



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

1:00 PM, November 9, 2024

Monkton Lions Club
The Elma-Logan Arena
200 Nelson St., Monkton ON

1. Call to order
2. O Canada
3. Moment of Silence
4. Protocol
5. Additions/Changes and Approval of the Agenda
6. District Governor's Remarks
7. Approval of Minutes of the Aug 24, 2024, Cabinet Meeting
Available at
<https://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/CabinetMinutesReports20240824Aug.pdf>
8. Secretary's Report
9. Treasurer's Report
10. Cabinet Reports
11. Committee Reports
 - a) GET Marketing – IPDG Garry Ransom
 - b) 2025 Convention – Lion Michele Kurtz
 - c) 2026 Convention Bid – IPDG Garry Ransom
 - d) Environment – Lion Allanah Kelly
 - e) Lions Foundation of Canada - Matching Grant
12. Program: Interaction of mystery and enthusiasm – The Lions Portal
 - a) Activity
13. Special Presentations & Awards - IPDG Garry Ransom
14. Old Business
15. New Business
16. Anything for the Good & Welfare of Lions
17. Announcements
18. Next Cabinet Meeting: Saturday, January 25, 2025 Plattsville, ON
19. Adjournment

As mentioned in the previous Cabinet Report, I am still identifying and collecting information specifically in the area of enabling Clubs to enhance their support for members with a disability. The ultimate goal is to enhance services through the increased participation in Club activities by all Members. I would like to thank Lion Cheryl Bauman [ZC-51W] who shared the Accessibility report that she prepared on behalf of the Late, PDG George Corran, in his former capacity of District Accessibility Chair.

Clubs will be provided with the identification and practical approaches to accommodating the physical accessibility and comfort to meeting facilities for members with mobility issues such as those who use walkers or wheelchairs.

There are relatively straight forward considerations to ensure that those of us who wear hearing aids can fully participate such as the use of a sound system for larger meeting venues.

Clubs will be provided with guidelines for access to print materials such as font size, colour contrast and photos and images circulated electronically for those who are blind and low vision. Appropriate materials and training will be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Sanders

Report to Cabinet Nov. 9, 2024
CS Dianna Hewitt

I am slowly learning how to perform the duties of Cabinet Secretary, although I still have a lot to learn. I would like to thank everyone for their patience during this period. I am especially grateful for all the assistance from District Administrator Denis Vinette. I plan to spend the next few months learning more about gmail, Google Chrome and starting some LCI online training sessions.

CS Dianna Hewitt

Diabetes Chair Report to Cabinet

DG Bill and Members of Cabinet,

The clubs of District A-15 have been busy promoting Diabetes Awareness in their communities.

- K-W Community Spirit Lions - On October 3rd sponsored a Refreshment Station for \$1000 at the "Lace Up to End Diabetes" Walk held in Waterloo Park. One of their members participated in the walk and \$175 was pledged on the team page. In total \$11,595 was raised including sponsors. K-W Community Spirit Lions Evelyn and Jack Fisher also held a Diabetes Awareness event on October 7th at the Clair Hills Retirement Residence in Waterloo. Sixteen people received Diabetes Awareness brochures and a blue carnation. \$65 was raised for Diabetes Canada.
- Belwood Lions held their annual Toll Bridge on September 22nd to raise funds for Diabetes Canada. They reported that they did quite well with the event.
- Dundas Lions Club held a Diabetes Fundraiser Golf Tournament where \$2000 was donated to Diabetes Canada.
- Stratford Lions Club will be holding a Diabetes Tag Day on November 23rd.

As you all are aware, November is Diabetes Awareness Month and November 14th is World Diabetes Day. If your club hasn't done so, please consider donating to Diabetes Canada. You can tag your donation to go to research or to D-Camps like Camp Huronda or wherever funds are needed.

If your club does donate, please let me know so I can include it in my report to Diabetes Canada.

Thank you so much for your support!

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Trudy Carter
Diabetes Chair
District A-15



District A-15 Lions Clubs

Administration Account - Balance Sheet

As at:	October 31 2024	June 30 2024
ASSETS		
Kindred		
Kindred Emergency Fund Cash	24,886.49	24,886.49
Kindred Cash	72,364.08	47,066.63
Total Cash in Kindred	97,250.57	71,953.12
Shares in Kindred	25.00	25.00
Total Cash	97,275.57	71,978.12
District Dues Receivable	9,719.59	(48.01)
Total Current Assets	106,995.16	71,930.11
TOTAL ASSETS	106,995.16	71,930.11
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
MDA Dues Payable	22,172.50	-
Fines to be donated to LCIF	10.00	10.00
Centennial Project Fund	328.97	328.97
Convention Fund	6,151.19	4,455.79
DGE Partner Travel	941.17	3,600.17
Total Current Liabilities	29,603.83	8,394.93
Long Term Liabilities		
International Director - Contra	9,100.25	8,782.50
New Club Assessment - Contra	9,155.58	7,249.08
Total Long Term Liabilities	18,255.83	16,031.58
Total Liabilities	47,859.66	24,426.51
Equity		
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	24,503.60	21,411.23
Net Income	11,631.90	3,092.37
Total Equity	59,135.50	47,503.60
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	106,995.16	71,930.11



District A-15 Lions Clubs

Profit & Loss - Budget vs. Actual
Administration Account - July 1 2024 - October 31 2024

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under Budget)
Income			
District Directory	-	-	-
District Dues	10,803.50	10,803.50	-
Interest Earned	12.21	-	12.21
Leadership Development	1,400.00	1,400.00	-
Membership Assessment	1,906.50	1,906.50	-
Pin Sales	-	400.00	(400.00)
Leadership Grant from LCI	-	-	-
GAT Grants from LCI and MDA	-	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
			-
Total Income	14,122.21	15,510.00	(1,387.79)
Expense			
Awards - Cabinet	-	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Awards - Other	-	500.00	(500.00)
Total Awards	-	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Badges & Patches	717.71	1,200.00	(482.29)
Bank Charges	25.43	250.00	(224.57)
Cabinet Expense	442.50	1,535.00	(1,092.50)
Convention Expense	-	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair	-	1,100.00	(1,100.00)
District Chair - Other	-	300.00	(300.00)
Total District Chair Expense	-	1,400.00	(1,400.00)
District Directories	-	-	-
Global Action Team	438.16	2,300.00	(1,861.84)
Internet	197.85	375.00	(177.15)
Marketing and Canopy maintenance	-	300.00	(300.00)
Leadership Seminars	-	500.00	(500.00)
Leadership Institutes	-	450.00	(450.00)
Pins Purchased , District	-	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Postage & Telephone	(0.10)	200.00	(200.10)
Office Expense	68.76	500.00	(431.24)
USA / Canada Forum	600.00	1,500.00	(900.00)
Total Expense	2,490.31	15,510.00	(13,019.69)
Net Income	11,631.90	-	11,631.90



District A-15 Lions Clubs Trust Accounts - Balance Sheet

ASSETS	October 31, 2024	June 30, 2024
Chequing/Savings		
Trust Sight Imprest	5523.38	5523.38
Youth Exchange Imprest	12858.83	12858.83
Total - Youth	12858.83	12858.83
Kindred-Trust Account	225860.59	23629.68
Total Cash	244242.80	42011.89
Trf fm Admin for Interest Income	-71.91	-30.65
Total Cash and Receivable	244170.89	41981.24
Total Current Assets	244170.89	41981.24
TOTAL ASSETS	244170.89	41981.24
 LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Centennial Project- Gates	1029.20	1820.20
Effective Speaking Acct	2314.01	2314.01
Hearing Equipment	803.07	803.07
Diabetes Awareness	500.00	500.00
Lions Foundation of Canada		
LCIF \$150,000 US Matching Grant	202263.45	0.00
Leash Free Park	1604.86	1604.86
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	203868.31	1604.86
LIONS Quest Contra Account	5741.78	5741.78
LIONS Quest Canada	602.00	602.00
Peace Poster	2466.73	1749.53
Vision Screening	2972.94	2972.94
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	15606.81	15606.81
Total Current Liabilities	235904.85	33715.20
Long Term Liabilities		
Youth Camp Capital	8266.04	8266.04
Total Long Term Liabilities	8266.04	8266.04
Total Liabilities	244170.89	41981.24
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	244170.89	41981.24

DISTRICT GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER
Cabinet Report for November 9th 2024

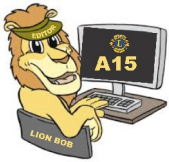
Plan of Action:

Continue with the established quality of the newsletter issues, we realize there is always room for improvement. 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,
Lion Bob Pearson
Copetown Lions
bulletin@a15lions.org
289-238-8877



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.

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



BEING GREEN IN A-15: *The Environment Chairperson's Report for November 9th, 2024*

The beautiful colours of fall are on display right now, and so is the Environmental Spirit of the A-15 Lions! Here's how the Lions of A-15 have been furthering environmental causes this year:

Environmental Cleanup and Restoration

The **Kitchener-Waterloo Community Spirit Lions Club** hosted a roadside cleanup service project on October 5th, picking up 12 bags of garbage from alongside Ebycrest Road in Woolwich Township. Six member of the club (and two volunteers) were also assisted by a member of the **Kitchener Lions Club**.

Two members of the **Freelton Lions Club** (and a Freelton volunteer) removed invasive phragmites from Silver Creek on October 6th to support the Silver Creek Restoration Project.

The **Freelton Lions Club** held a pilot for their Heavy Metal Buckthorn Pull service project on October 19th, removing an overflowing truckload of invasive common buckthorn from a re-naturalization site along the Eramosa River. Seven club members (and four volunteers) were joined by four members of the **Guelph Lions Club**, who provided invaluable support.

Tree Planting and Tree Care

Two members of the **Freelton Lions Club** (and a volunteer) participated in tree planting for Guelph's Take Root Program on September 29th, and again on October 5th.

A request was sent out to all clubs to participate in the MDA Environment Photo Contest, with the final date for submission being March 29th in order to allow for printing before the convention.

The bat box initiative is coming along and should be presented to the committee on November 9th. All clubs are highly encouraged to participate, and will receive a personalized, engraved emblem to put on their box as thanks.

If there are any clubs who have environmental initiatives on the go or would like some help figuring out an environmental project to take on, I would love to hear from them!



Allannah Kelly - Environment Chairperson
environment@a15lions.org



The **Burford Lions Club** had a community tree-planting event in Burford on October 19th. They planted over 400 trees in the park and provided a free BBQ lunch to volunteers.

Recycling and Waste Management

The **St. Jacobs Lions Club** held a metal recycling fundraiser from July 1st to August 25th, where volunteers collected cans on a farm property. Their efforts raised \$200!

The **Kitchener Pioneer Lions Club** had an e-waste drop-off from September 28th-29th, where two volunteers received and sorted electronic waste from the community.

The **Rockwood Lions Club** (with help from the **South Wellington Lions Club**) held bottle drives in July and September, raising \$850 dollars by collecting bottles and cans from local neighbourhoods. The two clubs hold a combined bottle drive fundraiser every third Saturday of the month.

The **Bellwood Lions Club** (with help from the **South Wellington Lions Club**) collected bottles and cans as a fundraiser every second weekend between May 24 and Thanksgiving, raising ~\$2000.

Global Extension Team Coordinator November Cabinet Report

The GET Team and GMT coordinator conducted a 1day membership workshop on October 6th. I would like to thank DG Bill for allowing us to use his work facilities. The title of the workshop was *Unlocking Growth: Strategies to Expand Your Club Membership*.

There were 28 attendees not including the facilitators representing 22 clubs. The discussions centered around club planning, building a team, action plans, how to “just ask” and specialty/branch clubs. The day ended with a bonus topic on how to convert a service report to a news release using AI. A survey of the workshop was done and following is an AI summary of the survey results.

Workshop Feedback Summary: Membership Strategy Workshop

1. Learning New Membership Strategies:

- **Many new strategies:** 35%
- **A few new strategies:** 53%
- **No new strategies:** 12%

2. Workshop Structure and Delivery:

- **Participation Mix:** Most attendees (76%) felt the balance between facilitator guidance and attendee participation was optimal.
- **Desired More Participation:** 18%
- **Preferred Less Participation:** 6%

3. Content Focus Areas:

- **Time on Club Planning:** 71% felt it was just right, though 24% wanted more focus.
- **Time on "Just Ask" Strategies:** Opinions varied, with 41% requesting more emphasis, 35% feeling it was sufficient, and 24% wanting less time.
- **Time on "Planning":** 56% felt the time was adequate, while 31% would have preferred additional focus.

4. Community Service Ideas:

- **Three or More New Ideas:** 65%
- **One or Two New Ideas:** 24%
- **No New Ideas:** 12%

5. Overall Workshop Satisfaction:

- **Exceeded Expectations:** 35%
- **Met Expectations:** 47%
- **Did Not Meet Expectations:** 18%

6. Practical Tools for Recruitment:

- **Definitely Useful Tools:** 53%
- **Somewhat Useful:** 41%
- **Not Really Useful:** 6%

7. Likelihood of Strategy Implementation:

- **Very Likely to Use Strategies:** 41%
- **Somewhat Likely:** 47%
- **Not Likely:** 12%

8. New Ideas Learned:

- Techniques like making recruitment discussions member-centric, partnerships (e.g., United Way), leveraging social media, volunteer roles ("Friends of Lions"), and AI for marketing emerged as fresh strategies.

9. Desired Future Topics:

- Interests include mastering digital tools (MyLion, AI, Facebook), fundraising, community collaboration, mentoring, succession planning, and better access to a directory of available workshops.

Summary: The workshop was well-received, with participants valuing the balance of facilitator input and interactive elements. Attendees learned practical, actionable ideas for membership growth, with the majority expressing intentions to adopt these strategies.

The next membership workshop is on how branch and specialty clubs can enhance your club membership. It is a zoom workshop held on November 10th at 7:00 pm

Report to Cabinet

DG Bill and Members of Cabinet

We have been off to a great start. We are asking new members to join our clubs. We are working on service projects to bring those members in. Our clubs are having information nights, to inform the public about who and what we do as Lions. We need to keep doing that. If every club had two new members, and retained membership in the clubs, we WILL meet our District Goals.

We have had a successful Membership workshop with our IPDG Garry (Global Extension Team Leader) in October. The workshop was well attended. There were a lot of new ideas and plans of recruiting in the works.

New member club orientations are always a nice piece to add to your club meetings, or just an information night. We can certainly help with that.

I will be attending the second set of Zone meetings with your VDG1 to talk about different membership approaches. There will be lots of information flowing at these Zone meetings, so may want to attend. I hope to see you there. Please remember, we are here to help you and your clubs grow. Reach out if you need anything!

Respectively submitted,

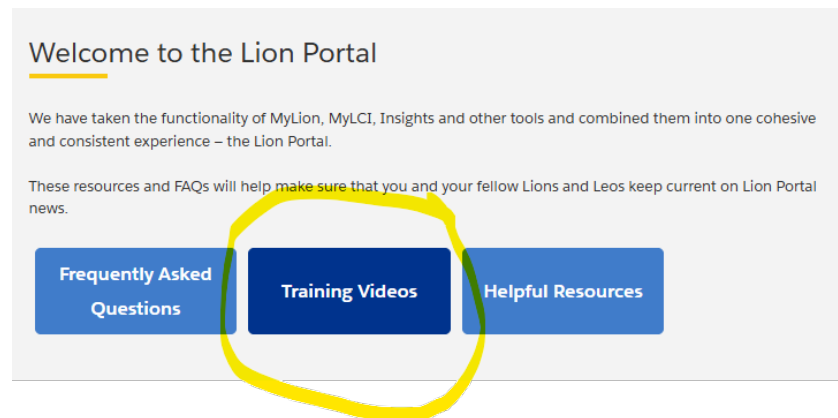
Lion Tracey Robinson

GMT

Hello everyone,

Many of us are experiencing struggles with MyLion, preventing clubs from reporting. Has your club done any Service Project this year? Sharing what we do with our fellow lions is as important as sharing what we do with our community. I encourage you to take the first steps in learning MYLION by reaching out, I am happy to assist and resolve any issues together.

To start as soon as you login you can review the training videos! Please reach out if you have any questions or unable to login.



Working with our community, showing our support, sharing our time with those around us.

Lion Anita Ertel

District A-15 Service Co-ordinator

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Report to Cabinet November 2014

The vision statement of LCIF is to be a global leader in humanitarian service.

The Foundation does incredible work in Canada and throughout the World. Without the support of Lions Clubs, Lions and corporations the foundation would not be able to support all the requests that are needed.

Our District has received a matching grant of US\$75,000.00 to support the construction of the Guide Dog facility this year. We also received a grant of US\$50,000.00 in support of vision screening as well as the Elmira Lions Club receiving a community access grant last year.

LCIF asked district A15 to commit \$37,500.00 to the foundation this year, with \$1476.00 being donated as the end of August. This is 3.97% of what we have been asked for. I know there have been donations made but have not been documented in the reports I receive.

Our district has received more money in grants than we have donated to the Foundation.

Giving is a truly selfless act and a very personal decision. No matter the amount, every gift is important and helps Lions accomplish great things.

Please consider a donation!

Contact me for Melvin Jones Credits your Club may have.

Gratefully submitted

LCIF Coordinator

Tony Davidson

District A15
LEO Cabinet Report
November 09, 2024
Monkton, ON

Governor Bill, Cabinet Officers & Fellow Lions:

The 17 members of the Guelph-Bridgeport LEO Club were inducted on October 17th. This new LEO Club is busy planning some events and wanting to assist those in need within their area.

KW LEO Club has been reestablished and has 33 members with several potential new members. They participated or assisted with the POGO Event, Diabetes Walk in Waterloo, and Oktoberfest souvenir sales. They will also be helping our club with the annual Santa Claus Parade.

It is with interest that the first President of the KW LEO Club, Duru Uluk has finished university and now working, has joined up club, and volunteered to be the club Liaison for this youth program.

Yours in Service.

OJ

Lion O.J Wilura
District A15
LEO Chairperson

District A15 Lions

November 9, 2024



LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA
DOGGUIDES



A15 LFC Chair Cabinet Meeting Report

Dog Guides Update

Work on the new school is making great progress. The foundation of the new school is poured and work has commenced on the first floor of the building. Construction is progressing on time with the completion of cement work anticipated to be in November.

Dog Guides have secured \$42 million towards the \$50 million Difference campaign to build the new national Dog Guide training school. Of this, Lions' clubs across Canada have contributed \$3.7 million! Thank you to the hundreds of Lions clubs across the country who are helping build the future of Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. However, there is more to go to reach the goal. [Visit The Difference web page to learn more.](#)

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.

There is still time to participate in the Dog Guide Puppy Calendar Lions program. Green Capes Lions Club offers a [calendar fundraising program](#) that helps clubs raise money for their community while supporting Dog Guides. To learn more about the program or to purchase 2025 Dog Guide Puppy calendars (\$20 each) contact me at lfc@15lions.org.

This time of year, Lions Clubs are busy with local events and community craft shows, setting up booths to sell items to raise money for Dog Guides. Keep an eye of District A15 club Facebook pages to learn where clubs will be each week. The Mosborough Busy Busy Club is holding a 50/50 Draw for Dog Guides. Email raffle@mhbblc.org for more information or to purchase a ticket.

Summary

From guiding their handlers through their daily lives to getting help when it is 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 can continue supporting its volunteers/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

Nomination Chair Report to Cabinet November 9, 2024

Nominations for District A15 office positions for the 2025/26 Lions year are now open as of November 1st for the offices of District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, and 2nd Vice District Governor. Nominations for the offices of Zone Chairperson and Region Chairperson will be accepted now with campaigns starting January 1st.

Campaigning Guidelines:

- Formal campaigning for the offices of 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor and District Governor may commence as of November 1st.
- Formal campaigning for Zone Chairperson and Region Chairperson may commence on or after January 1st.
- No campaigning may commence without proper paperwork being filed and brought up under necessary business.

Nomination Forms:

The nomination forms can be accessed on the A15 website: [Nomination Form](#). If you require a paper copy, please do not hesitate to contact me, and I will ensure it is provided to you.

Qualifications for Office:

The qualifications for each role are outlined below:

District Governor:

1. Active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club within the district.
2. Secure endorsement from the candidate's club or a majority of the clubs in the district.
3. Currently serving as 1st Vice District Governor in the district.
4. In cases where the current 1st Vice District Governor does not stand for election, a club member meeting the qualifications of a 2nd Vice District Governor, with one year served as a member of the district cabinet, may be eligible.

1st Vice District Governor:

1. Active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club within the district.
2. Secure endorsement from the candidate's club or a majority of the clubs in the district.
3. Currently serving as 2nd Vice District Governor in the district.

2nd Vice District Governor:

1. Active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club within the district.
2. Secure endorsement from the candidate's club or a majority of the clubs in the district.
3. Previous service as a club president for a full term or major portion and as a board member for at least two additional years; also, prior service as a zone or region chairperson or cabinet secretary/treasurer for a full term.

Region Chairperson:

1. Active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club within the region.
2. Secure endorsement from the candidate's club or a majority of the clubs in the region.
3. Previous service as a club president and board member or as a zone chairperson/cabinet secretary/treasurer.

Zone Chairperson:

1. Active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club within the zone.
2. Secure endorsement from the candidate's club or a majority of the clubs in the zone.
3. Previous service as a club president and board member.

I am more than willing to visit any club or Lion who would like additional information about becoming a candidate and serving on the A15 District cabinet for the 2025/26 Lions year. This is an excellent opportunity to contribute to our Lions community and lead with dedication and service.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or to schedule a visit.

Yours in service,
Kevin.

PCC Kevin J. Banfield
Nominations Chair A15
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kjbanfield930@gmail.com

Peace Poster Contest – Committee Report

– submitted by Lion Debbie Nelligan, Copetown Lions

Thank you to all the clubs that supported the Peace Poster Contest this year. We had many kits handed out this year and are looking forward to all the submissions. Winners will be posted in the next cabinet committee report. Please see the information below if you are interested in supporting youth in your community.

Are you Interested in supporting youth in the community here is a quick overview of the contest

- Contact your local school in late June and again in September to meet the timelines, ask to speak with the grade 7 or 8 art teacher and tell them your club will sponsor this event. Give the teacher in charge the information from your kit. This contest is open to children ages 11, 12 & 13.
- Ask your club to sponsor this event possibly with prizes. In your kit is also a flyer for the Essay contest for the visually impaired.
- Important that the students' artwork is done on the proper size poster paper. Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches (do not matt or frame artwork). Full contest rules will be in your kit.

The posters are due to Lion Debbie Nelligan in early November.

Take the poster entries back to your club so they can vote on the winner, and then arrange pickup of your poster by the deadline. Email for the contest is: peacepost@a15lions.org

Lastly, if your club would like to donate to this great cause, and help support youth in your community, you can send your donations to the treasurer of the A-15 District

Lion Debbie Nelligan

Report to Cabinet Nov. 9, 2024
RC51 Kevin March

I did one Zone Visit to Milverton Lions in place of ZC51W Cheryl Bauman. I attended a zone visit hosted by ZC51E George Woodley at South Wellington Community Lions Club Branch. I attended a Zone Advisory meeting held by VDG1 Linda Vinette in Atwood. I went to the Membership Workshop in Cambridge held by IPDG Garry Ransom.

I will be assisting in eyeglass sorting on November 2, hosted by Guelph Royal City Lions Club. I will also be attending both Zone Advisory meetings for 51 East and 51 West in November. I look forward to participating in future training sessions.

Region Chair Kevin March

Cabinet Report – November 4th, 2024

Sight Conservation and Screening Report for A15

District A15 Vision Screening Activities:

Region of Waterloo (ROW) – Six vision screening Teams will start vision screening the first week of November. Five teams are comprised of Lions members and friends of Lions from local Lions Clubs. One Team is comprised of University of Waterloo School of Optometry students. Screening will continue until the Spring of 2025.

Huron Perth Public Health Unit (HPPHU) – Vision screening will resume again in the Spring of 2025. Three to four Teams will be assembled to complete the Huron Perth area schools.

Wellington Dufferin Guelph Region (WDGR) – This health unit will rely on education and other programs to help with children’s vision needs.

Brant Oxford Region – These health units will rely on education and other programs to help with children’s vision needs.

Other:

Donations have been requested for CLERC who distributes the 1000’s of eyeglasses collected by Lions clubs across Canada. For info call 403-640-1056, or email: info@clerc.ca.

Regards

Lion Dave Millard

2024/2025 Sight Conservation and Screening Chair

Report to Cabinet, Nov 9th, 2024

Fellow Lions,

I've been busy with induction of new members at Paris Lions, Atwood Lions, Linwood & District Lions and Paradise & District Lions. Assisting ZC Cheryl with Zone Chair visits has been a rewarding experience. While at the ZC visits, PDG Denis Vinette has taken the opportunity to assist clubs with logging onto the Lions Portal and entering activities. Atwood Lions has celebrated the forming of a Lions Cub Club of 30 youth under the age of 12 and if you check out their Facebook page, they have been very active. I've hosted the first Zone meeting for 51W for ZC51W Lions Cheryl on Oct 2nd in Atwood with 30+ attending Lions. Guest speakers on Service were DG Bill Robinson and GST Chair Anita Ertel.

In September, I attended the USA Canada Lions Forum in Kentucky and the MDA Council meeting.

In October I attended the LFC Dog Guides training and our first in person Membership seminar hosted by DG Bill, GET Garry, GMT Tracey. I've volunteered to assist clubs with their activities at the Ontario Farm Show, the Elmira Wing night and the Thanksgiving Feast for the Community Pantry in Rockwood.

I'm available to assist in your club service activities, inductions of members or whatever you may require. Together we can accomplish so much. I'm here to serve.

Linda Vinette, 1st VDG

Report to Cabinet Nov. 9 by VDG2 Rick Mallon

The Lions year is nearing the halfway point

As 2nd VDG, I continue to support Governor Bill and his goals-increasing membership and increasing service. I have shared with fellow Lions and their clubs at the zone meetings and the membership workshop. Assistance has been offered on behalf of the district to all that want it.

Continuing to promote the use of the portal and the importance of reporting service to LCI. Also try to set a good example by volunteering at projects for clubs that I can make

Respectfully Submitted
VDG2 Rick Mallon

ZC 9C Neil Stephenson Report to Cabinet

Here is a brief summary.

I will have visited 6 of 7 clubs in my Zone and had 1 Zone advisory.
Currently working with Freelton to bring them back to full service.

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ZC51E George Woodley Report to Cabinet

October 2024 was quite a busy month for A51, since I was engaged in five (5) of my clubs with visits. These clubs were Guelph, Marsville, Elora, Rockwood and Fergus. The rest of the clubs in my zone had their visits in September. We, along with South Wellington Community Branch were involved in the Erin Fall fair on October 14, 2024. Belwood held a Craft Sale on October 19, 2024, and South Wellington Community Branch had a Schnitzel dinner on October 26, 2024. We are busy getting ready for the Zone Meeting on November 19, 2024 and Breakfast With Santa on December 07, 2024. That's about it.

Take care

Yours in Lionism,

ZC51E E. George Woodley

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Zone Chair 51W

Cabinet Meeting Report

I want to thank First Vice District Governor Linda Vinette for helping me with my 51W Zone visits this year while I deal with some health issues. I look forward to meeting Zone 51W Lions this month during club visits in and at the November Zone Meeting. I am here to support your Lions Clubs so feel free to reach out to me anytime and I will do my best to help your members.

Plan to attend the Zone meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024 in St. Jacobs. An email with the details will be sent to club secretaries very soon.

The following are upcoming 51W Zone meetings this month:

- Wellesley & District Lions - November 5 (Tuesday)
- Listowel & District Lions - November 11 (Monday)
- Elmira Lions - November 20 (Wednesday)
- St. Jacobs Lions - November 21 (Thursday)
- Woolwich Community Lions Club and Floradale Friends Branch Club - November 25 (Monday)

Around Zone 51W

Let me know if your club is hosting an event or has any news so that I can share the information with the rest of the District Lions Clubs.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others". - Mahatma Gandhi

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bauman, Zone Chair 51W