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**Minutes of the Summer Cabinet Meeting
August 27, 2023**

Heritage Community Centre, 56 Charles St. E., Maryhill, Ontario

1. Call to order – DG Garry Ransom 3:02PM

2. Skit

Lions Bill and Tracey Robinson and Linda and Denis Vinette reenacted a humorous Lions YouTube video called “Lions Pancake Breakfast”. The message was clear: Clubs need to be open to new ideas and that we should always be open to creating “new traditions” where possible.

3. O Canada – Led by SVDG Linda Vinette

4. Moment of Silence

5. Protocol – FVDG Bill Robinson

6. Installation of District Officers by PDG O.J. Wilura

PDG OJ thanked the DG for being invited to perform the installation of District Officers for the coming 2023-2024 Lions year. He brought greetings from IP Patty Hill.

7. Additions/Changes to and Approval of the Agenda

Moved: FVDG Bill Robinson, Second: SVDG Linda Vinette, CARRIED

8. District Governor’s Remarks

What do you say in your opening comments? I talk about what we have done in your district since July 1st. When I say we I am talking about what your cabinet has done and what the clubs have accomplished.

First of all, we have a Lions International Canadian President Dr. Patti Hill. Her motto is “Changing the world.” She talked about changing the world by one person at a time, or one action at a time or one service project at a time. We need to repeat that. Dr. Patti also initiated Lions International Membership program called Mission 1.5. That is an increase from 1.4M lions in the world to 1.5M lions by June 30th 2027. My observation of Dr. Patti is not only will she initiate the program, but she will also walk the talk and make it work.



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We have District goals and more importantly action plans to meet those goals in the district. The District Governor's team made up of the District Governor, Vice District Governors and the Immediate Past District Governor are meeting the first Thursday of every month to discuss progress towards the District goals. What is working and what do we need to change. We have Zone and Region chairs teamed up with the GAT Chairs and they are executing their action plans with workshops planned in September. The ZCs and RC in each region will be meeting monthly with a VDG leader to discuss their club visits, club successes and challenges and how the district can celebrate their successes and help with the challenges.

As you have noticed we are making a few changes starting with the cabinet meeting. Registration for the cabinet meeting is being done electronically. This frees up the secretary's time and we have a record of who is attending. Cabinet meetings are hosted by the clubs but collection for the meals is done by the District. That allows clubs with a small administration budget to host a cabinet meeting. We have taken our environment chairs advice and are having an environment friendly, litter free BBQ. If we are committed to supporting our environment, then we need to walk the talk. We are being all inclusive by having an invocation greeting verses the Lions prayer. If we want young members to attend cabinet meetings then we need to make it easier for them to pay for their meal by allowing them to pay by, debit card or credit card. We are wanting clubs to talk about their projects at the cabinet meeting so the rest of us can learn.

In conclusion as Dr Patti Hill told us "We are not here to maintain the status Quo" We the cabinet, we the members of District A15 "We are not here to maintain the status Quo"

9. Special Presentation – ZC Carl Gray

ZC Carl presented a video on how a club of 8 developed and executed a project that drew upwards of 1600+ people to attend an event dedicated to promoting trades as a career choice for young people. In addition, Lion Carl's presentation emphasized the importance of being open to the needs and ideas from the club members. As Lion Carl says, this could not have happened without the support of all of the club members.

Q: Will the club have this event this coming year? A: Yes, but this time



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midweek on May 15-16, 2024.

Link to the presentation:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MhkaoXGkBTOhuPCq-ITuWv0TQboCAOsP/view?usp=sharing>

10. Approval of Minutes of the June 28, 2023 Cabinet Meeting

Available at

<https://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/CabinetMinutes20230628Jun.pdf>

Moved: SVDG Linda Vinette, Second: ZC Evelyn Albers, CARRIED

11. Motion to Ratify the Actions of the Previous Cabinets

Moved: RC Kevin March, Second: FVDG Bill Robinson, CARRIED

12. Secretary's Report – in package

13. Treasurer's Report

- a) Report and Financial Statements – June 30 2022-2023

Moved: CT Brian Spivey, Second: ZC Carl Gray, CARRIED

- b) Budget 2023-2024

Adopted as presented.

Moved: CT Brian Spivey, Second FVDG Bill Rodinson,

Discussion: Questions regarding the difference in the Leadership revenue and expense line was answered to the satisfaction of the question. \$2000.00 Convention Expense line represents additional costs for the convention that may be incurred as a result of the the convention being run by the District and not by a host club / committee this year.

Vote: CARRIED

14. Cabinet Reports

Moved to receive the Cabinet Reports: RC Ray Derouin, Second: ZC Evelyn Albers, CARRIED



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15. Committee Reports

Lion Janet Dawson Brock presented a short message in support of Lions Home for the Deaf activities and funding opportunities. She also reminded the clubs that cost of a Helen Keller Fellowship has risen to \$600.00 from \$500.00. She also thanked Lion Debbie Nelligan for all the dedication and work that she does for the Peace Poster and Essay Contest.

LCIF – IPDG Tony Davidson

IPDG Tony spoke of the importance of making donations to OUR FOUNDATION, Lions Club International Foundation. We have made generous donations in recent years and we need to continue. He reminded us that we continue to receive grants from LCIF for District A15.

IPDG Tony presented Model Club Plaques to:

Elmira – Received by PCC Todd Wilson,

Guelph - Received by PDG Thom Herrmann and

Stratford - Received by PCS Trudy Carter

Global Service Contest – PDG Nancy Ransom

PDG Nancy announced the winners of the Global Service Contest Winners.

1st Award – Woolwich Community Lions Club for their Canadian Flag rally.

They posted flags throughout the town of Elmira. The award was received by Lions Sandy Ladd and Nancy Booth. Sandy and Nancy stated that this project was from an idea put forward by another member, Val King.

2nd Award – Lynden Lions Club for their Mother’s Day Brunch. It was very well attended and was an opportunity for the dad’s to “redeem themselves” and not have to do the cooking!

CNIB Club Award

PDG Lion Norma and Lion Eric Peterson accepted the award for the Fergus Lions Club. This represented the single largest donor club towards CNIB in 2022-2023 in District A15.

Moved to receive the Committee Reports: CS Denis Vinette, ZC Kevin March,



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CARRIED

16. New Business

- 1) Governor Garry began by reading the motion and calling on Cabinet to Move and Second the motion.

MOTION: that Section 25 - DISTRICT A-15 VOLUNTEER SCREENING AND POLICE CHECK POLICY (2016 06 05), in District A-15 Policy, be deleted and replaced with the following:

District A15 recognizes that vulnerable persons must be protected when involved in any activity performed by the committees of the District. To that end it is the responsibility of every committee chair, that where interactions with vulnerable people might or do take place as part of the activity of the committee, that a current police check for all volunteers working on that committee's activity be required. The volunteer shall give a copy of the police check to the committee chair as early as possible before or at the commencement of the activity. The committee chair shall store the same in a safe, private location and destroy after two years. The contents shall not be shared with any other person without the express consent of the volunteer who supplied the police check. Police checks shall be valid for a period of two years. The committee chair, at their sole and absolute discretion, based on the content of the police check, shall determine if the volunteer may participate in the activity of the committee. The cost of obtaining a police check shall be the responsibility of the volunteer but the committee chair may include the cost of reimbursement as part of their budget passed by cabinet.

Moved: IPDG Tony Davidson, Second: FVDG Bill Robinson.

Discussion: Following questions from the floor regarding the definition of a vulnerable person and the potential for District liability, IPDG Tony asked to withdraw the motion. Since the opinion of Cabinet was not unanimous, DG Garry called for a vote to withdraw the motion. CARRIED and the motion was withdrawn. DG Garry advised that Cabinet would take the discussion point to cabinet for further review.



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Governor Garry began by reading the motion and calling on Cabinet to Move and Second the motion. DG Garry stated that this would help fill the funding gap for Cabinet attendees that are not covered by MDA Rules of Audit.

b) MOTION: *that the District pay mileage to and from cabinet meetings to those cabinet positions that are not paid by MDA rules of audit and to those Lions required to facilitate the cabinet meeting as determined annually by the District Governor. Payment would be according to district rules of audit.*

Moved: ZC Peter Oswald, Second: FVDG Bill Robinson,

A question from the floor asking if the budget was developed with these additional costs in mind. DG Garry confirmed that, yes, it is in the current year's budget.

CARRIED.

Governor Garry began by reading the motion and calling on Cabinet to Move and Second the motion.

c) MOTION: *that rules of audit covering travel reimbursement used by M.D. 'A', as amended from time to time, shall be those used by A-15.*

Moved: FVDG Bill Robinson, ZC Ken Linington, CARRIED

17. Special Presentations & Awards

ZC Evelyn Albers presented a 100% Treasurer's Award to PRC Jim Keron of the Thamesford Lions Club. A 100% Secretary award was also awarded to Lion Wayne Rompf of Thamesford

A New Voices Certificate was presented to Lion Allanah Kelly of the Freelon Lions Club. Lion Allanah offered to assist any club in attaining Smart Serve certification. She has already helped a few clubs in our District.



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18. Good & Welfare
 - Green Capes Calendars in support of Dog Guides are now available.
 - The Lions of Zone 37 S could use some help at the Farm Show. If you think you'd like to help, contact PRC Jim Keron, Thamesford
19. Invocation – DG Garry Ransom
20. Adjournment – DG Garry Ransom
21. Dinner

VDG Report to Cabinet

August 27, 2023

It has been an exciting start to the Lions year, and I am geared up to serve the district in my new role as Vice District Governor. We have a full slate of officers on cabinet that have been trained already this year and I am looking forward to working with them to accomplish the goals of the District Governor. The DG visits have all been scheduled and I look forward to meeting with all the clubs that I have been assigned to share Lions Kool-Aid with them, as always, I am available to assist any member or club that is in need of help to navigate the obstacles you may encounter this year. I will be working with the GMT and her team to focus on Mission 1.5 and help secure the future of Lionism in A-15 and around the world.

Respectfully submitted.

Bill Robinson

VDG A-15

Report to Cabinet

Meeting Sunday August 27th

Thank you for the opportunity to be the 2nd Vice District Governor for District A-15. I've hit the ground running with my first session of VDG training at MDA in Markham as well as assisting with the training of our District A-15 Region and Zone chairs with DG Garry, VDG Bill, CS Denis and GLT James. Working with GLT James, plans are underway to train our Club Presidents and Secretaries with LCI training modules. I've also applied to attend ALLI in January 2024 and hope to be accepted to better equip myself for the future ahead. My DG visits are all in place and I've contacted the District Committees that are supported by VDG2 to offer help. I feel we have a strong DG team and I look forward to our successes.

Respectfully submitted

Linda Vinette

Cabinet Secretary Report to Cabinet August 27, 2023

I have completed all assigned tasks which include:

- Creating a list of new members with sponsors since May 2023.
- Creating a list of personal email contacts for our club presidents and secretaries.
- Creating District email lists for club president and club secretaries.
- Worked with GMT Coordinator to help gather missing email addresses for club presidents and secretaries where the email was not found in MyLCI.
- District Directories
 - o Created the various sections as requested by the DG.
 - o Sent information to all cabinet and committee chairs regarding contact information on file at MyLCI.
 - o Sent Club profiles to clubs, club presidents, club secretaries for review and comments.
 - o Processed any changes to our local database as requested by the Cabinet / Committees / Clubs.
 - o Reminded clubs that all updates to the profiles provided to me should also be completed at MyLCI (where appropriate).
 - o Compiled District meeting information and all District officer club visit information.
 - o Created a 2 per page layout for clubs and adjusted the club information as directed.
 - o Gathered all photographs for Cabinet and Committee Chairpersons.
 - o Sent the final product to the printer.
 - o Have the directories in hand for distribution with Cabinet.
- Communicated all club/officer data information to our webmaster for inclusion on our website.
- Updated the online District visit calendar for 2023-2024.
- Maintained the District canopy reservation calendar.
- Other assignments as requested.



District A-15 Lions Clubs

Administration Account - Balance Sheet

As at June 30, 2023

ASSETS

Kindred

Kindred Emergency Fund Cash	24,886.49
Kindred Cash	42,928.44
Total Cash in Kindred	<u>67,814.93</u>
Shares in Kindred	25.00
Total Cash	<u>67,839.93</u>
District Dues Receivable	(20.80)
	-
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>67,819.13</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>67,819.13</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>67,819.13</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

MDA Dues Payable	-
Listowel Branch Club dues in trust	-
Centennial Project Fund	328.97
Convention Fund	99.58
DGE Partner Travel	3,600.17
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>4,028.72</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>4,028.72</u>

Long Term Liabilities

International Director - Contra	8,451.50
New Club Assessment - Contra	5,263.08
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>13,714.58</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>17,743.30</u>

Equity

Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	21,245.26
Net Income	5,830.57
Total Equity	<u>50,075.83</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>67,819.13</u>



District A-15 Lions Clubs

Profit & Loss - Budget vs. Actual

Administration Account - July 2022 - June 30 2023

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Income			
District Directory	198.00	120.00	78.00
District Dues	10,891.34	10,914.00	(22.66)
Interest Earned	132.69	120.00	12.69
Leadership Seminar Income	1,375.00	1,375.00	-
Membership Assessment	1,926.00	1,926.00	-
Pin Sales	545.00	500.00	45.00
MDA PR Grants for Canopy	4,151.00		4,151.00
GAT Grants from LCI and M	1,685.56	1,650.00	35.56
			-
Total Income	20,904.59	16,605.00	4,299.59
Expense			
Awards - Cabinet	450.00	1,000.00	(550.00)
Awards - Other Accrual	282.98	600.00	(317.02)
Total Awards	732.98	1,600.00	(867.02)
Badges & Patches	502.32	800.00	(297.68)
Bank Charges	16.16	100.00	(83.84)
Cabinet Expense	1,520.00	2,000.00	(480.00)
Convention Expense	703.71	1,200.00	(496.29)
District Chair Expense			-
Comm Chair	1,100.00	1,600.00	(500.00)
District Chair - Other		300.00	(300.00)
Total District Chair Expense	1,100.00	1,900.00	(800.00)
District Directories	1,628.65	1,700.00	(71.35)
Global Action Team	378.17	2,000.00	(1,621.83)
Internet	142.00	175.00	(33.00)
Canopy and Banners from I	4,385.14		4,385.14
Leadership Seminar	971.83	1,375.00	(403.17)
Leadership Institutes		450.00	(450.00)
Pins Purchased , District	2,162.18	1,500.00	662.18
Postage	73.43	100.00	(26.57)
Office Expense	211.45	560.00	(348.55)
Zoom Licence fee	226.00	345.00	(119.00)
USA / Canada Forum	320.00	800.00	(480.00)
Total Expense	15,074.02	16,605.00	(1,530.98)
Net Income	5,830.57	-	5,830.57



District A-15 Lions Clubs Trust Accounts - Balance Sheet

ASSETS	June 30, 2023
Chequing/Savings	
Trust Sight Imprest	5523.38
Youth Exchange Imprest	33718.41
Total - Youth	<u>33718.41</u>
Kindred-Trust Account	19409.78
Total Cash	58651.57
Trf fm Admin for Interest Income	-14.60
Total Cash and Receivable	<u>58636.97</u>
Total Current Assets	58636.97
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>58636.97</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Camp Dorset	0.00
Camp Lake Joe	0.00
Centennial Project- Gates	1820.20
Effective Speaking Acct	3936.13
Hearing Equipment	803.07
Hearing Conservation	0.00
LFC Dog Guides	0.00
LCIF- Disaster Relief	0.00
LCIF- Campaign 100	0.00
Diabetes Canada	0.00
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Leash Free Park	1604.86
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	<u>1604.86</u>
LIONS Quest Contra Account	4841.78
LIONS Quest Canada	0.00
Peace Poster	649.53
Peace Poster MDA	0.00
Vision Screening	3795.58
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	32919.78
Total Current Liabilities	<u>50370.93</u>
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	8266.04
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>8266.04</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>58636.97</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>58636.97</u>



District A-15 Lions Clubs

Administration Budget 2023-2024

Membership - 1,324
Clubs - 57

Budget

Income

District Directory	200.00	33 Directories @ \$6.00
District Dues	11,254.00	1,324 members @ \$8.50
Interest Earned	150.00	
Leadership Development	1,425.00	57 clubs @ \$25.00
MD 'A' Dues		* collect and remit to MDA
Membership Assessment	1,926.00	1,324 members @ \$1.50
Pin Sales	400.00	80 Pins @ \$5.00
Leadership Grant from LCI	500.00	
GAT Grants from LCI and MDA	1,685.00	

Total Income 17,540.00

Expenses

Awards - Cabinet	1,000.00	Cabinet and Committee
Awards - Other	500.00	Governors award of Service
Total Awards	<u>1,500.00</u>	
Badges & Patches	1,200.00	Cabinet And Committee
Bank Charges	100.00	
Cabinet Expense	2,900.00	4 in-person meetings
Convention Expense	2,000.00	For items not covers by Levy
District Chair Expense		
Comm Chair	1,100.00	Honorarium
District Chair - Other	300.00	
Total District Chair Expense	<u>1,400.00</u>	
District Directories	1,300.00	350 Directories
Global Action Team	1,000.00	GLT/GMT/GST programs
Internet	175.00	Web Page and Hosting
Marketing and Canopy maintenance	300.00	
Leadership Seminar	500.00	In-person training
Leadership Institutes	450.00	ALLI / RLLI
Pins Purchased , District	2,500.00	District Pins
Postage & Telephone	100.00	
Office Expense	1,315.00	Toner Cartridges, software, etc
USA / Canada Forum	800.00	* see policy for allowance
Total Expense	<u>17,540.00</u>	
Net Income	<u>-</u>	

Region 37 Region Chair Report

August 27, 2023

I hope everyone had a safe and fun filled summer. I know for me it went way to fast but here we are with September just around the corner and a new year of service begins. I know we will all be facing new challenging and exciting times and I am looking forward to serving the district as Region Chair, working with the Clubs, Zone Chairs, Cabinet and our District Governor in achieving his goals for A15.

We have made it through a terrible pandemic with no meeting, no service projects, no contact with the public and of course no delicious dinners, but things have opened up again and we are ready to get back out there and grow our clubs, start new service projects and to be visible in our communities again. Its great to see those yellow and purple vests our there in our communities. Membership and Service Projects go hand in hand.

I would like to have the opportunity to meet with the clubs and will be contacting each Club to discuss ways in which I can be of assistance in meeting some of the club goals for the upcoming year. I certainly do not have all the answers but I am sure I can help you find them through the wealth of knowledge shared by the Cabinet Members, Committee Chairs and seasoned fellow Lions plus the information that is on the District website (www.a15lions.org) and the International website (www.lionsclubs.org)

I look forward to seeing you at the Cabinet and Zone meetings throughout the upcoming year. These meetings are not just for the club executive but are for all Lions members. These meetings are a great place where we are able to work together and share ideas that can help our Clubs grow and find new ways of providing more services to our communities.

If I can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Townson

Region Chair 37

Rc37@a15lions.org joycetownson2@gmail.com

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Cabinet Meeting August 27, 2023

Report from Region Chair Kevin March for 51 East and 51 West

I am the new Region Chair for 51 East and 51 West. I'm a founding member of Rockwood's Leo Club and became a Lion in 1981. I've held most executive positions, including President twice. Before becoming Zone Chair for 51 East last year, I was secretary for 11 years.

As Zone Chair, I was very happy to induct several new members and thoroughly enjoyed visiting the clubs in my zone. I look forward to working with all of the clubs in my region and learning about their various service activities and fundraising endeavors. I feel that communication between clubs is essential and encourage joint service activities. Many clubs are facing the same difficulty in recruiting new members and can benefit by supporting each other. It has worked very well for Rockwood & District Lions and their branch club, South Wellington Community Lions. We have worked together on a monthly bottle drive since the start of Covid when fundraising was nearly impossible. It has increased the pool of members, allowing both clubs to benefit. We're also working together on a brand-new service activity related to hunger. We have recently started a weekly Community Pantry in Rockwood, at our Waterside Park, offering donated food, clothing, and kitchen utensils.

I'm hopeful that we can build upon the accomplishments of last year's Cabinet in terms of training sessions and increased service reporting. I have every confidence in my two new zone chairs and their commitment to the position. I look forward to working with both, supporting them with whatever they need to do the job. Just don't ask me any computer questions.

Respectfully,

Kevin March

Region Chair, 51 East & 51 West



DISTRICT A-15 LIONS CLUBS Zone 9C



Cabinet Report for August 27, 2023

To: District Cabinet, Lions of Zone 9C

I am honoured to be asked to serve as a Zone Chair and to be part of the newest Zone in District A-15. Welcome again to the Clubs in this Zone that are now into their first full year in District A-15; including Dundas, Dundas Lioness, Freulton & Waterdown.

First a little bit about me. I joined Lions in 1994 in Woodstock. I have served in most Club positions, was Cabinet Treasurer for several years and more recently was LCIF Chairperson for District A-15. In the past year, I transferred to the Copetown Club. I have lived in the Waterdown/Dundas area for some 12 years. I look forward to getting to know more about Clubs in this area and the activities that you do to serve your Community.

I trust everyone is busy with family and Lion activities over the summer. Best wishes for every success. In the near future, I will be in contact with each Club to discuss ways we can work together and I look forward to a Zone Advisory meeting in the fall (details to be determined) where we can get together and share some ideas to help our Clubs grow and provide more service to the Community.

For all Club members, please reach out if you need information or assistance with a Lions program. There are a lot of resources locally and information on the District (www.a15lions.org) & Lions International (www.lionsclubs.org) website. But, sometimes a little guidance will save a lot of time.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Oswald, Zone Chair
Zone 9C

Zc9c@a15lions.org <mailto:peter.oswald@bell.net>
519-537-0683

Zone Chair 51W Cabinet Meeting Report

I look forward to meeting Zone 51W Lions this year during our club visits. I am here to support your Lions Clubs so feel free to reach out to me anytime and I will do my best to help your members.

Thank you to the Woolwich Community Lions Club for hosting the Winter 2024 Zone 51W meeting on Monday, January 22, 2024. I still need a club to host the Fall 2023 Zone 51W meeting. The 2023-2024 51W Zone Chair meetings are as follows:

- Woolwich Community Lions Club/Flordale Friends of Dog Guides Branch Club - Monday, Oct 23, 2023
- Paradise & District Lions - Thursday, Oct 26, 2023
- Atwood Lions - Wednesday, Nov 1, 2023
- Milverton Lions - Thursday, Nov 2, 2023
- Wellesley & District Lions - Tuesday, Nov 7, 2023
- Listowel & District Lions - Monday, Nov 13, 2023
- St. Jacobs Lions - Thursday, Jan 18, 2024
- Elmira - Wednesday, Feb 7, 2024
- Linwood & District Lions - Wednesday, Feb 21, 2024
- Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Club - online

Around Zone 51W

Congratulations to two Lions Clubs which will be observing milestones this September. The St. Jacobs Lions Club celebrates its 70th Anniversary on September 21st and the Woolwich Community Lions Club celebrates its 20th Anniversary on September 25th.

Zone 51W Lions Clubs are gearing up for the fall with fundraising events:

- Woolwich Community Lions Club will be selling mums for Maui this September on September 7th and 14th from 2pm until 7 pm at the Elmira Lions Hall.
- Woolwich Community Lions Club will be hosting a Halloween Dance on October 28th at the Elmira Lions Halls
- Bingo will be starting soon for many Zone 51W Lions Clubs

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

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

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bauman, Zone Chair 51W

Your District Global Leadership Team is in the process of organizing two major initiatives:

Introduction to LCI Online Learning Modules ,Club President and Secretary Training Workshops. With the assistance of 2nd Vice District Governor, Lion Linda and the GLT Team, sessions now in the planning stage will be offered during the latter part of September and early October.

The LCI Online Learning Modules are a treasure trove of fifteen to thirty minute online courses covering every aspect of Lions along with courses that will support member's personal and professional lives. While every member would benefit from expanding their knowledge and tools, Club Officers are strongly encouraged to supplement their Lions knowledge and experience. In addition, two Workshops via Zoom will be offered to Club Presidents and Secretaries. They will be specific to each role. Cabinet Secretary, Lion Denis will send invitations to members that will include online registration. Zone Chairs with support from Region Chairs will provide follow-up.

District Governor Garry has appointed the following three members to our District's Global Leadership Team:

RC9 Lion Ray Derouin, Zone Chairs, Lions Cheryl Bauman 51W and Ken Linington 9S

For over one hundred years, Lions have not only served our communities but have been given opportunities for personal and professional growth. Our District is taking these opportunities to the next level.

Jim Sanders

District Global Leadership Team Chair

GST

I hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable summer. Can't believe September is around the corner, what comes to mind when you think of the fall? How many of those ideas can be turned into a service project for your club.

Cambridge Highlands created an opportunity to support a local Long Term Care Home when they purged & donated old magazines.

St. George, Rockwood Lions & South Wellington Community Lions have all utilized their cooking skills to help provide meals to individuals and families in need.

Look at the things we do everyday and ask how we can help those in our community with these same projects. No project is too small to help with or to report in MyLion.

Reminder Kindness Matters Service Award, review your 2022/2023 reported service projects. Completed & signed nomination forms due Sept 15th.

Thank you, Anita Ertel District A-15 Service Co-ordinator

District A15
Cabinet Report
August 27, 2023
Ariss-Maryhill

Governor Garry, Cabinet Officers & Fellow Lions

Leadership, Experience, Opportunity”

That is 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 and one of mutual respect where Lions learn from the innovative insights of Leos and where Leo members gain access to the proven strategies of those who have successfully served the world for decades.

“From those who have” relates to us, members of Lions Clubs in A15 setting an example by serving our communities.

Facts:

7600 + Clubs

180,000 + Leos

150 + Countries

40,000 + hours of community service

Learn more about the Leo program by visiting:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-clubs/about-leos>

In addition, do not hesitate in contacting me for discussion about starting a Leo Club.

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Lion OJ Wilura

A15 LEO Chairperson

ojwilura@gmail.com

District Governor Garry, Members of Cabinet and Lions All,

I am excited to join District A-15 as your new Diabetes Chair. I have big shoes to fill from my predecessors but am looking forward to taking on this roll.

Diabetes is near and dear to my heart as I am a type 2 diabetic and I have family members with both type 1 and type 2 diabetes as well.

My goal this year is to assist clubs in coming up with fun and exciting ideas to help raise awareness for both type 1 & type 2 diabetes. I also have a goal as a District to raise \$500 per club towards diabetes research.

I have meetings coming up in the next few weeks with both Diabetes Canada and the other Diabetes Chairs from Multiple District A. I look forward to sharing what I learn with all of you.

I received an email from Tony Orangis from Diabetes Canada regarding an invitation to Camp Huronda for a Tour and Lunch on September 24th. Below are the details and I've included an information poster as well. I hope some of our Lions here in District A-15 will be able to make the trip to the camp as I will be in Reno that weekend and won't be able to attend myself.

Camp Huronda Tour & Lunch

September 24, 2023

From 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., we invite you to tour our facility, enjoy a presentation and a thank you lunch.

Please RSVP With:

Tony Orangis
tony.orangis@diabetes.ca
(416) 408-7015

Location:

Camp Huronda
1252 S. Waseosa Lake Rd.
Huntsville, ON
P1H 2N4

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Trudy Carter
Diabetes Chair

Childhood Cancer Chairperson

I am a charter member and currently President of the Kitchener Waterloo Community Spirit Lions Club and am honoured to be your Childhood Cancer Chairperson this year. Susan Martin has led this role expertly and I hope to achieve an increase in awareness of the needs in our communities as the plans for the new Waterloo regional hospital become more defined.

I look forward to working with and hearing how the clubs can help fundraise for new equipment in the Waterloo region that will help shorten the wait times for assessment, diagnosis, and treatment over the coming years at the London and Hamilton centres which many children in the District are now directed to. The fundraising stream for this equipment goes through Scotland's Yard which is a vision for enhancing pediatric cancer care here in Waterloo Region.

Another program to become aware of is Comfy Cases which is a group of Volunteers (no staff) and a program of OPACC (Ontario Parents Advocating for Children with Cancer). Volunteers with Comfy Cases sew pillowcases which means they sew smiles. The Comfy Cases are cheerful and comfortable (hence the name Comfy Cases), for the children undergoing medical treatment. They receive donations of fabric (100% cotton) from individuals and companies. As these donations are not enough to meet the demand they purchase fabric carefully – between \$6 and \$10 per metre. A donation of \$1,000 is significant for them and 10% of all donations they receive goes to OPACC to support families of children going through medical treatment.

I look forward to speaking with clubs who are looking for ways to support this global cause of Lions International right here in our own District.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Janice Fleming

District A-15 Childhood Cancer Chairperson

District A15 Cabinet Meeting Report
Environment Chair
August 27, 2023 Cabinet Meeting

My apologies that I am not attending but I am currently travelling in the US. I am new to this position and am hopeful that I can spearhead a few campaigns that will help our District Lions be a little bit more environmentally friendly.

My first undertaking will be to promote Litterless Meetings and Events. If you are attending the Cabinet meeting you will have noticed that you have been asked to bring your own plate, mug and utensils which is a great first step to be Litterless. Styrofoam, paper plates, plastic utensils are single use and add to the garbage heading to our landfills. I would like to see it become the norm that wherever we go in our District every Lion will know to travel with their own place setting that they take home to wash and put back in their car till the next function.

Ideally, we will also have programs to compost the food scraps from meetings, to do away with bottled water (bring your own or have jugs available), and use catering services that will use reusable containers that can be returned to the caterer. The challenge will be to then try and take some of these ideas to larger events with the public attending. We have managed to do this in our small community of Glen Morris for our Annual BBQ.

I plan to start promoting this in September but have not finalized how I will do this, being new to Lions and new to this position I would welcome suggestions of how to reach all the groups and get their buy-in. You can contact me at environment@a15lions.org if you have any suggestions, comments.

Looking forward to meeting everyone at some point,

Lion Ellen Horak
Glen Morris Lions

Report from the Hunger Committee

Lions and Leos serve to improve human flourishing, as the global hunger and nutrition crisis bear upon our local communities. We believe community improvement depends on the thriving of its members.

Our Strategic Objective is to ensure all community members have access to nutritious food.

Our aim is to explore resources to help you and your club get involved with hunger efforts in your community.

Our hunger team will visit as many clubs as possible to hear about your initiatives – we live in the area bounded by A15. If you would like a visit, please reach out to us. And if you have a plan in place, let us know about it so we can feature your projects.

Dawn's club, Rockwood Lions, and the South Wellington Community Lions, operate a 'take what you need' pantry. Items offered include fresh food, non-perishable food, clothing and small kitchen items. Everyone is welcome to the pantry and no questions asked.

Please share your projects with us.

Sincerely,

Dawn Raynard, dawn.macgillivray@hotmail.com

Dave Poissant, MkIXSpit@hotmail.com

Aline Chan, alinchan@rogers.com

District A15 Lions

August 27, 2023



LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA
DOGGUIDES



A15 LFC Chair Cabinet Meeting Report

Dog Guides Update

Interested in learning more about Dog Guides? The Lions Foundation of Canada will be hosting an Open House on September 30th from 9:30 am to 3 pm at 152 Wilson Street in Oakville, ON. Guests can watch demonstrations of the 7 Dog Guide programs and tour the training school. There will be a raffle – the prize includes a roundtrip flight for two guests to any regularly scheduled WestJet destination, Premium Lounge passes, and Be Relax Spa vouchers thanks to Pearson International Airport! Learn about volunteer opportunities such as Fostering, Day School support, and more.

Dog Guides held a Summer Graduation on August 9, 2023 with 25 teams graduating from all 7 of the programs. Watch the graduation ceremony: <https://youtu.be/pspXrXErsh4>.

District A15 Support for Dog Guides

It costs \$35,000 to raise, train, and place a Dog Guide, which are provided to qualifying Canadians with medical and physical disabilities at no cost. With no government assistance, the foundation relies on fundraising events and donations from many sources including Lions Clubs.

The 2024 Dog Guide Puppy calendars have arrived. Green Capes Lions Club offers a calendar fundraising program that helps clubs raise money for their community while supporting Dog Guides. To learn more about the program or to purchase Dog Guide Puppy calendars (\$20 each) contact me at lfc@15lions.org.

The following District A15 Lions Club are also selling Dog Guide Puppy calendars for \$20 each:

- Ariss and Maryhill Lions Club
- Floradale Friends of Dog Guides Lions Branch Club
- Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Club

Summary

From guiding their handlers through their daily lives to getting help when it is needed most, Dog Guides play a crucial role in the lives of Canadians with disabilities. Thanks to the generous support from Lions Clubs such as those in District A15, the foundation can continue supporting its volunteers/fosters, staff, and Dog Guide teams as the demand for trained service dogs grows.

If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together – African Proverb

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bauman, District A15 LFC Chair

Peace Poster and Essay Contest Report

Submitted by Debbie Nelligan, Peace Poster/Essay Contest Co-ordinator for District A15

Hello Lions and welcome back to another year of the Peace Poster/Essay Contest for District A15.

Peace Poster kits are available, please request a kit from Debbie Nelligan, peacepost@a15lions.org

The kit will have all the information you will need to run a successful contest. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions on running the contest in your area.

Lions this is your chance to introduce the youth in your community to the world of Lions by sponsoring a contest through your local schools and youth organizations. Our goal is to encourage children ages 11, 12, 13 to express their thoughts on Peace through their art. As well, with the essay contest to encourage visually impaired children to express their thoughts on Peace through their creative writing.

The theme for 2023-24 is "Dare to Dream".

Request your kit today. Kits will be available at the Summer Cabinet meeting.