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Summer A-15 Cabinet Minutes – 2019-2020

2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 18th, 2018
Wellesley Community Centre, Wellesley, ON

1. Call to order

Attendance as indicated:

Voting Cabinet

DG Tracey Robinson	CC Kevin Banfield	1 st VDG George Corrin	CT Louse Howe
RC Gerry Runstedler	RC Gabrielle Paff	ZC Gary Eves	ZC Cecilia Fulker
ZC Jody Cherwonak	GLT-DC Dennis Loughheed	GST-DC OJ Wilura	LCIF Peter Oswald
ZC Victor Chaux			

Committee Chairs

PDG Diane Smith	PDG Tim DeBlock	PRC Paul Anstett	Lion Mark Henkell
Lion Allison Henkell	Lion Brian Martin	Lion Lyle Fair	PRC Deb Cserhalmi
PDG Thom Herrmann	Lion Joanne McQuiggan	PID Art Woods	

2. Welcome
3. O' Canada
4. Protocol – VDG1 George Corrin
5. Installation of District Officers – PID Art Woods
6. Presentation – PID Art Woods – *See page 18*
- 6.1. PID Lion Art Woods spoke briefly about Lions in Canada's Centennial Celebration
7. Guest Speaker – PDG A-2 Allan Snider – running for International Director for 2021-2023
8. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
- 8.1. **MOVED** to approve the agenda as distributed. Seconded and Carried.
9. District Governor's Remarks
10. Approval of Minutes of the June 20th, 2019 Cabinet Meeting
<http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/2019%20June%2020%202019%20Cabinet%20Meeting%20minutes.pdf>
- 10.1. **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Spring Cabinet meeting. Seconded and Carried.
11. Motion to Ratify the Actions of the Previous Cabinet for the year 2018-2019
- 11.1. **MOVED** That the actions of the previous District Cabinet be ratified.
MOVED That the actions of the previous District Cabinet be ratified.
12. Secretary's Report – *See page 3*
13. **MOVED** to acknowledge receipt of the Secretary's report. Seconded and Carried.
14. Treasurer's Report
- 14.1. Report and Financial Statements 2018-2019 - *See Pages 3 - 8*
MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's report and Financial Statements as presented. Seconded and Carried.
- 14.2. Proposed Budget 2019-2020 – *See Page 8* – Total Expenses is \$22,474.00 not \$0.00.
MOVED to receive the 2019-2020 proposed budget. Seconded and Carried.



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- 14.3. Committee Chairs who are doing fundraising are requested to submit a budget and outline of how you are going to do the fundraising before the Fall Cabinet Meeting in October.
15. Matters Arising – nothing arising
16. Cabinet Reports – *See page 9*
 - 16.1. MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Cabinet Reports. Seconded and Carried.
17. Committee Reports – *See pages 10 - 18*
 - 17.1. Youth Camp & Exchange – Lion Allison and Lion Mark Henkell
 - 17.2. Family and Women’s Specialist – PDG Diane Smith – spoke briefly regarding LCI decision to dissolve their relationship with the Lioness effective June 30, 2021. If you require further details please contact PDG Diane.
 - 17.3. LCIF – PCT Peter Oswald – year 1 of 3 in the books – thanks to all who have donated – looking for more clubs and individuals to donate in the next 2 years.
 - 17.4. MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Committee Reports
18. New Business
 - 18.1. Notification - Bids to host the District Convention two years hence must be received by Cabinet via the DG by the Fall Cabinet Meeting for referral to the Future Convention Advisory Committee.
 - 18.2. Wellesley & District Lions Club – Lion Chief Blair Cressman – Thanks for joining and appreciate the honour being asked to host. Lion Blair spoke about his club’s history and what they are up to in their community.-
19. Special Presentations & Awards – *pages 18 - 19*
 - 19.1. 100% Secretary and 100% Treasurer
 - 19.2. Other awards
 - 19.3. Lions Learning Recognitions – PCS Dennis Lougheed
20. Good & Welfare
 - 20.1. PDG A-12 Len Day – MDA New Club Consultant – spoke on the importance of adding new clubs to our district. The New Club Consultant (NCC) position has been going on for 10 years. Districts can request to have a NCC to come into their District and they will work for 3-5 with the intention of adding a new club.
 - 20.2. Upcoming Events
 - 20.2.1. IPDG Appreciation Night for CC Kevin Banfield is Saturday, October 26, 2019 – Grand Valley Golf & Country club
 - 20.2.2. Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Club is holding a raffle – grand prize is \$5000. They are also selling bandanas and pet first aid kits
 - 20.2.3. Lion Allen Fulker – Zurich Bean Fest – 4th weekend in August
 - 20.3. PDG OJ Wilura has been named GMT for MDA – PDG OJ also commended PDG Tim DeBlock, the Monkton Lions and all the volunteers on their youth camp.
21. For the Good of Lionism
22. Adjournment - Lions Grace & Dinner



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SECRETARY'S REPORT TO CABINET

I am very sorry to be missing our first Cabinet meeting of the 2019-2020 Lions year. I will be away in Toronto attending a concert that was postponed from May.

It has been a challenging start to my tenure as Cabinet Secretary with many new things to learn including the software used to keep District records. In light of this and many restarts on updating the data for this year the District Directory will not be ready for the August Cabinet Meeting. I take full responsibility for the delay and I would like to apologize to DG Tracey, to the Cabinet and to the Clubs. Lion Rob Shepley is working hard to finish the Directory and we will have them out to you as soon as possible.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET

This is to summarize the financial statements as at June 30, 2019 to close off the last Lions year. The financial statements in the package have been reconciled to the statements for bank accounts and all GIC investments as at June 30. The financial statements fairly reflect the financial position of the District. The informal audit of the financial statements has not been completed as of this writing but will be completed shortly – with a report to the District Governor / Cabinet to follow.

ADMIN – for clarification, I add the following:

- The Balance sheet fairly reflects the position of the District ADMIN account and the Bank account balance of \$7,380.57 is after any outstanding cheques for expenses etc close to year-end .
- Investments include \$24,528.00 (1.65% to June, 2020) for the reserve, \$8,100.50 (0.60% to December, 2020) of surplus held parked in a GIC to earn some interest – these total \$32,628.50. As well, there is \$6,181.86 from the International Director account invested at 2.15% to January, 2020 to earn some interest on those funds.
- We ended the year with a surplus of \$4299.28 for the 2018-19 year. Our revenue was very closely aligned to the budget. Our bank expenses were less than anticipated, however, this year, we will incur bank services charges TRUST – balance sheet is straight forward and reflects balances for applicable District & Lion project accounts. I have provided some Committee Chairs with info on their respective project. If there are any new Committee chairs that need some history on activity etc for your committee, let me know and I will provide as much as possible. GICs held here include:
 - Vision Screening \$5,418.61 at 1.50% to July, 2020; Youth Camp Capital \$8082.95 at 2.15% to Feb 2020; Lions Quest \$7,760.12 at 2.15% variable; Youth Camp regular \$13473.80 at 1.65% to Jun 2020.
 - Note the Centennial Project has \$17,487 available but is expected to be used this fall to move our Gate Project towards completion.



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- Effective Speaking is quite low and “owes” the Youth Camp account \$1500 for the transfer made to cover expenses in the spring of 2017.

2019-20 Administration Budget

The proposed budget is included with the package.

- Revenue will be down slightly with fewer members – as at August 11, membership reported is 1,435 (down 27).

- As in past years, the budget provides for an Honorarium of \$50 per Committee Chair – paid in June to help defray minor expenses.

- For Club Treasurers, the following will be invoiced in September:

o Per member \$8.50 (District Dues) + \$1.00 (Convention Fund) + \$1.50 (membership assessment to support GMT/GLT/GST Committee Chairs) plus \$0.25 (International Director’s Fund) = \$11.25. As well, a charge of \$25 per Club for the Leadership Seminar.

o The District will again invoice for MDA dues as well and they have increased to \$17.50 per member as at Aug 1.

MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- I move receipt of the financial reports as submitted.



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Accrual Basis

District "A"-15 Lions - Admin
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2018 through June 2019

Table with 4 columns: Category, Jul '18 - Jun 19, Budget, Over Budget. Rows include Ordinary Income/Expense, Income (Advertising, Canadian LIONS Summit Income, etc.), Expense (Awards, Badges & Patches, etc.), and Net Income.



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District "A"-15 Lions - Admin

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Balance Sheet

Accrual Basis

As of June 30, 2019

Jun 30, 19

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account	8,287.00
CIBC - Investments	32,628.50
CIBC USD Account	7.45
International Director Fund	786.48
New Club Assessment Fund	1,870.56
Total Cash	43,579.99
International Director GIC	6,181.86
Total Chequing/Savings	49,761.85
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	-200.00
Total Accounts Receivable	-200.00
Total Current Assets	49,561.85
TOTAL ASSETS	49,561.85
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
A/P USD for LCI	0.01
Total Accounts Payable	0.01
Other Current Liabilities	
Convention Fund	733.05
DGE Partner Travel	4,040.87
Total Other Current Liabilities	4,773.92
Total Current Liabilities	4,773.93
Long Term Liabilities	
International Director - Contra	6,786.48
New Club Assessment - Contra	1,870.56
Total Long Term Liabilities	8,657.04
Total Liabilities	13,430.97
Equity	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	7,689.42
Net Income	4,750.92
Total Equity	36,130.88
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	49,561.85



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District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust

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Balance Sheet

Accrual Basis

As of June 30, 2019

	Jun 30, 19
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
CIBC- Lions Quest Imprest	12,819.63
CIBC - Eff.Speaking Impst	341.13
CIBC - Trust Account	20,204.03
CIBC - Youth	
Youth Exchange Imprest	21,370.96
Youth Investments	13,473.80
Total CIBC - Youth	34,844.76
Investments	
QUEST - Investment	7,760.12
Trust ST Investment	5,303.00
Total Investments	13,063.12
Youth Camp Capital Fund	8,082.95
Total Chequing/Savings	89,355.62
Total Current Assets	89,355.62
TOTAL ASSETS	89,355.62
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Centennial Project	17,487.33
Cultural Festival	217.11
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	-1,158.87
Hearing Equipment	803.07
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Leash Free Park	1,604.86
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	1,604.86
LIONS Quest Contra Account	20,579.75
Peace Poster	1,529.58
Reading Action	6.12
Vision Screening	3,858.96
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	36,344.76
Total Other Current Liabilities	81,272.67
Total Current Liabilities	81,272.67
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	8,082.95
Total Long Term Liabilities	8,082.95
Total Liabilities	89,355.62
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	89,355.62



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District "A" 15 Lions
Proposed Budget for
2019-2020

Income		
	Advertising	250.00
	District Directory	150.00
		<u>400.00</u>
	District Dues	
	Dues - Collected	12197.50
	Total District Dues	<u>12197.50</u>
	Interest Earned	705.00
	LCIF	5000.00
	Leadership Seminar Income	1450.00
	Membership Assessment	2152.50
	Pin Sales	800.00
Total Income		<u>22705.00</u>
Expense		
	Awards	
	Awards - Cabinet	650.00
	Awards - Other	500.00
	Total Awards	<u>1150.00</u>
	Badges & Patches	450.00
	Bank Charges	250.00
	Bank Service Charges	280.00
	Cabinet Expense	2000.00
	Centennial Project	5000.00
	Convention Expense	750.00
	District Chair Expense	
	Comm Chair Expenses	300.00
	District Chair - Other	1500.00
	GMT / GLT / GST *see note	2000.00
	Leo Clubs	200.00
	Total District Chair Expense	<u>4000.00</u>
	District Directories	2000.00
	Internet	144.00
	Leadership Institutes	500.00
	Leadership Seminar	3700.00
	Liability Insurance	
	Pins Purchased	350.00
	Postage	100.00
	Printing & Stationery	300.00
	USA / Canada Forum	1500.00
Total Expense		<u>0.00</u>
Net Income		<u>231.00</u>



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CABINET REPORTS

District Governor – Tracey Robinson

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. Soon our clubs will be back into the swing of things, if you haven't been already. Lots of great things are happening this year. Myself and your cabinet team is ready to serve you as best they can. Our Campaign 100 is still looking for donations to support LCIF. We have kick started our Lions 2020, to plant trees and have a legacy project in your community. Let's celebrate Lions Service in Canada for 100 years. We are also going to bring more awareness back into our own district, by recognizing our committees and all that they do for the community in which you live.

Great things happened in Italy at the 103 International Convention in Milan. Our new Canadian International Director, Allan Hunt was elected. As well as a Canadian 3rd Vice International President, Dr. Patti Hill. It was a very exciting day for all Canadians. Our International President Jung Yul-Choi's theme is Diversity. We need diversity in our clubs, and service. Specialty clubs are also on the list of diversity, not just cyber, but Sewing, Rugby, Motor Bike clubs, etc. They all can serve just as well.

Our District is a great team. Let's keep working together.

IPDG – CC Kevin Banfield – nothing to report

Vice District Governor 1 – George Corrin

Over the summer, I have had the privilege of participating in Officer Installation, as well as an Induction, and attended one day of the MDA Convention. My VDG1 visits are lined up, for conveying the goals and objectives of our District Governor. I look forward to continuing to learn and develop relationships with each club and its members throughout the District of A15. I am registered to attend the US/Canada Forum in September 2019 in Spokane Washington.

In the future we need to continue to keep our Lions engaged and working effectively with all the communities across our District. Our communities want us to continue to provide the services that we have done for the last 100 years.

Vice District Governor 2 – Harvey Wood

It seems like summer just started and here it is ending. New and old challenges accompany each new Lions year. Governor Tracey's theme this year is TEAM and the District Team is positioned to meet challenges head on and is also positioned to lead our District Lions Clubs to new levels of membership, growth and service.

Zone Chair 37S – Cecilia Fulker

It has been an amazing year as Region Chair for 37. I had some wonderful visits and made amazing Lion friends, all with the same goal to serve. I closed my year by installing Officers in Ingersoll, Thamesford and Zurich. I was also proud to witness a great man (Lion Paul LaLande) receive a Melvin Jones Fellow. It brought everyone to tears. This year with our Governor Tracey, we will be an awesome team representing A15. My new position is as important as any other and together with ZC Lion Jody and RC Lion Gabrielle our 37 team will be unstoppable.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

GLT District Coordinator – PCS Dennis Lougheed

While MyLCI remains the tool for reporting most club related information, service, fundraising and meeting activity reporting has been replaced by the new MyLion. Implementation of MyLion has been encumbered by a lack of instructional support resources, inconsistent performance, feature failures and not yet released features. Users are experiencing considerable frustration as they try to make use of the new system. Your Global Action Team and Zone Chairs are committed to supporting you in your efforts but we ask that you bear in mind that we too are facing the same learning curve challenges. We make the following recommendations;

1. If you try and fail, do not “beat your head against the wall”. Reach out for advice on if and how the issue might be resolved.
2. Limit MyLion use to the “critical” components of posting and reporting meetings, service activity and fundraising activity.
3. Use the support and contact links within the MyLion interface to report issues.
4. Go back and read all of the emails that have been sent to you over the past six months regarding MyLion and the Lion Account.

Our first Tech Town hands on workshop will be held on October 19th, 2019. This session will be dedicated to Lion Account/MyLCI/MyLion use. **Club Secretaries** (followed by Presidents, Club Administrators and Club Service Chairs) **should treat attendance at this workshop as a must attend event.** This our most effective way to assist you in successful use of this new system. Registration information has been posted on the District web site at

[Lions Learning Seminars](http://a15lions.org/seminar/) OR <http://a15lions.org/seminar/>

Based upon feedback received from last year’s Tech Town Workshops, the Lions Learning Seminars and a survey sent out in July to all members, plans are well underway for a variety of learning and training opportunities throughout the year. As those plans are completed, details will be announced.

Your first Zone Meetings of the year will address our organization’s need for leaders and the role that each of us play in the development and provision of that leadership. Please plan on attending.

Throughout the year numerous learning and training opportunities in a wide variety of forms are announced and we encourage all Lions to take advantage of those opportunities, strengthen your role as a Lion and grow the service that we collectively provide. Last year’s introduction of the District A-15 Learning Recognition Award was designed to both promote and recognise those who have done so in the past and we extend our congratulations and thanks to its inaugural recipients.

Filings of the District Global Leadership Development Plan as well as applications for District Operating Budget and District Program Development Reimbursement Funds have or will be completed and submitted to LCI as soon as they activate their submission platform.

GMT District Coordinator – PRC Bill Robinson



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A new Lions year is well underway and now is the time to be thinking of growing. Membership should be on our minds all year long. Circumstances change in a person’s life and there is not much you can do about. We should be looking at bringing new members on board to help with the service that we do, as well as listening to the current members of the club to make sure they are happy and motivated to keep serving. Without a strong membership we as Lions would not be able to provide the much-needed service in our communities or fill the leadership positions in our Club or at the District level. I am available to assist whenever and wherever to achieve your membership goals.

GST District Coordinator – PDG OJ Wilura

District Governor Tracey, Cabinet Members and Lions:

Below you will note the final statistical information regarding service activity reporting on MyLCI for our fiscal year 2018-2019.

	Clubs Reporting *	Activities	Lions Hours	People Served
2018-19 to date	56 out of 58	2,261	96,715	312,367

* Not including University of Guelph

1 club in Zone 37 South and 1 in Zone 51 West failed to report any activity. The club in 51W is now entering its 5th year of no reporting.

Preparation for Tech Town 1 on October 19th is presently being done and further information will come from the District GLT Coordinator, Lion Dennis.

We understanding there may be some or even a lot of growing pains with reporting Service Activities on MyLion, so attendance at Tech Town would be very beneficial, especially to the Club Secretaries who did not attend last year and for the new Secretaries.

LCIF – PDT Peter Oswald

Lions – we have completed the FIRST year of our THREE YEAR Campaign 100 program to raise funds for your Foundation – Lions Clubs International Foundation - LCIF

We have a LOT to be proud of as a District. District A-15 leads the way in MD ‘A’ with the highest amount contributed and by far the largest increase in donations over the previous year! See the facts in the report below. THANK YOU.



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LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL District Coordinator Jun - 2019 Goal Report

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CA	MD	District	LCIF District Coordinator	Total Funds Raised FY : 2017-18	Jun - 2018 Total Funds Raised (YTD)	Jun - 2019 Total Funds Raised (YTD)	Increase/Decrease	Monthly Increase			Goal	Goal %
								Apr - 2019 Total Funds Raised	May - 2019 Total Funds Raised	Jun - 2019 Total Funds Raised		
II	19	19 H	WILLIAM CHEAQUI	\$41,789.33	\$41,789.33	\$36,744.12	(\$5,045.21)	\$455.09	\$2,562.49	\$4,853.94		
II	19	19 I	Al Beddows	\$19,522.31	\$19,522.31	\$20,390.67	\$868.36	\$211.88	\$1,551.85	\$1,218.53		
II	19	19 I	Brian Phillips	\$19,522.31	\$19,522.31	\$20,390.67	\$868.36	\$211.88	\$1,551.85	\$1,218.53		
MD 19--- Sub Total:				\$143,059.94	\$143,059.94	\$166,033.46	\$22,973.52	\$13,760.80	\$16,323.41	\$17,390.62		
II	49	49 B	Edward Casey	\$5,368.52	\$5,368.52	\$8,372.32	\$3,003.80	\$300.00	\$1,150.00	\$300.00		
MD 49--- Sub Total:				\$5,368.52	\$5,368.52	\$8,372.32	\$3,003.80	\$300.00	\$1,150.00	\$300.00		
II	A	A 1	ERIC DOLANSKY	\$13,352.91	\$13,352.91	\$8,483.81	(\$4,869.10)	\$865.66	\$0.00	\$0.00		
II	A	A 1	Robert Tanner	\$13,352.91	\$13,352.91	\$8,483.81	(\$4,869.10)	\$865.66	\$0.00	\$0.00		
II	A	A 2	DENNIS CRADDOCK	\$12,841.24	\$12,841.24	\$12,303.87	(\$537.37)	\$574.32	\$1,048.15	\$3,300.00		
II	A	A 2	Don Soepboer	\$12,841.24	\$12,841.24	\$12,303.87	(\$537.37)	\$574.32	\$1,048.15	\$3,300.00		
II	A	A 3	HARRY MARISSSEN	\$30,458.40	\$30,458.40	\$22,109.03	(\$8,349.37)	\$1,791.55	\$1,648.14	\$7,867.87		
II	A	A 4	JAMES G M DEVENNY	\$10,986.55	\$10,986.55	\$9,321.91	(\$1,664.64)	\$1,783.58	\$1,592.59	\$607.39		
II	A	A 5	GRACE KINGSNORTH	\$6,855.19	\$6,855.19	\$8,174.72	\$1,319.53	\$540.15	\$148.15	\$2,907.42		
II	A	A 711	Bill Speck	\$22,050.44	\$22,050.44	\$26,266.82	\$4,216.38	\$451.60	\$44.45	\$4,909.99		
II	A	A 9	WALLACE PUGH	\$8,742.03	\$8,742.03	\$9,400.58	\$658.55	\$746.27	\$500.00	\$1,598.95		
II	A	A 12	WILLIAM COPEMAN	\$24,301.21	\$24,301.21	\$18,889.23	(\$5,411.98)	\$1,462.68	\$4,063.00	\$1,896.32		
II	A	A 15	Peter Oswald	\$16,582.81	\$16,582.81	\$33,360.72	\$16,777.91	\$261.45	\$1,127.32	\$7,910.66		
II	A	A 16	Michael Springford	\$20,701.44	\$20,701.44	\$26,153.18	\$5,451.74	\$4,050.62	\$81.49	\$5,496.33		
MD A--- Sub Total:				\$166,872.22	\$166,872.22	\$174,463.87	\$7,591.65	\$12,527.88	\$10,253.29	\$36,494.93		

In Fiscal 2019, the District had 51% of the Clubs participating. Our per-member-average (donations spread across all Lions) was \$32.35. These are both pretty good relative to other areas but certainly there is room for improvement as well. There are a few Clubs that I would like to highlight for the level of contributions based on per-member-amount –the following have donated over \$100 per member:

Elmira \$113.14; KW Community Spirit \$337.33; Marsville \$303.69; St Jacobs \$184.62; Woodstock \$163.51

Reminders

- All donations are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowships (MJF). Check with me if stats are needed – some clubs can award several MJFs based on donations already made.
- All personal donations will receive a tax receipt.
- ALL FUNDS DONATED by Clubs or individuals should be made to **Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF** – either ONLINE at <https://lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca/> OR make the cheque payable to that name and mail to:

The Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF
C/O PDG Stan Durward, Box 38
Sunderland, Ontario, L0C 1H0

One year down; TWO YEARS TO GO. The Lions year 2019-2020 is really the time to shine with LOTS of donations & extra Fundraisers. As you start planning for Lions 2020 – make LCIF a key priority in your Club.

Lions Foundation of Canada – PRC Deb Cserhalmi

Thank you all for supporting the 2019 Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides. With your help \$1,328,560.03. There are a few walks left this fall to support. All money raised goes directly to the seven types of dog programs. These dogs are given free of charge to Canadians with disabilities. You'll recognize our graduate teams by the red vests they wear and the foster pups in green vests. Feel proud knowing you've made lives easier for our fellow Canadians in need.



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The totals are also in for donations made by the clubs in District A15. 41 clubs donated between July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, including the Lynden LEOS. The district donated a goal of \$102,617. This does not include the Dog Walk totals. The Canadian total of all Lions clubs donated is \$1,377,056.75. Thank you all for supporting our Foundation.

There are many ways to support our Foundation; from awards to worthy Lions, to sponsoring a team to hosting a Dog Walk, to fostering a puppy. All your efforts will help change lives!

Peace Poster/Essay Contest – Lion Janet Dawson-Brock

Lions/Lioness and Leo's

I apologize for not being at the Cabinet meeting but we are spending a month in PEI at our cottage.

I am pleased to say that 19 out of the 20 Peace Poster/Essay kits are out to the clubs in A 15. Journey for Peace is our theme this year. We have been looking for Peace since the beginning of time and lets hope the Youth can find Peace.

Lions and Lioness again I am requesting you to donate to the Peace Poster/Essay Contest. We only had three clubs donate at the M D A level. It cost us over \$3000 to run the program at the M D A level .

District Level checks payable to District A-15 Peace Poster/Essay
Mail to Louise Howe
419 Rock Chapel Rd
R R # 2
Dundas, ON L9H 5E2

M D A level checks payable to M D A Peace Poster/Essay Contest
Dave Hewitt
4182 Rd. 169 #18
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Our deadlines are very early in the Lions year November 15, 2019, so Lions/Lioness let's get into the schools and have another successful year for Peace Poster/Essay Contest

Lions Quest – PDG Denis Vinette

The GOOD, the BAD and the (slightly) UGLY.

The GOOD:

I want to thank all of the clubs of our District that contributed to Lions Quest Canada this past year. We raised more money than anytime in the last 5+ years, District A15 **IS** the leading District in Canada for **dollars donated** and **percentage of clubs** that made a contribution to Lions Quest! Keep this in mind when you plan your coming year's donations. You'll want to ensure that we continue to keep the lead in supporting this valuable program.

The BAD:

Even with all of the help and effort that Lions members and Lions Quest Ambassadors provided, we were only able to successfully schedule 1 Lions Quest School Based workshop which will take place on August 20. Even at that, we will only have about 16 in attendance of a potential 36. We, as Lions, know the value of this program but getting the message out through conventional (aka. official) channels (School Board, Trustees and Principals) has been difficult to say the least. In hindsight, it might have been best to ask the members to blitz their local school teachers and staff directly. This method has proven to be the most effective way to get teachers to participate.

I've also been told that the current provincial political climate of austerity and cutbacks is having an effect on how much extra non-school and school day training teachers are **allowed** and **willing** to do. Here's hoping things will resolve themselves soon so that we might be able to better engage the schools in attending our training events and adopting our program.

THE (slightly) UGLY:

Time is up. Whatever funds received from LCIF towards School Base Workshops that have not been used this month will need to be returned. This is disappointing but we need to adhere to the terms of the matching grant. Who knows what the future may hold in LCIF funding but we expect that other new and current grants will be available to assist us going forward. There will likely be a special Lions Quest Workshop in Toronto in November where all of the finding options will be further discussed.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Funds donated for awards and recognitions (Lions Quest Fellowships, Q-Bear Fan Club, etc.) should be sent directly to Lions Quest Canada. Any other donations, should be sent to the District Treasurer with a note (or in the cheque memo field) indicating that you wish these funds to go to Lions Quest service.

Thank you to DG Tracey for allowing me to continue to serve as your LQ Chairperson this coming year.

Family and Women's Specialist – PDG Diane Smith

I will again be acting as the coordinator for the Family and Women's Membership portfolio at the District and the MDA level for this Lions year.

Last year a new initiative was launched, entitled *New Voices*, with an emphasis on creating gender parity in our organization. Our new International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, is placing an emphasis on diversity and inclusion within our clubs and the New Voices theme can be continued in a broader scope. I ask members to consider developing specialty clubs in the 5 categories suggested by International:



- ✓ Culture
- ✓ Life stage
- ✓ Cause
- ✓ Profession/education
- ✓ Sport or hobby



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In June, I participated in a webinar, *Beyond the Horizon and Year in Review*. Each of the seven constitutional areas summarized the work done to aid women in identifying their strengths and how programs were developed to meet the needs of local communities. In Canada, our New Voices chair, Nicole Heon-Lepage, gave details of the Lions of Canada symposium held in Ottawa on May 30th. I attended this symposium on Parliament Hill which celebrated the role of women in the Lions organization. At the time of her report Canada had gained 356 new women Lions members and for the first time in 38 years Canada saw positive growth in overall membership. An important change related to women in our organization-the Board of Directors of LCI passed a resolution to dissolve the relationship with the Lioness program as of June 30, 2021. I will keep you informed as new details emerge.

Be a Voice of New Ideas!

Convention Host – PRC Bill Robinson

We still have plans to host the convention next spring. Stay tuned more details to follow. Mark April 3rd, 4th and 5th on your calendars in Stratford for the District A-15 Convention.

Camp Coordinator – ZC Cecilia Fulker

I am sorry I did not get to the camps but I will still promote their importance in the overall Lions Family. This year is still the Diabetic pillar. The Diabetic Camp we support still needs our help. The cabins at the camp need serious roof care. Please continue to give to this amazing camp. My mission will still be to inform clubs of all the camps and how our support and funds will serve all our communities and our future.

Diabetes Awareness – East – PRC Brian Martin

As the startup for the Lions Year 2019-20 draws near, it is my intention, as co-chair, to work to inspire District Clubs to develop and conduct activities or functions, which will help promote Diabetes Awareness within their community.

As in the past, I will continue to liaise with Diabetes Educators in the Local Integrated Health Networks and within Diabetes Canada, to formulate plans that will enable us (Lions) to enhance Public knowledge concerning Diabetes.

As the STRIDES Walk at the recent District Conventions were successful, I will work with the District Convention Committee to include another STRIDES walk for the 2020 Convention.

Sight Screening & Conservation – PDG Tim DeBlock

We are looking for you!.....or someone you know who would like to help kids in your community. We are fortunate to have agreements with 4 Health Units to partner facilitating vision screening to senior kindergarten children this coming fall. Simply, we need more volunteers to lighten the load of those who are delivering this service. If not something that fits you please try to consider someone else to ask.



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Youth Camp & Exchange – Lion Allison and Lion Mark Henkell

Another youth exchange and camp is in the books! All the youth have left Canada with great memories and a group of new best friends. Mark, Pat, Jenna and Allison enjoyed the time in camp and the great youth with whom we were able to spend time. We are very grateful to all of the clubs who provided money, meals, host families, and those who were able to attend the International Night hosted by Copetown, Lynden, and Rockton Lions clubs. I believe those who are able to attend the evening were treated to an enjoyable night out.

This year we had the opportunity to attend a corn roast, hosted by the Walsh family just outside of Scotland Ontario. The Walsh family are youth hosts for District A-2 and the youth from the A-2 camp were also in attendance. We were given a warm welcome, well fed, and enjoyed an afternoon of “picnic games” including a wheelbarrow race, a three-legged race, and a shoe kick. The youth from the two camps had a good time getting to know each other and we were able to have our youth perform a couple of songs as they “sang for their supper”.

We have provided a report, which shows budget versus actual with respect to the finance portion of the camp for 2019. Overall, our costs were within \$200 of budget however, we did spend more in the “Camp supplies and groceries” category. There were a few meals where no Lions Club was available to cook so there were additional grocery costs that came out of the camp budget. We also needed to purchase a new cooler and water dispenser. This year we did not go to the Mandarin, which saved us money and allowed us to come in close to budget despite the overrun with groceries. Also, because of the timing of when the Blue Jays played and the availability to tour the Lions Dog Guide Facility in Oakville, we had some additional time in Toronto which resulted in an additional meal out. We are hopeful that next year we will have clubs that are able to prepare each of our meals in camp; it would be a good opportunity for clubs that are not currently involved with the camp to come out and see what we are doing.

Speaking of opportunities... For the 2020 camp we are hoping there will be someone (or several people) who are willing to step up and help. We realize not everyone is able to go to camp for 11 days however; we need help with the planning portion of the camp. We would love to have someone take responsibility for coordinating the meals and ensuring that Lions clubs are lined up to prepare meals in camp. We could also use someone to act as a champion for the camp and help provide information to clubs who may be looking to donate but have not done so in the past. Additionally someone could assist by coordinating the host families. There are lots of opportunities as it takes a lot to coordinate the camp long before the youth arrive. We also need to look at having volunteers come to camp as counsellors and as always we will be looking for host families. If you are able to assist in any way please speak to Mark or Allison or send an email to ycex@a15lions.org, we would love to talk to you.

Thank you to all the clubs who participated in our camp this year and thank you to all of the host families who opened your homes to youth of the world; your assistance is appreciated!



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<u>Youth Exchange Program</u>				
<u>Budget vs Actual</u>				
<u>July 2019 Camp</u>				
	2018 Actual	2019 Budget	2019 Actual	
Donations received from clubs			18,000	includes cheques not yet given to Treasurer
Camp fees collected			5,750	
			23,750	
Airport Arrival expenses	156	300	355	Mileage, parking, and meals for arrival day for Camp Staff - 2018 lower because no parking or mileage as we stayed over at hotel
Blue Jays Game - tickets, parking, dinner	1,253	1,200	1,054	
Camp accomodations	6,449	7,000	7,910	Budget based on going back to Blue Springs misc groceries, grocery set up, first aid, bug spray, sun screen, meal for set up, craft supplies, Int'l night supplies
Camp supplies and groceries	1,586	1,500	2,444	
CN Tower	876	900	912	
Eaton Centre - parking & lunch			566	we had to adjust timing of events based on Blue Jays schedule and ability to get into Lion's Foundation
Glow Zone	407	400	429	instead of trampolines; kids really enjoyed it, mini golf & laser tag & arcade
Hornblower	686	700	582	more youth under 18 who could take advantage of discount (\$25.35 adult/\$16.35 18 & under)
Ice Cream for everyone	284	150	148	did ice cream twice, once with canoeing once in Woodstock
Fort George	147	150	141	guided tour and parking
Liability Insurance	548	550	573	never included in budget in prior years
Mandarin	1,066	1,100	-	skipping this year, we were invited to a corn roast, additional grocery cost for drinks
Name Tags	267	150	198	need to budget \$200; we shopped around, we are getting a good deal
Niagara Falls Lunch		250	-	2019 bought supplies and did brown bag lunch, cost included in camp supplies/groceries
Niagara Falls parking	60	100	-	free with Skylon dinner
Niagara Falls Supper - Skylon	899	900	1,052	don't do youth group tours anymore, no complimentary for leaders etc.
Police Checks	33	100		never included in budget in prior years
Pizza	129	150	120	
Rockwood Conservation	182	200	-	we didn't do this because of timing of events
St Jacob's Horse Drawn Tour	404	400	418	
Subway Lunch (Foundation Visit)	381	400	310	
Transportation	5,281	5,500	5,189	
T-Shirts, Polo, Jackets etc	1,117	1,200	1,242	last year's shirts were much better, sticking with the breathable material
Wonderland Tickets/Parking/Dinner	1,619	1,600	1,680	
Youth Exchanges pins/patches	235	200		
	24,063	25,100	25,323	
Overage (Shortfall)			(1,574)	



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Table with columns for item, amount, and description. Includes items like Youth Exchange Program, Support for 'Camp Supplies & Groceries', Denis & Linda Vinette, Sporting Goods, Signs, Supplies, Meals, Equipment, Groceries, Water refills, First Aid, and Tips. Total amount: 2,444.08

Presentation – PID Lion Art Woods

Lion Art Woods presented PCS Lion Dennis Lougheed with a Presidential International Leadership Award and Medal.

Awards – CC Kevin Banfield

100% Secretary

- PCS Lion Dennis Lougheed – St. Jacobs Lions Club

100% Treasurer

- PDG Lion Nancy Ransom – KW Community Spirit Lions Club
- PRC Lion Bill Robinson – Stratford Lions Club



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Art Woods Golden Tree

- PRC Lion Deb Cserhalmi – Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Club
- Lion Nancy Chiasson – Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Club

Lions Learning Recognition

- PDG Lion Diane Smith – Woolwich Community Lions – Bronze Recognition
- PDG Lion OJ Wilura – Lions Club of Kitchener – Bronze, Silver & Gold Recognition
- 1st VDG Lion George Corrin – Thamesford Lions – Bronze, Silver & Gold Recognition
- CC Lion Kevin Banfield – Lions Club of Kitchener – Bronze, Silver & Gold Recognition
- PCS Lion Dennis Lougheed – St. Jacobs Lions Club – Bronze, Silver & Gold Recognition