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**Winter A-15 Cabinet Meeting Minutes**  
7:00 PM January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
 St. Jacobs Lions, St. Jacobs

1. Call to order and Welcome – DG Charlene Dwyer

Attendance as indicated:

**Voting Cabinet**

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

**COMMITTEE CHAIR**

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

Also in attendance were approximately 40 other Lions.

2. Welcome and the National Anthem of Canada.
3. Moment of Silence
4. Lions Grace and Dinner
5. Toast to Queen and Country
6. Setting of Protocol – VDG1 Kevin Banfield
7. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda –
  - 7.1. MOTION to approve the agenda as circulated. Carried
8. District Governor’s Remarks

Well here we are in a new year and already through our second quarter of our Lions year. It has been wonderful to witness the creative ways that you are promoting service within your own communities for Diabetes, Vision, Hunger, Youth, and Environment with another area of service for Pediatric Cancer. As you know the Lions International Centennial Service Challenge runs to June 30, 2018, it is important for Club Secretaries to report your club’s completion of service in these focus service areas on My LCI for your Club to earn the LCI Centennial Service Award patch for your club banner as well as to show Lions International just how strong we are in service here in A15.

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back up with 9 added but 4 dropped, now some of these are due to Lions moving, passing away as well as Transfers are included in our dropped numbers.

Thank you to our Lioness Clubs who are serving in their communities and raising funds to help their local communities as well as Lions initiatives, thank you for your service. I enjoy reading your Bulletins and learning of your service activities and the wonderful work you are doing, keep it up!

Reading over the Service Activity numbers so far our Clubs have recorded 896 activities, 43,462 Lions Hours, 626,234 people served, participants being 1,205, eyeglasses collected so far 14,591, 28 trees planted, funds raised \$366,004 (USD) and funds donated \$259,804 (USD).

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Leadership is a vital part of any organization, we encourage you to submit your nominations for a leadership role at the District level as well as the Club level. We have an abundance of online as well as group training possibilities for you, the support is here in our team.

You have been supplied with a copy of the proposed Amendments to the District A15 Constitution and By-Laws to comply with the amendments from Lions International, these proposed amendments will be presented at the District Convention for a vote by the voting delegates at the A-15 convention.

Thank you to all of the Lions, Lioness and LEO Clubs for your wonderful donations to the District A15 Governor's project on behalf of A15 toward sponsorship of an LFC Autism Dog Guide team. Thank you for all you do and continue to do to assist those less fortunate not only within your own communities but within our Global Village.

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9. Approval of Minutes of the October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Cabinet Meeting  
Available at [http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/CabMinOct\\_25\\_2017.pdf](http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/CabMinOct_25_2017.pdf)
10. Secretary's Report – Changes to the A15 Bylaws and Constitution
  - 10.1. **MOVED** that the proposed changes to the A-15 Constitution circulated to Cabinet prior to the meeting be forwarded to the voting delegates at the next A-15 Convention for ratification. Carried
  - 10.2. **MOVED** that the proposed changes to the A-15 Bylaws previously circulated to Cabinet be approved and enacted immediately by Cabinet subject to ratification by 50% plus 1 of the voting delegates at the next A-15 Convention. Carried.
11. Treasurer's Report



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- 11.1. Report and Financial Statements as of December 31, 2017 - *See Pages 5 through 8*  
MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's report and Financial Statements as presented.
12. Matters Arising - none
13. Cabinet Reports – *see pages 10 through 12*
  - 13.1. MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Cabinet Reports. Carried
14. Committee Reports and discussions – *Pages 13 through 18*
  - 14.1. Special Olympics Report – PDG A-11 Harold Hobson – *Page 19*
  - 14.2. Opportunities for Youth Report – Lion Joanne McQuiggan – *see page 16*
  - 14.3. Literacy Presentation – PZC Aline Chan
  - 14.4. Verbal Reports – Convention Report, Nominating Committee Report.
    - 14.4.1. Lyle Faire – Effective Speaking. – April 7 in St. George at 9:00 am. Each year we run about \$500.00 short on budget
    - 14.4.2. Lions Foundation of Canada – Dog Walk Patches were presented.
  - 14.5. MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Committee Reports. Carried
15. New Business
  - 15.1. Receipt of the 2018 Bruce Murray Lons International Youth Camp Budget – *see page 8*. MOVED to receive the Budget as presented with the understanding that the Camp will return to Blue Springs for 2018. Carried.
  - 15.2. Discussion about the Centennial Project – Very little information is available as to the progress of this project. Questions can be directed to PID Art Woods.
16. Special Presentations & Awards
  - 16.1. Proud Lion – Will R. Robinson, Stratford (2017)
  - 16.2. 2016-2017 Club Centennial Service Challenge Banner Patches
  - 16.3. We received a District Centennial Service Patch for the District
  - 16.4. 2016-2017 Club Excellence Awards
  - 16.5. 100% Treasurer Pin – Cambridge Highlands to Christine Peynado
  - 16.6. Certified Guiding Lions – PRC Deb C
17. Good & Welfare
  - 17.1. Lions 100 Year Centennial Flags - All Flags were distributed or provided to the DG as special gifts.
  - 17.2. Upcoming Events – Mark your calendars for April 14 and 15<sup>th</sup> convention in Guelph. Save your used eyeglasses and bring them to the convention for an eye glass sort on the Saturday afternoon.
  - 17.3. Best wishes to Tracey Leary and Bill Robinson for their upcoming wedding.
18. Adjournment at 10:40 pm.



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**SECRETARY'S REPORT TO CABINET**

Nothing to report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET**

The financial statements are presented today as at December 31, 2017. The financial records have been balanced and reconciled to the bank statements for that date. The financial statements presented here fairly reflect the financial position of the District.

**ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS**

- The balance sheet and budget results are straightforward. With respect to Expenses vs Budget, there has been limited activity to date and nothing that is off budget to date.
- As of the writing of this report, there are 2 Clubs with dues outstanding for District and MDA.

**TRUST ACCOUNTS**

- The balance sheet for the Trust accounts is an accurate reflection of all balances held in Trust as at December 31, 2017 and all accounts have been reconciled to the Bank records as at the same date. .
- As noted in earlier reports, the Effective Speaking committee needs some funding support. And, the Vision Screening committee has received \$400 since the financial statements were printed but will require more support to cover expenses.

**MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) Motion to receive the financial statements as submitted.



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2018-01-13  
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## District "A"-15 Lions - Admin Balance Sheet As of 31 December 2017

	<u>31 Dec 17</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>	
Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account	16,593.09
CIBC - Investments	32,045.50
CIBC USD Account	7.45
International Director Fund	58.48
New Club Assessment Fund	<u>1,870.56</u>
<b>Total Cash</b>	50,575.08
International Director GIC	<u>6,000.00</u>
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	56,575.08
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
Accounts Receivable	<u>1,881.75</u>
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<u>1,881.75</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>58,456.83</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>58,456.83</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	
A/P USD for LCI	<u>0.01</u>
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	0.01
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Convention Fund	4,010.07
DGE Partner Travel	4,236.43
International Director Suspense	<u>363.25</u>
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>8,609.75</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	8,609.76
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>	
International Director - Contra	6,058.48
New Club Assessment - Contra	<u>1,870.56</u>
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<u>7,929.04</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	16,538.80
<b>Equity</b>	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	4,266.69
Net Income	<u>13,960.80</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>41,918.03</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>58,456.83</u></u>



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

	Jul '17 - Jun 18	Budget	Over Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Advertising	500.00	500.00	0.00
District Directory	130.00	200.00	-70.00
District Dues			
Dues - Collected	12,350.50	12,350.50	0.00
Dues - Rebated	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total District Dues</b>	<b>12,350.50</b>	<b>12,350.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Interest Earned	97.36	435.00	-337.64
Leadership Seminar Income	1,450.00	1,450.00	0.00
MD 'A' Dues	2,914.50		
Membership Assessment	2,179.50	2,179.50	0.00
Pin Sales	510.00	1,080.00	-570.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>20,131.86</b>	<b>18,195.00</b>	<b>1,936.86</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>20,131.86</b>	<b>18,195.00</b>	<b>1,936.86</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Awards</b>			
Awards - Cabinet	66.70	400.00	-333.30
Awards - Other	372.09	450.00	-77.91
<b>Total Awards</b>	<b>438.79</b>	<b>850.00</b>	<b>-411.21</b>
Badges & Patches	406.73	700.00	-293.27
Bank Charges	46.12	300.00	-253.88
Cabinet Expense	1,087.61	1,800.00	-712.39
Centennial Project	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00
Convention Expense	0.00	750.00	-750.00
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair Expenses	0.00	600.00	-600.00
District Chair - Other	0.00	1,600.00	-1,600.00
Global Leadership & Membership	379.06	1,900.00	-1,520.94
Leo Clubs	0.00	200.00	-200.00
<b>Total District Chair Expense</b>	<b>379.06</b>	<b>4,300.00</b>	<b>-3,920.94</b>
District Directories	1,967.60	2,000.00	-32.40
Internet	146.47	150.00	-3.53
Leadership Institutes	0.00	540.00	-540.00
Leadership Seminar	0.00	1,450.00	-1,450.00
Liability Insurance	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Miscellaneous	0.00		
Pins Purchased	1,543.87	1,535.00	8.87
Postage & Telephone	96.05	250.00	-153.95
Printing & Stationery	58.76	350.00	-291.24
USA / Canada Forum	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>6,171.06</b>	<b>18,175.00</b>	<b>-12,003.94</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>13,960.80</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>13,940.80</b>
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<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>	
CIBC- Lions Guest Imprest	16,417.79
CIBC - Eff. Speaking Impet	909.93
CIBC - Trust Account	18,615.69
CIBC - Youth	
Youth Exchange Imprest	19,447.86
Youth Investments	12,911.60
<b>Total CIBC - Youth</b>	<u>32,359.46</u>
<b>Investments</b>	
QUEST - Investment	7,686.93
Investments - Other	5,234.58
<b>Total Investments</b>	<u>12,921.51</u>
<b>Youth Camp Capital Fund</b>	<u>7,845.49</u>
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	<u>89,069.87</u>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
Accounts Receivable	48.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<u>48.00</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>89,117.87</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>89,117.87</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Centennial Project	17,167.33
Cultural Festival	217.11
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	-590.07
Hearing Equipment	703.07
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Autism Dogs	185.00
Leash Free Park	5,055.90
<b>Total Lions Foundation of Canada</b>	<u>5,240.90</u>
LIONS Quest Contra Account	24,104.72
Peace Poster	738.89
Reading Action	6.12
Vision Screening	-175.15
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	33,859.46
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>81,272.38</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>81,272.38</u>
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>	
Youth Camp Capital	7,845.49
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<u>7,845.49</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>89,117.87</u>
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Youth Exchange Program				
Budget vs Actual				
July 2018 Camp				
	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	2018 Budget	
Airport Arrival expenses	200	325	300	Mileage, parking, and meals for arrival day for Camp Staff
Backpacks	250	-	-	Didn't get in 2017, not getting in 2018
Baseball Game/Laser Quest	250	-	-	2016 Blue Jays were not in town, we did Brantford game and Laser Quest
Camp accomodations	8,000	8,184	7,000	Budget based on going back to Blue Springs at last year's price less the 15% discount they are offering
CN Tower	650	895	900	
Dinner - Mandarin	800	901	900	
Display Boards	100	81	100	
Flash Drives	200	-	-	using drop box through Google Drive
Groceries	875	610	600	This is the camp set up, meals where there is no club, and misc. grocery items (SMores etc.)
Ice Cream for everyone	130	128	130	
Imax/Skylon Tower/Fort George	400	-	250	We went to Ft. George in 2017, well received by youth, no charge in 2017 because of Canada 150
Maid of the Mist	500	660	650	
Misc Supplies	600	1,068	600	
Name Tags	100	145	150	
National Anthems	-	-	-	Mark will download these again
Niagara Falls Lunch	-	229	250	historically covered by Lynden, in 2017 year they assisted with Int'l Night, will try to get sponsor for 2018
Niagara Falls Supper	850	756	850	
Pizza	250	102	250	
Rockwood Conservation	-	169	175	2017 was the first year for this because of camp location, a great afternoon for a reasonable cost
Dinner & Blue Jays Game	500	920	900	Dinner and Blue Jays (Bayfield Lions covers meal)
St Jacob's Horse Drawn Tour	250	-	-	we did the Mennonite Story instead
Subway Lunch (Foundation Visit)	300	248	300	
The Mennonite Story	-	140	150	by donation; suggested donation is \$5/person
Trampoline Park	-	647	300	won't do this again or if we do it will be shorter therefore half the cost
Transportation	4,500	4,976	5,000	
T-Shirts, Polo, Jackets etc	1,200	1,257	1,200	last year's shirts were much better, sticking with the breathable material
Wonderland Tickets/Parking/Dinner	1,250	1,623	1,600	
Youth Exchanges pins/patches	300	228	200	will order fewer pins this year as we have a lot left over, we do need patches which we didn't need to buy last year
	<b>22,455</b>	<b>24,291</b>	<b>22,755</b>	

Budget assumes we will have 26 in camp again this year.





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## **CABINET REPORTS**

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### **1<sup>st</sup> VDG – Kevin Banfield**

It was great to see so many Lions over the Holiday Season. Rory, Jen, and myself had a fun time, attending many Santa Parades, Breakfast with Santa, and Skates with Santa. A big thank you goes out to the K-W Community Spirit Lions Club, who asked me (and Rory) to be on CTV News to talk about their Skate (Sweaty brow and all) LOL.

The first few weeks of the year have passed by really fast. Plenty of club visits, zone meetings, and planning meetings are happening currently.

At the end of the month, I will be attending a full weekend workshop in Markham to prepare for next year. I am really looking forward to this weekend. We will not only have MDA at this session, but we will have DGE/1VDG from MDN there as well.



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We have been asked to bring along a few things, one of which are our plans for next year. I have asked our VDG candidates for their input on this exercise as well. I strongly believe we need to be thinking about the longer term goals of the district, not just the incoming DG. I feel we will be a stronger district if we do so. Planning is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VDG – Tracey Leary**

It certainly has been an exciting year going out to see different clubs on behalf of the DG. Every club has been very welcoming. I have enjoyed my time at each and every club and I look forward to visiting many more in the upcoming years. I'm so glad to see every club working so hard in getting service out to their communities and asking for help if needed. That is exactly what we are here for. Helping each other succeed. Keep up the great work!!

**RC37 – George Corrin**

**ZC 37S – Henri Callebert**

**ZC 51E – Linda Vinette**

Since the last Cabinet Meeting, I held my first Zone meeting concentrating on Service at Rockwood and District Lions Club. It was well received with a great group discussion in the five key service areas, Diabetes, Environment, Hunger, Vision, and Pediatric Cancer. My second Zone meeting will be on Jan 24<sup>th</sup> in Hillsburgh focusing on Membership with guest speaker, GMT Bill Robinson.

I have had the privilege of visiting the balance of the club in my zone; Ariss & Maryhill Lions, Belwood and District Lions, Fergus Lions, and Guelph Royal City Lions. There has been a positive response to our message of service from all the clubs.

**ZC37W- Cecilia Fulker**

Wow what a winter. It has not slowed down my Clubs. In my Zone alone we are up 11 members. I had the privilege of inducting most of them. What a great range of enthusiastic people. Some new members are families. This is an encouraging change for our Zone. The clubs have been in Christmas mode from parades, Turkey Bingo, Food Bank, remembering our Vets and Seniors and many other activities. The motto of "We Serve" was evident in all my Clubs. New things are happening and I am excited to still take this Roller Coaster ride. This year will be the best ever.

**ZC9S – Harvey Wood**

Clubs have been busy with fundraising activities (turkey rolls etc) and with Christmas celebrations.

I am really impressed with the enthusiasm and positive attitudes expressed by Club leaders and members as I make my visits. Some Clubs are gearing up for winter/spring activities while others continue with their community support.

We have a really strong focus on new members in 9S and year to date, we have welcomed 29 individuals into Lionism.



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We held our first Zone Advisory Meeting in Lynden with Lion PDG O J Wilura bringing the message re: SERVICE and our second Zone Advisory meeting will be held February 8/18 with North Brant hosting. The discussion will surround MEMBERSHIP

**Region Chair 9 – RC Tony Davidson**

The Lions of Region 9 are working hard to fulfill the mandate set forth to report their Service this year. The Lions have been doing eye screening at their local schools, Cleaning trash from the roadways and recycling the waste, donating food to the local food banks and helping at local shelters. Donations have been made to diabetes and Pediatric Cancer. The total Lions service hours for the Region is 18475. The Region lost some members this year and are working to regain the membership and more.

**Zone Chair 9E**

The Lions of 9 East have joined the Lions of 51 West for two Zone Advisory Meetings this year. Service and Membership was the main topics covered at the meetings. The Global Membership Team Leader has been active with several clubs in the Zone to present Ideas on increasing membership. It is incredible the projects that some of the Clubs initiate.



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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**2018 A-15 Convention Committee – PDG Nancy Ransom, Gary Ransom, Bob Keleher**

Your Convention hosts – the Guelph Lions and the Guelph Royal City Lions, have been busy making preparations for our District Convention “On The Road of Service” being held at the Guelph Holiday Inn, on April 13-15, 2018.

Convention registration and raffle ticket packages have been mailed to each Lions and Lioness Clubs in our District. Lions, the registration form is now available on the District A-15 website; and we will also have extra registration forms and raffle tickets at the Cabinet meeting. The Holiday Inn has set aside a block of rooms at \$124.99 available at this price, until March 15<sup>th</sup>; attendees need to reserve your rooms directly with the hotel.

We have some great entertainment lined up for the weekend for your pleasure – Moses the “Accordian Man” at Saturday luncheon, and two great 50s-60s style entertainers at the Governor’s banquet.

In keeping with District Governor Char’s theme “On The Road of Service” and our International Theme “We Serve”, two special Service Events are being planned for Saturday Afternoon. Clubs are requested to bring used eye glasses to the Convention, and a glasses sorting event, under direction of the Guelph Royal City Lions, will take place in the Oakwood Ballroom following Saturday lunch. This will be an opportunity to participate with your fellow Lions, and learn more about the process.

For interested Lions, a Strides Walk for Diabetes will also take place, after lunch on Saturday. Thank you to PDG Denis Vinette and Lion Rick Bell, who have generously volunteered to organize this Walk, details soon to be revealed.

We encourage Committee Chairpersons to send in your requests for Display space. Vendors are also welcome, in return for a donation to the Convention.

We hope to see all Lions, Lioness, and Leos there – let’s make this the best Convention ever!

**Centennial Projects - PCC Tod Wilson**

Gate Project – The Gates to date have cost \$1,031 of the budget of \$30,500. All the work is complete below ground. Sign wording is in progress. As soon as the weather improves, work will restart.

**Environment – Lion Jason Crowe**

**Family and Women’s Membership – PDG Diane Smith**

Since my last report for the October 25<sup>th</sup> Cabinet meeting, we have continued to gain momentum in the Family and Women’s membership sector. Clubs have been receptive to all ideas that will lead to more hands for service.

It is fully understood that there are several clubs within our District that wish to remain as all- male clubs. This is fine! The idea, however, is that when any club undertakes activities, either fundraising or service, the opportunities for women joining Lions are not dismissed.

There is now an international Facebook platform, *More Women in Lionism*, and it is interesting to see what women around the world are accomplishing in the world of Lionism.



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Looking forward, I am hoping to organize a meeting of all of the Family and Women’s membership coordinators from MDA, at the MDA convention this year.

I am always happy to hear from you as to ideas or suggestions you may have for this portfolio. The current standing in this Lions year for Women’s membership in A-15 is:

First quarter: **25.02%**  
 Second quarter: **25.73%**

Thank you for your on-going support.

**LCIF –1st VDG Kevin Banfield**

We have experience a large increase in donations received for our foundation. Please see the graph below to review just how much our increase was.

Thank you to each club that has donated this year, and I look forward to what the balance of the year will bring.

Please remember that a person can make a personal donation, and will receive a Canadian tax receipt. Please ask your club LCIF Chair for information on how to do so.

If they can’t help you, please by all means reach out to myself at [lcif@a15lions.org](mailto:lcif@a15lions.org).

CA	MD	District	LCIF District Coordinator	Total Funds Raised FY : 2016-17	Dec - 2016 Total Funds Raised (YTD)	Dec - 2017 Total Funds Raised (YTD)	Increase/ Decrease	Monthly Increase		
								Oct - 2017 Total Funds Raised	Nov - 2017 Total Funds Raised	Dec - 2017 Total Funds Raised
II	A	A 1	Don McKesock	\$12,038.17	\$4,230.02	\$8,199.71	\$3,969.69	\$1,454.48	\$4,528.50	\$485.74
II	A	A 2	DENNIS CRADDOCK	\$17,239.14	\$9,780.15	\$3,969.45	(\$5,810.70)	\$806.45	\$1,117.84	\$945.16
II	A	A 3	HARRY MARISSSEN	\$17,763.57	\$6,300.39	\$22,987.67	\$16,687.28	\$5,479.23	\$5,060.90	\$1,523.56
II	A	A 4	Alan Page	\$8,685.03	\$1,528.92	\$4,621.04	\$3,092.12	\$0.00	\$2,814.68	\$390.62
II	A	A 5	GRACE KINGSNORTH	\$9,326.60	\$601.61	\$3,030.55	\$2,428.94	\$1,039.16	\$832.87	\$0.00
II	A	A 711	Samuel Dako	\$6,878.68	\$2,481.55	\$10,453.68	\$7,972.13	\$2,350.00	\$2,103.10	\$100.00
II	A	A 9	WALLACE PUGH	\$11,351.22	\$4,566.88	\$3,886.02	(\$680.86)	\$1,817.37	\$500.00	\$1,013.81
II	A	A 12	WILLIAM COPEMAN	\$16,499.26	\$3,248.27	\$7,395.83	\$4,149.56	\$1,306.45	\$2,139.99	\$855.74
II	A	A 15	KEVIN BANFIELD	\$7,765.78	\$4,389.91	\$11,568.42	\$7,198.51	\$4,166.52	\$0.00	\$3,416.91
II	A	A 16	Barry Tate	\$13,662.99	\$5,148.57	\$14,975.78	\$9,827.21	\$4,615.30	\$4,595.72	\$2,868.22
<b>MD A-- Sub Total:</b>				<b>\$121,190.44</b>	<b>\$42,274.27</b>	<b>\$91,108.15</b>	<b>\$48,833.88</b>	<b>\$23,034.96</b>	<b>\$23,693.80</b>	<b>\$11,579.76</b>

**Leo Committee – VDG2 Tracey Leary**

Congratulations go out to Lions Club of Kitchener for bringing in a New Leo Club. The DG will be inducting the new Leo’s on Feb. 5, 2018, at the Kitchener Club. I’m very excited for them, but sad that I will not be able to attend. Go LIONS!!!

**Lions Foundation of Canada – PRC Debbie Cserhalmi**

**Lions Quest – PDG Denis Vinette**

I want to thank the clubs that have made donations to the program, either directly to Lions Quest or to the District towards Lions Quest initiatives. At this time, I am pleased to report that Lions Quest Canada has the generous support of the clubs in District A15. We are about 53% of the way to our District goal of \$15,500.00.



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Unfortunately, I must also state that only 30% of clubs in A15 have made a donation to this very important Lions program! I want to assure Cabinet that I will be making every effort to meet or exceed this financial target and to inspire clubs to include Lions Quest in their donation planning this year.

I would like to remind the members that District A15 received a grant from LCIF in the sum of \$10,000.00 USD made available for 2 school based program training events. I'm asking clubs in our District to consider hosting a Lions Quest Canada training event to train educators about the program and to assist them in making a positive difference in their student's social and emotional skills development. Please see me to discuss how we can work together to help train more teachers and school staff this year.

If you, or your club, would like to hear more about this wonderful program, please contact me anytime at [dvinette@denisvinette.org](mailto:dvinette@denisvinette.org) or by Telephone : (226) 343-0261

### **Literacy – PZC Aline Chan**

Literacy is the 'ability to read and write – it is the foundation for education and social development. Yet, hundreds of millions of adults lack minimum literacy skills and millions of school-aged children are not attending school to obtain them.'

The Reading Action Program is a 10-year commitment by Lions International to increasing reading and literacy rates. It's a call to action for every Lions Club around the world to organize service projects and activities that underscore the importance of reading and address specific needs related to illiteracy within their own community. A15 instituted this in 2014.

Some initiatives by Lions Clubs include promoting the importance of parents and children reading together, while addressing the need for healthy vision. They donate books when they do vision.

In Canada, we have partnered with Scholastic Canada to purchase quality books for half price. They cost \$5 each and are geared to children in Kindergarten to Grade 2. A contribution of \$300 will give your club 60 books to distribute to your community.

If you would like me to visit your Club, please contact me.

### **Global Leadership Team – District Coordinator – Lion Dennis Lougheed**

Zone Chairs have completed a Training Needs Assessment conducted during their club visits. A survey of members under the age of 45 in order to collect their wants, needs, desires and vision of what they would like Lions to be for them and others of their age group in order to take up or continue involvement in Lions has been completed. A survey to help with the planning of the April Lions Learning Seminars has also been completed.

On January 6<sup>th</sup> 2018, Cabinet and the Global Action Team met in order to discuss the effectiveness of last Spring's Club and District Officer Training and the information received from the aforementioned surveys.

Planning for the Lions Learning Seminar to be held Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> is well underway. The Seminars replace the Club and District Officers sessions of previous years. The program will consist of a menu of sessions related to skills, resources and general knowledge of value to all Lions currently holding or contemplating taking on a variety of Club and/or District positions or simply wishing to grow as a Lion. We anticipate sending out information advertising the topics to be covered and outlining how to register your participation and session selections in early February. This package will be sent out to all District Cabinet Members,



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Committee Chairs and Clubs as well as all Lions for whom an email address has been included in their MyLCI contact information as provided and updated by Club Secretaries. As in the past there will be no additional cost to participants as costs have been built into the District budget.

We are coming up to that time of year where clubs are asked to establish their executives for the 2018/19 Lion's Year. Refer to <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/la2.pdf> for guidance on the annual club elections process and timing. Refer in particular to Article II. It isn't too early to be putting together your club specific plans to complete the process BEFORE the District Convention.

Information on LCI's Emerging Lions Leadership Institute has been forwarded to all Clubs. The Institute is offered in Fredericton NB, May 5 -7, 2018. It teaches valuable leadership skills at the club level and targets Lions who have not yet been club president. Applications are due no later than February 19th, 2018.

Further information is available at [http://www.mmsend47.com/link.cfm?r=plP3yxOTdiphllFqxwChzA~~&pe=pXmDyNIWtzxOelQ1jtn5pP\\_EcUA3Cy4o\\_XWTaiFIyVK96A56K00PtXAC9FUn3sdtY9H-eVtQLQlySVMLohFNg~~&t=nVOSxVZR0AA0T7rxTqoQyA~~](http://www.mmsend47.com/link.cfm?r=plP3yxOTdiphllFqxwChzA~~&pe=pXmDyNIWtzxOelQ1jtn5pP_EcUA3Cy4o_XWTaiFIyVK96A56K00PtXAC9FUn3sdtY9H-eVtQLQlySVMLohFNg~~&t=nVOSxVZR0AA0T7rxTqoQyA~~)

The application form is available at [http://www.mmsend47.com/link.cfm?r=plP3yxOTdiphllFqxwChzA~~&pe=HzoHcwkfBuCluk36AyUtsWTml-\\_0xZeN6K0cTBZ9QLIUg3VsHpP1Ofwg83rH9G5HYTVBTSiUFeUbLqaVmOB0fA~~&t=nVOSxVZR0AA0T7rxTqoQyA~~](http://www.mmsend47.com/link.cfm?r=plP3yxOTdiphllFqxwChzA~~&pe=HzoHcwkfBuCluk36AyUtsWTml-_0xZeN6K0cTBZ9QLIUg3VsHpP1Ofwg83rH9G5HYTVBTSiUFeUbLqaVmOB0fA~~&t=nVOSxVZR0AA0T7rxTqoQyA~~)

Copy and paste the link into your browser.

**GMT – District Coordinator – PRC Bill Robinson**

It has been a busy year so far. Many clubs have indicated that they would like assistance with membership growth and retention within their club. That's exciting because that's what I want to help with. Been on the road attending Zone Meeting discussing the issues around membership recruitment and retention and the feedback has been excellent. As I travel around the district no two situation is the same so a cookie cutter approach to resolving the issues won't work. That's OK, I love challenges but remember your club is not the first club or the only club struggling with getting new members or keeping the existing ones. This year we have the Global Action Team which is in place to support all the clubs in the district in any way it can. If you require any information in regards to membership please don't hesitate to contact me, I am more than happy to come and speak to individuals or groups.

**GST District Coordinator – PDG OJ Wilura**

**Hearing & Speech- PRC Paul Anstett**

**Nominations Committee – PDG Doug Smith**

The following Lions have submitted their names for the 2018/19 District Cabinet. All applications have been reviewed and approved by myself. I also answered any of their questions that are of concern to them. My thanks to the other District Leaders who have reached out and encouraged these Lions.

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| ZC 37 S | Lion Gabrielle Paff | Plattsville Lions  |
| ZC 51E  | Lion Linda Vinette  | Belwood Lions Club |
| RC 9    | Lion Harvey Wood    | Rockton Lions      |



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RC 37	Lion Cecelia Faulker	Zurich Lions
VDG2	Lion George Corrin	Thamesford Lions
VDG 1	Lion Tracey Leary	Stratford Lions
DG	Lion Kevin Banfield	Lions Club of Kitchener
37W	Lion Judy Cherwonak	West Coast Lions

As you can see there are still a lot of unfilled positions so consider that Lion Kevin won't have the need to appoint Lions when he takes office.

**Opportunities for Youth – Lion Joanne McQuiggan**

Youth Leadership is embedded in all five areas of the new Global Service Framework from Lions Clubs International. Our Lions programs that serve children and youth continue to be a priority and District A15 excels with our Youth Camp & Exchange, Peace Poster, Effective Speaking, Leos, and Lions Quest Programs. We need to continue to support youth leadership. It's important that we provide real leadership opportunities for our youth, not just volunteer roles like picking up garbage or washing dishes. Ten tips for meaningful youth engagement:

- Let youth self-identify – and their voice is their own, not the voice of all youth
- One-off consultations don't create leaders – let them make decisions
- Create the sandbox from the get-go – ensure they know the boundaries and limits of their involvement
- Recognize your power and their power – take a risk and share power with youth
- Experience is not a form of payment – many intangible ways to recognize and compensate them for their contribution
- Make all resources known – can you provide transportation, food, connections
- Silence is part of the conversation – sometimes we all just need quiet time to think, be sure to wait for answers when asking questions
- Get to know their interest and goals – find their sparks, be a champion and provide opportunities
- Provide a job title – this a great way to acknowledge their role and helps build their resume
- Appreciate and foster their intangibles – recognize all that they bring to the table – not just their youth and vitality

When we say youth are our future we are procrastinating. Youth are our present as well, and as Lions we can do so many thing to support their positive development. Keep youth as a priority for your club.

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

Congratulations to the New Hamburg Lioness on winning the Peace Poster Contest for A 15 for the second time in a row.

MacKenzie Surian 12 years old, Sir Adam Beck School in Baden. Her quote" Peace is a choice, you can be a voice or be an echo". Congratulations. We will be presenting her with a check for \$250.00 in the near future. Congratulations to Lioness Kathy Lantz New Hamburg Lioness for doing such a great job again.

Second Place goes to Kaira Russell from the Milverton Lions Club. Third place goes to Emily Carter also sponsored by the Milverton Lions Club.

Of the Lions/Lioness Clubs that reported the number of students, I am absolutely thrilled to say we had over 215 students involved this year. That has to be a record.





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Thank you Lions/Lioness, art teachers, students and Governor Charlene for her team who did the judging.

Remember Lions/Lioness we are still in need of funds to keep this program going, please donate to District A 15 Peace Poster in care of Peter Oswald. If you are donating to the M D A level please send your donation to Peter Oswald and ear mark it for M D A.

I am pleased to present a Check to Treasurer Peter from the Elmira Lions Club for \$250.00. Thank you Elmira.

MacKenzie's entry was sent to Council Chair John Whyte and unfortunately she did not win. The honour goes to A 4 SheAnn Hunter from Morrisburg. The winner of the Essay contest was Arielle Ann Drapeza A 7-11. Arielle lives in Brampton

I will be the Peace Poster Chair again for next year for A 15. I will order kits in June, hopefully for the last Cabinet Meeting at NO CHARGE TO THE CLUBS!

### **Sight Screening & Conservation- PDG Tim DeBlock**

I apologize for not being able to attend the Cabinet Meeting.

Our vision screening programs on the west side of the District are completed for this Lions year and the others throughout the District have the end in "sight".

We feel there is going to be a change in how the programs are implemented due to the mandate from the Ministry of Health that Public Health facilitate screening province wide. This is a positive thing in that all kindergarten children will receive the service. The challenge so far is a lack of communication between the Ministry, local Health Units and School Boards. We are for sure on the outside looking in but through discussions with the Boards we are planning on going forward for this upcoming year status quo.....so far. We do know that part of the wording in the mandate is "alongside of community partners" which does open the door for a possible three way partnership including Lions. Personally I feel there might be unique working relationships in individual communities and Health Units. Yet to be "seen" ..... and with an election we might end up back at square one.

Filtering through all of this equates to we are in need of funds to facilitate the existing programs. Please consider supporting all the good work Lions across A15 are doing in the screening programs. Thousands of children and those around them are benefitting from your efforts.

### **Special Olympics Chair – PRC Robert Montgomery**

Lions are men and women dedicated to serving those in need, in our own community and around the world. The 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs in over 207 countries are different in many ways, but share a core belief - community is what we make it.

Special Olympics is the largest organization in Canada to provide grassroots sport programs and competition opportunities, from the local level to a global level, for individuals with an intellectual disability. With the support of our Lions Clubs across Ontario, Special Olympics is able to reach out and change more lives of families of young children and adults with an intellectual disability.



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That is why LCIF and Special Olympics began a partnership in 2001 to provide free vision screenings at select Special Olympics sporting events worldwide. More than 370,050 athletes have been screened and 161,000 athletes have been provided with prescription eyewear.

We the Waterloo Lions have donated \$250.00 to Special Olympics and we would like to Challenge all Clubs of A1-15 and the Multiple to match or beat this and let our Athletes of A-15 and Ontario go to the games knowing that someone cares and have made a difference.

**Bulletin Editor** – PZC Gerry Haliburton

**Youth Camp and Exchange** – Lions Mark and Allison Henkell

The dates for the 2018 Youth Exchange Program (YEP) are as follows:

Saturday June 30 – Youth arrive at Toronto International Airport and travel to their host families

Saturday July 14 – Camp begins

Sunday July 22 – International Night – location TBD

Tuesday July 24 – Camp closes – youth return to their host families

Saturday July 28 – Youth fly out of Toronto International Airport

We have had 7 applications to date and have spoken with Lions in India and Beijing, although we have not yet received application from them. We have officially accepted 5 youth to the program. Once again, we are speaking to each youth before we accept them (via Skype) and we have not had a chance to speak with the other applicants yet. We have to pay close attention to the timing between receiving the application and accepting the youth. On one hand we don't want the camp to "fill up" before people have a chance to apply (the application period is open until March 31<sup>st</sup>) but on the other had once a youth has applied to one camp they can't apply to another until they get an answer from the first club. If we hold onto an application for too long it could prevent the youth from participating anywhere.

Marysa Rumble-Lauriault is once again handling outgoing youth. She is busy helping people complete applications and getting the applications sent out so youth from our District can travel around the world.

Our camp is once again open to youth ages 16-22. This is the recommended ages through Lions International. Those we have had a chance to speak with seem like awesome "kids" and we are looking forward to getting to know all of them at camp. There is a lot of enthusiasm in the youth who are looking forward to coming to Canada!

We would really like to encourage clubs to recruit host families. We would encourage the clubs to "think outside the box" when finding hosts. It isn't necessary that hosts be Lions members, it is possible that hosting will be someone's first exposure to Lions and it may encourage them to become involved in other ways!. We don't have to do things like they have always been done, we just need to ensure a safe and rewarding experience for the visiting youth, the families who host, and the Lions who get the opportunity to interact with the youth. This year we are going to prepare an information sheet to give to the Leos to see if their families would be interested in hosting. If anyone has other ideas about ways to find host families, we would to hear them!

We are also looking for camp counselors for the upcoming year and would be interested to hear from anyone who may want to take on the role of Camp Director in the future. We may once again call on Lions who are available to volunteer to help for just one or two events. For example, we are looking at attending a Blue Jay's game and that could be more enjoyable for the youth if there were more baseball fans who could explain the game to them. We will also likely be canoeing again and that is an event that requires some experienced help, we have been fortunate in past years to have some great volunteers and we are hoping this tradition will continue. If there are any questions about hosting or volunteering during the camp please contact Allison and/or Mark.



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We are also in the process of determining the location for this year's camp. We loved Blue Springs but have been asked by 5 Oaks to come for a meeting to discuss the possibility of moving the camp back there. As decisions are made, we will keep Cabinet informed.

We have put together the list of all the clubs that were involved in preparing and/or providing meals for the camp in 2017 and will be emailing shortly to confirm their availability for the upcoming year. We want to make sure our location is confirmed before contacting the clubs. Any clubs that have not been involved in the past, who would like to be involved this year are welcome to contact Mark and Allison by email at [ycex@a15lions.org](mailto:ycex@a15lions.org) or by telephone/text (Allison 226-228-0874; Mark 519-788-5000).

Thank-you to everyone for your patience and support as we worked through the 2017 camp in a new location and in our first year as Directors. It was a lot of work but very worthwhile and a lot of fun! We appreciate everyone in the District who have supported this program in the past financially, by preparing meals, hosting youth, participating in events of any of the other ways Lions have been involved. We look forward to your continued support in the future and to new individuals and clubs becoming involved in the awesome adventure that is the Lions International Youth Exchange Program!

### **Youth Camp Coordinator – PRC Bill Robinson**

I have updated the presentation outlining the camps within our MDA to include Camp Trillium. I will be spreading the word to the clubs in the district that wish to learn more about these camps to contact me.

### **Special Olympics Presentation – PDG Lion Harold Hobson**

It is a great pleasure to attend your District A15 Cabinet meeting and talk about Special Olympics. Lion Gary MacDonald is the co-chair in my District of A 711 and he visited over 50 Lions Clubs last year and helped raise \$15,000 for Special Olympics.

I would like to thank Governor Dwyer for carry on the Special Olympics with the appointment of PRC Robert Montgomery as Special Olympics Chair. Also thank you Lion Robert for taking on the position as chair. Special Olympics is dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals with an intellectual disability through active participation in sport.

There is some confusion of Special Olympics and Para Olympics being the same organization. Para Olympics is for individuals with physical disabilities and Special Olympics is for individuals with intellectual disabilities. The Special Olympics movement began in the late 60's after Canadian Dr. Frank Hayden's research proved that individuals with intellectual disability are capable of motor activities and fitness levels far beyond what was previously understood.

Eunice Kennedy Shriver and the Kennedy Foundation heard about these findings from Dr. Frank Hayden, and they created the Special Olympics Organization.

There are a number of Special Olympics Athletes Clubs throughout Ontario as well as other provinces across Canada that train these individuals in a number of different sports. Special Olympics Ontario currently has 18 official sports offered to athletes. From bowling, basketball, golf, softball, curling to floor hockey to mention a few.

Recreational and competitive athletes have an opportunity for competing at community levels to regional, provincial, national and even World competitions.

Individuals with an intellectual disability deserve respect, acceptance and inclusion. A common goal of achievement and accomplishment allows Special Olympics athletes to feel confident about setting goals in their lives: as students, employees, families and community members.



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Antigonish, Nova Scotia, will host the Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games. This year's Draft an Athlete program is supporting the Special Olympics Canada athletes competing in these games from July 31 to August 4, 2018. Athletes from 10 provinces and territories have been training hard to make the national team and pursuing their dreams of medals and personal bests.

The Special Olympics Canada Summer Games is a national sporting event for competitive athletes with intellectual disabilities. Each athlete must qualify at the local and provincial level before coming to the National Games. The Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games is also a qualifying event for athletes to represent Canada at the 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games.

There are 9 sports featured at the Games: athletics, basketball, bocce, golf, rhythmic gymnastics, powerlifting, soccer, softball and swimming. It is expected that over 3,000 spectators will be on site to experience the Games, in addition to over 900 athletes, 290 coaches, officials and mission staff, and 600 volunteers. The cost of sponsoring one athlete's dream of participating in the games is \$1,500 and cheques can be made out to:

Special Olympics Canada  
21 St. Clair Avenue East, Suite 600,  
Toronto, ON M4T 1L

The following benefits for drafting one athlete are:

- Charitable tax receipt
- A photo and bio of the athlete
- Recognition on Special Olympics Canada website
- Updates before and during the games

By giving to Special Olympics you ensure that all athletes have an opportunity to prove they are no different than their peers. Supporting Special Olympics will help athletes to see their abilities, not their disability.

**2016-2017 Club Excellence Awards**

Cambridge Highlands Lions Club (9E) – Lion Chief Daniel Marcotte  
Paris Lions Club (9S) – Lion Chief David Arsenault  
St. Jacobs Lions Club (51W) – Lion Chief Michael Leacy

**Certified Guiding Lion Certificates**

PDG Lion OJ Wilura – District A15 Global Service Team Leader  
VDG1 Lion Kevin Banfield – District A15 LCIF Chair

**Centennial Service Challenge Banner Patches 2016-2017**

District A15 – Lions Clubs International Centennial Service Challenge – District Achievement 2016-2017

**Club Centennial Service Challenge Banner Patches**

**Level 1 Gem Patch**

Bridgeport, Zurich, Sheffield, Vanastra & District, Copetown, Linwood & District, Centralia-Huron Park, Glen Morris, Ariss and Maryhill, Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Club

**Level 2 Gem Patch**

Bayfield, Elmira, Kitchener Oktoberfest, Brantford, Burford, Hickson & District, Kitchener Pioneer, Brantford North, Sweaburg & District, Guelph Royal City Lions Club

**Level 3 Gem Patch**

Galt-Cambridge, St Marys, Paris, Innerkip & District, Ary-North Dumfries Lions Club



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***Level 4 Gem Patch***

Atwood, Guelph, Hillsburgh & District, Kitchener, Milverton, Rockwood and District, St. Jacobs, Stratford, Thamesford, Waterloo, Woodstock, Lynden, Wellesley & District, Belwood & District, Fergus, Kitchener-Waterloo Community Spirit, Cambridge Highlands, Woolwich Community, Plattsville & District, West Coast

**Club Centennial Legacy Projects 2016-2017**

***Legacy 1 Patch - Bronze***

Atwood, Bayfield, Bridgeport, Elmira, St Marys, Wellesley & District, Innerkip & District, Woolwich Community, Plattsville & District

***Legacy 2 Patch - Silver***

Bayfield, Elmira, Copetown, Woolwich Community

***Legacy 3 Patch - Gold***

Elmira, Guelph, Copetown, Cambridge Highlands, Woolwich Community