



DISTRICT A15 VIRTUAL CABINET MEETING MINUTES



Friday June 25th, 2021 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Voting Cabinet

IPDG Tracey Robinson	DG George Corrin	DGE Harv Wood	2ndVDG Tony Davidson
CS Debbie Zimmerman	CT Doug Fyfe	RC9 Gerry Runstedler	RC MaryAnn Ward
RC51 Garry Ransom	ZC9E Victor Chaux	ZC9 Bruce Killinger	ZC51E Gary Lloyd
ZC51W Mark Koenig			

Committee Chairs

PRC Paul Anstett	PDDG George Patton	PRC Jim Keron	PZC Paul Lalande
PDG Denis Vinette	GST Nancy Ransom	PID Art Woods	PDG Thom Herrmann
PSC Ted Rypma	PDG Doug Smith	Lion Brian Martin	LCIF Peter Oswald
Lion Cheryl Bauman	Lion Kyle Boutilier	PDG O.J. Wilura	Lion Allison Henkell
Lion Lyle Fair	PDG Diane Smith	PDG Nancy Ransom	Lioness Janet Dawson Brock
PRC Cecilia Fulker	PDG Dan Ayim	GLT Dean MacKinnon	GLT Jim Sanders
PR Nancy Chiasson			

1. 2ndVDG Tony opened the meeting with Protocol.
2. IPDG Tracey Called the Meeting to Order.
3. IPDG Tracey welcomed everyone and asked Co-host Lion Jim to communicate Zoom etiquette.
4. O'Canada was played.
5. IPDG Tracey asked everyone for a moment of silence.
6. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda.
 - **Motion** to accept agenda by RC51 Garry Ransom seconded by 2ndVDG Tony Davidson.
Carried by all.
7. District Governor's Remarks read by PDG Thom Herrmann.

The ending of Lions year like no other

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This Lions year will be remembered more than some. Please consider your thoughts about the positive events that have happened. When was the last time, society wanted so much to be brought together for a celebration, for one reason or another, to be with other people, talk, laugh, hug, cry?

Our industry is calling for change with new stories and hearing new voices and some of these new voices need to be our new leaders. I hope that within our Lions organization, we will lead the way with better than ever service projects, acts of kindness that will continuously unite people to want to stay, or get involved, with making all communities vibrant, inclusive, and merging, as one unit that “all lives matter”.

Can you imagine if A15 District blazes a new trail to double our membership, because so many people would want to serve other people. We are those leaders, and we need to do our job as Lion Leaders for all demographics and all cultures. Our meetings must become a purposeful opportunity to drive ourselves with a new vigorous passion to serve.

To get us to the next service activity, it can be simply one act of kindness, or possible a multi-year environmental project, that goes beyond the normal concept of thinking and is outside our borders. We do not need to be everything to everyone. I ask that each person do the right thing, for the right reasons and at the right time when possible.

Senator JFK wrote a book (Profiles in Courage) in 1956 (it won a Pulitzer Prize in 1957). When you do the right thing for the right reasons, you do not always become the most popular person, but you leave with your integrity. Some of the changes trying to happen in society now, are vastly different than what we have always known or understood.

I would like to thank everybody for demonstrating in being all that they could be for the Lion's year 2020 2021. Also, a special thanks for the Lions that have been part of my journey in becoming a District Governor. It is impossible to be a leader without having people that give of themselves, wanting to help myself to be the best I could be.

All generations need to strive to collaborate and pull together to build our future as Lions. As the outgoing District Governor, I want to wish all the new leaders a wonderful and pleasurable year.

Please stay safe and enjoy each day no matter what it brings.

Cheers,

D.G George Corrin



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8. **Presentations about District Governor George Corrin.**

DGE Harvey Wood stated he first met George and Barb at a Zone meeting in Lynden, Ontario almost 5 years ago and it was quite evident that George wanted to be the District Governor. George achieved that goal. He has worked and worked and accomplished all of the positions to reach his goal. Harvey thanked George for his coaching, his mentoring and his badgering too! Harvey also mentioned that George was handed the International Governors Award by Steve Somerset on behalf of Brian Sheehan the International Second Vice President for George’s work in his role as District Governor for A15.

Harvey invited PDG Steve Somerset to say a few words.

PDG Steve addressed the group by thanking the entire District for their hard work in managing and achieving results in a very difficult year. However, the Lions have found ways to persevere and overcome this challenging year. There is a module we teach for the DGE for leading change. DG George and his team have led that change. George has been a very hard-working individual and always came forward with new ideas. Plans don’t always go according to plan but with the strength and courage and having a wonderful team of Lions around you its just absolutely amazing. PDG Steve spoke with Brian Sheehan about the International Certificate of Appreciation asking, can you think of anyone who would be deserving of this award for their contribution and efforts not only for this year but past and future years as well and George’s name was mentioned. PDG Steve stated he was so pleased that you received such an award.

It was at this time Barb Corrin was asked to go answer their door where PDDG George Patton was standing there with their individual awards and pins! What a wonderful gesture!

PDG Thom Herrmann read a letter written by a Cabinet Member.

Our George, the Manxman you say? Well, he is from the Isle of Man which is a beautiful Island between England and Northern Ireland in the Irish Sea. Hence, his three-legged logo as this is the Islands flag.

George is 1 of 6 children and grew into as we all know a handsome and charming man! He and Barb have 5 wonderful children with 5 grandchildren.

This past Lions year George has demonstrated that he is a man of passion, action and faith. After retiring from Dofasco, he decided to join the Lions of Drumbo in 2009. Since this time, he has been President, Zone Chair, Region Chair and First Vice District Governor and then our District Governor for A15 this past year.

In later years, George and his wife Barb moved to Aylmer and joined the Thamesford Lions Club and during this time he was LCIF Chair. He certified himself as a Guiding Lion and participated in the 2019 USA/Canada Forum in Spokane Washington and completed his Masters at Lions University and received his Doctorate.



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During his 5-year journey to become our District Governor his intentions were honest and true always striving to serve the needs of the community and asking, ‘how can we best offer our services?’. His actions and words were genuine and noticed by fellow Lions at all levels of Lionism. What other District Governor and his wife goes out to the public and rewards people for their ‘Acts of Kindness’ and gives them Peace Posters!

It is George’s nature to empower, train, be a driving force and be a mentor for anyone he came in contact with. Whether it be initiating Tech Town for other Districts to come together to learn how to use computers or creating projects of multi-generational environmental opportunities through Boards of Education and Conservation authorities, or empowering and mentoring the new cabinet members to engage and work collaboratively with the clubs and other committees in times that often did not allow him to carry out the ideas and plans that he had.

George strived and achieved open communication within his realm of Governor. He was truly respected for being honest and not allowing politics to overrule his operation as District Governor. He did not allow political plagiarism.

You may be asking yourself, why did someone decide to write about George? Well, it was a challenging year. George had to maintain and keep everyone engaged during a Lions year that had to deal with a Pandemic but his own health. This was not an easy task.

If you remember the message I just read.....In George’s Rose-Coloured Glasses that he wrote for the April Convention Cabinet Meeting he stated.....We become a Lion Why? Where does your passion Lie? Then that is where you can best help!
On behalf of the A15 District, all of the Cabinet, Committee Members, and PDG’s..... George and Barb.....we cannot express our gratitude for the exceptional, dedicated hard work and devotion that you have given to Lions. You certainly lead by example and we appreciate everything you have provided us this past year!
It is my pleasure to present you with your District Governor plaque for the Lions Year of 2020-2021.

PDG Thom stated: “God with a small “g” just delivered your plaques that speak to what we think of You.



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PDG Thom read aloud what was on Lion Barb Corrin's plaque. See below.



PDG Thom commented: George, you were sick and you still served. You had numerous surgeries and did not complain. You prepared for a bonus year and you got caught with Covid-19. Without Barb you would have never been able to have done what you did. Yet, you proved that the best laid plans could just lay there. Yet, you were not afraid to be unpopular and that did not help your likability ratings. So, convention just a virtual attempt, know the resulting gifts and a lot of kissing and a cabinet that truly moved in many directions all at the same time. But soon do not worry, the light of all knowing will soon descend upon you as it does all past District Governors and you will know how the how the job of Governor should be done a little late but whatever. George and Barb, I thank you for doing your best in trying times. Your really tried.



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PDG Thom communicated to everyone on the Zoom call it was time to pass over the Campbell. “District Governor Elect Harvey....You have been Campbellled!.....you are truly the acting District Governor while still elected”! DGE Harvey thanked PDG Thom.

IPDG Tracey stated her congratulations to DGE Harvey. It was her pleasure and honour to turn the Spring Cabinet Meeting over to District Governor Elect Harvey Wood.

DGE Harvey stated it was his pleasure to step in for DG George at this point of the evening. DGE Harvey said it would have been nice to see DG George in this chair however, we are glad you are with us tonight! We all wish you the best going forward.

- 9. Approval of the last Cabinet Meeting Minutes from Saturday April 17th and Sunday April 18th, 2021. (<http://a15lions.org/pages/Main/HomePage>)

Correction to Sunday April 18th 2021 minutes PDG Thom stated a line has been left out on page 18 concerning the passage for changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. All of which were passed all by 80% which will go in effect at the end of the International Convention.

- **Motion** to approve the last minutes by RC9 Gerry Runstedler seconded by ZC51W Mark Koenig. Carried by all.

- 10. Matters Arising.

10.1 Secretary’s Report on behalf of the District Governor.

Rose Coloured Glasses

This year provided us with a roller coaster of a ride with respect to the pandemic. Every day we woke up wondering what the breaking news would be.

The whole world watching what country is leading the way. It was almost as thrilling as the passing of the Olympic torch.

But in Canada, we all knew we were always in first place. A Canadian will adhere to the guidelines to the best of their ability. Our Country is not all that old and our Lions foundation is 100 years young. In District A15, we continue to be number one.

As we went on this adventure together, we must continue to look through our lenses of rose-coloured glasses seeing the District and its clubs being successful in doing the best they can. Nobody can ask more of a Lion.



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This Lions year concluded with electing their new club officers to soon begin another Lions year. This new year could possibly create a different approach to what has been done in the past. Virtual meetings were happening everywhere. Some took on this challenge to learn difficult tasks and some displayed their patience with respect to the way everything worked out.

As the District Governor, I certainly was not expecting to learn how to use zoom or trying to understand all the technical requirements that were required to host a Virtual convention. I did manage to learn enough to get by with all of the support from the clubs that were involved. All the cabinet members have worked hard to learn new procedures, policies and operational needs to help as many clubs as possible that needed assistance.

Having a negative approach will not make things happen faster or different, we need to stay positive and compassionate with every turn we make. We need to remain loyal to ourselves, our community as well as the marginalized membership everywhere.

I would like to express my appreciation for everyone who participated in this year’s virtual convention. It was not an easy task to accomplish. On the other hand, with all of the wonderful support we attained, it went very well with positive feedback from the majority. They say that technology is great when it works. I can attest that as my computer did not always do what I wanted it to do. This past convention could be the first of many Virtual conventions or having parts of future conventions virtually (known as a Hybrid Virtual meeting).

In today’s world we can have a virtual convention, have a zoom with our family, face time on a cell phone or just a simple phone call. We have vaccines to immunize us to help prevent any further spread of the Covid virus within our communities.

As lions we shall be there come July 1st for the next years lions to serve as we have always done. We will want to generate the passion, excitement and the positivity of always seeing everything through your “Rose Colored Glasses”. I wish for everyone to stay safe for the tomorrows, for they are never promised.

- **Motion** to accept the secretary’s report by RC37 MaryAnn Ward seconded by ZC9E Victor Chaux. Carried by all.

It was at this time DGE Harvey Wood received a knock at his back door where Lion Dave Hughes from the Rockton Lions Club delivered the Campbell on behalf of District Governor George Corrin. IPDG Tracey Robinson instructed DGE Harvey to keep it well polished for the entire year. Lion O.J. said he knows who you can give it too to keep you in check!



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10.2 Treasurer's Report

DGE Harvey mentioned that CT Doug was called into work tonight so if anyone has any questions, please direct them to DGE Harvey.

- **Motion** to receive Treasurer's report by RC51 Garry Ransom seconded by IPDG Tracey Robinson. Carried by all.

DGE announced that effective June 30, 2021 Doug Fyfe has resigned as Cabinet Treasurer. DGE Harvey will definitely thank him for his service and contributions at a more appropriate time. District Governor George has already thanked him for his service. We all wish him the best. Lion Linda Vinette will be the interim Cabinet Treasurer until the position is fulfilled.

Cabinet Treasurer's Report pre Cabinet Meeting : 2021 Jun 11

All income and expenditure \$ reconcile with the relevant 2021 May 31 bank statements, GICs held and Encumbrances released since May 31 (ref Section B).

Attached to this Report are :

A May 2021 Monthly Financial Report

- identifies the Summary of Income and Expenses at May 31, including Unencumbered (freely available) Cash and Encumbered (set aside) cash; for Encumbrance details see B below;
- the full May 31 Income and Expenses report was issued on Jun 05 Sat after I had received the May 31 bank statements and reconciled the relevant amounts;
- the transition from CIBC to Kindred Credit Union [KCU] completed in March, thus transaction records for KCU only are shown;
- two locked-in GICs remain with CIBC, upon maturity in July and December this year money orders will be sent to me for deposit into KCU, possibly as further GICs or Other Savings : yet to be determined and approved by 2021-2022 Cabinet;
- the 2020-2021 to-date full Income Journal and the full Expense Journal are available upon request.

B Encumbrances Summary (set-aside \$)

- identifies net amount of all Encumbrances (ie net of any income and any expense); the full Encumbrance Journal (all transactions) is available upon request;
- this report differs from the 2021 May 31 report recently sent-out as since then several Encumbrances have been released to their respective programs.

C Administration Budget (approved 2020 Oct 29) identifies by line item as at Jun 09 the :

- total income budgeted, received, and any surplus (green), or overpayment (red);
- total income summary at the end;
- total expenditure budgeted, made, and any surplus (green), or overpayment (red);
- total expenditure summary at end;
- projected total end of year budget surplus (green) or overpayment (red); **Note** : income and expenditures yet to occur before Jun 30.

A fully comprehensive Lions Year-End financial report will be issued in early July after I have reconciled the Jun bank account statements with the Financial Management System, including a comparison with Lions Year-End 2019-20.

Lion Doug Fyfe
A15 Cabinet/District Treasurer
2021 Jun 09



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10.3 Cabinet Reports

- **Motion** to accept the Cabinet Reports by RC9 Gerry Runstedler seconded by 2ndVDG Tony Davidson. Carried by all.

VDG1/DGE - HARVEY WOOD

2021/2022 marks the culmination of my journey to become Governor District A – 15.

The journey has been long and not without bumps in the road. Covid being the largest bump as it has interrupted Lions activities as they have been for 100 years.

However, we can see the end. Soon Lions clubs will be meeting in person and enjoying fundraising activities, service activities and camaraderie with other Lions.

We have all cabinet positions filled, a number of new faces and we are going forward as an energized group to establish new clubs, branch clubs and to rejuvenize existing Clubs. Our main goal is to increase membership.

We will have a new Club in our District on July 1/21, Freelton, which is moving to A – 15 from A 7/11 and we welcome its members with open arms.

For starters, our meetings will be virtual but as injections increase and the public becomes open to each other, we will be returning to our traditional meeting styles.

I thank all the Clubs for the support which they have bestowed upon me throughout my journey and I am looking forward to working with everyone in the upcoming year.



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2ndVDG- Tony Davidson

Do we have some good news, most of us have had one shot of vaccine? I cannot wait to be able to have face to face meetings!

The past two years have been difficult as we have had to change the way of doing service projects and fundraising for annual Club commitments. I have been impressed at the Projects that have come from the dedicated Lions and Leo Clubs in the District. When Projects are shared, others can adopt similar ideas. I give our District Service Chair, a great Thank You for keeping the district updated on the amazing commitment the Lions in A15 towards Service.

I have completed most of the Tasks that Governor George presented me with over the last year with the most memorable was the Memorial service presented at the Convention.

I look forward to working with Harvey and his team next year.

RC9 Cabinet Report June 2021

It's been a pleasure for me to be a member of District Governor George's cabinet. Logistically the year was filled with challenges but we managed to accomplish most things virtually. It certainly was not a typical Lions Year. Kudos to George for making the needed effort and adjusting to the obstacles he faced. Thank you fellow cabinet members. It was great working with you all year. Lion Gerry Runstedler

RC37 Cabinet Report June 2021

It seems that the year has ended and a new group with lots of new ideas is getting ready to start. The last year has been a learning experience for me and I will not soon forget all the help DG George Corrin and Lion Barb Corrin have been to me. When I accepted the Region Chair position I really did not know what I was getting into. But with DG George's help he made it seem easier and I visited a few people in my Region to deliver items and made some new friends. Thank you Thank you Also a big thank you to RC Gary Ransome for teaching me the way around the computer, eg Zoom and a hands on visit to show me many things that I won't forget. Thank you Gary.

Needless to say, 2020 -2021 has been a learning experience for everyone and the Convention turned out to be a great success with the cooperation of many Lions to make it one. I'm sure everyone involved enjoyed the experience. Thank You everyone and good luck in the coming year.

Yours in Lionism,
MaryAnn Ward

RC51 Cabinet Report June 2021

The Leadership Task Force held 3 training modules for the Zone Chair and Region Chair Elects during the month of May. One more training module will take place in July. All training has been done on the Zoom platform. GLT Jim Sanders and I would like to thank Linda and PDG Denis Vinette, PDG Diane Smith and Bill Robinson for their help to facilitate the training.



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I would also like to thank Zone Chairs Gary Lloyd and Mark Koenig for the work they have done in their respective zones through out the year during a very trying time.

I look forward as Second Vice District Governor to a very exciting 2021-22 Lions year.

Respectfully submitted,
Garry Ransom

GLT Cabinet Report June 2021

It has been evident to District A-15 leadership over the past number of years that there is a need for more candidates from which to fill leadership roles at the District and MDA levels.

With the support of DG George, a Leadership Task Force was formed and included RC51 Garry Ransom, ZC 51W Mark Koenig and ZC 51E Gary Lloyd. At the outset, we concluded the obvious that District leaders can only come from the clubs.

Task Force recognizes that The Zone Chair is the vital link between clubs and the district. They are also vital in identifying potential leaders within clubs. A training program was created to provide 4 training modules for Zone Chairs. One of the positives of Covid-19 was to show us the potential of video training. Three training modules have been completed with the last one scheduled in July. I would like to thank RC51 Garry Ransom, Linda Vinette, PDG Denis Vinette, PDG Diane Smith and Bill Robinson for helping to facilitate the training. PDG Diane Smith has joined our Leadership Task Force. In addition, we are now a part of the GMA group.

We are in the process of developing video training for the 2021-22 Lions year in addition to LCI training for club:

1. Presidents
2. Vice Presidents
3. Secretaries
4. Treasurers
5. Membership Chairs
6. Service Chair
7. Marketing Communication Chairs

There will be a number of discussion group through out the year for each of the club executive positions. It has been a pleasure to serve as GLT district Chair this year. We all look forward to a productive and exciting year ahead.

Respectfully,
Jim Sanders

GST Cabinet Report

I congratulate the Clubs of A-15 for their untiring and innovative service in their communities and the world, during covid restrictions. What a tremendous success story for A-15!

We have had an increase in clubs reporting to MyLion – we now stand at 52%. Many Clubs have been promoting their activities on Facebook, E-clubhouse, and other media. Well done!



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I have shared monthly club service stories to all A-15 clubs this Lions year; and promoted service materials from LCI, service contests, and the like.

Last fall a zoom Service Discussion was held for each of the three Regions, which included surveys and breakout chat rooms, with follow up notes sent to all Clubs.

Last fall, our MDA Service Co-ordinator requested District Service Co-ordinators to send a club service story, max. 1-2 pages with photos, monthly from July 2020 until April 2021, to be shared on the MDA website. A committee comprised of DG George, VDG1 Harvey, VDG2 Tony, and myself, chose one story which was entered into the official MDA Service Contest. The winner, announced at the MDA Convention on May 15th; were the Chippewa Lions Club of District A-2.

Thank you to District Information Technology Chair, Lion Ted Rypma, who has posted these ten A-15 service stories on the District website under "Service".

GAT funding for A-15 was received in the amount of \$576.00 from LCI, for future purposes. Suggested ways by LCI to use GAT District Funding: host a Membership Growth Event, sponsor a Service Event, host a GAT Retreat for your district.

Under the 2021-22 Membership Task Force headed by PDG Denis Vinette, to date I have participated in three zoom Service Team discussions, in planning for the upcoming Lions year. Many Clubs will be eligible for the **2020-2021 Club Excellence Award**; you will need to submit your application to LCI, due by the end of August. For questions, inquiries or to submit your Club Excellence Award Application LCI by email at: clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org or by phone (630)468-6828.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this year; I look forward to serving with DG Harvey and Team next year. Best wishes to all A-15 Lions for a happy and safe summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Nancy Ransom, GST Co-ordinator

Historian Cabinet Report June 2021

Lions, I hope you have enjoyed the monthly Club pin stories this past year. It has been very interesting and fun discovering the background behind them, and I will be continuing with more stories this coming Lions year.

Thank you to those Clubs who have shared their past history and service. I look forward to times when we can all meet again at zone and cabinet meetings.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve, and best wishes for a happy and safe summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Nancy Ransom, A-15 Historian



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LCIF Cabinet Report June 2021

DG George and members of Cabinet; Committee Chairs and all Lions of District A-15

Since my last report on Sunday morning at the convention, I have been watching our District totals grow in monthly reporting coming from LCIF. YOUR support for the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF is truly awesome! To quote from a very recent note from 3rd International Vice-President Dr. Patti Hill:

As a proud Canadian and Lion, I'm reaching out to you regarding your support of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

When Lions in Ontario requested Matching Grants for hospital equipment needed to treat children, LCIF provided funds to ensure that young patients and their families received the care they needed.

*It's easy to see how LCIF has improved the lives of individuals and families, Lions and non-Lions, in communities in every one of our provinces and territories. **Canada is better because of LCIF and Lions.***

For Campaign 100 in this Lions year, **DISTRICT A-15 IS THE BEST IN CANADA!**

Updates to May 31 (all amounts in USD):

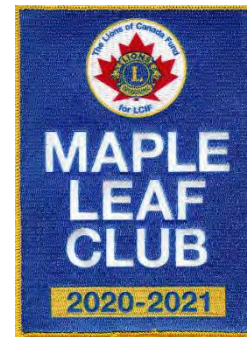
	Donations	# of Donations	Per Member Average	
District THIS year	\$ 45,014	75*	\$33.85	*District U2 has 97 donors
Cumulative since July, 2017 (with ranking across Canada)	\$139,992 (3 rd)		191 (3 rd) \$105.26 (4 th)	

I wish we could meet in person as there are Clubs to be recognized. But this will come later. For now, here is a reminder of the Clubs that have already FULFILLED the requirements to become a **Maple Leaf Club** (Donations CAD \$360 per member). Here is the list and the banner patch to be presented:

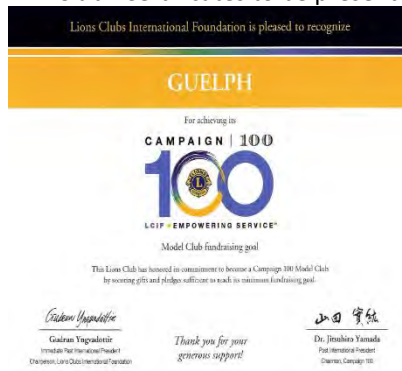
- Elmira \$420;
- Elora \$405;
- Guelph \$820;
- Marsville \$827;
- St Jacobs \$443;
- Woodstock \$431

Congratulations & thank you!

Two of the Clubs above STAND OUT ABOVE the rest. These are the District A-15. Congratulations again to Marsville & District Lions Club as well Club. Certificates to be presented:



MODEL CLUBS in as the Guelph Lions



Lastly, there are a small number of commitments from the Convention weekend still outstanding (expecting approx. CAD 7,100 to be added to the totals above!). And, there is still time to top off a great year. I am available to assist. But for expediency, please send all donations to:



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Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF

C/O Stan Durward

Box 38

Sunderland, ON L0C 1H0

Or, make a donation directly online at <https://lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca/>

Thank you to District Governor George for his Leadership & support for Campaign 100 during the Lions year. Together, the Lions of District A-15 have indeed improved the lives of individuals and families in Canada! Well Done!



LEO Club Cabinet Report June 2021

District Governor George and fellow Lions:

The USA/Canada Leo Forum, Calgary, will be held virtually, July 21st to the 23rd. Registration and further information can be located at: “<https://leosforum.org>”

The KW LEO Club has elected their new Executive and making plans for the next fiscal year, with hope the current situation we are faced with, will have diminished.

Sponsoring a LEO Club gives Lions the opportunity to mentor and empower young leaders and foster a commitment of community service, while energizing your members to stay involved. The link below will provide a step-by-step process for starting a LEO Club in you area.

As a result of my club being involved with the program we have had 5 graduating LEOs join Lions. So, young and new members, new ideas, new service activities, is exactly what we want to sustain our organization.

[Start a Leo Club | Lions Clubs International](#)

Respectfully submitted;

Lion OJ Wilura

LEO Chair

Family and Women Cabinet Report June 2021

This will be my last report in the capacity of Family and Women’s membership liaison. It has been a pleasure to serve the District.

Globally, female membership, as well as the number of family units has shown slow but steady growth over this past Lions year. In Canada, women comprise 34.23% of the Lions family ranking us in the top half of all of the Constitutional areas.

In District A 15 the number of women has remained steady with 332 women out of a District total of 1316 [25.2%]. * All figures in this report are based on information as of May 31st, 2021

I have had many discussions with Lion members who feel, and understandably so, that there should not be a particular emphasis on women’s membership, but rather our focus should be on inclusion and the culturing of specialty and cyber clubs, club branches and ethnocentric clubs in order to increase



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membership. This should be a topic of discussion for each club as you go forward in planning your next Lions year.

Finally-a fond farewell to the Lioness who have been part of our District. If you have chosen to become Lions -welcome and if you have not, thank you for your years of service and good luck in your future service endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Smith

Peace Poster/ Essay Cabinet Report June 2021

My Fellow Lions and Lioness

This is my final report for the Peace Poser/Essay Contest for this year. I would like to thank Governor George and

Council Chair Deb Dawson for asking me to be the Chair this year

It has been a hard year for most of the clubs and I thank the clubs that did participate this year.

Thamesford

Lions had the winning poster and Missisauga Lions won at the M D A level. They both received their prizes.

Thank you to the THREE Lions Clubs who donated at the M D A level and to the THREE Lions Clubs who

donated to A15. Special thanks to the New Hamburg Lioness Club.

The Peace Posters have arrived and they are FREE to any club who would like one. So far, we have three clubs

with the Kits. Let's hope the schools open in the fall.

I will be Peace Poster/Essay Chair again next year, thank you Governor Harvey and CC Dan Armstrong

Enjoy the summer

Kindness Matters

Lion/Lioness Janet Dawson Brock

Hearing Cabinet Report for June 2021

I have been communicating with the Canadian Hearing Services, which used to be identified as the Canadian Hearing Society. I am trying to develop a series of learning opportunities for our district members to learn more about hearing loss and identify the services that are available within the communities from the Canadian Hearing Services. Better awareness needs to be passed onto the clubs on these various services.

District Governor George Corrin



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Technology Report June 2021

Governor George, Cabinet, Lions:

I wish to thank the District for giving me the opportunity to serve yet again as the Technology Committee Chair and District Webmaster. The on-line voting and on-line convention was quite the highlight of the year.

I would like to reiterate that the web site is set up so any committee chairs who are up to the challenge can have control over one or more pages on the site for their committee. I may not always respond to your request for access immediately, as a bit of setup is required, but eventually you will have control of your content if you need and want it.

I look forward to continuing to serve.

Lion Ted Rypma
District Technology Chair
<http://a15lions.org/>

11. Committee Reports

11.1 LCIF Peter Oswald

A couple of brief notes to add. Some highlights regarding personal and club contributions this year, A15 collections to the end of May 2021 placed the District as #1 District. There is approximately another \$6,000.00 to come in for the month of June. Lion Peter mentioned he will provide a final year end total at the August Cabinet meeting. He is very pleased with all of the work everyone has done and very pleased with District Governor George with all of the support he has provided. There is still time to make donations. Thank you for all of your support and look forward to next year!

DGE Harvey congratulated Lion Peter on how he has done such an excellent job with his leadership and diligence.

11.2 DGE Harvey Wood 2-Day Convention

This should be the final chapter on this subject. Lion George Patton has re-written the Convention Policy for future District Governors. DGE has forwarded this 2-Day Convention Policy to all of the Cabinet members and asked for any feedback. Voting will be electronic and commence the Friday evening and finish Sunday 9:00am sharp. People will be allowed to arrive the Friday evening and book a room. They may have a hospitality room if they choose to. DGE elect communicated the itinerary to the group.

- **Motion** to accept the application for the 2- Day Convention by 1stVDGE Tony Davidson seconded by ZC51W Mark Koenig. Carried by all.



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12. Old Business

12.1 Breslau Gate Posts

They are under construction and will be 'completed' within the next 2 to 3 weeks. It is really nice to report this. Lion Dan Ayim will join DGE Harvey and take a trip up and have a look. The camp is in great shape, they are training dogs and we should be very proud of what they are doing and proud to have it.

12.2 Freelton Lions Club

They will become part of District A15 July 1st, 2021. They were part of the urban District of A711. They have 20 members and will assist with our growing membership counts.

12.3 Vanastra Lions Club Closure

This club has officially closed and their Charter will be returned. They were some issues and they member count lowered to three.

12.4 Three clubs merging (St. Agatha, New Hamburg Lioness and New Hamburg Lions)

Changing the name to Wilmot Lions/Lioness Club Zone 37S. There will be about 20 Lioness joining into the club.

13. New Business

13.1 Vision Screening

Last year we did not have Vision Screening on our Committee. PDG Tim DeBlock has agreed to chair this pillar this year. He is already communicating with the Waterloo Board of Education.

13.2 2020/2021 Convention Report Lion Jim Keron

The core team started to plan for a live convention then with the Covid-19 restrictions they had to start all over and go Virtual! They all worked collaboratively with the assistance of 29 clubs. They also had the assistance of the LCI technology group. The help was greatly appreciated! The total cost of the Convention was \$1,547.00.

A number of Cabinet members recorded videos, made presentations, created chat rooms and created subject rooms for people to join.

Overall, the Convention Core team appreciated everyone's input and assistance. Lion Jim also thanked Lion Barb Corrin for her leadership and the amount time and effort she put in to make the Convention successful. IPDG also stated that Lion Lisa Visser was a fabulous host.

14. Upcoming Events

ZC51W mentioned Paradise had a memorial walk and inducted two new members under the age of 22!



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RC9 Gerry mentioned Paris Lions is doing a Catch the Ace!

St. Jacobs Lions had a bottle drive June 26th and inducted two new young members in April. Floradale Friends of Dog Guide have been gardening at the Breslau site ensuring everything is cleaned up prior to the puppy pick up day. They like to do a photo shoot in front of the arch way. It is going to be a weekly responsibility of the Floradale club and friends to maintain the looks of the Breslau site. Excellent Job!!!! Thank you!

Ingersoll Lions will be having a Facebook on-line auction starting July 9th through to the 23rd. They have about 30 items for sale. Lion Lisa will send the link out to everyone!

Rockton Lions club has a weekly Farmers Market sale every Thursday from 4:00pm to 7:00pm until August 26th at the Rockton Fair Grounds! Have a good meal at the Rockton Lions food trailer.

Lion O.J. mentioned the week of May 27th to May 29th 2022, will be the MDA Convention being held at the Crown Plaza. Also, they have inducted 5 Leo's into their Lions club. This shows how important Leo clubs are. Leo clubs are very important as we have had 9 Leo's in two years enter into our clubs!

RC51 Garry Ransom congratulated Lion Deb Cserhalmi on being the 4th highest contributor to the Dog Walk that was virtually held in Canada. As Deb said, it was her Dog that handled the credit card!!

DGE Harvey stated April 9th and April 10th, 2022 will be the District A15 Convention at the Crown Plaza. Hopefully, it will be an in-person Convention.

PDG Denis, announced that they are going to have their 2nd Annual Zone 51E Picnic on September 11th, 2021. It will be held at the Ennotville Historical Library on Highway 6 just South of Fergus. We have the endorsement of our incoming Zone Chair and like last year we hope Lion Gary will be there to assist us with a silent auction and a draw. The other one we under took was a Literacy Activity meeting place. We will be installing our first of 3 benches, four trees and one significantly little free library as part of this project. This project was funded in part through a donation from IPDG Tracey Robinson that was from the international funding for the Centennial project. Thank you, Tracey! We do want to have IPDG Tracey for the ribbon cutting on that day of August 28th, 2021. However, bring your shovel as we have a lot of trees to plant and benches to set. South Wellington Club is there to serve the smallest communities!

Lion/Lioness Janet Dawson Brock– Thank you for your support towards the Lioness program to which she has been apart of for 39 years. There are only 5 days left. Day one Swans met on Thursday night and they now have 35 members on the Zoom and are excited to be Swans. I



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encourage you to search via [Google](#), [global.service.organisation.lion.swan](#) (this was the only site I could find) There are about 5,000 Lioness' going into this new organization.

The web page is beautiful. It has been a delight being a Lioness and I look forward to being a Zone Chair. Lion Janet has Peace Posters should anyone require them.

DGE Harvey asked Lion Janet to describe to the group what a 'Swan' is. Lion Janet explained it is a new organisation where Lioness' did not want to become Lions. They formed this new name in Australia and is now in the U.S.A. and coming into Canada.

DGE Harvey expressed his gratitude to the outgoing Cabinet of 2020-2021 for its diligence, contributions and all its suggestions and support its provided District Governor George throughout the year. We do have a new Cabinet and they are list below.

New Cabinet for 2021-2022 is:

District Governor	Harvey Wood/Lion Eleanor	dg@a15lions.org
Immediate Past District Governor	George Corrin/Lion Barb	ipdg@a15lions.org
First Vice District Governor	Tony Davidson/Cheryl	vdg1@a15lions.org
Second Vice District Governor	Garry Ransom/PDG Nancy	vdg2@a15lions.org
Cabinet Secretary	Debbie Zimmerman	cs@a15lions.org
Cabinet Treasurer	(interim) Linda Vinette	ct@a15lions.org
Region Chair 9	Victor Chaux/Carmen	rc9@a15lions.ca
Region Chair 37	Gabrielle Paff	rc37@a15lions.org
Region Chair 51	Mark Koenig/Lisa	rc51@a15lions.org
Zone Chair 9S	Bruce Killinger/Lion Cathy	zc9s@a15lions.org
Zone Chair 9E	Janet Dawson Brock/David	zc9e@a15lions.org
Zone Chair 37W	Craig Hebert	zc37w@a15lions.org
Zone Chair 37S	Lisa Visser	zc37w@a15lions.org
Zone Chair 51W	Mike McCourt	zc51w@a15lions.org
Zone Chair 51E	Gary Lloyd	zc51e@a15lions.org

Non-Voting Cabinet Members

GST Service	PDG Nancy Ransom/2ndVDG Garry	gst@a15lions.org
GMT Membership	PDG Denis Vinette/Linda	gmt@a15lions.org
GLT Leadership	James Wooten Sanders	glt@a15lions.org
Cabinet Coach	PDG Denis Vinette/Linda	cabinetcoach@a15lions.org



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DGE Harvey communicated to the group that there will be 4 main strategies for the upcoming Lions year.

There are as follows:

1. **Service** – service is the genesis of membership PDG Nancy Ransom to Chair
2. **Membership** - revitalization of membership and New Clubs/New Branch Clubs – PDG Denis Vinette to Chair
3. **Leadership** – led by GLT Jim Sanders
4. **LCIF** - Lion Peter Oswald

DGE Harvey also stated:

There is a challenge for each Cabinet Member for the next Lions year. Bring in one (1) new member!

15. Good and Welfare – some was stated above.
16. For the Good of Lionism
17. Next Cabinet meeting will be Sunday August 15th, 2021
18. Meeting is adjourned at 8:50pm.