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**Re-Scheduled Winter A-15 Cabinet Meeting Minutes**  
**Lions Year 2018-19**  
 7:00 PM March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019  
 Zoom Virtual Meeting

1. Call to order

Attendance as indicated:

**Voting Cabinet**

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

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

PDDG George Patton	PDG Denis Vinette	Lion Phillip Bourdeau	PRC Deb Cserhalmi
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There were no other Lions participating.

2. Welcome
3. Rollcall/Protocol – DG Kevin Banfield
4. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
  - 4.1. MOVED to waive the 10 day notice period for this Winter Cabinet Meeting which is being held as a result of both power issues on January 29<sup>th</sup>, and weather issues on February 12<sup>th</sup> which resulted in cancellation of the both meetings. Seconded and Carried.
  - 4.2. MOVED to add 9.7 and 9.8 to Increase the Dues and to add 9.8 to change dues structure.
  - 4.3. MOVED to approve the amended agenda. Seconded and Carried
5. District Governors Remarks
  - We have a special community project coming up at the Convention where we will be doing a community based eye screening program using our equipment. PDG Tim DeBlock will be looking after this.
  - Paul Baker will be in to present a session.
  - An opportunity to bring eye glasses for sending onward for packaging and distribution.
  - We have contracts for providing eye screening with the Waterloo Health Unit contract already signed. Wellington/Guelph contract has also been signed and A9 will sign their portion of the contract.
  - We will be handing out Chevrons for membership milestones at the convention. This program was originally cancelled by LCI and then reinstated.
  - Effective Speaking is in need of donations from Clubs in order to continue. Both at the District and MDA level.
6. Approval of Minutes of the October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Cabinet Meeting  
*Available at <http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/Cabinet%20Minutes%20Oct-29-2018.pdf>*
  - 6.1. MOVED to approve the minutes as distributed/posted. Seconded and Carried.
7. Treasurer’s Report
  - 7.1. Report and Financial Statements as of January 29, 2019 - *See Pages 4 through 7*
  - 7.2. Linda Vinette questioned the \$200.00 negative receivable. CT. Louise to provide comments for later circulation to the Cabinet.

**MOVED** to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's report and Financial Statements as presented. Seconded and Carried.

8. Matters Arising – None
9. Cabinet Reports – *See Pages 8 through 12*
  - 9.1. **MOVED** to acknowledge receipt of the Cabinet Reports. Seconded and Carried.
10. Committee Reports and discussions – *See Pages 12 through 20*
  - 10.1. Long Range Planning – **MOVED** to receive the Long Range Planning Minutes of November 27, 2018 as a report to Cabinet on the Actionable Items included in the Minutes. Seconded and Carried.
  - 10.2. **MOVED** to acknowledge receipt of the LRPC structure recommendation and implement the two recommended changes to the resource document titled “A15 Cabinet and Committee Appointee Job Descriptions” previously revised May 2017. Seconded and Carried.
  - 10.3. **MOVED** to acknowledge receipt of “Triggers To & Timelines for District Rezoning”, and to include requesting the LRPC to clarify the clause: “The Governor on the advice of Cabinet, shall determine the process ...” in order to provide the membership with an understanding of both the consultation process and the timelines to be adhered to, leading up to the establishment of any actionable District Rezoning proposal that might be brought forward to Cabinet. This process clarification is to be delivered to Cabinet in sufficient time to allow for discussion and recommendations along with any further steps to be taken at the June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Cabinet meeting. Seconded and Carried.
  - 10.4. Orientation Event – PDG Denis
    - Denis reported a successful event with the right focus, especially the induction and rededication ceremony. Many thanks to all those who did participate and took the time to attend.
    - A semi-regular attempt should be made to continue this event and thanks for the opportunity.
- Lions' Quest**
  - Everything is going well with donations exceeding expectations. PDG Denis would like to make some presentations at the Convention.
  - We need so find venues for two community workshops funded by Safe Communities Wellington and Safe Communities Waterloo.
- 10.5. **MOVED** to accept the 2020/2021 Convention Bid from the Thamesford and Ingersoll Clubs subject to confirmation of the final room rate. Seconded and Carried.
  - There was some discussion on the room rates, and comments indicating that this was the initial price presented to Lions, but will be subject to further negotiations from the committee.
- 10.6. **MOVED** to acknowledge receipt of the Committee Reports
11. **MOVED** to increase the per capita dues to \$8.50 and to exempt members who are full time students as per the recommendation from the Long Term Planning Committee. This will result in a change to District ByLAWS the wording which has been previously circulated to Cabinet. Following this approval, the changes will be voted on at the Convention next month. Seconded and Carried.
12. New Business
  - 12.1. PDG Denis asked about a Diabetes initiative being discussed at MDA. District A12 has undertaken to partner various districts for fund raising for two buildings at Camp Huronda. Total cost would be in the \$350,000.00 range for major renovations. A12 is looking to move forward with this very soon. They are looking for multi districts to assist. The needs are for around \$85,000.00 in Lions money to be matched by LCIF. District A15 participation would need to be explored and could be as high as \$45,000. General discussion took place.
13. Upcoming Events
  - 13.1. PDT Lion Peter Oswald reported on the Convention. There are about 104 registrations. About forty rooms have been rented.
    - Considerable discussion took place regarding hospitality rooms and cost.



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- 13.2. March 5 2019 will be the graduation of the Autism assisted Dog graduation for District A15. DG Kevin and VDG1 Tracey will accompany PDG Charlene to this event. Pictures and report will come from this meeting.
  - 13.3. GLT Dennis brought Cabinet attention to TechTown 4. He also reported that MyLion APP and Web are still having issues but are still looking to use MYLION App to do reporting. There is some confusion. Recommended that we use MyLCI for reporting.
  - 13.4. VDG1 Tracey was asking about Cabinet Officer Training Location. GLT-Coordinator Dennis reports that it will be at HIMARK OSTC, 427 Dundas St N Unit 3 Cambridge on May 5th from 10:00 am to 3pm.
  - 13.5. Update on KW Leo Club – Twelve Leos will graduate this year and perhaps a new cyber club may result.
  - 13.6. To clarify Dress for the Convention – Friday Night – regular Lions dress. Banquet will be Business Attire. Cabinet Dress for the Sunday meeting.
  - 13.7. Some discussion and feedback on the electronic meeting. Most were in favour but preferred the face to face meeting. Good option as a Plan B.
14. **MOVED** to Adjourn.



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**TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET**

The financial statements are presented today as at January 29, 2019. All bank accounts have been reconciled to their respective statements for December 31, 2018. There have been some entries that were updated early in January and I wanted that position included in the report. The financial statements presented here fairly reflect the financial position of the District.

**ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS**

- Administration balance sheet includes satisfactory bank balance of over \$10,000. At Dec 31, there were outstanding dues owing from a few clubs (combined MDA and District). All have been contacted with zero balance owing at this date
- I will be issuing a chq for the final amount of \$3349.50 and remit to MD'A'.

**TRUST ACCOUNTS**

- The balance sheet for the Trust accounts is an accurate reflection of all balances held in Trust as at January 29, 2019 and all accounts have been reconciled to the Bank records as at December 31, 2018.
- Committee Chairs have received a summary of any fund activity for their respective committees to date.

**MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- I move receipt of the financial reports as submitted.



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Accrual Basis

## District "A"-15 Lions - Admin Balance Sheet As of January 29, 2019

	Jan 29, 19
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>	
Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account	19,295.08
CIBC - Investments	31,886.48
CIBC USD Account	7.45
International Director Fund	421.73
New Club Assessment Fund	1,870.56
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>53,482.30</b>
International Director GIC	6,000.00
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	<b>59,482.30</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
Accounts Receivable	-200.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>-200.00</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>59,282.30</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>59,282.30</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	
A/P USD for LCI	0.01
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>0.01</b>
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Convention Fund	3,172.05
DGE Partner Travel	4,040.87
International Director Suspense	364.75
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>7,577.67</b>
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<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>	
International Director - Contra	6,421.73
New Club Assessment - Contra	1,870.56
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<b>8,292.29</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>15,869.97</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	7,689.42
Net Income	12,032.37
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>43,412.33</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>59,282.30</b>



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## District "A"-15 Lions - Admin Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 1, 2018 through January 29, 2019

	Jul 1, '18 - Jan 29, 19	Budget	Over Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
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
<b>Total District Dues</b>	<b>12,401.50</b>	<b>12,427.00</b>	<b>-25.50</b>
Interest Earned	0.00	742.00	-742.00
Leadership Seminar Income	1,425.00	1,450.00	-25.00
MD 'A' Dues	3,349.50	0.00	3,349.50
Membership Assessment	2,188.50	2,193.00	-4.50
Pin Sales	0.00	406.00	-406.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>19,364.50</b>	<b>17,618.00</b>	<b>1,746.50</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>19,364.50</b>	<b>17,618.00</b>	<b>1,746.50</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Awards</b>			
Awards - Cabinet	0.00	400.00	-400.00
Awards - Other	399.96	0.00	399.96
<b>Total Awards</b>	<b>399.96</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>-0.04</b>
Badges & Patches	787.72	250.00	537.72
Bank Charges	45.00	121.37	-76.37
Cabinet Expense	563.98	1,717.74	-1,153.76
District Chair Expense			
Global Leadership & Membership	1,684.96	1,467.74	217.22
Leo Clubs	0.00	200.00	-200.00
<b>Total District Chair Expense</b>	<b>1,684.96</b>	<b>1,667.74</b>	<b>17.22</b>
District Directories	1,823.60	2,000.00	-176.40
Internet	141.08	142.00	-0.92
Pins Purchased	895.24	895.24	0.00
Postage & Telephone	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Printing & Stationery	990.59	100.00	890.59
USA / Canada Forum	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>7,332.13</b>	<b>8,894.09</b>	<b>-1,561.96</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>12,032.37</b>	<b>8,723.91</b>	<b>3,308.46</b>
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## District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust Balance Sheet As of January 29, 2019

	Jan 29, 19
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>	
CIBC- Lions Quest Imprest	14,011.34
CIBC - Eff. Speaking Impet	2,205.27
CIBC - Trust Account	30,068.88
<b>CIBC - Youth</b>	
Youth Exchange Imprest	12,720.96
Youth Investments	13,183.76
<b>Total CIBC - Youth</b>	25,904.72
<b>Investments</b>	
QUEST - Investment	7,725.36
Trust ST Investment	5,303.00
<b>Total Investments</b>	13,028.36
<b>Youth Camp Capital Fund</b>	7,845.49
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	93,084.06
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	93,084.06
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>93,084.06</u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
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
<b>LCIF</b>	
LCIF - Campaign 100	50.00
LCIF - Other	1,000.00
<b>Total LCIF</b>	1,050.00
<b>Lions Foundation of Canada</b>	
Leash Free Park	2,508.86
<b>Total Lions Foundation of Canada</b>	2,508.86
<b>LIONS Quest Contra Account</b>	21,736.70
Peace Poster	1,468.29
Reading Action	6.12
Vision Screening	4,161.25
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	27,404.72
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	85,238.57
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**CABINET REPORTS**

**DG – Kevin Banfield**

Michael Jackson said in one of his greatest hits, Man in the Mirror:

“I'm starting with the man in the mirror  
I'm asking him to change his ways!”

No message could have been any clearer. Making the world a better place starts with a look at yourself, and seeing what change can be made. Is it something you can do differently, or a perspective that helps yourself and those around you? In your club, such change can truly gain momentum when it is shared, strengthening ties of friendship and community, and so our mutual interest in Lionism...

Changes we have made within the district have been to add Tech Town that will help to educate our members on all things involving social media.

We have utilized our Region Chairs by having them performing official visit to help reduce some of the work load on our Zone Chairs, making our Region Chairs more familiar with other parts of the district, and more importantly, allowing our clubs to get to know their future leaders.

While I will admit there have been some hiccups, there has been good feedback on how we are “embarrassing the future” and supporting our membership.

So the only question now remains: What change are you making, with in your club or within yourself?

**1<sup>st</sup> VDG – Tracey Leary**

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a great holiday season. We are already going strong this year with a few new members joining our organization, Zone Meetings and some great ideas floating around. Let's keep up the great work. I'm looking for members who are interested in becoming a Zone Chair, Region Chair, a liaison for the Youth Camp or if you are just wanting to do a little more outside of your club. If you are one of those persons, give me a shout!! We still have a few club visits coming up, and I look forward to seeing you all in the future. Go TEAM!!

**2<sup>nd</sup> VDG – George Corrin**

I have traveled through our great district visiting clubs, Ingersoll, Lynden, St Jacobs, Fergus, Hillsburgh, Stratford, Plattsville, Galt Cambridge, Glen Morris, Oxford, Paris and Zurich. I have participated in 2 Inductions, inducting 7 new members. Attended 3 Zone Meetings, 9S, 51W and 37W. It is very hard not to see and feel how enthusiastic and dedicated the Lions of A15 are. Ingersoll Lions celebrated their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and I would like to commend all the Ingersoll Lions for the service they have shown to the less privileged individuals within their own community. I spent a day In Markham with VDG1 Tracey Robinson learning about the partnership with Diabetes Canada and Lions in MDA. I also attended a weekend training session for Vice District Governors learning and developing our knowledge base on our journey to becoming District Governor. This weekend included all DG, VDG1, and VDG2 within MDA.





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We completed our second and third Tech Town Session on Facebook, and E-Club House. We had excellent club participation. I have had the privilege to participate twice this year, with the Long-Range Planning Committee. The wealth of knowledge and sincerity with these PDG'S is incredible!

A special thanks to the Thamesford Lions Club and Ingersoll Lions Club for supporting me going forward as VDG1 candidate, and submitting a host bid for the 2020-2021 Convention.

Please make plans to attend the spring leadership training opportunities with inspirational speakers. Share in the camaraderie that is created as we learn together.

**RC37 – Cecillia Fulker**

Since I have been given the opportunity to visit clubs out of my Region. I am meeting more Lion members and learning how they serve and enjoying good food and fellowship. I have been sharing the Governors message and telling them about myself and why Lions growth is important to our future to serve. This year is very busy. Clubs in our District are celebrating landmark years. Ingersoll Lions just celebrated 80 years and Zurich Lions will be celebrating 75 years in December. I am sure as I visit this year there will be more. I am very proud of all the clubs. I am looking forward to the next months on my visits to hear more on how clubs serve.

**ZC 37S – Gabrielle Paff**

Visits to Hickson, Ingersoll and Drumbo Clubs were completed in November. Both the International President and DG message were passed on during these visits and which resulted in questions from the membership. It should be mentioned that Zone 37s is seeing an increase in membership within many of their clubs and, during my visit to the Ingersoll Club, I had the honour of inducting two new members. Congratulations to Ingersoll on their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary which they celebrated on January 12<sup>th</sup>. It was a great celebration attended by many including myself. I continue to be impressed and amazed at the amount of service work being achieved by all 11 Clubs within Zone 37S. The Winter Zone meeting was held January 14th and hosted by the Plattsville and District Lions Club. LCIF Chair Lion Peter was invited to address our Zone Meeting and gave an informative presentation with regards to Campaign 100, the goals and how we as clubs and members can contribute. Lots of questions from those in attendance. Global Services Co-ordinator PDG O. J. Wilura spoke about service, reporting by clubs and had everyone in attendance take part in an exercise about how we would handle a service project. One more club visit scheduled for later this year.

**ZC 51E – Linda Vinette**

I have completed the last of my 51E Zone visits in Hillsburgh, Elora and Fergus and passed on the International President and DG message. I felt the information was well received and was followed by discussion on how the club can embrace the future and reach beyond the horizon. At the time of submitting this report my 2<sup>nd</sup> zone meeting is in the near future on Mon. Jan 21<sup>st</sup> in Belwood. I'm happy to say that I have someone coming from each club to hear the message from Diane Smith, MDA GMT Women/Family Development, on "The Changing Face in Lionism". Peter Oswald will be passing on the message about Campaign 100 and Brian Martin will be briefly speaking about the future Strides Walk at the Convention in April.

**ZC37W- Jody Cherwonak –**

Zone Meeting Stratford Nov. 19th 2018



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Special guest speaker Pat O'Rourke from Jessica's House Hospice. This was a very informative presentation as it is the first privately funded hospice in Ontario. Many of the 37 west clubs have donated to this cause.

100% Treasurer Pin was handed out to Roz Macdonald and The Art Woods Golden Tree was presented to Sherman Roth.

Zone Meeting Zurich Nov 19th 2018

Child Can (Childhood Cancer Research Association) sent a speaker as well as a parent of a child with cancer. They talked about what their organization does and possibly how lions clubs could help. Very snowy night affected attendance but very informative

I want to thank the Cabinet for their thoughts during my mother's passing and a special thank you to Region Chair Cecilia for do my Vanastra club visit.

**ZC9S** – Tony Davidson

**ZC51W** –Mark Koenig

**RC51-** Jim Davis

**RC9** – Harvey Wood

The busy Christmas season is over as are the turkey and ham rolls. Clubs are focused on other fund raising activities which will lead them into spring and summer

Membership continues to be a priority and results are quite good

We held a zone advisory meeting with Kitchener Pioneer Lions where attendance was exceptionally good. Past District Governors Tim DeBlock and Denis Vinette addressed eye screening and Lion's Quest.

**GLT (Global Leadership Team) – District Coordinator – Lion Dennis Loughheed**

LCI has confirmed our application for the US\$250 Leadership Operating Budget and funds are being forwarded to the District Treasurer. As Zone/Region Chair Training and support sessions are held throughout the year, reimbursement requests for eligible expenses from LCI's Leadership Development Grant Program of up to US\$200 are being processed.

The second of the newly introduced Tech Town hands on Workshops occurred on November 24<sup>th</sup> with 30 participants and facilitators in attendance. This session provided a synopsis of all aspects of creating and operating a personal Facebook presence, including the complexity of the many interconnected security options available. In addition, the advantages of the Lions provided e-clubhouse environment as a viable web site development and hosting tool was presented.

Social media is a "new" phenomenon for many of us and we elected to approach the KW LEO's for facilitator assistance. The LEO's have grown up in a social media world, are well versed in its use and its pitfalls and were a very positive contribution to the success of the afternoon.



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Once again we are encouraged by the many positive comments from attendees and will be taking their suggestions into account going forward. Our thanks to Chair VDG2 George Corrin and the rest of the organizational committee for their work on Session 2.

Tech Town 3 was held on January 19<sup>th</sup>. At the time of report submission 11 Lions had registered. Focus of the afternoon was on the creation of, design and maintenance of a club web site hosted on LCI's e-clubhouse.org.

Due to technical issues with the provision of the MyLCI Guest access date Tech Town 4 originally scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, has had to be tentatively rescheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and may yet change as we await clarification from International on the mandatory conversion from MyLCI to MyLion for Service reporting.

At present Tech Town 4 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. Major topics covered will be; familiarity with the District, Multiple District and International Web sites, proficiency in the use of the District Email system, the use of MyLCI for monthly membership and service activity 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.

Plans for the April 28<sup>th</sup> Lions Learning Seminars which are open to all Lions are well underway. All Lions, but particularly Club Officers and Committee Chairs are urged to attend. Further information on session descriptions and the registration process will be released in the coming weeks.

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 5<sup>th</sup> at an as yet to be determined location. Further information to be released in the coming weeks. All returning and potential new District Officers are asked to treat this training as a must attend event.

Support for and a recommendation to begin the use of the new MyLion Web interface for membership and/or service reporting remains on hold until such time as we are satisfied that the roll out is functional and the support materials in place. Clubs are directed to remain with MyLCI for the foreseeable future.

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 30<sup>th</sup> 2019.

**Global Service Report – PDG O.J. Wilura**

District Governor Kevin, Cabinet Members and Lions:

Below you will note statistical information regarding service activity reporting on MyLCI as of the January 17<sup>th</sup>. We are getting better and I thank those clubs for entering their activities.

	<b>Clubs Reporting *</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Lions Hours</b>	<b>People Served</b>
2017-18	53	1,888	70,937	1,031,371
2018-19 to date	52	1,087	56,972	218,681

\* Not including University of Guelph

5 clubs have not reported any activity during this fiscal year and 1 club is now entering its 3<sup>rd</sup> year of foregoing submissions.

I have been fanning out monthly emails reminding clubs to submit service activities, success stories online and other relevant information.



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On January 19, our 3<sup>rd</sup> session of District A15 Tech Town at Conestoga College in Waterloo is going to be held and the subject matter is LCI E-Clubhouse website creation.

Attended Zone Meeting for 37S were the clubs in attendance were involved in a short exercise in relation to community service.

After a query, I was advised by LCI GST that personal involvement in service within a community is not eligible for reporting. The service must be Club sanctioned or initiated. An example, you shovel sidewalks or driveways for seniors who are not able to complete the task, this does not qualify but if the club had a group of members who did this, as part of a project, it is.

Don't forget that meetings, planning of events, training, visitations, donations to LCIF, other donations and fundraising events can also be submitted.

**GMT - (Global Membership Team) District Coordinator - PRC Bill Robinson**



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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Your Convention Hosts, Plattsville and District and Woodstock Lions Clubs are planning a great weekend, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> for your visit to Woodstock. Mark your calendars to join us that weekend at the Quality Hotel Suites, 580 Bruin Blvd, Woodstock.

Accommodations have been arranged at both the Quality Hotel and their adjacent hotel, the Days Inn. Full breakfast is included with each room. Registration forms have now been uploaded to the District website at <http://a15lions.org/pages/Events/Convention>. Registration forms including hotel rooms and hospitality suites (for Friday only) are all being handled by Peter Oswald ([lcif@a15lions.org](mailto:lcif@a15lions.org) or call 519-537-0683) All other questions should be directed to Convention Chair Gabrielle Paff ([convhost@a15lions.org](mailto:convhost@a15lions.org) or call 519-684-6729)

Please plan to join us April 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as we “Embrace the Future” with District Governor Kevin.

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

As directed at the last meeting, it is the desire of cabinet that District A-15 dues for student members be waived. This requires a change to our bylaw and thus the following proposed change to the A-15 bylaws is being brought forward for vote at the convention in April. As well I have attached the form club secretaries should fill out when applying to International for the waiver.

Proposed Bylaw Change: To replace Article VII Section 1 with the following:

#### **Section 1 - DISTRICT REVENUE**

*To provide revenue to defray the administrative expenses of District A-15, an Annual District Administrative Fund Per Capita Tax of \$8.50 is hereby levied upon each member of each Club in District A-15 with billings of the same to be based upon Lions Club Membership submitted on June monthly Membership and Activities reports, except as provided in subsection (a).*

*(a) For student membership programs, as adopted by the International Board of Directors, eligible student members under the age of 30 shall pay no District A-15 membership dues. In order to qualify, eligible student members must be reported to LCI by club secretaries using accepted forms and procedures.*

*All Lions Clubs to be billed by the Cabinet Treasurer on the first of September each year. Said tax shall be paid to the Cabinet Treasurer by each Club in District A-15, except Newly Chartered and Reorganized Clubs, which shall collect and pay said Per Capita Tax on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of their organization (or reorganization, as the case may be). Any outstanding balance shall become subject to interest at the rate of 12%, calculated annually. Said per capita tax shall be disbursed for administrative expenses of District A-15 and only upon approval by the District Governor's Cabinet. Disbursement there from shall be by cheques drawn and signed by the Cabinet Treasurer and/or District Governor and/or the District Secretary.*

### Environment – Lion James McIlwrath

### Diabetes Awareness East – Lion Brian Martin

Since my last report, I have completed attending the 3 Zone meetings (Zone 9E being the last) to promote Diabetes Awareness in the District. I also attended the Diabetes Canada/MDA workshop in Markham On., on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. This was a very well put together workshop with representation from almost all Districts in MDA, with VDG's and Diabetes Chairs in attendance. There is a lot of momentum and interest from Lions to partner with DC in advancing



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the cause for finding a cure for Diabetes. DC and MDA are now working on finalizing a memorandum of Understanding between DC and MDA, outlining responsibilities, goals for Lions, and levels of participation. MDA Diabetes Chair, PDG Denis Vinette, is representing Lions of MDA.

Of late, my co-chair PRC Rick Bell and I are working with DC (Kitchener) and have posted Strides Walk information to all Clubs. I will personally attend the Zone 51E meeting this month, to promote the Strides Walk. Zone meetings for 51W and 9E have been moved to early February and I will be away during that time. Information and hard copy posters were passed on to the Zone Chairs to present at the meetings on my behalf.

**Diabetes Awareness West – Lion Rick Bell**

My apologies for my absence, but my wife forced me to go with her on a Caribbean Cruise. Since the August Cabinet meeting, PRC Brian Martin and I have been getting acquainted with each other in the shared Diabetes Awareness Chair. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Diabetes Workshop in November, but Brian gave me a detailed report of the workshop.

Currently, we are working to put together a Stride Walk for Diabetes at the District Convention. It is going well (don't ask Lion Ted though). We seem to have everything in place for Saturday, April 6 at the Convention. Lion Brian and I are attending Zone Meetings to promote the event. I have attended the 9S and 37S meetings and I will attend the combined 37S/37W Zone Meeting in February.

**Family and Women's Membership – PDG Diane Smith**

Over the coming months I will be presenting to several clubs on the topic of *The Changing Face of Lionism*. We are at an exciting time in our organization's history and our current International President's vision of **New Voices** encourages us to start to think differently about how we operate our clubs.

Lions International is offering several new webinars specifically aimed at encouraging women's and family membership. The schedule is:

DATE	TITLE	TIME
February 28, 2019	The Other Perspective: Men Empowering Women in Leadership	9:00 am-10:am CST(10am-11am EST)
March 21, 2019	Why We Need the Women's Initiative	As above
April 18, 2019	Stand Up and Stand Out: Market Yourself as a Leader	As above

There are now a number of Facebook sites geared to the sharing of success stories where service projects from around the world provide fresh ideas. Two key Facebook sites are *Lions New Voices* and *More Women in Lionism*. There is also a site for our Lioness: *Canadian Lioness Affiliation*.

There is a leader in all of us –don't be afraid to ask yourself what you can do to make your club stronger.

**Future Convention Advisory Committee – PDG Doug Smith**

We received one bid for Hosting of the 2020/2021 Convention. The Thamesford Lions were the only one submitting a bid. The Ingersoll Lions have agreed to co- host this event.

Proposed date is April 16 -18, 2021 at the Arden Park Inn.



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There are 144 rooms available a \$179.00 per night. We will be working on getting this reduced.

There are sufficient Hospitality and Meeting rooms available for our needs.

The Hotel staff will try to have all Lions' rooms in a group away from other guests.

The above package being complete, I recommend to Cabinet that they accept this bid.

**Hearing & Speech-** PRC Paul Anstett – Nothing to Report

**Historian Report** – PDG Nancy Ransom

Business is slow, Clubs please consider sharing your scrapbooks, all will be returned safely to you in good time. I have yet to receive DG History from a few PDGs, to complete the section on the website. I have been forwarding articles to our District Newsletter.

I made a display and participated in the recent Orientation Event held at St. Agatha. It was a pleasure to be part of this event, which was well received by all who attended. Thanks to everyone who helped, and especially PDG Denis and ZC Linda Vinette, for so many hours of preparation.

Best wishes to all for 2019.

**Honorary Committee** – IPDG Charlene Dwyer – Nothing to Report

**LCIF** –PDT Peter Oswald

Lions – we are halfway through the Lions year and I want to give everyone an update on the progress for Campaign 100 as well plans for the remainder of the Lions year. Please see my earlier report in October for background details on Campaign 100.

The online portal for the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF is now fully operational and can be found at: <https://lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca/>. Please check it out - you can find any of the forms needed for Campaign 100; you can make a personal contribution online. REMINDER – ALL funds being contributed by Clubs or individuals should be sent to the Lions of Canada Fund – the money stays in Canada; tax receipts for CRA are issued for individual contributions; AND all funds donated still are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowships.

So, how are we doing so far? Well, there is still some lag time in the reports but all donations will be reported. Here are the stats for MDA – you can see how A-15 stacks up (these amounts are in USD for this Lions year only).

		<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>Per Member Donations</b>	<b>Club Participation</b>
MD A		\$ 58,119	<b>\$4.57</b>	<b>18.5%</b>
	A 1	\$ 6,237	<b>\$5.25</b>	<b>20.0%</b>
	A 2	\$ 4,247	\$3.28	14.6%
	A 3	\$ 4,405	\$3.52	<b>22.0%</b>
	A 4	\$ 2,895	\$2.02	12.7%
	A 5	\$ 2,875	\$2.37	<b>20.8%</b>
	A 711	\$ 10,686	<b>\$7.44</b>	10.0%
	A 9	\$ 5,480	<b>\$4.72</b>	15.9%
	A 12	\$ 5,285	<b>\$5.08</b>	<b>26.1%</b>



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	A 15	\$ 9,023	\$6.15	20.3%
	A 16	\$ 6,989	\$5.64	27.8%

In Lions year ending June 30, 2018, District A-15 contributed USD 13,647 – so the total for the 2 years is USD 22,679. Converting that at 1.35 provides a CAD total of \$30,604.

The District goal for the entire Campaign over 3 years is CAD\$566,000 (based on \$130/year for each Club member). While that looks like a big number (because it is ☺), Lions Clubs and Lions continue to be very generous. We need your support and with an extra fundraiser, a few personal donations and possibly some corporate support – I know we get this done! The overall totals will be wrapped up at the International convention in Montreal at the end of the Campaign.

What do we need to do? Start with one step and we will work towards our goal.

- Get more information on Campaign 100 – I am happy to make a presentation or share information from our Foundation website etc.
- Will your Club pledge to become a Maple Leaf Club? We have at least 3 in the District that have pledged to meet the challenge. For a Club of 30 members, your goal over 3 years will be \$11,700 – let's round up and say \$12,000. A big shout out to mighty Marsville – they have already achieved their campaign goal – an amazing accomplishment for a small Club.
- And, Lions individually are challenged to make a personal contribution – you will get a Canadian tax receipt; your funds are going to an excellent charity; and the challenge represents about the cost of ONE XL cup of coffee per week.

Thanks for your support so far – and I am counting on more to come. Let me know how I can help!

**Leo Report – Lion Phillip Bourdeau**

The status of the Leos in A15 has remained largely unchanged for quite some time, with exception of the Kitchener Leo Club (Let me congratulate you on growing your club so vigorously). I am about to undertake a development initiative to grow the Leo Clubs in our area, as well as revitalize those that are static or in jeopardy of dissolving. I have spoken with a few of you and hope to speak with all the presidents or representatives of each club. My initial task will be to find individuals prepared to act as a club advisor.

The next step is to identify a club format: be it a new format such as cyber-club or the existing format, whichever compliments the club and the community.

If by chance you would like to initiate a new club, and I haven't contacted you yet, please feel free to email me at [leo@a15lions.org](mailto:leo@a15lions.org).

**Lions Foundation of Canada – PRC Debbie Cserhalmi**

Now is the time to start working on this year's Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides. If your club is considering starting a walk this year there is lots of info at [www.walkfordogguides.com](http://www.walkfordogguides.com) If you'd like some future dog guides at your walk (or any other event) please contact me at [lfc@a15lions.org](mailto:lfc@a15lions.org). We have lots of foster families in a15 who are more than willing to bring their pups.

Speaking of foster families, there is always a need; in the next month or so, 50 pups will be available. Food, vet services, and a crate are given at no cost to a foster family. Two puppy classes are required, one in Breslau and one in Oakville. These classes include a vet visit with vaccinations. A group visit at a mall and a home visit are also part





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of assessing the pup's progress. Staff are available to answer all your questions. You will be invited to your dog's graduation, where you'll meet your dog's teammate. Puppy sitters are available if you need one for vacations, etc. Your pup goes with you most places and can't be left alone for more than three hours. It's the most rewarding volunteer gig ever. <https://www.dogguides.com/foster.html>

I've attended a few graduations over the years and have noticed the number of Lions clubs that have sponsored teams is definitely on the rise! Clubs can spread the cost of a sponsorship over three years. The cost of team ranges from \$4000-12000. Other ways to donate to Dog Guides include LFC awards, the memorial forest trees, and items on the wish list. Contact Julie with your donation at [jjlinek@dogguides.com](mailto:jjlinek@dogguides.com) or call 1-800-768-3030 ext 223.

Thank you Lions, for supporting our Canadian Foundation and helping your fellow Canadians with disabilities.

### **Lions Opportunities for Youth – Joanne McQuiggan**

There will once again be a "Opportunities for Youth" Dinner at the Multiple District Convention in St Catharines on Saturday May 25 from 6 – 8:30 pm. There will be presentations to the winners of the MDA Peace Poster and Peace Essay competition, a few of the winning MDA Effective Speakers, as well as brief presentations on Leos, Youth Exchange and Lions Quest. Tickets are \$26 and must be ordered in advance. Further information and the order form will be sent to the A15 mailing list shortly. If you are attending the Multiple District Convention, please plan to attend this energizing dinner and celebrate all the great work that we do with our youth.

### **Lions Quest – PDG Denis Vinette**

I am pleased to report that our Lions Quest Ambassador workshop held in St. Jacobs on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 was well attended by interested Lions from all parts of our District. 8 clubs and 13 members received detailed information about the benefits that Lions Quest brings to the social and emotional wellbeing of young people today. The different workshop and funding opportunities were also presented and I expect that this effort will foster a better understanding about how Lions can help implement and support this program. A special thank you goes to the Lions of St. Jacobs for providing their den for this event.

For those who could not attend the workshop in November, I have scheduled a second event for Thursday, February 7, 2019 at the Lyle Hallman Recreation Centre in Kitchener. Additional details will be forwarded to clubs by the District Lions Quest email. As was the case for the first meeting, there is no cost to attend and a light dinner and beverages will be supplied to those who attend.

In addition, I am pleased to see that our funding target for this year is well underway and a little ahead of last year. Thank you Lions all! I hope that this trend will continue for the balance of the year.

I am working on arrangements to have a special event at the convention for Lions Quest supporters and Ambassadors. Stay tuned.

As always, I have and will take every opportunity to mention this program at various District events and will continue to accept invitations by Clubs, Zones and Regions to speak about the current and future of Lions Quest in Canada.

### **Literacy – PZC Aline Chan**

### **Long Range Planning Report – PDG Thom Herrmann**

#### LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE STRUCTURE



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After a review of how the Global Action, Governors and Cabinet Teams under the common chair of the District Governor are to work throughout the year to; assess progress on District Goals, develop those goals going forward during the future governor's years and other matters which may arise as regards District operations, as well as the role of Long Range Planning as a research and advisory body which may be called upon by Cabinet through the District Governor, we make the following recommendations to Cabinet.

In the resource document A15 Cabinet and Committee Appointee Job Descriptions last revised in May of 2017, Section 4.12 Research & Long Range Planning Chairperson;

1. Subsection 4.12.1 PURPOSE – Change to read “To advise on such matters as referred to it by the District Cabinet through the District Governor.
2. Subsection 4.12.2 SELECTION - Add “The First and Second Vice District Governors shall be members of this committee.”

TRIGGERS TO & TIMELINES FOR DISTRICT REZONING

Upon agreeing that the necessary conditions for triggering a rezoning, putting that process in motion and setting timelines were separate from what the actual rezoning might look like, we make the following recommendations to Cabinet.

With the understanding that the Governor may trigger a rezoning process at any time, Cabinet shall;

1. immediately direct a rezoning process OR
2. the addition or drop of a club shall trigger a rezoning process

in order to ensure alignment with LCI's zone size policy<sup>1</sup>.

Where a rezoning process is initiated, the Governor shall immediately notify the membership that the process has begun.

The Governor on the advice of cabinet, shall determine the process to follow including assignment to, but not limited to; Long Range Planning, an ad hoc committee, committee of the whole.

The process committee shall report back to Cabinet by the Fall Cabinet Meeting occurring a minimum of 5 months following process initiation.

Elections related to any new structure approved by Cabinet shall occur at the first Convention following action on the Rezoning Committee's report as received by Cabinet at the Fall Cabinet Meeting.

The new structure approved by Cabinet shall come into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup> following the Convention at which necessary elections were held and/or appointments made.

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<sup>1</sup> ARTICLE V of the Standard District Constitution and Bylaws

Section 4. **REGIONS AND ZONES.**

(a) Organizational. Regions and zones shall be subject to change by the district governor, with the approval of the district cabinet and when it is in the best interests of the clubs, district and the association. The district should be divided into regions of sixteen (16) to ten (10) Lions clubs. Each region should be divided into zones of between eight (8) and four (4) Lions Clubs, giving due regard to the geographical locations of the clubs.



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

Congratulation to the New Hamburg Lioness Club on sponsoring the winning Peace Poster again this year. I believe this is the third year they have won.

The Theme this year was "KINDNESS MATTERS".

The winner of the Peace Poster is Ella Hanson from Forest Glen Public School in Baden. Another entry was from Sir Adam Beck School in Baden and it was last year's winner Mackensie Surian. Each student will receive \$25.00 from the New Hamburg Lioness and Ella Hanson will receive \$250.00 from District A 15.

Ella's entry was sent off to MDA Council Chair Tim Cheung, unfortunately she did not win. The winner was Sara Abu Haieh sponsored by the Mississauga Central Lions Club in A 7-11. She is expected to attend the MDA Convention and will receive \$1000.00 from MDA.

We only had one entry for the Essay Contest and the winner is Mikayla Ansley from Hullet Central Public School in Blyth, sponsored by the Blyth Lions Club A9. She also will receive a \$1000.00 from MDA. We hope to have the essay published in the Lions Magazine in the next issue.

I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT ALL SPONSORING LIONS CLUB GO ON LINE AND SEE WHAT THE PAST WINNING POSTERS LOOK LIKE. Quality rather than quantity is the most import element of the contest. I would encourage you to connect with the Art Teacher in your schools and have the teacher look at the winning posters throughout the years.

I look forward to working with the clubs again next year. The Peace Poster kits will be available at the next Cabinet Meeting.

**PR – Club Visits Liaison – IPDG Charlene Dwyer – Nothing to report**

**Sight Screening & Conservation- PDG Tim DeBlock**

Lions in A15 will have screened 12,000 - 14,000 Kindergarten children by March of this year.

I am currently working with 4 Health Units from various areas in our District planning for three way partnerships between School Boards, Health Units and Lions to facilitate screening programs for fall 2019. Pilot projects and training will be held in the next several weeks. We have been received with much appreciation and respect for the screening programs we have facilitated the past 10-14 years by the parties that will be involved going forward. This has created the basis for a good relationship and I am optimistic the new programs will not only include more schools but will maintain the care and concern for children as the priority.

There are plans being discussed for a vision screening service event at convention in April. Stay tuned for details. I have received a shipment of used eye glass collection boxes. Please let me know if you require any.

**Special Olympics – Lion Robert Montgomery**



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The 2019 Special Olympics Winter Games will be held in Sault Ste. Marie. Opening Ceremonies will be held Thursday January 31st 7:30pm at the Memorial Gardens in the Sault. Closing Ceremonies will be held at the Sault Community Theatre Saturday February 2nd at 7:30pm. You do not need tickets at both of these events.

Athletes named to Special Olympics Team Canada were selected based on a number of factors and most recently competed as members of their provincial/territorial teams at the Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games in Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

Special Olympics Canada is excited to announce the Special Olympics Team Canada athlete roster for the 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Abu Dhabi March 14 -21, 2019. The team consists of athletes from all 12 participating Special Olympics provinces/territories across Canada.

Awesome news and if your club is excited as these athletes are then lets donate and help them achieve their goals, because one of these athletes could be your next door neighbor.

### **Tech Town – 2VDG George Corrin**

Lion Hilda DeVos from the Ingersoll Lions Club was the Lead Instructor for the Facebook Session. She creatively shared her expertise and the required material with enthusiasm and professionalism. E-Club House session was taught by GLT Dennis Lougheed. Thanks again for the facilitators GMT Bill Robinson and the Leos of Kitchener, Erhard Kruger. Region Chair Harvey Wood, Raymond Taylor (ST. Marys), Lion Tim Spicer from (Milverton), Debbie Zimmerman (Rockton) The District is very fortunate to have GLT Dennis Lougheed and Lion Ted Rypma our IT expert, who have done so much work to make on our District Homepage, created online registration for Tech Town and Leaders Seminars. For some members using the computer can be a very daunting task, With the opportunities that Tech Town has offered, we hope that the Tech Town Committee was able to ease some of your frustrations. Our next planned session is March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Bulletin Editor – PZC Gerry Haliburton**

### **Youth Camp Coordinator – RC Cecilia Fulker**

This is a new position for me and I am learning about the different camps. We support 5 camps in Lions. I am learning more and will promote these camps to the clubs in our District. I am letting them know with our support to these camps they will be successful. I have been visiting clubs to explain the camps and with my ceramic Lion friend Larry I have been collecting for Camp Trillium. I will continue to promote these amazing camps on all my visits.