



DISTRICT A15 CONVENTION CABINET MEETING AGENDA
April 9th, 2022 2:15 PM to 3.30PM and April 10th, 2019 10:15 M to 11:15 AM
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Kitchener



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CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, KITCHENER
SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH 2022 2.30 PM – 3.30 PM

1. **Call to order and welcome - DG Harvey Wood**
 2. **O Canada**
 3. **Moment of Silence for Deceased Lions**
 4. **Protocol**
 5. **Additions to and Approval of the Agenda**
 6. **Introduction of International Guest, Allen Snider – PID Art Woods**
 7. **District Governor's remarks**
 8. **Approval of the Minutes of the January 17th, 2022 Cabinet Meeting.**
(<http://a15lions.org/pages/Main/Homepage/cabinet>)
 9. **Treasurer's report and Financial Statements – All accounts reconciled to the end of February.**
 - 9.1) **MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's report**
 10. **Secretary's report**
 - 10.1 **MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Secretary's Report**
 11. **Cabinet Reports**
 - 11.1) **MOVED to acknowledge receipt of Cabinet Reports**
 12. **Committee Reports**
 - 12.1 **MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Committee Reports**
 - 12.2 **LCIF Report -Lion Peter Oswald – Thanks to all of the Clubs in District A15**
 - 12.3 **GIFT OF LIFE – VDG1 Tony Davidson to report for Lion Jessica Bailey.**
 13. **Candidates - PDG Doug Smith**
 14. **For the Good of Lionism**
 15. **Adjournment until Sunday Morning, April 10th, 2022 at 10:15 AM**
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Sunday, April 10th, 2022 10:15 AM

- 1. Call to order – DG Harvey Wood**
 - 2. Oh Canada**
 - 3. Set Moment of Silence for Deceased Lions**
 - 4. Remarks from International Guest Allen Snider Introduced by PID Art Woods**
 - 5. Convention Report – Ray Derouin – see attached Convention notes**
 - 6. Remarks from DG Harvey Wood – see attached Convention notes**
 - 7. 7.1 First Timer's Award – VDG 1 Tony Davidson - see Convention Notes**
 - 8. Awards and Presentations - GAT AWARDS**
 - 7.1 Service by Nancy Ransom - Scott McKee – Innerkip & District Lions**
 - 7.2 Membership by Denis Vinette – Lion Dave Meyer – Innerkip & District Lions**
 - 7.3 Leadership by James Sanders – Lion Lisa Visser – Ingersoll Lions**
 - 9. Convention Raffle Results -Richard Sheppard – see Convention notes attached**
 - 10. Report from The Election Committee & announcing results – PDG Thom Hermann**
 - 11. Motion to destroy ballots. So, moved. Carried**
 - 12. PDG Jack Bishop –**
 - 13. Lion Janet Dawson Brock - MDA Peace Poster Contest Winner – see attached**
 - 14. Cabinet Meeting – Lion Gary Lloyd – Rockton Lions Club-see Convention Notes**
 - 14. DG Elect Lion Tony Davidson**
 - 14.1. Introduction of New Cabinet - DG Elect – Lion Tony Davidson – Convention Notes**
 - 15. DG Elect remarks**
 - 16. Passing of the Campbell - Most Senior PDG to the DG Elect**
 - 18. Adjournment – at 11.10 AM**
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DISTRICT A15 CONVENTION NOTES – APRIL 9TH AND 10TH, 2022

Convention Committee Report - Lion Ray Derouin

Oktoberfest Lions expressed their hope that A15 Lions enjoyed this face-to-face Convention

Unfortunately, many Lions did not feel safe venturing out into a mass gathering and The Convention Committee understood and respected that. The count for total registration was 167 members and 43 that registered for lunch.

Thanks to IPDG George Corrin and Lion Barb Corrin for all their working in cleaning and pressing our flags.

Thanks to all who attended this short two-day convention.

Remarks from District Governor Harvey

Special thanks to Kitchener Oktoberfest Lions for hosting this Convention and to their leader “General” George Patton. DG remarked that it was very courageous of their Club to step up and move into unknown territory, where we had an unknown audience. It was really wonderful of those of you who came. We have heard during the last two days that it has been a good convention.

First Timer’s Award – VDG1 Lion Tony Davidson

10 first timers at the convention that took part in the program. Lion Scott Robinson was the winner with the most signatures. and won the pins from the last 11 Governors.

Convention Raffle Results

Winner of \$335.00 – First # drawn was 0414328. Not claimed. Second Number drawn was 0414030- Winner VDG1 Tony Davidson. DG Election Tony will donate these monies to Lions for Canada LCIF – Ukrainian Relief



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Report from The Election Committee and announcing results – PDG Thom Hermann

PDG Thom commented that election was not the proper word for what we had. We had an affirmation. The lions of A15 affirmed The Leadership Team entering into next year. Lion Bill Robinson, affirmed. Lion Garry Ransom, affirmed. Lion Tony Davidson, affirmed as the New District Governor of A15 as of July, 2022. As of now, you are the District Governor Elect.

Report from Lion PDG Dr. Jack Bishop

PDG Dr. Jack Bishop made a motion that fines in the amount of \$61.85 collected by the Credential Committee be Donated to the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF Ukrainian relief.

Lion Janet Dawson Brock – Peace Poster Report

Lion Janet reported that the MDA Peace Poster Contest Winner is Jaydn Stickney from Sunderland, Ontario, District A16. Lion Janet commented that the poster was beautiful and has received a Merit award. This is the first time that a poster from MDA has won this award. If you go on line, you can see it. It is the world and it is in blue. It is hopeful that Jaydn will attend the MDA Convention and receive her cheque for \$1000.00 and a plaque. Lion Janet was also pleased to announce that the new A15 Peace Poster Chair will be Lion Deb Nelligan from Copetown Lions and wished her luck. Janet also encouraged the Clubs to make a donation to the Peace Poster Contest at the MDA level and commented that it does cost a lot to run this program. Lion Janet also commented that both she and International Director, Lion Al Snider are both on the Board for the Lions Homes for The Deaf. They are starting a new project in Paris. Lion Janet wanted to encourage Lions to honor a Lion or someone in their community with a Helen Keller Fellowship to show your support. Lion Janet will continue as Peace Poster Chair for MDA. Lion Janet also thanked everyone for all the emails and cards when she received her award from the Governor of Ontario.

Lion Gary Lloyd – Rockton Lions Club – Date and place of next Cabinet Meeting

Invited the Lions of District A15 to the next Cabinet meeting, in Rockton (not Rockwood) Tuesday, June 14th.



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DG ELECT LION TONY DAVIDSON – INTRODUCTION OF NEW CABINET

VDG1 Garry Ransom

VDG2 Lion Bill Robinson

Cabinet Treasurer – Lion Linda Vinette

Cabinet Secretary – Lion PDG Denis Vinette

A challenging year for finding new Zone Chairs. The following are the Zone Chairs for Lions year 2022-2023.

Lion Kevin March ZC 51E

Lion Mike McCourt returns as ZC 51W

Lion Lisa Visser returns as ZC 37S

Lion Juan Monterroza as ZC 9E



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Hello District A – 15 Lions.

Finally, we will be able to hold a live in person convention. We have missed two consecutive annual conventions due to Covid and I am being told by members of our Lions Clubs that anticipation of meeting old friends, witnessing candidate skits along with visiting hospitality rooms will be welcome. It may very well be a noisy evening

April 9th and 10th the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Kitchener, a beautiful hotel will be the destination. Registrations are building and we are looking forward to hosting a large crowd. The Convention will operate under the Provincial health protocols of the day

PDDG George Patton, Oktoberfest Lions is our Convention Chair and his registration committee led by Lion Ray Derouin is looking forward to meeting you and will be able to process registrants in a quick, orderly fashion.

Our District membership is turning the corner. So far, in March, our numbers are positive. Your diligence in driving new membership and retaining current numbers is the driving force. Keep up the good work.

Please remember my request of each Club: "finish the year with one more member than your Club started with".

I will look forward to seeing you at the Convention

Governor Harv

TREASURERS REPORT TO CABINET

The financial reports have been balanced and reconciled to the bank online balances (reconciled to statements as at February 28, 2022).

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

- Since February 28th the Convention Committee has requested an advance for the convention for \$1,853.60. The South Wellington Community Lions Club Branch has received funds of \$448.36 for Branch Club Banner, Poles and Stand. These expenses have been made in accordance with A-15 Policy

TRUST ACCOUNTS

- The balance sheet for the Trust accounts is an accurate reflection of all the balances held in Trust and all accounts have been reconciled to the Bank records as of Feb 28th 2022



District A-15 Lions Clubs

Administration Account - Balance Sheet

As at February 28, 2022

ASSETS

CIBC

CIBC - Investments

Kindred

Kindred Emergency Fund Cash	24,886.49
Kindred Cash	49,821.33
Total Cash in Kindred	<u>74,707.82</u>
Shares in Kindred	25.00
Total Cash	<u>74,732.82</u>
District Dues Receivable	-
Total Chequing/Savings	74,732.82
Total Current Assets	<u>74,732.82</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>74,732.82</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	
MDA Dues Payable	
Other Current Liabilities Accrual	
Centennial Project Fund	1,000.00
Convention Fund	1,941.01
DGE Partner Travel	4,040.87
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>6,981.88</u>
Total Current Liabilities	6,981.88
Long Term Liabilities	
International Director - Contra	7,799.50
New Club Assessment - Contra	1,870.56
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>9,670.06</u>
Total Liabilities	16,651.94

Equity

Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00
Dues Rebate 2020	(4,556.40)
Retained Earnings	22,463.79
Net Income	17,173.49
Total Equity	<u>58,080.88</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>74,732.82</u>



District A-15 Lions Clubs

Profit & Loss - Budget vs. Actual
Administration Account - July 2021 - Feb 28 2022

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under Budget)
Income			
Advertising	0.00	300.00	-300.00
District Directory	0.00	200.00	-200.00
		0.00	0.00
Dues -	11199.97	11254.00	-54.03
Total District Dues	11199.97	11254.00	-54.03
Interest Earned	67.47	120.00	-52.53
Leadership Seminar Income	1375.00	1375.00	0.00
GAT Grants from MDA & LCI	2199.80		2199.80
Convention Levy	1853.60	1853.60	0.00
New Club Assessment Fund	1986.00	1986.00	0.00
International Director Fund	331.00	331.00	0.00
Return Cheque Charges	0.00		
Total Income	21138.84	20005.60	1133.24
Gross Profit	21138.84	20005.60	1133.24
Expense			
Awards			
Awards - Cabinet	0.00	400.00	-400.00
Awards - Other Accrual	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Total Awards	0.00	1000.00	-1000.00
Badges & Patches	382.68	1000.00	-617.32
Bank Charges	5.11	200.00	-194.89
Cabinet Expense	39.01	1120.00	-1080.99
Convention Expense	0.00	1853.60	-1853.60
District Chair Expense	0.00		0.00
Comm Chair	0.00	1750.00	-1750.00
District Chair - Other	73.07	300.00	-226.93
Total District Chair Expense	73.07	2050.00	-1976.93
District Directories	1550.04	3500.00	-1949.96
Global Action Team	422.61	1986.00	-1563.39
Internet	140.74	175.00	-34.26
Leadership Seminar	0.00	1375.00	-1375.00
Leadership Institutes	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Pins Purchased + Patti Hill Pins	1281.42	1630.00	-348.58
Postage & Telephone	70.67	200.00	-129.33
Printing & Stationery	0.00	300.00	-300.00
New Club Assessment Fund	0.00	1986.00	-1986.00
Trf of International Director fund	0.00	331.00	-331.00
Zoom Licence fee	0.00	349.00	-349.00
USA / Canada Forum	0.00	800.00	-800.00
Total Expense	3965.35	20005.60	-16040.25
Net Ordinary Income	17173.49	0.00	17173.49
Net Income	17173.49	0.00	17173.49



District A-15 Lions Clubs Trust Accounts - Balance Sheet

ASSETS	28-Feb-22
Chequing/Savings	
Trust Sight Investment	5,523.38
Youth Exchange Imprest	33,718.41
Total - Youth	33,718.41
Kindred-Trust Account	12,016.39
Total Cash	51,258.18
Trf fm Admin for Interest Income on GIC & Acct	(116.78)
Total Cash and Receivable	51,141.40
Total Current Assets	51,141.40
TOTAL ASSETS	51,141.40
 LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Camp Huronda	-
Centennial Project	1,820.20
Cultural Festival	217.11
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	2,986.13
Hearing Equipment	803.07
Hearing Conservation	1,000.00
LFC Dog Guides	300.00
LCIF- Disaster Relief	2,000.00
LCIF- Campagne 100	-
Diabetes Strides Walk	-
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Leash Free Park	1,604.86
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	1,604.86
LIONS Quest Contra Account	1,350.00
LIONS Quest Canada	-
Peace Poster	1,240.20
Peace Poster MDA	-
Reading Action	6.12
Vision Screening	3,845.30
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	25,702.37
Total Current Liabilities	42,875.36
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	8,266.04
Total Long Term Liabilities	8,266.04
Total Liabilities	51,141.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	51,141.40

SECRETARY'S REPORT TO CABINET

This certainly has been a new and challenging role for me. With 27 years in Lionism and having sat on Cabinet in the roles of Zone Chair and Region Chair, I certainly did not have a full appreciation for the Cabinet Secretary's role and the integral part that individual plays in the Cabinet. I have enjoyed immensely working with District Governor Harvey, VDG1 Tony and VDG2 Garry and with all of the Cabinet members. Your support as I navigated this role was so very much appreciated.

I have also enjoyed working with members of the District A15 Lions. Some have called on me to help them navigate LCI issues, with contacting Lions International and other questions they may have had. To me that was really Service to my fellow Lions and it is one of the many aspects of this job I have found to be fulfilling.

I have learned so much over these past months and have been enlightened in a few ways as well. The role of Cabinet Secretary has been a truly excellent experience, one that I truly appreciate and my hope is that I have provided the necessary support to Cabinet and the District Governor well.

Thank you, District Governor Harvey for inviting me to take on the role of Cabinet Secretary and thank you again to all members of the Cabinet for your patience and support.

VDG1 – TONY DAVIDSON

Report to Cabinet

As we enter the fourth quarter of the Lions year, I have completed the Lions international online training. I am in Group 19 lead by past international director Mark Lyons. The group has Lions from the Netherlands, India, Shri Lanka, the United States and Canada. There were several breakout sessions during the training and the discussions were dominated by situations happening in their Districts. It seems we all have the same challenges.

We worked together in groups to develop our district Plan for the next several years. What Governor Harvey had in the Plan for this year will be incorporated into the plan for next year. The Zone Chairs were invited to a meeting to discuss the plan and then the GAT team received the documentation for comment. The Plan will be submitted to LCI in April.

I would like to thank all the Lions who will be returning to Cabinet or who have stepped forward to take a position. There are still several Committee chairs as well as Zone Chair positions that are not filled for next year, if you are interested, please reach out.

VDG1

Tony Davidson

SVDG Report for April Cabinet Meeting

As part of the District A15 Leadership team I took part in 4 successful District webinars held in February and March.

I attended the FVDG/SVDG training held At Markham on February 19-20th. It was the first time the FVDG and SVDG training was combine which shows a greater emphasis being placed on District goals over a 3-5 year plan verses District Governor's goals for just 1 year.

I virtually visited the Mosborough Busy Busy Lions club February 7th. It is a cyber club and a specialty club supporting our Canadian Lions Foundation. I visited the Wellesley Lions club virtually February 8th. They are busy planning activities this summer post Covid. One activity was a Covid coming out party for their community. What a unique idea! I also visit the Thamesford Lions club for an in-person meeting on March 7th. They held a very successful virtual Family Day weekend and are now busy planning their summer activities which they have not been able to do for 2 years.

Generally, clubs are starting to meet in person with caution. Some are staying with virtual meetings till fall and some with a combination of virtual meetings and in-person meeting.

Change has happened and some club may not be able to go back to the way they "used to do it". Is this the new normal? One thing that will not change is Lions from District A15 will continue to serve their communities. They will continue to help people less fortunate than ourselves and will make the world a better place to live in.

Garry Ransom
SVDG District A15

LCIF Committee Chair

Report to Cabinet for April 9, 2022

For well over 50 years, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), your Foundation, has provided grants and support for programs on Disaster Relief, Humanitarian Needs, Vision, Youth, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer, the Environment & Hunger. Your donations to the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF, a registered Canadian charity, help support those Programs in Canada and elsewhere.

This is the final year of Campaign 100 and we want to wrap up with a strong push for donations to make District A-15 one of the best Districts in Canada.

The current humanitarian crisis in **Ukraine** is receiving special attention and support by way of US\$280,000 in grants awarded in March to Lions Clubs in Ukraine and neighbouring European Countries.) As the refugees move further into Europe, Lions districts welcoming

DONATE

- Online at <https://lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca/>
- By Cheque to the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF and mail to

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

Recognition

- Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) for every US\$1,000 donated. Recognize someone in the Club or Community with this special recognition
- Maple Leaf Clubs – have donated at least CA\$360 per member. Congratulations & Thank You to:

Elmira, Elora, Kitchener, and St Jacobs

MODEL CLUBS – have donated at least CA\$675 per member! A HUGE THANK YOU to:
Cambridge Highlands; Guelph, Marsville, Stratford & Woodstock.

REWARD

- Club & District Community Impact Grant (CDCIG). A couple Clubs that have donated at least US\$5,000 in 1 Lions year are eligible for a grant of 15% of the donation amount. Funds return to the community. The District has also been awarded a total of US\$13,500+ in CDCIG funds to date. How should they be used?
- Individual Recognition for your personal giving
- Please visit the LCIF Table at the convention as there will be a selection of pins and other items of swag!

RESULTS – Campaign totals for Districts in MD 'A' for this Lions year and the cumulative campaign since 2017 are:

DISTRICT	July 1, 2021 to March 27, 2022		July 1, 2017 to March 27 2022	
	YTD CAD	Per Member Average (PMA)	Cumulative Campaign	Cumulative Campaign PMA
1	\$ 15,932.89	\$ 13.93	\$ 82,891.89	\$ 72.46
2	\$ 54,122.80	\$ 41.56	\$ 151,843.30	\$ 116.72
3	\$ 42,237.31	\$ 34.97	\$ 173,674.87	\$ 139.27
4	\$ 52,418.93	\$ 40.23	\$ 137,135.31	\$ 105.24
5	\$ 17,092.73	\$ 16.21	\$ 54,294.52	\$ 51.52
711	\$ 170,155.13	\$ 93.91	\$ 309,429.82	\$ 170.48
9	\$ 53,417.03	\$ 51.02	\$ 142,722.07	\$ 136.32
12	\$ 20,652.99	\$ 21.64	\$ 124,864.57	\$ 130.89
15	\$30,522.92	\$ 23.46	\$ 214,788.61	\$ 165.09
16	\$ 35,637.58	\$ 32.16	\$ 175,369.49	\$ 157.57

THANK YOU to everyone that has supported our Foundation so vigorously.

If anyone needs more information or assistance, please contact me at lcif@a15lions.org.

March 8, 2022

**Cabinet Report
9 E Zone Chair
Janet Dawson Brock**

My Fellow Lions

It has been very quiet in Zone 9 East for the past few months.

I am still hoping to visit Galt Cambridge Lions Club.

Bridgeport Lions are not meeting. I have reached out to Breslau Lions and so far, I have not visited the Club. Kitchener Leo's have not answered my emails.

I do hope to revisit some of the clubs to give out Years of Service Awards,

I am looking forward to attending the District A 15 Convention and the M D "A" Convention being held in Kitchener.

Thank you to all of the Lions who congratulated me on receiving the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers.

Kindness Matters

Lion Janet Dawson Brock
Zone Chair 9E

ZONE CHAIR 37S REPORT TO CABINET – SPRING 2022

Hello fellow Lions,

First of all, I'd like to say a huge thank you to all the clubs in 37S. Just booking visits was a challenge with restrictions. I'd like to say as I finish up my visits. You have all been wonderful and very patient as we worked out convenient and safe times to meet.

I can't believe how much excitement there is in our clubs to get back at it and start serving your communities again. Great to see and hear.

I have heard from more than half our clubs say they now see the value of being present online and in social media. A lot of talk around continuing to use these platforms to enhance and highlight the actual hard work our members are doing in their communities.

My guest and I were able to sit and have a great, interactive round table with the Wilmot Lions and Lioness Club who shared their successes and challenges around not only Covid restrictions but trying to bring two clubs together and see how they could work together and grow. The Club is quite excited to "be busy" again. I was able to see and snap some pictures of their new Lions splash pad that was put up behind the community center.

THAMESFORD Lions on March 21st allowed me to join in with PDG George Corrin on inducting their newest Member. As well as witness a pretty nice set up allowing members unable to attend the meeting in person to be able to join via Zoom. Thamesford is hard at work selling Lions Easter Bunnies, continuing with their successful Catch the Ace, running and staffing their arenas canteen and notices have been sent inviting all to their recycle day coming up.

SWEABURG LIONS

Thursday March 24th.

I was welcomed and had a lovely meal (thank you) Then right into planning for their upcoming events.

Their sot after Easter egg hunt is on again this year as well as their annual plant sale.

It has been wonderful to visit with you all. It has been inspiring to watch you all get excited to get back out and do what we do best. SERVE.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the District Convention on April 9th and 10th.

Zone Chair 37 S. A15

Lisa Visser



Report to Cabinet

ZC51E

Since the last cabinet meeting it has been quiet given the restrictions that were in place. I have been communicating with the clubs in my zone with limited success. I managed to schedule and host a virtual Zone Meeting and had at least half the clubs in the zone attend. At the zone meeting Kevin March from the Rockwood & District Lions club announced that he would be running for Zone Chair for 51E. That is great news for the clubs in Zone 51E. I was invited to the Guelph Royal City Lions Club to induct a new member into their club. I have sent out correspondence to the clubs of the Zone about the convention and that the Guelph Lions has agreed to cover the cost of the hospitality suite and the refreshments. Hopefully we will have a good turn out to the convention to catch up in person. I still have three clubs to visit, and with things starting to open up more that maybe possible soon.

Yours in Lionism

Bill Robinson

ZC51E

Lions Quest

There is still a need for financial support of the program. If you have donated to the program, Thank you very much. If you have not, would you please consider contributing to the LIONS QUEST program. Every little bit helps so we can make an impact in the lives of the leaders of tomorrow.

Lions Quest Chair

Bill Robinson

Long Range Planning Committee – PCC Kevin Banfield

Nothing to Report

LEO CLUB REPORT – A15

Cabinet Meeting

April 10, 2022

District Governor Harvey, Cabinet Members and Lions:

At this time, we only have 2 active LEO Clubs in A15, those being Lynden LEO Club with a membership showing of 4 and KW LEO Club with 41 members.

I have asked to make a LEO Club presentation to Brantford Lions but the last 2 attempts have been hampered by technical difficulty. Having said that, an in person meeting with them is expected sometime in April.

“Leadership, Experience, Opportunity.” That’s what makes a LEO.

Members of LEO clubs embody the best qualities of our incredible organization.

They are devoted young people who realize the power of action. Together, Leos and Lions form a powerful partnership, one of mutual respect where Lions learn from the innovative insights of LEOs, and where LEOs gain access to the proven strategies of those who’ve successfully served the world for decades.

We have an interesting opportunity to work with our youth who may follow us in serving our communities. It is one of the easiest programs of Lions International to develop and to show support for our youth.

Lion OJ Wilura

District LEO Chair.

GMT REPORT TO CABINET

District Governor Harvey and Members of Cabinet

April 9, 2022

Since my last report, I have established a virtual New Member Recognition Wall which has been regularly published in the Governor's Newsletter. Not actually a wall, it's more like a virtual plaque listing every new member, sponsor and club that has joined our District since the beginning of this Lions year. Once the year is complete, each new member and sponsor will be provided with a recognition for their effort and an appreciation for their commitment.

In addition, I have completed a set of 3 sessions entitled "Introduction to the Global Membership Approach" (G.M.A.). By modifying the District GMA program, we were able to hold sessions on the various aspects of implementing this program at the club level. As of this writing, we have completed 2 sessions and the last one is scheduled for today at the convention.

The first session, held online on March 10, 2022 – 7:00PM involved a brief presentation on "What is GMA (and why does it matter)?" Thank you to PDG OJ Wilura for presenting this information in a concise and practical way. Following the presentation, attendees were assigned to one of six groups. Each group was assigned the job of providing what that see as their club Strengths, Weaknesses and Opportunities. The results were "whiteboarded" and subsequently provided to the attendees through a Google drive resource. Many attendees expressed their appreciation for the program as well as a few offered constructive advice on how to improve this and future sessions. I thank everyone that contributed.

The second session, which was held online on March 24, 2022 – 7:00PM began with a presentation from Council Chair Dan Armstrong speaking on how to build/select a team, get the right people for the role as well as how it's important to set goals and develop plans with the assistance and support of the entire team and club.

Following the presentation, the members were asked to discuss and report on the following:

- How to attract new members to their clubs – what worked and what did not,
- How to strengthen the member experience for existing members
- How to improve (or restore) a leadership culture in the club.
- How do we leverage and market our story and our successes in a virtual world.

The responses were amazing and I believe many members gained valuable information about each of these areas.

The last session, will be in person at the A15 Convention beginning at 9:30 on Saturday April 9, 2022. We hope that by the end of the third session, attendees will understand the GMA process and be able to undertake building a club Team, Vision, Plan and Success in the years to come.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve in this capacity this year.

Denis Vinette, GMT Coordinator, District A15

April 9th, 2022

**Cabinet Report
Peace Poster/Essay Contest.**

My Fellow Lions/Leos

I am very pleased to report that the winning poster for M D A was
Jadyn Stickwood from Sunderland, Ontario A 16

Her poster was beautiful and it has received a
MERIT AWARD. The first time for a poster from M D A to win this award.
If you go online, you can see her Poster, it is of the World in Blue.

We are hopeful she will attend the M D A Convention and receive her
check for a \$1000.00 and a plaque.

Her Poster will be on display at the International Convention in Montreal.

The new Peace Poster Chair for A 15 will be Deb Nelligan from Copetown Lions
I wish her luck and I want to Thank everybody for their support over the years

Kindness Matters
Janet Dawson Brock

**Constitution & By-laws Committee Report for April 9th and
10th Spring Cabinet Meeting**

District Governor & Cabinet of District A15,

The Captioned Committee has nothing to report on occasion of meeting April 9 & 10/2022.

Respectfully submitted

Chair: Lion PCC Bill Carson

DIABETES EAST AND WEST REPORT TO CABINET – APRIL 9TH, 2022

District Governor, Cabinet and members of A-15,

Our District has been asked as part of MDA, to hold a bottle drive in May to raise funds for the Diabetes camps. There are two camps to raise money for, one being Camp Huronda and the other is Camp Discovery. Discovery is located in London, ON. Both camps are going to run this year for children who have Type 1 Diabetes. This is a wonderful opportunity for children with Type 1 Diabetes to interact with other children with trained professional counselors on site who monitor and keep track of the kids. If a family can not afford to send a child, it is a pay what you can or they are paid for by Diabetes Canada. Lion Brian and I are asking clubs in District A-15 to hold a bottle drive in the month of May. If you are already planning to hold a bottle drive, please consider donating your proceeds to the Diabetes D-Camp fund. We can have Posters sent to each club that would like to participate. For more information on this please do not hesitate to call Lion Brian Martin (Diabetes East Chair) or Lion Tracey Robinson (Diabetes West Chair). Thank you for all the district has done to support our fight as a District against Diabetes!

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Tracey Robinson (West)

Lion Brian Martin (East)

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

DG Harv and District A-15 Cabinet:

The following is the report of the A15 Nomination Committee for Voting or Acclamation at the A15 Convention

ZC 9S No Candidate

ZC 9E No Candidate

ZC 37S No Candidate

ZC 37W No Candidate

ZC 51E Lion Kevin March Rockwood and District Lions Club

ZC 51W No Candidate

To Be Voted On

VDG2 Lion Bill Robinson Stratford Lions Club

VDG 1 Lion Garry Ransom Guelph Lions Club

DG Lion Tony Davidson St George Lions Club

All of the applications were reviewed as complete and accepted as per District Guidelines.

PDG Doug Smith

History Report April 2022 Cabinet Meeting

I have forwarded stories to A15 Newsletter and MDA The Lion magazine, and continue to send monthly club pin stories to the district Clubs.

I was invited to the Guelph Lions meeting on February 01, and gave a presentation on their club history.

I look forward to receive more items of historical interest from clubs, to add to our district collection.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Nancy Ransom, A-15 Historian

April 2022 Service Report to Cabinet

Special congratulations to one-year Lion Scott McKague of Innerkip & District Lions Club, who organized a very successful "Coldest Night of the Year" Walk in support of the homeless and hungry at the Inn of Oxford shelter. Kudus to the other Lions Clubs who joined in, Woodstock, Sweaburg, Thamesford, and Ingersoll; and also to the Woolwich Community Lions Club who held their own Walk, in support of Woolwich Community Services!

I continue to send a monthly service letter to Clubs featuring ongoing club projects, and projects that foster relationships with other community organizations and charities. I have been participating in the ongoing GMT zoom sessions throughout the year.

The District A-15 Service Contest rules and submission form were again forwarded to Clubs, to encourage participation. The winners of this contest will be presented at the June final Cabinet meeting for this Lions year.

An entry was forwarded to each of the 2022 MDA Service Contest; and the LCI Kindness Matters Contest. I have forwarded the application form for Club Excellence Award to all clubs.

Lions Clubs International Insights – as of end March, 52% of District A-15 Clubs are reporting activities on **MyLion**. All projects, donations and volunteer hours can be reported – please contact me for help to get started. LCI is looking for our reports and this data to relay to our Global Partners who support us. They also may make decisions to begin certain programs based on what they see as highly successful activities derived from our reports. LCI needs our information just as much today as at any time in the past – **and they collect this data from MyLion.**

The mission of Lions Clubs International Foundation is to empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding. As of February 2022, **Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF** has raised \$258,073,295 which is 86% of the Campaign 100 goal of \$300,000,000. If your Club is considering a donation to LCIF, it can be earmarked for Disaster Relief for Ukraine. Several Clubs have organized fundraisers and/or made donations to this cause.

Thank you Lions for your Service from the Heart!

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Nancy Ransom, A-15 GST Co-ordinator



Accessibility Report April 9th

DG Harvey Wood

Good day, my final report for this year's cabinet meeting for the District of A15. This year has been an adventure learning more pieces of legislation with reference to AODA.

Th first survey is attached to this report for the clubs to have the opportunity to complete and start on the journey of the upcoming legislation. Once Completed we encourage the clubs to save a copy for the own reference as well forward the completed survey to the Chair of MDA Accessibility Committee.

The chair will be collecting this data to create information packages to be available to all clubs in MDA.

For the upcoming Lions year. The clubs will be learning what is expected from their own municipality or county. 99 percent of this information is available on their individual municipal website.

Submitted respectfully

George Corrin



MDA Accessibility Survey for Lions Clubs Facilities

The Accessibility Committee is asking for a knowledgeable member of your Lions Club to complete the questionnaire.

Please circle your answers and return completed form to your MDA kengel@lionsA16.com

Lions Club Name: _____

Name of facility _____ Location _____

District:

1	2	3	4	5	7-11	9	12	15	16
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1 Lions club main facility

leased	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
owned	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
rented	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
free	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Public place	<input type="checkbox"/>	5
Organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	6

Which one? _____
Which one? _____

Private Office
Church
House
Park
Arena
Municipality/county
Restaurant
School
Senior Center
Legion
Library

1
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9
10
11

what is the name? _____

Other _____

2 Does your Lions Club have an Alternate Event Hall that you may hold your Lions Club Meetings or Events?

Yes 1 Where? _____
No 2

Church
Park
Arena
Restaurant
School
Library
Community center
Scout hall
other _____

1
2
3
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Name of facility _____

Name of facility _____

Name of facility _____

Name of facility _____

Location (address) _____

Location (address) _____

Location (address) _____

Location (address) _____

3 Does your facility have safe access? (No Barriers)

- Elevators
- Ramps
- Stair chair
- Entrance wheelchair access
- Accessible washroom
- Gender friendly washroom
- Non accessible washroom
- Parking Lots

1
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7
8

How many? →

4 Do you have members in your club with Visible or Non-Visible Barriers? Please refer to:

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act <https://www.ontario.ca/page/about-accessibility-laws>

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hearing	How many?	Does your club have amplify sound system ?	Yes	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vision	How many?	Does your Lions Club Secretary e-blast electronic Reading Materials or mail them to Club Members before the meeting?	1	2
	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Mobility	How many?	Do any of your member use assistive devices?	1	2
					<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Diet	How many?	When serving food, do you give food options for those members with food restrictions/allergies?	1	2
					<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5 Does your Club have an Accessibility person, who's duty is to ensure that your Facility is accessible?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

Club possible accessibility contact person
 (Please include their contact information if we have questions we can consult with them)

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

*If you have any questions regarding the survey, please don't hesitate to contact MDA Accessibility Chair Person
 KHRISSTINA ENGEL - kengel@lionsA16.com Phone number : 905 252 7004*