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## Summer A-15 Cabinet Meeting Minutes

3:00 PM August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Bethel Road, Paris Ontario

1. Call to order – 3:05 PM by DG Diane Smith

2. Attendance as indicated:

**VOTING CABINET**

PDG Dan Ayim	IPDG Tim DeBlock	DG Diane Smith	1 <sup>st</sup> VDG Wayne Litt
2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Charlene Teasdale	CS Dennis Lougheed	CT Peter Oswald	RC Kevin Banfield
RC Debbie Cserhalmi	RC Jim Keron	ZC Rick Banks	ZC Aline Chan
ZC Ian MacFarlane	ZC Tracey Leary	ZC Eric Peterson	

**COMMITTEE CHAIR**

PRC Paul Anstett	PRC Rick Bell	Lion Lorea Boogerman	PRC Vic Bovingdon
Lion PCC Bill Carson <b>(R)</b>	Janet Dawson-Brock <b>(R)</b>	PDG Thom Herrmann	Lion Ernie Kaethler
Lion Rudy Boogerman	Lion Linda Litt <b>(R)</b>	Lion Fran MacFarlane	Lion Pat Mclean <b>(R)</b>
PDG Karen McNeight <b>(R)</b>	Lion Joanne McQuiggan	PRC Robert Montgomery	PID Bruce Murray
Lion Bill Patterson <b>(R)</b>	PDDG George Patton	Lion Bob Pearson	Lion John Pepper <b>(R)</b>
PDG Norma Peterson	PDG Nancy Ransom <b>(R)</b>	Lion Bob Rutter	PCS Ted Rypma <b>(R)</b>
PDG Doug Smith	PCC Bob Tanner (A1) <b>(R)</b>	Lion Linda Vinette	PDG Larry Wainwright
PZC Mary Ann Ward	PCC Todd Wilson	PDG OJ Wilura <b>(R)</b>	PID Art Woods

In attendance also were approximately 64 other Lion Members

**(R)** – Regrets

3. Moment of Silence, O Canada

4. Welcome & Introduction of Guests

PDG Marianne Warren (105 SW –South England) Cheddar Vale Lions Club

PDG Jim Prenger – Kincardine A9

PDG Linda Duffie – Bowmanville A3

5. Protocol – VDG1 Wayne Litt

6. Approval of the Agenda

6.1. Additions - Item 13.3 – Motion to Adopt a District Logo

6.2. MOVED to adopt the agenda as amended. Carried.

7. District Governor’s Remarks

This is my initial opportunity to share with you my hopes going forward this year.

Philanthropists have long appreciated that charity only perpetuates poverty. What I am refining to here is charity as strictly a financial hand out. What interrupts and helps repair the cycle of poverty and indifference is education.

With this in mind I am asking each club in this District to focus on two projects that center on literacy.

These need not be labor intensive nor do they need to be financially burdensome. Such things as; Hosting a book fair; Becoming volunteer readers at your local community center; Hosting a computer workshop for adults

These are a few suggestions-you are only limited by your creativity .You may partner with existing Literacy programs as another option. I want you to focus on your community but I would like you to consider global initiatives as well. You have heard me speak about Literacy at the Well, a program recognized by International taking place in the South Sudan, a land locked country in NE Africa. This is a program aimed at teaching women and children to read as they wait to collect water at community wells. In this country currently only one woman in ten can read and only three men in ten can read. I first learned of this program at the International Convention in Toronto. Currently there is a lot of political unrest in the South Sudan, so there needs to be assurance that supplies get into the right hands. The president of the only Lions club in that country, the Juba Host Lions club, has contacted me. As I learn more I will pass that information along to you.



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This year our International President, Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, has set as his theme DIGNITY.HARMONY.HUMANITY. Very simply these words embody what it is to be a Lion and why we do the work we do. The symbol (designed using the Japanese art of origami) for this theme is the smallest species of crane. Dr. Yamada chose this symbol as these birds demonstrate cooperation, teamwork and harmony (all of the qualities we should strive towards) in their arduous winter migration over the Himalayas to India.

The theme for our District this year is HOPE THROUGH SERVICE. I am confident that through our service projects, particularly literacy we are able to offer hope to individuals as we aid in social development and offer the chance to live with dignity.

Finally- a word about change. Most of us do not embrace it. We like what we know and we like what is comfortable. I am speaking specifically about how we run our clubs and our meetings. Our methods need to change if we are to remain viable and if we are to attract new members. Clubs in North America are struggling. The answers are not easy. In order to help with change, in our District this year we will be holding a number of training sessions including; CEP Facilitators Refresher sessions; Membership Workshops; and special Lions Now events. Lion Rick Banks will be acting as an Information Technology (IT) coach and will be available for on-site computer assistance.

I wish you well in your Lions experiences this year and ask you all to be champions OF HOPE THROUGH SERVICE.

- 8. Installation of District Officers – Carried out by PID Lion Art Woods.
- 9. MOVED to approve the Minutes of the June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Cabinet Meeting, Carried.
- 10. Motion to Ratify the Actions of the Previous Cabinet  
MOVED that the actions of the previous District Cabinet be ratified. Carried.
- 11. Secretary’s Report  
MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Secretary’s report. Carried.
- 12. Treasurer’s Report
  - 12.1. Report and Financial Statements 2014-2015  
MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer’s report and Financial Statements and approve the proposals regarding the rebate of dues to the clubs in the amount of \$3.00 per member based on the number of members invoiced in September, 2014, and the contribution to the New Club Assessment Fund of \$1,570 (equivalent of \$1 per member). Carried.
  - 12.2. Budget 2015-2016  
MOVED that the 2015-2016 Budget be approved as presented. Carried.
- 13. Matters Arising
  - 13.1. Motion to Amend Convention Policy  
As a result of actions taken at the 2015 District A-15 Convention Cabinet Meeting which made a change in the District A-15 By-Laws, Article I, District A-15 Convention, Section 1, Lions Year Convention Supervision  
MOVED to amend the District A-15 Policy Manual, 27 District A-15 Convention Policy Manual, 27.1.1 General Policy iii to change “Convention Advisory Committee” to “Future Convention Advisory Committee”

AND

to insert the following two new items into to the District A-15 Convention Policy Manual between 27.1.1 General Policy and 27.1.2 District Future Convention Advisory Committee.



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**FUTURE CONVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

This committee shall be appointed annually by the District Governor and composed of the District Governor (as Chair), a representative of each of the Host Committees for the two prior conventions, plus the current Elections and Credentials Chair as voting members. The Cabinet Secretary and Chair of the Constitution and By-Law Committee shall serve as ex-officio and non voting members. The District Governor shall retain supervision over all policies and phases of the District A-15 Convention. The Future Convention Advisory Committee shall ensure that all activities of the convention and directives of the District Governor are carried out. Their duties shall include, but are not limited to, site inspection and monitoring; budget and program planning; development of convention program and activities; co-ordination of a final report.

**HOST COMMITTEE**

The committee shall be appointed by the District Governor and shall be comprised of members of the Host Club(s), or by members of District A-15 where the District is hosting the convention. The District Governor shall determine the makeup of the committee through consultation with the Host Club(s) or, in the case of the District hosting the convention, with Cabinet.

The Host Committee's duties shall include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Implementation of the Convention Policy of District A-15;
- (2) Implementation of approved plans and procedures;
- (3) Fiscal responsibility.

AND

to reduce Section 27.1.2.1 Appointment to read;

The District Future Convention Advisory committee shall be appointed by the District Governor and be ratified by the District Cabinet of the day.

AND

to eliminate Section 27.1.2.2 Term as it is no longer needed.

MOVED to amend the motion in the definition of the Host Committee from

*"This committee shall be appointed annually by the District Governor and composed of the District Governor (as Chair),"*

to read

*"This committee shall be appointed annually by the District Governor and composed of the District Governor or designate (as Chair),"* Carried.

The amended motion then carried.

**14. New Business**

- 14.1. Committee Reorganization – DG Diane summarized the retirement and introduction of new Committee Chair positions; the reorganization for those committees; the resource document developed to define the committee responsibilities.



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- 14.2. District Centennial Project Proposal – PDG Dan Ayim  
*See report included with Committee Reports*  
Cabinet requested that more detailed information on the project elements be assembled; that answers to questions as to what might be needed in the way of support or approval from Lions Foundation of Canada be obtained; and that using that information, a more specific proposal be brought to Cabinet for consideration.
- 14.3. MOVED to adopt a District Logo Produced by Bulletin and MDA Magazine Liaison Lion Bob Pearson.  
Concerns were expressed regarding scalability of the graphics, the impact of possible future rezoning of the District and the absence of an invitation to all members of the District to also make proposals. The motion was defeated.
- 15. Cabinet Reports
  - 15.1. MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Cabinet Reports. Carried.
- 16. Committee Reports
  - 16.1. MOVED to accept the proposed 2015 – 2016 Effective Speaking Budget subject to the availability of funds. Carried.
  - 16.2. MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Committee Reports. Carried.
- 17. Project LifeSaver – PDDG Darryl Nichol  
This project in which the Rockwood Lions Club has been involved in for several years in conjunction with Victim Services in Guelph Wellington has provided about 20 radio locating wrist bracelets to individuals suffering from dementia and other medical problems which can result in their “going missing”. Annual cost is approximately \$500 per year. While this is not a project of District A15, individual clubs may choose to become involved and should contact the Rockwood & District lions Club or Lion Darryl at [darryl.marion.nichol@gmail.com](mailto:darryl.marion.nichol@gmail.com) for further information.
- 18. Special Presentations & Awards
  - 18.1. Art Woods Golden Tree – presented by PID Art Woods  
PZC Mary Ann Ward – Ingersoll Lions                      Lion John Paul LaLande – Ingersoll  
Lion Bea Dechert – Woolwich Community Lions      Lion Karen Cronin – St Jacobs Lions
  - 18.2. 100% Secretary – Presented by IPDG Tim DeBlock
  - 18.3. 100% Treasurer – Presented by IPDG Tim DeBlock
  - 18.4. Friendship Banner - Presented by PDG Marianne Warren to DG Diane Smith
- 19. Good & Welfare
  - 19.1. Directory Pick Up Instructions
  - 19.2. Committee Chair Name Tags
  - 19.3. Upcoming Events
- 20. Lions Grace & Dinner
- 21. Adjournment – 5:05 PM



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**SECRETARY'S REPORT TO CABINET**

Notice is given that any club wishing to host the 2017/18 District Convention must submit their bid in writing to the District Cabinet via the District Governor by the Fall 2015 Cabinet meeting. Received bids will be passed on to the Future Convention Advisory Committee for vetting and reporting at the mid-winter meeting Cabinet meeting. The number of acceptable bids determines whether Cabinet moves to allow a single acceptable bid to succeed or to send multiple acceptable bids for voting on by delegates at the 2015/16 District Convention. If no bids are received, the Governor of the day, through whatever means he or she chooses, determines the location of the 2017/18 District Convention which will be hosted by a District Host Committee.

Club secretaries, cabinet members and committee chairs are reminded to ensure that their District email access is functioning as this is the only email address that will be used for District email communication.

**TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET**

My first duty today is to summarize the financial statements as at June 30, 2015 to close off the last Lions year. The financial statements in the package have been reconciled to the statements for bank accounts and all GIC investments as at June 30. The financial statements fairly reflect the financial position of the District. The informal audit of the financial statements has not been completed as of this writing but will be completed shortly – with a report to the District Governor / Cabinet to follow.

ADMIN – for clarification, I add the following:

- Investments include \$23,000 (1.80% to Nov/15) for the reserve, \$7,616.25 (0.90% to Nov/15) of surplus held + \$5,000 parked in a short term GIC (0.80%) to earn some interest.
- We ended the year with a surplus of \$6,395 for the 2014-15 year. There is also an accumulated surplus of \$2,692 evident from previous years. As a result, **I am proposing a rebate of dues to the Clubs in the amount of \$3.00** per member based on the number of members invoiced in September, 2014. This rebate will be netted off the invoice for 2015-16 and will amount to approximately \$4,700.
- In addition, **I am proposing a contribution to the New Club Assessment Fund of \$1,570 (equivalent of \$1 per member)** – this fund is established to defray the costs of developing and chartering new Clubs. Balances were previously built up (peak of \$7,735 at June, 2011) and have been used/reduced over the past 5 years. In place of a regular annual levy (as was previously used), this contribution from surplus will keep funds available for the development of new Clubs.

TRUST – balance sheet is straight forward and reflects balances for applicable District & Lion project accounts. GICs held here include:

- Sight conservation \$5,156 1.30% to July, 2016; Youth Camp Capital \$7,745 0.75% to Feb, 2016; Lions Quest \$10,080 0.80% flexible; Youth Camp regular \$12,512 1.2% to Nov, 2015.

**2015-16 Administration Budget**

My second duty today is to present the administration budget for the 2015-16 Lions year. The proposed budget is included with the package and compares to the actual results for the previous 2 Lions years. I add the following:

- Revenue is essentially flat year over year. We start the year with 1,534 members.
- Expenses are similar in most categories – no new lines added this year. Some costs that are incurred in USD (e.g. Leadership Institutes, LCI Badges & supplies) will cost more this Lions year. A year ago, the exchange rate was close to par – today it will be above 1.30
- As in past years, the budget provides for an Honorarium of \$50 per Committee Chair – paid in June to help defray minor expenses.
  - o Note Leadership Institute costs and Police Check Fees were set up as line items starting in 2014-15.
  - o Liability Insurance – no decision made for the District to buy additional Liability Insurance but an amount is budgeted in anticipation of needs.
- For Club Treasurers, the following will be invoiced in September:
  - o Per member \$8.50 (District Dues) + \$1.00 (Convention Fund - reduced from Max amount of \$1.40 so surplus can be reduced) + \$1.50 (membership assessment to support GMT/GLT Committee Chairs) plus \$0.25 (International Director's Fund) = \$11.25. As well, a charge of \$25 per Club for the Leadership Seminar. Note this total will be reduced by any rebate approved.



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## TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### District "A"-15 Lions - Admin Balance Sheet As of 30 June 2015

	30 Jun 15
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account	613.50
CIBC - Investments	35,616.25
CIBC USD Account	75.77
International Director Fund	5,304.23
New Club Assessment Fund	1,870.56
Total Cash	<u>43,480.31</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	43,480.31
Other Current Assets	
Accrued Interest Receivable	<u>400.00</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>400.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>43,880.31</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>43,880.31</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
A/P USD for LCI	<u>-0.03</u>
Total Accounts Payable	-0.03
Other Current Liabilities	
Convention Fund	2,071.07
DGE Partner Travel	<u>1,856.00</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>3,927.07</u>
Total Current Liabilities	3,927.04
Long Term Liabilities	
International Director - Contra	5,304.23
New Club Assessment - Contra	<u>1,870.56</u>
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>7,174.79</u>
Total Liabilities	11,101.83
Equity	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	2,692.64
Net Income	<u>6,395.30</u>
Total Equity	<u>32,778.48</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>43,880.31</u></b>



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## District "A"-15 Lions - Admin Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2014 through June 2015

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	Jul '14 - Jun 15	Budget	Over Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Advertising	500.00	500.00	0.00
District Directory	265.00	250.00	15.00
District Dues			
Dues - Collected	13,319.50	13,345.00	-25.50
<b>Total District Dues</b>	<b>13,319.50</b>	<b>13,345.00</b>	<b>-25.50</b>
Interest Earned	599.52	525.00	74.52
Leadership Seminar Income	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00
Membership Assessment	2,350.50	2,355.00	-4.50
Pin Sales	1,212.00	1,500.00	-288.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>19,646.52</b>	<b>19,875.00</b>	<b>-228.48</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>19,646.52</b>	<b>19,875.00</b>	<b>-228.48</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Awards</b>			
Awards - Cabinet	165.53	1,000.00	-834.47
Awards - Other	149.52	500.00	-350.48
<b>Total Awards</b>	<b>315.05</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>-1,184.95</b>
Badges & Patches	327.75	700.00	-372.25
Bank Charges	95.28	200.00	-104.72
Cabinet Expense	1,717.98	1,600.00	117.98
Convention Expense	908.00	1,100.00	-192.00
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair Expenses	186.21	1,000.00	-813.79
District Chair - Other	1,250.00	1,500.00	-250.00
Global Leadership & Membership	1,808.17	2,300.00	-491.83
Leo Clubs	290.79	500.00	-209.21
<b>Total District Chair Expense</b>	<b>3,535.17</b>	<b>5,300.00</b>	<b>-1,764.83</b>
District Directories	1,617.72	1,750.00	-132.28
Governor's Newsletter	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Internet	94.26	100.00	-5.74
Leadership Institutes	352.27	500.00	-147.73
Leadership Seminar	1,092.07	1,400.00	-307.93
Liability Insurance	0.00	750.00	-750.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pins Purchased	1,768.33	1,800.00	-31.67
Police Check Fees	697.09	500.00	197.09
Postage & Telephone	130.48	200.00	-69.52
Printing & Stationery	239.38	500.00	-260.62
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.39		
USA / Canada Forum	360.00	1,800.00	-1,440.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>13,251.22</b>	<b>19,850.00</b>	<b>-6,598.78</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>6,395.30</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>6,370.30</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>6,395.30</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>6,370.30</b>



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## District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust Balance Sheet As of 30 June 2015

	<u>30 Jun 15</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
CIBC- Lions Quest Imprest	6,512.28
CIBC - Eff.Speaking Impst	1,393.44
CIBC - Trust Account	11,078.74
CIBC - Youth	
Youth Exchange Imprest	25,642.46
Youth Investments	12,512.05
<b>Total CIBC - Youth</b>	<b>38,154.51</b>
Investments	
QUEST - Investment	10,080.44
Investments - Other	5,156.20
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>15,236.64</b>
Youth Camp Capital Fund	7,744.50
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	<b>80,120.11</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>80,120.11</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>80,120.11</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Cultural Festival	217.11
District Cook Book	440.40
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	1,393.44
Hearing Conservation	250.00
Hearing Equipment	553.07
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Leash Free Park	5,055.90
<b>Total Lions Foundation of Canada</b>	<b>5,055.90</b>
Lions Home for Deaf People	50.00
LIONS Quest Contra Account	16,592.72
Peace Poster	1,830.37
Reading Action	300.00
Vision Screening	7,538.09
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	38,154.51
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>72,375.61</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>72,375.61</b>
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	7,744.50
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<b>7,744.50</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>80,120.11</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>80,120.11</b>





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## TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET - BUDGET

	Actual	Actual	BUDGET	
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	Comments
<b>Income</b>				
Advertising	500.00	500.00	500.00	UPS & Kitchener Lions
District Directory	260.00	265.00	250.00	Sold at \$5 each
District Dues				
Dues - Collected	13,438.50	13,319.50	13,039.00	1,534 X \$8.5
<b>Total District Dues</b>	<b>13,438.50</b>	<b>13,319.50</b>	<b>13,039.00</b>	
Interest Earned	333.06	599.52	543.00	on ONLY ADMIN GICs
Leadership Seminar Income	1,375.00	1,400.00	1,450.00	58 Clubs X \$25
Membership Assessment	2,371.50	2,350.50	2,301.00	1,534X \$1.50 pp; in place of New Club.
Pin Sales	1,435.00	1,212.00	1,500.00	10 people X 25 pins X \$6
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>19,713.06</b>	<b>19,646.52</b>	<b>19,583.00</b>	
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Awards</b>				
Awards - Cabinet	842.32	165.53	750.00	Cabinet & CC
Awards - Other	703.76	149.52	350.00	100% Pres, Sec'ty, Treasurer etc
<b>Total Awards</b>	<b>1,546.08</b>	<b>315.05</b>	<b>1,100.00</b>	
Badges & Patches	662.16	327.75	700.00	Already have costs of \$640 for 2015-16
Bank Charges	84.23	95.28	200.00	
Cabinet Expense	1,535.54	1,717.98	1,850.00	Cabinet meals - Cabinet & CC
Convention Expense	663.46	908.00	1,100.00	Credentials, Reg'n fee for Cab & CC; Memorial
District Chair Expense				
Comm Chair Expenses	432.34	186.21	1,100.00	LFC, LCIF; Culture; Literary, Centennial
District Chair - Other	1,700.00	1,250.00	1,500.00	30 CC X \$50 honourarium
GMT /GLT	4,111.55	1,808.17	2,350.00	* Actuals incl funds rec'd from MDA;
Leo Clubs	0.00	290.79	400.00	Assist w convention costs
<b>Total District Chair Expense</b>	<b>6,243.89</b>	<b>3,535.17</b>	<b>5,350.00</b>	
District Directories	1,656.85	1,617.72	1,750.00	
Internet	88.20	94.26	100.00	Website etc
Leadership Institutes		352.27	675.00	Budget line new in 2014 - est \$135 pp (5 persons)
Leadership Seminar	1,209.77	1,092.07	1,450.00	
Liability Insurance			500.00	Budgeted in case of need
Pins Purchased	1,764.36	1,768.33	1,760.00	375 pins - invoice received
Police Check Fees		697.09	660.00	New Line 2014; 20 X \$33 per search
Postage & Telephone	0.00	130.48	200.00	
Printing & Stationery	333.11	239.38	350.00	
USA / Canada Forum	1,200.00	360.00	1,800.00	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>16,987.65</b>	<b>13,250.83</b>	<b>19,545.00</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>2,725.41</b>	<b>6,395.69</b>	<b>38.00</b>	

2014 incl \$1,000 to Int'l Conv

\* 2013 \$800; 2014 \$ 1,000



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**CABINET REPORTS**

**1<sup>st</sup> VDG – Wayne Litt**

Summer draws to a close and we charge ahead into a new Lions Year.

I hope you all had a chance to take some time with family and friends this summer.

Out of the gate, I encourage you look forward to our Centennial Celebration 2017 and to reflect back on our past. The foundation was set, the race is on. We, the individual Lions in our clubs, will decide what Lionism will look like in the future. Will we continue to grow? Will we continue to make ground breaking changes in the lives of many? How will history record our contributions? We hold that key. Let's make it happen.

WHERE THERE IS A NEED... THERE IS A LION.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VDG – Charlene Teasdale**

Well here we are heading into our new Lions Year. I truly believe that when we work together; keep our lines of communication open, we can handle any challenges that come our way. As each year passes the ever growing need for our service increases. I am excited for the year ahead and I look forward to serving & working alongside of you to reach the goals we have set for ourselves, our Club & our District. I will be heading off to 2nd VDG Training this weekend and as always I am looking forward to learning as well as meeting Lions from other Districts. I wish you much success this Lions year and I am here to help in any way that I am able. Our Lions emblem represents all that is good in each of us; wear it with pride.

**IPDG – Tim DeBlock**

Nothing to report.

**RC 9 / ZC 9S – Kevin Banfield**

Earlier in the month I sent out to the clubs in Region 9 about our membership numbers, The good news is that we have added 9 new members this year, the sad news is that we have already lost 7. I have asked the clubs the following,

Has any club had any success stories they would like to share with the group on how to bring on new members and keep them engaged?

As a region that has some major centers I would think we could increase our membership with some creative thinking. Any group ideas?

In our small town centers, how can we strengthen their clubs?

**ZC 9E – Aline Chan**

No report.

**RC 51 – Debbie Cserhalmi**

Appealed to the clubs of R51 to bring forth ideas for a Region wide Service Project.

**ZC 51E – Eric Peterson**

No report.

**ZC 51W – Rick Banks**

Nothing to report.



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**RC37 – Jim Keron**

It's been a quiet summer in Thamesford although I note several other clubs in the region have been busy with activities over the summer. To date the summer here has been spent clearing a non Lions project off my plate so I am ready to hit the ground running in September. At this point my plans are to get to know the clubs in 37 west. I have met a few of you particularly at the club officer training back at the end of May and also during a couple of inter club visits. I suspect we'll accomplish that through the upcoming inter club visits this fall before the snow flies, or maybe I shouldn't mention snow for a while yet.

Despite the quiet summer I have been talking with Drumbo about acquiring a PA system which they now have up and running. The story I heard was that it may have broken some windows in Drumbo when cranked up loudly. That is likely an exaggeration but it was heard three blocks away from George's house. I also enjoyed installing new executive at the Ingersoll and St Mary's clubs and a new member at Drumbo in June. The St Mary's installation came back home to me installing PDG Karen McNeight as vice president because she was the one who had conducted the induction ceremony when I joined Lions.

Going into this year I am interested as to what you see as the major issues facing Lionism in the near future. We have an amazing organization up and running but we also need to keep it that way and enhance it as much as possible. To my mind one of these is getting younger people involved but I am interested in what other issues might be involved. If you have an opinion on this get in touch with me whatever way you want. My phone and email are in the directory or simply just collar me the next time you see me.

**ZC 37S – Ian MacFarlane**

No report.

**ZC 37W – Tracey Leary**

No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**NOTHING TO REPORT AT THIS TIME OR NO SUBMISSION**

**Constitution & By-Laws** – PDDG George Patton, **Convention Advisory** – not yet named, **Convention Host 2016** – Lion Linda Litt, **Cultural Events** – PZC Fran MacFarlane, **Diabetes Awareness** – PRC Rick Bell, **District Historian** – PDG Nancy Ransom, **District International Relations** – PID Bruce Murray, **Elections & Credentials** – PDG Doug Smith, **Five Oaks Liaison** – Lion Marysa Rumble –Lauriault, **GLT Liaison** – VDG1 Tim DeBlock, **GMT Club Success Team Leader** – RC Paul Anstett, **GMT Membership & Club Growth Team Leader** – PRC Vic Bovington, **GMT Membership Renewal** – PDG Larry Wainwright, **Hearing & Speech Action** – Lion John Pepper, **Honorary Committee**– IPDG Tim DeBlock, **Information Technology** – PCS Ted Rypma, **LEO** – PZC Marry Ann Ward, **Lions Quest** – PDG Todd Wilson, **Literacy** – ZC Aline Chan, **Long Range Planning** – PDG Thom Herrmann, **Nominations** – PCC Bill Carson, **Protocol** – PID Art Woods, **Public Relations & Club Visits Liaison** – PDG Norma Peterson, **Sight Screening & Conservation** – Lion Pat McLean, **Special Olympics** – PCC Bob Tanner (District A1), **Yearbook** – PDG Karen McNeight,

**Camp Coordinator** – PRC Rob Montgomery

CNIB In Your Community is a community bulletin that provides information about CNIB, including upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. Please click below for the Summer Edition!

[http://www.cnib.ca/en/news/Pages/20150706\\_CNIB-In-Your-Community---Summer-Edition.aspx](http://www.cnib.ca/en/news/Pages/20150706_CNIB-In-Your-Community---Summer-Edition.aspx)

CNIB Night Steps is Back!!

- Friday, September 18 – Springbank Gardens, London
- Friday, September 25 – Victoria Park, Kitchener
- Friday, October 2 – Heydenshore Park, Whitby



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Taking part is easy! Register as a team or an individual, and we'll give you the tools to make fundraising simple and fun! We're asking each participant to raise at least \$100. If walking isn't for you, volunteer or pledge a walker in your community.

I am once again looking forward to visiting some more of the clubs in A-15 to speak of our wonderful Camps and all the great things they do.

**Centennial Coordinator** – PDG Dan Ayim

On becoming International President in July 2014, Lion Joe Preston launched a three year Centennial Service Challenge aimed at providing service that would benefit 100 million people world-wide by December 2017. Since IPDG Tim appointed me Centennial Service Coordinator, I spent the first year encouraging clubs in the district to plan centennial projects either individually or in cooperation with neighbouring clubs, by zone or region. I visited a few clubs and participated in "Lions Now" hosted by St. Jacob Lions Club.

At the district level, I propose that in A15, we erect a centennial memorial monument to commemorate 100 years of Lionism. Subject to agreement with Lions Foundation of Canada (property owners), the Memorial Forest in Breslau is the intended location of the monument.

We should bear in mind that in the year 2020, Lionism in Canada will be 100 years old. It would be prudent for us to begin planning now to celebrate that milestone.

**Diabetes Awareness** – PRC Rick Bell

Lion Rick requested that his Committee Chair honorarium for 2014/15 be donated to the Diabetes Foundation. Lion Nicole Holder reviewed a new campaign that will hopefully involve all clubs by providing each Lion with a jar in which they may collect dimes for donation to the Honorary Lions of Camp Huronda. The goal is for each club to raise \$1000 and for the District to raise \$50000 towards this year's bun bed acquisition project.

**District Bulletin & MDA Magazine Liaison** – Lion Bob Pearson

Writer is pleased to be the newly appointed bulletin editor for the district. I am taking over from Lion Bob Rutter of the Royal City club. He has made my job much easier; as it turns out we both use the same program for our graphics work. Bob supplied me with copies of some of his previous issues and that made the transition even easier.

I have also established contact with Lion John Daniels who coordinates the MDA Magazine submissions. We are on the same page in respect to what is needed at his end. I have sent John a couple of submissions to date.

**Plan of Action:**

- Continue with the established quality of the newsletter issues.
- Continue with quality submissions to the MDA Magazine.
- Encourage A15 Clubs to ensure they have a bulletin editor in place and there are regular entries for the district bulletin contest. Individual club bulletins will identify future district editors.

**Observation:**

As of the date of this report (August 3rd) only a couple of submissions for the September bulletin have been received from district clubs. It probably goes without saying that timely submissions make for a better product. It is realized the time of year has much to do with this area and the rate of submissions will increase at the start of the new Lions year.

**Effective Speaking** – Lion Ernie Kaethler

This excellent Opportunities for Youth program promotes growth of character and develops civic potential in our community. Our District has been supporting this worthwhile program for many years. A-15 ranked and performed well at the MDA competition in St Catharines. District A-15, sent a full compliment of 6 contestants, 4 of whom PLACED - one(1) FIRST; one(1) SECOND; and two(2) THIRD

The 2015 – 2016 A-15 District Effective Speaking Finals will be held on Saturday, April 2nd, 2016 in St George. The MDA finals will be on Friday and Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016, location not yet finalized.

Lion Ernie and PZC Fran MacFarlane are available for presentations to clubs on the Effective Speaking program



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Thanks to the generous support of the clubs of District A-15, the 2014-15 Effective Speaking budget ended in the black for the second year in a row. I encourage you to consider supporting this excellent program by holding local contests or through club donations in the amount of \$100 to \$200 to A-15 Treasurer, Peter Oswald.

*Please see the accompanying proposed 2015 -2016 Effective Speaking Budget.*

**Environment** – Lion Linda Vinette

To date, as of this report, 40 million people have benefited from the Centennial Service Challenge. Statistics show 10.5 million is under Environment, 15 million is for Youth, 7 million is Vision and 7.5 million is Hunger. The goal is to serve 100 million people by June 2018.

Although April is the campaign period for the Environment, I think Every Day is Earth Day. Plan an environmental project for your club and report the number of people benefiting from the project to Lions International. I will be happy to attend your club meeting and assist with your plans.

Photos of the trees and plaques for this year will be completed by the cabinet meeting.

**Gift of Life Coordinator** – Lion Bob Rutter

The importance of organ transplantation cannot be overstated. Lions are in a beneficial position to support the program instituted by the Ontario government in 2002 with the formation of the Trillium Gift of Life Foundation which oversees the program for registering donors and selecting potential recipients.

The goal of the Gift of Life program is to increase awareness of the need and the life-saving potential of organ donation by increasing the number of registered donors throughout Ontario. The need for organ replacement has never been greater, and the need continues to grow each day.

While the need exists, finding donors is problematic. Gift of Life, which tracks donor registrations by postal code, reports well under half of Ontario residents have registered for the program.

Ironically, the highest percentage of registrations are in Northern Ontario, where in some communities as much as 50% or higher have registered as donors. The numbers for the GTA are about 17%. So it is easy to see that growth in registrations is potentially very great with a directed and focused awareness program within local communities in southwestern Ontario.

In Ontario, an average of three persons die every two days while awaiting one of eight organs that can be provided from a deceased donor. As of July 26, there were 1,603 people in Ontario on waiting lists for a transplant. Of that number more than 1,100 were awaiting a kidney.

There is a direct link between the mandate of Lions Clubs International and its existing programs and the Gift of Life program.

1. Lions are dedicated to the preservation of sight, and eyes are one of the eight important organs that are sought for transplant.
2. Lions have embraced for several years a diabetes awareness program because of the increasingly prevalent numbers of people being diagnosed with the disease.
3. Diabetes can result in loss of sight and renal failure, with nearly 40% of all dialysis patients requiring the treatment because of diabetes.

With the inter-connection between programs, it is possible to build onto our existing programs to facilitate the goals of the Gift of Life program.

**Program Proposal**

I propose to develop the Gift of Life awareness program within District A-15 in the following manner:

- a. Creating an awareness icon on the District website linked to Gift of Life and [beadonor.ca](http://beadonor.ca) websites. The District icon would include a counter showing the number of registrations reported from efforts of Lions within the District.
- b. Encourage all clubs in the District to add similar links to their websites, Facebook and social media accounts.



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- c. Encourage all clubs to engage in direct awareness within their communities by holding events or taking part in events where information on Gift of Life can be delivered to participants.
- d. Encourage clubs that now undertake diabetes awareness events to consider including Gift of Life as an adjunct activity.

District A-15 has a resource that could assist greatly in the success of the Gift of Life program: two university campus clubs that represent student communities with populations of at least 15,000 students each. Additionally, there are as many as 5,000 faculty and staff on the campuses. Awareness on campus at this stage of a young life can last a lifetime and quite possibly into future generations of donors. The U of W club is particularly suited for this program because eye transplantation is related to their studies. I would ask that Cabinet:

1. Encourage individual clubs to appoint a Gift of Life chair;
2. Direct the District IT Chair to place awareness icons and a link to Gift of Life and beadonor.ca on the A15 website
3. Encourage individual clubs within the District to do the same.

Since this program may require frequent direct contact, I suggest Cabinet have Region and/or Zone Chairs oversee individual club efforts.

My role will be to support the Chairs and the individual clubs through resource management and direct contact with Trillium Gift of Life and MDA Gift of Life Chair IPDG Eleanor Colwell.

**GLT District Coordinator – PDG Denis Vinette**

Leadership is a vital part of our success as an organization. At this time, we are without a Zone Chair in Zone 9 South. This fact is unprecedented in District A15. Although this is the case, at this time, your GLT Leadership will make every effort to never be in the position where a Cabinet role remains unfilled. The current situation must not be allowed to become a trend or, worse yet, the norm.

From where I stand: Over the last few years, there have been some significant changes in the demographics in the clubs of our District. Single gender clubs have begun to recognize the value that comes from different perspectives when a club embodies a gender neutral position. We are seeing a growing trend where club harmony and dynamics are challenged by strong minded individuals, who are for the most part unaware of the impact of their actions. At times, we are seeing clubs where the committee process has collapsed and has yielded to long and laborious meetings where small details become points of long discussion.

Recognizing this, and other challenges, your GLT will endeavour to provide information and resources on Effective Leadership, Meeting Management, Committee Development and General Club Success strategies at various venues in our District event schedule for the coming year.

This year, we are holding two Membership / Leadership workshops instead of only one. Both will be held in the latter part of November. As was the case last year, Lion O.J. Wilura and I will be working hand in hand, with additional members of the GLT and GMT team, to provide resources and information that will assist our clubs develop into “model” clubs. We will encourage all clubs to do “what it takes” to emphasize their successes and recognize the importance of keeping Service, Harmony and Fellowship as “Job 1” for their member experience. For this year, and for the duration of my term, I hope to carry this message to the clubs and to be available to the clubs in whatever fashion they see fit.

Lions are encouraged to attend the USA/Canada Forum in Grand Rapids Michigan from September 17<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>. Lions are also encouraged to explore the Lions University programs available via the LCI Web site.

**GMT District Coordinator – PDG OJ Wilura**

Global Leadership Team Coordinator Denis and I are looking forward to this coming year and we offer the assistance of our Teams to any club who feel they may need sort of assistance with planning growth, retention or revitalization. You may call upon any Team member noted in the District Directory.



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A graduate club of CEP (Club Excellence Process), the West Coast Lions, is to be congratulated for a membership increase of 60% in the past fiscal year. I am sure planning must have played a big factor for their success. We also have 2 clubs about to complete the process from last year.

Speaking of CEP, which at times got mixed up with the Club Excellence Award, you will now hear the acronym CQI (Club Quality Initiative). This idiom will now take the place of CEP which is being phased out. The process is still the same with some subtle changes.

Immediate Past District Governor Tim has joined our team this year and no doubt he will have some great thoughts on membership.

**LCIF –RC Kevin Banfield**

I would like to encourage all zone chairs to make room this year on one of their zone meeting agendas, where I would provide a 10 – 15 min presentation on LCIF and how OUR communities have benefited from our club members support. I would encourage every members of District A 15 to consider a personal donation to our Foundation. With our 100th anniversary quickly approaching us, there is a great opportunity for clubs to apply for grants to help celebrate this major mark in our Lions history.

**LFC – RC Deb Cserhalmi**

I am very excited to take on the role of Lions Foundation Chair for the next three years. The bond between these wonderful animals and their handlers open doors for many disabled Canadians.

We seem to have had a PUPulation explosion this year at the Foundation. Each litter is given an alphabetical letter and we are already on the letter V! Congratulations to all new and veteran foster puppy families on your new additions. These puppies and their foster families are the true ambassadors for the programs as a cute puppy in a vest is irresistible to ignore. The human part of the team has a chance to explain the program and the more awareness out there the better. Next time you see a foster team, thank them for changing lives.

This summer, Toronto was host to the Parapan Am games. On Aug 5 The Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides helped carry the torch on its journey to Toronto to kick off the Parapan Am Games. Two program graduates, with their Dog Guides, fulfilled the torchbearer duties during the Oakville, Ont., stretch.

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides is thrilled to announce this year's *Purina® Walk for Dog Guides* raised **\$1,195,201.70**. This grand total – a new Walk record – represents the dedicated work of walk organizers, the support of their communities, the endless hours volunteers contributed, the generosity of each and every donor, and the commendable efforts all participants put forth. Congratulations to two A-15 Clubs for placing in the Top Ten for all of Canada. The joint Kitchener, Bridgeport, Kitchener Oktoberfest, KW Community Spirit, Waterloo, St Jacobs, Kitchener Pioneer walk came in fourth place, raising over \$30,000 and Fergus came in 9th place raising over \$16,000.

Mark your calendars for Oct 17th for the Open House in Oakville.

I will be available for presentations for your clubs so feel free to contact me at [lfc@a15lions.org](mailto:lfc@a15lions.org). If you would like me to have a booth at your event I am also available and I will send a shout out to foster families to bring some dogs and puppies. It's a highly visible way of promoting what we do!

**Lions Opportunities For Youth – Lion Joanne McQuiggan**

August is the month to focus on Engaging Our Youth as part of the Centennial Service Project. Internationally, as Lions we have already had an impact on 15 million youth – well on our way to achieving the Centennial Goals. It's important to report these numbers on the monthly club activity report. A quick check on our numbers, we have already impacted over 400 youth in District A15 since the start of this Lions year.

Another great resource for clubs to consider is the Young Leaders in Service Awards. These special certificates are available to recognize young people 12-18 years of age who contribute 50 or 100 hours of community service over a 12-month period. What a great way to acknowledge the contribution young people are making. If we say, "youth are our future"; we are procrastinating. They are here; they are making a difference.

Looking forward to exciting year for youth outreach in District A15.



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**Lions Services For Children – IPDG Tim DeBlock**

I am hoping the role of the Services for Children Committee will be a resource to help Clubs and members explore opportunities to reach out to children both globally and in your own communities. We have talked about how service can be simple gestures of just sharing time and things we like to do or it can be more involved in order to make an impact half way across the globe. Either way, and remembering our Governors request to focus some of our service on “Literacy”, the possibilities are endless in how we can reach out to Children. Let’s talk! As an association there are lots of resources to help spawn project ideas and I bet you have many ideas too!

**Long Range Planning – PDG Thom Herrmann**

The Committee has no active matters under consideration at this time. The only matter being held in abeyance is the potential Re-Zoning of the District. It has been over 15 years since the last re-zoning occurred and many clubs have been created or transferred and a few have been lost. Several workable schemes have been investigated and could be revived at this time should that be the wish of Cabinet. The Committee awaits instruction on this and any other matter you may wish to place before it.

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

Congratulations to Lion Victor Chaux from the Cambridge Highlands Lions Club on getting four school involved this year for the Peace Poster.

As I reported for the June Cabinet meeting we have 12 kits out and I would like to encourage the Lions and Lioness to get to their schools early in September as the winning Poster has to be in the hands of Governor Diane before November 15th, 2015

Encourage the students to enter as the winner gets \$250.00 from the District.

If you need a Peace Poster Kit, please give me a call and I will mail it out to you as soon as I get back.

**Youth Camp & Exchange – Lions Rudy & Lorea Boogerman**

**Inbound Program and Camp**

Successful! What else can be said? - 20 Youth from 15 different countries enjoying our Canadian life and culture. 12 willing host families, one - a first timer - who wanted to adopt her two youth after the second day, offered their homes for accommodation, meals, and a lot of 'culturalism'. All youth arrived here and returned home safely. A few 'blips' along the way but no major catastrophes. The program started 10 months ago with the Bruce Murray Lions International Youth Camp - 40th year no less - notice being submitted to Lions Club International Camp Directory. And the social media took over. Our camp was filled by March 1st. Any further applications received after that date, unfortunately, had to be denied. And there were many of them. Pleas for exceptions had to be turned away.

As well, 27 club visits, Cabinet -Convention- Zone meetings - Lions Now presentations all contributed to the District's awareness of what the program is about. And it worked.

At the 3 day camp clean-up, 13 clubs involving 38 volunteers prepared 5 Oaks for the Youth. 26 clubs provided financial (cash) support and 30 Lions/Lioness clubs supplied or provided a meal for our well being.

Of note, the Burford LC donated the lion's share of the cost for the purchase and installation of a 'metal' roof for the Motel at 5 Oaks. The Monkton LC donated the balance of the costs. The roof was installed by our very own Lion Henry Poppe (and his business partner Greg Harrison) from the Monkton LC. As well, Lion Russ Dwyer, Guelph LC, made arrangements for the supply of several white porcelain 'thrones', a wish list request from 5 Oaks.

The Youth Camp Expenses were within the submitted approved budget.

Thank you to all the clubs and Lions/Lioness of District A15 for a tremendous show of support to this program's success for the past 40 years.

Lastly, a special thank you to Camp Counselors Allison & Mark Henkell (Oxford LC), Youth Liaison Lion Michelle Ratko (Paris) and Photographer/Videographer Adam Konopetski, Fusion Youth Centre, Ingersoll for all the hard work and energy dedicated to the program.





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This is such a rewarding program and we are in need of two more counselors. Should you wish to become involved, do not hesitate to contact us for information.

**Outbound Program - submitted by Lion Marysa Rumble-Lauriault**

We had another successful year with the outgoing youth exchange program, with youth who showed much promise as ambassadors of their country. I would like to encourage clubs who have not sent a youth out on exchange in some time, (and some who never have!) to consider finding a young person in their community who could benefit from an international exchange. This will enable them to start to build up their leadership skills, experience the culture and history of an international country, teach them about Canada, and make international friendships that last a lifetime. It truly enriches your spirit, and is the opportunity that many would jump at if they knew it existed.

**District A-15 Effective Speaking 2015 - 2016 Proposed Budget**

**Income**

Donations from 32 Clubs @ \$ 200 per Club	\$ 6400.00	
Total Income		\$ 6400.00

**Expenses**

Portion submitted to MD'A'-- 32 x \$ 45.00	\$ 1440.00			
A-15 District Competition prize monies, if all categories have participants:				
	1st	2nd	3rd	
Pre-competitive English	\$75	\$60	\$40	\$ 175.00
Pre-competitive French	\$75	\$60	\$40	\$ 175.00
Junior English	\$90	\$75	\$50	\$ 215.00
Junior French	\$90	\$75	\$50	\$ 215.00
Intermediate English	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$ 240.00
Intermediate French	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$ 240.00
Senior English	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$ 300.00
Senior French	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$ 300.00
Participant's Certificates & Frames & Trophy labels				\$ 115.00
Postage re correspondence, etc				\$ 25.00
Year Bars & Patches for Club Banners				\$ 55.00
Medals (Gold, Silver, Bronze)				\$ 90.00
Judges Honorariums				\$ 225.00
District Convention, Lunch for contestant(s) and Guardians.				\$ 210.00
Rooms/one night accommodation at MDA finals -5 / 6 rooms				\$ 914.00
Meals, for 5/6 contestants/families at MDA finals				\$ 1353.00
Total Expenses				\$6287.00
<b>Net</b>				<b>\$ 113.00</b>



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District A-15 Youth Exchange 2015 Budget vs Actual

Youth Exchange Program	Proposed 2015	Actual
Transportation*	4,700.00	4804.36
Name Tags	100.00	126.56
T-Shirts, Polo, jackets etc...	1,200.00	1534.93
Ice cream for everyone	140.00	128.05
Maid of the Mist	450.00	471.10
Imax/Minolta Tower - Skylon 4d	400.00	145.00
Oh Canada Eh	1,500.00	869.54
Wonderland	1,200.00	948.09
Dinner at Wonderland	300.00	260.00
Dinner- Mandarin	800.00	750.00
CN Tower	600.00	588.03
Rogers Centre - Blue Jays Game	450.00	372.00
Display Boards	150.00	61.60
Groceries	300.00	452.48
Pizza	250.00	248.06
Set-up dinner & breakfast	225.00	100.52
Flash Drives (Thumb Drives)	300.00	221.16
St Jacobs Horse drawn tour	300.00	252.00
Meals -no club	250.00	0.00
Airport Hotel - arrival expenses	375.00	155.48
John Wedge - National Anthems	75.00	0.00
Youth Exchange Pins/ptchs	300.00	275.00
Backpacks	250.00	0.00
Water bottles	None req'd this year	-----
Misc supplies **	285.00	888.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>13,652.77</b>

\* Each camp participant paid a camp transportation fee of \$250.00 - Total collected - \$4,750.00

\*\*Actual misc supplies details:

Promotions/Convention	161.86
Camp Clean Up	239.60
Camp Supplies	396.97
Program Prep	90.38