

A number of Lions have expressed a concern regarding use of the District a15lions.org positional addresses. Lions are noting that beginning with the new Lions year, when they use the District positional eMail addresses, for example VDG1, DG, VDG2 and IPDG, from their computer's Mail and Contact management software, (for example Outlook on a Windows machine), the “wrong” name is associated with the address. For example when addressing Email to VDG1@a15lions.org which is currently Denis Vinette, the name associated with the address is last year's VDG1 Dan Ayim. Their concern is that the eMail is going to last year's positional holder, Dan, rather than this year's, Denis.

Rest assured that eMail addressed to VDG1@a15lions.org ALWAYS goes to that mail box in our system. Provided that the current holder of the VDG1 position has correctly configured their autoforwarding, all is good. If you can ignore the misinformation of the person to whom the eMail is going, you need do nothing further.

On the other hand, if you are one of those people, (like me), who just has to have it right, here is an attempt to explain what is happening.

Contact software (such as Microsoft's Outlook as well as most others) stores all of the contact information connected to an individual name. If you saved the VDG1@a15lions.org address as an eMail address for Dan Ayim last year and have not removed it for this year, the software still thinks that Dan Ayim is associated with the address VDG1@a15lions.org. This will be true even if you have also stored the VDG1@a15lions.org with Denis' contact information for this year.

If you wish to eliminate the confusion of incorrect names appearing beside a positional eMail address what follows is what I have done on my own system. Remember your eMail will be correctly delivered even if you don't do the following.

First remove the a15lions.org addresses from the contact information for all individual Lions. I do not have any of the District eMail addresses recorded as part of the contact information for a specific Lion. In other words for Dan Ayim, I never recorded VDG1@a15lions.org as being his address last year nor have I recorded dg@15lions.org this year.

Second I created a separate identity for the position and associated the a15lions.org address with it. For example

First Name District Governor

Last Name A15

has eMail dg@15lions.org associated with it.

When I type dg@a15lions.org in the Mail To: window the name associated with the address is District Governor A15. If I search my Contact management software for District Governor the address which appears is dg@a15lions.org. Never changes from year to year!

Hope this is of some help to those of you who want to tidy up how your software is functioning. Remember, you don't have to do this. Your eMail will be correctly delivered even if it is indicating the incorrect individual currently holding the District position.