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A-15 CONVENTION CABINET MEETING MIINUTES
March 21st 2015 9:00 -10:30 AM & March 22nd 2015, 10:45 AM - Noon
Arden Park, Stratford

Saturday 9:00 AM

1. Call to order and Welcome – DG Tim DeBlock – 9:10 AM
 Governor Tim extended a welcome to all and encouraged our sharing of each other’s stories throughout the weekend.
 Attendance as indicated:
VOTING CABINET

IPDG Denis Vinette	DG Tim DeBlock	1 st VDG Diane Smith	2 nd VDG Wayne Litt
CS Dennis Lougheed	CT Peter Oswald	RC Charlene Teaasdale	ZC Jim Davis
ZC Debbie Cserhalmi	RCAjit Manku	ZC Rae Rotchell	ZC Kevin Banfield
RC Rick Banks	ZC Jim Keron	ZC Tracey Leary	

COMMITTEE CHAIR

Lion Linda Vinette	PDG Doug Smith	PCC Tim Cronin	Lion Janet Dawson-Brock
Lion Bill Patterson (R)	PDG Thom Herrmann	Lion Maurie Payne	Lion Ernie Kaethler
PRC Paul Anstett	Lion Pat Mclean	Lion Adam McMurrin	PDG Karen McNeight
Lion Joanne McQuiggan	PRC Robert Montgomery	PID Bruce Murray	PZC Mary Ann Ward
Lion Penny Overboe (R)	PDDG George Patton	Lion John Pepper	IPDG Norma Peterson
PDG Nancy Ransom	Lion Aline Chan	PID Art Woods	PDG OJ Wilura
PRC Vaughan Braby	Lion Lorea Boogerman	Lion Bob Rutter (R)	PCS Ted Rypma
PDG Larry Wainwright	PRC Rick Bell	Lion Rudy Boogerman	

 In attendance also were approximately 97 other Lion Members
(R) – Regrets
2. O Canada
3. Protocol – Set at the Friday evening Opening Ceremonies.
4. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda – Sakura House Project Announcement to be added following Committee Reports. Carried.
5. International Guest
 - 5.1. Introduction - PID Bruce Murray
 - 5.2. Remarks of ID Yves Leveille
 ID Yves expressed his thanks for the invitation for he and his wife, Dominique, to attend our convention and brought to our attention a \$50 payment being made to Clubs which have fund raised using a variety of chocolate products due to a price fixing class action law suit. He challenged those clubs to donate back that payment to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides and match that with an additional \$50. Clubs doing so may name a recipient of a Lions Foundation of Canada Life Membership.
6. MOVED to approve the Minutes of the February 4th, 2015 Cabinet meeting. Carried.
 Available at <http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/CabMinFeb2015.pdf>
7. Secretary’s Report *See Page 5*
MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Secretary’s report.
8. Treasurer’s Report and Financial Statements. *See pages 5 through 8*
MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer’s report. Carried.
9. Cabinet Reports *See pages 9 through 11*
MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Cabinet reports. Carried.
10. Committee Reports *See pages 12 through 15*
MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Committee reports.



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- 11. Sakura House Project Announcement – PRC Jack Broadfoot
This special joint effort by 7 seven Lions Clubs and headed up by the Thamesford Lions has successfully raised just over \$90,000 in less then a year to install standby power capability at the Sakura House Hospice Facility in Woodstock.
- 12. Award Presentation
 - 12.1. Bulletin Contest – VDG1 Diane Smith
 - Winner Lion Marianne Ferguson, St Marys Lions
 - Honorable Mention Lion Brian Voigt, Thamesford Lions
 - Lion Cheryl Bauman, Woolwich Community Lions
 - Lion Vicki Buder, Kitchener Lions
 - 12.2. LFC – RC Charlene Teasdale
Purina Walk For Dog Guides Banner Patch Recipients
Gold – Bridgeport, KW Community Spirit, Kitchener Oktoberfest, Kitchener Pioneer, Kitchener, Waterloo, St Jacobs
Silver – Bayfield, Woolwich Community, Guelph
Bronze – West Coast, Ariss and District, Innerkip and District, Paris, St Marys LEO, Wellesley and District, Woodstock
- 13. Elections & Credentials– PDG Doug Smith
 - 13.1. Ballot Boxes
Two new ballot boxes provided by the Hillsburg Lions were presented to the District. Their donation was gratefully acknowledged.
 - 13.2. Candidates

Zone 9E	no candidate	Zone 9S	no candidate
Zone 37 S	no candidate	Zone 37W	ZC Tracey Leary
Zone 51E	Lion Eric Petersen	Zone 51W	no candidate
R9	ZC Kevin Banfield	R37	ZC Jim Keron
R51	ZC Deb Cserhalmi and ZC Jin Davis		
VDG2	RC Charlene Teasdale		
VDG1	VDG1 Wayne Litt		
DG	VDG1 Diane Smith		
- 14. Adjournment until Sunday morning at 10:30 AM – 9:55 AM

Sunday 10:30 AM

- 1. Call to order – DG Tim DeBlock – 10:35 AM
- 2. International Guest
 - 2.1. Introduction – PID Bruce Murray
 - 2.2. Remarks of ID Yves Leveille
ID Yves highlighted the many aspects of our convention, both humorous and serious and expressed both his and Dominique heartfelt thanks for our hospitality.
- 3. Convention Report
Registration at 500 + Banquet Attendance at 162 Luncheon Attendance at 160
LEO Attendance at 20 +
MOTION to acknowledge receipt carried by unanimous consent.
- 4. Remarks from DG Tim DeBlock
Governor Tim thanked the many individuals who consistently make the visions of others come true. He encouraged each of us to take back to their clubs whatever they gained from their attendance at this year’s convention.



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5. Awards presentations (including those made at Saturday's Luncheon and Banquet)
 - 5.1. International President's Certificate of Appreciation
Lion Jane Dawson-Brock – Kitchener Waterloo Community Spirit Lions
Lion Joanne McQuiggan - Kitchener Waterloo Community Spirit Lions
 - 5.2. International President's Leadership Medalion
PRC Jack Broadfoot – Thamesford Lions
IPDG Denis Vinette – Belwood & District Lions
 - 5.3. Helen Keller Fellowship
Lion Bruce Hodge – Exeter Lions
 - 5.4. LCI Certified Guiding Lion
ZC Tracey Leary – Stratford Lions
 - 5.5. LCI Extension Award Certificate
RC Charlene Teasdale – Guelph Lions
 - 5.6. First Timers Contest – VDG1 Diane Smith
Jason Trussell – Wellesley & District Lions
Nicole Brightling – University of Guelph Campus Club
 - 5.7. Environmental Photo Contest – Lion Linda Vinette
Lion Wayne Romphf – Thamesford Lions
 - 5.8. CEP Banner Patches
Fergus Lions Waterloo Lions Woolwich Community Lions
 - 5.9. Lions Quest District Fellowship
Presented to District 15 and received by DG Tim DeBlock for achieving greater than \$10,000 in Lions Quest donations and for being the number one District in all of Canada.
 - 5.10. Other Recognitions & Presentations
 - 5.10.1. District A-15, through the funds collected as part of the One Shot = One Life campaign during the Governor's Team official club visits provided 2364 child measles vaccinations.
 - 5.10.2. "Hope Can Change Everything"
Presented at the Saturday Banquet to every member of District A-15 as recognition of the immeasurable impact of the "Wake of Service" resulting from our combined service efforts.
6. Council Chair Bob Tanner's Remarks
CC Bob reminded us of two formal MDA partnerships being entered into with the CNIB and the Special Olympics.
7. Convention Raffle Results
First Prize – Nipissing Lodge – Marianne Ferguson – St Marys Lions
Second Prize – Arden Park Hotel – Rick Banks – Milverton Lions
Third Prize – Queens Inn Stratford – Jim Schneuker – Milverton Lions
8. Report from Election Committee
 - 8.1. Fines
MOTION to donate the fines collected for a variety of ill-defined infractions in the amount of \$61.86 to Lions Quest. Carried.
 - 8.2. Results
 - 8.2.1. By-Law Amendments – Affirmed with 131 of 204 eligible votes cast
 - 8.2.2. Candidates

Zone 9E	By Appointment – Aline Chan – Kitchener Lions
Zone 9S	Appointment announcement pending
Zone 37 S	no candidate



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Zone 37W	Acclaimed - ZC Tracey Leary – Stratford Lions
Zone 51E	Acclaimed - Lion Eric Petersen – Fergus Lions
Zone 51W	Appointed – RC Rick Banks – Milverton Lions
R9	Acclaimed - ZC Kevin Banfield – Kitchener Lions
R37	Acclaimed - ZC Jim Keron – Thamesford Lions
R51	Elected - ZC Deb Cserhalmi – Woolwich Community Lions 52 of 72 eligible votes cast
VDG2	Elected - RC Charlene Teasdale – Guelph Lions 131 of 204 eligible votes cast
VDG1	Elected - VDG1 Wayne Litt – Elmira Lions 131 of 204 eligible votes cast
DG	Elected - VDG1 Diane Smith – Woolwich Community Lions 131 of 204 eligible votes cast

MOTION to acknowledge receipt of this report carried by unanimous consent

8.2.3. MOTION to destroy ballots. Carried

9. New Cabinet
The newly elected and/or appointed Cabinet along with returning appointees CS Dennis Lougheed and CT Peter Oswald were introduced.
10. DG-Elect remarks
DGE Diane Smith expressed thanks to her husband for his ongoing support, to Cabinet and the District for its vote of confidence and to DG Tim for his soft and gentle guidance. Her focus will be on literacy. Her theme for her term will be “Hope Through Service”.
11. Passing of the Campbell, oldest to newest
12. Presentation of Flags to 2015-2016 Convention Host Club
13. Adjournment – 11:30 AM



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**SECRETARY'S REPORT TO CABINET
March 21st, 2015 – CS Dennis Lougheed**

The following time sensitive business was conducted on-line between February 11th, 2015 and February 15th, 2015.

Whereas the Cabinet of District A7-11 has approved the transfer exit request of the Copetown Lions Club of District A7-11, and whereas the Copetown Lions Club has requested a transfer entry into District A15,

MOVED that, subject to written confirmation from DG Donald Bissonette of the approval of the exit transfer request of the Copetown Lions Club of District A7-11, the Cabinet of District A15 approves the acceptance of the Copetown Lions Club transfer request into District A15.

In Favor – 14 Opposed – 0 Abstained – DG Tim DeBlock

The requisite written confirmation was received from DG Donald Bissonette and the motion was therefore Carried.

Lions Clubs are reminded that 2015/16 Officer elections must be completed by April 15th and reported to International no later than May15th. LEO and Lioness Clubs must report 2015/16 Officer information to the Cabinet Secretary no later than May15th.

**TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET
March 21st, 2015 – CT Peter Oswald**

The financial records have been balanced and reconciled to the bank statements as at February 28th, 2015. The financial statements presented here fairly reflect the financial position of the District.

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS

- At the time of writing this report, there are 2 Clubs with District dues owing totalling \$414.80. Arrangements were made to bring current in March
- Expenses are well within Budget at this point in the Lions year
- Reminder for money from pin sales should be turned over to the Cabinet Treasurer.
- There is a transfer required to balance the New Club Assessment fund and this will be completed in March

TRUST ACCOUNTS

- The balance sheet for the Trust accounts is an accurate reflection of all balances held in Trust and all accounts have been reconciled to the Bank online records as at February 21st, 2015.



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District "A"-15 Lions - Admin
Balance Sheet
As of 28 February 2015

28 Feb 15

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account	8,524.36
CIBC - Investments	35,616.25
CIBC USD Account	20.08
International Director Fund	5,304.23
New Club Assessment Fund	2,105.56
Total Cash	51,570.48
Total Chequing/Savings	51,570.48
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	414.80
Total Accounts Receivable	414.80
Total Current Assets	51,985.28
TOTAL ASSETS	51,985.28
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
A/P USD for LCI	-0.03
Total Accounts Payable	-0.03
Other Current Liabilities	
Convention Fund	4,033.67
DGE Partner Travel	1,856.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	5,889.67
Total Current Liabilities	5,889.64
Long Term Liabilities	
International Director - Contra	5,304.23
New Club Assessment - Contra	1,870.56
Total Long Term Liabilities	7,174.79
Total Liabilities	13,064.43
Equity	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	2,536.95
Net Income	12,693.36
Total Equity	38,920.85
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	51,985.28



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

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	Jul '14 - Jun 15	Budget	Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Advertising	500.00	500.00	0.00
District Directory	265.00	250.00	15.00
District Dues			
Dues - Collected	13,319.50	13,345.00	-25.50
Total District Dues	13,319.50	13,345.00	-25.50
Interest Earned	205.80	525.00	-319.20
Leadership Seminar Income	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00
Membership Assessment	2,350.50	2,355.00	-4.50
Pin Sales	796.00	1,500.00	-704.00
Total Income	18,836.80	19,875.00	-1,038.20
Gross Profit	18,836.80	19,875.00	-1,038.20
Expense			
Awards			
Awards - Cabinet	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Awards - Other	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Total Awards	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Badges & Patches	317.58	700.00	-382.42
Bank Charges	53.28	200.00	-146.72
Cabinet Expense	1,237.98	1,600.00	-362.02
Convention Expense	500.00	1,100.00	-600.00
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair Expenses	150.00	1,000.00	-850.00
District Chair - Other	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Global Leadership & Membership	-260.21	2,300.00	-2,560.21
Leo Clubs	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Total District Chair Expense	-110.21	5,300.00	-5,410.21
District Directories	1,617.72	1,750.00	-132.28
Governor's Newsletter	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Internet	94.26	100.00	-5.74
Leadership Institutes	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Leadership Seminar	0.00	1,400.00	-1,400.00
Liability Insurance	0.00	750.00	-750.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pins Purchased	1,768.33	1,800.00	-31.67
Police Check Fees	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Postage & Telephone	130.48	200.00	-69.52
Printing & Stationery	173.66	500.00	-326.34
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.39		
USA / Canada Forum	360.00	1,800.00	-1,440.00
Total Expense	6,143.47	19,850.00	-13,706.53
Net Ordinary Income	12,693.33	25.00	12,668.33
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
Exchange Gain/Loss	-0.03		
Total Other Expense	-0.03		
Net Other Income	0.03	0.00	0.03
Net Income	12,693.36	25.00	12,668.36



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District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust Balance Sheet As of 28 February 2015

	<u>28 Feb 15</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
CIBC- Lions Quest Imprest	5,077.28
CIBC - Eff.Speaking Impst	3,898.98
CIBC - Trust Account	11,322.30
CIBC - Youth	
Youth Exchange Imprest	19,542.18
Youth Investments	12,512.05
Total CIBC - Youth	<u>32,054.23</u>
Investments	
QUEST - Investment	10,080.44
Investments - Other	5,000.00
Total Investments	<u>15,080.44</u>
Youth Camp Capital Fund	<u>7,744.50</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>75,177.73</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>75,177.73</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>75,177.73</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Cultural Festival	37.11
Diabetes Awareness	300.00
Diabetes Tag Day	1,593.30
District Cook Book	440.40
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	3,898.98
Hearing Equipment	553.07
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Dog Guides	50.00
Leash Free Park	5,055.90
Lions Foundation of Canada - Other	165.00
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	<u>5,270.90</u>
LIONS Quest Contra Account	15,157.72
Peace Poster	2,195.63
Vision Screening	5,931.89
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	32,054.23
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>67,433.23</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>67,433.23</u>
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	7,744.50
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>7,744.50</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>75,177.73</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>75,177.73</u>



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CABINET REPORTS – March 21st 2015

1st VDG –Diane Smith

Since our last cabinet meeting on February 4th, I have made official visits on Governor Tim's behalf to the Hillsburgh and District Lions Club and to the Cambridge Highlands Club.

I have attended the joint zone meetings for Region 37 held in Thamesford, Region 9 held in Kitchener and Region 51 held in Elmira, as well as the MD-A council meeting on March 6-7.

Of particular note was my attendance at a Multiple District A training workshop held in Woodstock on February 21-22. The session was led by PDGs, Denis Vinette and Tom Gordon. This workshop was valuable with the exchange of ideas and discussions relating to the challenges facing Lions clubs today, setting goals and formulating workable action plans and the access of resources with information that is relevant to our District clubs.

It is clear our committee chairs need to have a defined role and our zone and region chairs need to be given the information to carry out their roles. It is my hope to see continued opportunities for our club, committee and district leaders to acquire the skills needed, at seminars and workshops, specifically designed to serve the needs of District A-15.

2nd VDG – Wayne Litt

Where did the time go? It seems like we just got back from the Guelph convention. Thanks for your support for Governor Lion Tim. Service, service, service. This truly is what we as Lions are driven to do. The largest 'Service Organization' in the World. What more can be said. We rallied around Tim. We have "Strengthened the Pride". We regained some pride, and we made a "Wake in Service". This will continue well into the next century of Lions. I do not know what will happen in the future. I do know that Lions of A15 will reach out to grab the Wheel to drive us forward.

IPDG – Denis Vinette

Nothing to report.

RC 9 – Ajit Manku

After looking at the recent District Club Health Assessment Reports, the membership is down. May be it is a time to look at the club membership plan? There are still more than three months left to increase the membership. I encourage all Lions to reach out to friends, family and anyone who would like to be more active in the world of Service.

When you submit the PU101, please remember to update all the addresses and e-mail addresses of the members in the LCI. There are several incorrect addresses, e-mails, and phone numbers in the current A15 Directory. Our District Secretary gets all the information for this publication from LCI. It is amazing what we can accomplish when we work together to make this world better.

ZC 9E – Kevin Banfield

Very happy to report that we had a successful joint zone meeting in February. Our guest speaker for the evening was Beverley Berger and her Guide Dog Lotus. We also had PDG Lion OJ Wilura share with us a shorten version of "Enhancing Your Club Meetings" which PDG Denis Vinette and OJ put together. This presentation was well received and a few clubs have asked for a copy of it and or have asked for OJ to come to their club to present it to their membership.

I had the opportunity to travel to a few club events. Galt Cambridge Lions Club hosted a great curling bonspiel, and Cambridge Highland Lions Club ran a successful open house where they shared with the public what Lions is about.



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As of March 3rd 2015. As a zone, on average each one of our members have donated 52 hours of service time back to our communities.

From the information each club has entered into their "MyLCI" – We have served over 91,224 people with our projects this year. This would mean on average each one of our members has touched approximately 392 people during our events/projects so far in this Lions year.

From a membership standpoint, as a zone we started the year with 262 members. We have added 34 new members. That is an average of 3.7 new members per club. The bad news we have dropped 63 members.

We are down to 233 members in 9E. That is net drop of 29 since July 1st. I have challenged each club to bring on 4 NEW members. If every club brings on 1 new member each month till the end of June, we will achieve this goal. Our final count could be 269 for 2014/15.

ZC 9S – Rae Rotchell

No Report.

RC37 – Rick Banks

No Report.

ZC 37S –Jim Keron

Thanks to the district GMT/GLT coordinators OJ Wilura and Denis Vinette for a great orientation session for the new members at the Drumbo Lions club who inducted seven new members this past December. They did such a good job that we should think if doing a combined session for several other clubs in the zone. Getting new members involved and doing service is the key to retention going forward.

The combined Zone meeting was held in Thamesford on the snowy night of Feb 24th. We had a presentation on eye screening by the District Sight Screening chair pat McLean. This was followed by an Improv entertainment by Sherry Sanderson (Stage name for Lion Kendra Woodcock of Ingersoll) who was looking for a date for the convention If I recall correctly PRC Will Robinson won the contest. This was followed by election propaganda. All three Vice DG and DG candidates were there but rather than a formal introduction by the meeting chairs our improve artist did the introductions and had a little fun with them. Thamesford put on a demonstration for Region Chair candidate Jim Keron who played an Indiana Jones like characters called Ontario James. The skit was set in the year 4015 with a lecture on the Motel of the Mysteries. Hats off to PID Art Woods who got to wear the ceremonial collar. Finally Sherry interviewed Zone 37W candidate Tracey to complete this section. While we had a number of people cancel with the snow storm there were still enough people there to make it a fun night in Lionism.

As for myself I am just back from the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute held in Calgary where 150 Lions from all over North American and the Caribbean Islands met for a leadership training session. My team included one other Ontarion from A711 and one each from Alabama, New Mexico and Arizona. With a number of the faculty from the deep south of the USA, we learned to speak a new language where words like "light" became a two syllable word pronounced "law-it". Of course New England countered where "car" became "caw". The training was great and it was a great opportunity to exchange ideas, trials tribulations and successes with other Lions. One example from A15 was in the session on LCIF grants where our exercise on grant writing used the Sakura House generator as an example (even though the project did not have to apply for a grant). People in our session liked the project.

ZC 37W – Tracey Leary

No Report.



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RC 51 – Charlene Teasdale

Roar Lions! It has been awesome to witness and to hear of the great service projects being planned and completed by our Lions Clubs here in Region 51. It is always a pleasure to hear of new member inductions as well. As always it is a pleasure to attend the Club events which showcases that not only do we Lions work, we have fun! Our University of Guelph Lions Campus Club has had held 2 very successful fund raisers and they are an enthusiastic group of youth and our future looks very bright indeed. The two Zone Meetings in 51E and 51W were well attended with Zone Chairs Lion Jim Davis and Deb Cserhalmi providing interesting topics as well as some fun along the way. The Joint 51E/51W Zone Meeting was great and I want to congratulate ZC51E Lion Jim and ZC51W Lion Deb on their desire to move forward in leadership service and I wish you both all the best. I also would like to congratulate both these Zone Chairs on attending the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Calgary recently, way to go Lions! It is a busy time getting ready for our upcoming A15 Convention and I'm excited for the future of Lionism here in this great District. As the year progresses my plan is to further visit and exchange ideas with our Clubs here in Region 51, it is an honour to serve as your Region Chair and I am so proud of all of our clubs! Keep up the great work and if there is anything that I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me, I'm only an email or a phone call away.

ZC 51E – Jim Davis

Lions in Zone 51 East were hosted by the Guelph Royal City Lions Club on Feb 25 for the zone meeting. Eight of the ten clubs were represented with a total of 33 Lions in attendance. Unfortunately our U of G campus club was unable to attend. After an excellent meal of pulled pork catered by Smokin Tony's, IPDG Denis Vinnette gave us a presentation on "Membership Satisfaction". This was an excellent presentation and thank you Lion Denis. If any of the clubs in Zone 51 East would like to hear this presentation please contact me and I will make arrangements for Either Denis or OJ Wilura to make the presentation.

Although convention is upon us we still have another 3 months to finish our current Lions year which leaves plenty of time to bring new members and satisfy existing members in the World of Lionism. If you need some help in International President Joe Preston's challenge to "Strengthening the Pride" or District Governor Tim's challenge of "A Wake in Service" feel free to contact me and I will help you as best as I can.

ZC 51W – Debbie Cserhalmi

From eye screening programs to brand new ice skating rinks; Zone 51W clubs have been very busy this year. The clubs have taken our District Governor's message to heart and have all tried finding two new service projects this year. The clubs have been busy with various projects such as; food drives, tree lightings, sponsoring scholarships, and roadside cleanup.

It always surprises me what a handful of dedicated people can do when they work well together. Many of our smaller communities owe their Lions Clubs a big debt of gratitude for many of their recreation areas. Parks, rinks, walking trails, recreation complexes and community services buildings are just some of the major projects our clubs contributed to in Zone 51W. Yet, they always manage to support all the Lions programs in the District as well.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS – March 21st 2015

NOTHING TO REPORT AT THIS TIME OR NO SUBMISSION

Alert – Lion Adam McMurran, **Constitution & By-Laws** – PDDG George Patton, **Diabetes Awareness** – PRC Rick Bell, **District Bulletin & MDA Magazine Liaison** – Lion Bob Rutter, **District Historian** – PDG Nancy Ransom, **District International Relations** – PID Art Woods, **GLT Liaison** – VDG1 Tim DeBlock, **GMT Club Success Team Leader** – PRC Paul Anstett, **GMT Membership & Club Growth Team Leader** – PRC Vaughan Braby, **GMT Membership Renewal** – PDG Larry Wainwright, **Hearing & Speech Action** – Lion John Pepper, **Information Technology** – PCS Ted Rypma, **LCIF** – Lion Penny Overboe, **LEO** – PZC Marry Ann Ward, **Lions Opportunities For Youth** – VDG2 Wayne Litt, **Lions Quest** – PDG Thom Herrmann, **Lions Services For Children** – Lion Joanne McQuiggan, **Literacy Chair** – Lion Aline Chan, **Long Range Planning** – PDG Thom Herrmann, **Police Check Gatekeeper** – PDDG George Patton, **Protocol** – PID Bruce Murray, **Public Relations & Club Visits Liaison** – PDG Norma Peterson, **Sight Screening & Conservation** – Lion Pat McLean, **Yearbook Editor** – PDG Karen McNeight

Camp Coordinator – PRC Rob Montgomery

Our Lions Camps are getting ready for another fabulous season and they would like to thank the clubs of A-15 for their support and donations.

I have travelled to Rockton and explained what the various camps do and who they assist i.e.; Diabetes, Kidney, Sight etc. They now have literature that is relevant to each camp and also a much clearer understanding of the functions of these camps.

I have now arranged to visit Cambridge Highland Lions and making arrangements to visit several other clubs in our District to do the same. Hopefully within the next year or so I will have visited all of A-15 and the mystery will be solved.

Please visit the websites of the various camps to find out what their wish list or needs are for the upcoming camp season.

Cultural & Community Activities – RC Ajit Manku

District A-15 International Festival was cancelled as some clubs were holding their activities on the same date. Ticket sales were down.

Convention Host 2015 – Lion Maurie Payne

Reporting throughout the Convention

Effective Speaking – Lion Ernie Kaethler

Working with a GREAT team of dedicated Lions of A-15 is a pleasure, motivator and an inspiration. The continuing effectiveness of this worthwhile Opportunities for Youth program has two critical aspects: 1) as an outreach and service to the youth of your community; and 2) your Club's financial support - as you are able and have budgeted - for this Cabinet approved program.

Since my last report, local Club contests in Belwood, Fergus, Guelph, Waterloo, Cambridge, St George, and other locations have been successfully held, with winners names received for our A-15 District Finals in St George on Sat. March 28th - 9:00 AM start. Forty (40) to forty-five (45) contestants in 8 categories ranging from Grades 3 through to Grade 12 in both English ~70%, and French ~ 30% with parents and Lions volunteers are expected for this dynamic and energized event.

Please, come and share the excitement. Directions are available at:

<http://www.mapquest.ca/#ac25d79896be05a3c5e92681>

Recognition is due to those Clubs who have faithfully and regularly contributed in support of this Opportunities for Youth - Effective Speaking program. Careful analysis indicates we have reached 83% of our



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budgeted goal - compared with 40% at last report. Contributions wise, Region 51 is the strongest and most dedicated with Region 9 not too far behind. Cabinet leadership evidenced at the Club level can and should influence budgeted giving. I am optimistic that we will end this year in the black, Thanks to continuing generous Club support.

I invite you to share in the positive energies that our District 'Youth' generate at this challenging and inspiring contest. First place (winners) in 6 speech categories Junior, Intermediate and Senior - English/French will be invited to participate at the MD'A' -provincial Finals in St Catherine on May 1st/2nd weekend. A-15 has always been well represented.

Elections & Credentials – PDG Doug Smith
Reporting throughout the Convention

Environment – Lion Linda Vinette

I have received many wonderful Environment Photos from clubs across the District, Good luck to everyone that participated in this year's photo contest. They will be displayed and voted on at our District A-15 Convention on March 20th & 21st. The winning Photo will be sent to MD"A" in Kingston for Judging on May 22nd. The winner from the MD"A" photo contest will be sent to Lions Clubs International.

I plan to write an Environment story for the Lions magazine about the tree cataloguing at the LFC Breslau Memorial Forest and the tree locator program that is in place. This will get the word out to all the Lions about our great forest in A-15.

Once the snow is gone, I'm going to start G.P.S.ing all of the Trees in the Memorial Forest as a continued project of the Tree Locator program.

April 22nd is Earth Day. Plan an Environment project so it will be included in the Centennial Service Challenge. All Centennial service activities must be reported through MyLCI's Service Activity.

Dates to remember are the Breslau LFC facility cleanup on Wednesday, June 3rd 2015 and the Memorial Forest Rededication service on Saturday June 13th 2015. Please plan to participate as many hands make quick work at the cleanup.

GLT District Coordinator – IPDG Denis Vinette

Since my last report, I have been actively promoting leadership development and training opportunities at different opportunities. In addition to participating in a club retreat at Drumbo, I had the opportunity to present information regarding strategies to help improve club satisfaction and membership recruitment at the Zone 51 East meeting. I thank ZC51E Chair Lion Jim Davis for recognizing the need to constantly remind ourselves that member satisfaction is the number one issue on our horizon today.

As part of our District DG Team, I attended, and presented, at the MD"A" Regional Forum in Woodstock on February 21-22, 2015. This event, funded entirely by the Multiple District, provided an opportunity for the DG, VDGs, GLT/GMT Coordinators, Region Chairs, Zone Chairs and others considering serving in District leadership, to recognize the need for teamwork and to provide ways of recognizing the traps and pitfalls that can quickly undermine the effectiveness of any team or group. Invitations were sent to the 5 Districts in the Province from Toronto West and I am proud to acknowledge that A15 did indeed represent the "Lions" share of those in attendance. Bravo to A15 leadership.

In addition to a very active exchange of information, we were reminded that although our journey as District leaders is 2/3 over for this Lions year, we need to re-commit to our plans for the next 4 months and build a solid foundation for the team to follow. I understand (subject to survey results) that the event was very welcomed and appreciated by those in attendance.

I want to remind the clubs that the USA/CANADA Lions Leadership Forum is in Grand Rapids, Michigan this year. Almost in our backyard, you could say. Efforts are in the works to encourage the members of A15 to



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attend and to hopefully have the largest contingent attend this event ever. Imagine if we could get 100 members to go to this event! Not impossible. Do I hear road trip... or maybe even CONVOY!

As of this writing, I have to report that we are still seeking to fill the position of Zone Chair in Zone 9 South and Zone 37 South. I am confident that this situation will be resolved and that we will once again have a full complement of District Cabinet positions.

GMT District Coordinator – PDG OJ Wiliura

GM & LT have been working together on developing several power point presentations for use within our District. With pleasure, one has been distributed to clubs in both Zones of Region 37 by their request.

We still have 2 outstanding CEP sessions; one club has completed the Ratings questionnaire. We are waiting for the other club's decision.

The power point "Best Practices – Increasing Your Membership" was offered at 3 Zone meetings, those being; 37S, 37W and 9E.

At the Joint Zone, Region 9 meeting the "Enhancing" power point was delivered. This was also done in Ingersoll where I also had the pleasure of inducting 3 new members.

A new member Orientation session was held for the recently inducted members in Drumbo. Working with IPDG Denis Vinette and ZC Jin Keron, several other topics were brought forth.

I assisted Cambridge Highlands when they held their membership drive "Open House". This was a chance to meet those who had an interest in attending and finding out about Lionism. Kudos to the members for all their hard work setting up this event.

A great turn out from A15 as 14 members attended the GM< Leadership Forum in Woodstock. Lions from Districts A1, A2, A7-11 and A9 attended as well.

Finally, at the convention, ask me or better yet, tell me who said this:

"I hope there will always be a Land of Beyond for Lions International; a goal that will keep growing larger and larger as we approach it, yet will keep just out of reach, challenging us to run faster, work harder, think bigger, give more"

Honorary Committee/A15PDGA – IPDG Denis Vinette

Based on discussions at our fall meeting held at the Queen's Inn in the October 2014, our group is re-committed to providing leadership training and mentorship support for our District. In addition, the Honorary Committee will be meeting on Saturday morning at convention to discuss other items that may need review. A full report to Cabinet will be made following our discussions.

LFC – PZC Charlene Teasdale

Happy Spring...at least I'm pretty sure it is. Since the last Cabinet Meeting I have been honoured to attend the Lynden Lions Club along with the Lynden LEOs Club meeting for a presentation on our Lions Foundation of Canada programs where Lion Marilyn Lethbridge (LFC) and myself were presented with a generous donation toward our Dog Guide programs, we just had to have a group photo too!

I have also been happy to be a part of the Cambridge-Highlands Lions Club Open House with our LFC Display, where it was great to speak with members of the public about our Foundation. It is great to hear of more of our A15 Lions Clubs coming on board to sponsor a Dog Guide Team, remember you can raise the sponsorship funds over a period of years if you need too, every dollar counts!

We are now anticipating our Spring Open House being held April 18, 2015 9:30a.m. - 3p.m., 152 Wilson St. Oakville as well as the LFC Purina Walk for Dog Guides with the national walk day being Sunday, May 31st. I am so excited to see one of our Lions Clubs host a walk once again as well as the Lynden LEO & Lynden Lions Club hosting a walk!

Thank you all once again for your support of OUR Foundation! You are truly making a difference in the life of someone who needs one of these amazing canines.



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Opportunities For Youth – VDG2 Wayne Litt

Once again Lions of A15 have “led the way” in support of youth opportunities. Fundraising of the clubs continues to support our camps and other endeavors. Well done Lions. We still have some exchange students that need a host family. Please let us know if you can help. Effective speaking continues to generate interest and Leos serve on. Let us not forget Lions Quest that continues to move out into the other service areas.

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

Peace Poster Kist for 2015/16 are available.

Youth Camp & Exchange – Lions Rudy & Lorea Boogerman

Lion Rudy and Lion Lorea have been busy for the past few months. To promote the YEP, we have visited with 22 clubs in our District and another 9 visits are scheduled. Also we have attended at two previous Cabinet meetings and 1 zone meeting.

To this point we believe we have met the challenge that was set before us, at this stage, when we accepted the Co-Chairperson position. Now it is time for the District to come through with their end of the program.

All clubs recently received a request for their support in the areas of (1) Financial, (2) Camp clean up and (3) Host families. We are expecting to hear back from all clubs with positive responses.

Organization of the camp particulars has been completed. Twenty (20) youth from seventeen (17) countries will arrive on June 27, 2015 (+/-) at the TIA. They are going to expect to be welcomed and greeted by their host families. We are hoping the District does not fail them. This is the Districts program – Lion Rudy and Lorea are only the caretakers of it.

Currently we have five (5) host families confirmed, all from last year. There is a need for at least ten (10) more. Two (2) families have expressed some interest, but not confirmed. I would like to have twelve (12) to fifteen (15) families step forward. It's not a huge step to take and the rewards are 'priceless'! Don't forget the 'club project' avenue.

Camp clean up is scheduled for Saturday, May 23. Start time 9:00 am - be there at 8:30 am for coffee and doughnuts and assignments. Trades and skilled laborers should contact either Lion Rudy or Lion Lorea before hand to state your desired field of work. Assignments will be distributed accordingly. And you do not have to be a skilled laborer to attend. If you can hold a rake and move it at the same time, you qualify. Two members (or more) from each club would be ideal. Students requiring last minute 'Community Service' hours are welcome. Lunch will be provided.

Bring usual clean up, working tools and equipment for the cause. A list of things required to be done will be made available, shortly.

For those available on Friday, May 22, 2015 – late afternoon, early evening – there will be some tasks available to be performed to prepare for the Saturday requirements. Overnight accommodations are available for those who do not wish to travel back and forth. Please advise of your intentions beforehand.

Clubs who supplied a meal last year have been approached to confirm their intentions this year. If there are any holes to fill, requests will be made of the District for other clubs to become involved.

We are still looking for two (2) more counselors. Why not give it a shot? You may even like it!

This is the 40th Anniversary for the 'YEP' in District A15. As PID Lion Bruce Murray (Founding Lion of the District YEP) said, “40 years of a program they said wouldn't happen, is believing”.

Don't be afraid to step up and say “YEP”.