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**Minutes of the A-15 Convention Cabinet Meeting**  
**May 7th 9:00 -10:30 AM & May 8th, 10:45 AM - Noon**  
**Elmira Lions Hall**

**Saturday 9:00 AM**

1. Call to order

The meeting of the District A-15 Cabinet was called to order at 9:00 AM by Governor Todd Wilson, Cabinet Attendance as indicated:

DG Todd Wilson	1stVDG Norma Peterson	2nd VDG Dan Ayim	IPDG Karen McNeight
CS Dennis Loughheed	CT Peter Oswald	RC9 Bill Weiler	ZC9E Gary Bell
ZC9S Rob Montgomery	RC37 Tim De Block	ZC37S Mary Ann Ward	ZC37W Paul Anstett
RC51 Denis Vinette	ZC51E Wolfgang Boelke	ZC51W Denise Sutherland	
CC- PID Art Woods	CC – PDG OJ Wilura	CC – PCC Bill Carson	CC – PDG John Brash
CC - PDH Thom Hermann	CC - PDDG George Patton	CC – PCS Ted Rypma	CC – PRC Stephen Jones <b>(R)</b>
CC – PRC Gary Runstedler	CC – Lion Tracy Brant <b>(R)</b>	CC – Lion Maryssa Rumble – Lauriaut <b>(R)</b>	CC – Lion Joanne McQuiggan <b>(R)</b>
CC – PCC Dave Rumble	CC – Lioness Mary Rumble	CC – Lion Rudy Boogerman <b>(R)</b>	CC – Lion Lorea Boogerman <b>(R)</b>
CC – PID Bruce Murray	CC – Lion Don Irvine	CC – Lion Ernie Kaethler	CC – Lion Raymond Taylor <b>(R)</b>
CC – Lion Ken Oliver <b>(R)</b>	CC – PRC Charlie Davis <b>(R)</b>	CC – Lion Jim Harris	CC – PCC Tim Cronin <b>(R)</b>
CC – PDG John Paff	CC – PCS Ian Robb	CC – Lion Troy Mills <b>(R)</b>	CC – Lion Ajit Manku <b>(R)</b>
CC – PRC Jack Broadfoot	CC – PZC John Rothwell	CC – PDG Doug Smith	CC – Lion Mary Rothwell

In attendance also were approximately 125 other Lions members. \*CC = Committee Chair, (R) = Regrets

2. Welcome

Governor Todd extended a welcome to all those in attendance and expressed thanks to the host clubs, the Elmira and Woolwich Community Lions. Additional gratitude was expressed for all who have been supporting the Governor’s Dog Guide Run Project at the Breslau facility. The success of both the International Night and the Effective Speaking Contest was hi-lighted and the need for expansion of the Effective Speaking Contest to areas where it is not yet active noted.

*NB - Protocol for the entire convention had been set at Friday’s Opening Ceremonies.*

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4. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda

Item 11.4 from Saturday was moved to 6.4 Sunday and the order of items 11 & 12 on Saturday were reversed. Moved by IPDG Karen McNeight, seconded by ZC Rob Montgomery that the agenda be adopted as amended. Carried.

5. Introduction of International Guests

PID Bruce Murray introduce ID Carl Young and his wife Elizabeth. ID Carl Young briefly expressed his thanks for the invitation to attend on behalf of both he and his wife.

6. Recognition of Special Guests

Governor Todd recognized the attendance of Special Guests DG John Ross of District A1 and his wife Bonnie, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Larry Bell of District A16 and his wife Sue, PDG Dick Peel of District A16 and PDG George Hostick of District A2.

7. Approval of Minutes of January Cabinet meeting

Moved by ZC Bill Weiler, seconded by ZC Gary Bell, that the January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 Cabinet meeting minutes be approved as circulated. Carried.



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8. Matters Arising  
MOVED by CT Peter Oswald and seconded by ZC Denise Sutherland that Cabinet ratify the Email polled decision directing that District A-15 again make \$500 available to support two (2) Leo Clubs in District A-15. Funds are to be shared on a pro-rata basis for the number of Leos attending the MD'A' Leo Conference. Funds are to be used to reimburse accommodation costs and to be expensed as part of District MERL budget. Carried.
9. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements *See attached*  
MOVED by CT Peter Oswald and seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Norma Peterson that funds to the Breslau Pavilion Curtain Project in excess of the required amount be applied to the A15 Dog Guide Run Project. Carried.  
MOVED by CT Peter Oswald and seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Dan Ayim that the Financial Report and Statements be received as presented. Carried.
10. Committee Reports *See attached*  
MOVED by ZC Gary Bell and seconded by ZC Rob Montgomery to receive all reports. Carried.
11. Awards, Contests & Reporting Motions *Refer to the Long Range Planning Committee Report*
  - 11.1. Award or Contest Wording & Criteria Amendments  
WHEREAS there is a lack of consistency in submission and in criteria compliance verification practices, and WHEREAS a member should not be a recipient of an award more than once in a given Lions year,  
MOVED by CS Dennis Lougheed and seconded by IPDG Karen McNeight that the following awards and contests be amended as proposed; District A-15 Art Woods Golden Tree Award, District A-15 Bulletin Contest, District A15 Long Tailed Lion Award, District A-15 100% Club Membership Chairs Award, District A-15 Proud Lion Award, District A-15 100% Club Secretary Award, District A-15 100% Club Treasurer Award. *Refer to the attachments at the end of this package.* Carried.
  - 11.2. Award or Contest Elimination Amendments
    - 11.2.1. WHEREAS less than half the Clubs participate in any meaningful way, and WHEREAS there is no meaningful consequence to not submitting the required information  
MOVED by CS Dennis Lougheed and seconded by RC Bill Weiler that the District A-15 Club Involvement Contest be eliminated. Carried.
    - 11.2.2. WHEREAS the District A-15 Plus One Membership Contest is very similar to the District A-15 100% Club Membership Chairs Award,  
MOVED by CS Dennis Lougheed and seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Norma Peterson that the District A-15 Plus One Membership Contest be eliminated. Carried.
    - 11.2.3. WHEREAS participation in the Club Visitation Contest is minimal,  
MOVED by CS Dennis Lougheed and seconded by IPDG Karen McNeight that the District A-15 Club Visitation Contest be eliminated.  
MOVED by RC Denis Vinette and seconded by ZC Rob Montgomery that the motion be tabled for further consideration and action at the June Cabinet meeting. Carried.
  - 11.3. Reporting Amendment  
WHEREAS the District A15 Monthly Activity Report duplicates much of the information called for in the LCI Monthly Activity Report, and  
WHEREAS the LCI Monthly Activity Report is available to District Officers,  
MOVED by CS Dennis Lougheed and seconded by CT Peter Oswald that the filing of a separate District A-15 Monthly Activity Report be eliminated and that where not already included, it's content be added to the LCI Monthly Activity Report.  
MOVED by IPDG Karen McNeight and seconded by ZC Gary Bell that the motion be tabled for further consideration and action at the June Cabinet meeting. Carried.
12. Candidates  
All in attendance at the Opening Ceremonies on Friday evening were reminded of the voting procedures. PDG John Brash introduced the candidates running for Region Chair and Zone Chair positions. Each was given three (3) minutes to be introduced and give their speech. No demonstrations were permitted.  
There were no candidates for Zone Chair 9E, Zone Chair 9 S, Zone Chair 37 W, Zone Chair 51 W.  
For Zone Chair 37 S, Lion Fran MacFarlane from the Innerkip & District Lions Club.



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For Zone Chair 51 E, Lion Don Irvine from the Guelph Lions Club.

For Region 9 Chair, ZC Lion Garry Bell from the Galt Cambridge Lions Club and ZC Lion Rob Montgomery from the Kitchener Pioneer Lions Club.

For Region 37 Chair, PRC Lion Henri Callebert from the Woodstock Lions Club.

For Region 51 Chair, PZC Lion John Rothwell from the Hillsburgh & District Lions club.

Last night the candidates seeking both Vice District Governor and District Governor positions made their presentations.

For 2nd Vice District Governor, RC Lion Denis Vinette from the Belwood & District Lions club.

For 1st Vice District Governor, 2nd VDG Lion Dan Ayim from the Galt Cambridge Lions club.

For the position of District Governor, 1st VDG Lion Norma Peterson from the Fergus Lions Club.

13. Award Presentation

13.1. Long Tail Awards

Wayne Litt of the Elmira Lions and Nancy Booth, Debbie Cserhalmi, Bea Dechert, Joan Edenborough, Linda Litt, Diane Smith and Eileen Taylor of the Woolwich Community Lions.

13.2. Proud Lion Awards – deferred to June due to absence of recipients.

13.3. Visitation Contest

Large Clubs (>25 members) Thamesford Lions

Small Clubs (<25 members) Ingersoll Lions

14. Adjournment at 10:45 AM until Sunday morning at 10:45

**Sunday 10:30 AM**

1. Call to order

The meeting of the District A-15 Cabinet was reconvened at 10:35 AM by Governor Todd Wilson

2. Remarks from International Guest

ID Carl Young extended his congratulations to the host clubs and the District on a very successful convention. He made special note of the obvious regard the District has for the quality and the efforts of its Leadership Team and in particular our sitting Governor. ID Carl expressed his and his wife Elizabeth's feelings of fellowship with the District.

3. Cabinet Reports *See attached*

IPDG Karen McNeight presented DG Todd with a number of appropriate gifts in recognition of past, current and continuing importance to us, the Lions of District A15 as well as his continued "maturation" with the passing of time.

4. "Earth Angel" Draw

Sponsored by the St Jacobs Lions, proceeds of \$500 were donated to the Dog Guide Program. The winner was Alice Stephens of St Jacobs.

5. Remarks from DG Todd Wilson

Attendees were informed of the International President's Letters of Commendation presented to RC's Tim DeBlock, Denis Vinette and Bill Weiler for their development and delivery of the very successful New Lions Orientation Program and the International President's Award (Medal) recognizing Leadership presented to PDG OJ Wilura. DG Todd commented on the quality of the entertainment provided at the Governor's Banquet; expressed his thanks to ID Carl Young for his attendance and his inspirational remarks; extended his thanks to all of the organizational committees and the host of volunteers from the Elmira and Woolwich Community Lions. He also thanked the Cabinet for its support and efforts over the past year.

6. Awards presentations

6.1. First Timers Contest

Fist Prize to Phil Hacock of the St Jacobs Lions Club of free registration and pin for the district convention next year along with a series of District A-15 pins.



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Second Prize to Karen Steenson of the Woolwich Community Lions of a set of A-15 LIONS pins.

- 6.2. Environmental Contest  
Marianne Ferguson of the St Marys Lions
- 6.3. Helen Keller Fellowship(s)
  - 6.3.1. Presented by MDA Hearing & Speech Action Chair Ray Ostapovich to A15 Hearing & Speech Committee Chair Jim Harris of the Galt Cambridge Lions for his efforts to bring Hearing Screening to A15.
  - 6.3.2. Presented by Lion Herman Boehmer of the Galt-Camabridge Lions to Lion Karen Cronin of the St Jacobs Lions for her long-standing support of Galt-Cambridge's Diabetes Breakfast.
- 6.4. Bulletin Contest – deferred to June
- 6.5. Special Presentations
  - 6.5.1. Convention Breakfast Committee Chair - \$145 in Breakfast donations to the Governor's Dog Guide Run Project.
  - 6.5.2. By 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Norma Peterson and Lion Eric of the Fergus of a Lions Car Flag to ID Carl Young
  - 6.5.3. By DG Todd Wilson and Linda of matching Lions Governor scarves made by Lion Vaughan Braby.

- 7. Report from Election Committee and announcing of results  
Thank you to PDG Lion Nancy Brash, PDG Lion Doug Smith, PDG Lion Jim Ryan, PDG Nancy Ransom, PDG Dave Rumble, PDG Jim Loucks, PDG Lion O.J. Wilura, and PDDG Lion George Patton. These were the Lions who helped with credentials and in the voting room.  
\$101.46 was collected in fines and donations for DG Lion Todd's Dog Guide Run at the LFC Breslau location.  
It is my pleasure as Elections & Credentials chair to give to you the following report:  
For the position of Region Chair Region 9

Number of eligible club votes:	52
Number of at large votes:	11
Total votes	63
Number of total votes cast	51

For the position of 2nd Vice District Governor:

Number of eligible club votes:	158
Number of at large votes:	32
Total votes	190
Number of total votes cast	155

For the position of 1st Vice District Governor:

Number of eligible club votes:	158
Number of at large votes:	32
Total votes	190
Number of total votes cast	155

For the position of District Governor:

Number of eligible club votes:	158
Number of at large votes:	32
Total votes	190
Number of total votes cast	155

The Results of the voting and the elected or acclaimed District Cabinet for the year 2011 - 2012:  
 The Zone Chair for Zone 37 South is Lion Fran MacFarlane from the Innerkip & District Lions Club  
 The Zone Chair for Zone 51 East is Lion Don Irvine from the Guelph Lions Club  
 The Region Chair for Region 9 is Z C Lion Rob Montgomery from the Kitchener Pioneer Lions Club  
 The Region Chair for Region 37 is PRC Lion Henri Callebert from the Woodstock Lions Lions Club  
 The Region Chair for Region 51 is PZC Lion John Rothwell from the Hillsburg & District Lions Club



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The 2nd Vice District Governor is RC Lion Denis Vinette from the Belwood & District Lions Club  
The 1st Vice District Governor is 2nd VDG Lion Dan Ayim from the Galt Cambridge Lions Club  
And for District Governor for the year 2010 – 2011 I am pleased to report that Lion Norma Peterson from the Fergus Lions Club has succeeded in receiving the YES vote.

8. Motion to destroy ballots

MOVED by ZC Gary Bell and seconded by ZC Denise Sutherland to destroy all ballots. Carried.

9. Recognition of new Cabinet

DGE Norma Peterson introduced the 2011/12 District A15 Cabinet consisting of IPDG Todd Wilson, DG Norma Peterson, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Dr Dan Ayim Dan, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Denis Vinette, CT Peter Oswald, CS Dennis Lougheed, RC 9 Rob Montgomery, ZC 9E Gary Bell, ZC 9S Stephen Hendry, RC 37 Henri Callebert, ZC 37S Fran MacFarlane, ZC 37W Paul Anstett, RC 51 John Rothwell, ZC51E Don Irvine, ZC 51W to be appointed.

10. DG-Elect

10.1. Remarks

First of all, thanks to PID Art, Governor Todd, Lion Chiefs Diane and Chris and your clubs for an excellent convention. We've been well fed and well entertained, especially last night!

One of my favourite T-shirts states the following quotation by the late Zora Neale Hurston, an African-American writer: *"I love myself when I am laughing ...and then again when I am looking mean and impressive."* I liked her statement so much I included it at the bottom of my first agenda as a zone chair. We thrive on fun and laughter but there are also times when we need to make tough decisions.

I'm incredibly proud to belong to this great organization and I will do my best to maintain our longstanding history of caring, integrity and excellent leadership here in District A-15. To all the Lions and clubs who welcomed us to your meetings and who supported me with your votes and best wishes, your belief in me means more than I can express in words alone. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

To all the cabinet members and committee chairs I've worked with since 2007, you've been a source of support, advice and humour!

Thank you to the Fergus Lions Club. I sincerely appreciate your financial support and help over the past few years in my journey of service towards district governor. And of course my heartfelt gratitude to Lion Eric, who joined Lions to help me and then found a great deal of satisfaction in his own roles in our organization. He's the "yin" to my "yang" or vice versa. He's been a sounding board and a great source of help and support. I may keep him around for another 39 years and almost 11 months!

My thanks as well to PDG Lion Larry and Lion Hilda Wainwright for your guidance and encouragement in ways too numerous to mention and for "adopting" us into your Lions extended family.

And while I hesitate to single out anyone else for their help on this incredible journey, I need to mention a few names: PCC Lion Bill Carson for taking a chance on me as zone chair four years ago; PDG Lion OJ Wilura for appointing me to two committees and allowing me the freedom to express myself in those roles; IPDG Lion Karen McNeight for never being too busy for our many e-mail discussions ... And for taking the rap for me in that case of mistaken identity! What happens at convention stays at convention!

And, finally, to District Governor Todd, it's not easy keeping up with someone young enough to be a ... younger brother! You've brought new ideas and a different style to our district ... and I know you'll bring the same charisma and passion to MD "A" and wherever else your Lions involvement may take you.

And we all owe a big debt of gratitude to Lynda and the kids for sharing you and your time and energy with us.

10.2. Special Presentation

Presented by DGE Norma to DG Todd in appreciation of her gratitude for his leadership and mentoring, of a wall hanging of Great Lakes Light Houses as a symbol of this year's Beacon of Hope theme.

11. Passing of the Campbell, oldest to newest

12. Convention Report

PID Art Woods extended his thanks to all who made the 2011 District A15 Convention the success that it was. Total registration was 584; First Timers was 22; Banquet attendance was 201 and there were 200 in attendance for the Saturday Lunch.



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13. Presentation of Flags to 2011 Convention Host Club

The A15 Convention Flag was transferred from this year's Host Clubs, the Elmira and Woolwich Community Lions to the 2011/12 Host Club the Kitchener Lions. The 2011/12 Convention will be held on April 27, 28 and 29 at the Kitchener Holiday Inn.

14. Adjournment at 11:55 AM

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**TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET  
May 7th, 2011 - Peter Oswald**

The financial records have been balanced and reconciled to the March 31 bank statements. The financial statements presented here are as at April 21, 2011 and fairly reflect the financial position of the District.

**ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS**

All Clubs have paid dues for 2010-11.

With respect to Revenue, we are on track and there is more interest income to be collected as well as pin sales.

With respect to Expenses, I am confident we will be satisfactory by year-end. We are over budget for pins purchased as an extra order was placed but a large portion of that amount will be recovered.

As funds come in early in the Lions year and the bulk of expenses for convention, leadership & awards are paid out in the latter part of the year, I have invested a portion of the surplus ADMIN funds (currently \$15,000 + emergency reserve of \$20,000 in GICs) to earn a little more interest.

**TRUST ACCOUNTS**

The balance sheet for the Trust accounts as at April 21, 2011 is an accurate reflection of all balances held in Trust and all accounts have been reconciled to the Bank records as at March 31, 2011.

The cost of curtains for the Breslau Pavilion has now been covered (small surplus of \$34).

There has been \$5,372 collected to date for the DG Leash Free Park (A15 Gog Guide Run) project.

The remainder of the Balance Sheet represents funds held in trust for various District projects. Funds collected for various Camps etc. will be forwarded to those organizations before the end of the Lions' year.



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## District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Administration Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2010 through Apr 21 2011

	Jul '10 - Jun 11	Budget	Over Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00
District Directory	120.00	125.00	-5.00
District Dues			
Dues - Collected	12,807.50	12,835.00	-27.50
<b>Total District Dues</b>	<b>12,807.50</b>	<b>12,835.00</b>	<b>-27.50</b>
Interest Earned	403.70	800.00	-396.30
Leadership Seminar Income	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00
Membership Assessment	2,260.50	2,265.00	-4.50
Pin Sales	1,594.95	1,250.00	344.95
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>18,486.65</b>	<b>18,575.00</b>	<b>-88.35</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>18,486.65</b>	<b>18,575.00</b>	<b>-88.35</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Awards</b>			
Awards - Cabinet	0.00	1,350.00	-1,350.00
Awards - Other	0.00	800.00	-800.00
<b>Total Awards</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,150.00</b>	<b>-2,150.00</b>
Badges & Patches	615.95	400.00	215.95
Bank Charges	195.65	350.00	-154.35
Cabinet Expense	1,559.46	1,600.00	-40.54
Convention Expense	273.88	1,100.00	-826.12
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair Expenses	356.50	850.00	-493.50
District Chair - Other	0.00	1,600.00	-1,600.00
MERL	1,285.55	3,500.00	-2,214.45
<b>Total District Chair Expense</b>	<b>1,642.05</b>	<b>5,950.00</b>	<b>-4,307.95</b>
District Directories	1,370.13	1,295.00	75.13
Governor's Newsletter	0.00	210.00	-210.00
Internet	63.38	150.00	-86.62
Leadership Seminar	141.74	1,500.00	-1,358.26
Miscellaneous	0.00		
Pins Purchased	3,769.99	1,525.00	2,244.99
Postage & Telephone	88.05	200.00	-111.95
Printing & Stationery	271.62	600.00	-328.38
USA / Canada Forum	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>11,491.90</b>	<b>18,530.00</b>	<b>-7,038.10</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>6,994.75</b>	<b>45.00</b>	<b>6,949.75</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Other Expense</b>			
Exchange Gain/Loss	1.07		
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>1.07</b>		
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>-1.07</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-1.07</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>6,993.68</b>	<b>45.00</b>	<b>6,948.68</b>



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## District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust Balance Sheet As of 22 April 2011

	<u>22 Apr 11</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
CIBC - Lions Quest Imprest	5,390.67
CIBC - Eff. Speaking Impst	4,641.95
CIBC - Grant Hospital	2,063.19
CIBC - Trust Account	29,442.43
CIBC - Youth	
Youth Exchange Imprest	17,433.82
Youth Investments	12,397.94
Total CIBC - Youth	<u>29,831.76</u>
Investments	
GIC Grant Hospital	30,000.00
QUEST - Investment	15,000.00
Investments - Other	10,392.14
Total Investments	<u>55,392.14</u>
Youth Camp Capital Fund	<u>7,542.71</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>134,304.85</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>134,304.85</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>134,304.85</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Camp Dorset	4,000.00
Camp Huronda	100.00
Camp Trillium	100.00
Diabetes Awareness	750.00
Diabetes Tag Day	316.12
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	4,641.95
Hearing Conservation	450.00
Hearing Equipment	423.42
Lake Joseph	1,800.00
LCIF - Grant Hospital	32,063.19
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Breslau Pavillion	34.37
Dog Guides	1,500.00
Leash Free Park	5,372.00
Lions Foundation of Canada - Other	500.00
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	<u>7,406.37</u>
Lions Home for Deaf People	1,000.00
LIONS Quest Contra Account	20,390.67
Peace Poster	3,430.48
Sight Conservation	12,140.85
Vision Screening	7,917.33
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	29,831.76
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>126,762.14</u>
Total Current Liabilities	126,762.14
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	<u>7,542.71</u>
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>7,542.71</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>134,304.85</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>134,304.85</u></b>





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**District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Administration**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of 22 April 2011**

	22 Apr 11
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>	
<b>Cash</b>	
CIBC - Bank Account	4,883.87
CIBC - Investments	35,000.00
CIBC USD Account	12.82
International Director Fund	3,751.23
New Club Assessment Fund	9,054.97
<b>Total Cash</b>	52,702.89
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	52,702.89
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
Convention Gifts	450.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	450.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	53,152.89
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>53,152.89</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Convention Fund	5,773.26
DGE Spouse Travel	2,000.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	7,773.26
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	7,773.26
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>	
International Director - Contra	3,751.23
New Club Assessment - Contra	9,054.97
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	12,806.20
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	20,579.46
<b>Equity</b>	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	20,000.00
Retained Earnings	4,889.21
Net Income	6,993.68
<b>Total Equity</b>	32,573.43
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>53,152.89</b>



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**CABINET REPORTS – May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 2011**

**1<sup>st</sup> VDG – Norma Peterson**

As we approach the end of this Lions year, I want to reiterate how much I've enjoyed serving as 1st Vice District Governor over the past 10 months. It's been an honour and a privilege working with my colleagues on cabinet, the committee chairs and the clubs and individual Lions in District A-15!

My travels during February included attending two zone meetings, the Region 51 orientation evening and a combined zone meeting plus taking a shift at the District A-15 booth at the Total Woman Show, making an official visit to the St. Jacobs Lions Club, and a second trip to the Marsville & District Lions Club Community Breakfast, a new venture for that club.

The month of March brought with it the opportunity to attend another Multiple District "A" training session and council meeting in Markham, on March 4 and 5, followed by a very enjoyable A-15 Greekfest in Cambridge that evening. I've also been busy meeting the ongoing deadlines for the required online assignments from Lion Clubs International. And I encourage other club and district leaders to consider taking advantage of the many online learning opportunities from LCI. The rest of the month included attending two more combined zone meetings and the third of three successful orientation evenings, a visit to the District A-2 convention, and a trip to the Children's Hospital in London for a celebration of the Healing Garden. The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place in September.

During April I enjoyed the 80th anniversary celebrations of the Woodstock and Paris Lions Clubs on April 5 and April 9 respectively but plans to attend the MD "A" Effective Speaking contest necessitated my absence from the Thamesford Lions Club 50th anniversary party on April 30. Congratulations again to those three clubs on many years of service to their communities and also to Brantford Lions Club on its 85th anniversary and to Burford Lions Club on its 65th milestone this Lions year. I'm also looking forward to helping the Hillsburgh & District Lions Club celebrate their 40th anniversary on June 8.

Activities during the past month also included helping with the District A-15 Effective Speaking contest on April 9 in Guelph and my first visit to Lions Camp Dorset on April 16 for the clean up. Although able to participate only on the Saturday, that was sufficient time to bond with the other helpers and to connect with the actual camp. The hands-on experience at this vacation opportunity for those on dialysis, gave new meaning to the vision and efforts of those especially committed to the camp. Thank you to all the clubs and individuals who helped on that weekend and who have supported Lions Camp Dorset through donations and by voting in the Pepsi Challenge!

And the last few months have also brought with them the opportunity for as many campaign/long tailed visits as possible. Thank you to the clubs of District A-15 for your food and fellowship, and for entrusting me with inductions, the installation of officers and important presentations at your meetings. It's been an honour and a privilege sharing your achievements and your challenges.

Thank you Lion Eric for all your help and enthusiasm. Thank you to the Fergus Lions Club for your ongoing support ... but most of all thank you to all the clubs in District A-15 ... for you continue to be the beacons of hope in your respective communities!

**2<sup>nd</sup> VDG – Dan Ayim**

Since the end of January, I completed my official visits on behalf of the governor and continued meeting Lions from all regions of the district by attending zone and combined zone meetings as well as other Lions activities. From discussions with Lions and from the secretaries' MMR and MAR reports, it is a joy to observe that Lionism remains alive and well in A-15.

Attendance at the district Effective Speaking Contest in Guelph was impressive; I congratulate the many contestants as well as the District Chair, Lion Ernie, on a job well done. Still with youth activities, it was a great learning experience for me at MDA annual Leo conference which I attended as observer in February at Thorn Hill, Ontario.

It was an honour for me to participate in welcoming new members into our great organization at Rockton and Galt Cambridge Lions Clubs.

Although I could not attend all member orientation sessions, I must commend the three Region Chairs, Lions Bill, Denis and Tim for their informative presentations.

District Chair for Cultural and community Activities, Lion Ajit Manku, and his committee staged an entertaining event, *Greek-Fest*, in March. It was well attended. The audience had a fun-filled evening - good food, Greek music and dance and fellowship among fellow Lions and guests. I congratulate Lion Ajit and his committee on a job well done.

I thank you, Gov. Todd and cabinet, for the opportunity to serve with you during 2010/2011 Lions year.



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**RC 9 - Bill Weiler**

The last of the 3 Regional Orientation Meetings was held on March 29<sup>th</sup> at the New Dundee Community Hall. Over 100 Lions attended to hear the presentation.

Visited a number of Clubs since the last Cabinet Meeting, witnessed the induction of new members at some of the Clubs, and enjoyed hearing of the activities that our Clubs are involved in.

It has been another successful year for the Clubs in Region 9, and I wish you continued success as you move forward into the 2011 – 2012 Lions Year. We urgently need some of our members to come forward and consider running for Zone Chair in both 9E and 9S.

Our future as an organization depends on new leaders with new ideas and enthusiasm.

Please accept my thanks for the privilege of working with you this year. It has been very constructive, and the Orientation meetings along with RC Denis Vinette and RC Tim DeBlock show how working together creates great accomplishment and fun.

**ZC 9E – Garry Bell**

It's hard to believe the year is almost at an end. The Convention and elections in May form the cabinet for the coming year. Election of officers for the many clubs in the district also takes place.

I have had a great Lions year. Many at last year's convention, following my election as Zone 9 Chair, commented on how much fun you will have. Let me say how true they were.

In my journeys this year to various clubs on official visits or on the campaign trail I have had the privilege to meet some truly dedicated Lions.

Lion's membership makes up the backbone for our District, Region and Zone. Keep up the great work you do for the good of Lionism in your community. Continue to be a "Beacon of Hope" for the needy and less fortunate.

To the clubs in Zone 9 East, the best Zone in A15, thank you for your

Hospitality. I was made to feel at home no matter what club I visited. I managed to take away new ideas for tail twisting, some great ideas out there.

To Cabinet and District Governor Lion Todd, what a fabulous learning experience this has been. To be on Cabinet and serve your Zone or Region is something every Lion should strongly consider. The experience and training only helps to build stronger Lions and stronger Clubs.

See you at the Ottawa convention, or perhaps in Alaska, at the US/Canada Forum in September.

**ZC 9S – Rob Montgomery**

2010-11 has been an amazing year of learning, visiting new clubs and interacting with new Lions of 9S. I have had the privilege of Inducting new Lions, presenting awards and most of all, working with the Lions of 9S. To date I have completed all my Club visits, Zone & Joint Zone meetings, Orientation and feel lighthearted at the same time as this year is almost over.

I thank Governor Todd and the Lions of 9S for this amazing opportunity and I have also learned so much more about Lionism.

I wish all Lions of A-15 all the best and hope to see everyone next Year.

Have a safe and wonderful summer everyone!

**RC37 – Tim DeBlock**

By the calendar it is spring and Convention is close at hand but looking outside it seems more like we should be getting ready for Ground Hog day!!

The Lions Year has slipped by with new Club Executives elected and soon a new District Cabinet. Congratulations to the Clubs of 37 for all they have accomplished this past year and for aligning themselves for great things in the future.

It should also be noted the contribution through Leadership our two Zone Chairs, Lion MaryAnn and Lion Paul, have made to our Region and District. Thank-you!

One high personally in Lionism was getting to work on DG Todd's project for Orientation with Region Chairs Denis and Bill. Not only to learn about and appreciate the amazing organization we are part of, but also about two Gentlemen who are gifts to their communities and our District. It really gives one incentive to meet and work with others in Service!



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**ZC 37S – Mary Ann Ward**

Since the last Cabinet Meeting, I have completed my club visits except for New Hamburg which RC Tim did for me. My home Club the Ingersoll Lions and myself hosted the Joint Zone/ Candidate Dinner and meeting with great success. Over 80 members attended and an enjoyable evening was had by all. Many thanks to Lion Chief Rudy and the rest of the Club for all their support and assistance. I also attended the 80th Anniversary dinner in Woodstock and look forward to Thamesford's 50th Anniversary still to come this month. I expect to attend the Training Seminar and the District Convention in May.

I have enjoyed my position as Zone Chair for 2010/1011 and thank all for allowing me the experience.

**ZC 37W – Paul Anstett**

I wish to thank the Lions, Lioness, Leos and their respective Clubs of Zone 37W for their support this past Lions year. It is very gratifying to know that the challenges of today's Lions, Lioness & Leos are still being met in a very positive manner. The continued support of each Club in their individual communities is alive and thriving. With the many fundraising efforts and new and recurring projects, the spirit of Lionism is very strong in Zone 37W. Thank you Lions for your Service, your communities and fellow earth mates do appreciate what you do and stand for.

Thank you District Governor Todd and Cabinet for your support in me this year. Thank you to Zone 37S Mary Ann Ward and Region 37 Chair Tim DeBlock, working with you guys was a blast and I have great memories of 2010--2011 Lions. I have enjoyed being Zone Chair immensely and my knowledge about Lionism in my Zone, Region and District and International has increased as well.

I am pleased to report that I have completed all of my required visitations as well as attending two Zone 37W Zone Meetings, the Joint Zone meeting with 37S and the Region Rally. All meetings were very well attended by the Clubs in each Zone & Region.

I am happy to announce that all 9 clubs in Zone 37W have made contributions to Lions Quest, thereby making Zone 37W a Champion Zone. Congratulations to each Club and Thank You.

I look forward with earnest to the Convention this weekend in Elmira.

**RC 51 – Denis Vinette**

With great delight, I would like to take this opportunity to personally congratulate the Ariss and District Lions for becoming the newest club to proudly be of Region 51 and express my thanks to the Royal City (Guelph) Lions Club for their efforts towards this great accomplishment. This new club, the result of the work of so many, is a shining example of what can come from the display of our proud emblem. (Plan to attend the charter night on May 30<sup>th</sup> in St. Jacobs for an explanation).

It is said that the best "job" in Lionism is "Zone Chair". Upon looking back on my experiences in serving the 18 clubs (so far) in Region 51 and having worked closely with RC 9 – Lion Bill Weiler and RC 37 -Lion Tim DeBlock on this year's Orientation Nights, I think "Region Chair" must be a very close second (if not a tie). This "next step" position in our district gives an individual a wide-area experience and helps build an increased understanding of, as I have stated many times, just how similar and yet, in some way, how diverse our service is. The openness and fellowship with the clubs in our region and in our entire district is second to none and I would like to express my appreciation for all the input I received. I hope that, in some fashion, I have been of assistance where I was called upon.

I am also pleased to report that, as of this writing, Region 51 can boast of a growth of 32 members (5.8 %) since the beginning of this Lions Year. This was made possible, in large part by the effort to charter in Ariss but also due, in no small way, to the revitalization effort that I have found in each and every club this year. The overwhelming participation by new and not-so-new members at the Orientation Nights proves to me that our clubs are committed to nurturing and supporting their members in whatever way they can. I believe this increase in membership is also a result, in part, by the conscientious and devoted effort of Zone Chairs, Lion Denise and Lion Wolfgang. Their persistent work to assist, provide guidance and to promote the Lions way in their respective areas is a model for Zone Chairs to come. *Kudos* to you both for a job well done.

For the balance of this year, I continue to make myself available for any service I may be able to provide and I thank you, DG Lion Todd, for choosing to make the Region Chair position an integral part of your district team this year.

**ZC 51W – Denise Sutherland**

Since the last cabinet meeting I have completed all of my visitations and have been pleased to attend at various clubs to induct new members. We held both Zone and Joint Zone Meetings which were well attended.



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**ZC 51E – Wolfgang Boelke**

I am proud to say that Zone 51-East is very active & involved in their Communities, Eye Screening was very successful this Lions year, there seems to be more Students this year. All 9 Clubs are doing well in their fund raising & increasing their Membership.

The Guelph Royal City Lions Club is pleased and proud to be the sponsor for the Ariss and District Lions Club and there Charter Night on May 30,2011.

The Lions Family took on a big challenge, The Pepsi challenge for Camp Dorset to raise money for Dialysis machines and won the \$100,000, what an achievement!

Thank you to the Rockwood & District Lions Club for hosting our Zone Meeting 51-East. And thank you the St. Jacobs Lions for hosting 51-E and 51-W combined Zone Meeting, both meetings great Speakers and a good turn out, thank you Zone Chair 51-W Lion Denise Sutherland.

Thanks to Governor Todd and the Cabinet my Clubs and Lions for a great year as you Zone Chair 51-E

**COMMITTEE REPORTS – May 7th & 8th 2011**

**NO ACTIVITY TO REPORT**

**Constitution & By-Laws** – PDDG George Patton

**Protocol** – PID Art Woods

**REPORTS NOT RECEIVED**

**A15 Five Oaks Liaison** – Lion Marysa Rumble –Lauriault

**District Bulletin** – PRC Gerry Runstedler

**Information Technology** – PRC Stephen Jones

**LFC** – PDG John Paff & IPDG Karen McNeight

**MERL – Revitalization**

**Opportunities For Youth** – Lion Don Irvine

**Services For Children** – Lion Don Irvine

**Screening** – PRC Charlie Davis

**Alert** – Lion Troy Mills

**Essay For Visually Impaired** – Lion Joan Edenborough

**International Relations** – PID Bruce Murray

**MDA Lions Magazine Correspondent** – Lion Tracy Brant

**No Child Without** – PRC Gerry Runstedler

**Peace Poster** – Lion Joan Edenborough

**Sight Conservation & Campus Clubs** – Lion Ken Olive

**Sight Technical Resources** – PCS Ted Rypma

**REPORTS RECEIVED**

**Camp Coordinator** – ZC Rob Montgomery

Lions and guests of A-15, I would like to personally thank the following clubs for their assistance during camp cleanup: Fergus, Cambridge Highland, Waterloo, Kitchener, Kitchener Pioneer, Belwood & District, Marsville & District, and the Lions of St. Jacobs. We had a great weekend of fun and fellowship and also great food, but the weather did not play in our favor. The lake was still frozen and we had rain mixed with snow on Saturday. Camp director Steve has thanked us for the amount of work that we did accomplish. Next year we are hoping to have this work weekend sometime in May or June as this year the weather was not with us to get the outside work completed.

On August 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a Grand Open House at CNIB Lake Joseph Center, for more info [www.cniblakejoseph.com](http://www.cniblakejoseph.com).

Camp Kirk is seeking to expand in many of their in camp programs, for further information please see [campkirk.com/news.html](http://campkirk.com/news.html).

Once again thank you to all and hopefully next will be even better!

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

The Second District A-15 International Festival was held at the United Kingdom of Cambridge on March 5, 2011. The theme was on the Greek Cultural – food and display of Greek Dances by Aphrodite Dancers of the Greek-Cypriot Community of Waterloo Region.

It is an exceptional evening as about 100 special Lions, and non-Lions were able to join us. There were 25 more Lions attending the Festival than last year. The attendees were able to capture some magical moments, created happy memories and surrounded themselves with laughter and friendship.

I thank all the Lions who assisted me in organizing the festival especially: the people who helped me to get the festival organized for this year, the people who took tickets and pins around to various clubs, and sold them, the people who



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helped set up the hall including my wife, Surinder. It took a lot of work to organize this event, and without their assistant, it could have been difficult task to accomplish it.

For our second cultural event we were very pleased that District Governor Todd Wilson and Lynda again attended with their three children; Lydia, Amilya and Zain.

It was PDG Lion Don Gamble's 85th Birthday celebrated with Charlotte and family members and all present - A piece of Birthday Cake for everyone.

Lions can visit Galt Cambridge Lions website to see International Festival pictures.

<http://www.galtcambridgelions.com/folder1011/greekfest.html>

**Diabetes Awareness – PCS Ian Robb**

The year is continuing a strong effort. Participation in the 2nd annual Tag Day on November 13, 2010 was good. The final tally was over \$6,000. In addition, St Agatha's "Dash for Diabetes" raised over \$2700 the following day.

By convention time Woolwich Community and Galt-Cambridge will have held breakfasts, and plans for Diabetes Awareness Breakfasts are underway in at least 2 more clubs. Paris held a successful dinner in the fall. We still hope for at least one event in each zone.

John Camelford is the new Development Coordinator for the Central West Ontario Region of the Canadian Diabetes Association. His contact info is as follows:

(519) 742-1481x224(KW& Area)

(519) 837-9455x224(Guelph&Area)

(519) 942-1800x224(OrangevilleArea)

Fax: (519) 742-1282

Email: [john.camelford@diabetes.ca](mailto:john.camelford@diabetes.ca)

I can be available to any of the Zone Chairs or individual clubs, if needed. Canadian Diabetes and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation contacts will gladly arrange speakers.

**Effective Speaking – Lion Ernie Kaethler**

This report to DG Todd's A-15 Cabinet gives me the opportunity to say mega THANKS, to the many Lions volunteers & A-15 clubs who have contributed to the success of this Opportunities For Youth program.

The A-15 District competition, held in Guelph on Sat April 9th was quite successful. There were a total of 43 speeches in 7 (of 8) categories. 5 FIRST place category winners are expected to go to Toronto on April 30th - MDA Finals. They are:

Amandreo Cortes, Junior English -Guelph LC; Charlotte Hackner, Junior French - Guelph LC; Nathan Bos, Intermediate English - Sheffield LC; Morgan Wase, Senior English - St Agatha & District LC; and Ashley Hammerbacher, Senior French - K-W Community Spirit LC.

33 clubs of our district have contributed over \$6 000 (average \$182 per donation). We started "in the black" and hope to end that way. Let's keep up the commitment. The budget is tight and if there are clubs who have not contributed you are encouraged to consider doing so.

All students excelled. They are a "Beacon of Hope" and inspiration to their family, their community and to our country's future. Thank You, DG, Lion Todd, Cabinet and all District A-15 clubs for your support, both financial and volunteer time at your own club competitions and at the A-15 District competition.

I would ask all the clubs in our district to continue their support of this very worthwhile program. For those able, please budget a minimum of \$200 for 2011 - 12: could I be so bold as to suggest \$220? Do what is possible; it will be well spent and greatly appreciated.

Zones 37W is under-represented, that is, have no student contestants coming to the A-15 District Finals. Information and encouragement is available in the form of a District A-15 winner/contestant presenting his/her speech at your club, at which time the planning mo-jo (motivational juices) can be brought to move. Just give me a call.



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**Elections & Credentials** – PDG John Brash

I have mailed out to all clubs and at-large delegates the credential certificates needed for the convention weekend. The committee will be credentializing delegates, alternates and at-large voters that weekend with the voting taking place on the Sunday morning.

I was invited to only one Joint Zone Advisory meetings which was held as a candidate's night.

There are candidates for all positions except Zone Chair in Zone 9 S, Zone Chair 9 E, Zone Chair 37 W and Zone Chair in 51 W. We do have the position of Region Chair Region 9 being contested.

After the poll closes, votes reconciled, I will be announcing the results.

**Environment** – PDG OJ Wilura

As reported previously, the District A15 Environmental Photo was broadcast by email several times during the year and the photos submitted are on display at this convention. I encourage those attending the convention to pick up a ballot and vote for the photo you feel is the best.

I provided information on Earth Day hoping that clubs in our District would participate in any way that could. Projects were taken from the Activities Reports and ranged from roadside cleanup, can aluminum can and bottle collection, BBQ removal and paper collection just to a few. The information was passed onto the MD"A" Environment Chair for her report to Council in June.

As the "Beacon of Hope" shines around the world it also shines on the environment, an issue we all should be aware of and concerned about.

On May 25<sup>th</sup>, I hope to have about a dozen Lions members out at Breslau, solely to repair the name plaques and poles that have been deteriorating as well as the placing the new ones in front of the trees that have been ordered this year.

Finally, just a reminder and to noted the change, the Breslau LFC facility ground clean up is set for Wednesday, **June 01, 2011, rain or shine**, with the Rededication Service on Saturday, June 04<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:30 am. As usual and with thanks, the Elmira Lions Club will be in charge of the lunch.

**Health Sciences Project** - RC Bill Weiler

This Lion's year will see the close of the Health Sciences Project.

A cheque for \$2,000 was paid to Groves Memorial Hospital by the Linwood Lions Club in March in support of our commitment to provide great teaching technology to our Doctors who must train the new students. Any outstanding commitment still to be received will go towards the \$4,000 still owing on the unit at Groves in Fergus.

I would like to thank all the Clubs who donated to this extremely worthy cause, and to show that Lions contribute to their communities to support vital needs to all citizens..

We are graduating 28 Doctors each year, after which they go into a residency program for 2 years to become family physicians, and then into our communities to serve our citizens.

It has been an honour for me to represent A15 in this project, and I sincerely thank everyone for their contribution to the Health Sciences Project.

**Hearing & Speech Action** – Lion Jim Harris

The schools of Cambridge are completed. There have been Child Fairs that are completed, as well as Y.M.C.A. Hearing Clinics. There have been no other schools done other than the schools in Cambridge. On April 27<sup>th</sup> I will be showing Paris Lions, the way the Hearing Screening operates. It is still running about 16% referral to their family Doctor for followup. I will be taking approximately 150 used hearing aids to the Canadian Hearing Society where they are rebuilt and then used over seas..

**LCIF** – PCC Bill Carson

Lions who follow reports from Oak Brook & visitors to the LCIF website are well aware of the frequency of need for support from our Foundation, particularly as such relates to disasters.

We are very proud to have served this District in promoting the ongoing need for funding and opportunities to recognize worthy Lions and others with awarding of Melvin Jones Fellowships.

Governor Todd and this Chair announced to Cabinet and Lions of A15 that we had committed our District to meet and exceed a 2010-2011 fundraising target of \$24,000 by year end June 30/11.

Notwithstanding the many causes requiring Lions financial support, we issued the challenge with confidence that our Lions would not let us down.



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A report was published last month for all Districts under Canadian jurisdiction and relative success ranked in descending order of success.

Not only was A15 the #1 performer, but the only one that in 9 months year to date, that had exceeded plan and broken through the 100% target.

Your Governor and this Chair salute you as proud Lions of A15, Lions in the District of the world of Lionism who have once again proven to be the model of how it should be done for all that we stand for.

Every Lion in our District should stand proudly when accounting for our service to Lions and community.

I express sincere appreciation for those less privileged and those victims of disaster, for your generosity.

Please continue to keep LCIF in the forefront of your fund raising activities.

**LEO – Lion Raymond Taylor**

The St. Marys LEO Club assisted with a Pumpkin Toss on October 17, 2010 at McCully's Hill Farm. People rode up the hill on the wagon and for \$2.00, guessed how far the pumpkins would fly once launched. The horses were more than happy to stand by and help clean up the shattered pumpkins.

The St. Marys LEO Club held a very successful Haunted Halloween Walk on Saturday, October 30, 2010 at McCully's Hill Farm. Several hundred people rode up the hill in wagons and were shuddering in their boots as they entered the barn where strange things were happening and scary sounds could be heard ... but not everyone came out! They also had the opportunity to walk through the very frightening corn maze and take part in a pumpkin carving contest.

On November 12, 2010, several members of the St. Marys LEO Club along with members of the St. Marys Lions Club participated in the annual St. Marys Santa Claus Parade. The LEO's enjoyed interacting with the huge crowd along the parade route and proudly carrying their banner.

The Village of Embro LEO's were invited by the Woodstock Lions Club to join them for their annual Christmas party on December 13, 2010.

December 17, 2010 was the date of the annual St. Marys LEO Club Christmas party which was held at St. Marys Presbyterian Church. The dinner was catered by Kim Taylor who prepared spaghetti, meatballs, ceaser salad and garlic bread. LEO Kelly made bubble bread for dessert!

This is the first year that the St. Marys LEO Club sponsored a family for Christmas with the assistance of the St. Marys Salvation Army. Several LEO's went shopping for Christmas gifts and delivered them to the Salvation Army to be placed into the family's hamper for Christmas morning.

The Village of Embro LEO Club held a very successful bake sale on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at the Cheese House in Embro.

The Multiple District 'A' LEO Conference was held on February 26, 27 & 28 and was attended and thoroughly enjoyed by LEO's from across the province including those from the St. Marys LEO Club and the Village of Embro LEO Club. A wonderful and informative weekend was enjoyed by all.

It was a pleasure to have our special guest Lion Tim Deblock, Region 37 Chair preside over an induction ceremony on February 22, 2011 as we welcomed three new LEO's into the St. Marys LEO Club. The club was also very pleased to welcome special guest Lion Paul Anstett, Zone Chair 37 West to our club meeting on March 8, 2011. Lion Paul did a presentation to the club and showed the video, 'The Flying Lion'. We would like to thank Lion Tim and to Lion Paul for sharing their knowledge, their ambition and inspiration to our young LEO's.

Two new members were inducted into the Village Of Embro LEO Club on Monday, March 7 while attending a dinner meeting with the Woodstock Lions Club.

How did you participate in Earth Hour on March 26? Several members of the St. Marys LEO Club gathered at Leo Kelly's residence to play games, enjoy a snack and share stories by candlelight.

On April 12, the Village of Embro LEO Club held a potluck dinner during their 'Bring a Friend Night', producing four prospective new members for their club.

Easter is quickly approaching and the St. Marys LEO Club have been busy for the third year in a row selling Solid Milk Chocolate Easter Bunnies for the St. Marys Lions Club. This year they sold 6 cases of Easter Bunnies to eager shoppers.

**Lions Quest – PID Bruce Murray**

The contributions and efforts made by District A15 have made a very significant impact upon the financial difficulties which Lions Quest had been experiencing. The 100% District Champion Club Program of \$250 per Club and \$5000 for the District has been exceeded by just over \$20000.





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**Long Range Planning – PDG Thom Herrmann**

Recently the Governor directed me to review the awards to be made at the end of the year. This was a long overdue task made more urgent by the change from a MERL approach to the new (and as yet undocumented) change to GML and GMT programs by LCI.

The review was based on consultation with the Cabinet Secretary, the documentation in the District Directory and the information available on the District web site. It found several problems that should be addressed.

1. Many awards have low club participation rates
2. Some redundancy between awards
3. Excessive or unnecessary documentation
4. Similar awards have very different reporting channels
5. Layout of awards and fellowships are confusing in Directory

I will briefly address these individually.

1. Low Participation Rates

Using the Visitation Award as an example, last year there were only 5 clubs out of the 52 in the district reporting necessary information for the award. While it is important to encourage visitation this award no longer seems to be achieving that goal. This depth of participation should question the continuation of similar awards and re-evaluation of their effect of accomplishment of goals.

2. Redundancy

The District has a 100% Club Membership Chairs Award as well as a Plus One Membership Contest (on net only) that in most instances parallel each other. The “I am the One” and “Plus One” pins should be retained as individual recognition awards but the Contest should be eliminated to reduce redundancy.

Similar redundancy should be identified and eliminated.

3. Excessive or unnecessary documentation

One example of this is the District A15 Monthly Activity Report. This reporting requirement of District Clubs to file both the International as well as District monthly Activities Report is no longer necessary as the International report now contains most of the information required in the District Report and is available to members of Voting Cabinet. The single source electronic version trumps the District filing. In addition the Cabinet Secretary has to collect from many sources to keep track of the awards which requires much time and effort to collect information that can be attained by one time application submission for the awards.

4. Similar awards have very different reporting channels

The Club Excellence Award, the 100% Secretary, the 100% Treasurer, the 100% Club Membership Chair are awards that have a similar purpose but have very different reporting channels. All of these (and others) should have a streamed lined reporting procedure probably via the Cabinet Secretary and on to the Governor.

5. Layout of awards and fellowships are confusing in Directory

At present the District Directory has Club Contests (p106) and a Lions Members Award and Fellowships (p110). The Club Contests are limited to the Visitation and Bulletin Contests. The Lions Member Awards and Fellowship begins with the Melvin Jones Fellowship and is immediately followed by the International Life Membership, and LFC Fellowship Awards (that are really not awards but recognitions). Then come the Individual Leadership Recognition Awards (Club Excellence, 100% Secretary, 100% Treasurer, 100% Club Membership Chair Awards). Next we find the Individual recognition awards (A15 Proud Lion, A15 Long Tail, A15 Art Woods Golden Tree Awards. Then we are back to the Fellowships (Brain Stevenson [LFC], Bruce Murray Fellowship [A15 Youth Exchange/Camp] and on and on. I would suggest the next Directory organize the awards as Awards (District [subdivided into Club and Individual Awards], International (Club Excellence, etc.) and then a complete list of Fellowships (District, MD'A' and International Individual Recognition via Fellowships and similar mementos).

The Cabinet Secretary has many suggestions with which I concur, plus he has the ability to make motions, therefore I will defer to him to make the specific recommendations in the form of motions to be acted upon by the Cabinet.



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**MERL – Chair** - 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Norma Peterson

The 2010-2011 Lions year has definitely been a period of transition, a time of anticipating and planning for the new GMT/GLT structure while continuing many of the longstanding and newer traditions of our district such as handing out “Plus 1/I’m the 1” pins at inductions; promoting the need for a membership plan for each club; organizing an event under Family & Women’s Membership Development; and responding to requests for membership promotion and revitalization assistance when needed.

In my January report, I referred to the proposed changes for our existing membership structure. MERL, as we know it, will cease to exist. Districts will continue to promote Membership, Extension, Revitalization and Leadership but organized differently under the Global Membership Team and the Global Leadership Team.

The Governor and the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors will serve on both teams with the 1st VDG as the primary liaison on the GMT and the 2nd VDG with the same purpose on the GLT. As with our MERL tradition, I personally envision the continued involvement of the region and zone chairs under the new structure, with the three region chairs organizing the highly successful and popular orientation evenings and the zone chairs as the “front line” contacts, those working most closely with the individual clubs and sharing any concerns or ideas with the other members of the district GMT and GLT. Per the requirements of the new structure, Governor Todd, 2nd VDG Dan and I have been working on filling the GMT and GLT positions and almost everything is in place at the time of writing this report. I’m sure that District A-15 will be well served by the experience and enthusiasm of the individuals themselves and by the positive synergy of the two new teams. And as we come closer to the end of the Lions year, I’d like to thank the various “letters” of the MERL team: PRC Jack Broadfoot for Membership; PZC John Rothwell for Extension; and PDG Doug Smith for Leadership. I encourage you to read their individual reports. I’d also like to thank Lion Mary Rothwell, in her role of chairing the Family & Women’s Membership Development Committee, for both the concept and successful organization of a significant Lions presence at the Total Woman Show in Kitchener on February 12 and 13!

And although we’re missing an individual “R” this year, we’ve had no shortage of exceptional Lions willing to step in when necessary for Revitalization purposes.

I’d like to thank all the clubs who have already submitted a membership plan and to let the others know that there’s still time to prepare one.

I encourage you to take advantage of our own District A-15 Leadership Seminar on Sunday, June 5; the MD“A” MERL Team workshops on Saturday, May 28; or the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in September in Alaska.

I also hope to see many of you at the Charter Night for the new Ariss & District Lions Club on Monday, May 30.

Congratulations to the club members, to Guelph Royal City Lions Club and to all those involved with this outstanding success story!

**MERL – Extension** – PZC John Rothwell

The Lions of the Ariss Club should be congratulated that all their efforts and hard work have come to fruition.

The full status has been confirmed as of the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2011 and the charter night set Monday May 30<sup>th</sup> 2011

Excellent work, job well done

I would like to thank all the clubs that have given feed back on their ideas of where there could be opportunities for new clubs.

The feed back has been excellent and there are some exciting ideas.

**MERL – Leadership** – PDG Doug Smith

The A-15 Leadership Seminar is scheduled for June 5th at the Wilmot Recreation Centre, 1291 Nafziger Road, north of Hwy 7/8 between Baden and New Hamburg. The place has an entrance at grade level and an elevator to the 2nd floor making the facility accessible for all Lions. Capacity is 200 +, so bring as many Lions as possible. The place has been booked and all presenters are in place. Sessions are scheduled for all members. The event is once again being hosted by the New Hamburg Lions and our many thanks goes out to them. As usual the event is free and open to all Lions.

We are actively working with the Merl Team in the Charter of the Ariss and District Lions Club for their Charter night on May 30th.

The 2011 USA/CANADA Forum is in Anchorage, Alaska, September 22nd -24th. Book tyour plans now for the 2011 Forum in Alaska.

**MERL – Membership** – PRC Jack Broadfoot

Yes it is time to take credit for your success as our total Membership numbers are still climbing, we are a plus 27 at the end of March from the end of June 2010, we are at a total of 1542 members. This shows that our Membership Plans DO work. Please keep up the good work and let us all enjoy the Convention.



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**MERL – Family & Women’s Membership – Lion Mary Rothwell**

The total woman show in Kitchener went very well. We came in touch with over 2000 women over the two-day event. We had a draw and asked people who were interested in learning more about Lions to put their names on the back of the draw form and I gave the names to the clubs in the area they live. I also passed them on to DG Todd so he could give them special attention and to past them on to the right area. We feel that the exposure we got at the show was more than we expected. I also feel that we the Lions should do it again next year. Next year will be better because we know what to expect.

**Past District Governors – PDG OJ Wilura**

There is very little to report on other than the Breslau pavilion curtains have been paid for and in full. The little bit of excess money in the fund will go to Governor Todd’s project at this facility. The committee would like to offer its appreciation to all those clubs that participated. Once again District A15 has shown its ability to come forth when needed. I would like to thank PDG Dan Moore, who did the original leg work, researched the material that was best suited and in contacting the company that did the work. Any issues/concerns/recommendations coming out of our breakfast meeting on Saturday morning of the convention will be reported at the June Cabinet meeting.

**Public Relations & Lions Information – Joanne McQuiggan**

Information was shared with each Club President and Secretary prior to the official visits of the District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor. The letter outlined protocol for the visit, provided biographical information, and encouraged clubs to submit information to the District Newsletter Editor.

**Youth Camp/Youth Exchange - PCC Dave and Lioness Mary Rumble**

**Youth Camp Meal Chair – Lions Rudy & Lorea Boogerman**

As of this report we have accepted 22 applications from youth visiting A-15 this year. Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. Eleven of these youth have host families with the others still waiting for your response to act as hosts.

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 Rudy and Lion Lorea Boogerman, from the Ingersoll Lions Club <rabbar@live.ca>. They are looking after the booking of the meals. All clubs have been contacted to date and most have confirmed. Still waiting to hear from 7 club contacts who are seeking approval from their clubs. We do not anticipate any surprises. The support has been tremendous as far as the meals are concerned. *As of May 7<sup>th</sup> all meal needs have been met.*

We need your assistance with the camp spring clean-up which is scheduled for Friday evening May 13 and Saturday May 14. Details have been forwarded to the clubs. Shingling, wood to cut up and move, cleaning, painting, raking, and a general clean up. If you have a portable wood chipper it would be appreciated. The brush pile is becoming enormous. If you have a wood splitter it would also be appreciated. There is a massive amount of wood to be moved. If you are looking for wood to burn during those cold winter nights then all you have to do is come and get it.



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**PROPOSED AMEMNDED AWARDS & CONTESTS**

**District A-15 Art Woods Golden Tree Award Revision Proposal**

This award honours P.I.D. Lion Art Woods for his unselfish contribution of time and effort towards the betterment of the District and Lions Clubs International. It is intended to encourage all Lions to participate in membership growth and retention as well as those aspects of Lions Service and Projects that are of great interest to the honouree.

**Submitted By:** Applicant Club's Secretary

**Submit To:** Cabinet Secretary (followed by District Governor)

**Submission Deadline:** June 30th of the Current Lions Year

**For Awarding:** August Cabinet Meeting of the Following Year

**Rules:**

1. The recipient must
  - a. Have been an active member of a Lions Club of District A-15 for more than one year
  - b. Have chaired or co-chaired a club event or fundraiser
  - c. Have participated in another club event or fundraiser
  - d. Have attended a Zone, Region and Cabinet meeting
  - e. Have worked in conjunction with their club PR person to write and submit a story or photo with description of a club event or fundraiser to MDA, District A-15, Club publication, local newspaper, Cable TV, radio, television or the District Environmental Photo contest.
  - f. Have attended the annual L.F.C. Memorial Service at Breslau or participated in the clean-up or maintenance work party at a District A-15 sponsored or supported property such as the Breslau Dog Breeding Centre and Memorial Forest, Bruce Murray International Youth Camp (Five Oaks), Lions Camp Dorset, C.N.I.B. Lake Joseph, etc.
  - g. Have brought a prospective member to a club meeting
  - h. Have sponsored a new member.
  - i. Have met club criteria for the 100% attendance pin.
  - j. Have achieved all of the above in the current Lions year.
2. This award may be received more than once BUT only once in any given Lions year.
3. Applications must include
  - a. Club Name, Region & Zone
  - b. Recipient's Name
  - c. Club Secretary's Name
  - d. Date of application
  - e. Documentation of compliance with all rules

**District A-15 Bulletin Contest Revision Proposal**

**Submitted By:** Applicant Club's Secretary

**Submit To:** District Bulletin Committee Chair (followed by District Governor)

**Submission Deadline:** Feb 28th of the Current Lions Year

**For Awarding:** Annual District A-15 Convention



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**Rules:**

1. The Bulletins will be divided into the following categories:

Monthly	40 or more members
Monthly	39 or less members
Bi-Monthly	40 or more members
Bi-Monthly	39 or less members
Email Monthly	40 or more members
Email Monthly	39 or less members
Email Bi-Monthly	40 or more members
Email Bi-Monthly	39 or less members
2. The Monthly categories requires six (6) out of eight (8) continuous submissions
3. The Bi-Monthly categories requires 12 out of 16 continuous submissions
4. Bi-Monthly Bulletins will not be penalized for only one (1) Bulletin in the month of December
5. Copies of your Bulletins are to be sent to; District Governor, Vice District Governors, District Bulletin Chair, MDA Bulletin Chair, your Region Chair and your Zone Chair

**Format:** Only five (5) points are allotted for the format so that all Clubs, regardless of dollars spent, will be judged equally.

1. The Cover page is to identify the Club, the Bulletin Editor, as well as mailing address, email address and website information if available.
2. The Zone, Region and District information should also be shown.
3. Publishing frequency should also be indicated.

**Content:** Seven (7) points will be allotted for each of the following;

1. Date, time, location of upcoming meetings and events/programs
2. A report on Club activities including actions of the Board of Directors
3. Coming events at the Club, Zone, Region, District and International levels
4. Information pertaining to membership development and retention
5. Report on previous meetings
6. Constructive editorials
7. Personal news about members
8. General information concerning the District and Lions International
9. Effective use of humour.
10. Humour in bad taste will be subject to a deduction of ten (10) points
11. Continuous receipt of bulletins by District Communications Chair (Bulletins must be submitted either monthly or bi-monthly, to be eligible for the Bulletin Contest).

**General Effect:** Twenty-five (25) points are allocated for;

1. The Bulletin and the interest created
2. Plagiarism will be subject to a deduction of ten (10) points, UNLESS credit is given to the author or publication it came from or "Author Unknown"

Note: To be eligible to compete in the MD"A" Bulletin Contest, Bulletins must first be judged by a District Chair. In District A-15, a committee consisting of the Communications Chair, the District Governor and one representative from each Region will judge the Bulletins. Winners of the local contest will be announced at the District A-15 Convention.



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**District A15 Long Tailed Lion Award Revision Proposal**

**Submitted By:** Applicant

**Submit To:** Cabinet Secretary (followed by District Governor)

**Submission Deadline:** When completed

**For Awarding:** August Cabinet Meeting of the Following Year

**Rules:**

1. The applicant must submit their completed Long Tail Record Form bearing the signatures of the secretaries of each club visited
2. For each club visited, the visit must be recorded in the minutes of the applicants club
3. Official visits by District Officers cannot be counted
4. The applicant must have visited all clubs chartered in the District on the date of application
5. Visits need not have been made in a one-year period.
6. Once awarded a recipient may commence the earning of a subsequent award.

**District A-15 100% Club Membership Chairs Award Revision Proposal**

**Submitted By:** Applicant Club's Secretary

**Submit To:** Cabinet Secretary (followed by District Governor)

**Submission Deadline:** June 30th of the Current Lions Year

**For Awarding:** August Cabinet Meeting of the Following Year

**Rules:**

1. The Membership Chair must
  - a. Have attended the District A-15 Leadership school held in the Spring prior to the current Lions Year OR an LCI, MDA, USA/Canada Forum Leadership/Membership Workshop during the current Lions Year
  - b. As an active member of the District Governor's Advisory Committee, have attended a majority of Zone, Region and Cabinet meetings during the current Lions year
  - c. Have prepared and submitted to *(good question. Who will this be in the new system coming for 2011)* a Club Membership Plan by October 1<sup>st</sup> of the current Lions year that include at least one Bring a Friend or Guest Night.
2. The Club must have a three (3) person Membership team
3. Membership Chair or Committee Member and Sponsor must have met with each Prospective Member
4. All New Members must have been properly inducted with New Member Kit, Lapel Pin and Plus One, I'm the One pins presented.
5. The Club must show a net membership growth for the current Lions year
6. New Lions must have attended a District sponsored New Lions Orientation Meeting
7. Applications must include
  - a. Club Name, Region & Zone
  - b. Club Membership Chair's Name
  - c. Club Secretary's Name
  - d. Date of application
  - e. Documentation of compliance with all rules



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**District A -15 Proud Lion Award Revision Proposal**

The Proud Lion award is presented to encourage new Member involvement in all levels of Lionism with added emphasis on increasing membership

**Submitted By:** Applicant Club's Secretary  
**Submit To:** Cabinet Secretary (followed by District Governor)  
**Submission Deadline:** 12 Months After Membership  
**For Awarding:** Cabinet Meeting Following Award Confirmation

**Rules:**

1. All requirements must be met within twelve (12) months of Lions membership
2. The potential recipient must
  - a. Attend a Club Executive/Board meeting
  - b. Visit another Club
  - c. Participate in a Club Project
  - d. Attend a Zone, Region or District meeting
  - e. Attend a District sponsored New Lions Orientation Meeting
  - f. Bring a guest to a Club Meeting
  - g. Sponsor a new Lion Member
3. Applications must include
  - a. Recipient's Name
  - b. Club Name, Region & Zone
  - c. Club Secretary's Name
  - d. Date of membership
  - e. Date of application
  - f. Documentation of compliance with all rules

**District A-15 100% Club Secretary Award Revision Proposal**

**Submitted By:** Applicant Club's Secretary  
**Submit To:** Cabinet Secretary (followed by District Governor)  
**Submission Deadline:** June 30th of the Current Lions Year  
**For Awarding:** August Cabinet Meeting of the Following Year

**Rules:**

1. The Secretary must have attended the District A-15 Leadership school held in the Spring prior to the current Lions Year OR an LCI, MDA, USA/Canada Forum Secretary's Workshop during the current Lions Year
2. The Secretary must have filed Monthly Membership Reports and LCI Activity Reports with LCI by the dates currently required by LCI
3. The Secretary must have filed the monthly A15 Activity Reports with the District Governor, Vice District Governors, Region and Zone Chairs and the Cabinet Secretary by the dates currently required by the District
4. The annual PU 101 form must have been received by the District Governor, Vice District Governors, the Cabinet Secretary and LCI by May15 of the current Lions Year
5. The Club President must confirm that correspondence, minutes and other duties of the Secretary have been faithfully attended to during the current Lions year



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6. As an active member of the District Governor's Advisory Committee, the Secretary must have attended a majority of Zone, Region and Cabinet meetings during the current Lions year
7. Applications must include
  - a. Club Name, Region & Zone
  - b. Club President's Name
  - c. Club Secretary's Name
  - d. Date of application
  - e. Documentation of compliance with all rules

**District A-15 100% Club Treasurer Award Revision Proposal**

- Submitted By:** Applicant Club's Secretary
- Submit To:** Cabinet Secretary (followed by District Governor)
- Submission Deadline:** June 30th of the Current Lions Year
- For Awarding:** August Cabinet Meeting of the Following Year

**Rules:**

1. The Treasurer must have attended the District A-15 Leadership school held in the Spring prior to the current Lions Year OR an LCI, MDA, USA/Canada Forum Treasurer's Workshop during the current Lions Year
2. The Treasurer must have presented monthly financial reports to the Club as requested by the Club membership and included as part of Club minutes
3. All International, Multiple District, and District dues must have been paid within 60 days of receipt of statement
4. The Treasurer must comply with Club Constitution and Bylaws regarding auditing of Club financial statements
5. The Club must not have had an unpaid balance over \$50 (US) owed to Lions International, Multiple District, or District A-15 as of the conclusion of the District Convention of the current Lions year.
6. Applications must include
  - a. Club Name, Region & Zone
  - b. Club Treasurer's Name
  - c. Club Secretary's Name
  - d. Date of application
  - e. Documentation of compliance with all rules. This may include
    - i. Photostats of cleared cheques,
    - ii. Photostats of bank statements
    - iii. Photostats of dated organization statements verifying no balances due