

First VDG Report to Cabinet, 2026 01 21 Winter

It has been an interesting first half of our Lions year. The clubs have been doing their part adding new members and serving our communities, 3 official visits still to be completed. continuing with the governor's team to distribute chevrons to clubs. Continuing to work on completing the district goals, while at the same time planning to continue this plan going forward for next year for district A15 Have a concern with the lack of people that are stepping up to fill district positions. Definite need for new faces and new ideas to keep the dialogue fresh and relevant. Hopefully we'll see people step forward in the next month or two prior to the district convention.

Respectfully submitted

Yours in Service,

FVDG Rick Mallon

2nd Vice District Governor Report

Submitted by: Paul Anstett

Reporting Period: October 21, 2025 – January 21, 2026

District A15 Cabinet Meeting

Official Visitations

During this reporting period, I completed my official club visitations on behalf of District Governor Linda. These visits provided valuable opportunities to engage with club members, recognize their service efforts, and reinforce district goals and priorities. Clubs demonstrated strong dedication to service, community involvement, and continued commitment to Lions values.

Leadership Development

In November 2025, I completed the required 2nd Vice District Governor virtual seminars, which focused on leadership development, district administration, strategic planning, and effective communication.

In addition, I have been accepted into the **MD “A” Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI)**, which will be delivered via Zoom. This learning opportunity will further strengthen my leadership skills and broaden my understanding of Lions operations at the multiple district level.

Service Activities

I supported district and zone service initiatives where possible, encouraging cooperation among clubs and promoting the visibility of Lions service throughout our communities. These activities emphasized collaboration and highlighted the positive impact Lions continue to have within District A15.

Virtual Engagement and Meetings

In addition to leadership training, I participated in several virtual meetings focused on:

- Membership growth and retention
- District planning and collaboration

These meetings supported ongoing communication, shared learning, and alignment with district objectives.

District Leadership & Governance

As of January 1, 2026, I am actively campaigning for the position of 1st Vice District Governor (1VDG). In support of district succession planning, I am assisting the District Nominations Chair and other district leaders in recruiting Zone Chairs, Region Chairs, and a 2nd Vice District Governor candidate for the 2026–2027 Lions year. These efforts are focused on ensuring strong leadership continuity and organizational stability within District A15.

Ongoing Support

I continue to provide full support to District Governor Linda, the Cabinet, and all clubs within District A15. Through leadership development, service activities, and governance support, I remain committed to strengthening our district and supporting the ongoing success of our clubs.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Anstett

2nd Vice District Governor, District A15

JANUARY 2026 REGION 37 CABINET REPORT

Hello, wishing everyone well in 2026 as we are at the midpoint of the Lion calendar year!

This report is lengthy and I don't apologize for that. There is a bit about every Club in Region 37 and it's important to let everyone know what they are doing! As Region Chair, I am proud of each and every Club!

The Clubs in Region 37 have been busy, lets get right to it!!

37 West

BAYFIELD: Welcomed 15 new members before Christmas!! Well done!! They also had their annual Christmas event with seniors giving them chocolate or poinsettia. Upcoming in 2026 plans are in the works to celebrate their 150th anniversary!!

CENTRALIA-HURON PARK: events are at a standstill as the Club is looking for a new meeting place. They are looking to do a few small events at the arena in the meantime.

EXETER: the Club is doing good. Had a lighting of the lights and a 50/50 draw. Upcoming is a super bowl event and Family Day breakfast. They are also having a curling club mixer night! In the spring a fishing derby and online auction.

MONKTON: had a wing night and 50/50 draw in the fall raising some good funds! Plans are in the works for another wing night in January or February. There are also discussions on a dinner with entertainment fundraiser. They held the Christmas parade , collected food items and invited people back for chili, hot choc, skate and meet santa!

ST.MARYS: the Club helped with the Santa parade before Christmas. Upcoming is a chili cook-off between several service Clubs! Also coming up is their big car show with music, breakfast and lunch. They get 90-120 cars, charge a modest entry fee and offer prizes! There will also be a bottle drive in June.

STRATFORD: Before Christmas did their annual blanket and sock drive. 89 blankets were donated and a lot of socks!! Well done! Instead of a club Christmas party, they hosted a community meal for 60 people who needed it. This is done twice a year. Upcoming is a service club bonspiel at the curling club and a bottle drive.

WEST COAST: Typically a quiet time of year for this beach side Club. They did have a Christmas parade and potluck in December. Concerts and bbq's fill up the summer calendar! Last summer concerts paid tribute to Cher, Roy Orbison, Elvis and Johny Cash!

37 South

*37 South is unique as every Club joins together in September for the Outdoor Farm Show in Woodstock. Every Club sends members to help. It is a big fundraiser!!

AYR-NORTH DUMFRIES: Ayr is doing well. They hosted the Ayr Santa parade and did a food collection! Coming up they are having their bi-annual e-waste collection. They are also potentially adding two new members! Well done!

DRUMBO: Club is doing well. They have a potential two new members joining in February. In December they had a thank-you banquet dinner for volunteers. A great way to say thank-you to non-members! They also hosted Santa at the Lions gazebo handing out goodie bags! Upcoming is their big event, the annual Elimination Draw! A night full of games, food and good times!

HICKSON & DISTRICT: they don't do much over the winter, but have some great events coming up in the spring and summer. Their 11th annual Brunch in the Park in June and Lions Daze in July. Lion Daze is an event with a co-ed ball tournament, breakfast, childrens activities and dinner. And they host fireworks in May!

INGERSOL: Through their fundraising efforts they were able to make some good contributions in December to Good for the Soll concert and to the new arena! They also partnered with other groups to make a nice contribution to the Salvation Army and Interchurch. Well done! They also collected cash and food donations at the park. Coming up is a free skate in February.

INNERKIP & DISTRICT: the Club made a nice donation to the Salvation Army in December. They hosted a Christmas party to celebrate with members, family and volunteers. They also had their Santa Claus parade. I love their train! The club will also be participating in CNOY. Then planning for all their car shows and fish frys!

PLATTSVILLE & DISTRICT: they hosted their annual Ladies night in November. This is an event with a homecooked meal and vendors. They also had their annual Christmas cake, shortbread cookies and syrup fundraiser. All proceeds donated to the Heritage Society for their memorial gate refurbish project. Plattsville also organized and hosted the annual nighttime Santa parade. Coming up is a free Family Day skate, chili and hotdogs! Plattsville are also hosting the joint zone meeting Thursday March 5.

SWEABURG & DISTRICT: they had their annual Old fashioned Christmas event. This involves hot drinks, cookies, music and a bonfire! They also took donations of warm

clothing in support of Operation Sharing. Coming soon is their second annual Pancake breakfast fundraiser at Jakemans. This is over the course of several weekends!

THAMESFORD: They had their annual Christmas tree pick-up and carol sing with a full house at the hall! In December they also distributed hampers in the area. A cheque presentation was also made to Ingersol and District interchurch! Plans are being made to celebrate their 65th anniversary this spring! Coming up on Family Day will be a free skate.

WILMOT LIONESS: They had their twelve days of Christmas draw in December. There was a winner each day from Dec 1-12. They also had a Christmas party for residents of Aldaview Retirement home. About 50 residents participated! The Club also helped with traffic at the Santa parade. Plans are in place for their Dog Guides at Petsmart in the Spring followed by their big MoparFest in the summer.

WOODSTOCK: This Club has been a busy one! They do a weekly bingo every Thursday and do a food drive with it. To date they have collected about 1800lbs!! They recently donated to five local organizations to help with the Christmas season. They helped with the Christmas kettle and Santa Claus parade. Coming up they have a team in the Coldest Night of the Year. They also help with several parades through the year. They also have two new potential new members!

Thank-you to all the Clubs throughout the District and for everything you do for your community.

Lion Terry McDougall

Region Chair 37

District A-15

WHERE THERE IS A NEED, THERE IS A LION

Region Chair 51 Kevin March, Report to Cabinet, Winter 2026

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year for 2026. There have been lots of service and fundraising activities during the holiday season as well as individual clubs' Christmas celebrations.

I attended ZC 51 East William Belrose's Zone Advisory meeting on January 10th, 2026. I look forward to attending ZC 51 West George Woodley's upcoming Zone Advisory meeting.

I have been working on the Joint Zone Advisory meeting in St. Jacob's on March 12, 2026, which has a St. Patrick's Day theme.

Respectfully submitted,

RC 51 Kevin March



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

- All clubs except Breslau complete. Email/Phone check in's and follow ups ongoing.
- Kitchener Community Spirit will be hosting **Zone Meeting #2 - Service. Monday Feb 23**. Special Guest - Joe Mancini, C.M., Member of the Order of Canada and co-founder of [The Working Centre](#) in Kitchener. Will be an interactive discussion of how to approach Service in our communities and how that leads to member growth. RSVP Invite sent in late Dec.
- **Joint Zone Meeting - March 17th @ Copetown**. Special Guest - To Be Announced. Interactive session on Leadership of self, club and community by a professional leadership coach. Still confirming the Zones participating.

Themes Emerging from Feedback

1) **Brand awareness** seen as the biggest barrier to new member growth in urban area.

Clubs are finding it hard to “break through” with the general public. People do not always understand who the Lions are today, what we do, or how to get involved. There is a strong belief that we need more consistent investment and support in urban market brand awareness and modern marketing from LCI to help clubs recruit.

2) Clubs want to use **social media** to drive awareness & recruitment, but need **practical training**.

There is a strong appetite to post more consistently and use social channels to recruit, but many Lions feel unsure about what to post, how often, and how algorithms actually work. The gap is not motivation, it's capability and confidence.

3) Clubs want simple, repeatable “in person” **recruiting habits** at community events.

A practical suggestion that resonated: at every community event, assign one Lion to “work the room” with the purpose of meeting people and asking two simple questions:

1. “What community needs are you noticing right now?”
2. “If you could wave a wand, what would you improve locally?”

This opens a natural conversation about service, and creates an easy bridge to: “If we built a small project around that, would you want to help us with it?”



Actions Underway

1) Social media enablement idea for the district

Opportunity for the Marketing Chair to host a short workshop (virtual or in person) or distribute a simple how to video that covers:

- Posting basics (what works for Lions stories)
- How algorithms work at a high level
- How to use photos, short video, and community tags effectively
- A weekly posting rhythm that clubs can copy
- How to convert interest into “come volunteer once” invitations

2) Recruitment partnership exploration (Waterloo region)

I connected with the Waterloo Volunteer Organization to understand how they can support club recruitment. Currently working with Joanne (Kitchener Community Spirit) to define a simple plan to test in market, including how to position Lions opportunities so they appeal to new community volunteers.

Potential Next Steps

1) LCI and District support for urban brand awareness

Clubs are asking for more marketing support that feels modern, local, and consistent. Even basic templates and a clear “how to recruit in 2026” playbook would help clubs in urban areas where attention is harder to win. Would be worth exploring what the cost would be all the clubs to partner and run an awareness campaign in the KWC region using LCI content educating target demo’s in Facebook. Stage 2 following after could be recruitment campaign.

2) District level social media training (fast, practical, and repeatable)

A short training session plus a simple resource package (templates, sample posts, posting checklist, and a club account setup guide) would remove a major barrier.



25/26 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

A dark blue business card for Colleen Martin. On the left is a circular portrait of a woman with blonde hair. To the right of the portrait, the text reads: **COLLEEN MARTIN**, ZONE CHAIR 9E, Past President Copetown Lions, E-mail collmartin@gmail.com, Phone 647-291-2031. On the right side of the card is the Lions International logo.

Report to Cabinet from 37 South Acting Zone Chair Kevin March
Winter 2026

I'd like to wish everyone a Happy New Year for 2026. Since my last report, several clubs in 37 South have held holiday celebrations such as decorating parks, participating in Santa Claus parades, food drives for people in need, etc.

I attended the Ayr Santa Claus Parade and collected food for the local food bank along with RC Terry. This was very rewarding.

I am holding the next zone advisory meeting at Sweaburg on January 22, 2026 and would like to thank the clubs who have hosted them.

Respectfully submitted,
Acting Zone Chair Kevin March
37 South

Zone Chair 37 West Trudy Carter, Cabinet Report – Winter 2026

The fall brought many wonderful visits to the clubs in my zone. All clubs had busy schedules with many events planned, especially around the holiday season. Clubs are busy actively looking for members with some clubs showing growth.

I held my first zone meeting in October. It was attended by Lions from our host club Exeter, West Coast, St. Marys and Stratford. Our guest speakers for the evening were GMT PDG Garry Ransom and GET PDG Tracey Robinson. They spoke on membership through service and had the Lions in attendance participating through mini discussions and presentations. I believe all in attendance walked away with ideas for where they can increase their service as well as learning a little bit about other clubs in the zone.

My second zone meeting was to take place on January 15th but was cancelled due to weather. I will be rescheduling that shortly for likely a weekend afternoon so that those traveling a distance can do so during the daylight hours. It will likely be in February.

I want to thank my zone for all their hard work during the first half of our Lions year and look forward to seeing what is in the works for the second half. Keep up the good work.

Respectfully submitted,

ZC 37W Trudy Carter

Zone Chair 51W Report - Update

Submitted by: Zone Chair 51W – E. George Woodley January 06, 2026

The last quarter of 2025 saw a huge reduction in club visits, since most of my visits were completed in Autumn 2025. The clubs I did visit were Wellesley and Linwood in November 2025.

Wellesley & District Club was getting prepared for the festive season by planning to sell Poinsettias, with profits going to the Food Bank. Wellesley was going to be involved in Christmas Thyme with Santa, as well as a Taco Night, a Cultural Night and a Home Show.

Linwood & District Club was involved in their annual Golden Ticket sale, which was combined with a dance, as well as the draw. They embarked on a Snow Fest and a Hockey Pool.

Other than that, I along with RC51 Kevin March and ZC51E Will Belrose are starting to plan for our second Joint Zone Meeting, to be held on March 12, 2026. I am also starting to plan for my second Zone Advisory Meeting to be held on February 23, 2026. A great time is guaranteed for all!

ZC51W E. George Woodley

TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET - December 31, 2025

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

Administration Account has been reconciled to the Bank records as at December 31, 2025.

Invoices for District A-15 and MDA dues have all been paid except for one club. The affected club has been contacted.

District A-15 has applied for and received a \$1,100 Global Action Team (GAT) grant from Multiple District "A" (MDA).

To date no significant variances from the budget have been identified. The budget for the second half of the year includes funds for the convention, officers training school, GAT initiatives and cabinet meetings.

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Accounts have been reconciled to the Bank records as at December 31, 2025.

The disbursement of the LCIF \$150,000 US matching grant (approximately \$202,700 CDN) to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides remains "on hold". The overall financing for the new facility must be resolved and the construction of District A-15's sponsored portion of the project needs to be completed before the funds are distributed.

To date fourteen clubs have contributed a total of \$2,550 in support our 2025-26 Effective Speaking competition.

Winner of District A-15 peace poster contest was awarded a prize of \$250.

Respectfully submitted

Brian Spivey

Cabinet Treasurer



District A-15 Lions Clubs

Administration Account - Balance Sheet

| As at: | December 31 2025 | June 30 2025 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Kindred | | |
| Kindred Emergency Fund Cash | 24,886.49 | 24,886.49 |
| Kindred Cash | 56,113.53 | 43,249.99 |
| Total Cash in Kindred | 81,000.02 | 68,136.48 |
| Shares in Kindred | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Total Cash | 81,025.02 | 68,161.48 |
| District Dues Receivable | 122.90 | - |
| Total Current Assets | 81,147.92 | 68,161.48 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 81,147.92 | 68,161.48 |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | | |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| MDA Dues Payable | - | - |
| Centennial Project Fund | - | 328.97 |
| Convention Fund | 1,828.40 | - |
| DGE Partner Travel | 5,941.17 | 941.17 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 7,769.57 | 1,270.14 |
| 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 | 19,585.83 | 17,300.33 |
| Total Liabilities | 27,355.40 | 18,570.47 |
| Equity | | |
| Emergency Reserve Fund | 23,000.00 | 23,000.00 |
| Retained Earnings | 21,591.01 | 24,503.60 |
| Net Income | 9,201.51 | 2,087.41 |
| Total Equity | 53,792.52 | 49,591.01 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | 81,147.92 | 68,161.48 |



District A-15 Lions Clubs

Profit & Loss - Budget vs. Actual

Administration Account - July 1 2025 - December 31 2025

| | Actual | Budget | Over/(Under Budget) |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Income | | | |
| District Directory | - | 300.00 | (300.00) |
| District Dues | 11,101.00 | 11,101.00 | - |
| Interest Earned | 18.52 | - | 18.52 |
| Leadership Development | 1,375.00 | 1,375.00 | - |
| Membership Assessment | 1,959.00 | 1,959.00 | - |
| Pin Sales | 420.00 | 400.00 | 20.00 |
| Leadership Grant from LCI | - | - | - |
| GAT Grants from LCI and MDA | 1,100.00 | 1,000.00 | 100.00 |
| | | | - |
| Total Income | 15,973.52 | 16,135.00 | (161.48) |
| 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 | 988.33 | 1,025.00 | (36.67) |
| Bank Charges | 20.89 | 375.00 | (354.11) |
| Cabinet Expense | 1,061.00 | 2,326.00 | (1,265.00) |
| 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 | 1,122.86 | 2,775.00 | (1,652.14) |
| 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 | 111.74 | 475.00 | (363.26) |
| USA / Canada Forum | 480.00 | 800.00 | (320.00) |
| Total Expense | 6,772.01 | 16,135.00 | (9,362.99) |
| Net Income | 9,201.51 | - | 9,201.51 |



District A-15 Lions Clubs Trust Accounts - Balance Sheet

| ASSETS | December 31, 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 | 220011.21 | 217459.21 |
| Total Cash | 238393.42 | 235841.42 |
| Trf fm Admin for Interest Income | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Cash and Receivable | 238393.42 | 235841.42 |
| Total Current Assets | 238393.42 | 235841.42 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 238393.42 | 235841.42 |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | | |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Centennial Project- Gates | 0.00 | 1029.20 |
| Effective Speaking Acct | 2914.01 | 614.01 |
| Hearing Equipment | 803.07 | 803.07 |
| Diabetes Awareness | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Lions Foundation of Canada | | |
| LCIF \$150,000 US Matching Grant | 202677.97 | 202504.94 |
| Memorial Forest Maintenance Fund | 2963.03 | 0.00 |
| Leash Free Park | 0.00 | 1604.86 |
| Total Lions Foundation of Canada | 205641.00 | 204109.80 |
| LIONS Quest Contra Account | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LIONS Quest Canada | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Peace Poster | 1689.55 | 1939.55 |
| Vision Screening | 2972.94 | 2972.94 |
| Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct | 16106.81 | 16106.81 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 230127.38 | 227575.38 |
| Long Term Liabilities | | |
| Youth Camp Capital | 8266.04 | 8266.04 |
| Total Long Term Liabilities | 8266.04 | 8266.04 |
| Total Liabilities | 238393.42 | 235841.42 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | 238393.42 | 235841.42 |

Global Membership Team (GMT) Coordinator – January 2026 Report

As of December 3, 2025, the district had dropped 55 members and added 59 new members, resulting in a net gain of 4. This is the second consecutive year that the district has been well below the five-year average of 75 dropped members. As of January 13, District A15 has a net gain of 8 members.

It is also worth noting that a number of clubs have excelled in net growth:

- Bayfield – 14.29%
- Fergus – 13.64%
- Galt Cambridge – 16.67% (20% increase last year)
- Innerkip – 25.81% (7% increase last year)
- Linwood – 13.33% (7% increase last year)
- Plattsville – 14.29% (8% increase last year)

Congratulations to these clubs on their success.

To date, we have held GMA workshops with two clubs in the district. We are very willing to work with any club that wants to increase its membership but is unsure how to move forward.

A membership workshop will be held on January 29, specifically for urban clubs. The focus of this workshop will be on practical ways to become more involved in the community.

Garry

District A15 GMT Coordinator

Global Service Team Coordinator Report to Winter Cabinet Meeting January 21, 2026

Hello Fellow Lions,

When Lions show up—through food drives, vision screenings, education, advocacy, or simple acts of kindness—we help our communities receive support with dignity and respect.

Reporting our service projects in the Lions Portal is more than record keeping. It gives a voice to the needs within our community, demonstrates the impact of our work, helps identify ongoing and new emerging needs, inspires other clubs, and ensures our service is recognized at both the local and global levels.

Every effort matters. There is no service that is “too small” or “too big.” Even behind the scenes work, including planning and organizational meetings, supports our service mission and counts as service.

I encourage all members to continue serving, sharing, and reporting on the meaningful work our club does to make a difference.

Be Part of Real Change!

Lion Anita Ertel

District A-15 Service Coordinator

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LCIF Update for A15

Together, We Lift the World

The Lions of A15 continue to show what service looks like in action. As of **January 13, 2026**, our district has contributed **\$30,184.14 USD** to LCIF. **Nineteen clubs** have stepped forward, and **sixteen individual Lions** have made personal donations — a powerful reminder that when each of us gives a little, we create something extraordinary together.

With **56 clubs** in A15, there is tremendous potential still waiting to be unlocked. Every club that joins in strengthens our collective impact.

Building Momentum Across the District

This year's outreach has included **two Zone meetings** and **four club visits**, with more scheduled before convention. These conversations reinforce a simple truth: LCIF is how Lions extend their reach far beyond their own communities. When disaster strikes, when children need support, when vision programs save sight — LCIF is there because we are there.

Balancing Heart and Impact

We all know the special place the **Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides** holds in the hearts of A15 Lions. Puppies have a way of capturing attention and generosity. At the same time, LCIF remains the engine behind our global humanitarian impact. Supporting LCIF means helping people we may never meet — and that is one of the purest expressions of Lionism.

Melvin Jones Fellowship Reminder

If your club is planning to honour a Lion with a **Melvin Jones Fellowship**, please submit applications early. Processing takes about **six weeks**, and timely submissions ensure these meaningful recognitions arrive when you need them.

Let's Finish Strong

Thank you to every club and every Lion who has contributed so far. Your generosity fuels hope around the world. As we move toward convention, let's challenge ourselves to push a little further, inspire one more club, and remind one more Lion of the difference LCIF makes.

Together, we can lift our total — and lift lives.

Tony Davidson

REPORT TO CABINET BY THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Governor Linda and members of Cabinet;

In response to discussions concerning the vetting of nominations from the floor at an A-15 convention, the committee proposes the following amendments to the A-15 bylaw:

Add Exhibits 'C', 'D', 'E' and 'F' as they appear in the SDC&BL at the end of the A-15 Bylaws.

In Article II Section 2 after the words "may be made from the floor." inserting the words: "(nominee are referred to Article II section 5 which requirements must be met by all candidates. See Exhibit 'D.)

In Article II Section 3 after the words "may be made from the floor." inserting the words: "(nominee are referred to Article II section 5 which requirements must be met by all candidates. See Exhibit 'E.)

In Article II Section 4 after the words "may be made from the floor." inserting the words: "(nominee are referred to Article II section 5 which requirements must be met by all candidates. See Exhibit 'F.)

The following wording to be added to Article II section 5: "Nominees from the floor should furnish proof of endorsement to the Nominations Committee not later than 24 hours prior to the commencement of the A-15 convention at which they seek to be nominated."

The following changes be made to the A-15 bylaw to further make it in line with the Standard District Constitution and Bylaws (SDC&BL) and remove redundances:

Move - Article VI Section 10 CONVENTION FUND to a new Article VII CONVENTION FUND as Section 1

Add – to new Article VII – Section 2 - REMAINING FUNDS (wording from SDC&BL Article VII Section 2)

- Section 3 - FEE COLLECTION FUNDS (wording from SDC&BL Article VII Section 3)

Article VIII Section 2 – REMAINING FUNDS – replace the words 'Convention Fund' with 'Administration Fund'

ARTICLE XIII Section 1 – RULES OF PROCEDURE – move to ARTICLE IX as new Section 9 and DELETE Article XIII

Delete Article XIV - EFFECTIVE TIME - already covered in ARTICLE XII Section 3 EFFECTIVE DATE

Also to be placed before voting delegates will be the amendment to Article VI section 10 changing \$1.40 to \$2.00. [Note the moving of this Article section as proposed above.]

The Committee asks that Cabinet accepts this report (rather than receiving it) so the proposed changes can be placed in a resolution before voting delegates at the 2026 A-15 Convention.

The committee further asked that Cabinet instruct all concerned committees to carry out their duties for the upcoming 2026 A-15 Convention in keeping with the spirit of the proposed amendments concerning nominations from the floor.

Respectfully Submitted

George Patton, Chair

DISTRICT GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER

Cabinet Report Winter 2026

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. We are preparing the next issue and we are short on material, further submissions are 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,

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**District A15
LEO Cabinet Report
January 21, 2026
Elmira, ON**

District Governor Linda and Cabinet members:

Nil Report.

<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

Cabinet Report – January 15, 2026

Sight Conservation and Screening Report for A15

District A15 Vision Screening Activities:

Region of Waterloo –

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!

A **HUGE** Thank You to these folks for their help in getting this important service project underway. Currently we are about half way through this task!

City of Guelph –

Discussions are underway about resuming vision screening in the Guelph area schools this spring. Both the COWAN Foundation and the Waterloo School of Optometry will work with the Guelph Lions to complete this service project.

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

Other:

Eyeglass and hearing aids continue to be recycled across A15. Recycled items are forwarded to CLERC in Calgary. The St. Jacobs Lions can assist with these shipments if needed.

Lions Eye Glass Recycling boxes are available on request (a donation to CLERC is requested).

Regards

Lion Dave Millard

2024/2025 Sight Conservation and Screening Chair

Hunger Report for Winter Cabinet Meeting January 21, 2026

October 2025 – January 2026

As Hunger Chairperson, I am pleased to report that Lions Clubs across District A-15 continue to make a meaningful impact in addressing food insecurity within their communities.

Between October 2025 and January 2026, several clubs reported hunger related service activities, including:

Rockwood & District Lions Club & South Wellington Community Lions Club through ongoing support and operation of the Rockwood Community Pantry as well as free community dinners for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

St. George's Lions Club provides a monthly meal to the Why Not City Missions Youth Centre. The meal is a ham dinner, with hash brown casseroles, salad, drinks and homemade cookies made by our members.

St George Lions members provided non-perishable foods and toys, books and gift certificates for the County of Brant Hamper program at Christmas time. The club also gave the program \$500 for grocery gift cards.

In addition, they make a yearly donation of \$1000 to the Ontario Christian Gleaners for their efforts towards reducing world hunger.

Kitchener Lions Club, supporting food collection initiatives and school breakfast programs.

St. Marys Lions Club, offering community breakfasts during fall market events.

Paris Lions Club, operating food wagons at community events to raise funds supporting local needs, including hunger relief.

These initiatives highlight the vital role Lions play in helping ensure access to food, dignity, and support for individuals and families facing food insecurity.

I would also like to emphasize the importance of reporting hunger activities through My Lion. Reporting allows us to accurately capture the scope of our service, strengthens our district and international impact, and helps inspire other clubs to participate in hunger focused initiatives.

Thank you to all clubs in District A-15 for your continued dedication to hunger service, not only during Hunger Awareness Month, but throughout the entire year. Every effort, whether large or small, contributes to meaningful change in our communities.

Thank you,

Dawn Raynard

District A-15 Hunger Chairperson

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January 21, 2026 - Cabinet Meeting Report

Thanks to the following Clubs for reporting their donations to worthy causes under the Childhood Cancer umbrella:

-Hickson and District Lions have donated to the Woodstock Child Chemo Therapy Unit and the Canadian Cancer Society

-Innerkip and District Lions have donated to the Terry Fox Foundation.

-Kitchener-Waterloo Community Spirit Lions have donated to Ronald McDonald House South Central

I encourage all clubs to report their fundraising and donation efforts to brighten the lives of children and their families undergoing lifesaving cancer treatments and associated outcomes.

As February 15th is Global Childhood Cancer Day, I encourage all clubs to put together a fundraiser, donate to a charity working in this area, or put together appropriate care packages to drop off at your local hospital or day treatment centre in support of this cause.

Respectfully Submitted.

Lion Janice Fleming

District A-15 Childhood Cancer Chair

Report To Cabinet

January 21, 2026

Jim Sanders

Accessibility Chair

MDA Accessibility Chair, Lion Khristina Engal-Jacowitz reports that her Committee is currently updating the content on the MDA Website Accessibility section. I will forward highlights to Cabinet and Clubs along with the link.