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**A-15 CONVENTION CABINET MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013 9:00 -10:30 AM & March 24<sup>th</sup> 2012, 10:45 AM - Noon**  
**Cambridge Holiday Inn**

**Saturday 9:00 AM**

1. Call to order and Welcome  
 The meeting was called to order at 9:05 PM and a welcome extended to all by DG Dan Ayim.  
 Attendance as indicated:  
**VOTING CABINET**  

IPDG Norma Peterson	DG Dr. Dan Ayim	1st VDG Denis Vinette	2nd VDG Tim DeBlock
CS Dennis Lougheed	CT Peter Oswald	RC Vaughan Braby	ZC Victor Bovingdon
ZC Jeff Jongeling <b>(R)</b>	RC Paul Anstett	ZC Rev. Dr. Stephen Hendry <b>(R)</b>	ZC Sherman Roth
RC Diane Smith	ZC Charlene Teasdale	ZC Wayne Litt	

**COMMITTEE CHAIR**  

Lion Ted Bickell	PCC Bill Carson	PCC Tim Cronin	PDG John Daniels
PRC Charlie Davis	Lion Jim Harris	PDG Thom Herrmann	Lion Ernie Kaethler
Lion Ferne Lindhorst	Lion Ajit Manku	PDG Karen McNeight	Lion Joanne McQuiggan
PRC Bob Montgomery	PID Bruce Murray	Lion Ken Oliver <b>(R)</b>	PDDG George Patton
PDG Nancy Ransom	PCS Ian Robb	PRC John Rothwell <b>(R)</b>	Lion Mary Rothwell <b>(R)</b>
Lioness Mary Rumble	PCC Dave Rumble	Lion Marysa Rumble-Lauriault	PRC Gerry Runstedler
Lion Bob Rutter <b>(R)</b>	PCS Ted Rypma	Lion Jeff Sullivan	Lion Raymond Taylor <b>(R)</b>
Lion Linda Vinette	PDG Larry Wainwright	PCC Todd Wilson	PDG OJ Wilura

 PID Art Woods  
 In attendance also were approximately 110 other Lion Members  
**(R)** – Regrets
2. O Canada
3. Moment of Silence
4. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda  
MOVED by RC Vic Bovingdon and seconded by VDG1 Denis Vinette. Carried.
5. Introduction of International Guest  
 PID Bruce Murray introduced our International Guests ID Marvin Chambers and Lion Lynne  
 Lion Marvin expressed his appreciation of the very warm reception extended by the Lions of A-15 to both he and his wife.
6. Approval of Minutes of January 28<sup>th</sup> 2013 Cabinet meeting  
MOVED by ZC Charlene Teasdale and seconded by IPDG Norma Peterson. Carried.
7. Secretary's Report *See attached report*
8. Treasurer's Reports
  - 8.1. Report & Financial Statements *See attached reports*  
MOVED by CT Peter Oswald and seconded by RC Paul Anstett to acknowledge receipt of the report and Financial Statements. Carried.
  - 8.2. MOVED by CT Peter Oswald and seconded by RC Vic Bovingdon to pay the 10 year easyDNS a15lions.org domain name registration fee of approximately \$280 plus applicable taxes. Carried.
9. Cabinet Reports *See attached reports*  
 DG Dan Ayim extended his appreciation to RC Vaughan Braby for his assumption of the duties of the Zone Chair for 9S making it unnecessary for him to appoint a replacement.  
MOVED by VDG1 Denis Vinette and seconded by RC Vic Bovingdon to acknowledge receipt of all Cabinet Reports. Carried.
10. Committee Reports *See attached reports*  
MOVED by VDG1 Denis Vinette and seconded by RC Vic Bovingdon to acknowledge receipt of all Cabinet Reports. Carried.



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11. Elections & Credentials Update  
PCC Bill Carson reported that all concerns with Clubs in Good Standing had been resolved and that all potential votes could be cast. The candidates for Voting Cabinet Positions were introduced.
12. Award Presentation
  - 12.1. Bulletin Contest – Presented by PDG Nancy Ransom  
Winner – Thamesford Lions, Editor – Lion Brian Voigt  
Honorable Mention – Cambridge Highlands Lions, Editor – Lion Christine Peynado  
Honorable Mention – Milverton Lions, Editor – Lion Joel Phelan
  - 12.2. New Horizons Award In Diabetes Education – Presented by ID Marvin Chambers & DG Dan Ayim  
St. Agatha & District Lions Club
  - 12.3. Achievement Award – Presented by ID Marvin Chambers & DG Dan Ayim  
District LEO Club Chairperson – Lion Raymond Taylor
  - 12.4. Certificate of Achievement – Presented by ID Marvin Chambers & DG Dan Ayim  
Hearing Preservation Awareness & Action Chairperson – Lion Jim Harris
  - 12.5. Certificates of Accomplishment – Presented by ID Marvin Chambers & DG Dan Ayim  
District Environment Chairperson – Lion Linda Vinette  
District International Relations – Lion Maryssa-Rumble Lauriault
  - 12.6. 30-Yr Service – Presented by DG Dan Ayim  
PDG OJ Wilura
13. Lions Homes For The Deaf – Lion Gary Eves  
With 40 years of MDA service, four million dollars has been raised.  
Current projects requiring our ongoing support include; infrastructure and equipment adaptations and specialized training programs through the Glebe Centre, and assistance in the construction of a group home in London, Ontario. Contributions can be used to award the Helen Keller Fellowship to worthy individuals of a Club's choosing.
14. Adjournment until Sunday morning  
MOVED at 10:20 AM by RC Paul Anstett and seconded by ZC Wayne Litt. Carried

**Sunday 10:45 AM**

1. Call to order  
The meeting was called to order at 10:55 AM by DG Dan Ayim
2. Introduction of International Guests  
PID Bruce Murray introduced our International Guests ID Marvin Chambers and Lion Lynne
3. Remarks from International Guest  
Both ID Marvin and Lion Lynne expressed their appreciation for the welcome extended by all the Lions of A15 and especially to their hosts while attending the convention. A hand made quilt was presented to them on behalf of the A15 Lions as a token of our appreciation for their attendance.
4. Convention Report – PDG John Daniels  
PDG John Daniels expressed recognition and a thank you to the Galt Cambridge Lions, Lion Ferne Lindhorst of the Cambridge Highland Lions, PRC Charlie Davis and PID's Bruce Murray and Art Woods for all of their efforts in planning and assisting with carrying out the convention. Final registration – 505.
5. Remarks from DG Dan Ayim
  - 5.1. Remarks  
DG Dan Ayim expressed his thanks to Convention Co-Chairs PDG John Daniels and PCS Ian Robb and their committee for their efforts in organizing this year's convention. He also expressed his gratitude to the sitting Cabinet and all of the Lions of District A15 for their ongoing support and mentoring throughout his Lions journey.
  - 5.2. Presentations  
DG Dan Ayim presented each member of the sitting Cabinet and this year's Committee Chairs with a token of his appreciation.



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6. Presentation of LCI Service Activities Certificates – Presented by ID Marvin Chambers and DG Dan Ayim at the Saturday evening Governor’s Banquet
  - 6.1. International President’s Award  
PDG Karen McNeight
  - 6.2. President’s Certificates of Appreciation  
RC Vaughan Braby  
PRC Bill Weiler
7. Awards presentations
  - 7.1. First Timers Contest – Presented by VDG1 Denis Vinette  
Jeff Kuhn of the Rockton Lions Club
  - 7.2. Environmental Contest – Presented by Lion Linda Vinette  
Naomi Freiburger of the Woolwich Community Lions
  - 7.3. Art Woods Golden Trees – Presented by DG Dan Ayim  
Lions Chris Duncan and Steve Sproul of the Kitchener Pioneer Club
8. Convention 50-50 Draw – Presented by PIC Don Gamble and Lion Charlotte Gamble  
Linwood & District Lions
9. Lions Quest Afghan Draw – Presented by PCC Tim Cronin  
DG Dan Ayim
10. Report from Elections and Credentials Committee – PCC Bill Carson  
Fines levied at the Accreditation Desk in the amount of \$153 were handed to the Treasurer to be donated to LFC. Of the 194 potential delegates there were 153 given accreditation and 142 votes cast. The results were as follows  
DG Lion Denis Vinette of the Belwood & District Lions  
VDG1 Lion Tim DeBlock of the Moncton Lions  
VDG2 Lion Diane Smith of the Woolwich Community Lions  
RC 9 Lion Vic Bovingdon of the Lions Club of Kitchener  
ZC 9E Lion Ajit Manku of the Galt-Cambridge Lions  
ZC 9S Lion Rae Rotchell of the Lynden Lion  
RC 37 Lion Paul Anstett of the Exeter Lions  
ZC 37S Lion Marg Overveld of the Sweaburg and District Lions  
ZC 37W no candidate  
RC 51 Lion Wayne Litt of the Elmira Lions  
ZC 51E Lion Jim Davis of the Ariss and District Lions  
ZC 51 W no candidate  
MOVED by ZC Charlene Teasdale and seconded by RC Paul Anstett to destroy ballots. Carried.  
MOVED by CT Peter Oswald and seconded by ZC Wayne Litt to acknowledge receipt of the report
11. DG-Elect Denis Vinette
  - 11.1. Remarks  
DGE Denis Vinette expressed his thanks for the Yes Vote. He promised to continue to “listen more and direct less”. He reminds us all that we, and he must, continue to strive to seek balance in our obligations to family, work and Lions. He extended his thanks to all Lions but in particular to his club, his wife Lion Linda and to PDG Lion Larry Wainwright for his mentoring throughout his journey to governorship.
  - 11.2. Introduction  
In addition to the elected candidates announced above, Lion Rick Banks of the Milverton Lions accepted the position of ZC 51W. The position of ZC 37W remains vacant.
12. Passing of the Campbell, oldest to newest
13. Presentation of Flags to 2013-2014 Convention Host Club  
PDG John Daniels of the Galt-Cambridge Lions, hosts of the 2012/13 District Convention passed the convention flag to Lion Gord Hufnagel of the 2013/14 District Convention host Belwood Lions.
14. Adjournment 11:55 AM



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**SECRETARY'S REPORT TO CABINET  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013 – Dennis Lougheed**

On February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, Cabinet received a 2013/14 Convention Hosting Bid from the Belwood and District Lions Club. The bid submission contained all required documentation and was circulated by Email to all members of the Voting Cabinet. Votes to accept, or reject were received by return Email. Results of the voting were; 1 abstention, 12 in favor, 2 no response.

The 2013/14 District A15 Convention will be hosted by the Belwood and District Lions Club at the Holiday Inn in Guelph on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013 – Peter Oswald**

Financial statements as at February 28, 2013 are enclosed with this report. The accounts have been balanced and reconciled to the online bank information as at that date (the monthly bank statements were not available as of March 9 when this report was prepared). The financial statements presented here fairly reflect the financial position of the District.

**ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS**

- Clubs have paid ALL District Dues for the Lions year. There is an amount owing (\$25.75) that is under review & to be completed before June 30.
- Our financial position remains very healthy.
- To date, total revenue is \$18,907. Expenses of \$8,407 have been paid with a number of items normally paid later in the year. Cabinet members are asked to turn in funds from pin sales.

**TRUST ACCOUNTS**

- The Balance sheet for Trust accounts as at February 28, 2013 is attached. There are a number of relatively small balances for project activity that will be held until later in the Lions year and forwarded to Camps etc together with any further donations received.
- Committee Chairs have been advised of the detailed transactions for their respective committees for the Lions year.
- Effective Speaking has sufficient funds to cover expenses for the District competition recently completed. Some additional donations would be beneficial to cover normal expenses to take the winners to the MD 'A' competition.
- Recent donations (approx \$3,600) received for Lions Quest will be forwarded to Lions Quest Canada this month.



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District "A"-15 Lions - Admin  
Balance Sheet  
As of 28 February 2013

	28 Feb 13
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account	13,271.02
CIBC - Investments	30,000.00
CIBC USD Account	30.13
International Director Fund	4,517.23
New Club Assessment Fund	4,719.92
Total Cash	52,538.30
Total Chequing/Savings	52,538.30
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	25.75
Total Accounts Receivable	25.75
Other Current Assets	
Accrued Interest Receivable	121.00
Convention Gifts	450.00
Total Other Current Assets	571.00
Total Current Assets	53,135.05
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>53,135.05</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
A/P USD for LCI	-0.03
Total Accounts Payable	-0.03
Other Current Liabilities	
Convention Fund	5,458.12
DGE Partner Travel	1,500.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	6,958.12
Total Current Liabilities	6,958.09
Long Term Liabilities	
International Director - Contra	4,517.23
New Club Assessment - Contra	4,719.92
Total Long Term Liabilities	9,237.15
Total Liabilities	16,195.24
Equity	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	20,000.00
Retained Earnings	5,732.55
Net Income	10,516.72
Total Equity	36,939.81
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>53,135.05</b>



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9:05 AM  
09/03/13  
Accrual Basis

**District "A"-15 Lions - Admin**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
**July 2012 through June 2013**

	Jul '12 - Jun 13	Budget	Over Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Advertising	500.00	500.00	0.00
District Directory	460.00	250.00	210.00
District Dues			
Dues - Collected	13,311.00	13,285.00	26.00
Dues - Rebated	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total District Dues</b>	<b>13,311.00</b>	<b>13,285.00</b>	<b>26.00</b>
Interest Earned	312.68	770.00	-457.32
Leadership Seminar Income	1,350.00	1,350.00	0.00
Membership Assessment	2,349.00	2,344.00	5.00
Pin Sales	624.00	1,500.00	-876.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>18,906.68</b>	<b>19,999.00</b>	<b>-1,092.32</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>18,906.68</b>	<b>19,999.00</b>	<b>-1,092.32</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Awards</b>			
Awards - Cabinet	868.17	1,500.00	-631.83
Awards - Other	0.00	500.00	-500.00
<b>Total Awards</b>	<b>868.17</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>-1,131.83</b>
Badges & Patches	531.45	700.00	-168.55
Bank Charges	173.36	200.00	-26.64
Cabinet Expense	509.62	1,400.00	-890.38
Convention Expense	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair Expenses	449.11	1,000.00	-550.89
District Chair - Other	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Global Leadership & Membership	749.96	3,600.00	-2,850.04
Leo Clubs	0.00	750.00	-750.00
<b>Total District Chair Expense</b>	<b>1,199.07</b>	<b>6,850.00</b>	<b>-5,650.93</b>
District Directories	1,633.45	1,780.00	-146.55
Governor's Newsletter	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Internet	84.23	100.00	-15.77
Leadership Seminar	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Miscellaneous	-0.66	0.00	-0.66
Pins Purchased	1,768.67	1,770.00	-1.33
Postage & Telephone	38.10	200.00	-161.90
Printing & Stationery	101.70	800.00	-698.30
USA / Canada Forum	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>8,407.16</b>	<b>19,950.00</b>	<b>-11,542.84</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>10,499.52</b>	<b>49.00</b>	<b>10,450.52</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
Other Expense			
Exchange Gain/Loss	-17.20		
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>-17.20</b>		
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>17.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17.20</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>10,516.72</b>	<b>49.00</b>	<b>10,467.72</b>



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District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust  
Balance Sheet  
As of 28 February 2013

	<u>28 Feb 13</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>	
CIBC- Lions Quest Imprest	6,205.11
CIBC - Eff.Speaking Impst	2,503.98
CIBC - Grant Hospital	32,543.19
CIBC - Trust Account	17,934.37
CIBC - Youth	
Youth Exchange Imprest	18,731.93
Youth Investments	12,168.93
<b>Total CIBC - Youth</b>	<u>30,900.86</u>
<b>Investments</b>	
QUEST - Investment	6,036.00
Investments - Other	5,000.00
<b>Total Investments</b>	<u>11,036.00</u>
<b>Youth Camp Capital Fund</b>	<u>7,645.11</u>
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	<u>108,768.62</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>108,768.62</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>108,768.62</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Camp Dorset	200.00
Camp Huronda	500.00
Diabetes Tag Day	464.35
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	1,503.98
Hearing Conservation	100.00
Hearing Equipment	453.07
Lake Joseph	200.00
LCIF	525.00
LCIF - Grant Hospital	32,543.19
LCIF - Measles	100.00
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Dog Guides	1,000.00
Leash Free Park	5,055.90
<b>Total Lions Foundation of Canada</b>	<u>6,055.90</u>
LIONS Quest Contra Account	12,241.11
Peace Poster	3,021.02
Sight Conservation	5,043.60
Vision Screening	7,271.43
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	30,900.86
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>101,123.51</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>101,123.51</u>
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>	
Youth Camp Capital	7,645.11
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<u>7,645.11</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>108,768.62</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>108,768.62</u></b>



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**CABINET REPORTS – March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013**

**1<sup>st</sup> VDG – Denis Vinette**

I want to begin by congratulating Governor Dan and all members of District A15 clubs for the membership retention and the new member growth for this year. As of this writing, we were up 29 members and counting. I find great inspiration in our Governor's "steady as she goes" approach and thank him for finding the time to help me develop into a better Lion and a better Lion leader.

If there's one thing I can say about the role of 1st VDG, is that it is not dull. From discussions with District leaders about possible cabinet candidates for the coming year, to an active and open dialog with our members about the direction and issues affecting their club and the District, the life of the 1st Vice Governor is definitely nothing short than intense! And during this same time, I've been trying to assist clubs with CEP and help nurture the friendly relationship I have developed with the other members for MD "A" Council for next year. To sum it up, it's a whirlwind of experience, learning, effort and personal development. Sound busy... it is!

BUT WAIT ... I'm not complaining. DEFINITELY NOT.

For me, this is probably one of the most rewarding times in my Lions experience. I find myself surrounded by the outstanding support from our Governor, Cabinet, GMT, GLT Committee members and from so many members in the District. I have never experienced such a wealth of information and such a commitment towards the betterment of our District and of the Clubs.

At times I wonder ... How did this happen? Maybe it came from that extra effort that our District leadership teams put forth this year. Maybe it was the governor's call to all of us to remind us that we can all achieve our dreams, if we COMMIT ourselves to the task. Or maybe it was one of those little "snippets" of wisdom that I heard DG Dan speak along the way. Or maybe it's just the A15 way!

Whatever it is ... I'm going to try and ensure it continues for decades to come.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VDG – Tim DeBlock**

Thank-you, Thank-you, and then some! As some of you know I ended up having a family situation arise in BC mid February that kept me out of Ontario for a month and did not allow me to fulfill my commitments with my Club or the District. The response of genuine well wishes and willingness to both help look after these commitments and what ever else you could to help my family was comforting and humbling. Jane and I both thank the Governors Team, Cabinet, The District and the Monkton Lions Club. This is a great Family! But a sideline story was I arrived in Castlegar and I tried to source different agencies to try and network and help find some assistance to get some direction for our issues. Not much luck the first day. So the next morning a brain wave. I googled the local Lions Club, (they had a website), and I called the secretary. It was like magic. No fund raising, no membership drives, no donations would have been more helpful than the 25 minutes we talked and the list of 6 contacts and their numbers that she shared with me that morning. People helping people, the basis of, "We Serve" And we are part of a Great Big Huge Family.

**IPDG – Norma Peterson**

Nothing to report

**RC 9 - Vaughan Braby**

Since my Last report I have helped at a CEP presentation in Elora. I was at Zone meeting in Lynden, also a combined Zone meeting and Candidates Night for 9S & 9E at Buford, Attended and helped at the Orientation meeting in Elmira. Helped out at the registration Desk for the Effective Speaking program in St George. Attended and helped at an Orientation meeting in New Hamburg.

At the zone meeting in Lynden we had 42 Lions present. 8 of the 9 Clubs attend; the meal at this meeting was fantastic, thank you Lynden Lions Club.

At the combined Zone meeting we had 46 present with 16 of the 17 Clubs in Region 9. We also had Candidates from Woolwich, Monkton, and Belwood Lions Club. PCC Bill Carson did the Candidates portion of the meeting. The meal at the Combined Zone meeting was again fantastic.

Thank you Lynden Lions & Buford Lions Club for hosting these meetings.

I would like to thank all the Lions Clubs in Region 9 for there great participation in attending these meeting and making Region 9 one of the best in District A 15.





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**ZC 9E** – Vic Bovington  
Nothing to report

**ZC 9S** – Jeff Jongeling  
Not Received

**RC37** – Paul Anstett

All three Orientation Meetings will have been completed by March 28, 2013. Thanks go out to my colleagues, Region Chairs Diane and Vaughan as well as to all those Lions new & seasoned who attended. Thank you also to the Woolwich Lions Club, New Hamburg Lions Club and the Kitchener Lions Club for hosting the Orientation Meetings.

I have continued to implement my Action Plan as submitted to GMT/GLT.

The following are a few more highlights of my tenure this year:

- Attended 2nd Zone 37W Zone meeting in Vanastra.
- Attended & co-conducted the 1st Orientation meeting in Elmira, hosts Woolwich Lions Club.
- Participated in conducting 1st half of CEP in Guelph.
- Attended the Joint Zone Advisory meeting in Woodstock.
- Attended & co-conducted the 2nd Orientation meeting in New Hamburg.
- Facilitated the 1st half of CEP in St. Clements.
- Co-Conducted the 3rd and final Orientation meeting in Kitchener.

Lions, I look forward to another successful A15 Convention again this year.

**ZC 37S** – Stephen Hendry  
Not Received

**ZC 37W** – Sherman Roth

As Zone Chair for 37W I am happy to report that all Official Visits are completed, and the fall and winter Zone Meetings have been met with what I would call great success. If something has been missed or not dealt with, I offer my apologies. After a somewhat slow start to organizing the Joint Zone Advisory Meeting 37W/37S, the meeting went off with great success and a lot of humour. It was also the pleasure of the meeting to offer Happy 80th birthday wishes to Past International Director Lion Bruce Murray.

I am certain that the final quarter of this Lions year will be filled with excitement and will soon be completed. In my term as Zone Chair I would like to say that I have gained much in the way of experience and have developed many new friendships, it has been a year that I shall not soon forget. More importantly I have gained a deeper insight into the work of Lions, as well as an appreciation of how our District A-15 Cabinet functions.

**RC 51** – Diane Smith

Since the last Cabinet meeting, during my campaigning, I have had the privilege of visiting a number of clubs in the District and also inducting a new member into the Monkton Lions Club during my visit there. My visits have allowed me to get to know clubs beyond my Region better, and to understand the individual strengths, dynamics and interests of the clubs. I have participated in the joint zone meetings of 9E/S on February 11th in Burford; 37S/W on February 25th in Woodstock and 51E/W on March 5th in St. Agatha.

We continue to have several clubs wanting to undertake the Club Excellence Process. I will be taking the CEP facilitator course scheduled for April. In conjunction with RC 9 Vaughan Braby and RC 37 Paul Anstett, I have delivered two of the three Orientation nights. The attendance has been reasonable and we will continue to build on the program currently in place.

I continue to be impressed with the energy of Lions members and the number of projects undertaken.



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**ZC 51E – Charlene Teasdale**

Wow, it has been very busy but very fulfilling visiting the Clubs and participating in their meetings. What a wonderful display of enthusiasm for Lions. I have been honoured to induct new members into the Ariss Lions Club, Belwood & District Lions Club as well as the Breslau Branch Lions Club, awesome. We had a very well attended Zone Meeting hosted by Guelph Royal City Lions where we were pleased to have a presentation from Bev Berger, National Spokesperson for the Lions Foundation of Canada as well as Dave Nash, Manager of the Walk for Dog Guides. Following the Zone Meeting was a trip to Thamesford for the Cabinet Meeting. All the Clubs in 51 East are working on many projects and making plans for the future. We are having a great response to the Club Excellence Process and we hope to have more Clubs step forward for this very worthwhile exercise. I have also been very happy to help some of the Clubs with their projects such as Family Day Fun as well as helping with the District A15 Effective Speaking competition; our future looks bright in deed. We have had a very successful Combined Zone Meeting for 51 East & 51 West which was also a campaign night, this evening was very well attended and we were delighted with a heart felt presentation from PCC Lion Tim Cronin speaking to us about Lions Quest & the joys & challenges of being a foster parent. It has been an honour for me to serve as Zone Chair for 51 East and there is still much work to do. It has been a pleasure to visit the Clubs and get to know more Lions in my travels; I am very excited for the future! See you at Convention March 22nd to the 24th!

**ZC 51W – Wayne Litt**

Nothing to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS – March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013**

**NO ACTIVITY**

**Constitution & By-Laws** – PDDG George Patton, **District International Relations** – PID Art Woods, **GLT Liaison** – VDG2 Tim DeBlock, **GMT Club Success Team Leader** – VDG2 Tim DeBlock, **Long Range Planning** – PDG Thom Herrmann, **MDA Lions Magazine Liaison** – PDG Nancy Ransom, **Protocol** – PID Bruce Murray,

**NOT SUBMITTED**

**Campus Clubs** – Lion Ken Oliver, **Diabetes Awareness** – ZC Stephen Hendry, **Five Oaks Liaison** – Lion Marysa Rumble – Lauriault, **GMT Membership & Club Growth Team Leader** – PDG Larry Wainwright, **Hearing & Speech Action** – Lion Jim Harris, **Honorary Committee/A15PDGA** – PCC Todd Wilson, **LCIF** – PCC Todd Wilson, **Lions Quest** – PCC Tim Cronin, **No Child Without** – PRC Gerry Runstedler

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**Alert** – PRC Robert Montgomery,

At this time there is really nothing to report on Alert as I am still in the process of constructing an Alert plan for District A-15 as set out by Lions International. I have spoken personally to the various Emergency Organizations in the K-W and Tri-cities to see what Emergency plans they have and to work with these people. Over the course of this term I have come across some very interesting information and ideas.

I am still needing one more Lion to join the Alert Team from Region 51 and Region 37, you can contact me via the District website.

**Camp Coordinator** – PRC Robert Montgomery

Well, we are here again at another Convention and Camp season is around the corner.

Lions Camp Dorset is having an Anniversary and Open House June 15th and all Lions are invited to attend. Once you are at camp you will notice the new Chapel that was built in the fall. Clubs wishing to volunteer work hours at the camp should please contact the camp or go to the camp website and see what they are in need of. Please also consider assisting in the costs associated with the construction of a permanent replacement mini-golf course at the camp

At the last Cabinet meeting PCC Dave still needed host families for this year's youth at Youth Camp and also if any club can assist with meals please contact Lion Rudy.

Lions Camp Kirk has sent out 50/50 tickets and I hope that most clubs have taken part in this, as this is a great fundraiser for this Camp.

Please contact the Camps to see what they are in need of for the upcoming camp season.



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The following are links to our camps and their contacts; please use these links for your club donations:

campkirk.com

<http://www.dcamp.ca/camp/camp-huronda>

<http://www.camptrillium.com/>

<http://www.cnib.ca/en/about/facility/lake-joseph/>

[www.lionscampdorset.on.ca/](http://www.lionscampdorset.on.ca/)

a15lions.org for a link to our youth camp

**Convention Host** – PCS Ian Robb, PDG John Daniels

Arrangements are virtually complete. Verbal updates will be given, as is customary, during the event.

**Cultural & Community Activities** – Lion Ajit Manku

A successful International festival was held on March 2, 2013 at the United Kingdom Club of Cambridge. Well over 110 Lions with their friends, and children attended the festival. It was a true family affair. There was something for everyone to enjoy and relax. The Ukrainian food was toothsome and traditional folk dances were absolutely magnificent.

An eMail has been received from LCI indicating that the International Festival Program as introduced her in A-15 will be highlighted at the International Convention in Hamburg, Germany.

I wish thank all the committee members, who put their endless efforts make this evening possible - Lion OJ Wilura, Lion Nancy Ransom, Lion Don Gamble. My special thanks to Charlotte Gamble and my wife Surinder for their endless efforts also.

**District Bulletin** – Lion Bob Rutter & PDG Nancy Ransom,

The Bulletin Contest is now over, the winners have been chosen and will be announced during our District Convention.

I encourage all Clubs and District Committee Chairpersons to continue forwarding photos and news of events for the Bulletin. Currently, your submissions will earn a two-for-one as your articles can also be included in the District History.

Two more issues for this Lions year of District A-15 Bulletin are scheduled for the end of April and the end of June.

Please continue the wonderful input for Lions enjoyment and inspiration – your contributions are key for a successful Bulletin.

**District Historian** – PDG Nancy Ransom

The District History collection is ongoing.

Lions may look up “History” on the A-15 website, then click on to “Club Activity Centre” to view the data collection. Thank you to VDG1 Denis Vinette for your assistance with posting the materials on the website.

The items that have been submitted to date are listed by Zone under the Club names, and there is some interesting reading to be found. I will continue to add materials as I receive them – items may sent by email, mail, or given to me at meetings.

I will return all items once they have been scanned into our database.

Thank you Governor Dan for the opportunity to continue with this very interesting project.

Thank you Lions for sharing your history for all to enjoy in the best Lions District - A-15.

**Effective Speaking** – Lion Ernie Kaethler

Thank you fellow Lions, Lionesses & Leos of A-15, for making this years District Effective Speaking Final, held March 2nd in St George, such an exciting & meaningful 'Opportunities for Youth' event. Our Lions sponsored Effective Speaking program is, without doubt, a worthwhile project instilling personal confidence and community pride in all those involved. We had 33 eager speakers, sponsored by 8 clubs (of over 53 clubs in our District); Guelph [10], Belwood [7], Breslau [4], St George [3], Sheffield [3], K-W Community Spirit [3], Hickson [2] & Fergus [1]. Over two dozen Lions volunteers, an excellent response, many from the host, St. George Lions Club, plus six [6] competent Speech judges, in a comfortable School setting provided stimulation and pleasing satisfaction to all who were in attendance.

The venue deserves special mention, with kudos to St George LC, the ever gracious and helpful German School principal, cum accommodator/janitor and all involved.

To get a quick photo summary of this contest setting and highlights, just visit

<http://breslau-lions.blogspot.ca/>

Forward to anyone that you know was associated with this event or who is interested in this event; or who would benefit from knowing more about this event.



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The list below contains all entries and winners by speech categories. Non-winners listed are not in any significant order.

**Pre-Competitive**

**English**

1st ... Brock KurtzFavero, Guelph LC  
2nd...Taylor Muschamp, Breslau  
3rd ...SarahVanDoodewaard, Sheffield

**French**

1st...Ashok Pandey, K-W Comm'ty Spirit  
2nd..Bruce Hackner, Guelph  
3rd...Elsa Patterson, Belwood

Abby Sostar, Belwood  
Jillian Francis, Guelph  
Angus Bullock, Belwood

Ellie Stewart, Guelph  
Sadaf Farsi, Guelph

**Junior**

**English**

1st ...SarahChaytor ,Guelph  
2nd.. Noah Hart, Sheffield  
3rd... Caleb Young, Belwood

**French**

1st... Tarryn Swanek, Guelph  
2nd...JensenPletch, Belwood  
3rd...Olivia Hackner, Guelph

Erin Horton, Belwood  
Alex Jamieson, Guelph  
Anna Kozbor, St. George  
Sophia Halyk, St. George  
Skylar Healey, St. George  
Arjun Pandey, K-W Community Spirit  
Yolanda Scarlato, Breslau  
Jacob Van Boekel, Hickson  
Shelby Hehn, Hickson

Noelle Starling, Belwood

**Intermediate**

**English**

1st .... Laura Bender, Fergus  
2nd ... Daniel VanderHout, Sheffield

**French**

1st... Avinash Pandey , K-W Comm'ty Spirit

**Senior English**

1st ... Maggie LaRonde, Breslau  
2nd ... Francis Olaer, Guelph  
3rd ... Tara Jamieson, Breslau

Junior, Intermediate and Senior 1st place winners each received a trophy to treasure or one year, and are invited to compete at the provincial Lions MD'A' finals being held in St Catherines, on Fri & Sat. May 3 & 4, 2013, hosted by District A-2.

In spite of the challenges faced, including scheduling and budgetary concerns, I am pleased to report that this program has enjoyed relative success due to the commitment and hard work at all functioning levels most importantly Clubs, but also District & MD'A'.

**Essay For Visually Impaired – Lion Jeff Sullivan**

The theme for the 2013-2014 essay for the visually impaired is "Our World, Our Future" and the kits are now available from LCI.



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**Environment** – Lion Linda Vinette

I am thrilled to advise the Cabinet that the Environmental Photo contest has been a roaring success with many participants. They will be displayed at the Cambridge Convention where everyone will vote to choose their favorite. The Photo with the most votes will be sent to the 2013 MDA Convention in Richmond Hill. Thank you to our photo buffs for sharing your wonderful pictures.

Spring is right around the corner so we'll be starting our photography of the trees at the Breslau Memorial Forest once the trees are in full leaf. I'll keep you updated on dates for this continuing venture.

Special Dates to remember are the Breslau LFC facility cleanup on Wednesday, June 5th 2013 and the Memorial Forest Rededication service on Saturday June 8th 2013. Please plan to participate as many hands make quick work at the cleanup.

**GLT District Coordinator** – PDG Karen McNeight

This year's Club Officer's Training School had been scheduled for May 26th at the Wilmot Rec Centre. Due to it's conflicting with many Dog Walks scheduled for that day it has been rescheduled for Sunday June 23rd at the same location. The District has covered costs for this event. We urge you to treat it as a "must attend" event by all Club Officers, both existing and incoming, and any other members wishing to attend. Many of the problems and questions that arise through the year can be avoided by attending this seminar.

District Officer Building The Team Training will occur at the Elmira Lions Hall from 9 AM to 3 PM on May 5th, 2013.

District Officers are asked to treat this as a "must attend" event.

**GMT District Coordinator** – PDG O. J. Wilura

The Membership and Leadership Team are or will be providing CEP to 15 clubs this Lions year.

LCI has come out with CEP Light and at present is testing this version. It is designed to be an "in-house" program with a club member as a facilitator and a little shorter than the present form.

We have Exeter and St. George Clubs doing this pilot project for LCI and look forward to the results.

Due to the increase demand for CEP in one way or another we have received permission from LCI Leadership Department to train an additional 6 Facilitators and this will be done in April.

I offered up this challenge in my last report and again remind you of it.

Find a person you don't know and in a minute or less tell them three things you believe make Lionism great. You may be surprised.

**GMT Family & Women's Membership** – Lion Ferne Lindhorst

I would like to thank Gov. Dan for giving me the opportunity of being part of Family & Women's Membership Development. As I travelled to Zone Meetings, Joint Zone Meetings I realized how many ladies were stepping up to the plate and running for District Positions. These ladies are making a huge difference in our Lions Clubs.

At the Total Woman Show held at Bingemans Park, Feb. 9th and 10th, I spoke to many ladies, about the many opportunities Lions Clubs International can offer women." To busy now, but will soon be retiring, so I am looking for something then", answer – visit a Lions Club in your area, I know you will find what you are looking for and the club will prosper having you as a member. To every club in A-15, invite your family members: wives, daughters, granddaughters, nieces, sisters even the ladies that you do business with daily,

OR, sponsor an all woman's club, or better still – a family club ( we still need to invite the men)

**Information Technology** – PCS Ted Rypma

There is not really much to report. All events have been posted to the web site as they have been received, as have Cabinet reports and documents. The Governors Newsletter and Leaders Notes are current and available. I continue to send out e-mail notices as requested, although thankfully most Cabinet members and Committee Chairs look after their own e-mail needs. All Cabinet Officers and Committee Chairs have the ability to send to the Clubs in the District by logging in to the Google Mail site.

I continue to receive the occasional request to reset Club and Committee e-mail passwords, and to solve the occasional problem, but with Cabinet Secretary Dennis' capable help, all appears to be running smoothly.



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**LCI Convention 2014 – PDG OJ Wilura**

On July 5th, the convention parade will march southbound in the northbound lanes of University Avenue in Toronto starting at 10 am and hopefully finish around 3 pm. Approximately 15,000 people are expected to participate.

In this report I will provide some information in relation to the Parade Committee's duties for the 2014 Convention. It is responsible for Bands, Snacks and Refreshments, Band Housing, Floats and Parade Volunteers.

**Bands**

We will try and recruit between 15-20 non-professional marching bands/music units from local high schools and civic organizations. These bands are offered by the Host Committee on a first-come/first-served basis to visiting districts that request, in advance, a band to march with their delegation. Districts requesting a band must prepay a fee for the band to the Host Committee. The bands and determining fees should be completed at least one year prior to the convention.

**Snacks and Refreshments**

The Committee is responsible for providing complimentary water for volunteers working the parade. In addition, soft drinks, juice and/or bottled waters are provided to the VIP Area and Judge's Reviewing Stand, This would amount to approximately 300 persons.

**Band Housing**

This Committee team secures and provides information on visiting band housing at area colleges and universities. The Committee processes band housing requests received from visiting bands on a first-come/first-served basis. We also need an area close by for bands to practice. This band housing usually pertains to Lions State Bands which may come from Georgia, Minnesota or Michigan.

**Floats**

We are also responsible for securing bids from local float builders and coordinating requests for floats received from local and visiting districts. We also need to contact some local companies that have flatbed trucks due to possible requests for flatbed rentals. A list will be compiled as to where delegations can get supplies such as poles for banners/flags, etc. Historically there have been between 5 to 10 float requests.

**Parade Volunteers**

Working together with the Manpower Committee Chairperson, it is suggested we recruit at least 150 Lions members to be allocated in the following way; 50 for the parade route; 50 for the assembly area; and 50 for the reviewing stands and dispersal areas.

So you see that this committee will be very busy and we have enlisted the help of Toronto Beaches Lions Club (Lion Keith Begley) and Zone 4 East (Lion Alain St. Jacques) of District A2.

Volunteer information at <http://lionsconvention2014.ca>

**LEO – Lion Raymond Taylor**

The Multiple District 'A' LEO Conference took place Saturday, February 23rd in Brantford at the Best Western Plus Brant Park Inn & Convention Centre with LEO's and Lions attending from several districts, including those from A-15's Cambridge LEO Club, Lynden LEO Club and St. Marys LEO Club. We were also very pleased to have our own District Governor, Lion Dan with us for the entire day.

Overall LEO attendance was down somewhat but their enthusiasm, excitement and participation during the day's events was remarkable. LEO Ryan Shaw, Secretary of the St. Marys LEO Club was the Master of Ceremonies for the day.

The day's events included Ice Breaker games, Team Building (What does it mean to be a LEO?), Minute to Win It Games, LEO and Lions Trivia, Team Challenge (Creative Building), Lions Quest Activities with Lion Joanne McQuiggan, a Scavenger Hunt, and a Youth Exchange presentation.

LEO Conference Committee members, Lion Katherine Reid, Lion Pamela Ballah, Lion John Harvey and Lion Raymond Taylor received very pleasing and positive comments from the attending LEO's, (apparently one LEO was heard saying and I quote, "Lion Raymond is the coolest 'old guy' I know") deeming the conference a very worthwhile and successful venture. They, along with the LEO's are looking forward to next year's conference.



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**LFC – ZC Charlene Teasdale**

It sure has been a very busy and productive past few months at the Lions Foundation of Canada. There have been more teams graduating with classes scheduled in rapid succession of each other. Exciting news recently is the expansion of the Dog Guide Programs to include a Diabetes Assistance Dog Guide; this is wonderful news but as always comes with needed funding to expand the program as well to make some necessary renovations to the training facility in Oakville, more information on this will be coming very shortly. I was honoured to be the guest speaker for the Cambridge-Highlands Lions Club and along with David Nash, Manager of the Walk for Dog Guides, we shared the wonderful work that LFC is currently doing to help make a difference in the lives of disabled Canadians, but as always this wouldn't happen without the wonderful support of Lions Clubs all across this great land. A fun day was held on February 2nd with the Canine Challenge and it was great to compete (all in fun) with Lions from other areas, we had fun and learned a great deal as well about the Dog Guide programs. It was great to see the Dog Guide programs featured on an episode of the Rick Mercer show. As I have visited Clubs as well as Cabinet Meetings, I have been promoting the "Pennies for Puppies" program. I thank all of the Clubs who have jumped on board and are currently collecting pennies; any and all donations make a huge difference. I met so many great people and spoke about the Lions Foundation of Canada with a display at the Ariss Lions Club family fun day. Our major fund raiser is looming very shortly on Sunday May 26th, that being the Lions Foundation of Canada Purina Walk for Dog Guides...if your Club does not host a walk, I would love to help you get one started or team up with another Lions Club and help them with their walk as a group effort. It is a fun day and all money raised goes directly to the Lions Foundation of Canada thanks to major sponsors who cover the cost of advertising and print media for the Walk. Lions are reminded of the LFC Oakville Open House on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013. From the bottom of my heart...Thank You for each and every dollar you send to LFC, you are truly making a difference in the lives of those who are disabled. God bless you Lions.

**Lions Opportunities For Youth – Lion Jeff Sullivan**

I had the privilege of attending another successful A-15 Effective Speaking Finals hosted in St. George on March 2nd, 2013. Thanks go out to the host club - the St. George Lions Club, to the volunteers from throughout the district, and of course to Lion Ernie and Lion Tony Davidson for once again running a successful event.

**Lions Services For Children – Lion Joanne McQuiggan**

District A-15 Lions Clubs continue to actively support a number of project for children and youth in need. Lions are challenged to increase worldwide literacy and access to learning resources through the Reading Action Program. There are a number of resources on the website for clubs who are interested in starting a literacy project. The Monkton Lions are expanding their summer camp for kids program this year based on the success of the first camp in 2012. Further information will also be forthcoming on a Lions Quest community workshop for Centre Wellington.

**Peace Poster – Lion Jeff Sullivan**

Preparations are under way for the formal recognition of our 2012-2013 poster winner...more details to follow soon.

**Public Relations & Club Visits Liaison – PCS Ian Robb**

The District Governor and VDGs have completed their official visits, with the exception of two which the DG has not yet rescheduled.

I continue to monitor the e-mail account and respond to any requests.



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**Sight Screening – PRC Charlie Davis**

This year the Vision Screening program went to the next level. Negative Consent. In other words if a parent did not return the Exemption Form we screened the child.

As a result of this new program with 85 out of 87, within the Waterloo District School Board, schools completed, Team members representing the Galt/Cambridge, Kitchener, KW Community Spirit, Waterloo, St. Jacobs, Breslau and Woolwich Community Lions have screened 6,372 Junior and Senior Kindergarten students. This represents a 30% increase over last year, when only 4,900 students were screened. Another positive result of our negative consent was a 31% increase in school participation. Referral rate has remained the same at 29%.

The Royal City and Guelph Lions are having similar success. This year the Upper Grand District School Board and the Wellington Catholic District School Board have also adopted the negative consent program. With 95% of their schools completed the Royal City, and Guelph Lions have screened 1,826 Junior and Senior Kindergarten students and have referred 47% of those students screened.

WRDSB	2011 - 2012	2012 2013	% change	
Enrollment	8,302	8,243	-0.71%	increase
Screened	4,900	6,372	30.04%	increase
School Participation %	59.02%	77.30%	30.97%	increase
Referrals	1,408	1,860	32.10%	increase
Referral %	28.73%	29.19%	1.59%	increase
Exemptions	n / a	975		
Exemption %	n / a	11.83%		
Absent/Glasses	n / a	879		
Absent/Glasses %	n / a	10.66%		

**Youth Camp Chair – PCC Dave Rumble & Lioness Mary Rumble**

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

**Youth Camp Meal Chair – Lion Ted Bickell**

**Youth Camp Outgoing Youth– Lion Marysa Rumble –Lauriault**

As of this report we have accepted 15 applications from youth visiting A-15 this year and are expecting to receive more in the next weeks. Youth accepted are from Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands. We need your assistance as host clubs and host families. The involvement of the Lions Clubs in the hosting process is a vital priority to the success of the program. We need your financial assistance as well in order to operate the camp efficiently. If you have donated to the camp then we thank you for that. If you have not donated we ask that you consider a donation to the youth from around the world, both in-coming and out-going. Please keep in mind that each \$400.00 donation entitles you to name a Bruce Murray Fellowship recipient, to honour a member of your club or to honour an individual within your community.

We need your support also in supplying meals for the week of camp. Most of the meal requirements have been filled and it is just a matter of confirming the balance of the volunteers. If you would like to be involved and are unable to muster the manpower, perhaps you can donate the funds and we can purchase a meal. We ask that you contact Lion Ted or Lion Darlene Bickell from the Paris Lions Club <ycmeal@a15lions.org>. They are looking after the booking of the meals. We need your assistance with the camp spring clean-up which is scheduled for Friday evening May 18 and Saturday May 19. Details have been forwarded to the clubs. Shingling, wood to cut up and move, cleaning, painting, raking, and a general clean up.

We would also like to ask the Cabinet Members to assist in the search for volunteers to help with the camp. Even if they have children at home they can help and they are more than welcome to bring the children with them to be a part of the camp and meet the youth from around the world.