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Fall A-15 Cabinet Meeting Agenda

11:30 AM Sunday, November 10th, 2013

St Jacobs Community Centre, 31 Parkside Dr, St Jacobs

1. Call to order By DG Denis Vinette at 11:35 AM
Attendance as indicated

VOTING CABINET

IPDG Dr. Dan Ayim (R)	DG Denis Vinette	1st VDG VDG Tim DeBlock	2nd Diane Smith
CS Dennis Lougheed	CT Peter Oswald	RC Victor Bovingdon	ZC Ajit Manku
ZC Rae Rotchell	RC Paul Anstett	ZC Marg Overveld	ZC Kevin Banfield
RC Wayne Litt	ZC Rick Banks	ZC Jim Davis	

COMMITTEE CHAIR

Lion Ted Bickell	PDG Doug Smith (R)	PCC Tim Cronin (R)	Lion Janet Dawson-Brock (R)
Lion Cindy Grobe	PDG Thom Herrmann	Lion Gord Hufnagel	Lion Ernie Kaethler
Lion Ferne Lindhorst	Lion Pat Mclean (R)	Lion Adam McMurrin	PDG Karen McNeight
Lion Joanne McQuiggan (R)	PRC Bobert Montgomery	PID Bruce Murray	PCC Dave Overboe
Lion Penny Overboe	PDDG George Patton (R)	Lion Jogn Pepper (R)	IPDG Norma Peterson
PDG Nancy Ransom	PRC John Rothwell	Lion Mary Rothwell	PCC Dave Rumble
Lion Mary Rumble	Lion Marysa Rumble-Lauriault (R)	Lion Bob Rutter (R)	PCS Ted Rypma
Lion Jeff Sullivan (R)	Lion Raymond Taylor (R)	PZC Charlene Teasdale	Lion Linda Vinette
PDG Larry Wainwright	PDG OJ Wilura	PID Art Woods (R)	

In attendance also were approximately 63 other Lion Members including PDG's Jim & Maureen Hilt of A-12 **(R)** - Regrets

2. O Canada
3. Moment of Silence in memory of those Lions and others who have passed while serving the needs of others.
4. Toast to Queen & Country
5. Lions Grace
6. Lunch
7. Welcome (PDG Denis Vinette) & Setting of Protocol (VDG2 Diane Smith)
8. Adoption of the Agenda
MOVED by CS Dennis Lougheed and seconded by CT Peter Oswald to adopt the agenda as printed.. Carried.
9. District Governor's Remarks

With a net growth in membership to-date, and a large number of clubs participating in District and service activities, I can say without reservation ... we are off to a fantastic start.

We have celebrated the chartering of the Oxford Lions Club in Woodstock on November 9th and on October 28th, we celebrated the Breslau Lions Club chartering. In keeping with A15 tradition, both clubs come to Lions with an energy and commitment that will assuredly carry them through many years to come.

Region and Zone chairs are making progress on identifying target locations for new clubs and in developing ways of assisting clubs in need of improving their membership numbers.

Our first "Lions Now!" event at St. Marys was well attended. I was impressed by the variety in the committee displays and resources as well as the high quality of our guest speakers and their presentations. Plans, well underway for the next event on February 24th, 2014 in



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Innerkip, will allow more time for members to visit our committee displays and resources. My hat goes off to our VDGs, Lion Tim and Diane and our Region Chairs for their work in making this a memorable event.

In the past four months, we have received many new requests for clubs wishing to undertake the Club Enhancement Process. In addition, we have already assisted 3 clubs in assessing the program and are expecting additional requests to come from inquiries made by clubs at Zone and Cabinet meetings.

We created the "Hot Pepper Pin Series" to recognize our new members, new member sponsors, Lions Now participants and those who attend our District Convention. This program was developed to encourage our members to take an active role in our District events and programs and in the constant need to increase our membership for the betterment of our communities and our organization.

With a new emphasis on club development and membership support, many Zone chairs have incorporated a workshop activity into their program. I believe that this initiative will allow us to provide a forum for clubs to come together and share their knowledge and experience for the betterment of their Zone and neighboring clubs.

Our District Convention committee has met and are making plans to make this event one for the record books.

With a membership workshop in January, our second Lions Now event in February and our convention in mid April, we are poised to make this year another success in the service of others and of our association.

10. Approval of Minutes of the August 25th, 2013 Cabinet Meeting
Available at <http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Directory/CabMinAug2012.pdf>
MOVED by CS Dennis Lougheed and seconded by ZC Rick Banks to approve the minutes of August 25th, 2013 Cabinet Meeting. Carried.
11. Matters Arising
 - 11.1. Convention Ad-hoc Committee
 Whereas at the August 25th, 2013 Cabinet Meeting a motion was passed creating an ad-hoc committee to explore consolidation of policy governing bidding for and planning of District conventions and updating to match current realities,
 - 11.1.1. MOVED by CS Dennis Lougheed and seconded by ZC Jim Davis that DG Denis Vinette, Lion Bob Keleher, PDG Jim Loucks and PCC Todd Wilson be endorsed as members of the Convention Ad-hoc Committee. Carried
 - 11.1.2. MOVED by CS Dennis Lougheed and seconded by RC Vic Bovingdon that the Convention Ad-hoc Committee, created at the August 2013 Cabinet Meeting, bring forth its recommendations no later than the June 2014 Cabinet Meeting. Carried.
12. New Business
 Whereas the District Volunteering To Participate In A-15 Sanctioned Activities Involving Vulnerable People requires Criminal Record Checks (or Policy Background Checks), including Vulnerable Sector Checks and Sex Offender Checks, and
 Whereas our membership reside in a number of different Policing jurisdictions with differing procedures and associated costs, and
 Whereas we do not have at present a report storage policy that meets privacy concerns,
MOVED by CS Dennis Lougheed and seconded by RC Paul Anstett that the Long Range Planning and Constitution and By-Laws Committee Chairs be directed to thoroughly review the services



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available from BackCheck and CSInc and recommend whether or not the District should put one of these systems in place as an available tool to be used by our clubs and their members when requiring Police Background Checks.

13. Treasurer's Report - *See Pages 4 through 7*

13.1. Report & Financial Statements

MOVED by CT Peter Oswald and seconded by ZC Marg Overveld to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's report and Financial Statements as presented. Carried.

14. Cabinet Reports - *See Pages 8 through 10*

15. Committee Reports - *See Pages 11 through 17*

Cabinet and Committee Chairs who have something to report are asked to please submit their reports in writing by the dates requested by the Cabinet Secretary. Supplemental information arriving after submission may be given at the Cabinet meeting however you are requested to provide a written copy of that supplemental at the meeting.

16. Special Presentations & Awards

16.1. MDA Convention Presentation

PDG Jim Hilt of District A-12 presented a synopsis of the 2014 MDA Convention to be held on May 2nd through 4th, 2014 in Huntsville. Further information may be found on the MDA Website mdalions.org

16.2. CEP Facilitator Training Certificates - Presented by PDG's Karen McNeight and OJ Wilura to PZC Charlene Teasdale, RC Vic Bovingdon, ZC Ajit Manku, RC Wayne Litt, VDG2 Diane Smith, RC Paul Anstett, ZC Rae Rotchell, PZC Sherman Roth and PRC Vaughan Braby.

16.3. Diabetes & Camp Huronda Donation Program Banner Patches – Presented by Lion Cindy Grobe to the Linwood and District Lions, Elmira Lions, Fergus Lions, Ingersoll Lions, Rosckton Lions, St George Lions, Paris Lioness, Vanastra and District Lions and the Zurich Lions Clubs.

17. Good & Welfare

18. Adjournment 1:35 PM



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TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET

For October 28, 2013, the financial records have been balanced and reconciled to the bank online balances (reconciled to statements as at Sept. 30). The financial statements presented here fairly reflect the financial position of the District.

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS

- All Clubs have been invoiced for dues for this Lions year. As of October 28, there are only 7 Clubs with outstanding dues totalling \$1,941.
- With respect to Expenses vs Budget, there has been limited activity to date and the report is straight forward.

TRUST ACCOUNTS

- The balance sheet for the Trust accounts is an accurate reflection of all balances held in Trust and all accounts have been reconciled to the Bank records as at October 28, 2013.
- There is a transfer of \$1,000 from the Effective Speaking account to the Trust account required to balance the internal accounting. Otherwise all records are up to date.

The LCIF Grant Check in the amount of \$75,000 US has been received and presented tp LFC for its renovation and expansion program in Oakville.



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TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

	<u>28 Oct 13</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account	17,314.33
CIBC - Investments	30,000.00
CIBC USD Account	35.57
International Director Fund	4,517.23
New Club Assessment Fund	4,719.92
Total Cash	<u>56,587.05</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	56,587.05
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	1,941.25
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>1,941.25</u>
Other Current Assets	
Convention Gifts	450.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>450.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>58,978.30</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>58,978.30</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
A/P USD for LCI	-0.03
Total Accounts Payable	<u>-0.03</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
Convention Fund	5,594.08
DGE Partner Travel	1,856.00
International Director Suspense	395.25
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>7,845.33</u>
Total Current Liabilities	7,845.30
Long Term Liabilities	
International Director - Contra	4,517.23
New Club Assessment - Contra	4,719.92
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>9,237.15</u>
Total Liabilities	17,082.45
Equity	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	6,395.50
Net Income	11,809.81
Total Equity	<u>41,895.85</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>58,978.30</u>



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District "A"-15 Lions - Admin Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2013 through June 2014

Basis

	Jul '13 - Jun 14	Budget	Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Advertising	250.00	500.00	-250.00
District Directory	220.00	250.00	-30.00
District Dues			
Dues - Collected	13,438.50	13,472.00	-33.50
Total District Dues	13,438.50	13,472.00	-33.50
Interest Earned	0.00	240.00	-240.00
Leadership Seminar Income	1,375.00	1,375.00	0.00
Membership Assessment	2,371.50	2,377.00	-5.50
Pin Sales	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Total Income	17,655.00	19,714.00	-2,059.00
Gross Profit	17,655.00	19,714.00	-2,059.00
Expense			
Awards			
Awards - Cabinet	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Awards - Other	197.75	500.00	-302.25
Total Awards	197.75	1,500.00	-1,302.25
Badges & Patches	633.27	700.00	-66.73
Bank Charges	21.23	200.00	-178.77
Cabinet Expense	170.00	1,400.00	-1,230.00
Convention Expense	0.00	1,100.00	-1,100.00
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair Expenses	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
District Chair - Other	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Global Leadership & Membership	1,256.53	3,600.00	-2,343.47
Leo Clubs	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Total District Chair Expense	1,256.53	6,600.00	-5,343.47
District Directories	1,656.85	1,750.00	-93.15
Governor's Newsletter	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Internet	88.20	25.00	63.20
Leadership Seminar	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pins Purchased	1,764.36	1,800.00	-35.64
Postage & Telephone	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Printing & Stationery	54.24	750.00	-695.76
USA / Canada Forum	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
Total Expense	5,842.43	19,675.00	-13,832.57
Net Ordinary Income	11,812.57	39.00	11,773.57
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
Exchange Gain/Loss	2.76	0.00	2.76
Total Other Expense	2.76	0.00	2.76
Net Other Income	-2.76	0.00	-2.76
Net Income	11,809.81	39.00	11,770.81



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

	<u>28 Oct 13</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
CIBC- Lions Quest Imprest	4,080.11
CIBC - Eff.Speaking Impst	1,893.05
CIBC - Trust Account	8,000.15
CIBC - Youth	
Youth Exchange Imprest	15,727.63
Youth Investments	12,339.30
Total CIBC - Youth	<u>28,066.93</u>
Investments	
QUEST - Investment	6,078.25
Investments - Other	5,000.00
Total Investments	<u>11,078.25</u>
Youth Camp Capital Fund	7,645.11
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>60,763.60</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>60,763.60</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>60,763.60</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Camp Dorset	50.00
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	893.05
Hearing Equipment	453.07
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Dog Guides	50.00
Leash Free Park	5,055.90
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	<u>5,105.90</u>
LIONS Quest Contra Account	10,158.36
Peace Poster	2,921.02
Sight Conservation	2,693.60
Vision Screening	2,776.56
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	28,066.93
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>53,118.49</u>
Total Current Liabilities	53,118.49
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	7,645.11
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>7,645.11</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>60,763.60</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>60,763.60</u>



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CABINET REPORTS

1st VDG –Tim DeBlock

Autumn does seem like a busy time in the Lions calendar. Zone meetings, new member inductions, Governor team visits, charter night, Lions Now, CEP presentations, breakfasts, anniversaries, appreciations, Cabinet, Governors Council..... throw in a first grandchild and life is good. Lots of good learning from all of this and I thank everyone that has embraced both the team approach and that we are mostly just wanting to reach out and do what we can to help those in need.

I have been impressed with all the positive energy I have been able to witness through the connecting with many Lions in our District. It is creating a good environment for “Following Your Dreams” and finding the “Spice” in your service.

2nd VDG – Diane Smith

Since the Cabinet meeting of August 25th, I attended the MD“A” council meeting that was held in conjunction with a GMT/GLT workshop in early September. I also had the opportunity to attend the USA/Canada Forum, held this year in Kansas. This event is always educational and is an opportunity to meet many new Lions and to share experiences and ideas.

This year there is greater emphasis on the role of teamwork. To that end DG Denis has given both myself and 1st VDG, Tim, ten clubs each to officially visit. I have made official visits to Zurich, Thamesford, where also had the privilege of inducting a new member and West Coast Lions.

I have also attended several zone meetings as well as the charter night celebrations for the new Breslau club. Clubs in A-15 are vibrant and many clubs are keen to examine their strengths as well as weaknesses through the Club Excellence Process in order to accomplish more, in our mission: We serve.

IPDG – Dan Ayim

Attended GM/GLT session at 5 Oaks camp prior to August Cabinet meeting.

Together with district Treasurer presented LCIF grant cheque in the amount of US\$ 75,000 to Lions Foundation of Canada.

Convened and chaired District Honorary Committee dinner meeting in Stratford.

Participated in Charter Night celebration ceremony welcoming our fifty-fifth club – Breslau Lions Club.

Attended Pre-Cabinet meeting in Exeter Ontario, October 30, 2013.

RC 9 - Vic Bovingdon

Attended Zone Meetings for 9E and 9S

Attended Charter Night for Breslau Lions

ZC 9E – Ajit Manku

I had the pleasure of visiting Bridgeport, Kitchener and KW Community Clubs. I’m finding the energy level out there in these clubs is really high. The clubs are getting on board with the interactive CEP which is fun and brings the members closer so that they can fulfil their dreams to serve their communities as team more efficient and successful way. I’m looking forward to visiting the others clubs in the next few months

The Zone 9 East meeting was held on October 17, 2013 at the Cambridge Highlands Lions Club. I sincerely wish to thank the entire club members for hosting the Zone Meeting. A special thanks to the Secretary, Lion Janette Ho, for looking after attendees’ numbers and taking the minutes of the



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meeting. My special thanks also go out the guest speaker, Lion Charlene Teasdale for highlighting the importance of the GMT/GLT. The topic was well presented so clearly.

Just Ask! Activity was done in groups to further enhance the membership action plan of the clubs. It was productive and accomplished goals.

On Monday 28 October 2013, Breslau Lions Club celebrated their charter night with wonderful turn out by Lions and other guests to witness the inauguration ceremony and to dinner. Congratulations to all the chartered members.

Thanks to all the clubs for attending the first Zone Meeting and I look forward to see you all at the next zone meeting on Jan 20, 2014 at KW Community Spirit , meanwhile follow your dreams, wherever they lead you.

ZC 9S – Rae Rotchell

RC37 – Paul Anstett

My Region Chair activities have been quite enjoyable with:

- Attended a meeting with RC9 Vic & RC51 Wayne to discuss Lions Now events and begin planning for the Region Challenge in March 2014..
- Attended 37S Zone Meeting in Thamesford and promoted Lions Now event and asked for Lions of 37S to support Lions Quest in the sale of Car Draw tickets.
- Attended the St.Marys Lions' International Breakfast.
- Assisted VDG1 Tim & VDG2 Diane with the 1st Lions Now event.
- Visited Bayfield Lions along with DG Denis to promote Lions Now event.
- Attended Breslau Lions Charter Night.
- Hosted the pre-Cabinet meeting at the Lions' Den in Exeter.

ZC 37S – Marg Overveld

Since the last Cabinet Meeting, I continue to learn more and more about this great district and the clubs in Zone 37S. In September, I attended Plattsville & District Lions Club 10th Anniversary. This celebration took place in their new Lions Hall and included the induction of a new Lion. During October, I made my official visits to Hickson, New Hamburg, Drumbo and Plattsville Lions Clubs. I was pleased to meet 7 prospective new members. I hosted a Zone Meeting for 37S in Thamesford. Thanks to all the clubs for their support, to Thamesford Lions Club for their assistance and to the GMT /GLT Coordinators for their CEP presentation. I had fun at Thamesford's "Elvis & Friends" event and Woodstock's "Ladies Night Out". Exciting things are happening in 37 South. I also attended St Mary's International Breakfast, "Lions Now", the Breslau Charter Night and the pre cabinet meeting. These events are good examples of leadership and teamwork in action. My journey in service continues.

ZC 37W – Kevin Banfield

RC 51 – Wayne Litt

First Zone meetings East and West with great attendance. Lots of activities started throughout the Region. Looks like a great year for Lions. And yet, there still seems to be the same old question. "How do I raise Funds for our Administration Account?"

We all know we cannot use money raised for Welfare Account (Community Betterment) for Club administration. Here are some ideas A Chinese Auction or Silent Auction at Club Events



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How about an Advertisers Nite? Members bring gifts or services to auction off to club members? Buy/make Christmas cookies, cakes or candies and sell to Lions only. One club I know prepares the club meals and money goes to the administration account. Just some ideas.... If you have some let us know.

Many of our clubs have registered for the CEP (Club Evaluation Process)

Planning for Long term gain....

“With planning, dedication and hard work your Dreams can come true.”

Way to go Lions all....

ZC 51E – Jim Davis

I am very pleased that our year has begun with all 9 clubs being represented at our first zone meeting. Each club submitted their reports announcing that they were well underway with their projects. It's great to be off to a good start. Thank you fellow Lions for your efforts. At the time of writing this report 7 of the 9 clubs have submitted their membership plans. Attendance at the St. Mary's breakfast followed by “LIONS NOW” was very well attended. Seven of the 9 clubs in Zone 51 East were represented at this event. My goal is to have all 9 clubs represented at the “LIONS NOW” in Innerkip in Feb. My club visitations are to begin in November. I'm looking forward to these events and meeting many more Lions.

ZC 51W – Rick Banks

Since the last Cabinet meeting I have attended the following events:

- Zone Meeting 51W in Milverton October 3. The meeting was attended by 37 Lions and 7 of the 9 clubs in the Zone. The District Resource Book and Club President Handbooks were delivered. Thanks to PDG Karen and PDG OJ for the CPE information.
- Visit to Atwood Lions on October 16th. It was my pleasure to visit the Atwood Club and see all the activities that they are involved in and a great pleasure to induct two new members into Lions International. Two more members will be inducted shortly.
- Attended the St. Marys Breakfast and Lions Now event on October 27th. Both were very well organized and new Lions should be encouraged to attend the next Lions Now event.
- Attended the Charter Night of the Breslau Lions Club October 28th. A time of excitement and anticipation for the new club and good fellowship.
- Attended the pre cabinet meeting in Exeter on October 30th.

Some questions still exist around use of Activity Funds for Administration purposes and I would encourage the District Cabinet to come out with firm rules that would apply to all clubs. Clubs look to the District for guidance and policies.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOTHING TO REPORT AT THIS TIME OR NO SUBMISSION

Constitution & By-Laws – PDDG George Patton, **District Bulletin** – Lion Bob Rutter, **District International Relations** – PID Art Woods, **Elections & Credentials** – PDG Doug Smith, **Five Oaks Liaison** – Lion Marysa Rumble –Lauriault, **GLT Liaison** – VDG1 Tim DeBlock, **GMT Club Success Team Leader** – RC Paul Anstett, **GMT Lions Opportunities For Youth** – Lion Jeff Sullivan, **Lions Services For Children** – Lion Joanne McQuiggan, **Peace Poster** – Lion Janet Dawson-Brock, **Membership & Club Growth Team Leader** – PDG Larry Wainwright, **Hearing & Speech Action** – Lion John Pepper, **Honorary Committee/A15PDGA** – IPDG Dr Dan Ayim, **LCIF** – PCC Dave Overboe & Lion Penny Overboe, **Long Range Planning** – PDG Thom Herrmann, **MDA Lions Magazine Liaison** – Lion Bob Rutter, **Protocol** – PID Bruce Murray, **Youth Camp Exchange Director** – RC John Rothwell & Lion Mary Rothwell, **Youth Camp Meal Chair** – Lion Ted Bickell, **Youth Camp Outgoing Youth**– Lion Marysa Rumble –Lauriault

Alert – Lion Adam McMurrin

Had a display at the October 27th Lions Now session in St Marys

Camp Coordinator – PRC Rob Montgomery

Donations to the Lake Joe tractor and implements are coming in well. They still need some more support to finish off the project. If you are sending donations to that cause please earmark your cheques accordingly so that the funds go to the specific place that it was intended.

I have been busy with my display for St. Mary's and as you all know there was some very valuable information there as well. I am now working on wish lists for the camps for the upcoming season so they will be ready for the youth and their families.

Convention Host 2014 – Lion Gord Hufnagel

Please refer to <http://a15lions.org/pages/Events/Convention> for details on the 2014 District A15 Convention.

Cultural & Community Activities – ZC Ajit Manku

11 The tickets for Irish Festival are on sale for only \$20.00 per person! Keep calm and buy tickets now. Bring friends along with you to the festival. This is a good opportunity to promote Lionism to friends so bring them along with you to see how the Lions have fun. They may decide to become members of your club. Irish Festival details are available on the A-15 website.

We are planning to publish an International Cultural Cook book. I am requesting all the clubs and their members to submit their favourite cultural recipes to me at your earliest. All the funds raised from the sale of this cook book will be given to Lion Quest.

Diabetes Awareness – Lion Cindy Grobe

On October 2nd and 3rd, I attended the diabetes information nights at Westmount Retirement Home and Queens Square Terrace Retirement Home. Both events were poorly attended by our clubs. Nicole and I are working to make the attendance at these meetings more successful. When the diabetes association is having an event anywhere in our district, I will e-mail all clubs informing them of this event. The goal of this is to have our presence there to let the public know of the best secret



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organization in the world. Most importantly we want to let the public know who we are, what we do, possibly build up our membership as well as assist families who are facing the challenges of diabetes within their family.

Money to mail the information kits to various clubs comes from the money that the community has donated. This means that some of the money people donated to help people with diabetes did not go where they, myself included, thought the money did. I found this fact to be terribly embarrassing as a Lion.

Nicole informed us about how stressful it is for the many single families. If the families don't have medical benefits the cost of strips, proper meals etc. is phenomenal. Government funding is available and the hurdles are many. In two parent families, the mom general stops working because someone must get up several times during the night to test their child's blood. In single parent families this is much more challenging. During the night when the child's blood sugar levels can go high and low, a child may often go into a coma and die because no one was able to get up to check the child's blood. Diabetes dogs are helping to eliminate these tragedies.

I learned a lot about diabetes and how we as member of Lions Club International can help make life easier. I am truly proud to be part of this as a Lion. These information nights enable us to pass on this knowledge to the public at our events.

The Galt Cambridge Lions club are finishing up the preparations for their tag day on Nov. 23rd. At our meeting on Oct. 18 we began to make preparations for our Diabetes Awareness Breakfast in March 2014. Our plan is to hold this event close to National Diabetes Awareness Day, which is March 27th. I would like to thank all the clubs who asked me to attend their meetings to discuss tag days, diabetes awareness etc. Unfortunately, work commitments have taken precedent over these meetings. For this I am disappointed but we know.....family, work then Lions.

Earlier I sent out an e-mail asking Clubs if they are holding a tag day. Thank-you to the clubs who responded to my e-mail.

District Historian – PDG Nancy Ransom

A letter has been sent to the Clubs of A-15 requesting continuation of historical data submissions, for our District archives.

When asked by District Governor Denis to provide a history display for our first "Lions Now" event, which was held at St. Marys on October 27th, it seemed appropriate to highlight the first year of our District in 1976-77.

My focus and main goal this year will be to collect sufficient number of photos and stories to create a power point presentation of the Beginning of Lions District A-15 1976-77, to show at this year's District Convention.

I invite the original 36 Clubs who formed District A-15, and the two new Clubs who were chartered that year, to contribute their memoirs from that year to ensure success of this project.

Any and all historical memorabilia are much sought after, and will be returned to their Club once a copy has been saved for our District website.

Your assistance with this project is greatly appreciated.

Effective Speaking – Lion Ernie Kaethler

This excellent Opportunities for Youth program promotes growth of character and develops civic potential in our community. Laura Bender writes..."my sincerest thanks for everything; It was such an amazing experience for me. The prize money will help as I pursue Health Care studies at university, after high school. Her complete letter is on A-15 & MDA websites - Effective Speaking link.



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A-15 District finals will be held on Sat March 29, 2014. Is your Club willing to host this?
The MDA finals will be held in London, Ontario and will be hosted by the St Thomas LC on Fri /
Sat May 30 & 31, 2014.

Some Clubs are really 'on board' by holding local contests AND contributing generously to this
Opp/Youth program. Others do their part by budgeting and sending a \$100 [to \$200] dollar cheque to
A-15 Treasurer, Peter Oswald. Don't let our youth down.
Information and encouragement is always available.

Environment – Lion Linda Vinette

With the completion of the Breslau Tree & Plaque photography, the next step is adjusting the tree
pictures to the upright position & start creating the website which is a work in process.

Environmental Photo contest flyers will be sent out shortly. The criteria for Environment Photo
Contest are;

Lions from a club in good standing can enter a photograph of his or her immediate surroundings. The
Photo must be an unaltered, black-and-white or colour photo (without people) of the environment in
the following Contest categories: 8"X10"photos of Animal Wildlife, Landscapes, Plant Life & Weather
Phenomenon.

Please send your Environmental Photos to me by March 31st, 2014. I'll be happy to accept your
Photos at the District Cabinet Meetings, Zone Meetings, Region Rallies & Lions Now events. I look
forward to your submissions.

I was very pleased to participate in the 'Lions Now' event on October 27th in St. Mary's. Many of the
environmental brochures and flyers were picked up and I was happy to answer enquires.

The date for the Breslau Memorial Forest Cleanup date will be announced in the near future, so stay
tuned.

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

Emails were sent to all of the Clubs promoting these two International events.

I have had no response for the Essay Contest.

The District ordered 10 Peace Poster Kits and I am pleased to say they have all been spoken for, with a
waiting list. (International are our of them)

Clubs involved: St Agatha, Cambridge Highlands, Ingersol, Elmira, Ariss Lions Clubs and New
Hamburg Lioness Club.

The District is offering \$250.00 for the winner in District A 15.

GLT District Coordinator – PDG Karen McNeight

If you are thinking of moving into a leadership position take advantage of the Member Centre tab on
the LCI website. There you can wander through numerous avenues of information resources, created
to assist you in your desire to serve.

GMT District Coordinator – PDG OJ Wiliura

All Zone Chairs are now Certified Guiding Lions.

We have completed 3 Club Excellence Processes (CEP) in the district so far this fiscal year and will
continue to work with these clubs to ensure they achieve their expectations. Some of the ideas and
new methods being implemented are interesting. Three (3) more clubs have signed on and they will
be done in November.



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Team members have been to all Zone meeting speaking about various membership ideas. As well the Just Ask and Membership Satisfaction Guide have been distributed to each club as we go along. Should you wish your own copy, they are posted on our district website.

Studies show that 80% of the clubs that achieve positive net growth by January will end the year positive. That's why it's critical that clubs increase the number of new members during October and December.

Strong and successful clubs are in the best position to recruit and retain new members. CEP helps clubs energize their service, enhance member satisfaction, and create goals that will keep them on track to growth and continued success in serving their communities. CEP is now offered in two versions (Pro and Lite) so clubs can choose the version that's right for their members.

More than 700 clubs, globally, have registered for CEP since July—double the number from the entire last year and the CEP Web page had more than 15,000 visits in the first quarter.

Our 17 member team is ready to help out any club that feels they would like to be involved.. As you would do with a possible prospective member, just Ask!

GMT Family & Women's Membership – Lion Ferne Lindhorst

A display board was presented at the St. Mary's Breakfast on Oct. 27th.

I have sent an email message to seven Lion Clubs in the district, offering to help their Membership Chair with different ideas of increasing their membership. Four Lions clubs responded and were in attendance at the St. Mary's Breakfast.

Information Technology – PCS Ted Rypma

The new District Web site appears to be operating well. The collaborative approach has relieved the Committee Chair from responsibility for all updates, and a number of Cabinet members are now making changes to their respective sections.

I have added a "Bulletin Board" system in an attempt to promote conversation and collaboration among the Lions of A-15 (and further afield). This is starting out a bit slowly, but I hope it will become more used over time.

Please be sure to try using both the "Search" and "History" (only available if you are logged in) capabilities of the site - they should make it easier to find what you are looking for. At some time in the future, when I am sure it will help in searching, I will turn on a Google site search tool I am trying out.

LCI Convention 2014 –PDG OJ Wiura

97th Lions Clubs International Convention - Friday, July 4 – Tuesday, July 8, 2014 - Toronto, Canada

[Official Schedule of Events](#) (subject to change)

FRIDAY, JULY 4

10:00 – 17:00 Exhibit Hall and Convention Services Center (MTCC)

19:30 – 22:30 District Governors-elect Celebration Banquet Sheraton

SATURDAY, JULY 5

10:00 Step-off International Parade - Parade Assembly Area (T.B.A.)

11:00 – 17:00 Exhibit Hall and Convention Services Center (MTCC)

19:00 – 20:15 International Show (ACC)

SUNDAY, JULY 6

10:00 – 13:00 Opening Plenary Session Presidential Address, Flag Ceremony, International Parade Results (ACC)



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10:00 – 17:00 Exhibit Hall and Convention Services Center (MTCC)

14:00 – 17:00 Seminars (MTCC)

15:00 – 17:00 Membership Key Award Ice Cream Social

MONDAY, JULY 7

10:00 – 12:30 Second Plenary Session Memorial Service, Nominations for Second Vice President and International Directors (ACC)

10:00 – 17:00 Exhibit Hall and Convention Services Center (MTCC)

13:00 – 17:00 Seminars (MTCC)

13:30 – 15:00 Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon (MTCC)

20:00 – 22:00 Past International Presidents / Past International Directors Banquet Fairmont Royal York

20:00 – 22:00 District Governors / Past District Governors Banquet Fairmont Royal York

TUESDAY, JULY 8

07:30 – 10:30 Voting and Convention Services Center (MTCC)

10:00 – 13:30 Final Plenary Session Installation of 2014-2015 International President, U.N. Flag Ceremony, Installation of 2014-2015 District Governors (ACC)

19:00 – 21:00 International Officers Reception Fairmont Royal York

Please consider volunteering. Apply online: <http://lionsconvention2014.ca> and click on the VOLUNTEER tab.

LEO – Lion Raymond Taylor

St. Marys LEO Club Report:

We've had a change in our membership this past September with 8 of our former LEO's heading off to College or University or in some cases, completing a "Victory Lap" at St. Marys DCVI. However, we have three new members that have joined our club bringing our membership to 9. They are a very enthusiastic group of LEO's and thus far, have presented several new ideas to work on for activities this year.

On Saturday, October 26, several of our LEO's enjoyed an excursion to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide Training Facility in Oakville and saw first hand, several demonstrations from the 6 different Dog Guide training programs. I must say, they were totally amazed at what they witnessed. They fell in love with and even wanted to take home some of the Future Dog Guide pups in their purses! After returning home to St. Marys, they packaged up 5 cases of ink cartridges for shipment to Think Recycle in Cambridge. The LEO's are looking forward to participating in the St. Marys Santa Claus Parade on November 15th with the St. Marys Lions Club.

I do not have a report from the Cambridge LEO Club nor the Lynden LEO Club.

LFC – PZC Charlene Teasdale

Well things have certainly been rolling along with LFC! I am happy to report that our LFC Purina Walk for Dog Guides raised approx \$1.1million dollars this year and of that amount District A15 raised \$76,535.44! Way to go Lions of A15 & thank you for participating in this great fund raiser!

I have been honoured to speak about LFC with the Guelph Royal City Lions Club as well as presenting the LFC Awards to members of the Ariss & District Lions Club. Honouring your members with the Award Programs from LFC is a great way to recognize your members as well as supporting our Foundation! I was also very honoured & pleased to assist the Ariss & District Lions Club with their Brian Nichol Memorial Golf Tournament where the proceeds were designated to the Lions Foundation of Canada, we had Foster Puppy Parents and puppies visit us and the LFC Dog Guide Van was on



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display, there was a great turnout and it was great to share all the wonderful Dog Guide programs with members of the public (non Lions).

I am asking for the Lions of District A15 help with an endeavour.... We have "In Memoriam" Donation cards for funeral homes and I wanted to ask the Lions of A15 to please help me get these Donation Cards into our local funeral homes. No only is it important to have these In Memoriam Cards on display for Lions funeral services but there are lots of "pet/dog loving" people who would like to have their loved ones donate to a cause that is making such a difference in the lives of Canadians with disabilities.

I was so honoured to accompany our A15 Cabinet Treasurer, Immediate Past District Governor Lion Dan Ayim to the Oakville training facility to present the LCIF Grant for \$75,00 U.S. funds, this was a matching grant & I am happy to report that Lions have donated \$100,000 toward the "Opening Doors to Independence" campaign which has \$1million dollar goal which will assist with the improvements to the Oakville training facility to make room for the newest Dog Guide program & client rooms, therefore increasing the graduation teams!

Looking forward to speaking on behalf of LFC at the Zone 9 South Meeting as well as having the LFC Dog Guide display at our LIONS NOW event following the St. Marys International Breakfast. I have also been asked to speak on behalf of LFC to the Belwood Lions Club in November.

As always I am happy to come speak to your Club or at your Zone Meetings about the Lions Foundation of Canada and to promote our newest 6th Dog Guide program, the Diabetic Alert Dog Guide. Our Diabetic Alert Dog Guides are training now and the first class will graduate in November! Thank you for all you do and please continue to support our Lions Foundation of Canada!

Lions Quest

Each Club contributing \$500 to the Lions Quest Foundation will receive three free Lions Quest T-Shirts, sizes of their choosing.

Public Relations & Club Visits Liaison – PDG Norma Peterson

Like our emblem, with the two Lion profiles facing away from the centre, I see my role as having two sides: that of club visits liaison which has been the focus of the district PR Chair, but also the public relations aspect of the position.

As liaison, I send out a notice and biography of the District Governor or his VDG designate approximately two weeks prior to the official visit. As of October 30, I've emailed (or faxed) almost half of these letters, which means that Governor Denis, 1st VDG Tim and 2nd VDG Diane have already been very busy travelling around our district to visit your clubs. Please acknowledge my emails with a quick and brief reply so that I (and our DG or VDGs) know that you've received the information and that you're expecting them.

On October 27, following the delicious and entertaining St. Marys Lions Club Annual International Breakfast, I participated in the Lions Now! event with samples of my letter, copies of protocol information and other materials, including some resources from Lions Clubs International about public relations.

I'm willing and eager to help you promote your club if you need my assistance or advice about the more traditional forms of public relations such as club bulletins or press releases. I'd also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the clubs with newsletters or websites, and especially those which have also turned to Facebook and other forms of social media to promote their activities and events. In the latter case, I'm sure I could use your advice!



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Sight Screening & Conservation – Lion Pat McLean

Screening is actively underway in Waterloo Region and Guelph & Wellington County. In Waterloo Region, 33 schools are completed, 2202 students have been tested and 27% have been referred. There has been a 77% participation of total students enrolled in Junior and Senior Kindergarten. Participation by club members has been strong.

At this time, I do not have numbers from Guelph and Wellington County; I will include them in a further report.

The Kitchener club is using the new screening refractor but further training is needed. Charlie Davis is scheduling a session with the company representative later this month in Batavia NY. Once we have all the bugs worked out, we will be considering further purchases of the new machines. They have many advantages over the current units.

Sight conservation participated in the Lions Now event after the St. Mary's International Breakfast on Sunday October 27th with both a display board, and a short presentation on vision screening. I am encouraging other clubs to get involved with screening as this provides a very worthwhile service to our community.

Youth Camp Chair – PCC Dave Rumble & Lioness Mary Rumble

Requests for the camp are coming in slowly and applications will be coming in very shortly with the bulk coming after the first of the year.

As in past years we are looking to bring in 24 youth from around the world. We would appreciate your co-operation in locating the host families. 2013 was an off year and we had to beg for host families. We would like to avoid that situation this year and have our host families lined up prior to arrival. Youth pictures and some basic information for each will be placed on the website as soon as we receive them and host families can go there to select their youth.

Camp Clean up is scheduled for May 16th and 17th. We do have access to the Chalet for overnight accommodations. We need to know numbers as soon as possible because spaces are limited.

Clean-UP. We need chain saw experts, aluminum experts to put some eaves trough above two or three of the doorways.

We require an electrician to move hydro wires from one panel to another. Small project, it just takes an expert.

Painting is required inside the dining centre and the outside needs to be scraped and repainted if all possible.

Hermitage House, requires new shingles.

2013 we brought in 21 youth, however we only sent out 5 youth from the entire district. We would like to see more youth going out. They are there and it is up to you to contact the youth groups in your area to select a youth that would like a life changing experience.