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Fall A-15 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
Lions Year 2019-2020
7:00 PM October 23rd, 2019
Paris Fair Grounds

1. Call to order

Attendance as indicated:

Voting Cabinet

DG Tracey Robinson	CC Kevin Banfield	1 st VDG George Corrin	2 nd VDG Harvey Wood
CS Trudy Carter	CT Louise Howe	RC Gerry Runstedler	RC Gabrielle Paff
ZC Gary Eves	ZC Victor Chau	ZC Jody Cherwonak	ZC Mark Koenig
ZC Garry Ransom	GLT-DC Dennis Lougheed	GMT-DC Bill Robinson	MDA GMT/GST-DC OJ Wilura
LCIF Peter Oswald			

Committee Chairs

PRC Deb Cserhalmi	MDA FWC/PDG Diane Smith	PDG Doug Smith	MDA CC/PDG Denis Vinette
Lion Brian Martin	PDG Nancy Ransom	PRC Paul Anstett	MDA CC Janet Dawson-Brock
PDDG George Patton	PDG Dan Ayim		

Also in attendance were 40 other dedicated Lions.

2. Welcome
3. O Canada – CS Trudy Carter
4. Protocol – 2nd VDG Harvey Wood
5. Lions Grace – 1st VDG George Corrin
6. Dinner
7. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda – CS Trudy
 - 7.1. Report received from Zone 9 South – under Cabinet Reports
 - 7.2. Incorrect report printed for Diabetes East - correct report under Committee Reports
 - 7.3. **MOVED** to approve the agenda with the above noted additions & corrections. Seconded & Carried.
8. District Governor’s Remarks – *see page 8*
9. Approval of Minutes of the August 18th, 2019 Cabinet Meeting
Available at <http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/CabinetMinutes2019-08-18.pdf>
 - 9.1. **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Summer Cabinet Meeting. Seconded and Carried.
10. Secretary’s Report – no report at this time.
11. Treasurer’s Report
 - 11.1. Report and Financial Statements as of September 30, 2019 - *See Pages 3-6*
MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer’s report and Financial Statements with the change of “Corporate Donations” to “International Matching Grant” under the Admin account Budget vs Actual. Seconded & Carried.
 - 11.2. Budget 2019-2020 – *See Page 7*
MOVED to accept the 2019-2020 Budget. Seconded and Carried.
12. Matters Arising – Lion Neil Hoogendoorn noted that Lion Katie Marr was from the Hillsburgh Lions Club not the Marsville & District Lions Club as indicated in the GST Report. The correction has been updated.
13. Cabinet Reports – *See Pages 8-10*



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- 13.1. MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Cabinet Reports. Seconded and Carried.
14. Committee Reports and discussions – *See Pages 11 through 19*
 - 14.1. GST District Co-Ordinator – PDG OJ Wilura – spoke about Tech Town – upcoming date February 22
 - 14.2. Long Range Planning – PDDG George Patton – Spoke about possible changes to future Convention Structure – *Page 13*
 - 14.3. Convention Committee – GMT Bill Robinson – registration forms out shortly – plans are moving along well.
 - 14.4. Lions Quest – Denis Vinette – *Pages 15-16*
 - 14.5. Effective Speaking 2019-2020 Budget – *Page 18*
MOVED to approve the Effective Speaking Budget. Seconded and Carried.
 - 14.5.1. Budget needs to be amended to include \$1700 for MDA lunches.
 - 14.5.1.1. MOVED to accept amended budget. Seconded and Carried
 - 14.6. Youth Camp 2019-2020 Budget – *Page 19*
MOVED to accept the Youth Camp Budget. Seconded and Carried.
 - 14.7. MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Committee Reports. Seconded and Carried.
 - 14.7.1. Under discussion PDDG George expressed that Cabinet needs to make a decision as to whether they want to discuss the format. He suggested they table to allow for discussion and bring forth at January Cabinet Meeting. DG Tracey stated the Cabinet will discuss at their next pre-cab and have an answer at the next Cabinet Meeting.
 - 14.7.2. Under discussion CC Kevin elaborated on Tech Town and entering Club service hours. He spoke on the importance of entering those hours. He thanked those who attended Tech Town and everyone who has worked to put their hours in.
15. New Business
 - 15.1. Lion/Lioness Janet Dawson-Brock – spoke about the Lioness Program and gave a brief report regarding Peace Poster/Essay Contest
 - 15.2. Paris Lions Club – Lion Bruce Falkiner – spoke about the Paris Lions Club and what they do in their community and beyond.
16. Special Presentations & Awards
 - 16.1. Monarch Award – 10 Year Charter Monarch presented to PRC Deb Cserhalmi
17. Good & Welfare
 - 17.1. Upcoming Events
 - 17.1.1. ZC 9S official visits will be Nov 26th for Rockton & December 11th for St. George. The Zone Meeting for 9S in Burford will be January 28th.
 - 17.1.2. Cambridge Highlands Lions – Annual Christmas Bazaar – November 9 – 10 am – 2 pm
 - 17.1.3. Marsville & District Lions – Breakfast – October 26 – 7 am – 10 am
 - 17.1.4. Woolwich Community Lions – Fairytale Ball – November 23 – 1 pm – 4 pm
 - 17.1.5. KW Community Spirit – Free Skate with Santa – December 22 – 12 pm – 2 pm
 - 17.1.6. Centre Wellington Diabetes Lifestyle Expo – November 24 – 1 pm – 4 pm
 - 17.1.7. Mosborough Busy Busy Lions – Raffle for Dog Guides
 - 17.1.8. Ralph's Ride – In support of Canadian Diabetes Research – please consider donating
 - 17.2. Other
 - 17.2.1. 50/50 Draw - \$145.00 – winning ticket 670254 – PDG Diane Smith was the winner.
18. Adjournment by DG Tracey at 9:10 pm.



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TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET

The financial statements are presented today as at September 30, 2019. Note that Club invoices include dues for the District AND MD 'A' again this year. Funds collected on behalf of MD 'A' (invoiced a total of \$25,060.00) will be remitted to the MD 'A' Treasurer. The District is under no financial obligation on this activity – we are simply collecting and remitting funds collected on the invoice. The financial records have been balanced and reconciled to the bank statements as at Sept. 30. The financial statements presented here fairly reflect the financial position of the District.

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS

- The proposed budget that was presented in August did not have any further changes and I ask that it be accept as it was presented at that time
- All Clubs have been invoiced for their dues for this Lions year based on actual membership as at Aug 1, 2019. This is based on 1,435 members at that date.
- With respect to Expenses vs Budget, there has been limited activity to date.
- As of Oct 23, approximately 1/2 of the Clubs have paid their dues.

TRUST ACCOUNTS

- The balance sheet for the Trust accounts is an accurate reflection of all balances held in Trust as at September 30, 2019 and all accounts have been reconciled to the Bank records as at the same date.

MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- I move receipt of the financial reports as submitted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Louise Howe
Cabinet Treasurer
Lions District A-15



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10/19/19
Accrual Basis

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

	Jul - Sep 19	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Advertising	250.00	250.00
Canadian LIONS Summit Income	0.00	0.00
Corporate Donations	0.00	5,000.00
District Directory	0.00	150.00
District Dues		
Dues - Collected	12,214.50	
District Dues - Other	0.00	12,197.50
Total District Dues	12,214.50	12,197.50
Interest Earned	0.00	705.00
Leadership Seminar Income	1,475.00	1,450.00
MD 'A' Dues	25,103.50	0.00
Membership Assessment	2,155.50	2,152.50
Pin Sales	0.00	800.00
Returned Cheque Charges	0.00	0.00
Total Income	41,198.50	22,705.00
Gross Profit	41,198.50	22,705.00
Expense		
Awards		
Awards - Cabinet	0.00	650.00
Awards - Other	0.00	500.00
Total Awards	0.00	1,150.00
Badges & Patches	951.63	450.00
Bank Charges	19.00	250.00
Bank Service Charges	0.00	280.00
Cabinet Expense	322.08	2,000.00
Centennial Project	0.00	5,000.00
Convention Expense	0.00	750.00
District Chair Expense		
Comm Chair Expenses	0.00	300.00
District Chair - Other	0.00	1,500.00
Leo Clubs	0.00	200.00
Total District Chair Expense	0.00	2,000.00
District Directories	4,060.92	2,000.00
Global Action Team	53.48	2,000.00
Internet	143.96	143.96
Leadership Institutes	0.00	500.00
Leadership Seminar	0.00	3,700.00
Pins Purchased	729.42	350.00
Postage & Telephone	107.40	100.00
Printing & Stationery	0.00	300.00
USA / Canada Forum	0.00	1,500.00
Total Expense	6,387.89	22,473.96
Net Ordinary Income	34,810.61	231.04
Net Income	34,810.61	231.04



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District "A"-15 Lions - Admin Balance Sheet

10/19/19

As of September 30, 2019

Accrual Basis

Sep 30, 19

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account	3,360.19
CIBC - Investments	32,628.50
CIBC USD Account	7.45
International Director Fund	786.48
New Club Assessment Fund	1,870.56
Total Cash	38,653.18
International Director GIC	6,181.86
Total Chequing/Savings	44,835.04
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	42,544.75
Total Accounts Receivable	42,544.75
Total Current Assets	87,379.79
TOTAL ASSETS	87,379.79
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
A/P USD for LCI	0.01
Total Accounts Payable	0.01
Other Current Liabilities	
Convention Fund	2,170.05
DGE Partner Travel	4,040.87
International Director Suspense	359.25
Total Other Current Liabilities	6,570.17
Total Current Liabilities	6,570.18
Long Term Liabilities	
International Director - Contra	6,968.34
New Club Assessment - Contra	1,870.56
Total Long Term Liabilities	8,838.90
Total Liabilities	15,409.08
Equity	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	13,469.56
Net Income	34,810.61
Total Equity	71,970.71
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	87,379.79



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Accrual Basis

District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust

Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2019

	Sep 30, 19
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	70,142.87
Total Current Assets	70,142.87
TOTAL ASSETS	70,142.87
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Camp Huronda	750.00
Camp Kirk	750.00
Camp Trillium	750.00
Centennial Project	17,487.33
Cultural Festival	217.11
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	-708.87
Hearing Equipment	803.07
Lake Joseph	750.00
LCIF	
LCIF - Campaign 100	157.50
LCIF - Other	-50.00
Total LCIF	107.50
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Leash Free Park	1,604.86
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	1,604.86
LIONS Quest Contra Account	11,527.61
Peace Poster	1,435.73
Reading Action	6.12
Vision Screening	3,974.57
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	22,604.89
Total Other Current Liabilities	62,059.92
Total Current Liabilities	62,059.92
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	8,082.95
Total Long Term Liabilities	8,082.95
Total Liabilities	70,142.87
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	70,142.87



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Accrual Basis

District "A"-15 Lions - Admin Profit & Loss Budget Overview July through September 2019

	<u>Jul - Sep 19</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Advertising	250.00
Canadian LIONS Summit Income	0.00
Corporate Donations	0.00
District Directory	150.00
District Dues	12,197.50
Interest Earned	705.00
Leadership Seminar Income	1,450.00
MD 'A' Dues	0.00
Membership Assessment	2,152.50
Pin Sales	800.00
Returned Cheque Charges	0.00
Total Income	<u>17,705.00</u>
Gross Profit	17,705.00
Expense	
Awards	
Awards - Cabinet	650.00
Awards - Other	500.00
Total Awards	<u>1,150.00</u>
Badges & Patches	450.00
Bank Charges	250.00
Bank Service Charges	280.00
Cabinet Expense	2,000.00
Centennial Project	0.00
Convention Expense	750.00
District Chair Expense	
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District Directories	2,000.00
Global Action Team	2,000.00
Internet	143.96
Leadership Institutes	500.00
Leadership Seminar	3,700.00
Pins Purchased	350.00
Postage & Telephone	100.00
Printing & Stationery	300.00
USA / Canada Forum	1,500.00
Total Expense	<u>17,473.96</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>231.04</u>
Net Income	<u><u>231.04</u></u>



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CABINET REPORTS

District Governor – Tracey Robinson

I first would like to say thank you to the clubs I have visited thus far. Great spirit, enthusiasm, energetic, and lots of fun and laughs. Our clubs have been busy and now after Tech town they will have some service reporting to do. I'm looking forward to the many more visits to come. We have such a great district, working together to get our Campaign 100 numbers up for donations this year as well as supporting our great committees. Let's work at getting the Effective Speaking committee out of the red and support a great opportunity for our youth.

We have already started to plant trees and thinking of centennial projects within our communities to get our LIONS 2020 off to a great start. Just keep in mind, that we are looking to raise the \$6500 CAD to get the matching LCIF grant (\$5000 USD) for a district centennial LIONS in Canada project. It would work out to be approximately \$125.00 per club, if all clubs participate.

The Regional Lions Learning Institute (RLLI) applications have been sent in and the recipients have been selected. At District A-15 we had 4 applicants, and 3 of our members were accepted. I very excited to announce that Lion Katie Marr from Hillsburgh, Lion Cecilia Fulker from Zurich, and Lion Rod Laframboise from Paris were accepted to attend.

On to the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI), we had 3 applicants apply. Only one was accepted, and I'm excited to announce that VDG 2 Lion Harvey Wood was selected to go. I wish them all the best and great success in this opportunity to move forward in their Lions careers!! I'm so excited to see our District take advantage of the learning opportunities that are made available to them.

Let's keep it up, GO TEAM!!

DG Tracey Robinson

Additions added at Cabinet Meeting

- Reminder to clubs regarding number sent for Zone, Joint or Cabinet Meetings – if a club member is unable to attend or does not show your club is responsible for their meal and you will be invoiced by the host club for those meals where the attendee did not show.
- We are currently looking for a Bulletin Editor for the District. If you are interested, please see DG Tracey. Lion Bob Pearson who does the MDA Lions Magazine will help the new Editor any way he can.
- The District is also still in need of an Environmental Chair and a Diabetes West Chair. Again, if you are interested in either position please see DG Tracey.
- Special Olympics Chair position has been removed from the District. Lack of resources available to the Chair made getting information to the club impossible.



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1st Vice District Governor – George Corrin

I am sure by now, that everyone is back into routine and having a busy fall with their various Clubs service activities. My 1stVDG visits have been secured and I look forward to participating in your meetings and service activities over the course of the next few months. 11 Lions Clubs from 37S, worked diligently side by side, at the Outdoor Farm Show in Woodstock, to make it a huge success again this year. Immediately after the Farm Show, Barb and I drove to the US/Canada Leadership Forum in Spokane, Washington, where we met up with 2nd VDG Harvey Wood and the remaining Canadian contingent and joined the 1400 other attendees. The three of us attended in total 30 learning seminars, on how to become a better Lion within our community, I was also presented with my Masters degree from Lions University while in Spokane, so now I have started taking the courses I need to complete my PhD degree. I recently had the privilege during one of my club visits, to install their remaining 5 club officers. I will continue throughout the year, to share DG Tracey's vision on teamwork and Centennial projects.

2nd Vice District Governor – Harvey Wood

We are now closing out the Fall activities and coming into Winter. There have been numerous fundraising activities across the District. The funds raised will be put to good use supporting our numerous Lions causes.

The District continues to offer training for those who are new in Club Executive roles who may feel the need and for those who would like to review and/or renew skills previously learned. We are fortunate the District continues this strategy at no cost to either the Club or the Officer.

Membership remains a challenge for most clubs and I encourage all Clubs who do not have a membership plan to develop one early in the year. It is important not only to reach out for new members but to review the progress and comfort of those who have recently become Lions.

Membership is every Lion's responsibility.

Region Chair 9 – Gerry Runstedler

I've had an interesting time getting my email account set up but all is in order now. I've completed a visit to the Guelph Lions at the Guelph Country Club. Initially there was some confusion over the meeting place but resourcefulness helped me solve the mystery. I had a great visit, got to meet some of their newest members. I discussed how working as part of a team usually nets better results. It's great to find out about the activity of other clubs.

Zone Chair 9S – Gary Eves

We had our first visit September 17th to Copetown, Burford on September 24th, North Brantford on September 26th, Glenn Morris on October 1st and Paris on October 15th. All my visits have been enjoyable and fun, sharing the plans and programs with each Club and their Members. Some Clubs are excited to hear about Campaign 100 even though there is confusion with that and 2020 program. In Burford I took part in a New Member Induction and will do another in Sheffield on October 28th.

I must thank the members from Lynden Lions who went on the visits with me for their support.

All of my official visits will be completed by December 11th ending with St. George.

Zone Chair 51E – Garry Ransom

Elora Lions Club

They have a terrific Web site with pictures of their activities.



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Elora Lions have a Facebook page.

They have a great meeting place – The Elora Mill.

They have a goal to have as many Female members as Male members by the end on 2020.

They serve 800 hot dogs and lemonade in about 1 hour on Dominion Day. I was told that if you are from Elora you still call it Dominion Day not Canada Day.

Elora Lions have a unique way in distributing 50/50 tickets to their members to sell.

Hillsburgh and District Lions Club

My zone visit was during their car rally. I learned that a car rally is a great team builder. Thanks to Lion Glen, we did not get lost.

Hillsburgh Lions build a skating rink every winter the size of a baseball diamond. The Lions put in the boards, the firemen flood it and the Lions keep it clear all winter. Thanks Lion Mark for your report on the project.

This month they are busy at the Erin Fall Fair.

Hillsburgh have an appreciation night as part of their membership business plan.

Lion Glen with the help of other members are going to organize a euchre tournament.

Lion Katie creates a great Facebook page.

Ariss & Maryhill Lions Club

The first thing I noticed about this club is they all had a club shirt and a name badge. As PDG Larry said “how can you be a team if you do not look like a team”.

The second thing I noticed about this club is they came over to me and introduced themselves.

This club has done many service and fund raising activities in the short time they have been a club. Just to name a few:

Pledge to sponsor a dog guide within 10 years. They will sponsor their forth dog this year.

Donated a ceiling lift to Sick Children’s hospital Toronto

Donated a Mobility Tricycle to assist a local child

Donated “jaws of Life” to the Maryhill Fire Department

Their dog walk raised \$16,244.40 last year for the Foundation.

Ariss & Maryhill have at least 3 new fundraising ideas that they are planning this year. More to follow.

Guelph Royal City Lions Club

Guelph Royal City Lions have a rich history from helping those less fortunate then themselves in Guelph to shipping hospital equipment to Shri Lanka.

Though they say that they do not have any major projects, they do:

Collect glasses in the city of Guelph and pack several thousand to be shipped.

Lion Bill and Lion Andrew are the backbone to the vision screening in Guelph.

They also organized:

A monthly Euchre tournament.

A pancake day during Family day weekend.

Gift hampers at Christmas.

A Tag day this month for diabetes.

A paint night as a fund raiser.

This club also does Tail Twisting and it is done at the end of the meeting.

Lion Dawn has an active club Facebook page.

Zone Chair 37S – Cecilia Fulker

This year has starting off with a visit to Innerkipp Lions. President Tracey made me very welcome. It is encouraging to see clubs grow. This club is welcoming new members in the near future. I had my first Zone Meeting on Oct.10th in Sweaburg. GLT Lion Dennis spoke on Leadership.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

GLT District Coordinator – PCS Dennis Lougheed

As communities grow in numbers so do the individuals for whom service can be provided. With that grows the need for others to step up and meet that need. With that comes the need for those who see the need, communicate the need, inspire others to offer their support and willing to lead in that service. That ability is in all of us. We just need to be shown that we have the ability and be provided the opportunities to further that inherent ability present in us all.

Come out to your Zone Meetings and listen to our message about our need for leadership, your leadership abilities and how we can help you develop them.

Consider coming to the planned Zone and Region Chair Information Session on the afternoon of January 11th 2020. Let us dispel the myths surrounding positions beyond the club. Come learn about how Lions need the inherent leadership abilities you may not think you have and how we can help you develop them further.

Set aside Sunday April 26th, 2020 and attend the Lions Learning Seminars where you can expand your knowledge of Lionism and further enhance your ability to work in the service of others.

Make sure that your Club Secretary is passing on to your Club, information about Zone Meetings, Cabinet Meetings, Learning Institutes, on line learning materials and other opportunities that are sent to the Club Secretary. Take advantage of those where you can. When you do so, we all serve better!

Review the requirements for the Lions Learning Recognition Award and consider working your way towards the Bronze, Silver or Gold Levels. Ask your Zone Chair about this program when he or she makes their Club visit.

Congratulations to VDG2 Harvey Woods for his acceptance into the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute offered in Chicago from Nov 8th through Nov 11th, 2019.

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.



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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 MyLion for this fiscal year.

	Clubs Reporting	Activities	Lions Hours	People Served
2018- 2019	56 out of 58 *	2,261	96,715	312,367
2019 to this report	20 out of 59	77	7,568	25,046

* Not including University of Guelph

Last year at this time we had 39 clubs showing on the MyLCI report. We have more People Served this year but fewer Activities and Volunteer Hours showing with almost 50% less clubs reporting on MyLion.

Tech Town 1 set for October 19th will focus on MyLion reporting. As of this report the attendance looks very good with a few seats still available. Invitations for registration were sent out several times.

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 have been very beneficial, especially for the Club Secretaries who did not attend last year and for the new Secretaries.

An oral report will be given at the Cabinet meeting as to the success of Tech Town. I must add that Lion Katie Marr from Hillsburgh was one of the key facilitators.

For those still having trouble reporting, please go to your home page and on the top blue line click on “**Support**” which will provide you with excellent information. The link is noted below: https://lionshelp.zendesk.com/hc/en-us?flash_digest=b2792c6cf6d0888518b741f08aacfeb49857ff65

If that doesn't work for you, please contact any of the GAT members.

LCIF – PCT Peter Oswald

We are now well into our 2nd year of Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service.

LCIF Chairperson Gudrun Yngvadottir reminded us that “Through stories, we connect and learn. And when we share those stories with others, we multiply our capacity for change”. During the year, we will share some stories on the impact of your giving. Every story we tell & every dollar we give to LCIF spurs life-altering change as we increase our service impact, fight diabetes, and expand our global causes to include childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.

As Lions, we

- Volunteer to serve our Communities
- Give to improve our world now and fir generations to come
- Empower our Service by doing both.

I'm pleased to share that U.S.-based non-profit evaluator Charity Navigator has awarded Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) — *our* foundation — its eighth consecutive 4-star rating based on financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. Only four percent of U.S. charities have earned this distinction.

I'm proud of our achievement and grateful we can continue assuring donors that 100 percent of their financial gifts fund LCIF programs that enable *you* to serve our world in need.

Now for a quick update on progress and results:



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- Based on Club donations last year, District A-15 is eligible for a Community Impact Grant of US \$5,500. Your Cabinet will be reviewing options and gathering ideas on how we may be able to apply to use these funds!
- To date this Lions year, we have 11 Clubs participating (19%) with contributions of US \$5,151 (almost CAD 7,000) – up about 36% from this time last year. Thank you.
- BUT, in order to meet our goals, this is the year that we need to shine with **lots** of donations from lots of activities. REMINDER – ALL Club and personal donations by cheque should be payable to: Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF and mailed to:

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

- Online donations can be made at <https://lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca/>

ACTION Items

- I would ask that EVERY CLUB commit to supporting LCIF this Lions year. Create a new fund raising activity with money to go to LCIF! Use existing funds to support LCIF – every dollar counts so include LCIF in your plans and budgets!
- **I would ask that EVERY LION consider making a PERSONAL donation to support LCIF.** Donations made by December 31 are eligible for a 2019 Canadian Tax Receipt and this is a very worthwhile charity to support in Canada!
- Ask for help – your Cabinet and yours truly will be happy to discuss plans, provide information and develop ideas. And we can promote your Club or personal commitment as you see fit!

For questions and information, please reach me at lcif@a15lions.org

Long Range Planning – PDG Thom Herrmann

The committee was mandated by the Governor to examine our present convention structure with a view to determining if there were alternatives which might increase attendance and reduce costs.

The committee had a detailed discussion during which it reviewed various convention options and provides the following recommendations:

1. That A-15 go to a two-day (one-night) convention format on a Saturday/Sunday to replace our present three-day Friday/Saturday/Sunday format. This new format would take effect for the 2022 A-15 Convention.
2. That there should be wide ranging discussions regarding the structure and elements of this new convention format.
3. That a group be assigned or created to implement the new format and that this body should consult broadly as part of this implementation.

LEO Clubs – PDG OJ Wilura

One of the most concerning factors in Lionism at present is membership. One avenue to continue our service in the future is the formation of a LEO Club in your community.

A \$100 dollar fee annually by the host club will allow for our youth to have an opportunity to gain experience in order to develop their leadership abilities.



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It is with hope that LEOs will continue their desire to serve within their communities by becoming a member of your club.

Please do not hesitate in contacting me or one of the Global Action Team members of District A15 for further information. The LCI website has more details about the LEO program.

Diabetes Awareness – East – Lion Brian Martin

At the time of this writing, plans are underway to hold a multi Club Diabetes Awareness event here in Zone 51E. The event is a Diabetes and Lifestyle Expo, held at the Centre Wellington SportsPlex in Fergus Ontario. There are 4 Lions Clubs in Centre Wellington, and to date, only 3 have committed to being a part of this event, the 4th has been contacted and we are still waiting to hear from them.

The reason for doing this is to fill a need created when, due to budgetary and staff shortages, the Groves Memorial Hospital – Diabetes Education Centre could no longer conduct this event. Discussions with local Health Networks, Hospitals and Diabetes Canada stressed that the need was real and that the event provided real time education and consultation for patients with diabetes, or family members of diabetics.

This led me to approach the local Clubs to see if they would cooperatively join together to sponsor the Expo. With their support, we began organizing and approaching medical professionals to attend and conduct the program. To date, the list of presenters includes Diabetes Canada, diabetes educators from 3 regional hospitals, foot care specialists, all the local Pharmacists, Upper Grand Family Health Team and the North Wellington Family health Team, dietitians from Groves Hospital and Loblaw Inc. to discuss nutrition, Lions Foundation of Canada – who will discuss the Diabetic Alert Dog program (and bring a dog or puppy trainee), as well as representatives from Abbott Pharmaceutical who will demo their FreeStyle blood glucose monitor which has recently received ODB approval (Ontario Drug Benefit).

For Lions – this event will fulfill our commitment to promoting Diabetes Awareness, by reaching out in our community during November (Diabetes Awareness month), as well as receiving positive publicity. Also, this will be a good platform to show the Public that local Lions Clubs are working collectively to make a difference in their Community. The Expo will be on November 24th 1-4 PM in Fergus. Lions are welcome to attend – it is Free and open to all the Public.

My focus, unfortunately, has been on this event, and I cannot report at this time on other events occurring in the District.

Family & Women's Membership – PDG Diane Smith

As the *New Voices* initiative continues in its expanded format, one of the resources available is a series of monthly webinars. The most recent **Recruiting for the Future** detailed several useful tips on culturing for increased membership. Consider the following:

- ✓ Ask the youngest member of the club to invite new members
- ✓ Explore the possibilities of forming a Branch club especially if the average age of the club is 65+yr



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- ✓ Appeal to people's environmental consciousness-undertake "green" projects and use environmentally sound practices in the club
- ✓ Investigate the terms of the Leo-Lion Membership program which offers reduced fees and other incentives to Leos who are eligible to become Lions

If you are not able to join the webinar at the time it is offered, keep in mind that the sessions are archived.

All clubs should ask themselves the following questions:

- Are you promoting stronger membership that is inclusive
- Do you identify and undertake projects that appeal to young adults, women and diverse populations
- Do you share your stories in multiple social media platforms
- Do you encourage /mentor others to take up leadership roles

We need to do things differently.

Be the Voice of Change

Historian – PDG Nancy Ransom

Collection of club charter and early pins is ongoing; I have not yet acquired a pin for every club in our District. I will forward a list of missing pins to the Clubs, so if your Club has a charter pin to donate, it will be much appreciated. Thank you to Lion Paul Lalonde who took time to show me his collection of pins, and gave me several. If anyone should have a copy of District A15 directories for the years 1977-1983 inclusive, I would appreciate receiving them for the directory box.

I continue to forward history articles to the District newsletter and the MDA Lion magazine. Thank you to clubs and Lions who have contributed to the data collection; it is great to read some of our local Lions stories.

Lions Quest – PDG Denis Vinette

It's "A GREAT DAY" at Lions Quest Canada!

I'm happy to report that we have hosted and funded a variety of Lions Quest workshops since my last report. I itemize these here:

- 1) As reported, we held a Lions Quest School based workshop on August 20, 2019 with 18 participants in attendance. Under the direction of PDG Janet Marissen, attendees were provided with information packages and school grade packages for their use in the classroom after the training. Without exception, the attendees agreed that the training was integral in their delivery of Social and Emotional Learning in the classroom or other settings where kids are involved.
- 2) On September 10, 2019, Lions Quest sponsored a ½ day community workshop in Aboyne (Elora) as part of the Safe Communities Wellington initiative. Members of the Big Brothers / Big Sisters and other youth oriented groups were provided with information, training and materials to help them understand the value of Developmental Assets in their roles and how Lions Quest, at the school and in the community, helps build better and more trusting relationships with youth.



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- 3) On October 2 and again on October 4, 2019, we held 2 Principal’s Breakfast to introduce (or re-introduce) Lions Quest School Based workshops to administrators at the Waterloo Regions District School Board. I say “we” as I had help from 6 Lions Quest Ambassadors and I want to thank them for their effort and commitment in making the Principals feel at welcome and at ease. It helped show that Lions, of all walks, are there to support the schools and the program. . Working with the School Board Mental Health Lead, Barbara Ward, we were given the opportunity to host a breakfast for interested school administrators. Attendance was light but I’m glad to report that those that did, wanted to hear more and in one case, host a FULL SCHOOL Lions Quest workshop. That brings me to the next item...

- 4) We will be holding a Lions Quest FULL SCHOOL training session on October 25th at Pioneer Park Public School in Kitchener, Ontario. This venue will train all staff (teacher and non-teacher alike) on implementing Lions Quest Curriculum at their school. To ensure that the process gets off to a good start, we have already arranged for 2 “update” sessions as part of the school staff meetings in the near future. We hope that the benefits of Lions Quest will inspire other schools to consider training in the future.

As I reported earlier, it looked like we would have to return some of the funding we received from LCIF (Lions Quest). Because of the recent developments, I’m pleased to say that it appears that we will be utilizing all available funding.

As you can see, we’ve been VERY busy. Please, continue to donate to Lions Quest Canada (either directly or through the District) as... if this takes off, and we expect it to do so, we are going to need more money to hold training sessions in the future.

Additions Added at Cabinet Meeting

A group of Lions from District A-15 met with Principals and Vice Principals for an information breakfast on October 2nd and 4th. As a result of the information session a Workshop was booked for an entire school in Kitchener/Waterloo. It is hoped that a second workshop will transpire before the end of the Lions year. Money received will be earmarked for the second workshop unless one doesn’t occur then it will be released.

Lions Opportunities for Youth – Lion Joanne McQuiggan

As we look at our global causes and five focus areas, it is important to remember that our commitment to youth is embedded in all the work that we do. This is why we devote ourselves to serving youth as beneficiaries, youth as partners, and empowering youth as service leaders. We serve youth as beneficiaries through our youth exchange and camp programs as well as Lions Quest. We partner with young people in our Leo Clubs and when we invite youth to volunteer with our service projects, and we unleash youth leadership in our Peace Poster and Effective Speaking programs. Think about ways that you can involve youth in your own projects in a meaningful way. Youth are just one of the new voices we need to embrace and listen to regularly. When we say youth are our future we are procrastinating, so make a plan to involve young people in your next project – as a beneficiary, a partner, or a leader. When you do – please share your story with others.



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Peace Poster/Essay – Lion/Lioness Janet Dawson-Brock

Lions, Lioness and Leo's

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to announce that 19 or the 20 Peace Poster/Essay Kits that I ordered from International are out in the Schools of our District.

Thank you, Lions and Lioness for working so hard with the teachers. Our contest starts very early in the Lions Year. Peace Poster/Essay entries need to be judged and sent to our District Governor for Judging by November 15, 2019. District Governor Tracey and her committee will judge the entries. Governor Tracey will then send the winning entry to Council Chair, Lion Kevin Banfield to be judged along with all of the other entries from M D. A.

Lets hope we have another winner in the Essay Contest for M D A. I think it is time that District A 15 had a winner at the M D A level.

We need the clubs to donate both at the District Level and at the M D A level. It costs us over \$3000.00 for the contest at the M D A level. Please put us in your budget.

Thank you to the clubs that donated last year.

A JOURNEY OF PEACE, what a great theme. As I have said before, we have been on a Journey of Peace for years, lets hope our YOUTH can help us with PEACE in the world.

Kindness Matters

Sight Screening & Conservation – PDG Tim DeBlock

District Governor Tracey, members of Cabinet, Lions

We are in the midst of implementing the new vision screening programs in partnership with four area Health Units. There is always a learning curve with hiccups in spite of all the prep work in advance of the school year. It is rewarding to see the impact we are having on the children as we tackle these challenges.

The programs with the Huron Health Unit and the Perth Health Unit are going quite well. This success is founded in a great working relationship and large volunteer pool. More than 60 people with the majority friends of Lions!

There are a few more challenges in the Waterloo Health Unit and Wellington, Dufferin Guelph Health Unit programs but they are moving forward. I don't want to sound like a broken record but these challenges are mostly based on the need for more volunteers and maybe new ways of using our people. The leaders of the groups are working towards this but need the support of our Clubs to come up with people to help. Any consideration would be greatly appreciated.

I would like to put out a big thanks to Lion Dave Millard and PDG Nancy Ransom for taking on the liaison role for the Kitchener vision screening groups. It is a big job and thank-you to PRC Vaughan Braby for having filled that role most recently.

As always our used eye glass collecting amazes me on the amount our Clubs are able to amass. Keep up the good work!



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Effective Speaking – Lion Lyle Fair & Lion Sue Martin

To all club that supported Effective Speaking, a great big thank you from me and the kids that took the time to enter effective speaking they really enjoyed it. The kids and parents just blew me away with their speeches. We are still \$1500.00 in the red to youth camp. I would like to get this paid back to the youth camp.

It would be great if all clubs would support Effective Speaking as it is great for them and their schools. The Effective Speaking manual is on the MDA website. If you can't find it, I will send it to you.

Thanks to all and keep up the great work.

REVISED BUDGET to include \$1700 for MDA Meals.

<u>Effective Speaking</u>		
<u>Budget</u>		
<u>2019-2020</u>		
<u>Effective Speaking Expenses</u>		
Hotel Rooms - MDA Finals	\$ 3,500.00	
Engraving & Plaques	\$ 400.00	
Office Supplies	\$ 50.00	
Rental & Lunch - A-15 Finals	\$ 350.00	
Gifts for Judges - 12 x \$25	\$ 300.00	
Fuel Gift Cards f/Transportation - 6 x \$50	\$ 300.00	
Meals - MDA Finals	\$ 1,700.00	
Total Effective Speaking Expenses		\$ 6,600.00
<u>Other Expenses</u>		
Owing to Youth Camp	\$ 1,500.00	
Total Other Expenses		\$ 1,500.00
Total Expenses		\$ 8,100.00



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Youth Camp & Exchange – Lions Allison & Mark Henkell

Youth Exchange Program
Budget
July 2020 Camp

Table with 4 columns: Item, 2019 Budget, 2019 Actual, 2020 Budget. Includes items like Donations received from clubs, Airport Arrival expenses, Blue Jays Game, etc.

Budget assumes we will have 24 in camp this year and don't need to use 3 vehicles

A question was brought forth regarding Five Oaks. DG Tracey spoke on the known conditions of Five Oaks and that they were unsuitable for the youth so the Camp will continue at its current location.