

TRACEY'S TIDBITS

So, your club is off and running for another year of Lionism. Fund raisers to plan & execute. Donations of both time and money to worthy causes in your community (both budgeted and surprise - here's an individual or group suddenly needing our help). And, as I mentioned in my last communication, please don't forget about the district projects. But, most importantly, I ask you to make sure you keep the fun and fellowship at the top of your club's most important goals.

Did you know that Lions have specialty clubs? Yes, Lions International is chartering clubs working around a specific interest. We already have one in A-15 in the Busy Busy Lions Club whose members are the families fostering puppies for Guide Dogs and, generally, supporting LFC. I'd love to see another 'specific interest' group become a Lions Club in A-15. Any suggestions???

Many members don't use MyLION to access the Lions International website but Presidents, Treasurers and, particularly, club Secretaries know they can't communicate club information to (or get information from) LCI without using it. To sharpen your skills, or just get more familiar with how MyLION works, GLT Chairman Dennis Loughed is conducting a seminar on Oct 19 in Waterloo. Participation is limited to 40 people. Contact Lion Dennis (glt@a15lions.org) for more information and to reserve your place.

LCIF Campaign 100 – I hope by now every member in A-15 has heard about this multi-year project of our International Foundation. Although I am heartened by our district's participation so far, I must say I believe we can do much better. This is very much a member centred project where each of you is asked to donate over the three-year period of the initiative either individually or through the group efforts of your club. There is no minimum donation amount and tax receipts are available. Contact Peter Oswald (lcif@a15lions.org) to learn more.

I don't know of anyone who isn't worried about global warming & climate change. LCI has been in the forefront with environmental issues for years. Every Governor appoints an Environment Chair to serve on Cabinet. I'm looking right now for that passionate Lion to fill this role. If a member of your club would be a natural to fill this job, please contact me (dg@a15lions.org). Oh, and as long as I'm asking, I also still need a Diabetes West Chair and Bulletin Editor as well.

Through my journey in Lionism I've learned that most members are there to support the local activities of their club. But a few take the next step to become members of the Board of Directors and, maybe, club presidents. But you are shortchanging yourself if you don't consider taking the next step. One of the most exciting jobs in Lionism is Zone Chair. Taking me beyond my own club, I was exposed to the tremendous activities of Lions that goes on beyond my club. As well, I got to work with a wonderful group of dedicated men & women. So, I've asked PCC Dennis Loughed to put together an information session on January 11 in New Hamburg, so you can learn more about the position of Zone Chair and Region Chair. More on that later but, I hope many of you will plan to attend.