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A-15 CONVENTION CABINET MEETING AGENDA
April 6th 2019 9:30 -11:00 AM & April 7th, 2019, 10:30 AM - Noon
Quality Inn, Woodstock

Saturday 9:30 AM

1. Call to order and Welcome – DG Kevin Banfield
2. O Canada
3. Protocol – Set at the Friday evening Opening Ceremonies.
4. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
5. Introduction of International Guest PID Garnet Davis – PID Art Woods
6. Approval of Minutes of the March 3, 2019 Cabinet meeting.
Available at: <http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/Cabinet%20Minutes%20March%203-2019.pdf>
7. Treasurer’s Report and Financial Statements. *See pages 2 through 5*
MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer’s report.
8. Cabinet Reports *See pages 6 through 9*
 - 8.1. **MOVED** to acknowledge receipt of the Cabinet reports.
9. Committee Reports *See pages 10 through 15*
 - 9.1. **MOVED** to acknowledge receipt of the Committee reports.
10. Award Presentation
 - 10.1. Guiding Lions Certificates
 - 10.2. Other
11. Candidates – PDG Thom Herrmann
12. Adjournment until Sunday morning at 10:30 AM

Sunday 10:30 AM

1. Call to order – DG Kevin Banfield
2. Remarks from International Guest PID Garnet Davis
3. Convention Report
4. Remarks from DG Kevin Banfield
5. Awards & Presentations
 - 5.1. First Timers Contest –
 - 5.2. Other Awards
6. Convention Raffle Results
7. Report from Election Committee and announcing of results – PDG Thom Herrmann
8. Motion to destroy ballots
9. New Cabinet
 - 9.1. Introduction
10. DG-Elect remarks
11. Passing of the Campbell, oldest to newest
12. Presentation of Flags to 2019-2020 Convention Host Club
13. Adjournment



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Treasurer's Report to Cabinet – Louise Howe

MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- I move receipt of the financial reports as submitted.



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04/01/19
Accrual Basis

District "A"-15 Lions - Admin
Balance Sheet
As of February 28, 2019

	Feb 28, 19
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account	15,987.16
CIBC - Investments	31,886.48
CIBC USD Account	7.45
International Director Fund	421.73
New Club Assessment Fund	1,870.56
Total Cash	50,173.38
International Director GIC	6,000.00
Total Chequing/Savings	56,173.38
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	-200.00
Total Accounts Receivable	-200.00
Total Current Assets	55,973.38
TOTAL ASSETS	55,973.38
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
A/P USD for LCI	0.01
Total Accounts Payable	0.01
Other Current Liabilities	
Convention Fund	3,172.05
DGE Partner Travel	4,040.87
International Director Suspense	364.75
Total Other Current Liabilities	7,577.67
Total Current Liabilities	7,577.68
Long Term Liabilities	
International Director - Contra	6,421.73
New Club Assessment - Contra	1,870.56
Total Long Term Liabilities	8,292.29
Total Liabilities	15,869.97
Equity	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	7,689.42
Net Income	8,723.45
Total Equity	40,103.41
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	55,973.38



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District "A"-15 Lions - Admin Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2018 through June 2019

	Jul '18 - Jun 19	Budget	Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Advertising	0.00	250.00	-250.00
District Directory	0.00	150.00	-150.00
District Dues			
Dues - Collected	12,401.50	12,427.00	-25.50
Total District Dues	12,401.50	12,427.00	-25.50
Interest Earned	0.00	742.00	-742.00
Leadership Seminar Income	1,425.00	1,450.00	-25.00
MD "A" Dues	0.00	0.00	0.00
Membership Assessment	2,188.50	2,193.00	-4.50
Pin Sales	0.00	800.00	-800.00
Returned Cheque Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	16,015.00	18,012.00	-1,997.00
Gross Profit	16,015.00	18,012.00	-1,997.00
Expense			
Awards			
Awards - Cabinet	0.00	650.00	-650.00
Awards - Other	399.96	500.00	-100.04
Total Awards	399.96	1,150.00	-750.04
Badges & Patches	787.72	450.00	337.72
Bank Charges	60.00	250.00	-190.00
Bank Service Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cabinet Expense	895.81	2,000.00	-1,104.19
Convention Expense	531.84	750.00	-218.16
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair Expenses	243.22	300.00	-56.78
District Chair - Other	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Global Leadership & Membership	3,037.26	2,000.00	1,037.26
Leo Clubs	107.04	200.00	-92.96
District Chair Expense - Other	-551.64		
Total District Chair Expense	2,835.88	4,000.00	-1,164.12
District Director's	1,823.60	2,000.00	-176.40
Internet	141.08	142.00	-0.92
Leadership Institutes	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Leadership Seminar	0.00	3,700.00	-3,700.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pins Purchased	895.24	895.24	0.00
Postage & Telephone	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Printing & Stationery	438.30	500.00	-61.70
USA / Canada Forum	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Total Expense	8,809.43	17,937.24	-9,127.81
Net Ordinary Income	7,205.57	74.76	7,130.81
Net Income	7,205.57	74.76	7,130.81



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Accrual Basis

District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust

Balance Sheet

As of February 28, 2019

	Feb 28, 19
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
CIBC- Lions Guest Imprest	13,897.39
CIBC - Eff.Speaking Impet	2,205.27
CIBC - Trust Account	30,088.88
CIBC - Youth	
Youth Exchange Imprest	12,720.96
Youth Investments	13,183.76
Total CIBC - Youth	25,904.72
Investments	
QUEST - Investment	7,725.36
Trust ST Investment	5,303.00
Total Investments	13,028.36
Youth Camp Capital Fund	7,845.49
Total Chequing/Savings	92,970.11
Total Current Assets	92,970.11
TOTAL ASSETS	92,970.11
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Brantford Group Home	1,000.00
Camp Dorset	1,299.85
Camp Huronda	900.00
Camp Kirk	750.00
Camp Trillium	750.00
Centennial Project	17,487.33
Cultural Festival	217.11
Diabetes Awareness	50.00
Diabetes Tag Day	1,640.00
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	705.27
Hearing Equipment	803.07
Lake Joseph	1,300.00
LCIF	
LCIF - Campaign 100	50.00
LCIF - Other	1,000.00
Total LCIF	1,050.00
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Leash Free Park	2,508.86
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	2,508.86
LIONS Quest Contra Account	21,622.75
Peace Poster	1,468.29
Reading Action	6.12
Vision Screening	4,161.25
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	27,404.72
Total Other Current Liabilities	85,124.62
Total Current Liabilities	85,124.62



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CABINET REPORTS

DG – Kevin Banfield

Well here we are already three quarters of the way through the year already.

We have had a very busy year with Tech Town, our New Member/Re dedication service among many other events and programs within the district and MDA.

Clubs are now in the process of selecting their Executive Officers for the new Lions year and as you will see the Club Executive and I would ask that each member of the district think about how they can serve their club, but also the district and beyond.

If you have not heard, I have taken the next set in my journey and I am very honored to have been elect as the 2019-20 MDA Council Chair. This will keep me busy for the next 3 years.

We Lions, Lioness and LEOs work hard and it is now time to celebrate with our District A15 Convention. We will be hosting a new service project at the convention. PDG Tim is looking after a community vision screening program, the Strides Walk for Diabetes again, and there will be a membership workshop put on by Lion Paul Baker. Please be sure to check these two programs out at the convention.

See you at Convention!

1st VDG – Tracey Leary

It certainly has been a busy year for all of us. The Re-dedication / Orientation night was a success and well attended. Lots of new members joining our organization. Service and projects going on in every community. Tech town is getting good reviews and helping so many members. It is great to be a part of this District!! I'm looking forward to having a lot of fun and getting out to see more of you in the upcoming year. Let's have a great convention and let us show our District Governor our appreciation!!! See you there! 😊

P.S.

Still looking for Zone and Region Chairs!! Come see me, and I will tell you all about it!!

2nd VDG – George Corrin

I continued on behalf of our D.G. Kevin Banfield, to visit clubs with his message. I completed all but 2 of these visits that were cancelled due to bad weather and a health issue. I appreciated all the warm greetings and excellent meals such as the Spaghetti Dinner in Sheffield, Breakfast in Marsville, and then travelling abroad to the Irish Supper in Belwood, and then the Family day in Thamesford. I was invited to participate in a 3-day learning and development seminar for Lions Quest. This was an incredible opportunity to have a better understanding of the program that is available to us. Our cabinet was able to participate in 2 new social media meetings, the first one GO-TO Meeting and the 2nd was a virtual meeting. The modern era of technology has arrived. We will see both of these different methods of



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communication used more often in the future with our members. As the District Governor has stated “Embracing the Future”. It was good to see the Zone Chairs utilizing available resources within their zones to better mentor and provide knowledge back to their prospective clubs.

Please follow GLT Lion Dennis Loungeed as he finalizes the course material he will deliver for the upcoming Tech Town session on June 8th 2019.

Looking forward to being part of the Friday evening Thamesford Lions Club entertainment for the members at the 2018 2019 convention. I would appreciate your support to move forward as VDG1 for 2019-2020.

RC37 – Cecillia Fulker

This has been a whirlwind year. I am so glad that DG Lion Kevin sent me out to other clubs. I now have the experience of learning other service projects. It does not matter where I go or how big the club is. We Serve is evident everywhere. I also had the experience of a Memorial service at The Lions Club of Kitchener. It was very moving. I am looking forward to the next Lion Year and meeting Lions in our great District to share and serve. Whatever position I hold I will serve with the same enthusiasm I have now.

ZC 37S – Gabrielle Paff

Visits to Thamesford Lions February 4th. Informative meeting with Kyle Boutillier as the Speaker. Joint 37 Zone meeting was held February 11th and hosted by the Monkton Club. It was a full meeting with Speakers for the evening PDG Tim DeBlock, Sight Conservation & Screening chair, PDG Denis Vinette, Lions Quest Chair and LCIF Chair Peter Oswald. Great meal Monkton.

I have noted before that Zone 37s is seeing an increase in membership within many of their clubs. I have had the honor of inducting one (1) new member during a February 14th visit to Sweaburg Lions Club. On February 27th, I was invited to the Drumbo Club to induct three (3) new members in their club. Congratulations and welcome to all our new Lions Members. I continue to be impressed and amazed at the amount of service work being achieved by all 11 Clubs within Zone 37S. Keep up the good work everyone.

Looking forward to seeing everyone the weekend of April 5th, 6th and 7th at the District Convention. It promises to be a good one with good weather.

ZC 51E – Linda Vinette

Since the last Cabinet Meeting, I participated in the Region 51 Joint Zone meeting held at the Ariss and Maryhill Lions Club with GMT Bill Robinson as guest speaker. Many thanks to Lion Bill for showing his passion of Leadership. Thank you, DG Kevin for allowing me to take on the position of Zone Chair. I do feel that 2 years is a benefit for a zone chair to really connect with the clubs in their zone.



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ZC37W- Jody Cherwonak

It is hard to believe that our Lion year is coming to an end. I have enjoyed my visits to The Clubs. I have performed many inductions in this short period. The motto of We Serve has been very apparent everywhere I go. The Life Memberships, Centennial Awards, and Dog Guide Walks. The list goes on and so does the enthusiasm. I am lucky to have great mentoring from Region Chair Lion George Corrin that has helped my road be a lot smoother along the way. This has definitely been a learning experience. The Clubs in 37W are growing larger and stronger. To quote a PDG who told me a while ago, to be myself and never stop showing my excitement and love for Lions and the people in it. He is a wise man and I am still excited today. The road to tomorrow will lead into more great adventures and more reasons for being a Lion.

ZC9S – Tony Davidson

ZC51W –Mark Koenig

RC51- Jim Davis

RC9 – Harvey Wood

This has been a busy winter, Club Visits, Zone Meetings and weather.

Through the year, we held our two Zone meetings and more lately, our joint Zone meeting with Zone 9 South. All meetings were well attended and we were favoured by A-15 speakers or each of our meetings. Topics were top of mind and focused District priorities. Elicited feedback was positive and we thank the host Clubs for their help with this very important activity.

Our primary focus is membership and I appreciate the participation and positive attitudes of our membership chairs.

Fund raising activities remain busy with the results supporting Lions causes.

GLT (Global Leadership Team) – District Coordinator – Lion Dennis Lougheed

Tech Town 3 was held on January 19th 2019. With 16 Lion registrants. Focus of the afternoon was on the creation of, design and maintenance of a club web site hosted on LCI's free e-clubhouse.org.

Tech Town 4, to be held June 8th, 2019, will be a repeat of Tech Town 1 for those who were unable to attend in September and/or will be new to a club or district officer role in the 2019/20 Lions year. Topics covered will include; an overview of the District, Multiple District and International Web sites, proficiency in the use of the District Email system, the use of MyLCI for monthly membership reporting as required by club secretaries and treasurers and the use of MyLCI by Zone and Region Chairs as a research tool regarding the health of clubs in their purview.



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We have been advised that the changes to service reporting from MyLCI to the new MyLion platform will be imposed on July 1st and we are working hard towards being able to provide instruction on the use of this new tool at the Tech Town 4 workshop. Notification has been sent to all Lions for whom we have email addresses as well as all clubs. Registration is limited to 40 participants as the computer lab only has 40 stations.

The session descriptions and registration details for the April 28th Lions Learning Seminars have been sent to all members for whom we have email addresses as well as all clubs. Topics have been included which will be of interest to all Lions however Club Officers and Committee Chairs are particularly encouraged to attend.

All returning and potential new District Officers are asked to note that District Officer Training will NOT be part of the Lions Learning Seminars this year. It will instead, be held on May 5th from 10 AM to 3 PM at HIMARK OSTC, 427 Dundas St N in Cambridge. **All returning and potential new District Officers are asked to treat this training as a must attend event.**

The application form and criteria for the [Lions Learning Recognition Award](#) is available on the District web site. Please review and begin putting together your personal records for submission by June 30th 2019.

GMT – (Global Membership Team) District Coordinator – PRC Bill Robinson

GST- (Global Service Team) District Coordinator – PDG OJ Wilura

Below you will note statistical information regarding service activity reporting on MyLCI as of the March 31st. We are getting better and I thank those clubs for entering their activities.

	Clubs Reporting *	Activities	Lions Hours	People Served
2017-18	53	1,888	70,937	1,031,371 **
2018-19 to date	55	1,556	71,649	240,428

* Not including University of Guelph

** A possible error was made in reporting the number of persons served was made.

3 clubs have not reported any activity during this fiscal year and 1 club is now entering its 3rd year of foregoing submissions. Contact by the Zone Chairs and I have been fruitless.

At present along with the GST Coordinator we are looking at the impact of reporting service activities via MyLion, which starts on July 1st. Training is absolutely required in this area.

Preparations are ongoing for our next Tech Town, Lions Learning Seminars in Baden and District Officers training in Cambridge.

I had the occasion to present a session on “What is the Role of a Zone Chair” at the combined Joint Region 9 meeting in Burford.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

2018/19 A-15 Convention Committee – ZC37S Gabrielle Paff

Constitution & By-Laws – PDDG George Patton

Effective Speaking – Lion Lyle Fair

Effective speaking Results

<u>JR. English</u>	Maeve O'Grady	Guelph
<u>INT. English</u>	Charlie Pereira	Guelph
<u>SR. English</u>	Liethan Velasco	
<u>JR. French</u>	Isaac Turner	Belwood
<u>INT. French</u>	Julian Bal	KW Community Spirit
<u>SR. French</u>	Sophia Gryshchenko	KW Community Spirit

Environment – Lion James McIlwrath

Diabetes Awareness East – Lion Brian Martin

Diabetes Canada has asked if A-15 would like to partner with A-12 and A-16 to help with the renovation of Camp Huronda – the Diabetes Canada (DC) camp for children with Type 1 Diabetes, located near Huntsville Ontario. In effect, to pledge to support the renovation Project (hereinafter called the Project) by encouraging A-15 Lions Clubs to consider conducting projects specifically targeted to help raise funds for this Project.

District A-12 and A-16 have already agreed to support DC in this venture. With A-15 on board, we have an opportunity to get Lions involved in a specific Diabetes oriented project – fulfilling our mandate to make diabetes a major Lions cause. It also gives us the opportunity to join a multi-district project. There currently is an LCIF Grant Application for Diabetes in the works to support the Project. It would be, if awarded, a potential source of revenue, and should be viewed as such. We should instead look at what we – Lions of MDA- could do together by working together collectively to meet a common goal. A lot of organization would be needed and involve inter District communication. Details we can work on once we (Cabinet) decides if we want A-15 to get on board.

My counterpart in A-12 and I have had discussions on this venture and believe it is very attainable. There are 59 Clubs in A-15, and near 50 in A-12 (exact figures not verified at this time) and? in A-16. Between these Districts alone, a pledge of \$1000.00 from each participating Club would see us (Lions) raising more than the expected target of \$92K. Factor in another District or two getting involved, we then could do a lot more, by virtue of increased funds and participation. My co-chair Lion Rick Bell is aware of the above information and I am making this request on our behalf.



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This is simply an information docket and a request that Cabinet reviews and discusses this idea, with the hope that A-15 would consider joining the project. I can provide more details when I return from my winter sojourn in Florida next month. MDA Diabetes Chair, Lion Denis Vinette, is aware of this request as well as the overall Diabetes Canada plan and the LCIF Grant application, and could perhaps provide more detail – I believe he already addressed this at the on-line Cabinet Meeting.

Diabetes Awareness West – Lion Rick Bell

Family and Women's Membership – PDG Diane Smith

I have been continuing to visit clubs, at their request, and have been delivering the message of *The Changing Face of Lionism*. Our International President has encouraged us to think differently about membership in our organization with her theme –New Voices. It has been gratifying to see productive discussions taking place that strategize new ways to enhance membership, all in an effort to provide more hands for service.

I had the privilege to participate in the first Canadian Young Lions Retreat on March 23rd. This was a constitutional event for young Lions and Leos-the idea of Kyle Boutilier, our youth liaison to Lions Clubs International. This event, chaired by Nikhil Patil and Kyle demonstrated the enthusiasm, spirit and dedication of the youth of our organization. Thirty three youth from across the country attended the event and from my interaction with the attendees I know the experience was an enriching one for all. Going forward I ask each of you to think about what you as an individual Lion can do to make your club stronger. It may be something simple like a warm smile and a handshake to a quieter member. Remember Kindness Matters.

Future Convention Advisory Committee – PDG Doug Smith

Hearing & Speech- PRC Paul Anstett – Nothing to Report

Historian Report – PDG Nancy Ransom

I continue to collect historical information when clubs submit items.

If any individuals or clubs have an extra charter (or early years) club pin from any of our District Lions and Lioness Clubs, would they be willing to donate a pin to District A15 collection for displays?

This would include pins from clubs that are no longer functional today.

I have two cloth district maps for displaying the pins at cabinet meetings, conventions, etc., but do not have a complete collection. These pins would then belong to District A15.

I have come across a note or two about a Preston Lions Club, Crediton Lions Club, and Grand Bend Lions Club; which may have existed prior to the formation of District A15. If anyone has any photos or



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information about these clubs, it would be greatly appreciated if you would lend or forward a copy to me, to share with the District.

The convention display depicts projects from the past to the present, which reflect our current five pillars of service in Lionism. Please look at the binders and find a story from your club.

Honorary Committee – IPDG Charlene Dwyer

Thank you to all of our Past District Governors for keeping involved in the various areas of our District. One of the key areas that we PDG's can offer our experience in is mentorship to those currently in District Leadership as well as those contemplating moving forward. We are here for you and ready to help in any way possible, all you have to do is contact one of us. We will be holding our second PDG Association Meeting on Saturday morning during the A15 Convention in Woodstock, we look forward to discussing moving forward as well as insights from our International Guest. We all look forward to seeing you at Convention and we are proud to be a part of our District A15's history.

LCIF –PDT Peter Oswald

Leo Report – Lion Phillip Bourdeau

Lions Foundation of Canada – PRC Debbie Cserhalmi

Walk season is fast approaching! New walks, walkers and donations are greatly appreciated. You can find both walks and walkers online at www.walkfordogguides.com. Please consider supporting the foundation's largest fundraiser of the year.

Walking not your thing? How about a scenic motorcycle ride and poker run? The ride starts in Oakville and ends in Breslau. More info at <https://www.dogguides.com/ride/> Tell your friends!

Open House is being held in Oakville on April 13 from 9:30-3:30. Tour the facility, watch demonstrations by our dogs and trainers, and bid on silent auction items. And of course, meet and pet some of our future super star puppies!

Need puppies for an event? Want me to come talk to your club? Contact me at lfc@a15lions.org

Lions Opportunities for Youth – Joanne McQuiggan

Lions Quest – PDG Denis Vinette

As planned, we held our 2nd Lions Quest Ambassador Workshop on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at the Lyle Hallman Recreation Centre in Kitchener. There were 8 Lions members in attendance. In addition to covering the various workshop formats (School based, Community and Train-the-trainers), each attendee completed a short survey based on the 40 developmental assets with one twist. The test was



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devised to ask Lions about how they felt about their relationship with Lions, their Club and their Lions Experience overall. It was interesting to see the varied responses and, because of this, there will be an opportunity for convention participants to take this test of “Lions Assets”.

As for new workshops, I can clear state that we are definitely making some serious progress in this area.

To begin with, we will be sponsoring 2 community workshops this spring. They will be part of Wellington County’s “Safe Communities” program and will hopefully develop interest in further community and school based workshops going forward.

With changes in provincial government funding and, with a shortage of qualified substitute teachers, we are forced to reconsider any school workshops for May or June. Instead, in a way to minimize the financial impact and staffing concerns at schools, we are now planning on holding two school based workshops in mid-August instead.

From discussions with one Ambassador, and wanting to provide a more detailed understanding of the programs that Lions Quest offer, we have decided to try a new approach in providing information to the school administrators. We will be hosting the first Lions Quest Breakfast information session in early May at a location in the Guelph / Eramosa area. If this proves workable, then we’ll consider having additional sessions in other areas in our District.

In closing, I am attending to any and all requests for information and am overjoyed with the District and Club support to-date. I will be contacting the clubs that have yet to donate to this program in the very near future.

Literacy – PZC Aline Chan

Thank you for helping advance the cause of Lions International by helping make literacy a Lions affair. I was able to visit several Clubs advocating ways to promote Literacy.

Lions should encourage parents in ways to help their children develop literacy skills. It is important that children are exposed to language in daily activities – it could be reading the back of a cereal box, reading street signs, reading commercials, measure ingredients for a food recipe or learning the words of a song. All these are precious moments for children to foster a close interaction between them and their parents / caregivers.

Thank you for welcoming me into your Clubs and helping foster a love of reading to children.

Long Range Planning Report – PDG Thom Herrmann

Nominations – PDG Doug Smith

ZC 9S	No Candidate
ZC 9E	No Candidate
ZC 37S	No Candidate



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ZC 37W No Candidate
 ZC 51E No Candidate
 ZC 51W Mark Koenig, Paradise and District Lions

RC 9 No Candidate
 RC 37 Lion Gabrielle Paff, Platsville Lions
 RC 51 No Candidate

VDG2

Lion Jim Davis Ariss/Maryhill Lions Club
 Lion Cecilia Fulker Zurich Lions Club
 Lion Harvey Wood Rockton Lions Club

VDG 1 Lion George Corrin, Thamesford Lions
 DG Lion Tracey Robinson, Stratford Lions

All of the applications were reviewed as complete and accepted as per District Guidelines.

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

Hi Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leo's

Thank you once again for all that you have done for the Peace Poster/Essay Contest theme "Kindness Matters."

What an exciting year it has been. Thank you to all of the clubs who participated and I look forward to working with you again next year.

I am so very proud that our entry at the MDA level won the Essay Contest for the WORLD ,first time that has ever happened in Canada. I am asking you to join us in Blyth A 9 for a day honouring Mikayla Ansley. It will be held at the Blyth Memorial Hall, April 14 at 3:00 o'clock. Her dad is a Blyth Lion, so let's support our fellow Lions.

In conversation with Lions International, Mikayla did a wonderful presentation at the United Nations in March. She read her essay and received a check for \$5000.00

Lions/Lioness we need your financial assistance for this wonderful project of Lions International. It costs us close to \$3000.00 a year to run this program at the M D A level. Please send your check to MDA Treasurer Dave Hewitt 18-4182 Muskoka Rd. 169 Port Carling, On POB 1J0, (MARKED PEACE POSTER/ESSAY Program).

I look forward to working with the clubs at the District level and again at the MDA level. Our theme this year is "JOURNEY OF PEACE." Lions we have been looking for Peace since the beginning of time, maybe our YOUTH can help us along the way.



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Kindness Matters

PR – Club Visits Liaison – IPDG Charlene Dwyer

Thank you to all of the Clubs who have responded so quickly to our request for a visit from either our District Governor or another Cabinet member on his behalf this past year. We truly appreciate you taking time from your meetings to interact with our District Cabinet members. We also will be revamping the letter which is sent to the various Clubs with the information regarding the DG visit. We do our best to accommodate any changes to the visit schedule that best suits the Clubs. Thank you all once again for your attention to this matter and I look forward to visiting with you at the upcoming Convention. Congratulations to our current District Cabinet on a successful year!

Sight Screening & Conservation- PDG Tim DeBlock

We are well underway with our pilot projects in schools with 4 Health Units. There is lots of learning in working with new equipment, new procedures and new people. Thank-you to the Lions who are participating in the process. It is very refreshing to be getting other Lions contacting me with the hope of being part of the new program this coming fall. It reinforces my belief that Lions are genuine in wanting to help children and are willing to partner with others for the benefit of the kids.

After the pilots have been evaluated I will be communicating with Clubs what the process will look like for the new program and asking how we best go forward to commit our participation. Please drop by the Community Vision Screening event on Sat 2pm-4pm at convention to visit.

I will have a shipment of used eye glass collection boxes at convention. Please let me know if you require any.

Special Olympics – Lion Robert Montgomery

Tech Town – 2VDG George Corrin

Bulletin Editor – PZC Gerry Haliburton

Youth Camp Coordinator – RC Cecilia Fulker

I haven't had the pleasure of visiting our sponsored camps, but I will this year. My goal is to visit them and report back to The District what I experienced. I talk at visits about the camps. They all need our support.

I can't wait to see these amazing Lions who serve there and the families that get away from illnesses to smile and have fun. We Serve with pride and I will share with you the rewards of what we have done at these camps.