The Lions Clubs of District A-15





Agenda for the Virtual Fall Cabinet Meeting Thursday, October 28th, 2021 at 7:00pm

- 1. Protocol by 1stVDG Tony Davidson
- 2. Call to Order
- 3. Welcome, Zoom Etiquette
- 4. O Canada (Electronic)
- 5. Moment of Silence
- 6. District Governor's Remarks
- Approval of the last Cabinet Meeting Minutes from August 15th, 2021 and ratification of actions from the last Cabinet of 2020/2021. (http://al5lions.org/pages/Main/HomePage)
- 8. Matters Arising From
 - 10.1 Secretary's Report Motion required to receive
 - 10.2 Treasurer's Report Motion required to receive
 - 10.3 Cabinet Reports Motion required to accept
- 9. Committee Reports
 - 9.1. LCIF campaign 100 update Peter Oswald
 - 9.2. Gift of Life Jessica Bailey
 - 9.3. Convention Committee Report
 - 9.4. Nominations Committee Report
- 10. Old Business
 - 12.1. Accessibility Awareness IPDG Georg Corrin
 - 12.2. Interclub Visits
- 11. New Business
- 12. Upcoming Events from the District PDG Tracey Robinson- Diabetes West Chair and PRC Bert Martin Diabetes East Chair
- 13. For the Good of Lionism
- 14. Next Cabinet Meeting Monday, January 17th, 2022, 7.00 PM Kitchener Lions Club
- 15. The meeting is adjourned.

COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR HARV WOOD

Summer has passed and so has Thanksgiving and I cannot think of a better time to say a big THANK YOU to all the Lions who continue to serve, contribute and lead. We are getting through the 4th wave of Covid and we are gradually opening up as public health protocols relax.

Many Clubs have returned to live meetings, sit down meals and members are enjoying the camaraderie of fellow lions. During this reopening phase, many will be able fulfil usual Lions traditions. Service activities are happening and I am hearing hints of Christmas events.

Zone Chairs are making their Club visits as are the Governors. Thank you to the Clubs for being generous with usual Lions hospitality.

When I review the numbers of service activities that have and continue to be made it is absolutely amazing how you, the Lions of District A - 15 contribute.

Our Convention committee led by Lion George Patton is well involved. It has taken from the energy created by our virtual convention of 2021 and has great plans for our first live convention in 3 years. This convention will allow Lions rekindle friendships and share stories from the recent past.

New members continue to be inducted and I am looking for positive membership growth this year. Membership is the responsibility of each of us. When was the last time you invited a person to become a Lion??

Report to Cabinet

VDG1 Tony Davidson

Since our cabinet meeting, I have had the pleasure of attending the September MDA Council meeting taking on the Governors roll as the Governor was unable to attend. After the Council meeting, I attended training offered through MDA. I cancelled my registration to the USA/Canada forum in Iowa in September due to restrictions at the Canadian border and other restrictions.

On behalf of DG Lion Harvey Woods, I have been visiting Clubs and had the pleasure inducting 10 Members into the Innerkip Lions Club. The Ingersoll Lions Club has a few perspective members. I will be Visiting the Burford Lions, Guelph Royal City Lions, KW Community Spirit Lions Kitchener Pioneer Lions, Stratford Lions, and the Rockton Lions in October. Most of the meetings are in person meetings and some with meals depending on meeting location. Most Clubs are involved with service projects in some form as restrictions are slowly lifted.

I look forward to working with our Governors team, visiting the Clubs in the District, and the Training I will receive as I continue to improve Lionism.

VDG2 Cabinet report

I am looking forward to starting my club visits on October 12th with a visit to Hickson Lions club. In the meantime, I attended a MDA campaign 100 workshop in Markham. This is the last year of the campaign and I am sure that LCIF chair Peter will have more to report at the cabinet meeting.

A Zoom Zone Chair workshop was held in September. We have an excellent group of Zone Chairs and I look forward to working with them during the Lions year.

The VDG2s in MDA have been meeting by Zoom once a month. We have had 2 meetings and it is interesting to hear of the successes and challenges that each District has. Though growing membership is a common challenge, District 7-11 has continued to grow their membership. One branch club in 7-11 had 5 members two years ago and now they are the Thistletown New Era club of 117 members! It is interesting how they grew their membership and I look forward to having one of the organizers present at a Guelph Lions Club meeting.

Some of the major changes that I have observed are some District have transitioned from paper directories to electronic directories and some Districts have moved to no Region Chairs. Visiting with other Districts is similar to visiting with other clubs. We can learn from their successes, and then apply that education to our own District.

I would like to thank all the clubs in District A15 for their hard work and being able to adapt their meetings, service projects and fund raising to Covid-19 protocol. Lions in District A15 have certainly shown how innovative they can be.

Respectively Submitted

Garry Ransom VDG2 District A15

Secretary's Report To Cabinet

As you are all aware, this journey as Cabinet Secretary is just beginning for me. So, this report contains few words at this point in time. The role of Cabinet Secretary is, I have discovered, a challenging one with much to learn. So, I ask your patience during this "Learning Curve". I am very pleased to work with DG Harvey and the other members of Cabinet as we continue our work in the Best District in all of MDA.

TREASURERS REPORT TO CABINET

For October 28th, the financial reports have been balanced and reconciled to the bank online balances (reconciled to statements as at September 30, 2021).

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

- All clubs have been invoiced for dues by email for the Lions year. Out of 55 clubs, we have 15 clubs with outstanding dues.
- With respect to Expenses vs. Budget, there has been very little activate and the report is straight forward.

TRUST ACCOUNTS

- The balance sheet for the Trust accounts is a accurate reflection of all the balances held in Trust and all accounts have been reconciled to the Bank records as of September 30, 2021
- There are some transfers required to LCIF Campaign 100, Lions Quest Canada and MDA Peace
 Poster to balance the internal accounting. Otherwise all records are up to date



District A-15 Lions Clubs

Administration Account - Balance Sheet

As at September 30, 2021

ASSETS	
CIBC	0.473.00
CIBC - Investments	8,173.88
Kindred	
Kindred Emergency Fund Cash	24,886.59
Kindred Cash	52,149.15
Total Cash in Kindred	77,035.74
Shares in Kindred	25.00
Total Cash	85,234.62
District Dues Receivable	11,468.10
Total Chequing/Savings	85,234.62
Total Current Assets	96,702.72
TOTAL ASSETS	96,702.72
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
MDA Dues Payable	23,170.00
Other Current Liabilities Accrual	
Centenial Project Fund	1,000.00
Convention Fund	1,941.01
DGE Partner Travel	4,040.87
Total Other Current Liabilities	30,151.88
Total Current Liabilities	30,151.88
Long Term Liabilities	
International Director - Contra	7,799.50
New Club Assessment - Contra	1,870.56
Total Long Term Liabilities	9,670.06
Total Liabilities	39,821.94
Equity	
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00
Dues Rebate 2020	(4,556.40)
Retained Earnings	22,463.79
Net Income	15,973.39
Total Equity	56,880.78
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	96,702.72



District A-15 Lions Clubs

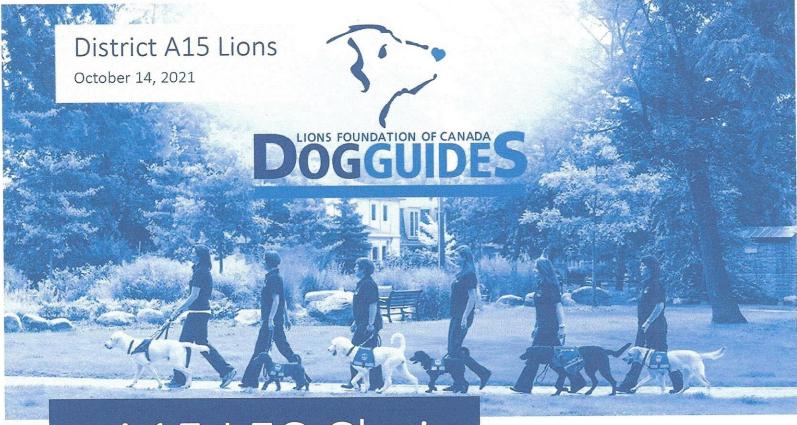
Profit & Loss - Budget vs. Actual Administration Account -July 2021 - Sept 2021

MIERNATIONAL	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under Budget)
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Income		200.00	200.00
Advertising	0.00	300.00	-300.00
District Directory	0.00	200.00	-200.00
		0.00	0.00
Dues -	11199.97	11254.00	-54.03
Total District Dues	11199.97	11254.00	-54.03
Interest Earned	7.44	120.00	-112.56
Leadership Seminar Income	1375.00	1375.00	0.00
	1052.00	1052.60	0.00
Convention Levy	1853.60	1853.60	0.00
New Club Assessment Fund	1986.00	1986.00	0.00
International Director Fund	331.00	331.00	0.00
Membership Assessment	1986.00	1986.00	0.00
Pin Sales	75.00	500.00	-425.00
Pin Sales Patti Hill	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Return Cheque Charges	0.00		
Total Income	18814.01	20005.60	-1191.59
Gross Profit	18814.01	20005.60	-1191.59
Expense Awards Awards - Cabinet	0.00	400.00	-400.00
Awards - Cabinet Awards - Other Accrual	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Total Awards	0.00	1000.00	-1000.00
Badges & Patches	280.98	1000.00	-719.02
Bank Charges	5.11	200.00	-194.89
	39.01		-1080.99
Cabinet Expense Convention Expense		1120.00	-1853.60
District Chair Expense	0.00 0.00	1853.60	0.00
Comm Chair	0.00	1750.00	-1750.00
District Chair - Other	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total District Chair Expense	0.00	2050.00	-2050.00
District Directories	1450.04	3500.00	-2049.96
Global Action Team	-356.68	1986.00	-2342.68
Internet	140.74	175.00	-34.26
Leadership Seminar	0.00	1375.00	-1375.00
Leadership Institutes	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Pins Purchased + Patti Hill Pins	1281.42	1630.00	-348.58
Postage & Telephone	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Printing & Stationery	0.00	300.00	-300.00
New Club Assessment Fund	0.00	1986.00	-1986.00
Trf of International Director fund	0.00	331.00	-331.00
Zoom Licence fee	0.00	349.00	-349.00
USA / Canada Forum	0.00	800.00	-800.00
Total Expense	2840.62	20005.60	-17164.98
Net Ordinary Income	15973.39	0.00	15973.39
Net Income	15973.39	0.00	15973.39



District A-15 Lions Clubs Trust Accounts - Balance Sheet

ASSETS	30-Sep-21
Chequing/Savings	
Trust Sight Investment	5523.38
Youth Exchange Imprest	33718.41
Total - Youth	33718.41
Kindred-Trust Account	10509.46
Total Cash	49751.25
Trf fm Admin for Interest Income on GIC & Acct	-109.85
Total Cash and Receivable	49641.40
Total Current Assets	49641.40
TOTAL ASSETS	49641.40
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Camp Huronda	0.00
Centennial Project	1820.20
Cultural Festival	217.11
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	3186.13
Hearing Equipment	803.07
Hearing Conservation	1000.00
LCIF- Campagne 100	500.00
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Leash Free Park	1604.86
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	1604.86
LIONS Quest Contra Account	750.00
LIONS Quest Canada	600.00
Peace Poster	1490.20
Peace Poster MDA	100.00
Reading Action	6.12
Vision Screening	3845.30
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	25452.37
Total Current Liabilities	41375.36
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	8266.04
Total Long Term Liabilities	8266.04
Total Liabilities	49641.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	49641.40



A15 LFC Chair

Cabinet Meeting Report

Dog Guides Update

The Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides has had a busy fall starting with its September virtual graduation for teams in the Autism Assistance, Hearing, Canine Vision, and Service programs. This is the link to watch the September 1, 2021 graduation: https://youtu.be/opVsxBUqho4. After needing to stop breeding until the spring of this year, Dog Guides welcomed three new litters this fall. This brings the number of litters born in 2021 to approximately 15 with more still to come.

As an essential business, the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides operated through the COVID-19 pandemic. Dog Guides' instructors supported the 1100 active Dog Guide teams across the country and are now providing virtual and modified training for new Dog Guide recipients. Puppy staff provided training and support for the over 400 volunteers who foster future Dog Guide puppies. Fundraising through COVID 19 has been a challenge for the foundation. In September Dog Guides sent an appeal letter to Lions Clubs for donations to support the foundation. Dog Guide teams can be sponsored for as little as \$4,000 which can be paid over three years, or Lions Clubs can purchase items from the Wish List (https://www.dogguides.com/wishlist.html). There are many ways to help Dog Guides (https://www.dogguides.com/donate.html).

Dog Guides documentary on the foundation and how it navigated the pandemic: https://tinyurl.com/242cdwuw.

District A15 Support for Dog Guides

It costs \$35,000 to raise, train and place a Dog Guide, which are provided to qualifying Canadians with medical and physical disabilities at no cost. With no government assistance, the foundation relies on fundraising events and donations from many sources including Lions Clubs.

As always, District A15 Lions Clubs have been working hard to support Dog Guides. The following are fundraising initiatives and activities known by the LFC Chair at the time of this report:

- Atwood Lions Club donated \$25,000 to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides
- District A15 Lions Clubs are selling 2022 Dog Guide Puppy Calendars. Order calendars online at https://www.superpupcalendar.ca/floradalefriends or purchase them from a district club.
- Floradale Friends of Dog Guides Lions Branch Club
 - o Trick or Treat for Dog Guides Online Facebook Auction: https://tinyurl.com/477bjzh8
- Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Club
 - Holiday Spending Money 50/50 Draw (contact <u>raffle@mbblc.org</u>)

In the News:

The following is a local news article known to the LFC Chair at the time of this report on how District A15 Lions clubs have supported Dog Guides:

 Midwestern Newspaper Corp wrote on article on the Atwood Lions Club's \$25,000 donation to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides: https://tinyurl.com/huxpwc7y

Summary

From guiding their handlers through their daily lives to getting help when it's needed most, Dog Guides play a crucial role in the lives of Canadians with disabilities. Thanks to the generous support from Lions Clubs such as those in District A15, the foundation has been able to continue providing assistance to its fosters, staff, and Dog Guide teams during a very difficult time.

If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together – African Proverb

LCIF Committee Chair

Report to Cabinet for October 28, 2021

Your Foundation, the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) continues to support those in need through millions of dollars in grant funding & has supported Lions relief efforts globally. A significant portion of the funds donated by District A-15 have come back to A-15 by way of grants. Funds to support these grants & programs come from Lions and Lions Clubs. For Campaign 100, we have ONE MORE YEAR to go! Read on to see more good news and new developments!

DEVELOPMENTS

Campaign 100 donations through to June 30, 2022 are ALL part of our results. There is just over 8 months left to make history – make a donation. If a Club commits to become a Maple Leaf Club or a Model Club- the <u>deadline to fulfill that commitment has been extended by 3 years to June, 2025. GREAT NEWS!</u>

ALL donations earn credits towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) — this is for BOTH Clubs and individuals. Most Clubs in A-15 have built up credits and can award 1 or several MJFs. Reminder — once the equivalent of US \$1,000 has been donated, ONE MJF will be available. If you have or will be making a <u>personal</u> donation and want to transfer the MJF Credit from your name to the benefit of your Club, there is a simple process and a 1-page form needed by LCIF to make this happen.

RECOGNITION

Consider awarding a MJF to a deserving Lion or member of the community. A special Melvin Jones Day will be held sometime in January to honour all the recent MJF recipients as a group. Let's see how many MJFs District A-15 can award issue this year.

ONE MORE YEAR 2021-22

District A-15 is a Leader in Canada in Campaign 100. We have 6 confirmed Maple Leaf Clubs; 2 more recently completed their commitment; Several Clubs can achieve Maple Leaf status with a steady commitment over the next 3 years. All of the Cabinet now has a detailed list of Clubs with an Action Plan to follow. Our focus for this year includes:

- Additional commitment from Clubs regularly donating to LCIF. Can we get 3 more Model Clubs and 6 more Maple Leaf Club commitments?
- Increased personal donations especially by December 31, 2021 for this tax year. 100% of your donation goes
 to support the communities where Lions work! A donation to the <u>Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF</u> garners a
 personal tax receipt. If your Club has been challenged with fundraising options, perhaps individual Lions and
 family members will consider making a personal donation to make up the gap.
- Finish the Campaign with 100% of District Clubs participating.

Donations go to:

Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF C/O Stan Durward Box 38

Sunderland, ON L0C 1H0

Or, Make a donation online at https://lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca/





Global Membership Team - Report to Cabinet October 28, 2021

Governor Harv and members of Cabinet

Over the past few months (5 to be exact), the Membership Task Force has endeavored to develop a plan of action. These plans would be focused on the 3 areas of focus as presented in the Global Membership Approach in addition to an additional effort to build Zone focused awareness. Clubs will be encouraged to adopt the Global Membership Approach in developing their own Membership growth and satisfaction programs.

I will now outline the various tasks that I and the Task Force will engage in to help bolster the membership numbers in District A15.

1) New Clubs.

- a. With the assistance of a few very enthusiastic new members, we will work to forming a new club or club branch focused exclusively on Diabetes. We hope to have this underway by mid-November.
- b. We will attempt to build one of the existing club branches into a full club within the next 12 months.
- c. We will develop a plan to create a club (or club branch) in Listowel. This area has been approached a few times before but we feel that focusing on a specific community need will help us get a footing in that community.
- d. We will work on expanding our presence in urban communities by focusing on needs and service opportunities.

2) New members in existing clubs,

- a. I will develop a membership plan template that will allow clubs to explore their own potential in gaining members by the end of October
- b. I will expand on the "Ask one" and "Bring One" campaigns that have been effective in the past.
- c. I will ask the clubs for an opportunity to present on the importance of membership growth and satisfaction to ensure continued club survival.
- d. I will stress the importance of respecting and engaging new members and new member ideas.
- e. We are developing a short skit to both entertain and deliver the importance of being prepared to accept new members into the clubs. Scheduled debut: Zone 9 East meeting in November!

3) Service as a Membership Growth and Health Tool

- a. GST Chair, PDG Nancy Ransom is working on this by integrating the importance of Service in Membership Growth into her program.
- b. Service activities that heighten club membership potential will be highlighted by the Task Force on an ongoing basis.

4) Zone Relevance (Local District Initiative)

- a. We will encourage members to visit other clubs in their Zone. Whether in person or online.
- b. Provide examples of Zone (or multi-club) successes in each of the Zone (when possible)
- c. I will ask the Zone Chairs to invite a member of the GMT to attend and make a short pitch to the members about the importance of keeping the Zone in their sights as a next step in service.
- d. We will work with the District Governor to develop a Zone Hospitality room program to allow clubs to display and promote the membership, leadership and service successes.

Governor Harv: There is a lot here and a lot to do. These ideas, and many others, have been discussed and I, and the members of this task force, we will try our very best to meet your membership goals and aspirations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Denis Vinette, GMT Coordinator

Historian Report for October 28, 2021 A-15 Cabinet Meeting

Club pin stories continue to spark interest in district A-15; and it is great to receive past photos and articles to add to these pin stories. I have scrapbooks to return to a couple of clubs when gathering for meetings becomes possible again, and I hope to borrow more items of historical interest from clubs going forward, to add to our district history.

Respectfully submitted, Lion Nancy

PDG Nancy Ransom, A-15 Historian

GST report for October 28, 2021 A-15 Cabinet meeting

The Lions of A-15 continue their many diverse service activities, as shared via the monthly service letter to clubs. Materials for service projects, project planners, and club service toolkit have also been shared with the clubs.

MDA Kindness Matters Contest – no submissions from A15 clubs – but with their permission I forwarded an entry from the Lynden Lions Club, the story of their sponsorship of an Imagination Library (free monthly book program) for area children up to five years of age. The Lynden Lions have funded this program locally for five years, providing books for literally hundreds of young children.

A-15 Challenge for Pride Service Contest – The expanded (version r.1) contest has been distributed to the Clubs; with the addition of a sixth category "Other" to include Lions activities (Community Betterment, Youth, Elderly, etc.) which do not represent one of LCI's five Global Causes. Six Service "champions" will be recognized at the June cabinet meeting.

LCI Insights - Reporting to MyLion - 38 % in A15 reporting as of October 01, 2021 – our numbers are rising and thank you to those Clubs who are reporting to MyLion. Remember all volunteer hours can be reported, including meetings (regular, planning, speakers). Please contact me if you need help to get started. District Governor Harvey and all Clubs would be so very proud if we achieved 100% activity reporting from A-15!						
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Thank you Lions for helping those in need in your communities and the world.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy

Lion Nancy Ransom, A-15 GST Co-ordinator

ZC51E

Report To Cabinet

I would like to take this opportunity to thank DG Harvey for the appointment of this position. The Zone Chair position is a fun position and important one as well. I have been in contact with just about all of the clubs in my zone, one club is being a little elusive, but I am certain I will make contact soon. I have visited with the South Wellington Community Branch Club, Guelph Lions Club and the Ariss and Maryhill Lions Club at the time of this report. I was able to meet with members of the South Wellington and the Ariss and Maryhill clubs in person and the Guelph Lions Club virtually, it was very exciting to see even during the pandemic Lions are still serving the communities and make it a better for the members of their communities. Scheduling visits have been a bit of a challenge because of all the Covid restrictions implemented by the townships and the Ontario Government, we are playing it day by day and I am confident that we will be able to get together either in person or virtually. The first Zone meeting is scheduled for November 2. The Guelph Lions have offered up the venue to host the 51E Zone Meeting and I am grateful for that. In closing I thank DG Harvey for the opportunity to serve on cabinet and have made myself available to assist in any way I can.

ZC51E Bill Robinson

Lions Quest

Report to Cabinet

As we start off another school year in a pandemic, we are faced with more challenges than ever. The program is needed more now than it ever has. With the support of the Lions of A15 I am confident that we can get the word out to all the educators in the District, to let them know that the program is available and that training is now being done virtually and as a result – no traveling. (Pants are optional)

Funds are needed to be able to make this program available to the individuals that can help our young people become the leaders of tomorrow. I ask the clubs in the District to consider a contribution to the Lions Quest program and if you have already contributed, Thank you. If you have any questions or wish more information, please don't hesitate to contact me. Here is a link you may find interesting.

What the Heck is Lions Quest? - What the Heck is Lions Quest for the Lions Family - YouTube

Look us up on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and check out the videos on the Lions Quest Canada YouTube channel. Don't forget to like and subscribe.

Lions Quest Chairperson

Bill Robinson

ZONE CHAIR 9 EAST

Janet Dawson Brock

October 6, 2021

My fellow Lions: I have attended most of the meetings that the Cabinet put on for the Zone Chairs. It was very informative.

I had my first visit with the Lions Club of Kitchener by Zoom and looking forward to visiting with all of the clubs in 9 E.

I have mailed the directories out to the Clubs.

I am asking all of the Lions in 9E and interested Lions to set aside Thursday, November 18 for our Zone Meeting. It will be an Academy Award performance. Place to be determined

Thank you, Governor Harvey for asking me to be a Zone Chair for 9E

Kindness Matters Lion Janet Dawson Brock 9E Zone Chair

Gift of Life Chair

I have officially sent out the Gift of Life program information and starting survey. I will not be at the meeting because I have class. Can not miss class. Jess Bailey - GOL chair

Leo's Chairperson

"No Report"

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Constitution and By-Laws

Nothing to report from Constitution and By-Laws

Respectfully submitted by PCC Lion Bill Carson, Chair.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The following is the report of the Nominations Committee:

As per the District A15 Constitution, Nominations for the position of 2VDG will be open for acceptance on or after November 1st, 2021.

Please use the official Nomination Form found on the District website. Otherwise your form will be returned and asked to fill out the proper one.

HONORARY COMMITTEE

Nothing to report at this time

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

No report available at this time

Peace Poster/Essay Contest

Lions and Leo's

I would like to thank all of the clubs that have asked for a Peace Poster /Essay Kit. I have mailed out 11 kits. It is certainly down from the past, but I understand how hard it is to get into the schools. All you can do is try.

The winners will be picked by November 15,2021 and mailed to Governor Harvey and he will pick out the winner.

If the clubs can make a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. It is needed most at the M D A level.

Please mail checks to M D A Treasurer Dave Hewitt.

Hopefully the winners will be able to attend the M D A convention in Kitchener in May.

Kindness Matters Lion Janet Dawson Brock Peace Poster Chair for A 15 and M D A