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Summer A-15 Cabinet Minutes – 2018-19

2:00 PM August 19th, 2018

Wellington County Museum, Elora/Fergus

1. Call to order

Attendance as indicated:

Voting Cabinet

DG Kevin Banfield	IPDG Charlene Dwyer)	1 st VDG Tracey Robinson	2 nd VDG George Corrin
CS Rick Banks	CT Louise Howe	RC Cecilia Fulker	RC Harvey Wood
RC Jim Davis	ZC Tony Davidson	ZC Mark Koenig	ZC Linda Vinette
ZC Jody Cherwonak	GMT-DC Bill Robinson	GLT-DC Dennis Lougheed	GST-DC O.J. Wilura
LCIF Peter Oswald			

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

PRC Paul Anstett (R)	PDG Dan Ayim	PRC Rick Bell	Lion Jason Crowe (R)
PRC Deb Cserhalmi	Lion Janet Dawson-Brock	PDG Tim DeBlock (R)	Lion Lyle Fair
PZC Gerry Haliburton (R)	Lion Allison Henkell	Lion Mark Henkell	PDG Thom Herrmann
Lion Joanne McQuiggan(R)	PDDG George Patton (R)	PDG Nancy Ransom (R)	Lion Bob Rutter (R)
PCS Ted Rypma	PDG Diane Smith (R)	PDG Doug Smith (R)	PID Art Woods (R)
PDG Denis Vinette	Lion Brian Martin	Lion Phillip Bourdeau	PZC Aline Chan
Lion Robert Montgomery			

2. O Canada
3. Welcome
4. Protocol – VDG2 George Corrin
5. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
 - 5.1. **MOVED** to approve the agenda as distributed. Seconded and Carried.
6. District Governor's Remarks
7. Installation of District Officers
8. Approval of Minutes of the June 13th, 2018 Cabinet Meeting
Available at <http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/2018-06-13%20CabinetMinutesStGeorge.pdf>
9. Motion to Ratify the Actions of the Previous Cabinet for the year 2017-2018
Moved: That the actions of the previous District Cabinet be ratified. Seconded and Carried.
10. Secretary's Report – *See page 2*
11. **Moved:** To acknowledge receipt of the Secretary's report. Seconded and Carried.
12. Treasurer's Report
 - 12.1. Report and Financial Statements 2017-2018 - *See Pages 4 through 6*
Moved: To acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's report and Financial Statements as presented. Seconded and Carried
 - 12.2. Budget 2018-2019 – *See Pages 7*
Moved: That the 2018-2019 Budget be approved as presented. Seconded and Carried
13. Matters Arising
14. Cabinet Reports – *See page 8 -10*
 - 14.1. VDG2 – Discussion on Tech Town
 - 14.2. **Moved:** To acknowledge receipt of the Cabinet Reports. Seconded and Carried.



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15. Committee Reports – *See page 11*
 - 15.1. Lions Quest – PDG Denis Vinette
 - 15.2. Moved: To acknowledge receipt of the Committee Reports. Seconded and Carried.
16. New Business
 - 16.1. Learning Recognition Award – GLT Dennis Lougheed – *see page 16 and 17*
Moved that the A-15 District Cabinet approve the immediate adoption of a District A-15 Learning Recognition Award. *See attached description/application*. Seconded and Carried.
Moved that the A-15 District Cabinet approve an expenditure of approximately \$625 to produce the proposed recognition pins. *See attached graphic design*. Seconded and Carried.
 - 16.2. Dr. Jack Bishop – see page 16
 - 16.3. Questions regarding tax receipts for LCIF for Canada. Contact Lion Peter regarding details about where to send personal donations to receive a tax receipt.
17. Special Presentations & Awards
 - 17.1. 100% Secretary and 100% Treasurer – See page 18
 - 17.2. Art Woods Golden Tree - See page 18
 - 17.3. Certified Guiding Lion – ZC Tony Davidson, RC Cecilia Fulker
 - 17.4. Certificate of Appreciation to the Lions Club of Kitchener, Lions Club of Hickson, Lions Club of Bayfield, for their help at the Youth Camp.
18. Good & Welfare
 - 18.1. Directory Pick Up Instructions – Clubs that were not present, need to contact their Zone Chair.
 - 18.2. Upcoming Events – see the website.
19. For the Good of Lionism
20. Adjournment - Lions Grace & Dinner

SECRETARY'S REPORT TO CABINET

In order to assist with the timing of the District Directory for next year, I would ask Club Secretaries to go through their records and change the way the data is presented to be the same. Some have ALL CAPS, some are “proper” in that they have the first letter of the person’s name/address, and city be capitalized the remainder in lower case. In this day and age, All CAPS is considered “shouting”, and we certainly do not want to do that. Some clubs have a lot of members, so correcting a bit at a time would be a good idea.

We are working on the Directories at probably the worst time of the year with people on holidays etc. Still, we need to have updated and accurate data if the Directories are to be useful. It is a lot of work and I would like to thank Garry Ransom for doing the work this year as he has in the past.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET

The financial and banking records have been passed over to Lion Louise Howe to take over the role of Cabinet Treasurer. I am presenting the final financial statements as at June 30, 2018 to close off the last Lions year. The financial statements in the package have been reconciled to the statements for bank accounts and all GIC investments as at June 30. The financial statements fairly reflect the financial position of the District. The informal audit of the financial statements will be completed in the near future with a report to the District Governor / Cabinet to follow.

ADMIN – for clarification, I add the following:



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- The Balance sheet for the District ADMIN accounts includes the Bank account balance of \$8,335.52 is net of any outstanding cheques for expenses etc. to close off the year-end.
- Investments include \$24,000 (2.20% to June, 2019) for the reserve, \$7,886.48 (1.80% to June, 2019) of surplus held parked in a GIC to earn some interest – these total \$31,886.48. As well, there is \$6,000 from the International Director account invested at 1.50% to January, 2019 to earn some interest on those funds.
- We ended the year with a surplus of \$6,322.73 for the 2017-18 year. Our revenue was very closely aligned to the budget (\$266 below budget). For expenses, there are 2 areas above budget: i) awards \$660 includes a higher number 100% President, Secretary, Membership awards to Clubs and ii) Cabinet Expense by \$220 which is mainly meal costs for Cabinet & Committee Chairs. Several areas are noted where the budgeted amount was used sparingly or not at all (Centennial Project, Leadership Institutes, and USA/Canada Forum).
- Also note that expenses for the Global Action Team at \$644 is after recovery of approx. \$1,200 from Lions International. There may still be some recovery from MDA as well.

From the surplus, I am recommending some funds be retained as follows:

- o \$1,500 be moved to augment the 'New Club Assessment Fund' – in order to support Club development.
- o \$1,500 be set aside in the Centennial Project - to be used at the direction of Cabinet for either our District Centennial Project and/or any future purpose related to Centennial celebrations for Lions in Canada in 2020 (this matches the amount set aside in 2017).
- With the remainder, **I am proposing a rebate of dues to the Clubs in the amount of \$2.00** per member based on the # members invoiced in September, 2017. This rebate will be netted off the invoice for 2018-19 and will amount to approximately \$2,906. The balance of the surplus will be retained in ADMIN.

TRUST – balance sheet is straight forward and reflects balances for applicable District & Lion project accounts. I have provided some Committee Chairs with info on their respective project. If there are any new Committee chairs that need some history on activity etc. for your committee, please connect with CT Lion Louise. Of note in the bank accounts:

- Lions Quest is high and includes the LCIF Grant received in amount of \$12,900 to be used this fall.
- Trust includes the \$17K+ held for the Centennial project to be paid out when the project work is completed
- Effective Speaking is quite low and 'owes' the Youth Camp account \$1,500 for the transfer made to cover unusually high expenses in the spring of 2017.

GICs held here include:

- Vision Screening \$5,293.76 at 0.35% to July, 2018 (renewed for 1 year at 2.00%); Youth Camp Capital \$7,845.49 at 1.50% to Feb, 2019; Lions Quest \$7,725.36 0.45% flexible; Youth Camp regular \$13,186.76 at 2.20% to Jun 2019.

I am available to answer any questions. And, will require a motion from Cabinet to accept the Treasurer's report with financial statements as presented.



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District "A"-15 Lions - Admin Balance Sheet As of 30 June 2018

	<u>30 Jun 18</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account	8,335.52
CIBC - Investments	31,886.48
CIBC USD Account	7.45
International Director Fund	421.73
New Club Assessment Fund	<u>1,870.56</u>
Total Cash	42,521.74
International Director GIC	<u>6,000.00</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>48,521.74</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>48,521.74</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>48,521.74</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
A/P USD for LCI	<u>0.01</u>
Total Accounts Payable	0.01
Other Current Liabilities	
Convention Fund	1,713.05
DGE Partner Travel	<u>4,236.43</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>5,949.48</u>
Total Current Liabilities	5,949.49
Long Term Liabilities	
International Director - Contra	6,421.73
New Club Assessment - Contra	<u>1,870.56</u>
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>8,292.29</u>
Total Liabilities	14,241.78
Equity	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	4,266.69
Net Income	<u>6,322.73</u>
Total Equity	<u>34,279.96</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>48,521.74</u>



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District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust
Balance Sheet
 As of 30 June 2018

	30 Jun 18
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
CIBC - Lions Guest Imprest	16,046.65
CIBC - Eff. Speaking Impet	180.27
CIBC - Trust Account	20,710.57
CIBC - Youth	
Youth Exchange Imprest	25,739.03
Youth Investments	13,183.76
Total CIBC - Youth	38,922.79
Investments	
QUEST - Investment	7,725.36
Trust ST Investment	5,293.76
Total Investments	13,019.12
Youth Camp Capital Fund	7,845.49
Total Chequing/Savings	96,724.89
Total Current Assets	96,724.89
TOTAL ASSETS	96,724.89
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Camp Huronda	150.00
Centennial Project	17,237.33
Cultural Festival	217.11
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	-1,319.73
Hearing Equipment	803.07
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Autism Dogs	-100.00
Leash Free Park	2,508.86
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	2,408.86
LIONS Quest Contra Account	24,272.01
Peace Poster	1,348.16
Reading Action	6.12
Vision Screening	3,333.68
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	40,422.79
Total Other Current Liabilities	88,879.40
Total Current Liabilities	88,879.40
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	7,845.49
Total Long Term Liabilities	7,845.49
Total Liabilities	96,724.89
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	96,724.89



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**District "A"-15 Lions - Admin
 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 July 2017 through June 2018**

	Jul '17 - Jun 18	Budget	Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Advertising	500.00	500.00	0.00
District Directory	130.00	200.00	-70.00
District Dues			
Dues - Collected	12,350.50	12,350.50	0.00
Dues - Rebated	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total District Dues	<u>12,350.50</u>	<u>12,350.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Interest Earned	606.60	435.00	171.60
Leadership Seminar Income	1,450.00	1,450.00	0.00
MD 'A' Dues	0.00		
Membership Assessment	2,179.50	2,179.50	0.00
Pin Sales	705.00	1,080.00	-375.00
Returned Cheque Charges	7.00		
Total Income	<u>17,928.60</u>	<u>18,195.00</u>	<u>-266.40</u>
Gross Profit	17,928.60	18,195.00	-266.40
Expense			
Awards			
Awards - Cabinet	548.85	400.00	148.85
Awards - Other	962.41	450.00	512.41
Total Awards	<u>1,511.26</u>	<u>850.00</u>	<u>661.26</u>
Badges & Patches	416.90	700.00	-283.10
Bank Charges	91.12	300.00	-208.88
Bank Service Charges	7.00		
Cabinet Expense	2,020.59	1,800.00	220.59
Centennial Project	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00
Convention Expense	181.35	750.00	-568.65
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair Expenses	212.04	600.00	-387.96
District Chair - Other	1,350.00	1,600.00	-250.00
Global Leadership & Membership	644.02	1,900.00	-1,255.98
Leo Clubs	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total District Chair Expense	<u>2,206.06</u>	<u>4,300.00</u>	<u>-2,093.94</u>
District Directories	1,967.60	2,000.00	-32.40
Internet	146.47	150.00	-3.53
Leadership Institutes	0.00	540.00	-540.00
Leadership Seminar	1,141.56	1,450.00	-308.44
Liability Insurance	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Miscellaneous	0.00		
Pins Purchased	1,543.87	1,535.00	8.87
Postage & Telephone	96.05	250.00	-153.95
Printing & Stationery	276.04	350.00	-73.96
USA / Canada Forum	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Total Expense	<u>11,605.87</u>	<u>18,175.00</u>	<u>-6,569.13</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>6,322.73</u>	<u>20.00</u>	<u>6,302.73</u>
Net Income	<u><u>6,322.73</u></u>	<u><u>20.00</u></u>	<u><u>6,302.73</u></u>



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	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	BUDGET
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Income					
Advertising	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	250.00
District Directory	265.00	235.00	185.00	130.00	150.00
District Dues					
Dues - Collected	13,319.50	13,030.50	12,614.00	12,350.50	12,427.00
Total District Dues	13,319.50	13,030.50	12,614.00	12,350.50	12,827.00
Interest Earned	599.52	558.00	428.00	613.60	742.00
Leadership Seminar Income	1,400.00	1,450.00	1,450.00	1,450.00	1,450.00
Membership Assessment	2,350.50	2,299.50	2,226.00	2,179.50	2,193.00
Pin Sales	1,212.00	1,159.00	1,345.00	705.00	800.00
Total Income	19,646.52	19,232.00	18,748.00	17,928.60	18,012.00
Expense					
Awards					
Awards - Cabinet	165.53	245.91	79.00	548.85	650.00
Awards - Other	149.52	604.82	244.00	962.41	500.00
Total Awards	315.05	850.73	323.00	1,511.26	1,150.00
Badges & Patches	327.75	1,573.76	489.00	416.90	450.00
Bank Charges	95.28	98.20	390.00	98.12	250.00
Cabinet Expense	1,717.98	1,752.53	971.00	2,020.59	2,000.00
Centennial Project					
Convention Expense	908.00	692.03	456.00	181.35	750.00
District Chair Expense					
Comm Chair Expenses	186.21	373.52	90.00	212.04	300.00
District Chair - Other	1,250.00	1,800.00	1,500.00	1,350.00	1,500.00
GMT / GLT / GST *see note	1,808.17	956.26	754.00	644.02	2,000.00
Leo Clubs	290.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Total District Chair Expense	3,535.17	3,129.78	2,344.00	2,206.06	7,450.00
District Directories	1,617.72	1,997.84	1,968.00	1,967.60	2,000.00
Internet	94.26	112.69	138.00	146.47	142.00
Leadership Institutes	352.27	0.00	351.00	0.00	500.00
Leadership Seminar	1,092.07	1,080.32	948.00	1,141.56	3,700.00
Liability Insurance		0.00	0.00	0.00	
Pins Purchased	1,768.33	1,757.71	1,770.00	1,543.87	895.24
Police Check Fees	697.09	1,736.81	0.00	0.00	
Postage	130.48	0.00	0.00	96.05	100.00
Printing & Stationery	239.38	228.94	47.00	276.04	500.00
USA / Canada Forum	360.00	360.00	1,080.00	0.00	1,500.00
Total Expense	13,250.83	15,371.34	11,275.00	11,605.87	17,937.24
Net Income	6,395.69	3,860.66	7,473.00	6,322.73	74.76



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Cabinet Reports

District Governor - Kevin Banfield

As this year's District Governor, I wish to convey a vision that reflects the simple message of our International President, "Beyond the Horizon". This is a statement that asks us to chart a new course and a challenge to 1.4 million members from all regions and walks of life, to accomplish new heights, together.

I believe this is a call of action to review the basics of our organization with the view to grow the strength of our clubs and to build on this momentum into a brighter future.

Vision

At the core, our Vision is to be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

Mission

We can accomplish our Mission by empowering volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding of Lions Clubs.

Purpose

Our purpose, or how we can play our part, is equally a set of recognizable activities as well as a list to remind ourselves and each other of all the best things - large or small – that we do to serve our respective communities. They are an indication of our accomplishments in achieving Our Vision and Mission.

- To organize, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions Clubs.
- To coordinate the activities and standardize the administration of Lions Clubs.
- To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship
- To take an active interest in the civic, cultural social and moral welfare of the community in which WE Serve
- To unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship and good fellowship and mutual understanding
- To provide a forum for the open discussion for all matters of public interest; provided, however that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members
- To encourage service minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry profession, public works and private endeavors.

As a district, as our membership moves forward, let us continue to share our stories, promote the fellowship of Lions, and increase our leadership development programs. There are many plans in place to help achieve all of these goals. I encourage each of you to take advantage of the many programs your club, district and Lions Clubs International has to offer, all while Embracing the Future, my theme over the last few years and one that will continue during the coming year.

I wish each club the best of success in the 2018-19 Lion's year and the years to come,

Vice District Governor 1 – Tracey Robinson

Well, here we are in another year of Service!! Since June of this year, it has been a very busy summer already for myself. Officer installations, BBQ's, Bruce Murray Youth exchange camp, with a little bit of fun mixed in to every event. It is really great to see the District buzzing!! I look forward to the next few months visiting with the clubs and interacting with all the



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members. We have a great organization looking to the future, with new ideas and doing great things in our communities. It will be great to see everyone in my travels.

Vice District Governor 2 – George Corrin

This year we start our journey looking towards and embracing the future with the new development and mentoring of leaders within A15 and our communities. The 5 pillars are being introduced as well as Tech Town a hands-on computer lab mentoring program at Conestoga College. Creativity is the beginning of an adventure. Any new opportunity can be a challenge but be courageous and step forward!

RC 9 – Harvey Wood

I am looking forward to a new Lions year with enthusiasm and optimism. I am privileged to be both Region Chair for Region 9 and Zone Chair for Zone 9 East

Membership and growth are my favourite areas of focus. Growth follows strong charismatic leadership and I know we have great leaders in Region 9.

2018/2019 promises to be an exciting time and I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Clubs in Region 9.

RC 37 – Cecilia Fulker

Looking forward to meeting Lions that I have not had the pleasure to meet before. My year will be focused on sharing the message of our International President on looking Beyond The Horizon .My Goal is raising money for and awareness of Childhood Cancer. I am excited about working with ZC Lion Gabrielle and ZC Lion Jody. We Serve.

ZC37S - Gabrielle Paff

Due to a previous family commitment, I am unable to attend the first Cabinet meeting of this Lion's year, 2018-2019. I am in Ottawa taking care of my adult autistic nephew while my sister and brother-in-law celebrate their 40th anniversary with a well-deserved vacation.

Originally from NFLD, I have lived in Ontario for 30 years having transferred here in 1988 from Halifax, NS. I have been blessed with a wonderful son, daughter, son-in-law and two beautiful granddaughters. 24 years ago, my late husband, PDG John Paff and another member, Bob Reid, talked myself and Susan into becoming the first two women to join the Wellesley and District Lions Club. John and I moved to Plattsville about 11 years ago and I transferred my membership to Plattsville and District 10 years ago.

I look forward to working with the 11 clubs of 37S this Lion's year, assisting and encouraging wherever and whenever I can as we work together in Service. I am very proud to be a member of the A-15 District cabinet this Lion's year. My hope is to gain as much knowledge as possible to share with the Clubs of 37S who will look to me for guidance.

Reminder - Monday, September 24th is the date of the 37S Fall Zone Meeting hosted by Innerkipp Lions Club. Full details to follow.



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ZC51E – Linda Vinette

Well, I'm doing a repeat performance as Zone Chair for 51E and am looking forward to serving with my fellow Lions. A little bit about myself;

- Joined Lions in 2008 and was the first woman to be a member of the Belwood and District Lions
- Served as Zone Chair in 2017-2018
- Served as Environmental Chair for our District for 5 years
- Was President, Treasurer, Membership Chair, Director and Currently I'm the Club Secretary for Belwood Lions
- Retired from a position in Accounting in 2014 after 36 years
- Hobby is Catering 4 meals per month for 3 Lions Clubs because I love to cook

Goals are to increase membership and membership satisfaction, providing service to our communities, ensuring awareness of our service activities and developing leadership. How am I going to do this... by showing how much I enjoy being a Lion with personal satisfaction and by inspiring others.

Some of the activities that I've done so far as Zone Chair;

- Communicated with the clubs in my Zone for club visits and Zone meetings
- Prepared 4 meals at the Bruce Murray Youth Exchange Camp
- Hosted a youth from Netherlands for 4 days
- Attended the Youth Exchange International Night in Copetown

I am looking forward to my year as Zone Chair for 51E.



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Committee Reports

Convention Report–Co-hosts Plattsville and District Lions and Woodstock Lions - ZC Gabrielle Paff

The Lions Clubs of Plattsville and District and Woodstock have begun the work of planning the upcoming District Convention, April 5th, 6th, and 7th 2019 to be held at the Quality Inn and Suites, 500 Bruin Blvd, Woodstock, ON. Accommodations have been booked with the Hotel and will include breakfast daily. Additional information will follow in the next little while. Please save the date and join us as we “Embrace the Future”

Diabetes Awareness West– Lion Rick Bell

As a new year in Lionism kicks off, I reflect on last year’s successes. There were changes at Diabetes Canada and a Strides Walk for Diabetes was scheduled at the Guelph Convention. Although the weather at the convention was not conducive to walking, we did raise over \$1,600. I think that was a good start and I have asked the 2019 Convention Hosts to consider including another Walk at their convention. I feel that with earlier promotion, we can make the Walk in 2019 an even bigger success. I am also excited to be working with Brian Martin as a co-chair. He will bring new ideas to the committee as well.

Diabetes Awareness East– Lion Brian Martin

Bio: Lion Brian Martin – Fergus Lions Club

Entering my 32nd year in Lions. Have served in all offices of my Clubs – including 2 separate terms as President (Bramalea Lions Club 1993-94 and 1999-2000). Melvin Jones fellow (1992) and Judge Brian Stevenson Fellow (2015).

Held posts of Zone Chair 34E (1997-98) and Region Chair 34 (1998-99) – in District A 11 (now A 711).

Expectations:

In my current role as Co-Chair Diabetes Awareness East for District A 15, I will work closely with my Co-Chair Lion Rick Bell to see that the Clubs of A 15 are kept informed of advances in Diabetes Awareness, research, programs available and any information originating from LCIF and Diabetes Canada, as well as work with Club Diabetes Chairs to promote Diabetes Awareness.

Budget Submission:

In the upcoming Lions Year (2018-19) I would like to request a small budget in the amount of **\$400.00** be made available to the A15 Diabetes Awareness Co-Chairs, for use in printing, mailing and procurement of information packages and/or training and education aids to better enable the Clubs to conduct and deliver Diabetes Awareness programs.

Family and Women’s Membership – PDG Diane Smith

I will again be acting as the coordinator for the Family and Women’s Membership at the District and the MDA level for this Lions year.

Lions International has launched a new initiative **New Voices** under the direction of our International President Gudrun Yngvadottir. This will be a comprehensive program, celebrating the continuing contributions made by women to the Lions organization, focusing on four key areas: Service, Membership, Leadership and Marketing. Leading the initiative will be a Global Chairperson (PID Sanguita Jatia) and eight Constitutional Area teams. Each of these Constitutional Area teams will consist of a Chairperson and three Constitutional Area speakers. For our Constitutional area of Canada, our leader is PDG Nicole Heon Lepage from the Montreal area.

District Governors will receive certificates of recognition to distribute to four outstanding Lions in their district –one in each **New Voices** category (Service, Membership, Leadership and Marketing).

This initiative will also highlight the existing programs offered by Lions International, most notably, the Women’s Workshop and Women’s Symposium.



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This is an exciting time for Lions, as we go forward with renewed energy and fresh approaches to membership and training. Above all our objective is to enhance our capabilities to provide **Service**.

Leo Chair – Lion Phil Bourdeau

I have spent most of my life as a self-employed entrepreneur. I am married to Pat who makes every day worth waking up to. We are the proud Grandparents of 7 grand-children and parents of 3 daughters and 1 son.

I moved to Plattsville 3 years ago, and fell in love with the community. I decided to join the Lions Club as a way to give back for my many blessing. I have quickly become devoted to the Lions causes and have given freely of my available time.

I was fortunate enough to attend the induction of the new Leo club in Kitchener earlier this year. Wow. What an amazing opportunity for our youth. I was so impressed, that I immediately went up to our new district governor, and basically requested the position of Leo Chairperson for A15 during his term

My plan is to speak with all the clubs in the region and make an impassioned plea to find THE right person to develop a serious plan to develop new Leo clubs and expose the youth in our communities to the amazing opportunities they could employ to develop their futures. Additionally, I would offer my services to help existing clubs that require any assistance.

OK, I admit I might be considered a Youth-a-holic, but this program offers so many amazing benefits for our youth, I feel impelled to make a concerted effort to educate them. I need your help to make this happen. What's in it for you? The gratitude and respect of every child that utilizes this program.

I look forward to speaking with your clubs and sincerely hope we can bring the Leo Program to Life in A15.

Lions Quest – PDG Denis Vinette

As your District Lions Quest Canada Chairperson, I am really pleased to report that club donations for 2017-2018 were up 16% over the year before. Thank you to all the clubs who supported this program and I look forward to repeating this “year over year increase” in the coming year.

That being said, not all of the news is positive.

Although we had planned to hold 2 school based workshops this August, we are having to cancel the workshop in Thamesford on August 23rd. With only a few days till the planned date, we had only 1 tentative participant registered. We still hope to have a good-sized number of attendees in Belwood but this may also be difficult to achieve. Reflecting on this, I find that we need to rethink our roles as clubs and as members in the support that we offer to this essential life skill program. In addition to your financial support, I am asking members to re-establish contacts and communication with our schools and with the various groups and individuals who play an active a role in our children’s education and wellbeing. We must work to not only fund this program, but to also get engaged with our community and our schools and to promote the benefits that come from the training and tools that Lions Quest Canada provide. I will be asking clubs to examine what role they can play in supporting this effort in their communities.

Beginning this year, I am developing a new club and member recognition program (under development). In addition, I will be developing a support network of people and resources so that members can draw on experiences of others in our District (as well as elsewhere in Canada) to assist us in our quest to make Lions Quest the premier youth social and emotional skills program for educators in our District. I will provide further details at our District Cabinet meeting on August 19, 2018.

Global Leadership Team – District Coordinator – Lion Dennis Lougheed



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Based upon feedback received from last spring’s Lions Learning Seminars, plans are well underway for an expansion of next spring’s offerings.

New this year is a series of tech-oriented, participant active workshops rather than passive presentations called Tech Town. Current plans are for sessions on September 29th, November 24th, January 19th and March 23rd.

The September Workshop will focus on configuration of the various options and use of the District’s Email system available to club and district officers as well as the use of MyLCI by club and district officers. This workshop will be of primary interest to Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Club Service Chairs, Treasurers and District Officers. Committee Chairs might wish to take advantage of the opportunity to become more familiar with the District’s Email system.

Tentative plans for the November Workshop are coverage and promotion of the benefits, the design, construction and maintenance of integrated web site and social media platforms and the precautions that all users should employ to protect their privacy. Specifics of the remaining sessions will be released as we receive suggestions as to needed or desired sessions and firm up our plans for them.

We would like develop a pool of Lion volunteers around the District willing to serve as the “go to” people for assistance with tech issues. It is hoped that your technical questions will be resolved via a phone call, email or perhaps even a “house call” if needed. If you or someone you know has capability in this area please contact me to discuss your possible involvement. Support training would be made available.

Clubs have been advised to delay moving their monthly service reporting from the familiar MyLCI interface to the new MyLion Desktop until such time as the roll out has been thoroughly explored and we are able to provide adequate training and support.

Filings of the District Global Leadership Development Plan as well as applications for District Operating Budget and District Program Development Reimbursement Funds have been completed and will be submitted to LCI as soon as they activate their submission platform.

In order to recognize those Lions who have participated in significant Lions Learning opportunities and to encourage others to do so, we are proposing the introduction of a District A-15 Learning Recognition Award, motions which will be introduced under “New Business”.

**See attached documents

Global Services Team – District Coordinator – PDG O.J. Wilura

Below you will note statistical information regarding service activity reporting on MyLCI.

	Clubs Reporting *	Activities	Lions Hours	People Served
2017-18	53	1,888	70,937	1,031,371
2018-19 to date	20	83	2,683	6,497

* Not including University of Guelph or University of Waterloo Branch Club

Only 4 clubs failed to report any activity last year with 2 clubs having no submissions for 2 years. Overall this was a great improvement over previous periods.

One of my goals is to work with those 4 clubs and encourage them to share their achievements.

Historian Report – PDG Nancy Ransom



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The summer is passing quickly, and soon it will be time to engage in regular Lions activities.

I have been forwarding articles for inclusion in our District Bulletin over the summer, and intend to continue this year.

I have forwarded a DG Information Form to the PDGs of our District, for completion for DG years served from 2005-2018; and for additions/updates on existing information. Once received, these updates will be posted in the existing DG History on the A-15 Lions website.

I will continue saving information as it is received from our Clubs in A-15. Best wishes to all Lions for another great year coming up.

Honorary Committee – IPDG Charlene Dwyer

We here in District A15 are very fortunate to have wealth of experience and knowledge in our Past District Governors. These dedicated leaders are here to not only mentor and assist the current District Officers but also those that will be forthcoming. Please ensure to check your District Directory for those PDG's who are willing to perform ceremonies for your Club. We as Past District Governors are proud of our great District and are willing to assist where needed.

The notice of the first meeting of the A15 Past District Governors Association being held September 27th has been emailed out the PDG's in our District. We look forward to discussing mentorship and leadership to ensure a strong leadership component here in A15.

Lions Foundation Canada – PRC Deb Cserhalmi

This year Dog Guides graduated an amazing 203 teams, a record! That means freedom and companionship for 203 individuals and their families. Fewer worries about personal safety, less isolation and a friend who is constantly with them. The impact on family and caregivers is also immense. Less worry about health issues, better sleep knowing the dog will alert and watching the team gain confidence, is an impact we sometimes forget. We DO make a difference.

Another successful Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides was held this year. The amount raised was \$1,256,320.07, down from \$1,482,379.12 last year. That being said, grants were at a record number as well as sponsorships. Individual and corporate donation continue to rise. Pet Valu not only sponsored the Walk but also sponsored 99 teams. Please consider working with your local Pet Valu either with your Walk or some other event in order to raise funds for LFC.

If you would like some puppies for any of your events please contact me at LFC@a15lions.org. Even an event for a local fundraiser will help the public understand what LIONS do. And puppies make everything better.

Lastly, congrats to everyone in District A-15 for raising enough money to sponsor an autism assistance team. Well done Lions!

Public Relations & Information – IPDG Charlene Dwyer

Wow, time is flying by and here we are approaching our first District Cabinet Meeting of our new Lions year. You will soon be receiving an email from me with a proposed date for your Club's visit from either our District Governor Lion Kevin or a member of Cabinet on his behalf. I would truly appreciate your Club responding as expediently as possible in order to confirm these visits with you. I do hope that you are following our District A15 Facebook page for up to date information on what's happening with our Clubs from across the District as well as information updates from Lions International. Please ensure we



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know of your Club's events so that they are included on the District Website but also shared on our District A15 Facebook Page.

For those Lions, Lioness and LEOs looking to enhance your Social Media skills to better promote your Lions Clubs activities, you will be learning more about the upcoming "Tech Soup" sessions to assist with this topic. If your Club is also interested in learning more about Social Media and promotion, please do not hesitate to reach out to us, we are here to help.

We are here to help you spread the word about the benefits of being a Lion, Lioness and/or LEO, just ask! I look forward to a new year of service serving alongside of you.

Sight Conservation – PDG Tim Deblock

The summer is passing quickly. I have been very active in meeting with several Public Health Units and School Boards in regions where we have screening programs in place. Although we have agreements/understandings in place for the upcoming school year to be status quo there will be changes coming for the fall of 2019. These changes will be in line with Public Health protocols and procedures rather than the Ministry of Education protocols we currently come along side of. This might cause new challenges for our volunteers to operate within. The School Boards are very satisfied with the current process and result, and are an advocate for the process to remain as close to what we have developed as possible. We will see.....and who knows maybe the new Government will drop the entire Ministry of Health mandate. Then I will put it up to a great learning experience.

I am low on eyeglass collection boxes. If you think you will need some let me know and I will put in an order. Remember that all of the District service programs rely on both Lion volunteers and financial support from our Clubs. Please consider this when setting your budgets.

Special Olympics Report – Lion Robert Montgomery

The Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games took place in Antigonish, Nova Scotia from July 31 to August 4, 2018. The Games hosted 1,025 athletes and 315 coaches and mission staff from across Canada. The games are now over and this is my report to date with further information later.

Team Halifax and Team Ontario went into double overtime during their basketball game. Ontario came out on top, winning 27-24. Congratulations!

2020 SPECIAL OLYMPICS CANADA WINTER GAMES- THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO

The next National Games will be in Thunder Bay, Ontario and will have 9 sports: alpine skiing, 5-pin bowling, cross-country skiing, curling, figure skating, floor hockey, snowshoeing and speed skating.

Tech Town – VDG2 George Corrin

Welcome back to another year of Lions. As each club prepares budgets and plans service activities, with their new club executives learning their new roles. "This can be a daunting task". The District has people to assist each member to accomplish their individual goals as well as club goals. I too am starting my journey to learn many new tasks to fulfill my responsibilities as VDG2. I need to learn to ask the lions who have completed this journey before me for their guidance and wisdom. DG Kevin has assigned me to chair, a new committee called Tech Town. Clubs have received some emails pertaining to this new program being offered by A15 at Conestoga College. Facilitators have volunteered their time to assist the members who attend to learn through hands on training on several subject matters.

Tech Town will start with some basics, such as email and logging club service activities, and then move on to the social media, Facebook-Snapchat, YouTube, Twitter, and Instagram. Our GLT (Lion Dennis Lougheed) has created a survey which has been sent out. I encourage everyone who receives the survey to complete it and then press the submit button to send it back. This is the recommended vehicle of communication from the Leadership team to create the programs and deliver



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the training that club members have been asking for. Also, this allows the leadership team to tailor future learning session. This package is one of the opportunities we have before us to embrace the future which is this year's theme. I will finish by thanking everyone that has served their community on the foundation of Lions International.

Campaign 100 – Dr. Jack Bishop

Corporation, Foundation & Government Gifts Committee

At the Lions International Convention in Las Vegas last July a new fundraising campaign was announced to commemorate our 100th Anniversary. This will be called “Campaign 100 LCIF Empowering Service” and its goal worldwide is to raise \$300 million (US) over the next 3 years.

PIP Dr. J. Yamada is the Chairperson and PIP Frank Moores III is Vice-Chair. There is our normal organizational set-up for fundraising as in the past that will involve Members, Clubs, Districts, Multiple Districts, Countries, and the 7 Constitutional Areas, Canada is constitutional Area II.

For the first time LCIF has set up 2 Special Committees that report directly to the Campaign Chair, Dr. Yamada. The first is the Lead & Major Gifts Committee that will be soliciting gifts from \$25,000 up to \$1Million US. At our first meeting in May in Chicago Dr. Yamada asked 3 of his friends who were PID to come forward. They presented their million dollar cheques to get the campaign started.

I have been asked to sit on the Corporate, Foundation and Government Gifts Committee to represent all of Canada. My job is to get money from companies, foundations and the Federal & Provincial Governments. This is a job for “who you know not what you know”.

I am asking you and your Lions to come forward if you have any friends or relatives that are Corporate Executives or have connections to any government, either to politicians or civil servants. For example, at the Winnipeg Meeting – a PDG from PEI, who is a member Parkwood Central Lions. The Minister of Health for PEI is also a member of the club. We will make a presentation along with staff from LCI in Chicago. If successful this Minister knows all the other Health Ministers in each Provincial Government and he can introduce us. - That's how this program has to work to catch those “Big Fish”.

Just to make you aware, the 5 major areas of emphasis in the Campaign are:

1. Diabetes
2. Environment
3. Hunger
4. Childhood Cancer
5. Vision

All I am asking for is if you or any Lion has contact with someone involved at a high level in a company foundation or government that might help us in any of those areas that I just mentioned for the campaign to give me a call and see if we can set up a meeting.

I understand that Peter Osborne has been made Coordinator for the District A15 for Campaign 100 and he will be talking to you after he completes his training.

Thank you and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.



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District A-15 Learning Recognition Award

2018 Revision

This award recognizes participation in various Lions’ learning events and/or programs with the presentation of a lapel pin and listing on a special recognition page of the District A-15 website. Applicants must provide documentation of completion of all criteria with each application. Eligible opportunities are not limited to the examples provided and will be adjudicated by the Global Leadership Team Coordinator.

Submitted By: Applicant
Submitted To: [District Global Leadership Team Coordinator](#)
Submission Deadline: June 30th of the current Lions Year
For Awarding: August Cabinet meeting of the Following Lions Year

Name: _____ **Application Date:** _____
Email Address: _____ **Phone #:** _____
Member #: _____ **Club:** _____

BRONZE CRITERIA (all three are required to be recognized)

- Attend an annual A-15 Lions Learning Sessions Event held beginning with 2016 - 2017 and within the past five years, *and*
- Complete 10 Lions Learning Centre Courses and/or Lions University Courses, *and*
- Participate in or complete one additional learning opportunity e.g. Lions Workshop, Lions Webinar, Technology Training etc.

SILVER CRITERIA (all five are required to be recognized)

- Have completed all Bronze Level Criteria, *plus*
- Attend an additional annual A-15 Lions Learning Session event within the past five years, *and*
- Complete 10 additional Lions Learning Centre Courses and/or Lions University Courses for a minimum total of 20, *and*
- Participate in or complete two additional learning opportunities e.g. Lions Workshop, Lions Webinar, Technology Training, for a minimum total of 3, *and*
- Participate in or complete one Cabinet Level Training event e.g. Zone or Region Chair Training or one external to A-15 Learning event e.g. MDA training, Regional Forum, USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Institute, Certified Guiding Lion etc., including those offered by another District.

GOLD CRITERIA (all five are required to be recognized)

- Have completed all Bronze and Silver Level Criteria, *plus*
- Attend an additional annual A-15 Lions Learning Session event within the past five years, *and*
- Complete 10 additional Lions Learning Centre Courses and/or Lions University Courses for a minimum total of 30, *and*
- Participate in or complete two additional learning opportunities e.g. Lions Workshop, Lions Webinar, Technology Training, for a minimum total of 5, *and*

- Participate in or complete one additional Cabinet Level Training event e.g. Zone or Region Chair Training or one additional external to A-15 Learning event e.g. MDA training, Regional Forum, USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Institute, Certified Guiding Lion etc., including those offered by another District for a minimum total of 2.

Certification:

I certify that I have completed the above criteria for the A-15 Learning Recognition Award. I have included with my application screen shots or documentation verifying completion and dates of all criteria including those on previous applications.

Signature: _____

**** Learning Award Design Graphics**



Awards

100 % Treasurer

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| PDG Nancy Ransom | - Kitchener Waterloo Community Spirit |
| Lion Lorraine Robertson | - Brantford North |
| Lion Nichole Hacock | - St. Jacobs Lions |
| Lion Wendy Scott | - Thamesford Lions |

100% Secretary

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| Lion Lorraine Robertson | - Brantford North |
| Lion Margaret De Boer | - Cambridge Highlands |
| GLT Dennis Lougheed | - St. Jacobs Lions |

Art Woods Golden Tree

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| PRC Deb Csheralmi | - Mosborough Busy Busy |
| Lion Nancy Chiasson | - Mosborough Busy Busy |
| PDG Doug Smith | - Hillsburg Lions |