00	-750.00
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair Expenses	33.04	600.00	-566.96
District Chair - Other	0.00	1,600.00	-1,600.00
Global Leadership & Membership	810.73	1,900.00	-1,089.27
Leo Clubs	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total District Chair Expense	843.77	4,300.00	-3,456.23
District Directories	1,967.60	2,000.00	-32.40
Internet	146.47	150.00	-3.53
Leadership Institutes	0.00	540.00	-540.00
Leadership Seminar	0.00	1,450.00	-1,450.00
Liability Insurance	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Miscellaneous	0.00		
Pins Purchased	1,543.87	1,535.00	8.87
Postage & Telephone	96.05	250.00	-153.95
Printing & Stationery	133.34	350.00	-216.66
USA / Canada Forum	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Total Expense	7,237.52	18,175.00	-10,937.48
Net Ordinary Income	10,350.84	20.00	10,330.84
Net Income	10,350.84	20.00	10,330.84



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Accrual Basis

District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust Balance Sheet As of 28 February 2018

	<u>28 Feb 18</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
CIBC - Lions Quest Imprest	28,491.85
CIBC - Eff. Speaking Impet	2,484.93
CIBC - Trust Account	20,170.51
CIBC - Youth	
Youth Exchange Imprest	19,447.86
Youth Investments	<u>12,911.60</u>
Total CIBC - Youth	32,359.46
Investments	
QUEST - Investment	7,686.93
Investments - Other	<u>5,234.58</u>
Total Investments	12,921.51
Youth Camp Capital Fund	<u>7,845.49</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>104,273.75</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>104,273.75</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>104,273.75</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Centennial Project	17,237.33
Cultural Festival	217.11
Diabetes Awareness	575.00
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	934.93
Hearing Equipment	703.07
LCIF - Grant Emergency Flooding	12,300.00
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Autism Dogs	407.00
Leash Free Park	<u>5,055.90</u>
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	5,462.90
LIONS Quest Contra Account	23,878.78
Peace Poster	1,138.89
Reading Action	6.12
Vision Screening	114.67
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	<u>33,859.46</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>96,428.26</u>
Total Current Liabilities	96,428.26
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	<u>7,845.49</u>
Total Long Term Liabilities	7,845.49
Total Liabilities	<u>104,273.75</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>104,273.75</u></u>



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CABINET REPORTS – April 14, 15th 2018

District Governor's Report

Well here we are three quarters of the way through the year already. Congratulations to our Clubs who have increased their membership and grew in service so far this year. Our District is certainly improving with our membership numbers but we still seem to struggle with retention. The Global Action team is here to help your Club with anything you may need. The one piece that comes to the forefront when we look at retention and the length of service of those members being dropped, is the importance of Orientation which is another piece of the puzzle that we are here to assist you with. The many service projects that our Clubs are working on is amazing and the commitment to service is alive and well here in A15. We have also mourned together in our Lions family for those who have passed away. Clubs are now in the midst of selecting their Executive Officers for the new Lions year and as you will see the Club Executive structure has been brought in line with the recommendations from Lions International. We Lions, Lioness and LEOs work hard and it is now time to celebrate with our District A15 Convention. Please join us as we honour our Clubs with the Parade of Banners, sharing information and of course loads of fun. We will also share the power of service together with the Saturday afternoon eyeglass sorting and packing service project as well as the first ever Strides Walk for Diabetes here in A15. We also have a dedicated group of leaders stepping forward in leadership at the District Cabinet level for next year. This has been a tremendous year for all of us here in District A15 as we continue to celebrate our Centennial through to the end of June. Thank you to everyone who has donated funds for the A15 Autism Assistance Dog Guide Team sponsorship which is my District Governor project, my dream is to raise the \$12,000 in sponsorship for this team on behalf of every Lion, LEO and Lioness in the District. Well done everyone, I am proud to represent District A15 as your Governor and I am humbled by your support. See you at Convention!

1st VDG – Kevin Banfield

Well the year has went by very quickly. I have had a great time touring the district representing DG Char, attending many of your clubs activities and so much more.

Plans are well underway to embrace the future of our district, with a lot of training coming from Lions International, MDA and within your own district.

As I move along my journey to become DG, I must say – if you are not getting the training you're looking for from your organization, step back and ask why? We have many great resources out there, which are all transferable skills to your daily life.

I look forward to seeing each of you during the convention and at the district training which has a total new feel to it this year. I hope each of you take full advantage of this opportunity.

2nd VDG – Tracey Robinson

I have had a great journey this year as your Second Vice District Governor. It has been a wonderful experience visiting different clubs in other Regions and Zones. I have handed out numerous Chevrons, which tells me, that our Lions enjoy what they do and have stuck around for a lot of years to do it!! Our new members will have mentors to help them and something to look forward to. I really believe in communication between all clubs and the cabinet to make this team work and our district to function as it has. I look forward helping our district even more as I run for First Vice District Governor. It makes me so proud to be a part of this District. I look forward to seeing everyone at convention!! Let's have some fun.



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IPDG – Wayne Litt

RC 9 – Tony Davidson

The Clubs of Region 9 have been involved with the Clubs of Region 51 West with Joint Zone meetings. The meetings covered the topics set out by Cabinet in the spring, presented by some wonderful facilitators. A survey was sent to the Clubs after the meetings and all that responded were in favor of the new format. The Zone meetings were well attended.

ZC 9E – Tony Davidson – See above.

ZC 9S – Harvey Wood

All Clubs in 9 South have been visited and three Zone meetings have been held with the focus on Leadership, Membership and Service. All 10 Clubs in the Zone have participated and their support is appreciated.

Some smaller Clubs need strengthening. Easy to state more difficult to do. Membership is a challenge but where there is a will, there is a way. In some cases, leadership from the District may play an important role.

The restructuring of the Club's executives will more closely define the areas of focus of Lions International. I am excited about the entry of the newly created positions but can envision a growing division between the function and activities of the larger Clubs from those of the smaller Clubs.

The new roles present an opportunity for Clubs to move to higher levels of service, satisfaction and mentorship. Now is the time for planning for the next year. Exciting, is it not??

RC37 – George Corrin

Thank you to all the Clubs in Region 37. Our Region has enjoyed a significant increase in membership. Zone meetings were well attended. Currently each club is electing their new officers to take their Clubs into the future. Club Service activities demonstrate that community is very important. It has been proven again this year within the Lions Organization that it's about serving people in need as well as bringing quality of life to people and communities. Thank you to Zone Chairs Henri Callebert and Cecillia Fulker for all their work. The region is grateful to have 3 Lions who have stepped forward to become leaders, as Region Chair Cecilia Fulker from Zurich, and as Zone Chair in 37S, Gabrielle Paff from Plattsville and in 37W, Jody Cherwonak from West Coast. Thank you for making this a very memorable year as I visited the various Clubs and shared much laughter and good food together.

ZC 37S – Henry Callebert

ZC 37W – Cecillia Fulker

It is hard to believe that our Lion year is coming to an end. I have enjoyed my visits to The Clubs. I have performed many inductions in this short period. The motto of We Serve has been very apparent everywhere I go. The Life Memberships, Centennial Awards, and Dog Guide Walks. The list goes on and so does the enthusiasm. I am lucky to have great mentoring from Region Chair Lion George Corrin that has helped my road be a lot smoother along the way. This has definitely been a learning experience. The Clubs in 37W are growing



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larger and stronger. To quote a PDG who told me a while ago, to be myself and never stop showing my excitement and love for Lions and the people in it. He is a wise man and I am still excited today. The road to tomorrow will lead into more great adventures and more reasons for being a Lion.

RC 51 –

ZC 51E – Linda Vinette

Since the last Cabinet Meeting, I held my Second Zone meeting concentrating on Membership at Hillsburgh and District Lions Club. It was well attended with GMT Bill Robinson as speaker. The Joint Zone meeting was held at Paradise and District Lions Club with GLT Dennis Lougheed concentrating on Leadership and it was also well attended. Many thanks to Lion Bill and Lion Dennis for presenting at the Zone and Joint Zone meeting. Lions nominated for District office where announced by PDG Lion Doug Smith and a short demonstration for the position at 51E Zone chair was done with a special visit from Queen Elizabeth the 1st. We had lots of fun. Thank you, DG Char for allowing me to take on the position of Zone Chair and I look forward to a repeat performance with 1st VDG Kevin.

ZC 51W –



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COMMITTEE REPORTS – April 14, 15th 2018

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bulletin & MDA Magazine Liaison – PZC Gerry Haliburton

The production of the A15 District Governor's newsletter has been a challenge to me- when I last edited a bulletin it was printed locally at the now defunct St. Marys Journal Argus office on an ancient press which used lead type made up from my copy submitted to the press operator. It wasn't that long ago (25 years or so), but it was fun to go to the shop and actually see the process and come out with the bulletin ready for distribution.

This time I've had to get new software and learn how to use it, learn how to dismantle and copy parts of documents in different formats, and put it all together in a timely manner. I've had a few glitches and missteps, but I have received many letters of support from the clubs and many individual members.

Thank you to all for the support and input during the year. With your help we will continue to keep the lines of communication going. I'm not sure if I will be able to attend the convention in Guelph, so if I don't see you, please have a good convention and send back lots of photos and news.

Camp Co-ordinator – RC Bill Robinson –.

We have updated the presentation outlining the camps within our MDA. There is an update in the promotional video for Camp Dorset. These are Camps that are located in our multiple districts and without the help from the Lions Clubs some of these programs would not exist. That being said if you have room in your budget please consider helping out with these very worthwhile camps. I will be spreading the word to the clubs in the district that wish to learn more about these camps to contact me.

Centennial Coordinator – PDG Dan Ayim

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

Convention Report – Co-Chairs PDG Nancy Ransom, Lion Gary Ransom, Lion Robert Keleher

Diabetes Awareness Report – Lion Rick Bell

Effective Speaking – Lion Lyle Fair

Elections & Credentials – PDG Thom Herrmann

Nothing to report.

Environment – No report

Future Convention Advisory – DG Charlene Dwyer

The date and location for the 2019 District A15 Convention have now been set. The 2019 District A15 Convention will take place April 5-7, 2019 at the Quality Inn, 500 Bruin Blvd., Woodstock, ON. The Plattsville and District Lions Club along with the Woodstock Lions Club will be the Convention hosts.



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We are still looking for bids for the 2020 District A15 Convention. Please visit the District A15 website under Publications/Forms, then “Governance”, District A15, District A15 Policy Manual then scroll down to 27.1.5 CONVENTION BID PROCESS. We look forward to hearing from you.

<http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Directory/A15PolicyManualJune2016.pdf>

All plans are ready to go for the 2018 District A15 Convention and we look forward to seeing our Lions, Lioness and LEOs there!!

Family & Women’s Specialist – PDG Diane Smith

For this Lions year, District Governor Charlene has set as her Women’s membership goal -28%. As of February 28th, the last date statistics were available for this report, we stand at 25.58%. We have in fact dropped slightly from our numbers at the end of the second quarter [25.73%]. The overall average for MDA is 28.66 %, with A-5 leading the way at 41.13 %.

Please keep in mind that the objective of membership is not specifically about numbers and gender targeted goals but rather about gaining more hands to ultimately provide more service.

At the MDA convention this year, I will conduct a one –hour round table discussion on the topic of Women and Family Membership. This will take place mid-afternoon on Saturday May 12th. I will finalize the information when details are confirmed by the convention planning committee. It is hoped incoming IP Lion Gudrun, the International guest, will speak with us for a few minutes.

All are warmly invited to attend.

Gift of Life: – No report

GLT District Coordinator – Lion Dennis Lougheed

Leadership presentations have been made at all Joint Zone Meetings.

District Global Leadership Operating Funding of \$250 US (\$317 CAD), available from LCI, was applied for and has been received by the Cabinet Treasurer. District Global Leadership Development Funding, also available from LCI, of a maximum of \$200 US (\$252 CAD) will be applied for following the Lions Learning Seminars of April 29th.

Information and registration packages for the April 29th Lions Learning Seminars have been sent to all District email addresses as well as to all District members for which an email address has been registered on MyLCI. The Seminars replace the Club and District Officers sessions of previous years. The program consists of a menu of sessions related to skills, resources and general knowledge of value to all Lions currently holding or contemplating taking on a variety of Club and/or District positions or simply wishing to grow as a Lion. This is a no cost event. Lunch is provided. While registration on the day of the seminars may be possible, advance registration is strongly encouraged as once a session room reaches capacity no further registrations will be accepted.

Club Executive elections were to have been completed by April 15th. Club Secretaries are reminded to enter their 2018/19 officers on MyLCI immediately if they have not already done so.

GMT District Coordinator – PRC Bill Robinson



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As the first term has just been flying by it is exciting to be preparing for the upcoming Lions Learning Seminar. There will be lots to take in this year as there is a new format which should appeal to everyone. I have completed the requirement for LCI to receive money for the District to help with GMT programs. I want to remind the members of A-15 that we have the Global Action Team which is in place to support all the clubs in the district in any way it can. If you require any information in regards to membership please don't hesitate to contact me, I am more than happy to come and speak to individuals or groups.

GST District Coordinator – PDG OJ Wilura

Please be advised that I have sent several information packages out to Clubs regarding adding Service Activities to MyLCI and about the new Club Officer structure. At this time we are well under the Governor's goal for the year, that being 100,000 hours.

Again, I have requested the Zone and Region Chairs to work with the **same 8 Clubs** that have not added any activity to the Service section of MyLCI. Those Clubs and their Presidents have been sent another email to see if support is required and only 1 responded requesting some clarification.

I will be checking the Clubs Officers for the "Next Fiscal Year" reports to see if they comply with the new Board positions, as noted in the Bylaws and Constitution for a Standard Club, revised July 4, 2017. A copy of this was also forwarded to all clubs in the district.

Hopefully by the time the convention Cabinet meeting, I will have a little better news.

The KW LEO Club had its official induction of 19 members and installation of Officers on February 5th. International Director Tom Gordon and Governor Char officiated. Lion Jillian Gordon was also present that evening. The club has met several times now planning service activities as well as appointing Membership, Leadership and Service Chairpersons. They wish to thank all Lions members for attending and showing support.

Hearing and Speech Action – PDG Paul Anstett – Nothing to report.

Historian – PDG Nancy Ransom

This year I have been forwarding articles for our District Bulletin, and displays for the cabinet meetings, about the history of District Governor Char's home club, the Guelph Lions.

I have sorted the boxes of older materials in storage, and scanned the photos and newspaper articles found therein, to the district history files. Otherwise, I have received very few new items from the District Clubs.

If any Club would like a copy of their club data, I will be happy to forward to them. I have enjoyed learning more about our Lions District past, and I would love to receive more materials to work with. Thank you for the opportunity to serve our great District.

Homes for Deaf – Janet Dawson Brock

The Board of Directors of Lions Homes for Deaf would like to invite you to the Official Opening of The Graydon Home in Barrie on June 21, 2018 1-3 pm at 7 Forestwood Lane, Barrie. We do hope to have this home paid for by June 30, 2019

The summer pavilion at McInnis House in Brantford is being used daily with the new heat pump. This project is now paid for.



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We partnered with Canadian Deaf/Blind Ontario in Paris to build a sensory garden and this project is now paid for by you the Lions/Lioness.

We have taken on two new projects now. The main one is to build a Cafe at the Paris Home for Deafblind Ontario.

We will spend \$56,000.00 to renovate space and have a CAFE for the public to eat at, also to have employment opportunities for people that are deaf/blind. We plan to have this paid for by June 30, 2019

The second project that we would like to sponsor is again with Deaf/Blind Ontario to renovate Earlwood Home in Peterborough. We support this project in principle, we cannot attach a DOLLAR value to our support. We still owe \$113,000.00 for the home in Barrie and now the project for the Cafe we hope to pay off by June, 2019.

Once we get closer to the payout date we will know how much we can give. It all hinges on YOU THE LIONS FAMILY OF MDA.

Lions in A 15 have given \$7,250.00 this year coming in 5th for MDA. 18 Lioness clubs have given \$6,900.00

Honorary Committee – IPDG Wayne Litt

International Relations – PID Art Woods – No report

LCIF –1st VDG Kevin Banfield

My LCIF hat had our District apply for an emergency grant from OUR foundation. While we did get the money, and were prepared to use it according to the grant, the City of Brantford had already helped with most of the needs. I must thank our DG for applying for the grant and ZC Harvey Woods for being the feet on the ground looking for the need.

Over the last number of years I have heard this money is only for those other countries, and there is no need to send money to LCIF, well here is a case where we applied, and was awarded the funds so please think about that next year when you and your club is putting your budget together.

Lions Foundation of Canada (LFC) – Deb Cherhalmi

Spring is in the air and that means Dog Walk season. This is the second year that Pet Valu is sponsoring the walk. Some stores are sponsoring their own walks or are joining with Lions Clubs to raise funds and awareness for Dog Guides. It's not too late to register! Please consider hosting a walk or supporting a walker. This year's national date is May 27 but walks can be held throughout the year. <https://www.walkfordogguides.com/>

This year's Ride for Dog Guides will take place on June 16. The ride begins in Oakville and ends in Breslau. The ride has a brand new route this year and we hope to attract new riders this year. Thanks to the Rockwood Lions for the new route and food at the end of the ride. The poker run is still on and there will be lots of fun at the Breslau with volunteers from the Mosborough Busy Busy Lions. Register early and get those donation in. <https://www.dogguides.com/ride/>

As our Lions year draws to an end there's no better way to honour your hard working club members than an award. There are several available that directly help our foundation. You can find them here: <https://www.dogguides.com/forms/DG13R-AwardProgramBrochure%5Bsm%5D.pdf>



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Finally, we are also looking for more foster families. The most rewarding job ever.

LEO – 2nd VDG Tracey Robinson – Nothing to report

Lions Quest – PDG Denis Vinette

Since my last report, I have been actively promoting Lions Quest in our District; in person or by email. As one way of recognizing clubs for their contributions, I am sending a personal thank you note of appreciation to acknowledge their donation and remind them that I appreciate them for their decision to support this very important program. I have had the opportunity to speak at two additional club meetings since the last cabinet meeting. A few members expressed a keen interest in promoting Lions Quest to educators and community groups. I can only hope that something will come of this.

This past Wednesday, April 4, 2018, I had the opportunity of participating on a GoTo Meeting with the Board of Directors of Lions Quest. Some interesting ideas were discussed and I will see how these may apply in our District. Of keen interest is the development of a relationship and endorsement with Educational and Governmental institutions. This was attempted some years ago with little success but times have changed and this deserves a new go-round.

Last fall, we received \$10,000.00 (USD) from LCIF. These funds are in hand and I will work hand in hand with Lions Quest staff to hold two Lions Quest workshops in our District in late summer or early fall.

As one of our two Lions National Programs, Lions Quest deserves club consideration as part of their annual funding plans. I will continue to promote the long term benefits of School based and Community Workshops.

Lions Opportunities For Youth – Lion Joanne McQuiggan

For those who are planning to attend the MDA Convention in St Catharines, please consider attending the Youth Opportunities Dinner on Saturday night. Tickets must be purchased in advance from PDG Evelyn Spiering. It's a wonderful event to celebrate all of our outstanding youth programs – for more details see the flyer that was sent out to the full District list.

As you have young people support your service projects, recognize them for their hours with a special Young Leaders in Service Award. The template can be downloaded from the Lions International website. When we say youth are our future, we are procrastinating – youth are leaders now, and we need to involve them in our community projects in meaningful ways

Lions Services For Children – Lion Joanne McQuiggan

Literacy – PZC Aline Chan

Lions International want to make literacy a family affair

I visited various Clubs and spoke on the importance of literacy. I also spoke about Literacy at am A-15 Cabinet meeting.

Lions encourage parents to play a critical role in ensuring their children develop literacy skills. It is important that children are exposed to language in daily activities – it could be reading the back of a cereal box, measure ingredients for a recipe or learning the words of a song. All these are precious moments for children to foster a close interaction between them and their parents / caregivers.

Thank you for welcoming me into your Clubs. Together, we can foster a love of reading to children,



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Long Range Planning – PDG Thom Herrmann – Nothing to report

Nominations – PDG Doug Smith – No report

Peace Poster & Essay for the Visually Impaired – Lion Janet Dawson-Brock

First I would like to say a very big THANK YOU to the 10 Clubs who donated to the A 15 Peace Poster/Essay Contest.

Unfortunately we only had 1 Lions Club and 1 Lioness Club contribute at the M D A level. We need over \$1400.00 just to meet our expenses this year. PLEASE CONSIDER SENDING A DONATION to Treasurer Lion Peter Oswald and he will forward it on.

I would like to invite all of you who are attending the M. D. A Convention to join us for the Youth Supper on Saturday night. Cost is \$26.00 and you can order your tickets through Lion Ev Speiring at pdglionev@gmail.com

The winners of the Effective speaking Contest we hope will be in attendance.

Lions/Lioness come and support our YOUTH Program, they are our future

Police Check Gatekeeper: PDG George Patton – No report

Protocol – PID Art Woods – No report

Public Relations & Club Visits Liaison – PDG Nancy Ransom

At this time, all Club visits but two have been completed. All is well in A-15.

Sight Screening and Conservation – PDG Tim DeBlock

Congratulations to the Lions of A15 for their many hours of service in the Sight Conservation and Screening programs.

Over 20,000 pairs of used eyeglasses have been shipped with new partners becoming part of the team. The Innerkip and District Lions have offered their services to Clubs for shipping to the Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre in Calgary. Lion Bill Taplay being the contact. Please call Cell # 519-537-0037.

The screening programs within the schools have been completed with over 12,000 JK and SK students participating. The work of planning for next year is underway with several meetings with School Boards scheduled. We have at least one community screening project remaining. It is a cooperative effort with The Perth District Public Health Unit inviting Amish & Mennonite kindergarten aged children to a health services event April 17th – 18th. Pretty exciting as they have the relationship with the local community and our Lions have the resource of the service. This also might be a baby step in working with various Health Units and their recent mandate to facilitate screening in the schools.

Thank –you to the Clubs who were able to respond to our request for financial support for these programs. You can see from CT Peter's report that we are in a positive situation. More is needed but we are on the right track. It has been a privilege to be part of DG Char's team this year. Thank-you for the opportunity.



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Special Olympics Report – PRC Robert Montgomery

I am still making a plea to our clubs of A-15 to support Special Olympics. Antigonish, Nova Scotia will host the Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games. That was last year and now we would like to top those totals both in A-15 and in our Multiple, but this takes a lot of work from all Lions especially our Lions of District A-15. Lions can help by sponsoring an Athlete or by making a donation to Special Olympics. Let's proudly send our Special Olympians of A-15 to the games knowing that "We Care". To learn more about Special Olympics please look at our website www.specialolympicsontario.com. You will glad you did and please let your members here about this as there could be a Special Olympian living next door or in your area. Numerous clubs of A-15 have made a donation and if you have not please consider making one.

Technology Report – Lion Ted Rypma – Nothing to report

Technology Support Coach – PRC Rick Banks - Nothing to Report

Youth Camp & Exchange – Allison and Mark Henkell – No report

We have a full camp with 22 youth coming from 18 different countries. Once again we will be staying at the Blue Springs Boy Scout Camp, located outside of Acton. We are looking forward to another awesome experience with the youth of the world.

The information about the youth available to be hosted can be found on the website (<http://a15lions.org/pages/Programs/Camp>). If anyone is interested in hosting please let us know; it is an awesome experience. We particularly encourage new hosts who have kids close in age to those being hosted.

We have sent out information to clubs that have provided meals in the past and will be reaching out to other clubs in the coming days. If any club would like to help and have not been contacted they should reach out to us through our email (ycex@a5lions.org) and let us know what they are interested in helping with. We would appreciate hearing confirmation from past clubs as soon as possible so we can make sure everyone is, as always, well fed.

Marysa has once again done a great job in looking after the outgoing youth. She reports that there are eight youth registered to go on exchange this year. All confirmed and accepted, just working on the last minute details (family photos, travel insurance, etc.) The outgoing youth and their sponsoring clubs are:

- Julie - Italy (Milverton Lions Club)
- Emmaline - Austria (Bridgeport Lions Club)
- Dillon - Australia (New Hamburg Lions Club)
- Madison - Australia (Milverton Lions Club)
- Chloë - Australia (Milverton Lions Club)
- Julie - Australia (Innerkip Lions Club)
- Alicia - Denmark (Exeter Lions Club)
- Ellie - Italy (Thamesford Lions Club)

Thank-you for your continued support.