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Agenda, A-15 Cabinet Meeting, Wednesday October 29, 2025, 7:00 pm

Drumbo Lions Club, Drumbo Agricultural Hall
42 Centre St., Drumbo ON

1. Welcome from DG Linda Vinette
2. O Canada: ZC51W George Woodley and ZC37W Trudy Carter
3. Land Acknowledgement: SVDG Paul Anstett
4. Moment of Silence: DG Linda Vinette
5. Protocol: FVDG Rick Mallon
6. Grace prior to meal: ZC51E William Belrose
7. Dinner by Drumbo Lions
8. Introduction of Guest Speakers: DG Linda Vinette
9. Guest Speakers:
 - a) DG Louise Agnew and Lion Sharmmila Rajkumar (Committee Chair on Mental Health and Wellness) from District A-2. Topic: Mental Health and Wellbeing
 - b) PDG Tony Davidson. Topic: LCIF
10. Remarks from District Governor Linda Vinette
11. Additions/Changes to and Approval of the Agenda
12. Motion to receive minutes of previous Cabinet Meeting August 10, 2025, available at:
<https://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/CabinetAgenda20250810Aug.pdf>
13. Secretary's Report: CS Dianna Hewitt
14. Treasurer's Report: CT Brian Spivey
15. Cabinet Reports
16. Committee Reports:
 - a) Nominations Chair: Doug Smith
 - b) Convention Committee 2026: Peter Oswald
 - c) Effective Speaking: ZC51W George Woodley
17. Old Business: Convention Levy (Motion by CT Brian Spivey)
18. New Business:
 - a) 2027 Convention: FVDG Rick Mallon
 - b) Demonstration of Club Digest of upcoming events: PDG Denis Vinette
19. Special Presentations & Awards
20. Anything for the Good & Welfare of Lionism
21. Announcements
22. Closing Remarks
23. Next Cabinet Meeting: Wednesday January 21, 2026, 7 pm, Elmira Lions Club
24. Adjournment



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**Minutes of District A-15 Special Cabinet Meeting
Sunday September 14, 2025**

Result of the Special District A15 Cabinet Meeting held on Sunday, September 14, 2025 – 7:00PM

Attendance: DG Linda Vinette, IPDG Bill Robinson, 1st VDG Rick Mallon, 2nd VDG Paul Anstett, CS Dianna Hewitt, RC51Kevin March, ZC9E Colleen Martin, ZC9S Mary Rumble, ZC37W Trudy Carter, ZC51W E. George Woodley

Regrets: CT Brian Spivey, RC37 Terry MacDougall, ZC9C Neil Stephenson, ZC51E William Belrose

Quorum established.

Motion by 2nd VDG Paul Anstett, seconded by IPDG Bill Robinson that District A15 apply for a Community Impact Grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation for the sum of \$20,000USD to be used to support the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides Difference Campaign.

Carried (unanimously).

Secretary's Report 2025 10 29

There's not much to report regarding secretarial work, but October has been a very busy month for me, accompanying Acting Zone Chair for 37 South, Kevin March on his visits to several clubs. He booked most of the visits in October, including his first Zone Advisory Meeting in the hopes of avoiding the winter weather. So far, he's been successful. No snow yet! I have really enjoyed visiting so many clubs from a different zone and meeting a lot of Lions I would not normally connect with. I am really impressed with the scope of their service and fundraising activities given that some clubs are in a rural location with not a large population to draw on.

I have accompanied ZC Kevin, not as Cabinet Secretary, but as a member of our club, Rockwood & District Lions. We both attended the Farm Show in Woodstock for one afternoon and were amazed at how so many clubs came together for 3 days to operate a huge food both and several bars, serving craft beer in cans with the Lions logo! The amount of time, effort and participation involved in coordinating this event is not like anything I have ever seen.

On a local note, some Cabinet members from Rockwood and South Wellington were hard at work on Thanksgiving Monday at the Erin Fall Fair. It included several dignitaries working at a non-Lions event. On the gates and selling tickets were DG Linda Vinette, District Administrator PDG Denis Vinette, PDDG Darryl Nichol, Cabinet Secretary (myself), RC/ZC Kevin March, and Hunger Chair Dawn Raynard as well as several other Lions members, all supervised by PDG Doug Smith, who transported us around in the worst looking golf cart ever, with no reverse gear.

Lion Dianna Hewitt
Cabinet Secretary
District A-15

TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET - September 30, 2025

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

Administration Account has been reconciled to the Bank records as at September 30, 2025.

Invoices for District A-15 and MDA dues, totalling \$41,359 were mailed to 55 clubs on September 1st. As of October 22nd, 9 invoices totalling \$5,300 remain unpaid.

A cheque for MDA dues in the amount of \$22,785 was issued on October 1, 2025.

As per an August 10th Cabinet motion, \$5,000 has been moved from excess funds (i.e. Retained Earnings) to the Adult Companion International Convention Travel Expense fund.

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Accounts have been reconciled to the Bank records as at September 30, 2025.

Minimal trust account activity occurred from July 1st to September 30th.

The disbursement of the LCIF \$150,000 US matching grant (approximately \$202,600 CDN) to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides is "on hold" until the District A-15 sponsored portion of the new facility is completed.

The Centennial Gates Project for the Breslau breeding facility was finalized last year. As per an August 10th Cabinet motion, the remaining balances of the Centennial Gates funds and the Leash Free Park fund have been amalgamated into a Memorial Forest Maintenance fund with a combined balance of \$2,963.

Respectfully submitted

Brian Spivey

Cabinet Treasurer



District A-15 Lions Clubs

Administration Account - Balance Sheet

As at:	September 30 2025	June 30 2025
ASSETS		
Kindred		
Kindred Emergency Fund Cash	24,886.49	24,886.49
Kindred Cash	66,451.25	43,249.99
Total Cash in Kindred	<u>91,337.74</u>	<u>68,136.48</u>
Shares in Kindred	25.00	25.00
Total Cash	<u>91,362.74</u>	<u>68,161.48</u>
District Dues Receivable	12,784.95	-
Total Current Assets	<u>104,147.69</u>	<u>68,161.48</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>104,147.69</u></u>	<u><u>68,161.48</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
MDA Dues Payable	22,785.00	-
Centennial Project Fund	-	328.97
Convention Fund	1,828.40	-
DGE Partner Travel	5,941.17	941.17
Total Current Liabilities	<u>30,554.57</u>	<u>1,270.14</u>
Long Term Liabilities		
International Director - Contra	9,426.75	9,100.25
New Club Assessment - Contra	10,159.08	8,200.08
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>19,585.83</u>	<u>17,300.33</u>
Total Liabilities	50,140.40	18,570.47
Equity		
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	21,591.01	24,503.60
Net Income	9,416.28	2,087.41
Total Equity	<u>54,007.29</u>	<u>49,591.01</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>104,147.69</u></u>	<u><u>68,161.48</u></u>



District A-15 Lions Clubs

Profit & Loss - Budget vs. Actual

Administration Account - July 1 2025 - September 30 2025

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under Budget)
Income			
District Directory	-	300.00	(300.00)
District Dues	11,101.00	11,101.00	-
Interest Earned	8.45	-	8.45
Leadership Development	1,375.00	1,375.00	-
Membership Assessment	1,959.00	1,959.00	-
Pin Sales	-	400.00	(400.00)
Leadership Grant from LCI	-	-	-
GAT Grants from LCI and MDA	-	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
			-
Total Income	14,443.45	16,135.00	(1,691.55)
Expense			
Awards - Cabinet	-	750.00	(750.00)
Awards - Other	38.45	146.50	(108.05)
Total Awards	38.45	896.50	(858.05)
Badges & Patches	1,043.68	1,025.00	18.68
Bank Charges	14.71	375.00	(360.29)
Cabinet Expense	315.00	2,326.00	(2,011.00)
Convention Expense	-	820.00	(820.00)
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair	-	1,250.00	(1,250.00)
District Chair - Other	-	120.00	(120.00)
Total District Chair Expense	-	1,370.00	(1,370.00)
District Directories	1,322.61	1,322.50	0.11
Global Action Team	565.00	2,775.00	(2,210.00)
Internet	252.21	275.00	(22.79)
Marketing and Canopy maintenance	-	300.00	(300.00)
Leadership Seminars	340.20	2,190.00	(1,849.80)
Leadership Institutes	-	75.00	(75.00)
Pins Purchased , District	1,005.70	1,010.00	(4.30)
Postage & Telephone	28.02	100.00	(71.98)
Office Expense	101.59	475.00	(373.41)
USA / Canada Forum	-	800.00	(800.00)
Total Expense	5,027.17	16,135.00	(11,107.83)
Net Income	9,416.28	-	9,416.28



District A-15 Lions Clubs Trust Accounts - Balance Sheet

ASSETS	September 30, 2025	June 30, 2025
Chequing/Savings		
Trust Sight Imprest	5523.38	5523.38
Youth Exchange Imprest	12858.83	12858.83
Total - Youth	12858.83	12858.83
Kindred-Trust Account	217873.05	217459.21
Total Cash	236255.26	235841.42
Trf fm Admin for Interest Income	0.00	0.00
Total Cash and Receivable	236255.26	235841.42
Total Current Assets	236255.26	235841.42
TOTAL ASSETS	236255.26	235841.42
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Centennial Project- Gates	0.00	1029.20
Effective Speaking Acct	614.01	614.01
Hearing Equipment	803.07	803.07
Diabetes Awareness	0.00	0.00
Lions Foundation of Canada		
LCIF \$150,000 US Matching Grant	202589.81	202504.94
Memorial Forest Maintenance Fund	2963.03	0.00
Leash Free Park	0.00	1604.86
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	205552.84	204109.80
LIONS Quest Contra Account	0.00	0.00
LIONS Quest Canada	0.00	0.00
Peace Poster	1939.55	1939.55
Vision Screening	2972.94	2972.94
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	16106.81	16106.81
Total Current Liabilities	227989.22	227575.38
Long Term Liabilities		
Youth Camp Capital	8266.04	8266.04
Total Long Term Liabilities	8266.04	8266.04
Total Liabilities	236255.26	235841.42
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	236255.26	235841.42

Appendix A

October 2025 Nominations Committee Report

DG Linda and Members of the A15 Cabinet:

The following is our current report regarding nominations for District Officers 2026/27

It is our objective to have at least one candidate nominated for all District A15 Cabinet Positions for next year. We will be striving to encourage those qualified Lions to take that next step of Lions leadership.

I am asking all past and present Leaders to reach out to those Lions and encourage them to pursue these opportunities.

As of November 1st, 2025, DG Linda, CS Dianna and Myself will be accepting Nominations for the positions of 2nd District Governor, 1st District Governor and District Governor. Please use the nomination form that is on the District website. Use of any other form will be returned to the applicant.

Thank you, Governor Linda, for giving me the opportunity to serve the Lions of A15.

Respectively submitted

PDG Doug (I LOVE DOUGIE) Smith

To A15 cabinet

As Fvdg, I will have completed 14 of my official visits by date of cabinet meeting. Im continuing to work with the district governors team and the Gat team to strive to meet our goals for the year in both service and membership.

Being visibly present assisting clubs in their service projects is an important sign to the clubs and all our members that we as district officers care about their success and also follows in our international president's message to work together. We can do so much more as a group vs as an individual.

Fun, fellowship and service are clearly evident in all clubs that I have shared time with so far. It goes a long way in reaching our target of +2 in CA2.

I'll continue to serve happily as part of DG Linda's team as we continue to kee3p A15 as one of the premier districts in MDA

Respectfully Submitted

Rick Mallon

FVDG A15

2nd Vice District Governor Report

Submitted by: Paul Anstett

Reporting Period: August 10 – October 20, 2025

District A15 Cabinet Meeting

Official Visitations

I had the honour of representing District Governor Linda at **six official club visitations**. These opportunities allowed me to connect with members, observe club operations, and help reinforce our district's mission.

The clubs visited were:

- Belwood & District Lions Club
- St. Jacobs Lions Club
- Cambridge Highlands Lions Club
- Elora Lions Club
- Atwood Lions Club
- Stratford Lions Club

Each club demonstrated strong enthusiasm, commitment to service, and pride in their community projects. I deeply appreciated their warm hospitality and the meaningful conversations shared during each visit.

Service Activities

I assisted **Zone 37S Clubs** during the Farm Show, supporting their collective efforts to promote Lions service and engage with the public. The event showcased effective collaboration, teamwork, and visibility for our organization — excellent examples of Lions working together to make a lasting difference.

Leadership Development

I attended two additional **MDA Joint 1VDG/2VDG Development Sessions**, gaining valuable insights into leadership, strategic planning, and district operations. These sessions continue to strengthen my understanding of the responsibilities that lie ahead and enhance my ability to serve effectively.

Virtual Engagement

I participated in several **Zoom meetings** focused on:

- Membership growth and retention strategies
- Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides
- General district updates and collaboration

These virtual sessions have been instrumental in maintaining communication, sharing best practices, and staying aligned with district priorities.

Ongoing Support

I remain fully committed to supporting **District Governor Linda** and the Cabinet in all capacities. Through club visitations, service initiatives, and leadership development, I will continue to contribute to the strength, growth, and unity of **District A15**.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Paul Anstett

2nd Vice District Governor, District A15

Cabinet Meeting Report for Region 37

Hello everyone,

I have enjoyed my first quarter as Region Chair 37.

I attended Ayr for Zone meeting 37s, and Exeter for Zone meeting 37w.

I enjoyed my trip to Exeter and meeting some new people. Last year I was zone chair for 37s and this allowed me to visit and meet other Clubs.

Thank-you Exeter for hosting a great meeting and making me feel welcome.

Both meetings had GET District Coordinator Tracey Robinson and GMT District Coordinator talking about Service and Membership.

Most Clubs have some good Service projects coming up and there have been a good number of inductions of new members.

Recently my Club (Plattsville) had Acting Zone Chair (RC 51) Kevin March induct two new members with the candles.

I really like that new members this year get a welcome email. A couple new members reached out to me excited to receive this!

Keep up the great work in your communities.

I am looking forward to visiting more Clubs throughout Region 37.

TERRY MCDOUGALL

REGION CHAIR 37

DISTRICT A15

ZC37S Report 2025 10 29

Since the last cabinet meeting I have been to 5 clubs for my Zone visits and held my first Zone Advisory meeting hosted by Ayr-North Dumfries with PDG Garry Ransom and PDG Tracey Robinson speaking on membership.

I also took a trip to the Farm Show and was amazed at how all clubs in the Zone worked together in this massive food booth and several bars. This proves when clubs get together and work on a project we can accomplish anything.

Several clubs have prospective members. I am confident that we will meet our target of net 2 members growth in 37 South.

I look forward to visiting the remaining clubs in the zone in the near future.

Respectively submitted,

RC/ZC Kevin March

Zone Chairman 9C

10 October 2025

I have completed 4 of 7 official visits and found the clubs very healthy and active. Membership looks like it is on the increase in the clubs I have so far visited.

I held my first Zone Advisory in Lynden on September 18 and had 6 of 7 clubs represented (*the missing club was Copetown who were busy with the Ancaster Fair*)

Lion Gary Ransom did a workshop on service and visibility. The clubs found it was a good experience and took away information and new ideas.

My Next Zone Meeting is Tuesday 27 January at Waterdown.

With Colleen ZC 9E and Mary Rumble ZC 9S we will be working on a Joint Zone Meeting in March.

I am away from 14 October to 10 November but will try to attend the District meeting By Zoom

Submitted by,

Neil Stephenson

Zone Chairman



Dear Cabinet Secretary and District Governor Linda,

Update on Meeting bookings for all 9E clubs can be found [here](#). Breslau has refused any visit or support.

Club Visit Updates

- 3 clubs and Zone complete.
- Balance of the club visits will happen in the coming weeks.
- Waiting on confirmation from Kitchener to agree to host the next Zone Meeting in Jan
- Joint Zone proposed to be hosted at Rockton. Confirmation pending from President Amy Warner

Kitchener Pioneer

- Wins: Strong fundraising and events
- Challenges: Recruiting new members and personnel issues affecting attrition. Lost 3 members and potentially more. Not social media savvy
- Next Steps: New member enrolled in Treasurer training. Internal efforts to improve communication and behaviour. Club challenge of 80% of club completing the Conflict Management Training

Kitchener Community Spirit

- Wins: Strong fundraising and events
- Challenges: Recruiting new members. Not social media savvy
- Next Steps: Designate one or two members at their next service event to talk to the community members who seems curious and engaged and invite them to the next meeting. Prepare a couple of slides for that “guest” meeting that outlines what they do as a club to “close” the prospective guests.

Kitchener

- Wins: Strong fundraising and events
- Challenges: Recruiting new members & gatekeeping by certain long term members (not allowing the newer members to manage critical external relationships which risks future fundraising efforts once that members retires). Not social media savvy.
- Next Steps: Designate one or two members at their next service event to talk to the community members who seems curious and engaged and invite them to the next meeting. Prepare a couple of slides for that “guest” meeting that outlines what they do as a club to “close” the prospective guests.

Opportunity for all clubs



- Host potential Social Media session for Zone clubs that is interactive and instructive. 1-2 members designated to handle social media would come with their laptops/phones and learn how to create posts and schedule and use the messaging and promotion functions.
- Workshop for conflict management that will help improve collaboration and communication between the new and more tenured members.
- Created a [Code of Conduct Violation Response Checklist](#) for clubs experiencing issues with member conflict. Free to anyone to use. Puts the resources in the hands of the club exec to resolve any issues that arise to ensure a “safer and healthier” environment for the club.

Zone Meeting #1 - Hosted by Pioneer

- 30 attendees for “membership” focused discussion with Guest Dr. Tobias Thielen from Communitel.
- Great interaction from the crowd and great design of the discussion that allowed everyone to share and ask questions.
- Presentation has been included in my submission of this report to the Secretary and DG to be used by others in the District if needed.

Zone 9E 4 Key Priorities

1. Leadership & Succession

I’m working with each club to help identify, develop, and retain future leaders. This includes:

- Promoting participation in the Lions Learning events and the Lions Leadership Journey.
- Encouraging smoother officer transitions by sharing tools and templates.
- Highlighting and mentoring members who are active in service but not yet in leadership roles.

2. Club Health & Membership Growth

Membership is the lifeblood of our clubs. This year, I will:

- Support clubs in assessing what makes membership meaningful and attractive to their communities.
- Encourage peer-to-peer outreach and storytelling to inspire new members.
- Share creative approaches that go beyond traditional recruitment—such as service-first engagement, family memberships, and legacy-building.



3. Modernizing Communications & Marketing

Many clubs are doing amazing work, but the community doesn't always hear about it. I'd like to help clubs:

- Improve visibility through refreshed websites, social media presence, and email communication.
- Use simple tools to share their impact stories with the public and potential members.
- Create consistency in branding and messaging, so Lions are easily recognized and understood in their communities.

4. Connection & Celebration

To strengthen unity across the zone, I'll:

- Inspire inter-club service opportunities and co-hosted events.
- Launch a quarterly "Zone 9E Highlights" newsletter to celebrate club achievements and share ideas.
- Encourage every club to proudly share at least one success story with the district this year.

Serve with purpose. Lead with heart. Communicate with clarity.

In service,

Colleen Martin

Zone Chair, 9E

Copetown Lions Club

zone9e@a15lions.org



Region Chair 51 Report
Fall Cabinet Meeting

I attended the 51 East Zone meeting hosted by the Guelph Lions Club on October 14, 2025. I have visited a couple of clubs in 51 East and am hoping to visit more after my Zone 37 South are completed. I went to Belwood Lions' annual Bazaar and Elora Lions Monster March. I am attending Elmira's 70th Anniversary celebration on October 25, 2025.

I would like to remind all clubs to send their upcoming events, both service and fundraising, to promotions@a15lions.org.

I would be happy to help with any club's events in whatever capacity I can.

Respectfully submitted,
RC Kevin March

■ Lions Zone Chair Visit Report – Zone 51E

Zone Chairperson: Lion William Belrose

Date: October 19, 2025

Zone Overview

Zone 51E continues to show great community spirit and involvement. Clubs are active in service projects and supporting local causes despite a busy fall season.

Zone Chair Visits

- Completed Visits: 2 Clubs visited so far.
- New Member Inducted: 1 new Lion inducted during a club visit — a wonderful sign of growth and enthusiasm!
- Rescheduled Visits: 2 visits have been postponed due to illness. These will be rescheduled as soon as possible to ensure every club in the zone receives a full visit and support.

Highlights

- Great engagement and discussion at each club visit regarding membership, service reporting, and upcoming district events.
- Members have expressed strong interest in collaboration between clubs for community service and fundraising initiatives.
- Positive feedback about district communication and support.

Next Steps / Upcoming Plans

- Reschedule and complete the remaining 2 club visits within the next few weeks.
- Continue encouraging membership growth and retention efforts.
- Support clubs in planning their winter service projects and community events.
- Promote attendance at upcoming district training and events.

Comments / Observations

The clubs in Zone 51E are dedicated and active, with members showing genuine commitment to service. Even with a few delays, momentum remains strong, and there's great potential for continued growth this year.

Zone Chair 51W Report - Update

Submitted by: Zone Chair 51W – E. George Woodley October 14, 2025

From the clubs that I have already visited this Autumn, we have been a busy bunch of Lions. Atwood offered a fantastic meal and members were truly engaged. They followed Robert's Rules of Order quite closely. Atwood Club is heavily into Bingo as a fundraiser.

According to the club they have been busy with many activities, such as bingo and raffles – great fundraisers. On October 25, 2025, there will be the "Witches Walk". They will also be partaking in their Listowel's Christmas Parade on December 17.

Woolwich Community & Floradale Branch has been involved in their Trees for Woolwich service project. They raise monies for Childhood Cancer and mum's sales. Through their branch club, Floradale, they help raise monies for the DogGuides of Canada.

Paradise Club will be conducting its tree of lights this year, as having been done in previous years. They are interested in getting involved potentially with the Effective Speaking contest. There is a glasses program for a single mom with 7 children. The Club will once again be donating monies on Remembrance Day,

I have more visits coming up in the months of October and November.

ZC George

District GMT Report – October 19, 2025

As of this report, our district has **added 28 members and dropped 28 members**, resulting in no net change to date.

New Members:

District Governor Linda has sent a welcome letter to all new members as of September 30, 2025. An invitation has also been sent for a virtual orientation session on November 13th, which is open to all new members—and any other Lions who wish to attend.

Membership Development:

The district has successfully applied for and received a membership grant from Lions International.

A membership workshop was recently held with the Oktoberfest Lions Club, and another is scheduled with the Brantford Lions Club on October 28th.

Retention Survey:

A district-wide retention survey was distributed to all Lions members, excluding Cabinet members, Past District Governors, and committee chairs.

- Total members: approximately **1,300**
- Members without an email address in MyLCI: **~150**
- Emails sent: **1,095**
- Emails bounced: **35**
- Emails opened: **691**
- Survey responses received: **158**

Overall, the survey provided valuable insight into member engagement and satisfaction. It's a tool we should continue to use in the future to guide our retention strategies.

A special thank-you to **Region Chair Terry** and **Zone Chair George** for their help in developing the survey questions and providing thoughtful advice.

Understanding the Survey Scores

When members were asked to rate each question from **1 (low)** to **5 (high)**, we looked at three measures to understand the results:

- **Mean (Average):** The average of all the answers. For example, a *mean of 4.22* shows that most members rated this area positively—between “often” and “always.”
- **Median (Middle Value):** The middle response when all answers are lined up. A *median of 4* means that half of respondents rated 4 or higher.

- **Mode (Most Common Response):** The answer chosen most often. A *mode of 5* means that “5” was the most frequent choice—many members felt very positive about this question.

In simple terms, **a mean above 4 and a mode of 5 indicate strong satisfaction or agreement among members.**

Lions Member Retention Survey Results

Do you feel that the decisions in your club are made fairly and transparently?

Mean, Median, Mode: 4.41, 5, 5

Strong agreement that club decisions are fair and transparent; members trust how their clubs are run.

Are you given the opportunity to gain leadership skills?

Mean, Median, Mode: 4.46, 5, 5

Most members feel they have chances to develop leadership abilities within their club.

Are you informed about all aspects of your club?

Mean, Median, Mode: 4.34, 5, 5

Communication is generally effective; members feel well informed about club activities and decisions.

Do you enjoy your club’s fundraising activities?

Mean, Median, Mode: 4.41, 5, 5

High enjoyment of fundraising, showing strong engagement with this traditional Lions strength.

Do you enjoy the club meetings?

Mean, Median, Mode: 4.23, 4, 5

Positive overall, but slightly lower than other questions; meeting quality or variety may influence satisfaction.

Do you enjoy your club’s community service projects?

Mean, Median, Mode: 4.57, 5, 5

Excellent result — service remains the most satisfying and motivating aspect of membership.

Are you given responsibility in club committees?

Mean, Median, Mode: 4.47, 5, 5

Members feel trusted with responsibility and are involved in club operations.

Do you feel like an important part of your club?

Mean, Median, Mode: 4.54, 5, 5

Very high sense of belonging and value; members feel their presence matters.

Does your club welcome new members by having an induction ceremony?

Mean, Median, Mode: 4.61, 5, 5

Clubs consistently perform induction ceremonies, reinforcing pride and tradition.

Are you encouraged to attend District and Zone functions?

Mean, Median, Mode: 4.12, 4, 5

Encouragement exists, but participation and perceived importance could be stronger.

Do you feel that there are opportunities for personal growth in your club?

Mean, Median, Mode: 4.22, 4, 5

Good opportunities overall; some members may want clearer paths or challenges.

Do you feel welcome and included in your club?

Mean, Median, Mode: 4.64, 5, 5

Highest score — clubs excel at inclusion and creating a welcoming environment.

Do you see value in being a part of the larger District and International Lions family?

Mean, Median, Mode: 3.60, 4, 4

Noticeably lower; many members don't see strong personal or club-level benefits from higher structures.

Are you challenged to try new things?

Mean, Median, Mode: 3.84, 4, 4

Moderate result; indicates room to increase innovation and personal challenge within clubs.

Are you encouraged to visit other clubs?

Mean, Median, Mode: 3.58, 4, 4

Lowest score; limited encouragement or interest in inter-club interaction.

Overall Observation: Club-level experiences are highly positive (mostly 4.3–4.6). Lowest results (3.6–3.8) are tied to District, inter-club, and innovation areas.

Together with the District Governor Team, we'll be developing an action plan to help build stronger connections between our club members and the District/Lions International.

To members of A15 cabinet:

The Five clubs that are hosting the 2026 District A15 convention-Dundas, Copetown, St George, Rockwood and South Wellington District are formally submitting a bid to host the District convention for the 2026/27 Lions year. The convention would take place April 16-18,2027 At the Best Western Hotel and conference centre in Brantford.

There is a possibility of one more club joining the organizing team.

Respectfully Submitted

Rick Mallon

A15 FVDG

Cochair 2026 convention committee

— *Lions Clubs International Foundation* —



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Cabinet Report – October Meeting

LCIF Giving Update and Challenge for 2025–2026

Last Lions year, our District was asked to contribute **\$37,200** to LCIF. Unfortunately, we fell short, reaching only **66.7%** of that goal with total donations of **\$24,981**—the **lowest percentage of giving in all of MDA**. This shortfall highlights the urgent need for renewed commitment across our District.

Despite a direct challenge issued to our Past District Governors and Cabinet members to personally contribute, the response was limited. I want to sincerely thank those who did step up. Your leadership matters and sets a vital example for others.

Looking Ahead: 2025–2026 Challenge

This year, our **requested donation amount is \$36,662.00 USD**. I am renewing the challenge to our PDGs and Cabinet members to contribute to LCIF. Leadership by example is powerful—and every dollar counts toward making a meaningful impact.

I am also issuing a **new challenge to our Club Presidents**. Currently, **only 7% of Club Presidents across MDA have made a personal donation to LCIF**. That number must rise. As leaders of service, your commitment sets the tone for your clubs. I urge each President to make a personal donation this year—no matter the amount. Your leadership can inspire your members to give generously.

Coordinator Engagement & Club Incentives

- **10 clubs** in our District currently have LCIF Coordinators. Our goal is to fill this position in **every club**. Coordinators will receive information this month outlining their duties and tools to support LCIF promotion.
- Clubs that donate **\$5,000 USD or more** in a Lions year are **eligible for a Community Impact Grant** worth **15% of their donation**. This is a combination of Club and member donations.
- These **Community Access Grants** are progressive and must be used within **15 years**, offering long-term potential for local service projects.

Engagement and Promotion

- I will be attending **Zone Meetings** throughout the year and may include a **small promotional game or incentive activity** to raise awareness and support for LCIF.
- In **September**, our District contributed **\$906.02**—thank you to those who gave.

- I have sent a letter to each club in August, asking them to include a **dedicated LCIF line item** in their 2025–2026 budget.

Legacy & Monthly Giving

Legacy donations are a powerful way to leave a lasting mark. And remember: **donations made through the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF stay in Canada**, supporting projects like the Oakville guide dog facility.

LCIF welcomes donations from **Lions Clubs, individual Lions, and the general public**. Becoming a **monthly donor** is one of the most impactful ways to show your support.

I've made my donation. **Have you made yours?**

Let's lead with purpose. Let's give with pride.

Yours in Service,

PDG Tony Davidson

District LCIF Coordinator

DISTRICT GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER

Cabinet Report Fall 2025

Building on the established quality of our newsletter issues, we recognize that there is always room for improvement. The next issue is under construction, and we are seeking submissions and photos. Event advertising is not only allowed but also encouraged.

The newsletters are distributed electronically, photo resolution is not quite as important as it is for print versions, however, submissions may find their way into the LION magazine, and quality photos are important.

Submissions can be in most formats; PDFs are preferred, but most other platforms can be converted. Contact the bulletin editor if you have questions about file formats. Microsoft Word seems to be the most popular format, and that is suitable. The writer, being a bit of a dinosaur, still uses WordPerfect.

For club-related functions, i.e., anniversaries, etc., it would be good if photos are available with names.

The editor continues to search for a replacement.

Respectfully,

Lion Bob Pearson, Copetown Lions

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District A-15 Technology Report

October 2025

Governor Linda, Cabinet, Lions:

I continue to keep the Directory information up-to-date as new information comes in. Both the public “Directory Updates” page, as well as the private Directory PDF file are updated as information arrives.

Thanks to PDG Denis Vinette’s push for improvements to the District web site, there is now an updated and improved “**Upcoming Events**” section. Everything is now stored in the A-15 web database, and displayed with more information on the “Upcoming Events” page. Each event posted also has a “detail” page and all events for a given Lions Club are displayed at the bottom of the Club web pages.

There is a new page to facilitate “**self-service**” event additions, allowing for automated notification and publication. This capability requires that the Lions Club member responsible for Club event advertising be logged in to the web site. The same login as for Directory and Club detail viewing may be used. Event creators and editors will be prompted to log in.

Hopefully these changes, along with PDG Denis’ diligence in adding event data to the database, will prove useful to the District, Clubs, and Lions alike.

Thank you for allowing me to serve this great District.

Lion Ted Rypma
District Technology Chair
<http://a15lions.org/>

Cabinet Report – October 23, 2025

Sight Conservation and Screening Report for A15

District A15 Vision Screening Activities:

Region of Waterloo (ROW) –

Plans are completed for vision screening in the ROW this Fall. This will be a modified program involving the Public/Catholic School Boards, local Lions, Cowan Foundation and the University of Waterloo School of Optometry. Public Health will not be involved as vision screening is no longer mandated by the Ontario Government. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been prepared for this program. Teams have been assembled (6 Teams total, over 45 volunteers) and training completed, vulnerable sector checks are finished or underway.

On October 21st screening in the Region has resumed with six active Teams of Volunteers conducting vision screening checks. The Teams are comprised of Lions Members, Friends of Lions and University of Waterloo School of Optometry students.

Over the next seven months over 5000 senior kindergarten children will have their vision checked!

Huron Perth Public Health Unit (HPPHU) – No action at this time.

A **HUGE** Thank You to these folks for their help in getting this important service project underway.

Special Olympics – In July two vision Teams conducted vision screening for Athletes participating at the Games. This was a one evening event on July 9th where screening was conducted by Volunteers from District A15 and A3.

Other:

Eyeglass and hearing aids continue to be recycled across A15. Recycled items are forwarded to CLERC in Calgary.

Regards

Lion Dave Millard

2024/2025 Sight Conservation and Screening Chair

Peace Poster/Essay Contest Committee Report

Thank you to all the clubs that participated this year in the Peace Poster Contest, themed “Together as One”. A total of over 17 kits were distributed throughout the A15 District – the highest number to date! We look forward to receiving the original artwork on peace within the next week. The winning poster will be selected and sent to the MDA for the next level of judging.

Donations are always appreciated to help support the A15 Peace Poster/Essay Contest. These contributions assist in running the program each year. Cheques can be made payable to the A15 District, noting that they are for the A15 Peace Poster/Essay Contest.

Once again, thank you to all participating clubs. This contest provides a wonderful opportunity to engage youth in promoting peace, tolerance, and international understanding within our communities.

Submitted by

Lion Debbie Nelligan

Peace Poster/Essay Contest Co-ordinator

District A15
LEO Cabinet Report
September 29, 2025
Drumbo, ON

District Governor Linda and Cabinet members:

We have one active LEO Club in A15, and that is the Guelph-Bridgeport group. Their membership, according to the Portal, stands at 17.

The KW LEO Club is actually in limbo. None of the members from last year will respond to the emails and calls from the club liaison. Lion Duru will continue to see if the club can be revived, and if not, the charter will cease at the end of this fiscal year.

There have been no requests from clubs in this district for information regarding the youth program, which is one of the service pillars of Lions International. More about the LEO program can be viewed at this link.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/start-a-leo-club>

I am always available to provide more information at one of your club meetings.

Yours in Service.

Lion OJ

Lion O.J. Wilura
District A15
LEO Chairperson

Lions Canada District A-15 – Hunger Projects Summary (2025)

Overview

The **Hunger cause** remains a strong and visible pillar of service throughout District A-15. While many clubs conduct hunger relief work independently, 2025 has shown steady community impact through food drives, community pantry operations, and direct food bank support.

2025 Projects

Rockwood & District Lions Club

- **Community Pantry Project** – operating weekly for the past 2.5 years (Wednesdays 3 – 5 PM) in partnership with South Wellington Community Lions.
- Provides rescued and donated food, fresh produce, and pet supplies to dozens of households.
- Recent major community donations include a large haul of dog food from **Miss Dixie's** supporting pantry families with pets.
- Active social-media presence keeps the community engaged and informed about donation needs and volunteer opportunities.

South Wellington Community Lions Club

- Partner organization supporting the Rockwood Community Pantry through manpower, food donations, and delivery coordination.
- Continues its own outreach within rural communities for low-income families and seniors.

Arthur Lions Club

- Ongoing contributions to the **Arthur Food Bank** through both financial support and collection drives.
- Promotes food-bank partnerships during community events and holiday campaigns.

Innerkip Lions Club

- Recognized in the District's Spring 2025 newsletter for strong **hunger-fundraising** efforts.
- Regular donations to regional food programs and school breakfast initiatives.

Stratford Lions Club

- Donation of chicken legs to St. James Anglican Church Food Bank

Additional Clubs with Hunger Focus

- **Guelph Lions Club** – periodic food-bank contributions and local shelter meal support.
- **Cambridge Lions Club** – community BBQ fundraisers directing proceeds toward food security.
- **Kitchener Lions Clubs (including Stanley Park and Bluevale branches)** – annual food and hygiene-kit drives.
- **Elmira Lions Club** – participation in Woolwich food-support programs.

Opportunities for 2026

- **Expand partnerships:** Encourage clubs to link with grocery retailers, pet stores, and farms for surplus food donations.
- **Visibility campaign:** Create a District A-15 “Feed Our Neighbours” month to highlight Lions’ hunger projects across all communities.

Prepared by:

Summary compiled by Dawn Raynard - Hunger Chairperson, District A-15 and Vice President, Rockwood & District Lions Club

October 2025 Historian Report

Presently, there is little action in the district history department. The search for club pin stories continues. It would be wonderful to receive more materials from Clubs for the district history collection; in particular photos and articles about early club projects.

Yours in Service, Lion Nancy Ransom

Childhood Cancer Report – October 29, 2025

There were two clubs who donated to the Terry Fox fundraising campaign in September – Innerkip & District and Woodstock.

Thank you for your contributions.

This is a perfect time of year to think about donating to:

- Ronald McDonald House in London HolidayLand for their
 Toys For Joy Campaign
- Campfire Circle for their in-hospital programs
- Comfy Cases for their Holiday pillow cases

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Janice Fleming

District A-15 Childhood Cancer Chair



District A-15
Lions Clubs International
Ontario, Canada



September 2025

To: All clubs within District A-15

Re: Support of Effective Speaking

Dear Lions,

Lion Nancy Woodley is the newly appointed District Chair for Effective Speaking. She is very passionate about education and the promotion of communication skills among our youth. She has co-chaired or chaired the Belwood Lions Effective Speaking Competition for the last three years. During that time, we have not had a District Effective Speaking Competition and our new District Governor Linda Vinette, and Nancy would like to remedy that situation. To that end, she is petitioning your help! Please **consider hosting your own local competition and contributing financially to support the ability of winning competitors to compete both at the District Competition, and potentially the Multi-District Competition.**

The Effective Speaking Competition is open to students from schools within your club's area. The schools would hopefully have public speaking as part of the curriculum, and the teachers could help students with their speech preparations. Then each school would provide the names and information for two students, and one alternate for each of the following categories:

- Junior English – grades 4-6: 3-5 minute English speech
- Junior French – grades 4-6: 3-5 minute French speech
- Intermediate English – grades 7-9: 5-7 minute English speech
- Intermediate French – grades 7-9: 5-7 minute French speech
- Senior English – grades 10-12: 5-7 minute English speech
- Senior French – grades 10-12: 5-7 minute French speech

For further information the attachments are documents Lion Nancy can send you, such as:

- The Multi-District Association Effective Speaking manual with the rules and regulations for the Multi-District's Competition. This booklet provides you with a comprehensive guideline to apply for, host, and run one of these competitions.
- Abbreviated notes for required personnel and their roles. Since the MDA booklet can be a little daunting, she has created a shortened outline for the personnel and the roles needed to run a local competition.
- Budget – items that we included in our budget that you may want to consider for your club. Last year we hosted twenty-two students from 8 different schools. Note: we did not have any participation from high school students.

- Solicitation letters for schools and parents. She tries to send these letters out by the end of September to give the schools plenty of time to recruit students and help them prepare. Lion Nancy then follows-up with the schools (email, telephone) to determine whether they plan to attend or not.

Our club (Belwood) has hosted our local competition from the end of February up to and including the last week in March, and we hope to set the District Competition near the end of March (Saturday, March 28, 2026). Lion Nancy encourages you to have your club competitions somewhere in the timeframe between mid-February to mid-March (prior to March break, March 16-March 20). Belwood is hosting the 2026 Effective Speaking for March 4, 2026. Finally, we ask that **each club contribute \$150** to be sent to the treasurer for District A-15 that will help fund students at the District and Multi-District Competitions. His information is CT Brian Spivey, ct@a15lions.org/bspivey@sympatico.ca.

Please feel free to reach out to Lion Nancy if you have any questions, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Lion Nancy

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