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A-15 CONVENTION CABINET MEETING MINUTES
May 6th 2017 9:00 -10:30 AM & May 7th 2017, 10:45 AM - Noon
Lions Hall, Elmira
Saturday 9:00 AM

1. Call to order and Welcome – DG Wayne Litt – 9:00 AM

Attendance as indicated:

Voting Cabinet

DG Wayne Litt	IPDG Diane Smith	1 st VDG Charlene Dwyer	2 nd VDG Kevin Banfield
CS Rick Banks	CT Peter Oswald	RC Bill Robinson	RC Debbie Cserhalmi
RC Tracey Leary	ZC Ray Derouin	ZC Tony Davidson	ZC Neil Hoogendoorn
ZC Paul Lalande	ZC George Corrin	ZC Linda Litt	

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COMMITTEE CHAIR

PRC Paul Anstett	PDG Dan Ayim	PRC Rick Bell	PZC Aline Chan
PCC Bill Carson	PDG Thom Herrmann	Lion Ernie Kaethler(R)	Lion Fran MacFarlane(R)
Lion Mark Henkell(R)	Lion Joanne McQuiggan(R)	Lion Allison Henkell (R)	PDDG George Patton
Lion Bob Pearson	PDG Nancy Ransom	Lion Bob Rutter(R)	PCS Ted Rypma(R)
PDG Doug Smith	PCC Todd Wilson	PID Art Woods	PDDG George Patton PDG
Tim DeBlock (R)	PRC Jim Keron	PRC Vic Bovington	Lion Janet Dawson-Brock

In attendance also were approximately 35 other Lion Members.

(R) – Regrets

3. National Anthem of Canada, Moment Of Silence
4. Protocol – Set at the Friday evening Opening Ceremonies.
5. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda - Carried
6. Introduction of International Guest – PID J. Carl Young by PID Art Woods
7. Approval of Minutes of the February 4th, 2016 Cabinet meeting. Carried.
Available at <http://A-15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/CabMinFeb2016.pdf>
8. District Governor Remarks

Good Morning Everyone. Welcome to sunny Elmira.

I hope everyone had a great time last night. Recently at a neighbouring Districts Convention, they refer to their Friday night as Practice or Warm up. Well if that's the case we are off to a great start for the rest of the convention and the next one hundred years.

A little update on the Centennial Flags. They are here today for you to pick up. Please see Lion Rick Banks.

In addition, since the last Cabinet meeting, the Multiple District has applied and received a Centennial Grant to purchase promotional Centennial Flags.

We will be receiving \$2040.00 to be applied against the purchase of flags on an 80/20 % basis. This means that the cost of a flag is a little under \$10.00 each.

Peter has agreed to bill the clubs directly. If anyone else wants to purchase a Centennial Flag, please contact Rick and we will make them available either at the next Cabinet Meeting or the District Training and the end of the month.

Thank You and now on with the Show

9. Secretary's Report *See Page 5*

- 9.1. Secretary Rick acknowledged two reports that were not included in the Agenda, the Nomination Report and the Future Convention Advisory report, both which will be included in the final minutes.



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- 10. MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Secretary's report. Carried.
 Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements. *See pages 5 through 8*
- 11. MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's report. Carried.
 Cabinet Reports *See pages 9 through 11*
- 12. MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Cabinet reports. Carried.
 Committee Reports *See pages 11 through 19*
 - 12.1. Lions Home for the Deaf Report – Janet Dawson-Brock
 Three Lions from A-15 are on the board, Janet, Gary Eves, John Pepper
 Lion Janet asked for support in presenting Helen Keller Awards. Only 15 clubs had presented awards so far this year. Renovations to the Lions McGinnis House Pavilion have been made and paid for costing \$45,000. It is being used by 14 residents and is a four season room. Please come and visit.
 Canadian Deaf Blind Association, (Canadian Chapter) has built an apartment building in Paris for use by Deaf/Blind residents. Cost for this building was \$2.9 million. Lions Home for the Deaf committed to \$75,000 for assistance. For more information contact Lion Janet.

 Youth Camp – 1st Vice Governor Charlene
 Please see the website to look at the youth that require hosting families this year. The camp will be at Blue Springs Scout Camp this year which is a terrific facility. Please see the link for more information: <http://www.blue-springs-scout-reserve.ca>

 Bulletin Editor – Bob Pearson (Judges - DG Wayne, Lion Moe Crickmore, IPDG Diane Smith, Bob Pearson)
 A-15 Bulletin Contest
 - Ingersoll – Kevin Mitchell – First Place Plaque– one of the best Bulletins Lion Bob has seen
 - Cambridge Highland – Margaret Deboer – Second Place
 - New Hamberg - Lion Carol Massel – Third Place
 - 12.2. MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Committee reports. Carried.
- 13. Elections and Credentials Update – PDG Doug Smith
 - 13.1. Thanked all of those who helped with the election and candidates. All Clubs are in good standing.
 - 13.2. Review of Candidates
 - 13.3. We are in compliance with all Constitution and By-Law election requirements including those contained in this year's amendments.
 - 13.4. MOVED to receive the Elections and Credentials Report. Carried.
- 14. Centennial Flag Update – Flags are here for pickup as ordered after the Cabinet Meeting. We will be taking additional orders for flags at the rate of \$8.00 per flag. The next set will be available at the training or next Cabinet Session.
- 15. Motion to adjourn the meeting until Sunday morning at 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Sunday 10:30 AM

- 1. Call to order – DG Wayne Litt – 10:30 AM
 Attendance as indicated:

Voting Cabinet

DG Wayne Litt	IPDG Diane Smith	1 st VDG Charlene Dwyer	2 nd VDG Kevin Banfield
CS Rick Banks	CT Peter Oswald	RC Bill Robinson	RC Debbie Cserhalmi



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2. In attendance also were approximately 62 other Lion Members.

(R)- Regrets

3. DG Remarks

Thanks to all of you, the Lions, Lioness, Leos and guests who braved the weather and came to our Convention this year. It's great to finally see the sun shining! Our theme this year is to Celebrate Service and have we celebrated. We have celebrated this year but we have also served. As I travelled around the District and seen what you have accomplished in your clubs and communities, it made me proud to serve as your Governor, both at home and at the MDA. Service is unique to each of us personally and our communities. Your events and projects reflect your commitment to others in the true spirit of Lionism. The leadership we established here today will continue to take Lions Forward well into the next century. I personally thank all the hard working Lions who put this weekend together, the Host Committee and especially the members of the Woolwich Community Lions Club and my club, the Lions Club of Elmira. It is an honour to serve alongside you.

In recognition of service to District A-15, I would like to present each of the Cabinet members with a token of my appreciation, a Baby Blue Spruce. Thank You.

4. Remarks from International Guest PID J. Carl Young - Thanked PDG Denis Vinnette for serving on GMT and O.J. Wilura as GLT. Thanked Lion Tod for filling in as Area Leader and everyone for their hospitality and for the opportunity to be at the convention.

5. Convention Report - PID Art Woods, co-chair Linda Litt
Appreciation extended to all those who made this happen
Convention statistics - 507 total registrations, 200 banquet attendees
Thanked everyone for coming.

6. Awards presentations

6.1. First Timers Contest - VDG1 Charlene Dwyer
12 contestants, 6 way tie resolved through random draw, awarded to:
Lion Tracey Klassen St. Jacobs Lions Club - winner of the pins

Additional Prizes

- Lion John Klassen St Jacobs Lions Club
Lion Mary Jane Sieber St Jacobs Lions Club
Lion Jenn Hastings Vanastra Lions Club
Lion Becky Wallace Vanastra Lions Club
Lion Missy Westgate Mosborough Busy Busy Club

6.2. Environmental Photo Contest - ZC Linda Litt for Jason Crowe
Monarch on a Zinnia by Lioness Rose Rathwell - Exeter Lions was the winning photo.

7. Convention Raffle Results

- 7.1. 50/50 Draw - \$327.00 - a member of the Copetown Lions
7.2. Smoker BBQ donated by Woods, Clemens Law Office and Home Hardware - Charlotte Gamble
7.3. Over Night, dinner for two plus Theatre Tickets - The Plattsville Lions



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- 7.4. Quilt – The Copetown Lions Club
- 8. Report from Election Committee and announcing of results

8.1. Credentials Fines

MOVED to donate the \$81.80 in collected fines to the Centennial Legacy Project at the Breslau Breeding Facility Gate Project. Carried.

Results 2017 Elections

ZC 9 South	Lion Harvey Wood	Acclaimed
ZC 37 South	Lion Henri Callebert	Acclaimed
ZC 37 West	Lion Cecilia Fulker	Acclaimed
ZC 51 East	Lion Linda Vinette	Acclaimed
RC 9	Lion Tony Davidson	Acclaimed
RC 37	Lion George Corrin	Acclaimed
RC 51	Lion Duane Malcolm	Acclaimed
2ndVDG	183 Votes Available	106 Votes Cast with 2 Spoiled - Lion Tracey Leary Elected
1stVDG	183 Votes Available	106 Votes Cast with 2 Spoiled - Lion Kevin Banfield Affirmed
DG	183 Votes Available	106 Votes Cast with 2 Spoiled - Lion Charlene Dwyer Affirmed

- 9. Motion to destroy ballots. Carried.
- 10. Introduction of New Cabinet– DGE Charlene Dwyer

- RC9-Lion Tony Davidson
- ZC9S –Lion Harvey Woods
- ZC9E -Lion Ray Derouin
- RC37 –Lion George Corrin
- ZC37S –Lion Henri Callebert
- ZC37W –.....Lion Cecilia Fulker
- RC51 –Lion Duane Malcolm
- ZC51E –Lion Linda Vinette
- ZC51W –..... Vacant
- CS –Lion Rick Banks
- CT –.....Lion Peter Oswald
- VDG2 –Lion Tracey Leary
- VDG1 –Lion Kevin Banfield
- DG –Lion Charlene Dwyer
- IPDG –.....Lion Wayne Litt

- 11. DG-Elect remarks:

I am very honoured to have the opportunity to work with such a wonderful team this year. They are a great group of dedicated Lions, enthusiastic in every way, and we are very excited to be working with you next year and what a way to go forward for our next 100 years of service.

First, I would love to thank my Guelph Lions Club for their support. I transferred into the Guelph Lions Club in 2009 from District A3 & the Campbellford Lions Club, to say the least I have really enjoyed my Lions career and my Lions family. Thank you to my club for everything that they do. I would like to also thank my husband Russ, he has always had my back and supported me in everything I have done. Russ joined Lions because, if he hadn't he said he would never see me, but he has become a true Lion and a hard working one at that. Thanks to my mentors, Denis Vinette and O.J. I cannot thank you enough. Thanks to IPDG Diane Smith for being such a great friend and help, I value your friendship and your guidance. Thank you to this great District A15 and to District Governor Wayne for your support and hard work and to the host clubs, Elmira and Woolwich Lions Clubs for hosting such a great convention. Thanks to all of you for coming. We are here for you Lions of A15 and because of you; we are your



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Cabinet and we are here to support you and serve alongside you. Your incoming District Cabinet is excited to serve our District and we want our Clubs to be the best that they can be. As PID Lion Carl said: Strong clubs mean strong service to those who need us. Thank you very much, I am humbled and honoured.

12. Passing of the Campbell, oldest to newest – VDG2 – Kevin Banfield
13. Presentation of Flags to 2017-2018 Convention Host Club – Guelph Lions Club – Holiday Inn South, Scottsdale starting Friday April 13, 2018.
14. Legacy Project – Breslau – Doug Smith reported an “anonymous” donation from RC Lion Deb Czerhalmi of \$100.00
15. Lion O.J. Wilura reminded everyone about the MDA convention May 13, 2017 and outlined the program.
16. Adjournment – 11:10 AM



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SECRETARY'S REPORT TO CABINET

May 6th, 2017 – CS Rick Banks

Lions Clubs are reminded that 2017/18 Officer elections must be completed by April 15th and reported to International no later than May 15th. LEO and Lioness Clubs must report 2015/16 Officer information to the Cabinet Secretary no later than May 15th. As of April 28, twenty-five clubs had yet to submit their PU101 forms or input the information into the system.

Office training is again being provided in May and we will be putting a meaningful program together to help the clubs smoothly transition from 2016-17 to the new Lion's year.

Treasurer's Report to Cabinet – May 6, 2017

The financial statements are presented today as at March 31, 2017. All bank accounts have been reconciled to their respective statements for that date. The financial statements presented here fairly reflect the financial position of the District.

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS

- All Club dues for District and MDA for 2016-17 have been paid in full
- Administration balance sheet includes satisfactory bank balance of over \$11,000.
- There are some funds from pin sales to collect.
- With respect to Expenses vs Budget, we are on track – less than 50% of the budgeted expense funds have been allocated to March 31. You may note that Global Leadership & Membership Committee line shows a negative actual amount – this includes the subsidy of \$1,000 from MDA that has not all be spent as of this report.

TRUST ACCOUNTS

- The balance sheet for the Trust accounts is an accurate reflection of all balances held in Trust as at March 31, 2017 and all accounts have been reconciled to the Bank records.
- Committee Chairs have received a summary of any fund activity for their respective committees to date.
- There is 1 minor variance of \$50 between Effective Speaking and Quest – the liability side is correct but \$50 needs to be transferred from Quest to Effective Speaking (relates to reallocation of a bulk donation received in one cheque).
- There is also a negative 'net income' of \$141.31 which is the cost of a cheque order for the Trust account that will be covered by a transfer from Admin.

MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- I move receipt of the financial reports as submitted.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Accrual Basis

District "A"-15 Lions - Admin
Balance Sheet
As of 31 March 2017

	31 Mar 17
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account	11,412.99
CIBC - Investments	31,520.25
CIBC USD Account	8.57
International Director Fund	58.48
New Club Assessment Fund	1,870.56
Total Cash	44,870.85
International Director GIC	6,000.00
Total Chequing/Savings	50,870.85
Total Current Assets	50,870.85
TOTAL ASSETS	50,870.85
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
A/P USD for LCI	0.01
Total Accounts Payable	0.01
Other Current Liabilities	
Convention Fund	2,995.07
DGE Partner Travel	1,736.43
Total Other Current Liabilities	4,731.50
Total Current Liabilities	4,731.51
Long Term Liabilities	
International Director - Contra	6,058.48
New Club Assessment - Contra	1,870.56
Total Long Term Liabilities	7,929.04
Total Liabilities	12,660.55
Equity	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	3,704.97
Net Income	10,814.79
Total Equity	38,210.30
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	50,870.85



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Accrual Basis

District "A"-15 Lions - Admin Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2016 through June 2017

	Jul '16 - Jun 17	Budget	Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Advertising	500.00	500.00	0.00
District Directory	185.00	225.00	-40.00
District Dues			
Dues - Collected	12,614.00	12,809.50	-195.50
Total District Dues	12,614.00	12,809.50	-195.50
Interest Earned	0.00	425.00	-425.00
Leadership Seminar Income	1,450.00	1,450.00	0.00
MD 'A' Dues	0.00		
Membership Assessment	2,226.00	2,260.50	-34.50
Pin Sales	750.00	1,250.00	-500.00
Total Income	17,725.00	18,920.00	-1,195.00
Gross Profit	17,725.00	18,920.00	-1,195.00
Expense			
Awards			
Awards - Cabinet	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Awards - Other	169.16	450.00	-280.84
Total Awards	169.16	950.00	-780.84
Badges & Patches	478.98	700.00	-221.02
Bank Charges	226.21	350.00	-123.79
Cabinet Expense	721.00	1,800.00	-1,079.00
Centennial Project	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Convention Expense	0.00	750.00	-750.00
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair Expenses	0.00	600.00	-600.00
District Chair - Other	0.00	1,800.00	-1,800.00
Global Leadership & Membership	-37.42	1,700.00	-1,737.42
Leo Clubs	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Total District Chair Expense	-37.42	4,350.00	-4,387.42
District Directories	1,967.60	1,750.00	217.60
Internet	137.61	140.00	-2.39
Leadership Institutes	350.88	540.00	-189.12
Leadership Seminar	0.00	1,450.00	-1,450.00
Liability Insurance	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Pins Purchased	1,769.86	1,760.00	9.86
Postage & Telephone	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Printing & Stationery	46.33	350.00	-303.67
USA / Canada Forum	1,080.00	1,800.00	-720.00
Total Expense	6,910.21	18,890.00	-11,979.79
Net Ordinary Income	10,814.79	30.00	10,784.79
Net Income	10,814.79	30.00	10,784.79



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Accrual Basis

District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust Balance Sheet As of 31 March 2017

	<u>31 Mar 17</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
CIBC- Lions Quest Imprest	2,617.79
CIBC - Eff.Speaking Impst	4,126.02
CIBC - Trust Account	16,205.58
CIBC - Youth	
Youth Exchange Imprest	27,374.52
Youth Investments	12,739.62
Total CIBC - Youth	40,114.14
Investments	
QUEST - Investment	7,641.08
Investments - Other	5,156.20
Total Investments	12,797.28
Youth Camp Capital Fund	7,802.58
Total Chequing/Savings	83,663.39
Total Current Assets	83,663.39
TOTAL ASSETS	83,663.39
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Centennial Project	11,788.81
Cultural Festival	217.11
Diabetes Awareness	50.00
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	4,176.02
Hearing Conservation	850.00
Hearing Equipment	703.07
LCIF - Measles	100.00
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Leash Free Park	5,055.90
Lions Foundation of Canada - Other	50.00
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	5,105.90
Lions Home for Deaf People	50.00
LIONS Quest Contra Account	10,258.87
Peace Poster	870.93
Reading Action	6.12
Vision Screening	1,661.15
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	40,164.14
Total Other Current Liabilities	76,002.12
Total Current Liabilities	76,002.12
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	7,802.58
Total Long Term Liabilities	7,802.58
Total Liabilities	83,804.70
Equity	
Net Income	-141.31
Total Equity	-141.31
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	83,663.39



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CABINET REPORTS – May 6th, 2017

1st VDG –Charlene Dwyer

Since the last Cabinet Meeting I have attended the GMT/GLT Workshop in Woodstock which was well attended, it was a pleasure to see A-15 Lions who are stepping up to District leadership in attendance. I had the pleasure to visit the Lynden Lions Club to learn more about their literacy project & their support of The Dolly Parton Imagination Library which provides a book to children each month from newborn to 5 years old. I attended the combined Zone 9 Meeting hosted by the Galt-Cambridge Lions Club & witnessed the new sign for their Lion's Den in honour of IC Lion Don Gamble. A fun evening was enjoyed by all who attended the combined Zone 51 meeting in Elmira hosted by the Woolwich Community Lions Club & the combined Zone 37 meeting hosted by the Thamesford Lions Club. New member inductions are something I love to do & had the extreme pleasure of welcoming a new Lion into the Paradise & District Lions Club. Charter anniversary celebrations were such a delight to attend with the Atwood Lions Club celebrating 60 years of service & the Belwood & District Lions Club celebrating 40 years of service. We have all felt the loss of many of our Lions family this past year & I thank these great people for their service to not only their communities but to their Lions family & Lions International. I have been kept very busy in the planning for next year & have submitted my Membership & Leadership Plans to LCI for approval as well as meeting with our GMT/GLT Team planning a strategy for a year of fellowship, service and learning. This year has flown by & I am so grateful to have met so many more of our Lions in A-15 and I can't tell you how excited I am for the year ahead as we meet in Elmira on May 5-7th to Celebrate Service.

2nd VDG – Kevin Banfield

I am very happy to report that there has been a lot of things happening at the district level in preparation for the next few years in District A-15. I am very excited to be part of the team moving forward.

I have also had the opportunity to be at a lot of club events and it is always great to see clubs in action.

I have had the opportunity to invest a few new boards for the 2017 - 18 year already and as late as Friday April 21, I got to induct 2 new members to The Plattsville and District Lions Club.

I look forward to seeing everyone once I get back from a week long work event in North Carolina on Sat and Sunday during the convention in Elmira.

IPDG – Diane Smith – see other reports.

RC 9 – Bill Robinson

It has been a great year in Lions. I look forward to seeing everyone at convention. I enjoyed my time as RC9 and look forward to serving Lions for another year!

ZC 9E – Ray Derouin

This year's term is fast coming to an end. One of the downsides of this year was the cancelling of the second 9E Zone meeting that was to be held at the Lions Club of Kitchener's Den. The meeting was cancelled due to lack of response of attendees. Fortunately, the upsides won the year. One of these was the Joint 9E/9S meeting held at the Galt Cambridge Lion's Den. 51 lion members attended. PRC Lion Jim Keron gave a great presentation on Membership. Another was that I had the honour of inducting 3 new members into Lionism. I'd like to thank all



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of the members in my Zone and the Cabinet Members for a wonderful year.

ZC 9S – Tony Davidson

It has been a pleasure being Zone Chair in 9 South this past year. The struggles continue with Membership whether retention or attracting new members. I have had the pleasure of inducting three members into the Paris Lions Club, and one into the St George Club this spring. Zone 9 South has nearly gained back the number of members lost in the fall. Well Done!

The second Zone advisory meeting was held on February 7 at the Glen Morris Lions Meeting. The weather was not the best but we were still able to have a little fun.

On March 8, the Joint Zone Advisory meeting was held in Cambridge with all clubs from region 9 invited. A short Trivia Challenge as well as balance challenge was presented. Even the Balance challenge presenter failed (sometimes things just don't go right). Other presentations regarding district activities as well as Club activities filled out the evening.

RC37 – Tracey Leary

I have had a wonderful year as RC for 37. I was able to get out to some of the clubs this year for a visit. I was fortunate to have the pleasure of inducting a few new members into this wonderful organization!! It was great to meet everyone.

Let's keep up the great work!!

ZC 37S – Paul LaLande – No report

ZC 37W – George Corrin

It is hard to believe that my year as Zone chair is coming to an end. My Goal this year was to introduce the concept of attaining and planning for each club with an expectation of Major External Trends with over arching initiatives while planning there service projects (as out lined in the 5 year International program). In leaving the zone chair position in 37 west to the next years Zone chair I will encourage each club to continue with the humanitarian causes in each community, and to develop a marketing strategy to grow the Zone as a whole. Keep one foot in the past and one foot in the future. We must continue to reshape public opinion and improve visibility as our numbers in Canada are declining. Thank you to each club that supported my endeavours as the Zone chair

RC 51 – Debbie Cserhalmi

It has been a pleasure serving as your Region Chair. I am continually amazed at all the wonderful service projects that the clubs in Region 51 accomplish. It's such a great feeling that we all do our parts making the world a better place for all of us. I hope to see most of you during the convention and I hope some of you can attend the MDA convention next weekend in Kitchener as it doesn't come around our district often. Thanks for all the hard work you do.

ZC 51E – Neil Hoogendoorn – no report



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ZC 51W – Linda Litt

The lions of 51W are excited to welcome its newest club, the Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Club, sponsored by the Woolwich Community Lions Club.

The Mosborough Busy Busy Club is a Cyber Club made up of Foster Parents and Graduates of the Lions Foundation of Canada. Their membership is located throughout MDA, ranging from Toronto, to Niagara, to Stratford. Their executive meets monthly online through the GoToMeeting platform sponsored by MDA. The membership meets on Workplace, a sister site to Facebook.

Please take a few moments to check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/busybusyclub> and “like it” to keep up to date on their events and fundraisers. Their Charter Celebration is June 24th at the Breslau Facility. More information is contained in the poster included with the agenda.

Our joint District Governor’s Advisory Committee Meeting was held Monday, March 27th hosted by the Woolwich Community Lions Club. Our guest speaker for the evening was Ann Bilodeau of K-W Habilitation. Ann spoke about Community Leadership for service club, succession planning, with the importance of new members to keep clubs fresh. The skits and presentations showed our District is in good hands.

Our zone started the year in a negative position but we have now achieved positive growth at +23 members.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS – May 6, 2017

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Bulletin & MDA Magazine Liaison – Lion Bob Pearson

Plan of Action:

Continue with the established quality of the newsletter issues.

Prepare for transition to new bulletin editor for A-15, Lion Gerry Haliburton from St. Mary's Lions will be taking over this coming Lions year. Present editor, Lion Bob Pearson from Copetown Lions will be the new Lions Magazine Editor for MD "A".

Encourage A-15 Clubs to ensure they have a bulletin editor in place and there are regular entries for the district bulletin contest. It is noted there are only four entries for this year and there were six entries for the 2015-2016 contest. The normal deadline for the bulletin contest is February 28th, that date was extended to March 31st to allow for sufficient entries. Contest Rules and an entry form were included in the January issue of the bulletin.

Timely submissions make for a better product. Please submit your material as soon as practical for next month's issue.

Presently submissions can be in most formats, PDF's are preferred, but most other platforms can be converted. Contact the bulletin editor if you have questions about file formats. Microsoft Word seems to be the most popular format and that is suitable as well.

Camp Co-ordinator – RC Bill Robinson – Nothing to report.

Centennial Coordinator – PDG Dan Ayim

MyLCI centennial dashboard indicated that to date in 2016 – 2017 Lions year, 40 clubs in our district have completed and reported projects in the four core programs - vision care, hunger relief, youth and protection of environment. 53% of clubs in A-15 have participated in two or more centennial campaigns; and there are few club legacy projects recorded. It is important to report completed projects in MyLCI for your club to be recognized by LCI.

As the end of centennial celebration period draws near, June 30, 2018, I encourage all clubs to finish work on their legacy projects.

Construction of Entranceway Project – Breslau.

To summarize progress made to date on the District Centennial Project at the LFC Dog Breeding and Training Facility at Breslau, a recent report by PDG Doug Smith says it well and I quote:

"All below grade foundations are completed and backfilled. The site has been graded and cleaned up of all debris.

As outlined at the start of the project, the project would be constructed in 3 phases in order that only when funds were available would the committee proceed with construction.



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Phase 1 - Footings and Foundation is completed.

Phase 2 - Above grade block work, stone facings and pillar caps. The Split Fieldstone is on site and has been paid for. At this point we are looking for the funding of the Labour and balance of Materials. Budget projections of \$7000.00 - \$8000.00 are required.

Phase 3 - Replical Antique Fencing and Plaques will require aprox. another \$5000.00.

I thank those clubs who have already donated both \$ and in the Supply of Materials and or Labour. To date 24 clubs have participated. It is our desire to have all clubs involved this A-15 Lions Centennial Legacy Project. Any donation from your club is appreciated."

Time is running out; I appeal to all clubs especially those who have not yet participated to seriously consider being involved. This is our District Centennial Legacy Project.

Cheques can be made out to A-15 Centennial Legacy Project and mailed to Cabinet Treasurer, Peter Oswald.

Constitution & By-Laws – PDDG George Patton – Nothing to report

Convention Report – Co-Chairs PID Art Woods and ZC Linda Litt

As we are in the middle of finalizing Convention plans we will not submit a detailed written report. With your permission we will submit an oral report with a brief written summary to the Cabinet meeting.

As you may well be aware, Lions tend to be somewhat tardy, thus we are struggling with late registrations at the moment.

Convention Advisory (Future) – PDG Doug Smith

The Committee has received one Bid to host the 2019 District A-15 Convention from the Plattsville and District Lions Club.

The Bid package was not complete and I am actively assisting them in the full completion. Once complete, I will forward the Bid to the District Cabinet for their perusal and subsequent approval at the June Cabinet Meeting.

PDG Doug Smith on behalf of DG Wayne Litt

Cultural Events – PZC Fran MacFarlane – No report

Diabetes Awareness Report – Lion Rick Bell

The 100 kids to Camp program is going well and I will have an update as to donations at the Cabinet Meeting. Another new, exciting initiative is being provided by Lions International. Lions International is requesting proposals from Lions who are experienced in implementing diabetes prevention and control projects that fall within five general categories. Diabetes Canada is coordinating input from District Diabetes Awareness Chairs to submit a proposal. Very exciting possibilities. I hope to have more information at a future meeting.

I would like to thank Cabinet for the opportunity of serving this year. I hope to continue in this capacity next year.



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District A-15 Technology Report – Lion Ted Rypma – Nothing to report

District International Relations – PID Art Woods – Nothing to report

Effective Speaking – Lion Ernie Kaethler – no report

Elections & Credentials – PDG Doug Smith

Nothing to report. Verbal reports throughout the convention.

Environment – No report due to illness

Gift of Life: – No report

GLT District Coordinator – IPDG Diane Smith

Since our last Cabinet meeting on January 31, 2017 the Global Leadership Team has been focusing on the needs of the District in terms of training for incoming leaders. The District website is undergoing updates with respect to the online resources.

There will be two learning sessions: one for Cabinet members to be held on Saturday May 27 from 10am-3pm at Oryan Catering, 705 Speedvale Ave, Unit 1 in Guelph. The second session is for training of club officers and takes place at the Wilmot Recreation complex in Baden on Sunday May 28 from 9:30 am -3pm.

A workshop, conducted by the leaders of the “MDA” GLT and GMT, was held in Woodstock the last weekend of February. It was a great opportunity to receive information from LCI and also to share ideas and concerns with others from different districts.

Your District Global Leadership and Membership teams welcome input from all club members as we strive to provide information and tools to assist clubs in being all they can be.

GMT District Coordinator – PRC Jim Keron

This winter I participated in several zone and joint zone meetings stressing the need to focus on retention and the reasons we tend to lose members. Did I mention that poorly run meetings are at the top of the list? I recall attending the annual meeting of a non-service organization which I still think is the worst run meeting I have ever attended. I never went back. If you search on YouTube you can find a number of examples of bad meetings. Take a watch and then ask yourself two questions. Do I see members of my club in these videos? And more importantly do I see myself in these videos?

Looking ahead to the remainder of the year we are still lagging behind in our membership goals for the year so get out there and “Ask One!” The personal invitation is still the best recruitment tool.

Currently, your Governor’s team along with GLT, GMT and the Cabinet Secretary are putting a fair bit of effort into preparing for the upcoming new cabinet training on May 27 and the Club Officer training on May 28th. I would recommend that as many club officers as possible attend the training on May 28. This year we are concentrating on giving you the tools to make your clubs successful. In addition to the usual breakout sessions this year we are adding in a session for the membership chair and also the new LCIF coordinator position. If you are still wondering what this is all about come and discuss.

GMT Membership & Club Growth Team Leader – PRC Vic Bovingdon – Nothing to report.

GMT Club Success Team Leader – RC Paul Anstett – Nothing to report.



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Hearing and Speech Action – PDG Tim DeBlock

District Governor Wayne, members of Cabinet, Lions

Thank-you to the vision screening teams that incorporated the hearing component in their program. The pairing of the two has proven to complement each other. We do need more volunteers and I encourage you to consider how we can get more members or friends involved.

The status of expanding into new School Boards is the same as the Vision and I do not feel the need to state the challenges in this report but rather focus on that we have grown leaps and bounds this past year.

History Report – PDG Nancy Ransom – No report

Honorary Committee – IPDG Diane Smith

I have been asked by several club members what the Honorary Committee is. This committee is made up of those members of our District who have acted as a District Governor. We meet twice a year –once in October and once at the annual District A-15 convention in the spring.

There is also an appreciation dinner held in early May for the District Governor, serving the previous Lions year.

Our role is to offer support for the sitting District Governor and to offer an opinion [when asked] on issues that may arise. The Immediate Past District Governor acts as the chair of this committee and oversees the two meetings that we have.

There is also a Past District Governors' Committee at the MD 'A' level and information on the events and committees occurring at the Multiple is passed along to each District's Honorary Committee. The Immediate Past District Governor of our District acts as the liaison.

We welcome any suggestions from club members.

LCIF –2nd VDG Kevin Banfield

The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Board of Trustees recently announced the addition of a new position in Club Leadership, the [Club LCIF Coordinator](#). This individual serves as an ambassador for LCIF in each club and is equipped to educate Lions about the activities of LCIF and its importance to Lions Clubs International.

In previous years, LCIF Coordinators at the District and Multiple District levels have served as foundation ambassadors within their area. The addition of the Club LCIF Coordinator helps to support their effort and provide fellow members with timely information about important foundation initiatives. In order to make this program successful, we look to you for support in the following ways:

1. Ensure the club nominating committee has selected a Club LCIF Coordinator for a 1 year term (2017-2018) and this individual is identified through MyLCI or on your PU-101;
2. Devote at least one club meeting to an annual LCIF presentation provided by the Club Coordinator; and
3. Support the Club LCIF Coordinator in planning annual fundraising and recognition events within your club.



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Lions Foundation of Canada (LFC) – Deb Cherhalmi

It's been a busy winter again at the Foundation. Teams are graduating in record numbers and team sponsorship continues to grow. Puppies continue to grow and thrive their foster homes. The upcoming spring season is our busiest as its Dog Walk season. The national Walk Day this year is May 28. Please consider donating to this worthy cause.

Pet Valu has taken over sponsorship of the Dog Walk from Purina this year. Pet Valu started their partnership with Dog Guides by sponsoring several teams and now it has stepped up even higher. Last year's walk made over \$1.4 million and all of it goes directly to program. None of the funds raised are used to pay for administration.

I am excited to announce that the District's newest club, the Mosborough Busy Busy Club will be supporting the Dog Guide programs through their fundraising and service projects. The club is made up of mostly Foster puppy raisers as well as graduates of the Dog Guide program. They are excited to be giving back even more. If you want puppies for any of your events please contact myself or the foundation directly. Trust me, puppies make a great addition to any event....except perhaps a Cat Show.

LEO –RC Tracey Leary –Nothing to report

Lions Quest – PDG Todd Wilson – No report

Lions Opportunities For Youth – Lion Joanne McQuiggan

Congratulations to the 34 clubs who have reported 147 activities toward the Centennial Goal of Engaging our Youth. This represents over 3,600 Lions hours and almost 33,000 youth have been served in our District. In addition, almost \$40,000 has been raised to support youth projects. The services provided range from setting up little libraries, support youth sports and clubs, and sponsoring our own Lions initiatives including Peace Poster, Leos, Youth Exchange, Effective Speaking and Lions Quest. Remember the Young Leaders in Service Awards and recognize the youth in your community who are contributing 40 or more hours of volunteer service – it's a positive way to recognize and celebrate the youth who support our work. As we look forward to the future, note that the new Global Service Framework engages children and youth in all areas, as they form a circle that is connected to all five service areas. Looking forward to another great year.

Lions Services For Children – Interim – District Team – No report

Literacy – PZC Aline Chan

The Literacy Chair program started in 2014 in District A-15. Since then, we have seen good progress. Prior to this, many Lions Clubs already had a literacy program running but they did not tag it with the Literacy Label. Since then, I have been introducing the RAP program to the Clubs in A-15. RAP stands for the Reading action Program. The program focuses on children, reading and literacy. The reading program was extended by the LCI Board of Directors for 10 years, starting 2013.

Scholastic announced a partnership with LCI that year. The company provides books at a cost of \$5 each. In 2016 – 2017, several Clubs were able to purchase books and they distributed them to the schools they work with when they provide vision screening.

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.”

(Dr. Seuss, I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!)



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UNESCO: Literacy is a right. It is implicit in the right to education. It is recognized as a right, explicitly for both children and adults, in certain international conventions. It is included in key international declarations.

Statistics: 42% of Canadian adults age 16 to 65 have low literacy skills.

55% of working age adults in Canada are estimated to have less than adequate literacy skills.

85% of adults over 65 years of age have poor reading skills.

We have targeted children in pre-school to Grade 3 because children who do not have a good grounding in reading by Grade 3 may never catch up.

Literacy is a fundamental human right and the foundation for lifelong learning.

I have visited several clubs to promote literacy. Let me know if you wish a visit. Many thanks for your support.

Long Range Planning – PDG Thom Herrmann – Nothing to report

Nominations – PCC Bill Carson – No report

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

I am pleased to report that the new kits are now available for the Peace Poster Contest. I have 9 kits out to some of the Lions/Lioness Clubs. I am hoping that I will have to order more. They are free to the clubs.

I would like to suggest to all of the Clubs to contact their school in May. If you can contact the art teacher it seems to work much better than leaving it to the fall. The deadline for the contest is November 15th, 2017

I have had the honour of being asked to be the M.D."A" Chair for the Peace Poster and Essay Contest. I will be sending out letters to all of the clubs in M.D "A" in the fall requesting your support for this wonderful program

Thank you Incoming Governor Charlene, for asking me to be Peace Poster Chair.

Police Check Gatekeeper: PDG George Patton – No report

Protocol – PID Art Woods – No report

Public Relations & Club Visits Liaison – PDG Nancy Ransom – No report

Sight Conservation and Screening – PDG Tim DeBlock

With spring in the air our screening programs have been completed. Thank-you to all the Clubs and volunteers that bring the wonderful service to many of the children in our communities. To those not involved please consider exploring how your Club, members or friends could participate.

As far as our work in approaching other school boards we have run into a bit of a hiccup. The Ministry of Health is working on measures for new Ontario Public Health Standards and included in it is screening for vision and hearing. All good as it recognizes the importance of what we are doing. However the implementation of these standards is a document of a work in progress with a timeline of no earlier than 2018. Some of the boards have gone to a "holding pattern" till they see what the Public Health System plan is going to be. We are continuing to work in the existing partnerships but will need to be a little more persistent to say the least to bring change to ones not on board yet. I will keep you updated.



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Don't forget, I have received a shipment of Used Eye Glass collection boxes. Please contact me to arrange delivery to meet your needs and follow the shipping instructions on page 154 in the directory.

Technology Support Coach – PRC Rick Banks

I have been able to provide some support to Lions with questions around Gmail and access to information on the website. It has been my pleasure to be of any assistance.

Youth Camp & Exchange – Allison and Mark Henkell – No report

Please see the appeal for hosting families. Allison reported to those present for the session after the Cabinet Meeting adjourned. Youth to be hosted appear on the web site under Youth Camp. Nine youth have yet to be hosted.

Awards Presented During the Convention

Award Presentation Friday Night with the Parade of Banners

District Governor Wayne has chosen to recognize each of the attending Lions, Leos and Lioness Club Centennial Year Presidents at the Opening Ceremony of the District A 15 “Celebrate Service” Convention.

A potted Montrose White Pine and a letter of congratulations was presented to each President or club delegate by DG Wayne as they handed their banner over to be displayed for the weekend.

Governor’s Centennial Award

100 Years of Lionism was built on the foundation of service. Each of our Lions Clubs in District A-15 were given the opportunity to nominate one Lion from their Club to receive a Governor’s Certificate or Appreciation Award. The following Lions were Recognized for their Outstanding Service to their Club, Community and the World of Lionism. These are our Unsung Hero’s Pillars of Lionism.

Bob Halliburton	Ariss & Maryhill Lions	Larry Porter	Guelph Lions
Garnet Smith	Attwood & District Lions	Diane Clark	Hickson & District Lions
Peggy Gillespie	Ayr North Dumfries Lions	Barry Everson	Hillsburgh & Dist. Lions
Penny Overboe	Bayfield Lions	Ralph Gordon	Ingersoll Lions
Graham Scroggie	Belwood & District Lions	Wayne Wright	Innerkip Lions
Scott Dillabough	Brantford Lions	Erhard Kruger	Kitchener Lions
Lorraine Robertson	Brantford North Lions	Cheryl Bott	Kitchener Pioneer Lions
Jeff Bernard	Breslau Lions	Marianne Steadman	K W Comm. Spirit Lions
Alan Hyde	Centralia Huron Park Lions	Raymont Edworthy	Lynden Lions
Anthony Pettit	Copetown	Ely Hoogendoorn	Marsville & Dist. Lions
Larry Balkwill	Drumbo Lions	George Guenther	Milverton Lions
Chris Blott	Elmira Lions	Henry Poppe	Monkton Lions
Brad Whittich	Elora Lions	Bob Starr	New Hamburg Lions
Paul Scott	Exeter Lions	Shannon Williams	Oxford Lions
Melissa Galvao	Galt Cambridge Lions	Joe Brick	Paradise & District Lions



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David Shewfelt	Paris Lions	Jamie Woodend	Stratford Lions
Ron McKnight	Rockton Lions	Richard Bell	Sweaburg & Dist. Lions
Darryl Nichol	Rockwood & Dist. Lions	Bob Fisher	Thameford Lions
Kevin Hewitson	St Geroge Lions	Robert Montgomery	Waterloo Lions
Len Hallman	St Jacobs Lions	Bruce Shantz	Wellesley & Dist. Lions
Marianne Ferguson	St Marys Lions	Mary Duggan	West Coast Lions

**2016-2017 Lions Clubs International Leadership
 Presidential Awards**

W Peter Oswald ID# 852848
District A 15 Cabinet Treasurer

Lion Peter has been an active member in his own club (Woodstock Lions Club) since his induction in 1994. He continues to attend most of his Club meetings giving Guidance and Direction as to all aspects of Lionism. His involvement with the District exposes him to many of the functions of the District Committees. This information brings knowledge, understanding and ultimately Strengthens the Club. Lion Peter has served District A-15 as Treasurer for some 9 Governors. Peter's team outlook, willingness to "Make it Happen" and dedication to Lions, embodies the spirit of Leadership in Lionism.

Joanne MC Quiggan ID# 800248
District A-15 Youth (Lions Opportunities for Youth) Chairperson

Lion Joanne has been involved with the many aspects of Lionism at her club and beyond. She is a Chartered member (1997) KW Community Spirit Lions Club
 Joanne's awareness of Lions however started some years prior.
 Executive director since November 1997 to the present 29 Years. (Lions Quest Canada) .
 Board Chair for Children and Youth Services Waterloo Region, since 2011
 Past Chair, Board of Directors Leadership Waterloo Region 2002 to 2016 Leadership Waterloo Region.
 Graduate of Wilfrid Laurier University MBA 1995. Joanne is not just about credentials.
 She works hard to make a difference in the lives of Youth and young families. She is not only an excellent role model but she embodies the spirit of what we want to see in Lionism long into the next century of Lions.