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A-15 CONVENTION CABINET MEETING MINUTES April 28th 2012 9:00 -10:30 AM & April 29th 2012, 10:45 AM - Noon Kitchener Holiday Inn

Saturday 9:00 AM

1. Call to order and Welcome

The meeting of the District A-15 Cabinet was called to order at 7:00 PM by Governor Norma Peterson, Cabinet Attendance as indicated:

DG Norma Peterson	1stVDG Dr. Dan Ayim	2 nd VDG Denis Vinette	IPDG Todd Wilson
CS Dennis Lougheed	CT Peter Oswald	RC9 Rob Montgomery	ZC9E Vaughan Braby
ZC9S Stephen Hendry	RC37 Henri Callebert	ZC37S Fran MacFarlane	ZC37W Paul Anstett
RC51 John Rothwell	ZC51E Don Irvine	ZC51W Diane Smith	
CC- PID Art Woods	CC – PDG OJ Wilura	CC – PCC Bill Carson	CC – PDG John Brash
CC - PDG Thom Herrmann (R)	CC – PDDG George Patton	CC – PRC Stephen Jones	CC – Jeff Sullivan
CC – Bob Lacombe (R)	CC – Lion Tracy Brant (R)	CC – Lion Marysa Rumble – Lauriault	CC – Lion Joanne McQuiggan (R)
CC – PCC Dave Rumble	CC – Lioness Mary Rumble	CC – Linda Vinette	CC- Lion Bob Rutter
CC – PID Bruce Murray	CC – PRC Wolfgang Boelke	CC – Lion Ernie Kaethler	CC – Lion Raymond Taylor (R)
CC – Lion Ken Oliver (R)	CC – PRC Charlie Davis	CC – Lion Jim Harris	CC – PCC Tim Cronin
CC – PDG Larry Wainwright	CC – RC John Rothwell	CC – PRC Tim DeBlock	CC – Lion Ajit Manku
CC – PDG Karen McNeight	CC – Lion Ted Bickell	CC – Lion Mary Rothwell	

In attendance also were approximately 80 other Lions members. *CC = Committee Chair, (R) = Regrets

2. Moment of Silence - Observed in honor of those Lions and all who serve our country who have passed away
3. O Canada
4. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
The Proud Lion and Bulletin Contest Awards were deferred to the June Cabinet Meeting.
MOVED by ZC Stephen Hendry and seconded by VDG1 Denis Vinette to adopt the agenda as amended. Carried.
5. Introduction of International Guest
PID Art Woods introduced International Guest PID Dr Patti Hill and DG Norma Peterson presented her with our District Pin.
6. Approval of Minutes of January 31st 2012 Cabinet meeting
MOVED by RC Henri Callebert and seconded by RC John Rothwell to approve the minutes. Carried.
7. Secretary's Report
MOVED by CS Dennis Lougheed and seconded by RC Paul Anstett to acknowledge receipt. Carried.
8. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements
MOVED by CT Peter Oswald and seconded by RC Rob Montgomery to acknowledge receipt. Carried.
9. Committee Reports
 - 9.1. MOVED by ZC Diane Smith and seconded by ZC Don Irvine to acknowledge receipt. Carried.
 - 9.2. Special Presentation – DG Norma Peterson presented PRC Stephen Jones with a gift of appreciation upon his stepping down after 9 years as Information Technology Chair.
10. Cabinet Reports
MOVED by ZC Fran MacFarlane and seconded by ZC Vaughan Braby to acknowledge receipt. Carried.
11. Candidates
PDG John Brash reminded all present of the constitutional requirement governing elections. Zone Chair and Region Chair candidates were given three minutes for their campaign speeches. Presentations and speeches by the VDG and DG candidates were made during the opening ceremonies, Friday, April 27th.
12. Adjournment until Sunday morning at 10:45 AM occurred at 10:30 AM.



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Sunday 10:45 AM

1. Call to order
The meeting of the District A-15 Cabinet was reconvened at 10:44 AM by Governor Norma Peterson.
2. Acknowledgement of Special Presentations Made At The Governor's Banquet
PID Dr. Patti Hill with the assistance of PID's Bruce Murray and Art Woods and DG Norma Peterson made the following presentations on behalf of International President Wing-Kun Tam;
International President's Certificates of Appreciation – CS Dennis Lougheed, St Jacobs Lions Club; CC Linda Vinette, Belwood & District Lions Club; PDG Larry Wainwright, Ariss & District Lions Club
International President's Leadership Medal – PDG Doug Smith, Hillsburgh & District Lions Club
3. Remarks from International Guest
PID Patti Hill expressed her gratitude for our warm welcome and the Convention Host Committee. She reminded us that we are not Lions Clubs International but rather we are an Association of Lions Clubs and it is the association aspect that is one of the most important factors in who we are and what we represent. She noted the high number of first timers at the conventions, commented on their high level of enthusiasm and presented each of those present with her personal PID mouse pad banner.
4. DG Norma Peterson thanked PID Patti Hill for her remarks and announced that District A15 would be making a donation to the Lions of Canada Fund For LCIF in her name.
5. Convention Report
Total Registrations – 503; Banquet Registration 170.
A more complete report will be presented at the June Cabinet Meeting.
6. Remarks from DG Norma Peterson
 - 6.1. Presentation of LCI Service Activities Certificates
Lion Jeff Sullivan, A-15 Opportunities For Youth Chair
Lion Linda Vinette, A-15 Environment Chair
7. Awards & Other Presentations
 - 7.1. First Timers Contest – Lion Michelle Barnard, Breslau Branch Lions Club
 - 7.2. Environmental Contest – PDG Nancy Brash, Cambridge Highlands Lions Club
 - 7.3. Special History Contest Awards
 - 7.3.1. Oldest Club Activity Story – Lion Marianne Ferguson, St Marys Lions Club
 - 7.3.2. Most Unusual Fund Raiser – Lion Barb Pallister, Innerkip & District Lions Club
 - 7.4. LFC Certificates for John Paff Recognition Donations
UW School of Optometry Lions, Bayfield Lions, Brantford Lions, Brantford North Lions, Drumbo Lions, Guelph Lions, Hickson & District Lions, Ingersoll Lions, Innerkip & District Lions, Kitchener Lions, K-W Community Spirit Lions, Linwood & District Lions, Plattsville & District Lions, Rockton Lions, Stratford Lions, Sweaburg & District Lions, Wellesley & District Lions, Woodstock Lions, Rockwood & District Lions, Ayr North Dumfries Lions and Paris Lioness.
 - 7.5. Jo Anne Riordan, St Marys Lions Club presented \$214 raised for the Puppy Program
 - 7.6. DG Norma presented the Cabinet members as well as GLT District Coordinator and Honorary Committee Chair PDG Karen McNeight with tokens of appreciation for their service.
 - 7.7. DG Norma presented Convention Committee Co-Chairs PRC Charlie Davis and PDG OJ Wilura with tokens of appreciation for their service.
8. Convention 50-50 Draw
A total of \$638 was collected and a prize of \$319 was paid out to Lion Al Piggot of the Burford Lions Club.
9. Report from Election Committee
 - 9.1. Thank-you's were extended PDG Nancy Brash, PDG Doug Smith, PCC Bill Carson , PDG Nancy Ransom, PCC Tim Cronin, CC Todd Wilson, PDG and PDDG George Patton. For their assistance with credentials and in the voting room.



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9.2. Results

For Constitution & Bylaws

Number of eligible club votes:	157
Number of at large votes:	32
Total votes	189
Number of total votes cast	145

For the position of Region Chair Region 51

Number of eligible club votes:	58
Number of at large votes:	12
Total votes	70
Number of total votes cast	63

For the position of 2nd Vice District Governor

Number of eligible club votes:	157
Number of at large votes:	32
Total votes	189
Number of total votes cast	145

For the position of 1st Vice District Governor:

Number of eligible club votes:	157
Number of at large votes:	32
Total votes	189
Number of total votes cast	145

For the position of District Governor:

Number of eligible club votes:	157
Number of at large votes:	32
Total votes	189
Number of total votes cast	145

The Constitution amendment passed by more than 2/3's of the votes cast.

The Bylaw amendments passed by more than 2/3's of the votes cast.

The Results of the voting and the elected or acclaimed District Cabinet for the year 2012- 2013:

The Zone Chair for Zone 9 East is Lion Vic Bovingdon from the Lions Club of Kitchener Inc.

The Zone Chair for Zone 51 East is Lion Charlene Teasdale from the Guelph Lions Club.

The Zone chair for Zone 51 West is Lion Wayne Litt from the Elmira Lions Club.

The Region Chair for Region 9 is Z C Lion Vaughan Braby from the Kitchener Oktoberfest Lions Club.

The Region Chair for Region 37 is ZC Lion Paul Anstett from the Exeter Lions Club.

The Region Chair for Region 51 is ZC Lion Diane Smith from the Woolwich Community Lions Club.

The 2nd Vice District Governor is PRC Lion Tim DeBlock from the Monkton Lions Club.

The 1st Vice District Governor is RC Lion Denis Vinette from the Belwood & District Lions Club

District Governor for the year 2012 – 2013 is Lion Dan Ayim from the Galt Cambridge Lions Club

MOVED by IPDG Todd Wilson and seconded by ZC Vaughan Braby to acknowledge receipt. Carried.

9.3. Motion to destroy ballots

MOVED by ZC Don Irvine and seconded by RC Rob Montgomery to destroy all ballots. Carried.

9.4. Accreditation Fines

A total of \$80.16 was collected and donated to the Lions Quest.

10. New Cabinet

10.1. Introduction & Blazer Patch Presentation – The 2012/13 Cabinet was introduced by DGE Dan Ayim IPDG Norma Peterson, VDG1 Denis Vinette, VDG2 Tim DeBlock, CS Dennis Lougheed, CT Peter Oswald, RC 9 Vaughan Braby, RC37 Paul Anstett, RC 51 Diane Smith, ZC 9S (appointed) Jeff Jongeling, ZC 9E Victor Bovingdon, ZC 37S (appointed) Stephen Hendry, ZC 37W remains unfilled at this time, ZC 51E Charlene Teasdale, ZC 51W Wayne Litt



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- 10.2. Introduction of 2012/13 Committee Chairs – The 2012/13 Committee Chairs were introduced by DGE Dan Ayim
11. DG-Elect Remarks
DGE Dan Ayim expressed his gratitude to the Galt Cambridge Lions for their welcoming of him into their Club years ago and for their continued support. He also thanked the PDG's and the many Lions who have leant their support and offered their advice over the years. He especially thanked his wife Afua.
12. Passing of the Campbell, oldest to newest
13. Presentation of Flags to 2012-2013 Convention Host Club
14. The Convention Flag was officially passed from the 2011/12 Convention Host Kitchener Lions Club to the 2012/123 Host Galt-Cambridge Lions
15. Adjournment – 12:00 PM

SECRETARY'S REPORT TO CABINET
April 28th, 2012 – Dennis Lougheed

On December 8, 2011, the Lynden Lions Club of District A-711 passed a club level motion requesting that they be permitted to transfer to District A-15. A-711 formally approved that single club transfer on February 29, 2012. Upon receipt of their official request to join A-15 the following motion was made. In order to address the issue in a timely manner, notice of the motion was communicated to the voting cabinet via Email with the request that cabinet cast their votes via return Email.

MOVED by VDG2 Denis Vinette and seconded by VDG1 Dan Ayim that we approve the club transfer of the Lynden Lions Club (#014939), Lynden, Ontario from District A-711 to District A-15.

The motion was carried, 14 votes in favor, 1 no response.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET
April 28th, 2012 – Peter Oswald

Financial statements as at March 31, 2012 are enclosed with this report. The accounts have been balanced and reconciled to the bank statements or records as at that date. The financial statements presented here fairly reflect the financial position of the District.

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS

- As of March 31, there was outstanding District dues owing from 1 Club but the cheque has since been received and deposited. ALL District Dues have been paid for the Lions year.
- Our financial position remains very healthy. We have reviewed the accumulation of surpluses from previous year - the District constitution and by-laws outline that surpluses may only be used to offset Club dues. We will review the amount at the end of this Lions year and anticipate providing some rebate or credit to Clubs.
- To date, total revenue is \$18,357. Expenses of \$7,845 have been paid with a number of items normally paid later in the year.

TRUST ACCOUNTS

- The Balance sheet for Trust accounts as at March 31, 2012 is attached. There are a number of relatively small balances for project activity that will be held until later in the Lions year and forwarded to Camps etc together with any further donations received.
- Most Committee Chairs have been advised of the detailed transactions for their respective committees for the Lions year.



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13/04/12
Accrual Basis

District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Administration Balance Sheet As of 31 March 2012

	31 Mar 12
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account	15,799.40
CIBC - Investments	30,000.00
CIBC USD Account	4.87
International Director Fund	4,125.73
New Club Assessment Fund	8,278.96
Total Cash	<u>58,208.96</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	58,208.96
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	583.76
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>583.76</u>
Other Current Assets	
Convention Gifts	450.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>450.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>59,242.72</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>59,242.72</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
A/P USD for LCI	-0.01
Total Accounts Payable	<u>-0.01</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
Convention Fund	5,840.32
DGE Partner Travel	2,000.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>7,840.32</u>
Total Current Liabilities	7,840.31
Long Term Liabilities	
International Director - Contra	4,125.73
New Club Assessment - Contra	8,278.76
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>12,404.49</u>
Total Liabilities	20,244.80
Equity	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	20,000.00
Retained Earnings	7,821.00
Net Income	10,486.38
Total Equity	<u>38,997.92</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>59,242.72</u>



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District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Administration Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2011 through June 2012

	Jul '11 - Jun 12	Budget	Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Advertising	532.50	500.00	32.50
District Directory	286.00	150.00	136.00
District Dues			
Dues - Collected	12,702.00	12,894.00	-192.00
Total District Dues	12,702.00	12,894.00	-192.00
Interest Earned	390.20	850.00	-459.80
Leadership Seminar Income	1,325.00	1,300.00	25.00
Membership Assessment	2,247.00	2,275.00	-28.00
Pin Sales	874.25	1,250.00	-375.75
Total Income	18,356.95	19,219.00	-862.05
Gross Profit	18,356.95	19,219.00	-862.05
Expense			
Awards			
Awards - Cabinet	0.00	1,350.00	-1,350.00
Awards - Other	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Total Awards	0.00	1,850.00	-1,850.00
Badges & Patches	689.15	620.00	69.15
Bank Charges	187.99	200.00	-12.01
Cabinet Expense	998.00	1,200.00	-202.00
Convention Expense	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair Expenses	539.00	900.00	-361.00
District Chair - Other	0.00	1,750.00	-1,750.00
Global Leadership & Membership	-131.52	3,200.00	-3,331.52
Leo Clubs	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Total District Chair Expense	407.48	6,350.00	-5,942.52
District Directories	1,652.63	1,582.00	70.63
Governor's Newsletter	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Internet	97.49	180.00	-82.51
Leadership Seminar	144.28	1,700.00	-1,555.72
Miscellaneous	-9.71	0.00	-9.71
Pins Purchased	1,770.68	1,780.00	-9.32
Postage & Telephone	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Printing & Stationery	406.70	800.00	-393.30
USA / Canada Forum	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Total Expense	7,844.69	19,162.00	-11,317.31
Net Ordinary Income	10,512.26	57.00	10,455.26
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
Exchange Gain/Loss	25.88	0.00	25.88
Total Other Expense	25.88	0.00	25.88
Net Other Income	-25.88	0.00	-25.88
Net Income	10,486.38	57.00	10,429.38



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District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust
Balance Sheet
As of 31 March 2012

Table with columns for ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY, and values for 31 Mar 12. Includes sub-sections like Current Assets, Investments, and Current Liabilities.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS – April 28th 2012

NO ACTIVITY OR REPORT

Alert – Lion Bob Lacombe, **Constitution & By-Laws** – PDDG George Patton, **Convention Host** – PDG OJ Wilura & PRC Charlie Davis, **Diabetes Awareness** – ZC Stephen Hendry, **District International Relations** – PID Bruce Murray, **District Bulletin** – Lion Bob Rutter, **Essay For Visually Impaired** – Lion Jeff Sullivan, **Five Oaks Liaison** – Lion Marysa Rumble – Lauriault, **GLT District Coordinator** – PDG Karen McNeight, **GMT Family & Women’s Membership** – Lion Mary Rothwell, **Hearing & Speech Action** – Lion Jim Harris, **LEO** – Lion Raymond Taylor, **Lions Quest** – PCC Tim Cronin, **Public Relations & Club Visits Liaison** – Joanne McQuiggan, **Lions Services For Children** – vacant, **Long Range Planning** – PDG Thom Herrmann, **MDA Lions Magazine Liaison** – Lion Tracy Brant, **Protocol** – PID Art Woods, **Sight Conservation & Campus Clubs** – Lion Ken Oliver, **Youth Camp Chair** – PCC Dave Rumble & Lioness Mary Rumble **Youth Camp Meal Chair** – Lion Ted Bickell, **Youth Camp Outgoing Youth** – Lion Marysa Rumble -Lauriault

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Camp Coordinator – RC Rob Montgomery

That time has come once again for spring cleanup at the camps. District clean up week end at Lions Camp Dorset will be June 15 – 17. We didn’t want to run into the same situation as last year where we still had snow on the ground. If any club wants to go for a weekend getaway on their own please feel free to contact the director Steve Woolman, his information can be found on our district website.

With everyone’s help it will be a great season for all families and youth who attend Lions Camp Dorset and all camps. All the camps are now getting ready for cleanup and awaiting the campers.

I believe the youth camp is still looking for host families and if interested please contact PCC Dave Rumble or RC John Rothwell for more information.

Cultural & Community Activities – Lion Ajit Manku

The District A-15 International Festival was held at the United Kingdom of Cambridge on March 3, 2012. This year the theme was to promote the Chinese Culture and traditions. The members had extraordinary experiences by eating delicious and variety of Chinese foods.

The children from Grand River Chinese Dancing School provided the entertainment with Chinese folk dances which are linked closely with real life and reflects the life struggle, ideology, aesthetic taste and so on of common people directly. The members were able to capture some magical moments, created happy reminiscent and surrounded themselves with laughter and friendship. You can see some remarkable pictures of the evening by going to

http://www.galtcambridgelions.com/folder1112/chinese_11_12.html

I wish to thank Lion Norma Peterson DG and all the Lions who assisted me in organizing the District A-15 International Festival especially: People, who took tickets around to various clubs, and sold them; People who helped set up the hall - Lion Don Gamble, Charlotte Gamble, my son Tajinder and of course my wife, Surinder. Without the help from all the volunteers, we could not have accomplished it. We especially thank the 100 who attended this Lions Cultural event.

District Historian – PDG Nancy Ransom

Since our last Cabinet meeting, I have been to several Zone and all three Joint Zone meetings to promote our District History collection.

To date, we have received articles from 18 clubs – over 1/3 of our District - what a great contribution to our history collection!

Thank you VDG Denis Vinette, who will make this information available on the A-15 District website.

Thanks to the various Lions and Clubs who lent Charter Pins for our first Historical Display at the 2012 convention. In particular, I would like to thank PCC Dave Rumble and PDG Nancy Brash who loaned the most of the pins for the display – without your help it would have been only partially complete. I hope all the Lions find these pins as interesting as I do!

On Sunday morning, if at all possible, please have a member of your Club pick up the pins for return that belong to your Club. Remaining items will be returned at a later convenient time.

Governor Norma J. Peterson will be announcing the winners of the contest, in conjunction with the historical data collection –

Oldest Photo with story, submitted of a Club event or activity.

Story/photo of Most Unusual Community Fundraiser



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Even though I have said it before....every bit of information we gather is part of the DNA that defines our great District, and why we can be so proud to serve as Lions in A-15. Thanks again for sharing your history, and please continue to submit articles as you chance upon them throughout the year – there is yet much to discover!

Effective Speaking – Lion Ernie Kaethler

A successful District A-15 Effective Speaking contest was held at GCC - former Marden Public School, near Guelph on Sat March 31st, 2012.

A total of 49 contestants presented their speeches. All categories had entries:

English; Pre-Competitive 9; Junior - 18; Intermediate - 2; Senior - 4;

French: Pre-Competitive - 4; Junior - 6; Intermediate - 2; Senior - 4.

A total of 9 Lions clubs sponsored contestants to this exciting 'Opportunities For Youth' program:

... K-W Community Spirit LC - 10; ... Guelph LC - 9; Belwood & Dist LC - 7;

... St Agatha & Dist LC - 6; ... Fergus LC - 5 ... Sheffield LC - 5;

... Innerkip & Dist LC - 4; ... St George LC - 2 ... Hickson & Dist LC - 1.

We were blessed with: good weather; excellent speeches; impartial & competent judges; willing Lions volunteers;

... and a spirit of growth, achievement and deserved satisfaction.

This particular Lions 'Opportunities For Youth' program really brings out the best in our 'leaders of the future'.

The six[6] FIRST place winners who are invited to compete at the MD'A', all-Ontario finals being held in St Catherines on the week-end of May 12th, 2012 are:

Junior English - Yolanda Scarlato; .. Guelph LC

Junior French - Arjun Pandey; ... K-W Community Spirit LC

Intermediate English - Melanie Wiersma, ... Fergus LC

Intermediate French - Avinash K Pandey; ... K-W Community Spirit LC

Senior English - Morgan Wase; St Agatha LC

Senior French - Richad Hirani; ... K-W Community Spirit LC

All competitors did their very best. Contestants from Sheffield, Innerkip, Fergus St agatha & Guelph placed 2nd and 3rd.

The 49 speech contestants plus all parents teachers, Lions volunteers and judges deserve recognition for their dedication and efforts producing such excellent results.

Elections & Credentials – PDG John Brash

Since the last Cabinet meeting, I have been to all three joint Zone meetings. At these meetings, the candidates for Zone Chair and Region Chair had ten (10) minutes to demonstrate, be introduced and speak.

The candidates seeking the offices of District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor and 2nd Vice District Governor had the opportunity to speak for five (5) minutes. At the convention, these candidates will be given ten (10) minutes to demonstrate, be introduced and speak. This will be done during the opening ceremonies.

During the Saturday morning Cabinet meeting, the candidates for Zone Chair and Region Chair will be allotted three (3) minutes each to sway LIONS.

The Credentials desk will be open prior to convention opening ceremonies as well as Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

Voting will take place Sunday morning between 7:30 and 9:30 and the results will be given at the Cabinet meeting on Sunday.

Environment – Lion Linda Vinette

I would like to thank Governor Norma for allowing me to serve as your District Environmental Chair this year. What a year it has been! Who would have thought that from the request by our International Lions President, Wing-Kun Tam for 1,000,000 trees to be planted, would result in 8,262,335 trees planted to date world wide. Canada is now up to 22,139 planted. Thank you to all the Lions of A-15 that have planted and are planting trees in the near future. Please make sure your numbers are submitted on your reports to Lions International.

PDG Lion Doug Smith is locating a Crimson King Maple to be planted at the William D. Moody Playground in Mount Forest to honour PID Lion Bill's accomplishments donated from District A-15. We are awaiting Wellington North's paperwork. Installation is expected at the end of April.



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Lion Alison King from the Innerkip & District Lions has a wonderful Environmental Project called "Plant a Row & Grow". Both the Innerkip & Belwood Lions have had great success this project & are to continue the program in the future. I've forwarded the details to all of our clubs of A-15 to consider this worthwhile project.

I've received wonderful Photo's for the Environmental Photo Contest. Voting will occur at our 2012 District A-15 Convention. The winning photo will be sent to the 2012 MD "A" Convention in Niagara.

Another new project that will be started at Breslau Lions Foundation of Canada facility is the Photo cataloging of Trees & Donor plaques. I received approval from LFC & with the help of my husband, Lion Denis, the plan is to create a website so donors can view the Tree and Plaque that was planted in memory of their loved ones. We'll start our photography venture once the trees are in full leaf. I'll keep you updated on dates for this future venture.

Special Dates to remember are the Breslau LFC facility cleanup on Wednesday, June 6th 2012 and the Memorial Forest Rededication service on Saturday June 9th 2012. Please plan to participate as many hands make quick work at the cleanup.

GLT District Coordinator – PDG Karen McNeight

2012 Leadership Seminar Agenda has been set and presenters confirmed, for Sunday, May 6th at Wilmot Community Centre.

In-Coming District Officer Training Agenda has been set, and presenters confirmed, for Saturday, May 5th, 2012, at St. Jacobs Lions' Den

All Lions are encouraged to make use of the Learning Resource Center that LCI offers on their website as there is a wealth of information, as well as webinars offered, that any Lion can learn from, and participate in.

We are seeking approval, and support, from MD'A', for 2011-2012 GLT District Funding Support Application to allow A-15 additional Club Excellence Process Facilitators

Looking ahead at 2012-2013 Lions Year – possibly working alongside In-coming Region Chairs with regard to Orientation Nights.

GMT Club Success Team Leader – PRC Tim DeBlock

Woo Wee Batman! Does the year fly by fast?? With that in mind it seems we need to be in conversation with more than just the Club Presidents in order to build a relationship. Beings the process of coming along side of something new takes different time lines for each individual situation we need to make sure it is an open process including as many members and resources as possible to ensure it is ongoing.

"I Believe" there is some positive energy starting to grow as we have been sharing how we can work together through the Club Excellence Process in order to grow as individuals and Clubs, and continue on our adventure in Service.

GMT District Coordinator – PDG OJ Wilura

I concluded my last report to Cabinet by asking the question, "How can we regain the ownership of our club, of our programs and work together as a team, as we should be?" I then mentioned the District GMT/ GLT could assistance restoring your club to its full potential.

There is no doubt that every club is different and with that in mind the process can be adjusted to fit the need. Sweaburg Lions are a great example of this. A modified approach brought some great ideas and a steadfast plan to the forefront. Sheffield and Drumbo Lions are now involved in the initial stages of the Club Excellence Process (CEP) and looking at concluding it with a one day session by having fun with a BBQ lunch. A great idea, it allows us to connect with each other that much more and share some other thoughts part way through the session. Several other clubs have been given CEP information to help them decide their approach.

GMT/GLT along with CEP got off to a slow start this year due to it being a new program and a lack of understanding. We plan to address shortcomings by better preparing our 2012-13 Cabinet Officers at their May gathering and to Club Officers at the Leadership Training in Baden.

If your club is under 20 members, or your club has lost a number of members this year, or your club is lacking in activities or your club is just looking at refreshing the membership "esprit de corps", please consider the Club Excellence Process. More information can be obtained by contacting one of the GMT/GLT members noted in the district directory or on the www.a15lion.org site.

Our Team "Believes" and that is why we are here, to support your club.



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GMT Membership & Club Growth Team Leader – PDG Larry Wainwright

A Branch Lions Club has been chartered by the St Jacobs Lions Club in Breslau. They are at 7 members and are very confident their numbers will grow quickly.

The Galt Cambridge Lions Club chartered a Leo Club. This brings the District total to 3 Leo Clubs. Interest is being shown in 2-3 more communities in the near future.

Membership plans are coming in slowly with several clubs not yet with a plan. Please get them in before the end of the Lions Year.

Honorary Committee/A15PDGA – PDG Karen McNeight

With the existing sizes of many of our Zones and Regions, with the creation of new Branch, & LEO Clubs as well as the transfer in of clubs from outside of the District, the Committee recommends that Cabinet consider beginning to look at District restructuring.

Information Technology – PRC Stephen Jones

First, I would like to express my thanks to the many district governors over the past 9 years, who have each provided me with the opportunity to serve (at least in a small part) the greatest district in Lionism as the Information Technology chair for the district. I have certainly enjoyed the time and have had the opportunity to work with many great Lions over the year.

This year has proved interesting with the addition of the new district email service with each club having its own @a15lions.org email account, which brings consistency and simplification to the communications in the district. I would like to thank CS Dennis Lougheed and VDG Denis Vinette for their assistance and guidance throughout this year and the transition.

While transitioning to this new form of communication has been a challenge to some (change always is), some have embraced this process and have taken full advantage of it.

As a reminder to Cabinet and Committee Chairs, the new process enables each of you to email directly to the clubs, chairs, cabinet and PDGs, using the district email groups, directly from your respective @a15lions.org email address.

There has been a steady increase in the number of Lions on cabinet and committee chairs who are utilizing this method of communication without having to go through the information technology chair or cabinet secretary. While this reduces the overall amount of work (cutting out the middleman), it also helps to get information out faster, more accurately and provides the direct response (Reply to directly to the sender) necessary for effective communications.

As always, the district website continues to be a valuable source of information for district clubs, members and officers. I continue to encourage all clubs to submit information on upcoming events, celebrations, announcements, etc... to the district newsletter chair to be printed in the newsletter and myself to be posted on the district website.

I would like to thank VDG Dr. Dan Ayim for asking me to continue next year, and although I am unable to due to work pressures, I know the district website and communications will be in great hands with my replacement, Lion Ted Rypma.

LCIF – PCC Bill Carson

We wish to confirm that Zone Chairs in our District agreed to include a brief update from LCIF Chair which was delivered to all Zones at meetings held in recent weeks at their winter meetings.

We remind all Lions of the \$30M target for donations that we have committed to in this Lion Year. At last report we are well on the way to our target, but could fall short without 100% of Clubs to support.

With two months remaining, we encourage Executive Lions from all Clubs to be sure your respective Club has donated in this Lions' Year, or if not- to include LCIF as an agenda item at your next meeting.

Your International Foundation is entirely dependent upon your contributions to enable the humanitarian work that is the hallmark of our great organization.

As was reported in recent months, receipts are now available, if required for tax purposes, for amounts of \$20.00 or greater. Details are available on our A-15 & MD'A' websites.

It has been a pleasure to serve this District and it's Governors of the past 4 years as your LCIF Chair. It is time now to relinquish the position to another Lion, and all are encouraged to support your new Chairperson.



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LFC – PRC Wolfgang Boelke

It has been a very busy Lions year as your L.F.C Chair, our donation to the Lions Foundation of Canada in recognition of P.D.G Lion John Paff s 25 plus years as District A-15 Lions Foundation of Canada is doing ok, but we have not herd from quite a few Clubs, for donation to finish our year.

Please help me so we get to our goal of all 53 Club in District A-15 to donated, Thank you in advance.

Lions Opportunities For Youth – Lion Jeff Sullivan

Since the date of my last report, I sent a congratulatory letter to the Cambridge LEO Club in honour of their Charter Night. I was disappointed that I was not able to attend due to a family vacation, however I'm excited to have new LEOs in our great District. I also took great pleasure in assisting Lion Ernie at the A-15 Effective Speaking finals on March 31st in Guelph. Once again, I was blown away by the calibre of the speakers and what they had to say. Thank you to all of the Clubs who participated in this great program for youth this year, thank you to our clubs for their financial support as well, and most of all, a big thank you goes out to Lion Ernie who remains very dedicated to this contest and the youth of our communities.

Peace Poster – Lion Jeff Sullivan

On Monday, April 30th, I will have the honour of presenting the 2011-2012 A-15 Peace Poster Contest Winner Chanel Wase with her prize during a ceremony at the Woolwich Community Lions dinner. A warm thank you goes out to Woolwich Lion Chief Elaine and her Club for agreeing to be hosts, and for her help preparing for the ceremony.

The 2012-2013 Peace Poster/Essay Contest theme is "Imagine Peace". I am setting a goal of having winning posters submitted to our District Governor from 15 Clubs in our District ("15 from A-15") by the November 15th, 2012 deadline. I would appreciate Cabinet's help in promoting this contest when the opportunity arises, and encouraging Clubs to start early by appointing a Peace Poster committee and ordering a contest kit now from LCI, and approaching schools in early June to seek their participation. I am sending out an email to Clubs with instructions of how to do this, and I will be presenting information at the May 6th District Leadership seminar as well.

Sight Screening – PRC Charlie Davis

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped with this school years eye screening.

Members of the Woolwich, St. Jacobs, K.W. Community Spirit, Waterloo, Cambridge, New Hamburg and Lions Club of Kitchener. A very special thanks you to Lion Ron Ross for looking after the keeping of statistics and for his considerable efforts in working with the Waterloo Region District School Board in increasing school participation.

6207 total kindergarten children registered, 3510 children were screened and 1259 were referred to an Optometrist for a complete examination.

Youth Camp Exchange Director – RC John Rothwell & Lion Mary Rothwell

We are very excited that we have 20 youth so far in the exchange program with a possible 2 more to come. Host families for 13 are still required.

Please remember camp clean up in May and the international night in Parris on the 22nd July.

Do not forget we are looking for host fameless for the youth from the 30th June to camp on the 14th July and after camp from the 24th July to the 28th July. This can be done as a club project. If interested please contact us.



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CABINET REPORTS – April 29th 2012

1st VDG – Dan Ayim

This has been a busy and exciting time of year. Club visitations to share ideas, fellowship and campaign for district office were high on my agenda. Lions' belief in the service to their communities and those in need is evidenced by the excitement one feels among members.

Summary of my activities:

- Attended Zone and Joint Zone meetings in the district.
- Participated in sight screening in area Public Schools
- Attended new LEO club formation meetings, prepared for its approval and charter night celebration.
- Attended MDA Council meeting and VDG training sessions in March, 2012.
- Attended Orientation and Effective Speaking Contest events.

2nd VDG – Denis Vinette

Since my last report, I have had the pleasure of participating in many Club and District Activities. I agree completely that District A-15 is a leader in service and support for our communities and to the world.

As part of the Global Membership Team and as Global Leadership Team District Co-ordinator it has been my pleasure to present the new membership and leadership programs at every opportunity in my travels in the District. Initially, it appears that the new programs were not well understood. Since my last report, the GLT and GMT leaders have made many inroads in explaining the reasons for this change and in promoting the increased emphasis that the Leadership component has attained. In addition, as an integral part of club health and support, we have had a remarkable interest in the Club Excellence Process. At this time, I can report that we have commitments from 3 or 4 clubs and consideration by many more about taking the CEP programme. The ball is now ours, your cabinet, to keep it rolling.

As your chair for the USA/Canada Leadership Forum, I am very delighted to say that we have many members signed up and many more looking to attend the event in Tampa in September. I am planning to have a display at the convention and I look forward to inform you of the numbers attending from this campaign. In addition, I am putting together a communication reference card for all attendees so that we can better respond to each other in the case a need arises there or in our travels. I'm hoping we can be there in numbers to match our district's ongoing commitment to improving our knowledge and leadership skills.

At this time, not all that I can report is encouraging. As of this writing, Region 37 continues to lack candidates for the position of Zone Chairs for 37 South and 37 West. As part of the district leadership team, and working hand in hand with the 1st VDG, I am optimistic that we will indeed find individuals to complete our next year's cabinet. I want you to know, that for the duration of my term in cabinet, I will do what I can to promote the leadership opportunities that Lions provide and to encourage clubs and members to present candidates for these and other vital roles in our organization.

IPDG – Todd Wilson

With an early spring the A15 Dog Guide Run is ready for more work. There will be a work party on Saturday May 5th, start time of 8:30 am. The gates will be hung, the fence finished, 30 more yards of stone dust spread, gravel spread, grass seeding, and some general clean up of the area. Once again food and beverages will be provided. All Lions and friends are welcome to attend.

International President Tam will be in town on May 16th. A stop at the LFC Breslau facility is scheduled for early afternoon, (2 pm – time still to be confirmed). This will be a chance for Lions in A15 to meet the President if they are not able to attend the dinner being held that evening in Markham. One of the keys of IP Tam's year is the President meeting Presidents (Club) and we are fortunate to have an opportunity to do so. Contact DG Norma for a registration form for the dinner.

MDA Convention in Niagara Falls this year, June 1st, through 3rd. Our guest will be International 1st Vice President Wayne Madden and his wife Lion Linda.

There are many events for all Lions, yes all Lions, to attend at no cost other than registration. Highlighted below are some of the events that are free to a registrants to attend.

Friday morning, June 1st CNIB will be presenting a seminar on Low Vision Clinics, and the Lioness of MDA welcome all to attend "The War of 1812" presentation. The 2014 International Convention Committee will be updating Lions of the progress in planning for International Convention being held in Toronto.

On Saturday, June 2nd, morning from 8:30 to 9:45 there are numerous interest sessions.



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- The important role of District Zone Chairpersons
- On line LCI web learning opportunities.
- Global Membership Team
- How to start and grow a Purina Dog Guide Walk / Helping those in your community apply for a Dog Guide
- Project New Hope – Help serve those that have served in our military.

A guaranteed convention highlight will be Hypnotist Jerry Enns, he will entertain us from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. If you missed him last year at the A15 convention this is your chance to see his fantastic show. I can only hope that Pam Anderson is in attendance again.

Saturday afternoon, 1:00 pm to 2:45 offers the following.

- MDA Youth Program – Effective Speaking winners, a charming Youth Exchange participant, Leos and Peace Poster winner.
- Project New Hope – Help serve those that have served in our military.
- Lions Quest Canada – Community Workshops, moving beyond our schools.

There are numerous other no charge events as well as the luncheon on Friday and Banquet on Saturday evening with tickets still available.

Registration forms are available on the MDA Lions website, or through myself.

RC 9 – Rob Montgomery

Well, that time of year has come again and it seemed as if we had just got started. I would like to at this time personally thank my wife, the Lions of Region 9, my club (Waterloo) and the Governor for this opportunity to serve as your Region Chair. It has been an amazing year with the Region Rally and the three Orientation nights and various other functions that I have attended. This journey as Zone Chair and Region Chair is a journey of learning, growing and leadership that all lions should experience. My duties as Region are complete with the exception of our District Convention. Clubs of Region 9 are in good standing and there was an excellent showing of clubs at our Combined Zone meeting. I wish all incoming cabinet all the best in their year and if they any assistance I'm only a call away.

ZC 9E – Vaughan Braby

I have done 7 of my eight visits; the last one is my Club in April. I attended The 60th Anniversary of Lion Don Gamble in Cambridge. Attended Pre cabinet meeting in Elmira, Attended Cabinet meeting In Ariss. Attended PDG Todd Wilson Appreciation Night in Elmira. Attended Region Rally in St George, Held my second Zone meeting at Kitchener Oktoberfest Lions Club, seven of the eight Clubs were in attendance. Waterloo Lions Club was not in attendance. Sent in my papers to run for the position of Region Chair. Helped ZC9S lion Steve set up combined Zone meeting. Pioneer lions Club asked me to do an induction in April. Continuing in making sure all Clubs have paid their dues to Int. & MDA, also making sure that they hand in there mmr's on time, Since December our zone has all Clubs with mmr's & dues paid. Well Done Zone. Attended Zone 9S meeting in Paris. Attended Orientation Meeting In Kitchener.

ZC 9S – Stephen Hendry

ZC Stephen wished to acknowledge the efforts and the success of the Paris Lions Syrup Festival.

RC37 – Henri Callebert

First, I want to thank Governor Norma and Cabinet for accepting me to serve with them this past Lions year.

I have enjoyed all of my interactions with clubs and Lions throughout the district.

I have most enjoyed working with the other Region chairs to present the Orientation Nights.

The participation of the Lions who attended was wonderful and I believe that each of us, new and seasoned Lions learned from these sessions.

Some thoughts would be to have only one or two such sessions and then, to ensure better turnouts, perhaps invite all clubs with specific invitations sent to newer Lions(within 3 years) and request commitments as it is very difficult to determine the size of venue needed and the numbers of snacks involved.

I would like to wish our incoming Region Chair and Cabinet all the best.



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ZC 37S – Fran MacFarlane

First I want to thank my home club, Innerkip and District for their support. Then I want to thank every club in 37South for the hearty welcome I received at their meetings and events. Each club has their own focus and projects but also they recognize the tremendous value of sponsoring Lions International programs.

I was happy to induct new Lions and attend many Lions functions in Zone37South and throughout District A15. I have gained many new Lion friends and had a lot of fun during this year. As always cooperation between 37S clubs, notably, at the Outdoor Farm Show, tree planting and hospital fundraising projects is a model in A15 District.

Some clubs have started the Club Excellence Process and are increasingly participating in joint projects which increases their ability to provided service effectively. This will map the future for growth and excellence in the Zone.

ZC 37W – Paul Anstett

A lot has happened since the Cabinet meeting in January. I have completed all my Club visitations to date. All Clubs continue to be active and are working on their various projects. I attended the Orientation Night held in Thamesford on February 13 and the Galt/Cambridge Leo Charter Night on Mar. 15.

The second Zone Meeting was held and hosted in Zurich and hosted by the Zurich Lions Club. There were seven of nine Clubs in attendance and all Clubs have submitted written reports. Presenters this time were Lion Linda Vinette – Environment Portfolio, Pdg Karen McNeight – spoke on the Leadership Seminar and Irene Blight discussed Fundraising challenges and brainstorming as a Club.

The Joint Zone meeting took place in Stratford at the Queen’s Inn on March 5th. This meeting was hosted by the Stratford Lions Club and co-chaired by myself and ZC37S Fran MacFarlane. This meeting is typically a Candidate’s Meeting for Lions to have a chance to campaign for District Office. Campaigning Candidates were PRC Tim DeBlock, ZC Paul Anstett, 1st Vice DG Dan Ayim and 2nd Vice DG Denis Vinette.

RC 51 – John Rothwell

RC John wished to extend a note of appreciation to the Ingersoll Lions for their very successful Theatre Night.

ZC 51E – Don Irvine

In Zone 51E all clubs have been very active in their communities and with signing up new members Ariss , Hillsburgh, Guelph, Fergus and Royal City all have increased with new inductions. I understand that there are going to be more inductions at Rockwood, Ariss, and Guelph with a real possible at Elora .

Guelph hosted the joint Zone meeting that was very well attended by most clubs there was 78 participants from both Zones.

The Zone project the GPS Bracelet is doing very well with one of our bracelets being used to locate a young autistic child who had been missing this was not his first time. The first time it took 8 hours to find him, this time only 15 min.

The one thing that I like in Zone 51E is the co-operation that all the clubs share with each other with attending each other’s events and helping to make each a success

ZC 51W – Diane Smith

Since the last Cabinet meeting of January 31st, I have completed my official visits to the clubs in my zone. I continue to be impressed with the diversity of fund raising events carried out by the clubs.

The winter zone meeting was hosted by the Milverton Lions on February 2nd. The combined zone 51E and 51W meeting was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Guelph on March 29th and was hosted by the Guelph Lions Club. Both meetings were an excellent opportunity for different clubs to share ideas and learn from one another.

On March 26th I inducted three new members at the Woolwich Community Lions Club. On March 27th I attended the last of the three Orientation nights. This meeting was held at the Kitchener Lions Club and gave new members a taste of the history of Lionism.

I have enjoyed my role as zone chair this year and I encourage members from all zones to consider taking on a leadership position.