



DISTRICT A-15 LIONS CLUBS®  
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**Fall A-15 Cabinet Meeting Agenda**

7:00 PM, October 19, 2022

Elma Memorial Community Centre, Atwood, Ontario

1. Call to order
2. O Canada
3. Moment of Silence
4. Protocol
5. Additions/Changes to and Approval of the Agenda
6. District Governor's Remarks
7. Approval of Minutes of the August 21, 2022 Cabinet Meeting  
*Available at <https://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/CabinetMinutesReports20220821Aug.pdf>*
8. Secretary's Report
9. Treasurer's Report
  - a) Financial Reports, 2022-2023
10. Cabinet Reports
  - b) GMT - Membership Committee
11. Committee Reports
  - a) Diabetes Awareness, PDG Thom Herrmann
  - b) Convention 2023 / Budget – PDG Doug Smith
12. Unfinished Business
13. New Business
14. Special Presentations & Awards
  - LCIF – Campaign 100
15. Good & Welfare
16. Adjournment

## **GOVERNOR'S REMARKS – DG Tony Davidson**

Summer is over and we are now into Fall, and you are doing an awesome job with service projects and Fundraising for the various institutions you support. It is great to be able to be out in our communities with no restrictions. I thank you for all you have done for Lions during the first quarter.

The district lost a tremendous Zone Chair in 37 South when Lion Lisa Visser stepped down for personal reasons. We are currently looking for someone to step forward to take on the duties for the remainder of the year. We also had a change in our Diabetes Awareness chair with Lion Thom Herrmann taking on the roll.

The Governors Team and the Zone Chair are visiting Clubs and I would like to thank the clubs for the generous hospitality we receive.

We have had many new Lions inducted this quarter and it would be great if we could continue this growth. It is important to attract new members to keep the Clubs active in the community. New members bring new Ideas, and new Ideas bring greater service. Membership is the responsibility for each of us. When was the last time you asked someone to become a lion

The GMT team is working hard to engage all Lions with training workshops. These are both in person and virtual, so I hope the members take advantage of their dedication!

### **DISTRICT GOALS**

As for the District Goals for the year we have 23% of the Clubs reporting service, our goal is 60%.

100% of the zone chairs have been trained

With the desire to have 50% of the Club officers trained we currently have 13% trained

We had a goal to increase the District by 60 members over last year and we are currently down 21 members.

Other Goals can be found on Lions Insights, District Goals

Lions Quest and the Lions foundation have always been important to me. My wish is to have all clubs donate to these worthy causes.

## FIRST Vice District Governor – VDG Garry Ransom



I saw this sign in a yard and it took me a few minutes to interpret it but it says our pre-covid time is over, rest in peace. Though we continue and it appears that we will continue to have covid with us for a while, we are getting back to normal but normal will not be the same as pre-covid normal. My daughter works out of her house for a company located in California. She says she will never go back to working out of an office. Working at home allows to have her own schedule and more

time with the family. I was at a meeting in Guelph where a person in Hamilton gave us a virtual tour of the airplane museum where he pointed a camera at the planes and talked about them. Almost as good as being there. We would never have thought that was possible 3 years ago. **So pre-covid time R.I.P.**

What happens in post covid? It is going to be different, some of it is going to be new and it will all be exciting. During my district governor's training it was emphasized to work as a team. No more District Governor's goals but District goals. Lions Foundation of Canada are continuing with virtual graduations not live graduations. While at the US/Canada forum there were many Lions there that belonged to virtual clubs, specialty clubs, clubs that have hybrid meetings, and clubs that meet only after a project. In a recent survey that the membership team conducted more than 50% of our members want training done virtually not in person.

Yet some things will stay the same. I have seen in my visits to Freelon and Burford where the Lions continue to provide great service, where needed, to their communities. Stratford Lions have a special project which they call "Stratford Lions Project Care". Our members still want to socialize but perhaps it will be when we celebrate a project not at a meeting.

So, what is the future of Lions? Hard to tell. We cannot go back to what we had. That door is closed. Just as my daughter will not go back to an office environment because there are too many pluses working from home. We have unprecedented opportunities thanks to Covid. The saving in cost and time conducting virtual workshops cannot be underestimated considering the busy lives of young families.

Businesses that have embraced the new opportunities are thriving. We have the same opportunities. Let's identify and embrace them. Lions have always been able to adapt. We will adapt to help serve those people less fortunate than ourselves. As President Brian Sheehan says "Together We Can"

FVDG Lion Garry Ransom

### **SECOND Vice District Governor – VDG Bill Robinson**

The Lions year is progressing quickly. As we enter the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, I am please to have visited with 9 clubs. All the clubs are busy with service projects or are shaking the bushes trying to increase membership and that is exciting. Unfortunately, we lost a club in the district, and that should serve as a reminder to all of us the importance of succession planning and to gauge member satisfaction. Sometimes we take it for granted that someone will always step up to take over the officer position or chair the committee but what if no one does? Nominations will be opening soon for cabinet positions next year and it won't be long before we are looking at next years club executive. We should start early and find our replacement. The district team is here to assist all the clubs to succeed in achieving their goals.

Respectfully  
Bill Robinson

### **CABINET SECRETARY – CS Denis Vinette**

Changes in the Directors and Officers have been made at the Ontario Business Registry.

Going forward, I ask that reports to cabinet be provided in a text form with the least amount of graphic content as is necessary. This will allow for a smaller file for distribution and make it easier for reading apps to navigate for those with visual impairment or blindness.

## **CABINET TREASURER – CT Linda Vinette**

For October 19<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting, the financial reports have been balanced and reconciled to the bank online balances (reconciled to statements as at September 30, 2022).

### **ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT**

- All clubs have been invoiced for dues by email for the Lions year. Out of 55 clubs, we have 20 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 an accurate reflection of all the balances held in Trust and all accounts have been reconciled to the Bank records as of September 30, 2022.
- Per the Cabinet Meeting motion in August 2022, Balances from the Cultural Festival (217.11) and the Reading Action plan (6.12) have been transfers to the Lions Quest Contra Account.

Respectfully Submitted

Linda Vinette



# District A-15 Lions Clubs

## Administration Account - Balance Sheet

As at Sept 30, 2022

### ASSETS

#### Kindred

Kindred Emergency Fund Cash	24,886.49
Kindred Cash	59,379.45
Total Cash in Kindred	<u>84,265.94</u>
Shares in Kindred	25.00
Total Cash	<u>84,290.94</u>
District Dues Receivable	12,852.20
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>84,290.94</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>97,143.14</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>97,143.14</u>

### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

#### Liabilities

##### Current Liabilities

MDA Dues Payable	22,400.00
Centennial Project Fund	1,000.00
Convention Fund	1,797.60
DGE Partner Travel	3,600.17
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>28,797.77</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>28,797.77</u>

##### Long Term Liabilities

International Director - Contra	8,451.50
New Club Assessment - Contra	5,334.20
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>13,785.70</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>42,583.47</u>

#### Equity

Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	21,245.26
Net Income	10,314.41
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>54,559.67</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u>97,143.14</u>



# District A-15 Lions Clubs

Profit & Loss - Budget vs. Actual

Administration Account -July 2022 -Sept 30 2022

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under Budget)
<b>Income</b>			
District Directory	48.00	120.00	(72.00)
District Dues	10,914.00	10,914.00	-
Interest Earned	121.33	120.00	1.33
Leadership Seminar Income	1,375.00	1,375.00	-
Membership Assessment	1,926.00	1,926.00	-
Pin Sales	85.00	500.00	(415.00)
GAT Grants from LCI and MDA		1,650.00	(1,650.00)
			-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>14,469.33</b>	<b>16,605.00</b>	<b>(2,135.67)</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Awards - Cabinet	45.20	1,000.00	(954.80)
Awards - Other Accrual		600.00	(600.00)
<b>Total Awards</b>	45.20	1,600.00	(1,554.80)
Badges & Patches	502.32	800.00	(297.68)
Bank Charges	2.79	100.00	(97.21)
Cabinet Expense	300.00	2,000.00	(1,700.00)
Convention Expense		1,200.00	(1,200.00)
<b>District Chair Expense</b>			-
Comm Chair		1,600.00	(1,600.00)
District Chair - Other		300.00	(300.00)
<b>Total District Chair Expense</b>	-	1,900.00	(1,900.00)
District Directories	1,628.65	1,700.00	(71.35)
Global Action Team		2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Internet	142.00	175.00	(33.00)
Leadership Seminar		1,375.00	(1,375.00)
Leadership Institutes		450.00	(450.00)
Pins Purchased , District	1,412.18	1,500.00	(87.82)
Postage	51.98	100.00	(48.02)
Office Expense	69.80	560.00	(490.20)
Zoom Licence fee		345.00	(345.00)
USA / Canada Forum		800.00	(800.00)
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>4,154.92</b>	<b>16,605.00</b>	<b>(12,450.08)</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>10,314.41</b>	-	10,314.41



## District A-15 Lions Clubs Trust Accounts - Balance Sheet

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>30-Sep-22</b>
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>	
Trust Sight Investment	5523.38
Youth Exchange Imprest	33718.41
Total - Youth	<u>33718.41</u>
Kindred-Trust Account	9614.87
<b>Total Cash</b>	48856.66
Trf fm Admin for Interest Income	-5.64
<b>Total Cash and Receivable</b>	<u>48851.02</u>
Total Current Assets	48851.02
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>48851.02</u>

### **LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

#### **Liabilities**

##### **Current Liabilities**

Centennial Project- Gates	1820.20
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	2986.13
Hearing Equipment	803.07
Hearing Conservation	1000.00
LFC Dog Guides	0.00
LCIF- Disaster Relief	0.00
LCIF- Campaign 100	0.00
Diabetes Canada	0.00
<b>Lions Foundation of Canada</b>	
Leash Free Park	1604.86
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	<u>1604.86</u>
LIONS Quest Contra Account	1573.23
LIONS Quest Canada	0.00
Peace Poster	749.82
Peace Poster MDA	0.00
Vision Screening	3845.30
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	26202.37
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>40584.98</u>
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>	
Youth Camp Capital	8266.04
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<u>8266.04</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>48851.02</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u>48851.02</u>



### **ZONE 9S – ZC Ken Linington**

I have not done a club visit as yet. Starting on Oct. 18 with the Glen Morris Club. All clubs with the exception of Rockton and Paris have confirmed dates, time and locations for Zone Chair visits. The first Zone meeting has been confirmed for December 20 at the Copetown Club.

I participated in a A-15 Leadership planning session chaired by 2nd VDG Bill Robinson.

### **ZONE 9E – ZC Juan Monterroza**

No Report.

### **ZONE 37W – ZC Cecilia Fulker**

It feels good to be back in my blue blazer. My first visit was to Monkton Lions. The club is celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. What a great accomplishment.

The club was excited to tell me about the barn dance. Everyone really enjoyed it. The club also participated in the Homecoming for Monkton working with The Kinsmen Club.

The secretary of the club Lion Emma Payne is a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Lion. I have a feeling she is leadership material.

I still have to visit my other clubs to share a meal, share in their pride, share a goofy joke on my part and of course share The District Governors message.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Cecilia

### **ZONE 51E – ZC Kevin March**

Hello Everyone.

By the time we have our Cabinet meeting, I will have visited four clubs in Zone 51 East and inducted five new members. The clubs which I have been to are very happy to be meeting in person again. The clubs in 51 East are realizing that there is a new normal regarding fundraising and serving people's needs. Due to the pandemic, more people and organizations are asking our clubs for assistance, i.e., food banks, schools, hospitals, sporting and recreation groups and various other local organizations. Clubs in 51 East are coming up with new ways to raise funds to assist those in need.

In my recent travels around the zone, I have noticed some clubs have lost catering services due to the pandemic and are having difficulty finding an affordable

caterer due to the increase in food prices. This is proving difficult for clubs who have always enjoyed the fellowship around dinner meetings. I am wondering if clubs in other zones are experiencing the same situation. I would gladly entertain any suggestions to a workable solution to the problem.

I plan to do the rest of my club visits in November and December before inclement weather affects travel.

Respectfully submitted

ZC Kevin March

### **ZONE 51W – ZC Mike McCourt**

Club visits in full swing with many more to go. Clubs are all anxious to have a visit and to learn what other Clubs and the Region are up to. Membership is an ongoing concern and initiative for many clubs.

### **GLT - DISTRICT COORDINATOR – Jim Sanders**

The District Leadership Team will be presenting a Club Officers Training session via Zoom on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Topics will include:

- Building an Agenda
- Running a Meeting
- Membership Reporting
- Updating club Roster
- Updating club info in MyLCI
- Submitting PU101
- Reviewing club statements
- How to pay LCI
- When to pay LCI
- Setting up and running a Zoom Meeting
- Celebrate Success

An invitation has been sent to all Clubs. Please encourage Club Officers with whom you are in touch to pre-register.

## **GST - DISTRICT COORDINATOR – PDG Nancy Ransom**

The Lions of A-15 are busy as ever serving their communities and people in need, as shared in the monthly service story letters to Clubs. I am very grateful to PDG Karen McNeight who has kindly volunteered to join our district Global Service Team! Lion Karen has provided some excellent suggestions for service projects, which were shared with the district clubs.

I encourage our Zone Chairs to reach out to clubs on their visits, and promote joint club activities and projects that involve members of their communities. Service is the key to gaining members.

I challenge each Club to enter every category of our district Club “Challenge for Pride” Service contest.

The GAT Success Story Funding (\$500 USF) was applied for, and has been approved for A-15.

An entry was submitted to the MDA Kindness Matters contest.

Insights – currently 26 % of A-15 Clubs are reporting on *MyLion*; as compared to 55% of clubs reporting at end of last June. Please reach out if you need assistance. This is OUR STORY to share with the world - reporting our activities is essential to Lions International’s relationship with their global service partners. This is OUR NEWS MEDIA - All Lion members can access *MyLion* to read about the activities that are taking place in our District and in Canada.

“Together We Can”

Respectfully submitted, Lion Nancy Ransom, A15 GST Chair

## **GMT - DISTRICT COORDINATOR – PDG Tracey Robinson**

It has been a very busy couple of months. Our membership team has been very busy planning Membership workshops within the district. We had planned one for each Region, first being Region 9 for October 1, 2022. Only 3 members signed up for this workshop and therefore had to cancel. A survey was sent out, with a response from a few members. With the results from this, we have decided to cancel all workshops that were in person and will only be doing a Virtual workshop sometime in November.

We are currently trying to start a club in Listowel. We have been out wondering the streets handing out information and assessments. We are hopeful to have more information within the coming months on our progress.

There has been communication with some clubs in the district to aid in re-building and getting new members. This is always available from our team.

Unfortunately, we did lose a club this year. Some of those members were able to transfer to another club within the district. There has been 9 reported new members come into the district. I know of a few more that have not been yet reported. Welcome new members and thank you to the sponsors for bringing them out.

Keep up the great work in our great district!!!

Respectfully submitted:

PDG Tracey Robinson

### **BULLETIN & MDA MAGAZINE LIAISON – Bob Pearson**

Plan of Action:

Continue with the established quality of the newsletter issues but we do realize there is always room for improvement.

We are holding the October issue until after the cabinet meeting to accommodate LCIF club presentations.

That gives us some lead time to accept additional items for publication. We are always open for business, please forward your submissions as soon as practical. Event advertising is not only allowed but encouraged.

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

The popularity of the bulletin contest seems to have waned somewhat and there have been no entries in the last couple of years. As a result of feedback from club members it has been suggested that it might well be time to consider changing the format of the bulletin contest to promote more interest within district clubs and the rating system perhaps be based on regular submissions as opposed to a one-time entry for the contest. More to follow.

Timely submissions make for a better product. District clubs and bulletin editors are requested to submit your material to the A15 Editor as soon as practical for the next issue.

Submissions can be in most formats, PDF's 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.

Respectfully,  
Lion Bob Pearson



Note: The position as editor for the District Governor's newsletter is not a permanent assignment, if any member might be interested in assuming please contact the writer.

### **COMMUNICATION – PRC Jim Keron**

The purpose of the Communications Committee is to provide hybrid zoom meeting facilities for the District A15 cabinet meetings. For clubs interested in hosting a cabinet meeting, our only requirement is to have WIFI accessible in your hall. It's easier if you have a PA system since we can use that and if your hall has a built-in projector that's even better but the only must-have requirement is WIFI.

Additionally, if a club is interested in setting up a hybrid solution for your club meeting I am happy to consult with you. I also have a reasonably detailed paper on how I set up my system which includes some operating considerations. Email me to get a copy at [jkeron@uwo.ca](mailto:jkeron@uwo.ca) This paper has been sent to a number of Lions clubs across the continent.

Jim Keron

### **CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS – PCC William (Bill) Carson**

Nothing to report at this time.

## **CONVENTION CO-HOST REPORT – PDG Doug Smith**

The Convention Committee are working hard to host our Annual District Convention.

Attached is the Proposed Budget and I hope that all have read it and if there are any questions I will entertain them and answer them.

Hearing none, I would ask DG Tony to ask for a motion to accept and approve.

### **Outline of the Convention**

This will be a 3 day Convention held at Brantford Best Western (Brant Park Inn) on April 14 – 16, 2023. Room rates are \$119.00 plus HST per night with Free Parking and a Complimentary Breakfast.

Friday Night - Opening Ceremonies, Candidates Skits and of course Hospitality Suites.

Saturday Morning - Honorary Committee Meeting, Cabinet Meeting, Luncheon with Guest Speaker regarding Pediatric Cancer Support.

Afternoon Service Activities – Environmental Electric/Hybrid Cars Display and a Roadside Cleanup. While we are walking doing the Cleanup, it will double up as a Stride for Diabetes Walk. With some assistance form the District Marketing Committee, local Press/TV will be asked to promote Lions not only in Brantford but also in District A15. **DON’ T PLAN ON HAVING AN AFTERNOON NAP!**

Saturday Evening – Governor’s Ball featuring our International Guest as Speaker. Entertainment to follow.

Sunday Morning – In Person Voting, Memorial Service, Cabinet Meeting and Closing Ceremonies.

In closing, this Convention may determine if we have any future Conventions. If we do not have sufficient registrations by March 1, the event will be cancelled. Plan “B” ... would be left at the decision of Cabinet.

Respectively submitted,

PDG Doug Smith  
Convention Co Host

ZC Ken Linington  
Convention Co Host

## 2023 Convention Budget

Income		
Registrations	300 @ \$25.00	\$7500.00
Sunday Morning Registration	20 @ \$15.00	300.00
Sponsorships		2000.00
Meals	(140 @ \$30.00 + 140 @ \$55.00)	11900.00
Pin Sales	200 @ \$6.00	1200.00
Raffle Draw Net Proceeds		1000.00
Rebate from District A15	1284 @ \$1.40	1798.00
Hospitality Suites	6 @ \$170.00	1020.00
Total Projected Income		<u>26718.00</u>
Expenses		
Promotion		\$2000.00
Printing		2000.00
Bank Fees		300.00
Liability Insurance		500.00
Pin Costs	200 @ 5.75	1150.00
Lanyards and Registration Costs		800.00
Guest Rooms (DG, Int'l Guest, Protocol Aid)		1100.00
Guest Room Compliments		200.00
Hospitality Room Costs		1020.00
International Supper		800.00
Complimentary Function Costs		700.00
Function Room Costs		2500.00
Meal Costs		11900.00
Entertainment for Saturday Night		1000.00
Music Copyright Fee		75.00
Total Expenses		<u>\$26045.00</u>
Projected Profit		\$673.00

## **ELECTIONS & CREDENTIALS – PDG Thom Herrmann**

No Report.

## **HISTORIAN – PDG Nancy Ransom**

The monthly club pin stories are ongoing; and I plan to share monthly, past projects from our district that involved club partnerships and multi club service projects.

I invite clubs to forward stories and photos about your pins and of joint projects to share with all.

Respectfully submitted, Lion Nancy Ransom, A15 Historian

## **HONORARY COMMITTEE – IPDG Harvey Wood**

Nothing to Report.

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – PCS Ted Rypma**

Nothing further to report at this time.

## **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS – PID Art Woods**

### **LCIF – IPDG Harvey Woods**

*Campaign 100 – Special Presentation.*

## **LEO ADVISOR – PDG O.J. Wilura**

District A15 still only has 2 LEO Clubs in this district, KW with 8 members and Lynden with 3.

KW Leo is presently restructuring with a new President Ashton Chan. A further effect of the pandemic is shown by the drop of members who have lost interest as a result of not being able to carry out meaningful service within the community.

Lynden President Ruth Brooks advises that they are trying to rejuvenate their Leo Club with new young members. Again, the loss of members is due to a lack of being able to meet and provide service.



I can only reiterate the final paragraph from my last report. The youth in our district are very important and we should be able to support them by adding more Leo Clubs in A15. For only \$100 per year your club could influence many of our young adults. The hyperlink below can provide more information or you may contact me.

[Start a Leo Club | Lions Clubs International](#)

**OJ**

Lion OJ Wilura

**LONG RANGE PLANNING – PCC Kevin J. Banfield**

Nothing to Report.

**NOMINATION – PCC Tim Cronin**

It is already time to start thinking of the 2022 2023 Leadership of our District.

The District A15 Policy allows for nomination and campaigning for DG, VDG1 and VDG2 to commence November 1. Zone and Region Chair candidates may be nominated and start campaigning January 1<sup>st</sup>.

The A15, MDA and LCI Constitutions and Bylaws dictate the requirements for the respective positions. I will leave it to the perspective candidates to become familiar with these requirements. I would ask that perspective candidates complete the required forms, available on the A15 Website under <https://a15lions.org/pages/Directory/A15Pubs>, to be submitted to the cabinet secretary.

The requirements as set out in the Constitution and Bylaws will be confirmed and the candidate will be notified that they may start campaigning.

Historically there are seldom enough candidates for Region Chair and Zone Chair and candidates are acclaimed to the position. This does not mean that the candidates do not need to campaign - the campaign is a good way to prepare for the position they wish to hold.

I would ask all District Officers to promote and encourage eligible Lions to seek office.

If there is no candidate for Zone or Region Chair, the District Governor may appoint a Lion to fill the position.

I would recommend to Cabinet that Long Range Planning make recommendations to formalize the procedure and requirements for appointment to Zone and/or Region Chair positions

Respectfully Submitted.

**ACCESSIBILITY – PDG George Corrin**

District Governor Tony Davidson Good day, Each Club is effectively dealing with the up coming Accessibility Legislation. Each club does have free access from their own municipality for further information as to the process to follow if required. They still have until the year 2025 to have what they can in place. Kristina Engle has requested that we attach a possible available grant to the appropriate clubs. Respectfully submitted Lion George Corrin

*Good day Lions,*

*I received Great News on an Accessibility Grant. This is a fantastic opportunity if your Club Facility needs an accessible washroom, ramp, accessible doors, accessible lifts, etc. I learned you will need two quotes with your application to prove that this is a project about which you are serious.*

*The New Horizons Program has launched a Call for Proposals (CFP) under the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) Small projects component. You can apply between September 7, 2022, and November 1, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). If you need help or accommodations, please send us an email before November 1, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. EDT. Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) will communicate decisions to applicants within 16 weeks from the closing of the application period.*

*Information on the application requirements and process can be found in the Applicant Guide on the EAF Small funding webpage*

*<<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social/development/services/funding/enabling-accessibility-fund-small-projects.html>> .*

*For any questions, please contact us <<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social/development/services/funding/enabling-accessibility-fund-small-projects.html#h2.08>> .*

*Please note: ESDC will be holding information sessions*

*<<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social/development/services/funding/enabling-accessibility-fund-small-projects.html#h2.08-h3.01>> .*

*I hope this information is helpful and some of the Lions Clubs are able to apply for this Government Grant to make this facility a little more accessible.*

*Yours in Service,*

*Lion Khrisstina Engel*

*Multiple District 'A' Accessibility Chairperson*

*Email Address: [kengel@lionsa16.com](mailto:kengel@lionsa16.com) Phone Number: 905-252-7004*

### **CHILDHOOD CANCER – Sue Martin**

I have sent an email to all clubs in District A-15 introducing myself again. I asked each club to let me know they received the email and encouraged them to plan for some project to support the focus area of Childhood Cancer. I have offered ideas and resources for projects as well.

I have made a connection with Meaghan Moore of Ronald McDonald House of South Central Ontario. She has made presentations to both Guelph Lions and St. George Lions Club. As a result of these presentations both clubs made generous donations to RMHSCO.

PDG Jamie Jones, GLT Coord. A12, MDA Childhood Cancer Chair, has offered an invitation to all Childhood Cancer Chairs to take part in a Zoom Meeting on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. I have registered for this event.

Lion Sue Martin

**DIABETES AWARENESS – PDG Thom Herrmann**

*Verbal Presentation to come.*

**EFFECTIVE SPEAKING – Lion Lyle Fair**

No Report.

**ENVIRONMENT – ZC Juan Monterroza**

No Report.

**GIFT OF LIFE – Lion Jess Bailey**

Nothing further to report at this time.

**HEARING & SPEECH ACTION – PDG George Corrin**

District Governor Tony Davidson Report on Hearing For the year Lions 2022 2023 A15 has 3 Lions that sit on the Hearing Board of Directors, they are Lion Janey Dawson Brock, Lion Gary Eves, and Lion John Pepper.

They all do with the other board of Directors a fabulous job in being creative with making the lives of the blind and deaf members of our communities better.

As a reminder for all the clubs I have attached a document that each club can apply for the Helen Keller award with a donation to their cause, and fund raiser.

Also please look at their web site very interesting.

Respectfully submitted George Corrin

(Inclusion)

**HUNGER – PRC Victor Chaux**

No Report.

**LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA – Lion Cheryl Bauman**

**[Dog Guides Update](#)**

The Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides has almost returned to pre-COVID operation with lots of puppies being born and long-distance clients staying for training at the Oakville facility. This fall, Dog Guides celebrated the graduation of more than 40 graduates in 7 Dog Guides program. This is the link to watch the October 4, 2022 graduation: <https://youtu.be/kblW4E5oC-Q>. Watch the new

Dog Guide video which highlights its seven different programs:

[https://youtu.be/qaz\\_OZ9Uktw](https://youtu.be/qaz_OZ9Uktw).

Dog Guides will be hosting its Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 15 from 2 pm to 3:30 pm. Join the meeting virtually by registering at

<https://www.dogguides.com/events/annual-general-meeting-agm/>.

The foundation launched a new website this fall with a section for how [Lions Clubs](#) can help support Dog Guides. Teams can be sponsored for as little as \$4,000 which can be paid over three years, and clubs can recognize the dedication and service of individual Lions with a fellowship.

Become part of [Dog Guides new facility](#). Contact [Deb Cserhalmi](#) to have a club presentation on the new state-of-the-art training school or receive information on how District A15 clubs can support the project.

Tickets are available for the [LFC Dog Guides 50/50 Fall Online](#) Raffle until November 10<sup>th</sup>.

### 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:

- The Sheffield Lions Club held a Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides event on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The Floradale Friends of Dog Guides Lions Branch Club and Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Club teamed up with District A711 Halton K9 Lions Club and Toronto Green Capes Lions Club on September 24<sup>th</sup> for the Paws for a Cause event which raised money for Dog Guides and to help with Dog Guide graduate vet bills.
- District A15 Lions Clubs are selling 2023 Dog Guide Puppy Calendars.

Order calendars online at

<https://www.superpupcalendar.ca/floradalefriends> or purchase them from a participating district club.

- Floradale Friends of Dog Guides Lions Branch Club
  - Autumn Days Online Facebook Auction:  
<https://tinyurl.com/2fcwvz4e>
- Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Club
  - 50/50 Draw (contact [raffle@mbblc.org](mailto:raffle@mbblc.org))

### 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 as the demand for trained service dogs grows.

*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

### **LIONS QUEST – Lion Barbara Melara**

No Report.

### **PEACE POSTER & ESSAY FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED YOUTH – Lion Debbie Nelligan**

We have had an overwhelming response to this year's peace poster and essay contest. There are 20 kits out throughout the district. Congratulations Lions. I am looking forward to seeing what our talented students will submit to us. This year's theme is "Lead with Compassion".

**A reminder to the clubs the posters must be delivered to me by the week of Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. Please contact me for arranging pickup.**

It is great to see the clubs back into the schools supporting our youth.

Sincerely, Lion Debbie Nelligan

## **SIGHT SCREENING & CONSERVATION – Lion David Millard**

In May 2022, preparations commenced to resume vision screening in the Region of Waterloo Public and Catholic schools assessing senior kindergarten children. Due to Covid issues the last screening efforts were conducted in the fall of 2019/spring 2020.

This project is a collaborative effort involving the Regional Public Health Department, the LCIF, the Cowan Foundation, the University of Waterloo School of Optometry and District A-15 Lions Clubs.

In addition to completing the vision screening there will follow up actions to determine if children that require an Optometrist check have actually seen an Optometrist. The data generated from the program will be studied to measure the impact and the cost/benefit of the vision screening program. It is believed that this collaboration will serve as a model for a nationwide early eye care program for children.

Over the last six months participants have been:  
sourcing and allocating funds for the project (LCIF and Cowan),  
gathering the equipment required/assessing the existing equipment (UW),  
recruiting volunteers for vision teams,  
scheduling the vision screening events, and  
training the volunteer teams.

It was projected that 7 teams are required consisting of 7 team members to accomplish the number of students needing testing and concluding the project in March 2023. To-date we have enough volunteers for 6 teams, some teams way short of the 7 team members. A team can get by with 5 members but this leaves no room for illness, vacation periods or other needs to get away. The time commitment is high where over 20 days of testing will be required conducting screening (for one day per week).

Unfortunately, only enough volunteers to start 6 teams have been recruited, with some teams short of members. More team members are required.

*The teams assembled and rough number of team members are:*

UW School of Optometry Team - Students will rotate throughout the program. No additional members required.

Kitchener Team - Currently 5 team members, 2 volunteers required.

Bridgeport Team - Currently 5 team members, 2 volunteers required.

St. Jacobs Team - Currently 7 or more team members. No additional volunteers required.

Cowan/Cambridge/Rockton Team - Currently 4 team members, 3 volunteers required.

Elmira/Linwood Team - Currently 3 team members, ideally 4 volunteers required.

For the time being others will assist this team to get going.

In summary about 11 volunteers are needed to round out the above teams; then an additional 7 volunteers would build the seventh team

Regards,  
Dave Millard

**YOUTH CAMP & EXCHANGE – Lion Allison Henkell**

No Report.