



DISTRICT A-15 LIONS CLUBS[®]
**THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
LIONS CLUBS**



**A-15 CONVENTION MEETING AGENDA
April 7, 2024, 10:30 AM
Stratford Quality Inn and Conference Centre**

1. Call to order – DG Garry Ransom
2. Additions to and approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes of the January 27, 2024 Cabinet meeting
Minutes: <https://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/CabinetMinutesReports20240127Jan.pdf>
4. Remarks from DG Garry Ransom
5. Remarks from International Guest PID Allan Hunt
6. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements.
MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's report.
7. Cabinet and Committee Reports
8. Convention Report
9. Awards & Presentations
 - 9.1 First Timers Contest – 1st VDG Bill Robinson
10. Convention Raffle Results
11. Report from Election Committee and announcing of results – PDG Thom Herrmann
12. Motion to destroy ballots.
13. Motion to renumber and adjust the pagination as a result of the approval of the Bylaw changes .
14. New Cabinet
 - 14.1. Introduction
15. DG-Elect remarks.
16. Passing of the Campbell.
17. Closing Remarks – DG Garry Ransom

VDG Report to Cabinet

April 7, 2024

It has been a busy time since the last Cabinet meeting. Since then, I have finished all the assignments, and all the training has been completed with the exception of the final day of training scheduled at the Lions International Convention at the end of June. It is inspiring to work with other like-minded individuals. Sharing in the ups and downs of leadership development and exploring new ways to motivate and inspire the lions of tomorrow. I am confident that we will see the association become strong and continue to be the largest humanitarian service provider on the planet. Over the next couple of weeks, I will be reaching out to all the committee chairs to see what their plans are for next year. If you have an interest in participating in a committee, please reach out to me and indicate your interest. In closing I want to remind you that the cabinet is here for you with whatever you need and remember to celebrate your service, the more people we get drinking the Lions Kool-aid the better our association will be.

Respectfully submitted.

Bill Robinson

VDG A-15

Report To Cabinet, Sunday April 7th,2024.

About 1 year ago you put your trust in me to be the 2nd Vice District Governor. Thank you for this opportunity as it has been rewarding and learned experience. My visits to the clubs have shown me that every club is different. However, we all have a common goal, to serve others whether in a hands-on experience or financially. I've enjoyed the experience of helping clubs with some of their fund-raising projects.

I only have a few clubs left to visit on behalf of our Governor and, believe it or not, my public speaking is getting better. Training at Advanced Lions Leadership Institute has given me a starting point as I know there is so much more to learn to be the leader you deserve.

I've had the privilege of working with a wonderful District Governor team and I look forward to a bright future in service.

Yours in Service

Linda Vinette

Zone Chair 9 South Report for April 6 Convention and Cabinet Meeting

It has been a pleasure to connect with the 6 Clubs in Zone 9 S and participate in a number of other activities at the District level. Here is a summary of the activities with comments:

- Participated in the January 27 Cabinet meeting in Kitchener
- Hosted a Zone Chair meeting on February 6 at the Paris Lions Club.
 - PDG and GMT Tracey Robinson was the key note speaker that focused on members being prepared to encourage people to join
 - In addition to the Paris Club, members from Burford, Glen Morris attended
 - GMT Tracy inducted a new member to the Paris Club—David Jefferson
- Week of February 25, the Paris Club participated in a County Sponsored Open House for new residence in the Paris area. The purpose was to share with new residence what is available in the community and how new residents can connect with their new community. The club held a raffle for a free membership in the Club for 1 year. The winner attended his first meeting in March.
- Talks on growing the club with the Brantford club continue. Unfortunately they did not participate in the Zone meeting on membership. A date for induction of a new member continues to be rescheduled. DG Gary and GMT Tracy and I are scheduled to meet with the Club on April 9 to discuss next steps for the Club. Brantford was chartered in February 1926. They have a 100 year agreement with the City of Brantford for meeting space.
- Unfortunately I was not able to attend the Region meeting on March 2.
- I have registered for the A15 Convention and look forward to attending and participating in it.
- One of the Clubs in my Zone received a notice that they had an outstanding bill (around \$50) with Lions International resulting in the Club not being able to vote at the upcoming Convention. The circumstances is tied to a New Member inducted in February with payment made in March (with a subsequent disagreement on the exchange rate into US funds). Thankfully the District acknowledges that this is merely a timing issue and not an intentional withholding of fees. It is my understanding that all clubs in the District will be allowed to vote.

I will not be seeking re-election to Zone Chair (nor any other position on A15 Cabinet). It has been a great experience working with the people at District A15. It has been a great experience interacting with the Clubs in the Zone. Seeing clubs interact and help each other has been particularly rewarding for me. Lions offers so many ways to gain organizational skills and leadership skills. I would encourage members to get engaged at the District level.



DISTRICT A-15 LIONS CLUBS Zone 9C



Cabinet Report for April 6, 2024

To: District Cabinet, Lions of Zone 9C

Lions – the calendar says it is spring and but there are still a few days where the weather is not convinced. However, the Lions in Zone 9C are ramping up activities for spring in their communities. A few examples”

- I attended the Rockton pancake breakfast on St Patrick’s Day. This was well attended and another successful event for Rockton Lions in their community.
- Copetown Lions had it largest ever ham roll on the evening prior to Good Friday. Attendance was over 200 and everyone supported the fundraising. To top off the evening, the Copetown Lions announced a donation of \$20,000 to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides building campaign. WELL DONE!
- Dundas Lions are very busy. An East Egg hunt on Good Friday (over 10,000 eggs – WOW); a craft sale the same day AND plans as presenting sponsor the Hike the Valley in May.

I attended the Dundas Lions meeting in March and was very well received. Like other Clubs in the area, they have plans to increase their membership before the end of the year (1 more new member to induct soon). To all Clubs – keep working your plan for the remainder of the year. If you would like some help with fine tuning your plan (or sharing ideas that have worked), please drop me a note.

I look forward to seeing many Lions at the upcoming District convention in Stratford on April 5, 6 & 7.

As always, if you need information or assistance with a Lions program, let me know and I will do my best to get you some help.

Respectfully submitted,

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Zone 9C

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Report to Cabinet

Wow, convention is upon us!! It has been a pleasure to work with DG Garry this year. We have been busy with Zone meetings, new member orientations and trying to help clubs revitalize. It was great to see a lot of familiar faces and new ones as well. There have been some new members joining our district and we welcome them. Thank you to the sponsors for bringing them into your club. We encourage you to keep working on the GMA approach in each of your clubs. If you have a plan, you will succeed!! As you probably have heard that we lost Zurich this year as a club, and the team is working on revitalizing the club in this town. We are here to support the clubs in our district. If you are struggling, please reach out. We may not have all the answers, but we can certainly work together to achieve a plan. Anita (GST) and I will be at the district convention doing a presentation in the morning. Please come and check it out! Let's have some fun and hope to see you there!

Thank you for all that you do!!

Lion Tracey Robinson

GMT (Global Membership)

The District GLT Members are in the early stages of planning a series of training and orientation Workshops to assist Presidents and Secretaries to carry out their respective roles. Particular effort will be directed to those new to the position. Where appropriate to the content, In-Person and Zoom formats will be used.

We will be holding these sessions in late May/early June, some three months earlier than last year in recognition that these key Club responsibilities begin July 1st. As with the sessions last year, Cabinet Secretary, Lion Denis will assist with the mailing and session registration. We will be requesting that Region and Zone Chairs strongly encourage participation.

Jim Sanders, Chair

Members:

2nd Vice District Governor, Lion Linda Vinette

Region Chair, Lion Ray Derouin

Zone Chair, Lion Cheryl Bauman

Zone Chair, Lion Ken Linington

District A15
Cabinet Report
April 06, 2024
Stratford, ON

Governor Garry, Cabinet Officers & Fellow Lions:

Engaging young adults and having them collaborate with us at our local events, with the hope that they will continue community service as full Lions members, seems to be a low priority lately.

As we come to the end of this fiscal year, clubs can still move to create and support a LEO Club in their area.

I would like to quote and paraphrase Barbara Coloroso, who is an international best-selling author and provides professional development and consultation on bullying, school climate, restorative practices, and grief. Though she speaks most often of younger children, we can also apply her “Six Critical Life Messages” to our young adults:

- We believe in you
- We trust in you
- We know you can manage this
- You are listened to
- We care for you
- You are very important to us

In these trying times, we need to show and mentor the next generation, the leadership skills that will be important to them as they grow.

For your consideration, the link below will take you to the LEO page of the LCI website.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-clubs/about-leos>

Yours in Service

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Lion O.J Wilura
District A15
LEO Chairperson

Cabinet Report – April 2024 - Sight Conservation and Screening for A15

Region of Waterloo Pilot Program - Year 2 Vision Screening

The 2 Year Pilot Program will be concluded in April with over 4800 children tested this year. Six vision teams working with the University of Waterloo School of Optometry (UWSO) attending weekly Screening events at over 125 schools (October 2023 to April 2024). The data regarding final testing numbers and referral rates should be available in a month or so. Congratulations and Thank You to the efforts of the Lions Clubs and friends within the Region of Waterloo. The UWSO has marked this event with a small gift and Thank You card to all participants. The vision kits and refractors are being returned to the UWSO for safekeeping.

Huron Perth Public Health Unit (HPHU) Vision Screening - Spring 2024

Recruitment efforts for vision screening volunteers is now complete and four vision teams including Lion friends have been created. We have the following A15 Teams:

Milverton Lions Team;

Stratford Lions Team;

St. Marys Lions Team; and

Exeter/West Coast Lions Team.

Lions from A9 District will be helping as well to complete the Screening events this Spring. Additionally the UWSO will have a vision team as well for a total of six teams. Over 45 schools will be visited testing the senior kindergarten children in the central and westerly reaches of our A15 District. Training sessions (3 dates) are underway soon with vision testing at schools completed in April and May. This program will be slightly different with HPHU staff attending each event and bringing the vision testing kits plus completing administrative functions for each event. Lion members are currently submitting requests for Police Checks. A draft agreement for this program between the Lions, HPHU, and UWSO has been prepared for execution.

Wellington Dufferin Guelph Region (WDGR) - The vision chair contacted the Public Health Unit again to better understand their position regarding vision screening. The Health Unit has opted to follow other programs for vision care and will not be screening senior kindergarten children. This policy will be reviewed in June and could change with vision screening in the Fall. At this time it is unknown if this will happen. Lions members in this area are eager to get back into vision screening and have the manpower and equipment to do this.

Other -

Lions in District A15 continue to collect used eyeglasses and submit these for refurbishing and reuse.

Regards,

David Millard

DISTRICT GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER
Cabinet Report for Convention April 6th 2024

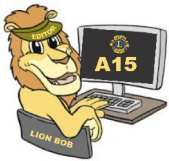
Plan of Action:

Continue with the established quality of the newsletter issues, we realize there is always room for improvement. The last report contained a publication schedule it is still valid and is part of the next newsletter. The next issue is under construction, looking for submissions and photos, 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 our submissions may find their way into the LION magazine and quality photos are important.

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,
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Note: The position as editor for the District Governor's newsletter is not a permanent assignment, if any member might be interested in assuming the job please contact the writer. So far I have received zero replies, but I will continue to ask! In case you missed it the editor's position at the LION magazine is available as well.

Publishing Schedule:

The plan is to have the Newsletter be distributed the second week of the following months, subject to adjustment where required: October, December, February, April and June, the next issue will be after the convention, taking full advantage of all the photo ops and interesting events.

It would be good if we could get your submissions on the first day of the scheduled month, however experience shows this might not be practical in some cases.

THE GRAVEYARD OF PAST DEADLINES

