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Summer A-15 Cabinet Meeting Agenda

3:00 PM August 21st, 2011

Five Oaks, Bethel Road, Paris Ontario

1. Call to order

The meeting of the District A-15 Cabinet was called to order at 3:00 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 Loughheed	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 (R)	CC - PDG John Brash
CC - PDG Thom Herrmann (R)	CC - PDDG George Patton (R)	CC - PRC Stephen Jones (R)	CC - Jeff Sullivan
CC - Bob Lacombe (R)	CC - Lion Tracy Brant (R)	CC - Lion Marysa Rumble - Lauriault	CC - Lion Joanne McQuiggan
CC - PCC Dave Rumble	CC - Lioness Mary Rumble (R)	CC - Linda Vinette	CC - Lion Bob Rutter (R)
CC - PID Bruce Murray	CC - Lion Don Irvine	CC - Lion Ernie Kaethler (R)	CC - Lion Raymond Taylor (R)
CC - Lion Ken Oliver (R)	CC - PRC Charlie Davis (R)	CC - Lion Jim Harris (R)	CC - PCC Tim Cronin (R)
CC - PDG Larry Wainwright	CC - PCS Ian Robb	CC - Lion Troy Mills (R)	CC - Lion Ajit Manku
CC - PRC Jack Broadfoot (R)	CC - PZC John Rothwell	CC - PRC Tim DeBlock (R)	CC - Lion Mary Rothwell
CC - PRC Wolfgang Boelke	CC - PDG Karen McNeight	CC - Lion Ted Bickell	

In attendance also were approximately 57 other Lions members. *CC = Committee Chair, (R) = Regrets

2. Moment of Silence - Observed in honor of those Lions, all who serve our country who have passed away and the victims of the Norwegian Youth Camp massacre.

3. O Canada

4. Governor Norma welcomed all those in attendance, extended thanks to the host Paris Lions and set protocol.

5. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda - MDA Effective Speaking update was added after the Committee Reports. **MOVED** by RC Rob Montgomery and seconded by ZC Henri Callebert to adopt the agenda as amended. Carried.

6. District Governor's Remarks

Over the past couple of years I've been handing out chocolate kisses and talking about how the individual letters of the word "KISS" represent important positive attributes for our district: "K" for kindness and kinship; "I" for imagination and integrity; "S" for strength and security; and the other "S" for support and ... service. Because, after all, our motto is "We Serve." I believe strongly in those qualities.

I also believe that 2011-2012 will be another great year for our clubs, for our district and for our local and global communities.

As you know ... "I BELIEVE" is our international theme this year.

President Tam is encouraging us to ... believe in and take action to strengthen our membership, caring for fellow members as if they are family. And if the individual members of our clubs are "family" then it makes sense that the individual clubs in the district might also be regarded as members of our extended family, each with distinctive personalities. I'm always amazed at the diversity of the clubs within our district: small ones and big ones, quiet ones and boisterous ones; happy ones and ... unhappy ones ... those currently having some difficulties, whatever they may be. So if we think of our fellow clubs as our adult brothers and sisters, cousins or best friends, perhaps we should stop and consider that sometimes they just need our empathy and not necessarily our advice. I'm sure everyone has heard the adage: "Before you criticize someone, walk a mile in their shoes." A comedian by the name of Jack Handley offered his own version: "Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way when you criticize them, you are a mile away from them and you have their shoes."

Our founder, Melvin Jones, was thinking about another type of journey when he said: "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else." By helping others, we became the largest service organization in the world and we still have room to grow!

We have the amazing opportunity this year to take the new GMT/GLT structure, add the elements that worked for us with MERL ... such as our energy and creativity ... and lead the way in MD"A" with our membership growth and leadership potential.



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At the international convention, President Tam said that the difference between "thinking" and "believing" is a matter of conviction. To Tam, believing is different from thinking because it has three other key elements: courage, commitment ... ACTION.

And as you've heard me say many times, KISS is an acronym for "Keep it Short and Simple." I invite all of you to have the courage to commit to ACTION ... for another great year in A-15!

7. Installation of District Officers was carried out by PID Art Woods
8. Approval of Minutes of the June 18th, 2011 Cabinet Meeting
MOVED by ZC Paul Anstett and seconded by ZC Vaughan Braby to approve the minutes of the June 18th, 2011 Cabinet Meeting. Carried.
9. Motion to Ratify the Actions of the Previous Cabinet
Moved by ZC Don Irvine seconded by CT Peter Oswald that the actions of the previous District Cabinet be ratified. Carried.
10. Treasurer's Report
 - 10.1. Report - *See attached*
The Leash Free Park Pin Income will be corrected for the October Cabinet statements as it is has currently been included in the total general pin income statement.
 - 10.2. Financial Statements 2010-2011 - *see attached*
MOVED by CT Peter Oswald and seconded by ZC Steven Hendry to receive the report of the Treasurer and the 2010-11 Financial Statements as submitted by the Treasurer. Carried.
 - 10.3. Budget 2011-2012 Approval - *see attached*
MOVED by CT Peter Oswald and seconded by ZC Don Irvine to approve the 2011-12 Budget as submitted by the Treasurer. Carried.
11. Cabinet Reports - see the attached reports
12. Committee Reports - see the attached reports
 - 12.1. Constitution & By-Laws
Moved by ZC Paul Anstett seconded by ZC Henri Callebert that discussion of the Long Range Planning Youth Camp and Zone Chair recruiting recommendations referred from the June 2011 Cabinet meeting be deferred to the October 2011 Cabinet meeting in order to allow sufficient study by Cabinet.
 - 12.2. Constitution & By-Laws - District A15 By-Law Amendments
Moved by ZC Paul Anstett seconded by ZC Diane Smith that the following amendments be made to the A-15 By-Law to bring it into conformity with the International Association Of Lions Clubs Bylaw as amended at the most recent convention:

Article IV Duties Of District Officers/Cabinet

Section 1. District Governor

Delete: (b) actively participate and inspire other district officers to administer and promote effective membership growth and new club organization

Insert: (b) oversee the global membership team at the district level and inspire other district officers to actively support membership growth and new club organization

Delete: (c) actively participate and inspire other district officers to administer and promote leadership development at the club and district levels

Insert: (c) oversee the global membership team at the district level and inspire other district officers to actively support leadership development at the club and district levels

Section 2 . First Vice District Governor

Delete: (b) play an active role in membership development including extension of new clubs and leadership development with the district

Insert: (b) serve as the key district governor team liaison to the global membership team and take an active role in membership growth, extension of new clubs and ensuring existing club success with the district
Insert as a new clause (c): work with the district governor, second vice district governor and the global leadership team to develop and implement a district-wide plan for leadership development



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Re-number existing clauses (c) through (j) as (d) through (k)

Section 3: Second Vice District Governor

Delete: (b) actively participate and inspire other district officers to administer and promote effective membership growth and new club organization

Insert: (b) serve as the key district governor team liaison to the global leadership team and actively participate and inspire other district officers to administer and promote effective leadership development

Delete: (c) perform such duties as assigned by the district governor, including assisting the district retention chairperson

Insert: (c) work with the district governor, first vice district governor and the global leadership team to develop and implement a district-wide plan for membership growth.

Insert as a new clause (d): perform such duties as assigned by the district governor

Re-number existing clause (d) through (h) as (e) through (i)

13. MDA Effective Speaking Shortfall Update

Follow up investigation at MDA into the funding shortfall reported at MDA for the operation of the 2010-11 Effective Speaking contest has determined that the shortfall occurred at the Host Club Level and not in the operation of the contest itself at the MDA level. It has been determined by MDA that the shortfall is therefore the responsibility of the Host Club and not MDA.

MOVED by ZC Henri Callebert and seconded by RC Rob Montgomery that on the recommendation of IPDG and MDA Council Chair Todd Wilson, the motion passed at the June 18th, 2011 Cabinet Meeting to forward \$250 from District A15 to MDA to help cover the 2010-11 MDA Effective Speaking Contest shortfall be rescinded. Carried.

It was noted that oversight to help prevent similar errors in operation from occurring in the future has been put in place as well as greater efforts to educate the hosts of their and MDA's respective responsibilities. In addition the 2011/12 Contest has been moved to A2.

14. Special Presentations & Awards

14.1. Art Woods Golden Tree were presented by PID Art Woods to

Lion Louise Reeve	9E	Galt Cambridge
PDG Nancy Brash	9E	Cambridge Highlands
Lion Eric Peterson	51E	Fergus
PRC Wolfgang Boelke (2)	51E	Ariss & District
PDG Larry Wainwright	51E	Ariss & District
Lion Hilda Wainwright	51E	Ariss & District
Lion Juergen Lamers	51W	St Jacobs
Lion Eileen Taylor (Absent)	51W	Woolwich Community
ZC Diane Smith	51W	Woolwich Community

14.2. 100% Secretary

PDG OJ Wilura	9E	Kitchener
Lion Margaret De Boer	9E	Cambridge Highlands
ZC Vaughan Braby	9E	Kitchener Oktoberfest
Lion Janet Fronchak (Absent)	9E	Bridgeport
Lion Lorne Reid	9S	Paris
Lion Ida Pearson	9S	Glen Morris & District
Lion Jeff Sullivan	9S	St George
Lion Rick Bell (Absent)	37S	Sweaburg & District
Lion John Pond	37S	Woodstock
Lion Deb Hulet (Absent)	37S	Ingersoll
Lion Penny Overboe (Absent)	37W	Bayfield
Lion Shelly Collings (Absent)	37W	Centralia Huron Park
PDG Jim Ryan	37W	Vanastra & District
Lion Jo Ann Riordan	37W	St Marys
Lion Wayne Robson (Absent)	51E	Belwood & District
Lion Elly Hoogendoorn	51E	Marsville & District



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|-------|--------------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|
| | PDG John Brash | 51E | Guelph |
| | Lion Bill Hocken | 51E | Guelph Royal City |
| | Lion Shelly Taylor | 51W | Woolwich Community |
| | Lion Bill Cummings | 51W | St Jacobs |
| | Lion Jim Brenneman | 51W | Atwood & District |
| 14.3. | 100% Treasurer | | |
| | Lion Linda Vinette | 51E | Belwood |
| | Lion Arie Kloss (Absent) | 9S | Paris |
| | Bernadette van der Gulik (Absent) | 51W | St Jacobs Lions (now Sweaburg) |
| 14.4. | 100% Membership Chair | | |
| | PDG Dan Moore | 9S | Paris |
| | RC Henri Callebert | 37S | Woodstock |
| | PDG Larry Wainwright | 51E | Ariss & District |
| | PRC Wolfgang Boelke | 51E | Ariss & District |
| 14.5. | Club Involvement (Efficiency) | 51W | St Jacobs Lions |
| 14.6. | Proud Lion | | |
| | Lion Phil Hacock | 51W | St Jacobs Lions |
| 14.7. | District Awards | | |
| | Lions Quest 100% Zone | 37W | ZC Paul Anstett |
| | A15 Bulletin Email Under 39 | 37W | Stratford |
15. Upcoming Events
16. Good & Welfare
- 16.1. Directory Pick Up Instructions – Those absent should contact their Zone Chair for their Directories. Those wishing to purchase additional copies should contact the Cabinet Secretary and make arrangements with him for payment and pick up. Governor Norma took the opportunity to thank Lion Garry Ransom and Krista from the UPS Store #82 for all their hard work on the directory.
- 16.2. Committee Chair Name Tags – New Committee Chairs who were absent may obtain their Name Tag from the Cabinet Secretary at the next Cabinet Meeting.
- 16.3. Email Roll Out – Those not having activated their District Email are advised to do so immediately as this will be the only system in use from this date forward. Ensure that you also set up the mail forwarding capability if you do not wish to log into your Inbox to receive District Email.
- 16.4. USA/Canada Forum – Congratulations to 1st VDG Dr. Dan Ayim who has been asked to be a presenter at the next USA/Canada Forum in Alaska. Governor Norma invited those interested in the Senior Lions Leadership Institute to speak to her or PDG Karen.
17. Lions Grace & Dinner
18. Adjournment 4:40 PM



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**TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET
August 21st, 2011 – Peter Oswald**

My first duty today is to provide a summary of the financial statements as at June 30, 2011 to close off the last Lions year. The financial records have been reconciled to the June 30 bank and investment statements. The financial statements presented here fairly reflect the financial position of the District as at June 30. The following additional comments are added for clarification:

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS

- In addition to the Emergency reserve of \$20,000 (essentially funds to operate for 1 year if needed), the Administration account has \$16,025 on hand as at June 30. This is essentially the funds held in the 'Convention fund' (4,459) & DGE Spouse travel (\$2,000); and the accumulation of revenue over expenses for the past year (\$3,382) and previous years (net of \$4,889). In addition to the admin account, the Balance sheet includes:
 - o The convention gift \$450 is a wagon purchased in Apr/08 to lock up our supply.
 - o One Account receivable for advertising last year \$250 only billed in May. Funds have been received in July and account now paid.
 - o Under Accounts Payable (A/P), there is an accrual of \$525 as an estimate for the cost of 100% President, Secretary, & Treasurer awards for the past Lions year. (awards ordered and invoiced later but accrued here to have the expense reflected in the Lions year ending June 30, 2011).
 - o there is one discrepancy in the New Club Assessment account as \$780 needs to be moved out of the Admin account into the New Club Assessment Fund - completed in July but the position as at June 30 is represented here.
 - o There is also an outstanding amount to be sent to the 2011 Convention Committee. As of the date of writing, the amount is to be confirmed (approx \$1,300). The payment will NOT affect the surplus amount for the year as it will be paid from the Admin account but comes directly out of the convention fund.
- the profit/loss vs budget report for the full year to June 30 is also included in the handout.
 - o Total revenue is \$20,567 vs budget amount of \$18,575. Higher revenue relates to accrued interest in GICs received and a larger-than-normal amount of pins sold.
 - o Total expenses are \$17,183 vs a budget of \$18,530. There are some relatively small amounts of savings and excess to budget amount per line (+/- 2% of budget) and District Chair expenses were some \$1,649 below budget.
 - o We finish the year with an excess of revenue over expenses of \$3,382

Based on the **accumulation of surpluses** over the past 2-3 years, there is currently some \$8,200 accumulated. There are 2 or more possibilities to deal with this amount;

- provide a rebate on a per member basis to each Club - based on approx 1,500 members, this could be as high as \$5 per person.
- use the funds for some other purpose for the good of Lions as a whole. In this area, the International convention for Lions is being held in Toronto in 2014 and funds are required to support the committee. Perhaps a portion of the surplus should be used to support the convention committee - a cause that a large portion of Lions from A-15 will be able to experience.

TRUST ACCOUNTS

- The balance sheet for the Trust accounts as at June 30, 2011 is an accurate reflection of all balances held in Trust and all accounts have been reconciled to the Bank and investment records.
- Balances held in Trust reflect our District Committees for Lion's Quest, Effective Speaking, Youth Camp/Exchange, Peace Poster, Sight Conservation & Vision Screening.
- We also continue to hold the remaining LCIF Grant (\$32,063) received for the Woodstock Hospital (held until construction is completed in Oct 2011).
- At year-end, we hold \$7,940 towards the Leash Free Park project at the Breslau Dog Training Facility.
- All investment funds not held in Bank accounts are in Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs). A summary of the GICs held at year-end includes:
 - o ADMIN \$20,000 Emergency Reserve at 0.90% to November, 2011
 - o ADMIN \$15,000 Surplus at 0.90% to November, 2011 (cashable anytime)
 - o YOUTH CAMP \$12,000 at 1.40% to May 20, 2012; available for Camp Costs
 - o YOUTH CAMP CAPITAL \$7,542 at 1.35% to Jan 28, 2012 for Capital Needs
 - o TRUST Vision Screening \$5,000 at 2.05% to April 28, 2013
 - o and \$5,000 at 1.25% to Oct. 29, 2011
 - o GRANT Hospital \$30,000 0.90% to Nov 10, 2011 (Cashable anytime)
 - o QUEST Surplus Invested \$15,000 0.60% to Feb, 2012 (cashable anytime)



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District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Administration Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2010 through June 2011

	Jul '10 - Jun 11	Budget	Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Advertising	250.00	0.00	250.00
District Directory	225.00	125.00	100.00
District Dues			
Dues - Collected	12,807.50	12,835.00	-27.50
Total District Dues	12,807.50	12,835.00	-27.50
Interest Earned	1,393.28	800.00	593.28
Leadership Seminar Income	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00
Membership Assessment	2,260.50	2,265.00	-4.50
Pin Sales	2,330.95	1,250.00	1,080.95
Total Income	20,567.23	18,575.00	1,992.23
Gross Profit	20,567.23	18,575.00	1,992.23
Expense			
Awards			
Awards - Cabinet	1,350.00	1,350.00	0.00
Awards - Other	795.98	800.00	-4.02
Total Awards	2,145.98	2,150.00	-4.02
Badges & Patches	615.95	400.00	215.95
Bank Charges	207.65	350.00	-142.35
Cabinet Expense	1,760.98	1,600.00	160.98
Convention Expense	956.62	1,100.00	-143.38
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair Expenses	356.50	850.00	-493.50
District Chair - Other	1,400.00	1,600.00	-200.00
MERL	2,544.38	3,500.00	-955.62
Total District Chair Expense	4,300.88	5,950.00	-1,649.12
District Directories	1,370.13	1,295.00	75.13
Governor's Newsletter	140.00	210.00	-70.00
Internet	157.61	150.00	7.61
Leadership Seminar	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00		
Pins Purchased	1,655.84	1,525.00	130.84
Postage & Telephone	88.05	200.00	-111.95
Printing & Stationery	783.99	600.00	183.99
USA / Canada Forum	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Total Expense	17,183.68	18,530.00	-1,346.32
Net Ordinary Income	3,383.55	45.00	3,338.55
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
Exchange Gain/Loss	1.07		
Total Other Expense	1.07		
Net Other Income	-1.07	0.00	-1.07
Net Income	3,382.48	45.00	3,337.48



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District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Administration
Balance Sheet
 As of 30 June 2011

	30 Jun 11
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account	1,025.01
CIBC - Investments	35,000.00
CIBC USD Account	1.60
International Director Fund	3,751.23
New Club Assessment Fund	7,735.42
Total Cash	47,513.26
Total Chequing/Savings	47,513.26
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	250.00
Total Accounts Receivable	250.00
Other Current Assets	
Convention Gifts	450.00
Total Other Current Assets	450.00
Total Current Assets	48,213.26
TOTAL ASSETS	48,213.26
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
A/P USD for LCI	525.53
Total Accounts Payable	525.53
Other Current Liabilities	
Convention Fund	4,459.26
DGE Partner Travel	2,000.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	6,459.26
Total Current Liabilities	6,984.79
Long Term Liabilities	
International Director - Contra	3,751.23
New Club Assessment - Contra	8,515.01
Total Long Term Liabilities	12,266.24
Total Liabilities	19,251.03
Equity	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	20,000.00
Retained Earnings	4,889.21
Net Income	3,382.48
Total Equity	28,962.23
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	48,213.26



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District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust
Balance Sheet
As of 30 June 2011

	<u>30 Jun 11</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
CIBC- Lions Quest Imprest	4,690.67
CIBC - Eff.Speaking Impst	394.05
CIBC - Grant Hospital	2,063.19
CIBC - Trust Account	20,792.92
CIBC - Youth	
Youth Exchange Imprest	21,902.48
Youth Investments	12,000.00
Total CIBC - Youth	<u>33,902.48</u>
Investments	
GIC Grant Hospital	30,000.00
QUEST - Investment	15,000.00
Investments - Other	10,000.00
Total Investments	<u>55,000.00</u>
Youth Camp Capital Fund	7,542.71
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>124,386.02</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>124,386.02</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>124,386.02</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	394.05
Hearing Equipment	423.42
LCIF - Grant Hospital	32,063.19
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Leash Free Park	7,940.23
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	<u>7,940.23</u>
LIONS Quest Contra Account	19,690.67
Peace Poster	3,430.48
Sight Conservation	11,748.71
Vision Screening	7,250.08
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	33,902.48
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>116,843.31</u>
Total Current Liabilities	116,843.31
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	7,542.71
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>7,542.71</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>124,386.02</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>124,386.02</u>

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District A-15 Lions
PROPOSED BUDGET 2011-2012

DISTRICT A-15 Lions	Jul '10 - Jun 11		Jul '11 - Jun 12		COMMENTS
	Actual	Budget	BUDGET		
Income					
Advertising	250.00	0.00	500		UPS & Kitchener Lions
District Directory	225.00	125.00	150		Sold at \$5 apiece
District Dues					
Dues - Collected	12,807.50	12,835.00	12894.5		1517 members \$8.50
Total District Dues	12,807.50	12,835.00			
Interest Earned	1,393.28	800.00	850		Based on GIC maturities only
Leadership Seminar Inc	1,300.00	1,300.00	1300		52 Clubs \$25
Membership Assessmer	2,260.50	2,265.00	2275.5		1517 members @ \$1.50
Pin Sales	2,330.95	1,250.00	1250		10 X 25 pins X \$5
Total Income	20,567.23	18,575.00	19220		
Expense					
Awards					
Awards - Cabinet	1,350.00	1,350.00	1350		
Awards - Other	795.98	800.00	500		100% Pres, Sec'ty & Treasurer
Total Awards	2,145.98	2,150.00	1850		
Badges & Patches	615.95	400.00	620		Dist Crest/names \$484; tabs \$132;
Bank Charges	207.65	350.00	200		Last year incl software update \$300 & more
Cabinet Expense	1,760.98	1,600.00	1200		CC name badges
Convention Expense	956.62	1,100.00	1000		incl Credentials chair
District Chair Expense					
Comm Chair Expens	356.50	850.00	900		LFC \$500; Cultural \$300; Other 100
District Chair - Other	1,400.00	1,600.00	1750		35 CC X \$50
Leo Clubs			500		was incl in MERL last year
MERL	2,544.38	3,500.00	3200		
Total District Chair Expe	4,300.88	5,950.00	6350		
District Directories	1,370.13	1,295.00	1582		400 X \$3.5 + HST
Governor's Newsletter	140.00	210.00	200		mail as needed, contest prizes
Internet	157.61	150.00	180		\$12/m + Domain Name
Leadership Seminar	1,500.00	1,500.00	1700		Actual in 2011
Pins Purchased	1,655.84	1,525.00	1780		375 pins @ \$4.20 + HST (incl freight)
Postage & Telephone	88.05	200.00	200		
Printing & Stationery	783.99	600.00	800		Copy for Cab Mtg & Credentials
USA / Canada Forum	1,500.00	1,500.00	1500		
Total Expense	17,183.68	18,530.00	19,162.00		
Net Ordinary Income	3,383.55	45.00	58.00		
Exchange Gain/Loss	1.07				
Net Income	3,384.62	45.00			



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CABINET REPORTS

1st VDG – Dr. Dan Ayim

There is talk of Lions in recess; but our clubs do not stop community service even during the summer. I was privileged to participate in fund raising activities in Cambridge and in other clubs as well as working on Lions Float during Canada day parade.

It was a pleasure to welcome this year's international exchange students to Bruce Murray Youth Camp and to watch their displays and entertainment at the international night held in Paris as the days in camp were ending in July. I thank our camp directors, advisors and host families for a job well done.

2nd VDG – Denis Vinette

This year is a year of new beginnings; a year where opportunities to serve abound; a year to embrace our mission, to **believe in ourselves** and to explore new ways to provide service to others.

In addition to all the other responsibilities of my position as part of your Governor's team, I will be working to actively promote and support the new Global Membership (GMT) and Global Leadership (GLT) initiatives to help us grow our member involvement and to ensure leadership development for the future of our district and our organization.

Having attended a recent MDA workshop specifically designed to support these new programs, I am pleased to acknowledge that our 2 district Coordinators, Lion OJ Wilura (GMT) and Lion Karen McNeight (GLT) take to their roles with an especially open and enthusiastic approach. I believe that with leaders like these, this district will benefit greatly from this new strategy to unify our organization's membership growth and leadership development. As time goes on this year, you will become more familiar with these new "MERL" replacement programs and in the ways these initiatives can bolster your club success and effectiveness and help us develop our future club and district leaders.

As your 2nd VDG, I commit to you that I will support our Governor's objectives and offer an attentive ear and open mind to each of you in your quest to make your club thrive and in your mission to make a difference in people's lives. I thank you for the opportunity to serve you, in any capacity you may see fit.

I believe in you. Believe in yourself. Believe in our mission.

IPDG – Todd Wilson – No Report Received

RC 9 - Rob Montgomery

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer holidays and having fun as well. We the Region Chairs of A-15 have planned our Rallies and Orientation nights, and we are hoping to add more to what our predecessors have done before us.

Our Zone Chairs have been very busy planning their year as well. So far all is looking good for the upcoming year and should be very exciting and entertaining. We are hoping to put life back into the Rally with some learning.

ZC 9E – Vaughan Braby

Helped with super for youth exchange. Also attended the District Youth Camp International Night in Paris.

ZC 9S – Stephen Hendry – No Report Received

RC37 – Henri Callebert – No Report Received

ZC 37S – Fran MacFarlane

Both Sweaburg and Innerkip submitted a report.

Despite the summer months they have been busy Serving meals to the Youth Exchange students at Bruce Murray International Youth Camp. Sweaburg also served breakfast to 129 4H campers. Club members enjoyed meeting youth from all over the world at the camp. Innerkip delivered the lunch to the Lions Foundations Dog Guides in Oakville where the youth were having a tour of the facilities before going to Toronto for the afternoon.

On July 29&30 the Sweaburg club parked vehicles for the Oxford County Junior Farmer's Tractor Pull in Embro.

Innerkip did maintenance on the Memorial Garden. The nearby pavilion has been booked for 11 events this summer. This involves providing a dry shelter with picnic tables and electrical outlets near the community Centre for up to 120 people. There is a playground and washroom facilities.

Innerkip Lions is continuing the Lions Share project by collecting surplus garden fruits and vegetables to donate to the local Salvation Army Food Bank.



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ZC 37W – Paul Anstett – Nothing to report at this time.

RC 51 – John Rothwell

Individual Region Rallies will be combined into a single District Rally to be held November 23rd at St George. Corrections to the Directory will be posted to the WEB site.

ZC 51E – Don Irvine – No Report Received

ZC 51W – Diane Smith – Nothing to report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NO ACTIVITY

LEO – Lion Raymond Taylor, **Long Range Planning** – PDG Thom Herrmann, **Sight Screening** – PRC Charlie Davis

NONE RECEIVED

Alert – Lion Bob Lacombe, **Convention Host** – PDG OJ Wilura & PRC Charlie Davis, **Cultural & Community Activities** – Lion Ajit Manku, **Diabetes Awareness** – PZC Garry Bell, **District Bulletin** – Lion Bob Rutter, **District International Relations** – PID Bruce Murray, **Effective Speaking** – Lion Ernie Kaethler, **Elections & Credentials** – PDG John Brash, **Five Oaks Liaison** – Lion Marysa Rumble –Lauriault, **GMT Family & Women's Membership** – Lion Mary Rothwell, **Hearing & Speech Action** – Lion Jim Harris, **Honorary Committee/A15PDGA** – PDG Karen McNeight, **Information Technology** – PRC Stephen Jones, **Lions Opportunities For Youth** – Lion Jeff Sullivan, **Lions Quest** – PCC Tim Cronin, **Lions Services For Children** – ZC Don Irvine, **MDA Lions Magazine Liaison** – Lion Tracy Brant, **Protocol** – PID Art Woods, **Sight Conservation & Campus Clubs** – Lion Ken Oliver, **Youth Camp Meal Chair** – LionTed Bickell, **Youth Camp Outgoing Youth**– Lion Marysa Rumble -Lauriault
Youth Camp Exchange Director – RC John Rothwell & Lion Mary Rothwell

RECEIVED

Camp Coordinator – RC Rob Montgomery

I have been in touch with all camps and they are having a terrific summer. They would like to personally thank all clubs of A-15 for their contributions towards the work that they do. They also wish everyone a safe and healthy summer. If anyone is interested in attending Camp Dorset for fall cleanup please contact via email camp director Steve at woolman@vianet.ca.

I hope all lions that attended the celebration on July 9 that everyone enjoyed themselves, it was truly fantastic. There will be a spring cleanup with dates later.

Youth camp is over for another terrific year, with 21 youth from 13 countries visiting A-15.

For those who missed International Nite is was superb, good food, great entertainment and a chance for all to meet and mingle with all the youth.

I would like to personally thank Dave and Mary Rumble, John and Mary Rothwell, Rudy and Lorea Boogerman, Marysa Rumble-Lauriault, the rest of the camp councillors at Five Oaks and the Paris Lions Club for an excellent evening. One highlight for me was the young lady from Italy singing that song, what an amazing voice for an eighteen year old.

Constitution & By-Laws – PDDG George Patton – *See Agenda Motions*



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Convention (2010/11) Host – PID Art Woods & IPDG Todd Wilson

STATISTICS

Registrations:

Lions Members 467
 Non-Members 132

599

Meals:

Lunch 178
 Banquet 201

Other:

Friday Night Hospitality Areas 8
 Hotel Reservations (rooms) 36
 Pin Sales 274
 Clubs participating in Food Fest 11

Financial Summary

Total Revenue \$31939.91
 Total Expenditures \$30524.25

 \$1,415.66

Elmira Lions Club \$707.83
 Woolwich Community Lions Club \$707.83

District Historian – PDG Nancy Ransom

Send Club historical facts and memorabilia to PDG Nancy for collation and assembly into a District History to be made available on the District Web site.

Environment – Lion Linda Vinette

In 2011-2012, our International Lions President, Wing-Kun Tam, has set a goal for the Lions Clubs of the World to plant 1,000,000 trees for the environment. On the date of this report fellow Lions has already planted 145,768 trees throughout the world. In conversation with DG Norma, we have set a goal for District A15 of 1,200 trees. I feel District A15 can meet this goal and hopefully surpass it.

The Environmental Photo Contest will continue with submissions of 8"X10" photos with categories of Animal Life, Landscape, Plant life & Weather Phenomenon. Please submit your photos to me by March 26th 2012. Display & Voting will occur at our 2012 District Convention. The winning photo will be sent to the 2012 MDA convention in Niagara Falls. Breslau LFC facility cleanup has been set for Wednesday, June 6th 2012 and the Memorial Forest Rededication service will be held on Saturday June 9th 2012. Please consider participating in the cleanup and attending the Rededication Service.

GLT District Coordinator – PDG Karen McNeight

District A15 GLT Goals and Action Plan

MISSION STATEMENT: To work in partnership with the GMT and the District Action Team to develop and deliver quality education and training to meet the needs of Lions at the Grass Roots level, and at Club, Zone and District Office levels.

2011-12 GOALS AND ACTION PLAN -The following goals and action plan have been developed for implementation during the 2011-12 year. They will be reviewed and modified, each Lions year.

Goal #1: (what)	Inform Region and Zone Chairs of responsibilities involving GMT/GLT
Where? When?	Bruce Murray Youth Camp - Aug. 21st Cabinet Meeting
Instructors	DG Norma, GMT-D OJ Wilura, 2ndVDG Denis Vinette
Target Group	All Zone and Region Chairs
Resources	PowerPoint, handouts provided by GLT/GMT Coordinators



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Measure of Success: Informed / motivated District Action Team

Goal #2 (what)	Certify - Guiding Lions
Where? When?	~ On-line ~ 2 by the end of August // 4 others by January 2012
Instructors	Self Directed
Target Group:	Interested Lions with experience and leadership skills
Resources	LCI Resource Centre

Measure of Success: 6 Certified Guiding Lions by January 2012.

Goal #3 (what)	MAP - Membership Action Plan- In cooperation with the GMT encourage Clubs to create a 3 year MAP with the suggestion that they include a Club Rating/Survey and/or Community Needs Assessment in that plan.
Where? When?	At 6 Zone Meetings - First Zone Meetings of Lions Year 2011-2012
Instructors	GMT/GLT IRCs & GLT Associates as needed
Target Group:	Club Membership Chairs
Resources	PowerPoint, LCI resources and handouts provided by the GMT/ GLT Coordinators.

Measure of Success: 53 Membership Chairs from 53 clubs attending.

Goal #4 (what)	CEP Facilitators' Training
Where? When?	TBD
Instructors	TBD
Target Group:	Lion Leaders/District Action Team
Resources	MD'A' GMT/GLT Leaders

Measure of Success: An attendance of at least six Lions.

Goal #5 (what)	Develop a Flyer to promote Club Excellence Program.
When?	After MDA/District GMT IGL T training
Creator	GLT Coordinator in conjunction with GMT Leaders
Target Group:	All Club Membership Chairs and Club Presidents.
Resources	LCI resources and materials

Measure of Success: At least five such sessions around the district.

Goal #6 (what)	Promote training opportunities - i.e. the USA / Canada Forum, as well as any District, MD'A' and International programs. Promote Leadership Seminar and Lions Resource Centre.
Where? When?	At each Cabinet, Zone or Region Meeting throughout the Lions Year 2011-2012
Instructors	GMT/GLT Leaders / VDG's / District Action Team
Target Group:	All Lion Members esp. those seeking leadership opportunities
Resources	Materials from LCI (website, mailings, etc.)

Measure of Success: Increased interest / attendance at the training opportunities.

Goal #7 (what)	Challenge PDGs to find and mentor future leaders
Where? When?	At PDG Honorary Meeting - October 3rd, 2011
Instructors	OJ Wilura; Karen McNeight
Target Group:	PDGs
Resources	Vocal presentation

Measure of Success: PDGs taking hold of the challenge.

Goal #8 (what)	Succession Plan for District: GLT / GMT
Where? When?	Constantly be on the 'look-out' for successors
Instructors	GMT / GLT / District Action Team/ PDGs
Target Group:	Lions experienced at District level



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Resources

Knowledgeable Lion leaders

Measure of Success: Capable Lions ready / able to take on the GMT IGLT Leader roles.

GMT District Coordinator – PDG OJ Wilura

In A15, the Global Membership Team and the Global Leadership Team have now taken over from the 15-year-old MERL concept for a variety of reasons. Though similar in goals the structure and responsibilities are different.

GMT will have a District Coordinator with two sub branches, Membership & Club Growth, which will be lead by PDG Larry Wainwright and the Club Success Team spearheaded by PRC Tim DeBlock. The Family and Women's Membership Committee, Lion Mary Rothwell will also be part of the team. These positions are a 3-year commitment.

GLT will be lead by PDG Karen McNeight, who will have several experienced Lions to assist her on ongoing bases.

The Region and Zones Chairs, known as the "Action Team" are part of both groups. They will be called upon to help clubs who desire assistance for growth in membership and the preparing of a membership plan. They will also be constantly reviewing the statistical information provided by LCI and MD"A". You should note a change in their responsibilities this year and more so over the next couple of years.

We will be asking all clubs to provide us with a membership plan. A plan will aid each club to grow and become stronger. It will also allow each Club Board to examine what was best course of action over the year. We had this concept 2 years ago and found it very successful. They need not be long or in-depth but measureable. There is an old saying that goes something like this and it is very true whether in Lionism or our own personal lives - "Failing to have a plan is a plan for failure"

Both GMT and GLT are available to all clubs for help, presentations, encouragement and plain old good will.

"I Believe", in our International President Wing-Kun Tam and his goals for our organization.

"I Believe", in Governor Norma's aspirations, for this great district of ours.

"I Believe" in Lionism and I am sure you do.

Let us all try our best to keep A15 the best district in Lionism.

GMT Club Success Team Leader – PRC Tim DeBlock

Six Elements of a Successful Club

1. The club members have conducted services projects that are meaningful to them.
2. The club has achieved a net growth in membership and involves new members in meaningful activities quickly.
3. The club communicates effectively with the members and the public.
4. Meetings are held regularly and are meaningful and positive.
5. Club Officers participate in zone and district leadership training.
6. The club is in good standing and reports regularly.

GMT Membership & Club Growth Team Leader – PDG Larry Wainwright

It is our intention to communicate to every Club President, Membership Chair and Secretary what and how they can have a successful membership growth and retention this year. To encourage Clubs to look into sponsoring a LEO Club. To suggest surrounding Communities and key people to sponsor and start new Lions or a Branch Club. Following is a proposed letter that we plan to send out.

Dear Club President, Secretary and Membership Chair,

Although there is a name change, the support to clubs by the District Membership Team is not going to change. We suggest you read the information below and whatever help you need or questions you have, please contact the Chair Person Lion Larry.

Membership

It is not our plan to make any changes to what A15 has successfully done over the past 6 years. We will suggest some improvements and ways to assist Club Presidents and Membership Chairs. We once again will encourage: 100% District participation on a Club Membership Plan, Continuation of the Plus One I'm the One Pins, The Art Woods Golden Tree Award, The 100% Membership Chair, Award, the holding of at least one Membership Information Night. We are suggesting that each Club President prepare a PLAN for his or her year. Over the years there hasn't been a problem for Clubs in increasing their membership BUT we have had a real problem in retaining those members.

Retaining members

Prepare a club survey so all members can express what improvements or changes that they see are needed to move forward in a positive mood. If a member resigns try to have the Membership Chair or a member of his or her committee meet with the Lion (with his/her sponsor if possible) and do an exit interview outlining why this Lion is



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leaving. Encourage this Lion to Transfer to another club if his/her problems can't be resolved. If this Lion is leaving because of a specific problem the club then has the information and can try to correct the situation. Do everything possible not to have to drop this member.

Transferring Members

If a member requests a transfer find out where he/she is moving to, address, postal code and phone number if possible. See if email address will remain the same. Once you have this information go to the International website and see if there is a Lions Club in the Community that this Lion is Moving to or if there is a Club in a neighbouring Community. Write this information, Club name, when and where they meet, time of meetings, president and or secretary's names with email address and phone numbers and give to the transferring Lion. Send the transferring Lions information to the Lions Club in the Community he/she is going to.

Leo Clubs

If you are aware of 3 or 4 young people in your community interested in serving the community suggest a LEO Club. Some have used the school system (permission from school authorities is usually required). Others have family with children between 12 and 18 and start with them. Once you have an interest, contact the District Membership Chair Lion Larry and a meeting will be set up with the interested young people, sponsoring Lions Club, District LEO Chair and the Membership Team. Let us see if we can start at least 2 LEO Clubs in District A15 this year.

New Clubs

If your club is in a large city, look for areas or industrial opportunities for a new Lions Club. A minimum 20 is required to be eligible for a Charter. Look outside your clubs area to see if there is interest or enough population to support a Lions Club. If a Community or industrial opportunity arises, find 4-6 key people that would attend an Information Meeting. Make sure your Club is willing to be the Sponsoring Club. Then contact the District Membership Chair, Lion Larry. Maybe you might have to start as a Branch Club. It would be great if we could add another new Club to District A15 this year.

Branch Clubs

If you find a community, mobile home park, neighbourhood group of 4-6 interested people, set up a meeting. Make sure your Club is willing to be a sponsoring Club, Contact the District Membership Chair, Lion Larry. You can start a Branch Club with as few as 3-4 members. The District Chair will present an Information Night and you can get started right away. You sign up those interested people at the meeting, suggest they come to the next meeting (preferably within the next 2 weeks) with each bringing an interested friend or family member and go from there. It is best to get the first few signed up as Branch Lions Club members, get them started on a community project and let it grow from there. Sometimes if you wait until 20 or more are signed up those with the early interest lose their enthusiasm. We should make every effort to start 2 new Branch Clubs this year. We as the Lions of A15 should take every opportunity to invite a friend, neighbour, relative or fellow worker to join you in the work of Lions. You would be giving them a great gift of them being able to make a difference in someone else's life as well as their own.

LFC – PRC Wolfgang Boelke

For over 25 Years P.D.G Lion John Paff represented the Lions Foundation of Canada for District A-15. During his tenure over 2 million dollars was contributed to the Foundation from A-15. It is our goal this year to recognize his tremendous contribution and dedication with a Thank You Certificate. We are asking that every club this year make a donation to our Lions Foundation of Canada.

We know many clubs donate every year. We are aware that it is difficult for some of our smaller clubs to contribute much. It does not matter how much each club donates, framed certificates will be presented at each cabinet meeting to the clubs that have donated to that date. Dollars amounts will not be announced just total dollars presented up to the time of the Cabinet meeting will be recorded. Let us all show Lion John how much we appreciate his untiring efforts. It is our goal to have 100% participation A-15 this Lions Year. We intend to extend the opportunity to join with us to the Lioness and LEO Clubs in our District.

Remember it is not how much you give but that you do give. A letter has been prepared and will be sent to all club Presidents early September.

We in A-15 have a proud history of supporting our Lions Foundation of Canada and I am proud to be asked to follow in Lion Johns footsteps.



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LCIF – PCC Bill Carson

LCIF Goals For 2010-11 CA II Canada End of Year

CA	MDC	MD/District	MD/Dist. #	Full Name	09-10 Total Contributions Actual as of 6/30/10	Total Contributions Goal	Goal Increase over 09-10 Actual	Total Contributions Actual as of 6/11	% of Goal Completed as of 6/11	% Increase of goal over 09-10 Actual (note: DCs may not be using 09-10 as base for goal)	% Increase of 10-11 donations over 9-10
II	PDG Marilyn Martin	19 Canada	District 19 A	Cecil Fung	\$ 38,702.57	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 3,297.43	\$35,922.78	86%	9%	-7%
II	PDG Marilyn Martin	19 Canada	District 19 D	David Wilding	\$ 30,341.33	\$ 29,000.00	\$ (1,341.33)	\$18,515.94	64%	-4%	-39%
II	PDG Marilyn Martin	19 Canada	District 19 E	Jerry D. Flood	\$ 5,779.46	\$ 6,947.00	\$ 1,167.54	\$8,177.01	118%	20%	41%
II	PDG Marilyn Martin	19 Canada	District 19 H	Mel Stokes	\$ 22,634.95	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 17,365.05	\$38,203.20	96%	77%	69%
II	PDG Marilyn Martin	19 Canada	District 19 I	Lynne Davidson	\$ 24,937.03	\$ 28,100.00	\$ 3,162.97	\$25,869.92	92%	13%	4%
II	PCC Winston Collins	37-Canada	District 37 I	Gayle Collins	\$ 70,748.10	\$ 71,455.00	\$ 706.90	\$36,025.47	50%	1%	-49%
II	PCC Winston Collins	37-Canada	District 37 L	Donna Wozney	\$ 43,578.33	\$ 36,391.00	\$ (7,187.33)	\$58,345.90	160%	-16%	34%
II	PCC Winston Collins	37-Canada	District 37 N	Brent Johnson	\$ 35,026.55	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 14,973.45	\$34,878.50	70%	43%	0%
II	PCC Winston Collins	37-Canada	District 37 O	Bill Baux	\$ 112,546.70	\$ 116,612.00	\$ 4,065.30	\$70,977.34	61%	4%	-37%
II	PID Garnet Davis		5 District 5 SKN	Gladys Andrew/ Marvis	N/A	\$ 30,000.00	N/A	\$23,347.48	78%	N/A	
II	PID Garnet Davis		5 District 5 SKS	Joan Moore/ Ellen Berg	N/A	\$ 16,000.00	N/A	\$27,565.93	172%	N/A	
II	PID Ben Ward	5M	District 5M 10	Susan Pollock	\$ 6,293.73	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 706.27	\$5,914.55	84%	11%	-6%
II	PID Ben Ward	5M	District 5M 11	Gunter Zionn	\$ 19,821.86	\$ 15,000.00	\$ (4,821.86)	\$12,080.43	81%	-24%	-39%
II	PID Ben Ward	5M	District 5M 13	Harvey Kingdon	\$ 21,180.32	\$ 21,194.00	\$ 13.68	\$14,919.49	70%	0%	-30%
II	PID Art Woods	A	District A2	Jim Boughtner/ Rob Fal	\$ 46,613.45	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 386.55	\$12,338.26	26%	1%	-74%
II	PID Art Woods	A	District A1	Carolyn Oshell	\$ 12,881.79	\$ 12,000.00	\$ (881.79)	\$19,170.73	160%	-7%	49%
II	PID Art Woods	A	District A3	Harvey Gere	\$ 28,792.25	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 3,207.75	\$23,790.86	79%	12%	-11%
II	PID Art Woods	A	District A5	Ron Anderson/ Bob Ho	\$ 30,314.26	\$ 13,717.00	\$ (16,597.26)	\$21,821.48	159%	-55%	-28%
II	PID Art Woods	A	District A 12	Peter McCague	\$ 26,322.91	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 5,677.09	\$21,721.41	68%	22%	-17%
II	PID Art Woods	A	District A 15	Bill Carson	\$ 64,232.62	\$ 24,000.00	\$ (40,232.62)	\$39,589.87	165%	-63%	-38%
II	PID Art Woods	A	District A 16	Ron Graham	\$ 27,587.55	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 412.45	\$22,612.28	81%	1%	-18%
II	PID Art Woods	A	District A 9	Betty Jean "BJ" Finlay	\$ 48,027.36	\$ 45,050.00	\$ (2,977.36)	\$40,298.97	89%	-6%	-16%
II	PID Len Giffen	N	District N1, New Brun	Norah Davidson-Wright	\$ 43,285.30	\$ 48,713.83	\$ 5,428.53	\$20,404.04	42%	13%	-53%
II	PID Len Giffen	N	District N2, Nova Scot	Evie Morine	\$ 50,944.60	\$ 53,491.83	\$ 2,547.23	\$32,541.20	61%	5%	-36%
II	PID Len Giffen	N	District N3, Western	William Dunne	\$ 17,555.42	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (13,555.42)	\$4,912.78	123%	-77%	-72%
II	PID Len Giffen	N	District N4, Eastern	Herbert Burry	\$ 31,581.67	\$ 29,200.00	\$ (2,381.67)	\$27,934.46	96%	-8%	-12%
II	PDG Yvon Dufour	U	District U 1	Gilles Deschênes	\$ 39,126.80	\$ 27,000.00	\$ (12,126.80)	\$27,013.86	100%	-31%	-31%
II	PDG Yvon Dufour	U	District U 3	Claude St-Pierre	\$ 10,479.93	\$ 7,128.00	\$ (3,351.93)	\$4,035.79	57%	-32%	-61%
II	PDG Yvon Dufour	U	District U 4	Vincent Demers	\$ 6,762.14	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 237.86	\$10,462.37	149%	4%	55%
Total						\$ 917,999.66	\$ (42,099.32)	\$739,392.30	81%		-5%
Total for Districts with an 09-10 Actual					\$ 914,098.98	\$ 871,999.66	\$ (42,099.32)				

Public Relations & Club Visits Liaison – Joanne McQuiggan

Letters will once again be sent to every club prior the official visit of the District Governor, First Vice Governor and Second Vice Governor. This letter includes protocol for the visit and biographical information to be used to introduce them to the club.

Youth Camp Chair – PCC Dave Rumble & Lioness Mary Rumble

It is a pleasure to report to you that another successful exchange and camp was again conducted by District "A"-15 in 2011. We hosted 21 youth from 13 countries; Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Slovenia, and the Island of St. Maarten. We were of the opinion last year that the youth we had were the best we have had. This year's group, were better than last year. Never before have we had so many youth that just did things without being asked to do so. They saw and they did.

I would like to extend one great big massive THANK YOU to all the Lions and Lioness of District "A"-15 for their co-operation and assistance with this program during the past year. Our host family situation remained similar to last year. Right down to the wire. The last youth was hosted the day before her arrival. Somehow we would like to eliminate this difficulty and revert to a full complement of host families well in advance of the youth arrivals.

Fourteen host families hosted the 21 youth with twelve Lions clubs being involved. We had a total of seven outgoing youth this year sponsored by seven different Lions Clubs and those youth travelled to; Australia, Denmark, Italy, Spain and Switzerland We are looking to increase those numbers for next year.

This year Lion Ted Bickell will be looking after meals and for your benefit his information has been listed in the directory. A Paris Lions Club Committee will continue to be our Liaison with Five Oaks and Lion Marysa has volunteered to look after the outgoing youth again next year. Her information has been included in the directory as well. Perhaps by injecting a little youth into the program we will get better results. We continue to inform and work to convince the clubs to become involved in the outgoing portion of the program.

As of this report we have one youth from Australia that will be here during December and January. She will be hosted by a family in the Burford area as a return favour for hosting their daughter last year.

As of this writing and for 2012, the youth will arrive on June 30th at Toronto Pearson International Airport. They will be hosted for two weeks, arriving at camp on July 14th. Camp will last until the 24th of July with International Night hosted by the Paris Lions Club on Sunday July 29th. The youth will be hosted for the balance of the week and will return home on Saturday July 30th.



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Lions John and Mary Rothwell will be your leaders for next year as we take a step back in preparation for retirement. The biggest challenge we have is in finding replacements. We are looking for a husband & wife team - and if you have children all the better – to replace the camp directors.

Peace Poster & Essay For Visually Impaired – Lion Jeff Sullivan

The theme for the 2011-12 Peace Poster and Essay for visually impaired youth contests this year is “Children Know Peace”. The contests are open to children who are 11, 12 or 13 on November 15th, 2011.

The deadline for a club to submit a winning poster or essay to me is to have it postmarked by November 15th, 2011.

The deadline for a Club to order a Peace Poster Contest kit from International is October 1st, 2011. The kits are \$9.95 +tax+shipping and handling. District A-15 will be ordering several kits to ensure clubs of our district can receive them on a timely basis if they are interested in running a contest. I will be sending an email out to all Clubs in our District in the next 7-10 days that will provide online links to information about the contests, including rules, and required entry forms.