



THE LIONS OF DISTRICT A-15
AGENDA FOR THE Virtual Winter Cabinet Meeting
Monday, January 17th, 2022

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
7. Additions to the Agenda and approval thereof
8. Approval of the last Cabinet Meeting Minutes from October 28th, 2021
(<http://a15lions.org/pages/Main/HomePage>)
9. Matters Arising From
 - 9.1 Secretary's Report – Motion required to receive
 - 9.2 Treasurer's Report – Motion required to receive
 - 9.3 Cabinet Reports – Motion required to accept
10. Committee Reports
 - 10.1. LCIF campaign 100 update - Peter Oswald
 - 10.2. Gift of Life - Jessica Bailey
 - 10.3. Convention Committee Report – PDDG George Patton
 - 10.4. Nominations Committee Report – PDG Doug Smith
11. Old Business
 - 11.1. Accessibility Awareness – IPDG Georg Corrin
 - 11.2. Interclub Visits
 - 11.3. Lion Allison Henkell – Youth Camp and Exchange
12. New Business
 - 12.1 Membership Chair – PDG Denis Vinette
 - 12.2 Region Chairs – VDG1 Tony Davidson
 - 12.3 2023 Convention Bid – PDG Doug Smith
13. Upcoming Events from the District
14. For the Good of Lionism
15. Next Cabinet Meeting Saturday – April 9th, 2022 – Convention
16. The meeting is adjourned

TREASURERS REPORT TO CABINET

For December 31st, the financial reports have been balanced and reconciled to the bank online balances (reconciled to statements as at December 31, 2021).

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

- All clubs have paid their District and MDA Dues, Thank you
- An LFC Service Grant was applied for and received by the District thanks to GST Co-Ordinator, PDG Nancy Ransom in the amount of \$500 US Dollars(\$611.75 Cdn) and an MDA Membership Development Grant of \$1000 was applied for and received by the District thanks to GMT Co-Ordinator, PDG Denis Vinette.

TRUST ACCOUNTS

- The balance sheet for the Trust accounts is an accurate reflection of all the balances held in Trust and all accounts have been reconciled to the Bank records as of December 31st, 2021
- Payment where made to the Diabetes Strides Walk Campaign, to LCIF Campaign 100, and LCIF Disaster Relief, Lions Quest Canada and MDA Peace Poster.



District A-15 Lions Clubs

Administration Account - Balance Sheet

As at December 31, 2021

ASSETS

CIBC

CIBC - Investments 8,173.98

Kindred

Kindred Emergency Fund Cash 24,886.49

Kindred Cash 41,592.52

Total Cash in Kindred 66,479.01

Shares in Kindred 25.00

Total Cash 66,504.01

District Dues Receivable

Total Chequing/Savings 74,677.99

Total Current Assets 74,677.99

TOTAL ASSETS 74,677.99

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

MDA Dues Payable

Other Current Liabilities Accrual

Centennial Project Fund 1,000.00

Convention Fund 1,941.01

DGE Partner Travel 4,040.87

Total Other Current Liabilities 6,981.88

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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 16,651.94

Equity

Emergency Reserve Fund 23,000.00

Dues Rebate 2020 (4,556.40)

Retained Earnings 22,463.79

Net Income 17,118.66

Total Equity 58,026.05

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 74,677.99



District A-15 Lions Clubs

Profit & Loss - Budget vs. Actual

Administration Account - July 2021 - Dec 2021

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under Budget)
Income			
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	12.64	120.00	-107.36
Leadership Seminar Income	1375.00	1375.00	0.00
GAT Grants from MDA & LCI	2199.80		2199.80
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	140.00	500.00	-360.00
Pin Sales Patti Hill	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Return Cheque Charges	0.00		
Total Income	21084.01	20005.60	1078.41
Gross Profit	21084.01	20005.60	1078.41
Expense			
Awards			
Awards - Cabinet	0.00	400.00	-400.00
Awards - Other Accrual	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Total Awards	0.00	1000.00	-1000.00
Badges & Patches	382.68	1000.00	-617.32
Bank Charges	5.11	200.00	-194.89
Cabinet Expense	39.01	1120.00	-1080.99
Convention Expense	0.00	1853.60	-1853.60
District Chair Expense	0.00		0.00
Comm Chair	0.00	1750.00	-1750.00
District Chair - Other	73.07	300.00	-226.93
Total District Chair Expense	73.07	2050.00	-1976.93
District Directories	1550.04	3500.00	-1949.96
Global Action Team	422.61	1986.00	-1563.39
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	70.67	200.00	-129.33
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	3965.35	20005.60	-16040.25
Net Ordinary Income	17118.66	0.00	17118.66
Net Income	17118.66	0.00	17118.66



District A-15 Lions Clubs Trust Accounts - Balance Sheet

ASSETS	31-Dec-21
Chequing/Savings	
Trust Sight Investment	5523.38
Youth Exchange Imprest	33718.41
Total - Youth	33718.41
Kindred-Trust Account	9363.63
Total Cash	48605.42
Trf fm Admin for Interest Income on GIC & Acct	-114.02
Total Cash and Receivable	48491.40
Total Current Assets	48491.40
TOTAL ASSETS	48491.40
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
LFC Dog Guides	50.00
LCIF- Disaster Relief	0.00
LCIF- Campagne 100	0.00
Diabetes Strides Walk	0.00
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	0.00
Peace Poster	1240.20
Peace Poster MDA	0.00
Reading Action	6.12
Vision Screening	3845.30
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	25702.37
Total Current Liabilities	40225.36
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	8266.04
Total Long Term Liabilities	8266.04
Total Liabilities	48491.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	48491.40

WINTER CABINET MEETING - JANUARY 17, 2022

GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS

Hello Lions in District A - 15. We are now starting the second half of our 2021/22 Lions year.

NOW!! We are into another Covid emergency and at this point, we do not know what our immediate future will look like. We are Lions, we are resilient and we will continue to navigate as best we can. Most Clubs have been having "in person" meetings, some will be able to continue depending on size and meeting circumstances. In some cases, fund raising activities have resumed, some will be able to continue, again, depending on circumstances

We are starting to turn the corner with our membership numbers and January will bring focus to new, improved techniques to bring new members into our organization.

Please remember to bring in a new member we must ASK!! I have asked two individuals to become Lions this year and both have answered YES. Finally, I thank each and every one of you for your support. I am looking forward to our live convention in April

Report To Cabinet

January 2022

I still have five Clubs to visit as part of the Governors Visits. I was hoping to meet with these Clubs in person but with this new variant, we will be meeting virtually. One of the Clubs on my schedule just started meeting in November as things started opening up.

I have attended one MDA Council and Training weekend but unable to attend the November MDA training due to my work Schedule.

I have been working on the District plan for next 2022-2023 and will be holding a meeting with the Zone Chairs as they will be a great resource moving forward. The Zone Chairs have visited the Clubs in their Zones and have a good understanding on what contributions the clubs may be willing to undertake in the District.

The Governors training is going well with the bulk of the training offered online in March with the final training at the Convention in Montreal. I am with a group of Lions from all over the world for the training, we are known as Group 19 lead by Mark Lyon a past international Director.

Tony Davidson

VDG1 District A15

VDG2 January Cabinet report

As second VDG I have visited 9 clubs since the fall cabinet meeting. Some were having their first in person meeting since the start of Covid 19 and some clubs I visited by Zoom. Some clubs are meeting in person once a month and by Zoom once a month. Hopefully we will not see anymore restrictions and clubs can continue to meet in person in the new year. The consistent part of visiting clubs is I always learn something new. The clubs I visited have found new ways to do funding but more important they have found new ways to provide service. Service is the key to increase membership and service is what we do best

I also attend MDA training for VDG1s and VDG2s held in Markham. The training was centered around setting District goals (not District Governor goals). Goal planning is now not just for next year but a 1-3 year plan. It was an opportunity to meet in person the other VDGs from other districts. I also saw how a club hosts a 1-hour Lions radio show once a week. Now that was different!! I also attend a monthly Zoom meeting with the other 9 VDG2 in MDA. Though they are scheduled for one hour, they usually last for two hours. It is interesting how each of the districts have similar challenges. Successes are also passed on to the rest of the group.

As part of the District A15 leadership team I participated in a virtual President and Membership workshop held in October. More virtual workshops are planned in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Respectively submitted

Garry Ransom
Second Vice District Governor

Zone 9 E Cabinet Report

Janet Dawson Brock

December 15, 2021

Cabinet Report for Zone 9E

My Fellow Lions

I do hope you all had a very Merry Christmas. I would like to thank the 28 Lions who attended the 9E Zone meeting in November. Denis and Linda Vinette did a wonderful presentation and we all had a good laugh. Hopefully, we learned how to attract new members. Lions International is encouraging us to get new members to keep our organization going.

I have made four Club visits and it is very interesting to see the difference in each club that I visited. The motto WE SERVE is being carried out in each club in many different ways.

Lions Club of Kitchener are very active with Nutrition for Learning. There were only 10 on Zoom. We wish them luck with their Leo's Club.

Cambridge Highlands. They are still supporting their community and had three perspective members on their zoom. They made a donation to Lions Homes for Deaf to say thank you.

Kitchener Pioneer was my third visit. They are a very active Club with Christmas Fantasy in Victoria Park. They have donated many dollars to their Community. What a thrill it was to have THREE GENERATIONS OF MADILL'S at the meeting. The two older Madill's are Life Members.

K-W Community Spirit Lions Club. My first in person visit. It is so much more fun to do it in person. They are supporting many organizations with their Bingo money. Skate with Santa was cancelled this year. November being Diabetes Month the club lit Blue Lights on a bridge in Waterloo Park. Only to have them stolen three days after they were put up. Second time this has happened. Guess they will have to think of another way of celebrating Diabetes Month.

I will be presenting Awards to many members for their years of service.

Just before I wrote this report, I read a letter from LCIF and within 24 hours they are sending a huge donation to the Lions in Kentucky to help with the tornado damage. Let's keep supporting Lions International

Lots of service going on within the clubs

Kindness Matters

Zone Chair 9E

Janet Dawson Brock

Cabinet Report Zone 37S- 2021-2022

I was fortunate to observe an induction of 3 new Lions at the Ayr-North Dumfries Club that DG Harvey preformed which was my first dinner meeting and club visit this year. I would like to thank each and every club that I have been able to visit in Zone 37s so far this year. Every club has been welcoming and generous with their time and forthcoming and open with answering my questions and considering how to "think outside of the box" not only to achieve their own individual fundraising and service goals but to add to their club plans the 3 District goals that I have been delivering and asking clubs to focus on:

1. LCIF: With Lions Clubs International Foundation's Campaign being extended this additional year. That gives our region and clubs 7 more months to finish the campaign ON TOP! Explore OUR foundations 8 global causes, completing the pledge form and seeing the impact that our donations are making. I just happen to be at my Woodstock club visit to witness LCIF District Chair, Peter Oswald presenting Woodstock with their Certificate and Patch for being a Model Club, achieving a "Maple Leaf Club" status. Incredible work
2. Reporting Service on MYLION: all clubs know the reasons we are asked to report service. My ask has been to think of entering service with the mind set of "tooting your clubs horn" report what your club is doing, you may just inspire another club with an idea or how they too can "think outside of the box" With service and fundraising ideas. As of the end of December I have observed a few clubs in 37S start or increase their Service reporting.
3. Membership: This has been the largest struggle for our clubs, challenges differ from club to club but when I ask the ones that have inducted or about to induct the constant seems to be. "Being present in the community, online presence when being home is safer and just showing what Lions are all about. then just asking" Congratulations, to all the clubs that have inducted new members, Thank you to the clubs that have allowed me to be a part of their inductions and I look forward to introducing myself to new members as I continue to visit our clubs.

I am excited to be out right now presenting some of our members with their YEAR of SERVICE awards as well. Congratulations to you all.

I am so proud to be part of A-15 and to be the Zone Chair for 37S. I look forward to seeing what we can all do as individual clubs and as a Region as we work together to not only get back up and running after this challenging time and get back to what our clubs do best and even what happens when we start to "think outside of the box" coming up with some new and exciting skills and ways of doing things to help us service our communities in a way that can inspire and bring on New membership.

Thank you all for your service,

Zone Chair 37S Lisa Visser

ZC51E

Report To Cabinet

Since my last report to cabinet, I have had one Zone Advisory Meeting hosted by the Guelph Lions Club. It was a hybrid meeting, meaning some of the attendees were in person and some joined virtually. It was a great evening with 19 members attending in person and 10 members attending virtually. 8 out of the 10 clubs in the Zone were represented. Members in attendance were asked to share a success and a challenge that the pandemic has created for their club in the community. It was amazing to see the Lions continue to serve the community and overcome the hurdles that were put up because of the pandemic. PDG Denis Vinette made a short presentation on membership and asked all those in attendance 3 questions that each club should ask when creating a membership Plan.

1. Is your club ready to receive new members?
2. Is your club relevant to the members of the club?
3. Is your club relevant to the community?

It was a very informative meeting, and a lot of fun was had by all. I attended two club meetings in my official capacity, Guelph Royal City and Rockwood & District Lions. Both clubs are very active in their community. The clubs had just started meeting in person, the food was great, and a lot of fun and fellowship was had by all. With the restrictions being tightened up again another Zone Advisory meeting in person is not likely to happen, A virtual meeting will be scheduled shortly. I have just three clubs yet to visit and once the dust settles from the holidays and all the Covid stuff hopefully those will happen sooner rather than later.

ZC51E Bill Robinson

Lions Quest

Report to Cabinet

The program is need 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.

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

ZC51W –Michael McCourt.

So far this Lion's year I have noticed how many of our clubs are similar and different at the same time. Some are struggling with the changes that Covid requires and some are barrelling forward by adjusting quickly. The basics are common but the details of execution are quite varied. My goal has been to ask each Club about what is working well for their Clubs and what could be working better. Membership is a struggle for many Clubs but those who employ a bit of imagination are doing better. It is gratifying to be asked for help and rewarding to be able to provide it and to assist our Clubs in their quest to help Lions Roar local and in the district

Lion Michael McCourt
Zone 51 West Chair 2021 -2022
519-404.7730

LCIF Committee Chair

Report to Cabinet for January 17, 2022

Happy New Year! As Lions, We continue to Serve & make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. Your Foundation, the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) provides support across Canada and around the world. Recently, grant funding was provided for flood victims in British Columbia and tornado victims in the central US. Funds to support these grants & programs comes from Lions and Lions Clubs. Your support through Campaign 100 DOES have an impact. THANK YOU!

ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST REPORT

- All Clubs have been sent an individualized notice to outline the level of donations to date, the accumulated funds available for Melvin Jones Fellowships (MJF) and the opportunity amount needed to reach the next level of the program. Please see the Club email address for details!
- If any Club wants to review their status and discuss a strategy to commit to becoming a Maple Leaf Club, please contact me. Reminder – your commitment will open up 3 more Lions years in order to achieve your goal!
- Melvin Jones' birthday will again be recognized on January 13 but the celebration of all new MJF recipients has been postponed until later in the Lions year. If someone in your Club or community should be recognized, a MJF is an excellent choice. An application is available at [Melvin Jones Fellowship Program](#)

RESULTS – Campaign totals for Districts in MD 'A' for this Lions year and the cumulative campaign since 2017 are:

DISTRICT	July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 Per Member		July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2021 Campaign		Participation	
	YTD CAD	Average (PMA)	Cumulative	PMA	Club	Member
1	\$ 2,452.43	\$ 2.11	\$ 69,379.98	\$ 59.70	78.0%	2.7%
2	\$ 19,275.28	\$ 14.94	\$ 116,949.90	\$ 90.66	85.7%	4.0%
3	\$ 13,961.67	\$ 11.58	\$ 145,331.12	\$ 120.61	92.0%	4.8%
4	\$ 24,953.60	\$ 19.21	\$ 109,630.20	\$ 84.39	62.9%	4.8%
5	\$ 5,183.86	\$ 4.99	\$ 42,368.19	\$ 40.78	74.5%	4.3%
711	\$ 112,516.99	\$ 63.28	\$ 251,726.28	\$ 141.58	57.0%	6.3%
9	\$ 23,113.94	\$ 21.85	\$ 112,377.04	\$ 106.22	100.0%	5.6%
12	\$ 11,011.07	\$ 11.39	\$ 115,173.72	\$ 119.10	93.6%	10.4%
15	\$12,059.22	\$ 9.28	\$ 196,238.38	\$ 151.07	87.3%	9.2%
16	\$ 23,183.06	\$ 21.14	\$ 162,849.34	\$ 148.45	90.9%	6.6%

If anyone needs more information or assistance, please contact me at lcif@a15lions.org.



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION



2002 A-15 Convention Host Club Report

Governor Harvey and members of Cabinet:

This is the third draft of this report and may be changed again by the time of the winter cabinet meeting. To say that things are in a 'constant state of flux' is an understatement.

We are determined to have a 'face-to-face' convention this year if at all possible and are proceeding based on that assumption!! Information about the convention is being mailed to each club in A-15. The contents of this mailing have been provided to all members of cabinet. We hope the information contained therein will answer the majority of questions which the Lions of the district might have. Contact points are myself and registration coordinator, PZC Ray Derouin if further questions arise.

New this year is the ability of clubs to pay their registration amounts using e-transfer. We are aware that, for many clubs, this is impossible using their club bank accounts where multiple signatures are required. But we hope they can work through one of their members to facilitate this means of payment. If nothing else, it will be an interesting experiment.

We expect an exciting two-day convention without a wasted minute. Governor Harvey has invited our new Canadian International Director Allen Snider and his wife, Lion Susan. All indications are that he should be a hit with the members of the district.

So, ignore the news and direct your attention to being in Kitchener on April 9th and 10th for the A-15 TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER convention.

Respectfully submitted;

George Patton

Host Club Committee Chair

DG Harvey Wood

Accessibility Report

For Jan of 2022 Cabinet Meeting

"Where to Start"

Many of the world's population live with a disability. The covid 19 crisis has increased inequalities in society and persons with disabilities who are already subject to discrimination and exclusion, have been hit particularly

It's a matter of social justice, and our common investment in building a better future. For persons with disabilities, they shouldn't continue to face so many barriers. You can help remove these & raise your voice for inclusion.

In the next couple of years January 2025, we hope to make all clubs aware of opportunities that they can do to be more inclusive and diverse within their own communities. Many clubs have reached that milestone and some clubs will be investigating how they might improve their facilities to be able to be more inclusive.

Soon the MDA committee will be introducing a survey that will help address some of these concerns and barriers, that some clubs might have.

When we have the opportunity to embrace learned experiences from able bodied individuals as well as individuals or cultures that have barriers in front of them. We can be proactive verses reactive. If our facilities or the goods and services we provide are not attainable for people with barriers, this can be demoralizing & embarrassing. Can we change this. "Yes" The accessibility committee wants to provide for those clubs information or help to eventually eliminate barriers that prevent us from becoming totally inclusive. This will not happen overnight. The Ontario Provincial legislative body has been working on this for 15 years. The end goal is January of 2025.

Each municipality does have a documented Accessibility Plan that is available on their prospective web site. The Accessibility Committee is asking if each club could put together if needed a small committee to create a plan of action that could reduce or eliminate barriers that prevent people from enjoying the lifestyle of a Lion or the goods and services offered from the Lion Club. This is the Start.

Respectfully submitted George Corrin

Nominations Chair Report

DG Harv and Members of A15 Cabinet:

As per our District A15 Policy Manual, Candidates for the position of Zone Chairs are being accepted as of January 1, 2022.

Please submit nominations on the Official District A15 Nomination Form which may be located and downloaded from the District Website.

Mail to DG Harv, CS Gabrielle or myself.

Respectively submitted

PDG Doug Smith

A15 Nominations Chair

GMT REPORT TO CABINET

Governor Harvey and members of Cabinet.

January 17, 2022

At the beginning of the year, I expected that, through increased service and communication, we could help clubs find new ways to serve and recruit members into their clubs. I had expected that we could engage clubs in a conversation regarding their club successes and challenges. I encouraged clubs to develop membership plans that would engage individual members to action. To date, I have received very few requests for support, assistance or club membership plans. I attribute this to the challenges that clubs are experiencing in meeting and communicating during these times and look forward to receiving their submissions as soon as they become available. I will use electronic meetings to engage with the clubs and the members until in person communications are once again possible.

Since my last report, I met with a group of Lion leaders to discuss 4 specific areas where we could make a difference in membership growth and satisfaction.

1) New Clubs

Currently there are 3 new club development efforts in play. 1 in Listowel, 1 in Brantford and a club branch looking to grow and charter within the next 12 months. I will provide any further updates on this when more information comes available.

2) New members in existing clubs

Some clubs have had some growth while a few others have not been as fortunate. I will try and contact the more successful clubs to better understand the motivation of the new members and the approach that these clubs take to membership. I have also sent a letter (email) to each new member asking them to consider bringing / adding a new member to their club. Age continues to be a big factor in our clubs. Younger members expect to be among peers and a club branch of an aging club can offer this opportunity. I will approach clubs whose median age exceeds 70 years (Yes... there a few) and see how we can begin the discussion on how they can support club branch and specialty club development.

3) Service as a means of gaining new relevance and members

PDG Nancy Ransom is doing an outstanding job in promoting Service in club success. This area is well attended to and I thank Lion Nancy for the great work that she does. I'm going out on a limb here but ... Clubs that report and provide hands on service activities appear to fair better at this time than clubs that fail to report or focus exclusively on fundraising activities only. I will research this idea more fully in the months to come and advise.

4) Increased zone relevance.

Zones are the bridge that binds the islands that are our clubs. It is important that we have strong Zones and Zone Chairs to help share club experiences and provide ongoing and future leadership to the organization. I was invited and attended one Zone meeting in Kitchener in November and was pleased by the response we had to our humorous, yet informative, presentation. In the end, I hope that the message was clear: We need to take every opportunity

to present our communities with a positive message of who we are, what we do, and the importance of listening to potential members ideas and interests. Thank you Zone 9 East Chair Janet for the opportunity to inform and entertain. I have been approached by another Zone Chairperson to participate in a membership discussion to be held at their Zone meeting (date TBD). A planned Zone 51 East in person workshop for February 10, 2022 may have to be cancelled or rescheduled depending on what comes from the recent Covid variant challenges.

I will call all club membership chairs at some time in early 2022 to provide information on resources and tools as well as how the District can assist.

In conclusion, as Membership lead in the District, it pains me to report that we continue to lose more members than we bring in. As of this writing, we are down 38 members this year and we have had to adjust our plans for membership growth and expectations to reflect this reality.

I will do what I can to stem the losses and try and turn this around in the coming months.

Yours in Service,

Denis Vinette, GMT – A15

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CHAIR

I thought it interesting to look at the past to get a factual look at Membership growth or loss in A15. These are the numbers going back to Y/E 2009.

I won't attempt to interpret the numbers at this time....

F/Y 2009-2010	+ 40	
F/Y 2010-2011	+ 8	1 new club
F/Y 2011-2012	+ 17	
F/Y 2012-2013	+ 19	1 new club
F/Y 2013-2014	- 14	1 new club
F/Y 2014-2015	- 66	1 new club
F/Y 2015-2016	+ 10	
F/Y 2016-2017	- 72	1 new club
F/Y 2017-2018	- 10	
F/Y 2018-2019	- 16	
F/Y 2019-2020	- 85	
F/Y 2020-2021	- 45	
Total membership loss A15:	-214	

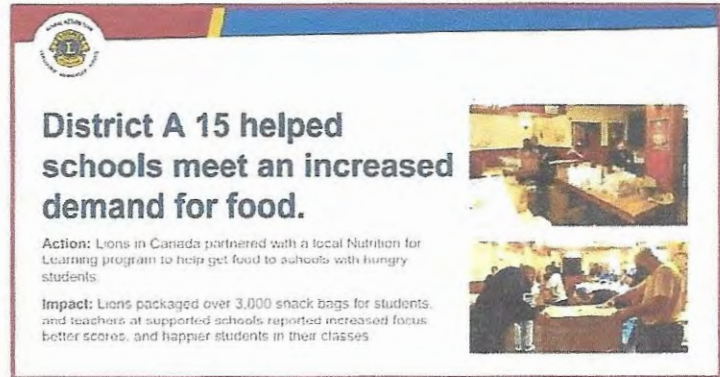
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GST Report for January 2022 Cabinet Meeting

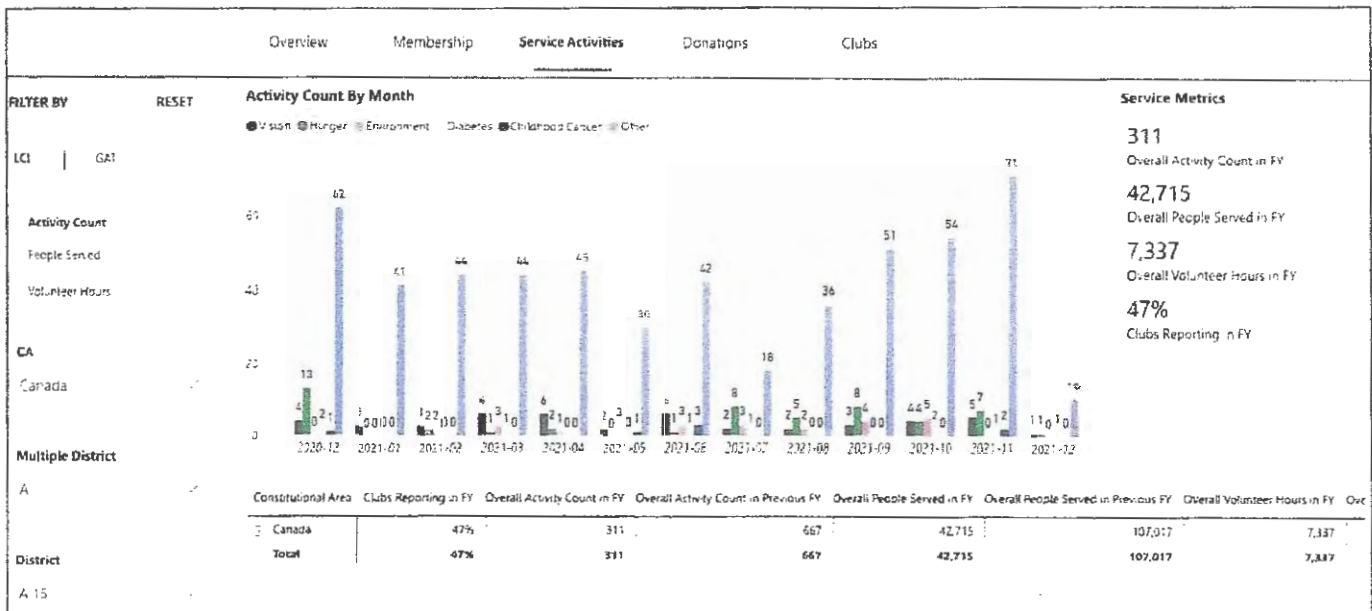
Happy New Year to A-15 Lions and your families. I hope the holidays were good to you all. As always the Lions of A-15 make our District proud of all you do for others in need.

Congratulations to our District Diabetes Co-Chairs, PDG Tracey Robinson and PRC Brian Martin, for organizing a successful District A-15 Virtual Strides Walk – together we raised over \$3,000! Roar Lions!

From the recent Lions International December Club Digest, LCI has implemented a New Action=Impact Showcase. This new resource highlights the top 100 success stories received during the last Lions year. District A-15 is featured on page 62, with the October 2020 story where KW Leos Club, Lions of Kitchener, and K-W Community Spirit Lions Club packed over 3000 snack bags for the Nutrition for Learning program for local schools.



LCI Insights - Reporting to MyLion - 47 % in A15 reporting as of December 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, workshops). Multiple District A has this year appointed a Hunger Chairperson, who is tracking all the reports on MyLion pertaining to alleviating Hunger, for every District in A-15. Lions, lets showcase our Service from the Heart on MyLion and the world!



Our District has received approval for 2021/22 GAT Funding from Lions International in the amount of \$500 US funds.

We look forward to receiving your entries in our first District A-15 Club Service Contest in the coming months. With six categories to choose from – LCI five Global Causes - Hunger, Vision, Diabetes Awareness, Childhood Cancer, Environment, and Other (for service that does not pertain to the first 5 – projects for Community Betterment, Youth, Elderly, Literacy, etc.) - I hope to see every Club enter at least one (or all) category in the contest!

Thank you Lions for all your service and kindness in your communities and the world.
Respectfully submitted, Lion Nancy Ransom

Historian Report for January 2022 Cabinet Meeting

I will continue with monthly club pin stories, and I am always glad to receive articles/photos of past events.
Best wishes to all 2022; may all your endeavors be successful.
Respectfully submitted, Lion Nancy Ransom

Childhood Cancer Chairperson Report
Sue Martin

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District A15 Lions

December 21, 2021



LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA
DOGGUIDES



A15 LFC Chair Cabinet Meeting Report

Dog Guides Update

This fall, Dog Guides was able to open up more services in terms of training for clients while still maintaining safe COVID 19 protocols. Out of province clients were invited back to the school for training in September, and Dog Guides was able to begin matching Diabetic Alert Dogs with clients. As Dog Guides returns to a new normal, the foundation was able to allow volunteers to return to the Oakville and Breslau facilities to help out with departments such as training, administration, kennel, breeding, and puppy program.

The Breslau breeding staff have been kept busy as well with lots of new puppies filling the nursery. The following are the most recent litters:

- Z Litter: Neesha and Goose – 10 puppies on October 13
- A Litter: Gypsy and Avro – 6 puppies on October 19
- B Litter: Ebony and Ollie – 9 puppies on October 31
- C Litter: Jilli and Indie – 8 puppies on November 4

On December 15, 2021, Dog Guides celebrated the graduation of 23 teams from 5 different Dog Guides programs. Lions can watch the online graduation on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/R5EKN4KbowQ>.

Lions wanting to welcome Dog Guide foster puppies into their homes without committing to fostering a puppy can sign up for the new Specialty Sitter program: <https://www.dogguides.com/sitter.html>.

Giving Tuesday

Dog Guides exceeded its Giving Tuesday goal to raise \$70,000 – the cost to raise, train, and place two Dog Guides. With the incredible support of its donor community, Dog Guides raised \$164,306 on December 1, 2021. District A15 Lions Clubs made significant contributions to this result with their financial and in-kind donations.

To my knowledge at the time of this report, the following Lions Clubs donated to Dog Guides for Giving Tuesday. Thank you for supporting the Lions Foundation of Dog Guides:

- Cambridge Highlands Lions donated \$12,000
- Exeter Lions Club donated \$10,000
- Floradale Friends of Dog Guides Lions Branch Club donated microchipping for all puppies and a new microwave for the Breslau Dog Guides facility
- Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Club donated Nylabones and training treats for dogs in kennel

On Giving Tuesday, Dog Guides released a new video that follows the path foster puppies take from birth to graduation. Watch Dog Guide Journey on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/vDC7RHfEaiU>.

Support for Dog Guides:

Lions Clubs have been busy around the district holding fundraising events with proceeds going to support Dog Guides programs and inviting Dog Guide foster puppies to walk with their Lions Clubs in community Santa Claus Parades this December.

To my knowledge at the time of this report, the following clubs organized fundraising events this fall to support Dog Guides:

- Ariss and Maryhill Lions Club: gift card wreath raffle with funds going towards the sponsorship of the club's fifth Dog Guide team
- Atwood Lions Club: held various fundraising events to donate \$25,000 to Dog Guides
- Floradale Friends of Dog Guides Lions Branch Club: Trick or Treat for Dog Guides online auction
- Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Club: Holiday Spending Money 50/50 Draw

Dog Guides foster puppies joined local Lions Club entries for Elmira, Fergus, and St. Clements Santa Claus Parades held December 4, 2021 and December 18, 2021, including:

- Elmira Lions Club
- Floradale Friends of Dog Guides Lions Branch Club
- Paradise & District Lions
- Woolwich Community Lions Club

In other news, a huge Lions Roar goes out to Larry Wainwright and Dog Guide Otis for raising \$10,900 for the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides. District A15 Lions Club Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides certificates and badges have been received, and will be sent to participating clubs in the new year.

This fall, I was able to do in-person Dog Guide presentations with current foster puppy Pekoe for Lions Clubs, including the Ingersoll Lions Club and Ilderton & District Lions Club.

Summary

The generous support District A15 club members show for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides is heartwarming. I have enjoyed getting out this fall to personally meet Lions from different District A15 clubs at meetings, cheque presentations, and local parades. Together, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of Canadians with disabilities by providing them with professionally trained Dog Guides at no cost.

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

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bauman, District A15 LFC Chair

District A15 Cabinet Report - District Governor's Newsletter

Lions All:

Another issue of the newsletter was completed and posted during the week of December 20th, it was chock full of good articles submitted by district clubs. Here are a couple of observations that may auger well for future issues.

There is no limit to the number of submissions from any one club, however it would be good if we could establish a deadline. Usually we like to get the newsletter posted within the month it is issued for, hence a deadline for submissions is the 21st of each month.

Photo quality is not as important for digital issues as opposed to print, there will be more than a few occasions where some of the material will find it's way into the MD A magazine, hence the need for quality photos, a minimum of 300 DPI is suggested. Most smart phones have that capability. The higher resolution also enhances the digital process.

At any rate keep up the good work and don't hesitate to send in your material.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and above all STAY HEALTHY!

Lion Bob Pearson
Editor



Report to Cabinet:

Lion Brian (Diabetes East Chair) and I are pleased to announce the closing of our District Wide Strides Event. Our District should be very proud of this successful outcome. We had a total of 6 Clubs in the District participate in the Event as well as individuals who donated personally. The Sleep/Activity monitors have been handed out to those who donated \$100 or more towards the Diabetes Strides. Thank you to Cabinet Treasurer Lion Linda Vinette for handling all the funds for us and sending the cheque to Diabetes Canada.

Our grand total that will be donated to Diabetes Canada is \$3,390!! Thank you to all who participated and donated for this great cause. Together, District A-15, is helping the fight against Diabetes.

We look forward to our next fundraising adventure with our great District!!

Thank you,

Diabetes West Chair

PDG Lion Tracey Robinson

Childhood Cancer Chairperson Report
Sue Martin

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District A-15 Lions
Diabetes Awareness Chairs

Report on Activities Fall 2021:

November turned out to be a busy month for Tracey and myself. We started by encouraging Clubs in A-15 to once again support the Blue Light program. A total of 5 Clubs responded and on November 14th, illuminated a local structure to promote Diabetes Awareness.

Both Tracey and I attended the Kitchener-Waterloo Community Spirit Club event that illuminated a pedestrian foot bridge in Waterloo. The event was also attended by the Mayors of both cities, as well as the local Member of Parliament. A small group of Lions and locals were in attendance.

Our second event was a District wide STRIDES event. Clubs would decide on whichever activity they wanted, and organize themselves to conduct it.

We had 6 Clubs involved and at the end of November, we had raised a total of \$3390.00 for Diabetes Canada. Activity monitors, donated by Diabetes Canada (DC), were awarded to participants who raised \$100.00 or more.

District A-15 Treasurer is issuing a cheque to DC on behalf of all Lions in A-15. My co-chair PDG Lion Tracey Robinson oversaw this event and did an amazing job.

Submitted: December 18, 2021

PDG Lion Tracey Robinson (Diabetes West Chair) PRC Lion Brian Martin (Diabetes East Chair)

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Constitution & By-Laws Committee Report:

Nothing to report nor assigned to us, being now less than one month to meeting date.

Respectfully submitted

Chair, Lion PCC Bill Carson.

EFFECTIVE SPEAKING COMMITTEE

Distinct A15 will not be holding a effective speaking contest this year. MDA didn't like that and they want me too rethink it in the new year. With COVID19 still hanging around and shutting schools down. I feel we should keep the kids and parents safe and healthy. I will not be canvassing for funds at this time. Thanks to everyone for your support.

The last time we had effective speaking had over 75 kids take part in it from roughly 12 clubs taking part

	Convention History				
	GUELPH	2018		WOODSTOCK	2019
Registrations		372			373
and income from		\$5,600			\$7,252
Registration amounts					
Lions	?	\$15		328*	\$17
Non-Lions	?	\$10		45*	\$15
Saturday Luncheon		102			126
Net Income		??			\$158
Money from Raffle & Draws		\$3,225			\$1,914
Total Expenses		\$15,670			\$20,161
Total Revenue		\$19,345			\$20,366
Net Income		\$3,675			\$205
*does not include those for gov, cab sec, cab treas, guest, protocol (and spouses)					
which money is recovered from the District					
2022 Convention Budget					
Registration Income					
	COST	+ TAX	TOTAL	PROJECTED NUMBER	GROSS TOTAL
Advance Registration					
Registration for Lions	\$17.70	+HST	\$20.00	(300)	\$6,000.00
Registration for non-Lions	\$8.85	+HST	\$10.00	(45)	\$450.00
Registration at Convention					
Lions	\$26.55	+HST	\$30.00	(50)	\$1,500.00
Non-Lions	\$8.85	+HST	\$10.00	(6)	\$60.00
TOTAL REGISTRATION				401	
Total Registration Revenue					\$8,010.00
Convention Pins Sale Income					
300 @\$6.00 ea. (\$1592.92 + HST)					\$1,800.00
Convention Fund Levy (\$1.40 per member in A-15) [1324]					\$1,853.60
Total Other Income					\$3,653.60
Total Income					\$11,663.60

Expenses				
	COST	+ TAX	GROSS	
			TOTAL	
Function Room Costs	\$6,000.00	+HST	\$6,780.00	
VIP Dinner	\$600.00	+HST	\$678.00	
Registration costs	\$500.00	+HST	\$565.00	
Convention Pin Costs	\$1,087.00	+HST	\$1,228.31	
Compulsory Costs	\$2,100.00	+HST	\$2,373.00	
Misc. Costs	\$250.00	+HST	\$282.50	
Total Expenses				\$11,906.81
	Net Income			-\$243.21
	After HST recovery net income			-\$215.23



December 27, 2021

Bid Proposal to Host District A-15 2023 Convention

The Paris, Rockwood and District, and South Wellington Community Branch Lions Clubs wish to submit the following bid to host the District A-15 2023 Convention.

Date

The Host Clubs wish to host the event April 14-16 2023

Convention Hotel

Brantford Best Western Hotel has a block of 43 rooms reserved for 2 nights at a regular room rate of \$129.00 per night which includes Complimentary Buffet Breakfast for Occupants.

In addition, there are 6 Hospitality Rooms reserved for Friday Night.

Programme and Functions can be accommodated by a singular or a combination of 4 Ball Rooms.

All events will be monitored to ensure that our activities are private and will not interfere with other patrons of the Hotel.

- Attached Club Motions to Bid.

Lion Doug Smith

South Wellington Community Lions Branch Club



LIONS CLUB OF PARIS---WE SERVE

Box 123, Paris, Ontario, N3L 3E7

December 15, 2021

To Whom It May Concern

The Lions Club of Paris held a regular meeting on October 5, 2021. Our guests included 1st VDG Tony Davidson, Lion Roger Lister, St. George Lions Club, PDG Lion Doug Smith and PDG Lion Denis Vinette. A report was given by our guests on the 2023 District Convention followed by a request for our club to assist in the organization and administration of the 2023 convention.

After our guests left our club discussed the request, which lead to the following motion:

To support 1st Vice District Governor Tony Davidson with the 2023 Convention in Brantford. Motion by Lion David Arsenault, Seconded by Lion Gerry Runstedler.
Motion Carried

The Paris Club looks forward to assisting in the 2023 Convention.

Yours truly

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ROCKWOOD & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

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CANADA.
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December 27, 2021

Dear District Governor,

We would like to take this opportunity to inform District A15 Cabinet that Rockwood & District Lions Club passed a motion at the meeting held on September 15, 2021, to offer to co-host the 2023 District A15 Convention in conjunction with the South Wellington Community Lions Club Branch. The motion made by Darryl Nichol and seconded by me, Kevin March, was carried.

We look forward to hearing from the A15 Cabinet at your convenience.
Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kevin March', written over a horizontal line.

Kevin March, Secretary,
Rockwood & District Lions Club



South Wellington Community Lions

"Where there's a need, there's a Lion"



District A15 Convention Committee 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

The following is an extract from the minutes of the South Wellington Community Lions Club (Branch) from our general meeting held on Saturday December 11, 2021.

2023 Convention- *L. Doug Smith has started convention plans for 2023 Convention in Brantford at the Best Western and wants commitment from clubs* **MOTION** *by L. Denis Vinette 2nd by L. Anita Ertel to go forward with plans knowing there will be a financial commitment.* **Carried**

Please accept this as our offer to hold the District A-15 2023 Annual Convention in partnership with the Lions Club of Paris and the Lions Club of Rockwood and District.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lion Doug Smith".

Lion Doug Smith

South Wellington Community Lions (Branch)

DG Harvey Wood

Hearing Chair Report

As Covid 19 restrictions are subsiding, we will slowly at first, we will try to accomplish some tasks with the Hearing Loss. Once a person loses any of their hearing, they cannot get it back. With hearing aids, it only amplifies the surrounding noise. Hearing loss is non-discriminatory, not based on financial worth, or based on where we live. Once it is gone, it is gone forever.

The Lions Homes for the Deaf, still needs our District Clubs to support their initiative so they can continue to provide their great services to the people that are deaf, and deaf & blind. Their main fundraising action is done, through the Lions Clubs when they make a \$500.00 dollar donation. When this donation is made and the attached document is completed and submitted, the Lions Club will then have the privilege of presenting the Helen Keller Fellowship to any member of their club, or to an individual in their community whom they believe has earned the privilege of such an honour. Hopefully as the clubs gain momentum in this Lions year 2021-2022, they will budget for this Helen Keller Fellowship.

Soon we shall start collecting hearing aids for refurbishing and then re-distributing to other areas locally and worldwide. More information to come.

Let's continue to work with the Canadian Hearing Services (formerly known as the Canadian Hearing Society). This organization has also faced struggles to provide their services because of the pandemic. With one of their coordinators, we would like to make club visits and make a presentation that their experts have developed on hearing loss. This presentation outlines what clubs can do with the proper tools, to assist members to have a better experience when attended meetings or while they are working on service activities.

Respectfully submitted

George Corrin

GLT Report

I am pleased to report that the virtual workshops for club Presidents and the Membership chair were highly successful based on participants comments and feedback. The workshops were held virtually primarily due to Government imposed Covid restrictions. We are continuing to learn and document how to effectively present these virtual sessions.

Based on this early experience, there is sufficient evidence that even a sixty-to-ninety-minute session dealing with a single issue such as how to effectively use My LCI has proven highly effective. It would seem, based on early indications, that workshops of three to four one-hour sessions provide participants with not only more information but greater time to discuss and digest than a one-day session. There is a time and a place for both in-person and virtual meetings. We recommend that a more formal evaluation be conducted to enable Cabinet to provide guidelines and perhaps policies to guide us when face to face gatherings once again are permitted.

From January 12th to February 2nd, the marketing team, which consists of VDG2 Garry Ransom, ZC Bill Robinson , PDG Diane Smith and myself, will be holding 4 marketing webinars. The topics will be:

1. How a club started with 4 members and grew to 128.
2. Using Facebook to market projects and your club (not how to use Facebook).
3. How to make your club unique.
4. A club website made easy.

Respectively submitted
GLT Jim Sanders

District A-15 Technology Report

January 2022

Governor Harvey, Cabinet, Lions:

Just a reminder that the Memorial pages are in place and being updated. You will find a small picture of the deceased Lion, and a link to a full obituary on the Lions Forum. If you have a Forum account, feel free to add your own input to any of the Lions honoured there.

The District Convention information and the registration form are now available on the Convention page of the District website. As more information becomes available, it will be added. With luck (lots of it) we may have an in-person Convention - let's hope it happens.

I know District Governor Harvey really wants to have an election with paper ballots this year, and we hope that happens as well. However, if it does not, I will again do my best to support the District in providing secure and easy-to-use on-line election tools. The official District email addresses are the ONLY portal into this voting tool.

I have a wealth of historical material provided by PDG Nancy Ransom - it WILL appear on the District website history pages one of these days!

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

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