



Winter A-15 Cabinet Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM Tuesday, January 31st, 2012 Kurtz Auction Barn 5757 Wellington Road 86, Ariss

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the District A-15 Cabinet was called to order at 7:00 PM by Governor Norma Peterson, Cabinet Attendance as indicated:

DG Norma Peterson	1stVDG Dr. Dan Ayim	2 nd VDG Denis Vinette	IPDG Todd Wilson
CS Dennis Lougheed	CT Peter Oswald	RC9 Rob Montgomery	ZC9E Vaughan Braby
ZC9S Stephen Hendry	RC37 Henri Callebert	ZC37S Fran MacFarlane	ZC37W Paul Anstett
RC51 John Rothwell	ZC51E Don Irvine	ZC51W Diane Smith	
CC- PID Art Woods	CC – PDG OJ Wilura	CC – PCC Bill Carson	CC – PDG John Brash
CC - PDG Thom	CC - PDDG George Patton	CC – PRC Stephen Jones	CC – Jeff Sullivan
	CC - FDDG George Fatton	cc - r kc stephen jones	CC – Jen Sumvan
Herrmann(R)			
CC – Bob Lacombe(R)	CC – Lion Tracy Brant (R)	CC – Lion Marysa Rumble – Lauriault	CC – Lion Joanne McQuiggan
CC – PCC Dave Rumble	CC – Lioness Mary Rumble	CC – Linda Vinette	CC- Lion Bob Rutter
CC – PID Bruce Murray	CC – PRC Wolfgang Boelke	CC – Lion Ernie Kaethler	CC – Lion Raymond Taylor (R)
CC – Lion Ken Oliver (R)	CC – PRC Charlie Davis	CC – Lion Jim Harris(R)	CC – PCC Tim Cronin(R)
CC – PDG Larry	CC – RC John Rothwell	CC – PRC Tim DeBlock	CC – Lion Ajit Manku
Wainwright			
CC – PDG Karen McNeight	CC - Lion Ted Bickell(R)	CC – Lion Mary Rothwell	

In attendance also were approximately 54 other Lions members. *CC = Committee Chair, (R) = Regrets

- 2. Moment of Silence Observed in honor of those Lions and all who serve our country who have passed away.
- 3. O Canada, Toast to Queen & Country, Lions Grace & Dinner
- 4. Welcome & Setting of Protocol
- 5. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
 - MOVED by RC Rob Montgomery and seconded by ZC Fran MacFarlane to adopt the agenda. Carried.
- 6. District Governor's Remarks

First of all, thank you to lion Chief Brian and the Ariss & District lions Club for hosting this meeting and to their caterers for a great meal. And special thanks to lion Secretary Hilda for handling all the RSVPs or lack thereof! We're now more than halfway through this Lions year so it seems an appropriate time to stop and take stock and express my gratitude.

Thank you lion Eric for all your help. I'm glad he enjoys visiting the clubs so much because otherwise he might not put up with the rest of his many official "duties" as spouse of the DG!

Thank you to the clubs for your hospitality and donations and personal gifts and for accommodating my visits in your busy agendas.

Thank you to the cabinet members and committee chairs. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I may not respond immediately depending on where your email lands in the queue but I will make every effort to help you whenever and wherever I can.

We're moving along in the right direction with membership but there's always room for improvement especially in the area of retention. Please consider participating in CEP (Club Excellence Process). Our GMT/GLT crew will be more than happy to help you make your decisions on how to improve your club.

And thank you to all the clubs who have already submitted their MAPs.

Now, if you're confused about the acronyms, I invite you to come out to one of the remaining orientation evenings: February 13 in Thamesford and/or March 27 in Kitchener. And it doesn't matter which one you attend.

One of the things I've been neglecting to mention on my visits ... despite being dear to my heart. -- is Tam's belief (and mine) in "projecting our image." An effective PR program in all its forms ... club bulletins, websites, Facebook, and photos and news releases '" is essential to the successful operation of our district.

And please share information about your events electronically as well as at our meetings. You may be surprised to learn how far some people will travel to help out another club ... or to avoid making breakfast or dinner! When I spoke to you back in June I mentioned a favorite T-shlrt, the one with the quotation by the late Zora Neale



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Hurston, an African-American writer:

"I love myself when I am laughing "

and then again when I am looking mean and impressive. "

I need to look a bit mean and impressive when I talk about communications because that's where we do need improvement. When I served as zone chair, reminding clubs to RSVP about zone meetings was the bane of my existence. And I'm sure this year's zone chairs would probably agree.

Now, as district governor, I'm still faced with similar issues generally and specifically with ... you guessed it ... the new positional email system. Its advantages are many ... I know I enjoy the freedom of being able to send out information to you without having to wait for the availability of our information technology chair or cabinet secretary.

So "thank you to the individuals and clubs who have quickly and eagerly adopted the benefits of the new system. To those who are still reluctant, I'm sure that my colleagues on cabinet who are more technically proficient than me would be happy to discuss the other benefits.

Please, if only as a personal favour to me, activate your email address. I'm a grandmother for the second time in almost two decades. I don't need any more grey hair. There's enough of that on Lion OJ's face!

Thank you all for your enthusiasm and cooperation as we go forward for the remainder of the year. As I do on my club visits, I'd like to end with HUGS ... my best wishes that all your huge undertakings go smoothly and for happiness under growing success!

DG Norma then turned the meeting over to VDG1Dan.

- 7. Approval of Minutes of Oct 30th, 2011 Cabinet Meeting
 - MOVED by ZC Vaughan Braby and seconded by VDG1 Dan Ayim to approve the minutes of Oct 30th. Carried.
- 8. Matter's Arising Volunteer's Working With Vulnerable People
 - MOVED by RC Henri Callebert and seconded by ZC Paul Anstett. Carried.

It is the policy of District A-15 that anyone involved in a Lions program dealing directly with vulnerable people may be subject to certain Criminal Record Checks which include Vulnerable Sector and Sex Offender Checks. As well they shall have to comply with the requirements as laid out in the 'District A-15 VOLUNTEERING TO PARTICIPATE IN A-15 SANCTIONED ACTIVITIES INVOLVING VULNERABLE PEOPLE' Manual. Individuals with outstanding Criminal Code convictions or charges pending for certain offences shall not be eligible to participate in District A-15 activities involving vulnerable people except as provided for in the manual. The District Cabinet shall, at the time of acceptance of the annual budget, determine if all, or part, of the applicant's costs for Criminal Records Checks shall be covered by District A-15 as well as how such costs shall be funded.

9. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements

<u>MOVED</u> by CT Peter Oswald and seconded by ZC Paul Anstett to acknowledge receipt of the report and financial statements as submitted by the Treasurer. Carried.

10. Youth Camp Budget

Please see the attached Youth Camp Budget Proposal in the report of the Youth Camp Chair.

MOVED by RC Rob Montgomery and seconded by CT Peter Oswald that the Proposed Youth Camp Budget for 2012 be approved. Carried.

11. Effective Speaking Budget

Please see the attached Effective Speaking Report

MOVED by RC Henri Callebert and seconded by ZC Stephen Hendry that the Proposed Effective Speaking Budget for 2012 be approved. Carried.

12. Cabinet Reports

MOVED by ZC Paul Anstett and seconded by RC John Rothwell to acknowledge receipt of all Cabinet Reports. Carried.

13. Committee Reports

MOVED by ZC Paul Anstett and seconded by ZC Diane Smith to acknowledge receipt of all Committee Reports.

14. A-15 Core 4 Final Report - December 2011

Please see the attached document.

MOVED by IPDG Td Wilson and seconded by ZC Vaughan Braby that the A-15 Core 4 Final Report be endorsed by the District A15 Cabinet.

15. Proposed Constitution and By-Law Changes

Please see the attached Constitution & By-Laws Report

MOVED by RC Henri Callebert and seconded by ZC Stephen Hendry that the changes recommended in the report of





the Constitution & By-Laws Chair be taken to the 2011 A-15 Convention for vote.

- 16. Special Presentations & Awards
 - 16.1. Club Excellence Award

PDG Nancy Brash, Cambridge Highlands; ZC Stephen Hendry, Paris; Lion Don Moore, Woodstock; Lion Tracey Leary, Stratford; Lion Eugene Vincent, Vanastra; Lion V. Charlene Teasdale, Guelph; Lion Robert Keleher, Guelph Royal City, ZC Diane Smith, Woolwich Community.

- 16.2. Treasurer
 - Lion Bernadette van der Gulik, St Jacobs (now Sweaburg)
- 16.3. Secretary
 - Lions Janet Fronchak, Bridgeport; Lion Rick Bell, Sweaburg
- 16.4. Art Woods Golden Tree
- 16.5. See also the LFC and Lions Quest Committee Reports
- 17. Upcoming Events
- 18. Good & Welfare
 - 18.1. Canada/ USA Forum
 - VDG2 Denis Vinette will coordinate and promote attendance.
- 19. Adjournment 9:20 PM





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7:00 PM Tuesday, January 31st, 2012 Reports & Attachments

TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET JAN 31, 2012 - Peter Oswald

For December 30, 2011, the financial records have been balanced and reconciled to the bank statements. The financial statements presented here fairly reflect the financial position of the District.

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS

- As of December 30, there are 2 Clubs with outstanding District dues not paid. Statements have been sent and Cabinet has been advised.
- Our financial position remains very healthy.
- To date, revenue is \$17,812 & close to budget with additional funds to be received for pins and interest during the remaining months. Expenses are within budget for those paid to date with a number of items normally paid later in the year.

TRUST ACCOUNTS

- The balance sheet for the Trust accounts is an accurate reflection of all balances held in Trust and all accounts have been reconciled to the Bank records as at December 30.
- The Grant for the Woodstock hospital remains in our account. Construction is complete and arrangements will be made to forward the remaining funds to the Hospital Foundation.
- The Leash Free Park has a balance of \$9,350.
- Since this statement was prepared, we have purchased another auto refractor for the Sight Conservation & Vision Screen committees to use at a cost of \$8,778.





9:50 AM 14/01/12 Accrual Basis

District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Administration Balance Sheet

As of 31 December 2011

	31 Dec 11
ASSETS	
Current Assets Chequing/Savings Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account CIBC - Investments CIBC USD Account International Director Fund New Club Assessment Fund	16,547.33 30,000.00 20.28 3,751.23 8,278.96
Total Cash	58,597.80
Total Chequing/Savings	58,597.80
Accounts Receivable Accounts Receivable	905.00
Total Accounts Receivable	905.00
Other Current Assets Convention Gifts	450.00
Total Other Current Assets	450.00
Total Current Assets	59,952.80
TOTAL ASSETS	59,952.80
LIABILITIES & EQUITY Liabilities Current Liabilities Accounts Payable AP USD for LCI	0.01
Total Accounts Payable	0.01
Other Current Liabilities Convention Fund DGE Partner Travel International Director Suspense	5,840.32 2,000.00 374.50
Total Other Current Liabilities	8,214.82
Total Current Liabilities	8,214.83
Long Term Liabilities International Director - Contra New Club Assessment - Contra	3,751.23 8,278.76
Total Long Term Liabilities	12,029.99
Total Liabilities	20,244.82
Equity Balance - July 1/00 - Net Emergency Reserve Fund Retained Earnings Net Income	690.54 20,000.00 7,770.99 11,246.45
Total Equity	39,707.98
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	59,952.80





9:55 AM 14/01/12 **Accrual Basis**

District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Administration Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2011 through Dec 2011

	Jul '11 - Jun 12	Budget	Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Advertising	532.50	500.00	32.50
District Directory	280.00	150.00	130.00
District Dues			
Dues - Collected	12,702.00	12,894.00	-192.00
Total District Dues	12,702.00	12,894.00	-192.00
Interest Earned	371.44	850.00	-478.5
Leadership Seminar Income	1,325.00	1,300.00	25.0
Membership Assessment	2,247.00	2,275.00	-28.0
Pin Sales	354.00	,	-896.0
		1,250.00	
Total Income	17,811.94	19,219.00	-1,407.06
Gross Profit	17,811.94	19,219.00	-1,407.0
Expense			
Awards			
Awards - Cabinet	0.00	1,350.00	-1,350.00
Awards - Other	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Total Awards	0.00	1,850.00	-1,850.0
Badges & Patches	689.16	620.00	69.1
Bank Charges	31.04	200.00	-168.9
Cabinet Expense	575.00	1,200.00	-625.0
Convention Expense	0.00	1,000.00	
	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.0
District Chair Expense	0.00	000.00	000.00
Comm Chair Expenses	0.00	900.00	-900.00
District Chair - Other	0.00	1,750.00	-1,750.00
Global Leadership & Membership	-131.52	3,200.00	-3,331.52
Leo Clubs	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Total District Chair Expense	-131.52	6,350.00	-6,481.5
District Directories	1,652.63	1,582.00	70.6
Governor's Newsletter	0.00	200.00	-200.0
Internet	97.49	180.00	-82.5
Leadership Seminar	144.28	1,700.00	-1.555.7
Miscellaneous	-9.71	0.00	-9.7
Pins Purchased	1,770.68	1,780.00	-9.3
Postage & Telephone	0.00	200.00	-200.0
Printing & Stationery	235.94	800.00	-564.0
USA / Canada Forum	1.500.00	1,500.00	-504.0
Total Expense	6,554.99	19,162.00	-12,607.0
Net Ordinary Income	11,256.95	57.00	11,199.9
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
Exchange Gain/Loss	10.50	0.00	10.5
Total Other Expense	10.50	0.00	10.5
Net Other Income	-10.50	0.00	-10.5
	11,246.45		11,189.4





8:57 AM 14/01/12 Accrual Basis

District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust Balance Sheet As of 31 December 2011

	31 Dec 11
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings CIBC- Lions Quest Imprest	4,945.75
CIBC - Eff.Speaking Impst	1,094.05
CIBC - Grant Hospital	2,333.19
CIBC - Trust Account CIBC - Youth	25,323.04
Youth Exchange Imprest Youth Investments	14,574.05 12,000.00
Total CIBC - Youth	26,574.05
Investments	
GIC Grant Hospital	30,000.00
QUEST - Investment Investments - Other	6,000.00
Total Investments	<u>10,000.00</u> 46,000.00
Youth Camp Capital Fund	7,542.71
Total Chequing/Savings	113,812.79
Total Current Assets	113,812.79
TOTAL ASSETS	113,812.79
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Camp Dorset	1,250.00
Diabetes Awareness	300.00
Effective Speaking Contra Acct Goderich Tornado Relief	1,094.05 300.00
Hearing Equipment	203.07
Lake Joseph	1,500.00
LCIF - Grant Hospital	32,333.19
Lions Foundation of Canada Leash Free Park	9,350.01
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	9,350.01
Lions Home for Deaf People	1,000.00
LIONS Quest Contra Account	10,945.75
Peace Poster	3,407.03
Sight Conservation Vision Screening	12,328.43 5,684.50
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	26,574.05
Total Other Current Liabilities	106,270.08
Total Current Liabilities	106,270.08
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	7,542.71
Total Long Term Liabilities	7,542.71
Total Liabilities	113,812.79
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	113,812.79





CABINET REPORTS

1St VDG – Dr. Dan Ayim

It is sorrowful to think of Lions that have passed in recent months; mostly during the holiday season. My heartfelt sympathy goes to the club members as well as the bereaved families. They have passed the torch of service to us Lions left behind. Believing in ourselves and mindful of our motto "We Serve", let us carry on service to our communities and the less fortunate persons.

Highlights of my involvement during this period:

- Vision screening of pupils in area Public Schools with fellow Lions.
- Fund raising activities: Bingo, white cane days, Diabetes tag day etc.
- Community Christmas parades
- Inductions welcoming new members into our organization in Atwood, Rockton, Fergus and Cambridge Highland clubs.
- MDA Training and council meeting in November.
- Attended Region Rally and Zone Advisory meetings
- Enjoyed fellowship with Lions during Christmas festivities in Rockton, Cambridge and Fergus. Thank you all for your friendship and hospitality.
- LEO club formation Application approved.

2nd VDG - Denis Vinette

Investments. Whether you invest your money or your time, you expect to contribute in order to get a return. Over the last few months, I have invested my time and energy in gathering as much knowledge and training as I can by attending Zone meetings, a Region Rally, an Orientation Night, club visits and online LCI training. In addition, I was fortunate to be able to attend a 2 day MD"A" CEP facilitator seminar in November; an investment which can provide support for our clubs in new and effective ways. In March, I will be attending a 2nd VDG Training session to develop a more complete understanding of the role the VDG's play in the District Governor's Team. All time well invested. Your Global Leadership Team feels that Lions can all benefit by investing a little in improving their individual leadership skills. Ask us about the available resources and opportunities that we, as Lions, have to offer. Attend training sessions to improve yourself and in turn help provide superior leadership within your club and in our district. Seek to improve your knowledge of technology to improve communication with others in the high-tech world. Consider visiting other clubs for new ideas and means of developing your leadership in service.

In doing these things, Lions ensure that we continue to grow and adapt to circumstance and more readily recognize opportunities for service.

Invest in yourself. Invest in Lions.

I Believe: These investments always pay huge returns!

IPDG - Todd Wilson

District A-15 was awarded the District Family Pin in recognition of our growing family membership in 2010-2011. We received the One Crystal Pin for adding 30 new family members through the year. Well done, Lions of A-15. Following a second work party on January 7 the A-15 Dog Guide Run at the LFC property in Breslau is almost completely enclosed. 30 yards of stone dust has been spread around the inside perimeter. Work to still be completed includes installing the gates, benches and play structures for the dogs, a rock garden at the entrance, topping up the stone dust after it settles and some grass seeding.

PDG Karen McNeight chaired the PDG Honorary Committee meeting held on November 29th in Stratford. There were many topics of discussion as one could imagine with a room full of PDGs. One highlight was the support for A-15 to host a hospitality room at the MDA Convention in Niagara Falls, May 31 to June 3. The idea presented was to add a social component to the MDA convention for all Lions that attend. Currently District A3 is the only district that provides this type of activity that allows Lions to gather informally and meet Lions from across the province that attend the convention. More information and a request for support will follow.

For those that missed Jerry Enns, the hypnotist, at the A-15 convention in Elmira last year there is good news. He will be entertaining us again on the Saturday morning of MDA Convention, June 2nd about 10 a.m. This will be free to all Lions, Lioness, Leos and guests that are registered for the MDA Convention, thanks to our PID's. Hope to see you there, especially Pam Anderson.





RC 9 - Rob Montgomery

I would like to wish everyone all the best for the New Year. I would also like to personally thank all Lions of A15 for a wonderful and enjoyable evening at our Region Rally.

I would also like to personally thank the Lions Club of Kitchener for the Presidents Award that I received at their Christmas party.

I have sent a memo to all clubs of Region 9 with regards to the MRI at Cambridge Memorial Hospital and if anyone has any further questions please contact Lion Louise Reeves of the Galt – Cambridge Lions Club. I believe that this could be very beneficial to our area and region and could also be a lifesaver.

We the three Region Chairs have been very busy putting together our upcoming Orientation evenings and we are hoping to expand on what has already been done.

Our first evening is set for January 25, 2012 with Region Chair John at the Hillsburgh Lions Club, followed by Region Chair Henri on February 13th with the Thamesford Lions and followed by myself Region Chair Robert March 27th with the Lions Club of Kitchener.

ZC 9E – Vaughan Braby

Official visits to Galt Cambridge Lions Club, Kitchener Lions, Waterloo Lions Club, and Kitchener Pioneer Lions Club are done. Helped Kitchener Pioneer Lions Club with change of Secretary, All the Clubs in one 9E have sent in their Membership reports, all the Clubs have been good in doing their Activities Reports, I attended the combined Zone Meeting in St George, I attended a Christmas Party at The Kitchener Lions Club, I attended the 75th Anniversary of the Kitchener Lions Club. I attended a 35th Anniversary for the Mildmay Lions Club in Mildmay District A9. Attended PDG Todd's Appreciation Night in Elmira. All the Clubs in Zone 9E have paid their International & MDA Dues. It has been a very good Experience for me and the Clubs have welcomed me very well. At this time I would like to thank the Clubs that I have visited to this date.

The next Zone 9E meeting will be Held at Kitchener Oktoberfest Lions Hall on Feb. 13, 2012.

The Combined Zone meeting is Mar. 13,2012 to be held in Rockton. More info to come later

ZC 9S – Stephen Hendry

The Lions Club of Rockton serves its community with enthusiasm and dedication. During their annual community breakfast, they served 700 guests raising \$800. They also served Bacon on a Bun at the Good Friday Bike Race at Flamborough Speedway raising over \$1100. Their food trailer was well received at the Christie Antique Show, raising \$2300. During a special Fish Fry Dinner, they raised \$20 000 for a family living with Cancer. During the Rockton's World's Fair, they grossed \$46000, awarding monies to local sports clubs. At their annual Turkey Roll they raised \$3100. One of the unique projects in this club is their efforts with the Health and Welfare, delivering fruit baskets, wheel chairs, walkers, and bathing equipment to families in need. President Jeff Jongeling and his club are doing an amazing work together.

The Paris Lions' Club hosted the 9S Zone Meeting on January so" during which they reflected on some of the highlights of their last year. They worked with the Glen Morris and Burford Clubs to host the Enchanted Christmas Evening with the Twin City Harmonizers as an effort towards their five year pledge towards the local twin pad arena. Recently, they held a 50/50 draw giving away prizes totalling \$2800. They have inducted three new members, bringing their membership to 44. Paris continues to support the Community Miracles Project which is the revitalization of the local Lions Park. President Marissa Rumble-Lauriault and her club are bringing respect and admiration to Lions International.

The Burford Lions Club organized the community flea market. They raised \$1000 at this event. A highlight of their year is the truck/car draw with a profit of \$23000. Recently they too inducted three new members into their club. This year alone they have donated \$9000 to several local organizations including the Burford Bulldogs. This coming June they will host their annual fish

fry and elimination draw. This summer also, will see the completion of the Lions Way walkway over Wightmans' Creek. Burford Lions continue to personify a small community with a big heart. President Steve Lorincz and his club are doing a wonderful job in their community.

The St. George Lions Club is looking forward to its March 2nd Men's Steak BBQ and encourage everyone to arrange for tickets soon. They are also planning for the Westfield Pioneer Village March Festival. On April 13th, they will be hosting the Ladies' Steak BBQ. President Dave Ritchie is offering outstanding leadership to his club and the St. George Lions Club is a vibrant and enthusiastic club serving their community with loyalty devotion.

The Sheffield Lions Club has completed their BBQ draw at their annual Turkey Roll in November. These monies went





to Sheffield Minor Ball and Lissard House in Cambridge. They are hosting a new members; Night on Monday February 27th as they intentionally grow their membership. A highlight this year was the purchasing of two lions' benches, the basketball poles and net for the Sheffield Ball Park. A commemorative plaque and cornerstone was also donated. On May 29th the club will be hosting a free beef BBQ at the Park for all to enjoy. Lion Chief Dave Forman and his club are working hard for their community.

The Brantford Lions Club conducted two fundraising BBQ's and had a raffle; both were very successful. Presently they are selling cases of oranges and grapefruit and tickets are still available. This spring will find the club selling chocolate Easter bunnies and you can contact President Madeline Dillabough for more information. Brantford is to be congratulated for two new members who were inducted at theirlast meeting. They now have 13 members. The Glen Morris and District Lions Club have spent their year supporting the Glen Morris Public School Music Program and the Glen Morris Centennial Hall upkeep and improvement program. They have also supported LCIF. Fundraising has also benefitted the Lions Foundation of Canada for the Dog Guides Program. In addition to this, funding has gone to CNIB, the Alzheimer's Society, and the Food Bank in Cambridge. Additional funds have gone to the Diabetes Foundation and the twin pad arena in Paris. They continue to support the John Noble Home and Diabetes Tag Day. This past fall, they were involved in the road cleanup project and sponsored the Peace Poster contest in their community. A highlight for the Glen Morris and District Club is the submission of a name for the Melvin Jones Award for Lion Neil Sandilands. Lion Chief Jerry Horak is an effective leader motivating an outstanding club.

My visitation to many of these clubs has provided significant evidence that they are working hard to bring hope, happiness, and wholeness to their communities.

RC37 - Henri Callebert

This Lions year I have participated in several Lions events. By the time of this report, our first Lions Orientation will be over and we will be on to planning the next two similar events. It has been both fun and educational planning these sessions.

I have probably missed some events that I should and would have attended but I am continuing to have difficulty with my Lions email, so, if anyone wishes to reach me, please do so at the email address noted in the governor's directory - callebert5677@rogers.com.

Having spent the greater part of this year 'out of the loop' I have begun to see that with the advent of the 2nd vice district governor and the GLT and GMT, the position of Region Chair may indeed be unnecessary.

I feel that if the Region Chair position should continue, there should be more contact with the clubs, through visitations or all Region Chairs should be utilized in other cabinet positions to utilize their expertise.

ZC 37S – Fran MacFarlane

The clubs in 37S have been wonderful to visit. It is a zone that shares resources and projects. Of course in the fall everyone is involved in the Farm Show but new projects are being looked at.

There was a good participation in Christmas Parades. Several clubs were involved in different parades including Plattsville, Drumbo, Innerkip and Woodstock.

Hickson and Innerkip Lions CLubs are committed to planting trees through a partnership with Maple Leaves Foundation and the East-Zorra Township. Work on this will start in early spring.

Innerkip has completed a community walkway in the Park and some trees will be used to enhance this project. While speaking to clubs I have been talking about the GLT and GMT. Two clubs have expressed an interest in taking advantage of some of these resources.

I also visited the Leos Club in Embro. As it turned out the St.Mary's Leo were also visiting and I was able to talk to them about their projects.

Drumbo had a new member inducted during their Christmas Party. It was a time also to thank community volunteers. It is a great idea to give the community a glance at Lions and their work.

The Ingersoll Lions Club has been able to secure a night from ITOPA for Lions Clubs. The play will be The Miracle Worker. The flyer is available on the A15 web site. Let's hope it is a sell out.

There will be a Zone meeting in Drumbo on Feb 22, 2012. I am also encouraging clubs to attend the Orientation Nights and Joint 37S&37W meetings.





ZC 37W - Paul Anstett.

Thank you Lions for your continued Belief in what you do.

I am pleased to report that I have completed my required visitations except one Club to date, as well as 37W Zone Meeting, which by the way had 100% attendance, I attended the Zone 37S Zone meeting in Innerkip and the Region Rally in St.George. All meetings were very well attended by the Clubs in each Zone & Region.

I am happy to announce that at least 7 clubs in Zone 37W have made contributions to Lions Quest so far this year. Congratulations to each Club and Thank You.

I am currently working with PRC Tim DeBlock, GMT/GLT on active membership issues within Zone 37W. I wish to formally announce my candidacy for Region Chair – Region 37 for the 2012-2013 Lion year and thank my home club, the Exeter Lions Club for their support and look forward to receiving the support of both Zone 37S & 37W. Thank you.

RC 51 - John Rothwell

I would like to congratulate all the clubs in the region for their efforts to increase membership and for all the work they have done in their communities. Work is ongoing on the orientation nights. These should be very informative for both new and old members and I encourage all to attend at least one. The Hillsburgh event had 30 members with 10 new Lions in attendance. There are still 2 Feb 13 jn Thamesford and 27 March in Kitchener. The venue for the Combined Zone Meeting for March 29th 2012 has been changed to the Knights of Columbus Hall on Lewis Rd in Guelph.

ZC 51E – Don Irvine

51e is in great shape with 1 exception and that is Marsville being down in numbers so if there is anyone who would like to transfer I'm sure they would offer you a home. All clubs have been very busy with projects through Oct. Nov. and Dec. They seem to all be involved with parades and Santa breakfasts. The clubs are really sharing their manpower and assets to help benefit the communities there was toy drives food drives and dollar donations that went out to the needy. The GPS bracelet program is moving along and already has been used in the community of Wellington County. I visited Hillsburgh, Ariss, Marsville, Royal City and Rockwood we had our 2nd Zone meeting at Ariss in Jan. There has been good growth with most having new members inducted.

ZC 51W – Diane Smith

Since the Cabinet meeting of October 30th, I have made zone visits to the St. Agatha, Linwood, Milverton, St. Jacobs and Paradise Lions Clubs. I have also had the pleasure of inducting six new members into the Woolwich Community Lions Club and five new members into the Lions Club of Elmira.

In my visits I have tried to bring the message of International President Tam's and DG Norma's goals for this year. The clubs of 51W appear to be strong with particular dedication to supporting local community needs. I continue to be impressed with the spirit of camaraderie that exists in the clubs and by how much, even the smaller clubs, achieve.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NO ACTIVITY

Alert – Lion Bob Lacombe, **District International Relations** – PID Bruce Murray, **District Bulletin** – Lion Bob Rutter, **Essay For Visually Impaired** – Lion Jeff Sullivan, **Protocol** – PID Art Woods

NOT SUBMITTED

Diabetes Awareness – ZC Stephen Hendry, **Five Oaks Liaison** – Lion Marysa Rumble –Lauriault, **GLT District Coordinator** – PDG Karen McNeight, **Hearing & Speech Action** – Lion Jim Harris, **Information Technology** – PRC Stephen Jones, **Lions Services For Children** – vacant, **Long Range Planning** – PDG Thom Herrmann, **MDA Lions Magazine Liaison** – Lion Tracy Brant, **Sight Conservation & Campus Clubs** – Lion Ken Oliver, **Youth Camp Meal Chair** – Lion Ted Bickell, **Youth Camp Outgoing Youth** – Lion Marysa Rumble -Lauriault

RECEIVED

Camp Coordinator – RC Rob Montgomery

Christmas and the holidays have come and gone for another year, but we are already planning for another terrific season at our Lions camps. I am hoping for the best response from our District this year for the annual spring cleanup. Planning cleanup this year will be somewhat of a challenge as A-15 Convention is the end of April and the end of May is MDA, but with the best district in Lions I BELIEVE that this can and will be accomplished.





Camp Dorset has issued a report of all projects and reconstruction that has been or will be finished in the near future. This coming fall the Dorset Cabin is next to remodeled and when needed all buildings will have steel roofs. All camps had a very good season last year and are hoping for the this season as well.

Constitution & By-Laws - PDDG George Patton

After reviewing the changes to the Standard District Constitution and By-Laws (SDCB) as amended by International in July of 2011, I would recommend the following changes be taken forward for a vote at the coming A-15 Convention.

In our Constitution:

Add the following section to Articvle IV as Section 3:

REMOVAL. Members of the District Cabinet other than the District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire number of the District Cabinet.

In our By-law:

Delete the following highlighted wording from Article IV Section 5 REGION CHAIRPERSONS In the event the Region Chairperson for any reason cannot or does not, in the judgment of the District Governor, perform the duties of the office...

Delete the following wording from Article IV Section 6 ZONE CHAIRPERSONS

In the event the Zone Chairperson for any reason cannot or does not, in the judgment of the District Governor, perform the duties of the office...

Dispute Resolution Policy: The revised SBCB incorporates the Dispute Resolution mechanism right into the by-law. I think this is cumbersome and would mean a vote every time any change is made to the policy. Our Article IX 'Miscellaneous': Section 7: Dispute Resolution says we 'shall pursue all complaints, disputes or claims according to the terms and conditions of rules or procedure adopted, from time-to-time, by the International Board of Directors.' I feel this is honouring the spirit of the SDCB without tying us down and would recommend we do not incorporate the Dispute Resolution Procedure into our Bylaw, Instead, I would suggest we have Stephan post it on the website.

In Policy:

We do, however, need to delete a policy item (see page 13 of standing policy): DISPUTE RESOLUTION (June 12, 2005)

In the event the District Governor is called upon...to the resolution process.

This calls for the payment of \$75. The International Procedure requires US\$750.

Convention Host – PDG OJ Wilura & PRC Charlie Davis

Registration Chair Lion Ron Ross advises that registration forms are ready and accessible from the district website, club secretaries and via electronic mailing. We already have registrations submitted and encouraging other Lions to do so. Hospitality Room costs are pending. Our room rates are \$132.20 with tax included. Should anyone be interested in advertising space in the convention booklet please contact Lion OJ Wilura 519-748-4304 or ojwlck@yahoo.ca A small number of vendor tables are still available on a first-come first-served basis. We will also hold a 50/50 draw with the winner being announced on Sunday morning. For further information regarding the last 2 subjects please contact Lion Charlie Davis, 519-741-5795 or gsears.cdavis@rogers.com

Cultural & Community Activities – Lion Ajit Manku

District A-15 Lions International Festival will celebrate the cultural diversity in our communities on March 3, 2012 at the United Kingdom of Cambridge Club, 35 International Village Road, Cambridge. This year, we are celebrating the Chinese culture. Your visit to the festival will start with Cantonese buffet especially prepared. You will also enjoy wine/beer.

For your entertainment, local talent from Grand River Chinese School students will be performing traditional folk dances. The vendors and craftspeople will display and sell their products. The tickets are on sale. Let me know how many tickets your club requires. Cost \$20.00 per person.





District Historian - PDG Nancy Ransom

To date, I have received information from several clubs – thank you very much; this is a great start towards our goal of compiling the history of all Clubs in our fair District. Over the course of time we are hoping to receive many more items from you! (historian@a15lions.org)

To date, I have attended a zone meeting in each zone, with the exception of 37S meeting which is scheduled for February, to promote our District History.

There will be a Historical Display table at our District Convention, weekend of April 27-29th.

I would dearly love to have an overflowing table of artifacts for the Lions' viewing pleasure during the weekend; so search your club storage rooms, closets, basements, whatever – and bring out those forgotten but once prominent trophies, awards, special series pins, etc., together with a completed "loan form" (copy sent to all clubs). These forms will enable me to make certain all items are later returned to their rightful owners. On Sunday morning of convention, please have a member of your Club pick up the display table items for return to your Club.

Governor Norma J. Peterson will be presenting **two Special History Awards** at the Convention, in conjunction with the historical data collection –

- 1) **Oldest Photo** with story, submitted of a Club event or activity.
- 2) Story/photo of **Most Unusual Community Fundraiser**

The second category will allow "younger" Clubs to participate in the fun too!

When you get looking through your old Club records and scrapbooks, you may be amazed at what you find there! Every bit of information is part of the DNA that defines our great District, and why we can be so proud to serve as Lions in A-15. Thank you for sharing your history.

Elections & Credentials - PDG John Brash,

I am pleased to report that candidates are making their intentions known. To date, I have received nominations for the positions of District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, 2nd Vice District Governor, all three Region Chairs and one Zone Chair.

I have not received any notice that the District Governor would like to become a Past District Governor.

In consultation with the District Governor Norma, it has been decided that the candidates running for the positions of Region Chair and Zone Chair will be allotted 10 minutes each for a demonstration and speech at the joint Zone Meeting in their Region and will have three minutes for a speech at the Convention Cabinet Meeting.

For the candidates seeking the position of District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor and 2nd Vice District Governor they will be given five minutes for only a speech at the joint Zone Meetings and ten minutes for a demonstration and speech at the opening ceremonies of the District Convention.

The candidates to date are:

1st Vice District Governor LION Dan Ayim for District Governor

2nd Vice District Governor LION Denis Vinette for 1st Vice District Governor

Past Region Chair LION Tim DeBlock for 2nd Vice District Governor

Zone Chair LION Vaughan Braby for Region 9 Chair

Zone Chair LION Paul Anstett for Region 37 Chair

Zone Chair LION Don Irvine for Region 51 Chair

Zone Chair LION Diane Smith for Region 51 Chair

LION Charlene Teasdale for Zone Chair 51E

LION Wayne Litt for Zone Chair 51W

We are still looking for candidates for all positions, especially Club Presidents or Past Club Presidents to assume the rolls of Zone Chairs. Candidates will have until 30 days prior to the District Convention to submit their intentions to the Cabinet Secretary.

Effective Speaking – Lion Ernie Kaethler

This very worthwhile Opportunities for Youth project instils visionary and growth potential not only in the youth we serve but also in those of us who provide leadership at Club, community & district levels.

Club contributions, averaging \$200/per club, are coming in slowly and are certainly needed to successfully manage this year's program. Many thanks, for your faithful continuing support! Those club treasurers who have not yet sent in your support, do it now; it IS a wise investment in our future!

Based on verbal and E-mail communication, planning and date setting for local club competitions is progressing well.



DISTRICT A-15 LIONS CLUBS®

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Two, possibly three, new community speaking contests are "in the pipe-line". The fixed date for District A-15 finals is: District Effective Speaking "David Davidson" Finalswill be held

on Sat. March 31, 2012

- contest STARTS at 9:00am. LOCATION: Guelph - to be determined: school or church setting The MD"A" Effective Speaking finals will be held in St Catherines Holiday Inn, (on Ontario St) ... on April 27 - 29, 2012. District Governor Norma Peterson and(or) 1st ViceDG Dr. Dan Ayim are invited/requested to be present at the closing

The busy and exciting is ahead. 2010 Effective Speaking pins to wear with pride and commitment. I look forward to sharing the spirit of this project with many of you at Zone or Region meetings in the near future. It is great to be a part of Lions who serve our communities, our youth, our future, in a spirit of excellence, willingness and fun. As needed, information and support is always available.

> District A-15 Effective Speaking 2011 -2012 Proposed budget

Receipts:

Donations from 37 Clubs @ \$200.00 \$ 7 400.00 Portion to MD'A' -- 37 x \$ 50.00 - 1850.00

Total receipts - income \$5,550.00

Expenses:

A-15 Competition Prize Money, if all categories have participants:

Pre-Competitive English (\$100 + \$75 + \$50) \$ 225.00

Pre-Competitive French (\$100 + \$75 + \$50) \$ 225.00

Junior English (\$125 + \$100 + \$75) \$300.00

Junior French (\$125 + \$100 + \$75) \$ 300.00

Intermediate English (\$150 + \$125 + \$100) \$ 375.oo

Intermediate French (\$150 + \$125 + \$100) \$ 375.00 Senior English (\$200 + \$150 + \$100) \$ 450.00

Senior French (\$200 + \$150 + \$100) \$450.00

Participants Certificates & Frames \$ 50.00

Total.....\$ 2 700.00

Correspondence to Clubs - postage, etc\$ 25.00

Club Banner Patches & Bars\$ 65.00

Supplies - A-15 Competition\$ 90.00

Judges gifts\$ 155.00

District travel & meals expenses.....\$ 215.00

District Convention, lunches for contestants & families...\$ 100.00

MDA meetings expenses.....\$ 100.00

MDA rooms/meals at Toronto finals.....\$ 2 200.00

Total.....\$ 2 850.00

.....\$ 5 550.oo

Environment – Lion Linda Vinette

Our International Lions President, Wing-Kun Tam, had set a goal for the Lions Clubs of the World to plant 1,000,000 trees for the environment in 2011-2012. On the date of this report submission 6,644,475 trees have already been planted throughout the world by fellow Lions. Canada has planted 16,486 trees. Now is the perfect time to plan your clubs planting of trees in the spring if you haven't already started. In November, I was honoured to assist the Rockwood & District Lions in planting 1000 trees in Arkell just outside of Guelph. I was informed at the Zone 51 East meeting in January that Rockwood Lions have also planned a planting of trees in the same location in May 2012. Please keep me informed & forward pictures so I can display them at our 2012 District A-15 Convention.

Approval has been received for the planting of a tree from District A-15 at the William D. Moody Playground in Mount Forest to honour PID Bill's accomplishments. Arrangements will be made for the purchase and installation in the spring. I'm hoping some of you have taken pictures for the Environmental Photo Contest. The criteria for Photos are; 8"X10" photos with categories of Animal Life, Landscape, Plant life or Weather Phenomenon. Please submit your photos to me





by Monday, March 26th 2012. Display & Voting will occur at our 2012 District A-15 Convention. The winning photo will be sent to the 2012 MD "A" convention in Niagara.

Special Dates to remember are the Breslau LFC facility cleanup on Wednesday, June 6th 2012 and the Memorial Forest Rededication service on Saturday June 9th 2012. Please plan to participate as many hands make quick work at the cleanup.

GLT District Coordinator – PDG Karen McNeight

- Attended Club Excellence Process Facilitator Training and established goals for this year. The majority of those goals have already been met.
- Participated in the development of a Region Rally skit to set off the CEP
- Encouraged the involvement of our PDGs, PCCs and PIDs in the mentoring of potential leaders in the District
- Encouraging all Lions to make use of the Learning Resource Center that LCI offers on their website as there is a wealth of information, as well as webinars offered, that any Lion can learn from, and participate in.
- Currently establishing agenda and presenters for the Leadership Seminar which takes place in St Jacobs on Saturday May 5th for District Officers and Sunday, May 6th at the Wilmot Recreation Centre

Wishing to establish a separate training day for In-coming Cabinet Officers for the Lions year 2012-13 with the approval of Cabinet. With said Cabinet approval, training would take place in St. Jacobs Lions Den, a reasonably central location for all, so even with food and drink, expenses should be kept to a minimum.

GMT Club Success Team Leader – PRC Tim DeBlock

There are many different ways to get things done! We have had one Club go through a process similar to a CEP all on their own. It started with a survey and a couple of interested Lions initiating their Club to step back and have a look at themselves and their Community. Congratulations to the Sweaburg Lions for their initiative and creativity on building an action plan. There is always room for learning about ourselves to help us to continue "To Serve".

GMT District Coordinator – PDG OJ Wilura

It seems somewhat apparent that Lions today need to act like owners of this organization of ours and not like customers. There is a completely different mentality between that of an owner and that of a customer.

The attitude of a customer is one where you don't commit yourself to anything. As a customer;

- if you don't like the operation of the club, you will go somewhere else.
- if you don't like some of the club members, you will go somewhere else.
- if you don't like the vision or direction of the club, you will go somewhere else.

As a customer, your number one concern is yourself. You ask: "Are my particular needs and concerns being met? If they're not, you'll decide to go somewhere else, to a neighbouring club or to another organization, where hopefully your expectations will be met.

The owner thinks quite different. Their focus isn't on meeting their own personal needs but making sure that they meet the needs of others, within a specific and comfortable setting. As an owner, the focus is on the nitty-gritty of the operation:

- you care about your club members
- you make sure your club 's goals are of a high standard, realistic and achievable
- you endeavour to present Lionism a manner that excites the customer/guest and causing them to want to belong

You are also concerned about the smaller details such as;

- Is what we own, in good repair?
- Our dues, are they competitive?
- Is the appearance of the club pleasing to the eye to someone who is visiting?
- Are the club's goals or community projects being used in a way to keep your regular members interested and attract new ones?

As a customer ... the club is viewed as having a revolving door that allows you to come and go as you please with absolutely no concern of what else it may offer. But as an owner ... your focus is your fellow members and your community, what they offer you through the friendships and the relationships you share as you reach out to help those in need.

Our relationship with a club is not "consumer based". That is where everything is neatly packaged for us and all we have to do is pick it off the shelf when we need it. Nor is it a "let George do it" affair, were we allow a dedicated few to burn themselves out doing the tasks which belong to all of us.





The relationship has to be one of ownership, one that requires the active involvement of every one of us all year round and everywhere, at work, in our communities, in our neighbourhoods and wherever we go as Lions.

You may ask: how can we regain the ownership of our club, of our programs and work together as a team, as we should be? Well, GMT & GLT can assist with the analysis of your club's Community Assessment and Club Ratings. These two questionnaires completed by your own members will help the club create a Membership Action Plan. Once this is done and by using various resources available, you'll be well on your way to achieving goals set by your club.

The Sweaburg Lions are currently working through the Club Excellence Program and other clubs are encouraged to consider doing the same.

GMT Family & Women's Membership - Lion Mary Rothwell,

Working towards the both at the total women's show in Kitchener Feb 11th and 12th. We still require members to man the both for 4-hour periods. If interested please contact Lion Mary Rothwell

GMT Membership & Club Growth Team Leader – PDG Larry Wainwright

Please see the attached copy of a news story published in the Woolwich Observer as an example of coverage which promotes Lionism in general along with Club and Membership growth.

Honorary Committee/A15PDGA - PDG Karen McNeight

- PDG Honorary Committee met on November 29th, 2011 at the Queens Inn in Stratford.
- GMT/GLT Coordinators encouraged PDGs to be aware of Lions within the District that may be potential leaders.
- Discussed District A-15 Convention with respect to the costs, program, etc. Decided to defer suggesting changes to A-15 Convention until the recommendations from the MDA Ad Hoc Committee looking at the MDA Convention come forward.
- Suggestion that A-15 host a hospitality room at the MDA Convention in Niagara Falls with support from the Clubs.
- Clubs to have received tickets for the fundraising draw to support the 2014 International Convention to be held in Toronto. (10 tickets to the Molson Box at the ACC, dinner in the Hot Stove Lounge and accommodations (5 rooms double occupancy) at the Royal York Hotel). Lions Clubs encouraged to support this esteemed opportunity for the Multiple District.

LCIF - PCC Bill Carson

We wish to confirm that Zone Chairs in our District have agreed to include a brief update from LCIF in agenda at their winter meetings.

We remind all Lions of the \$30M target for donations that we have committed to in this Lion Year.

With five months remaining, we encourage executive Lions from all of our Clubs to include this as an agenda item in the near term, if contribution has not yet been made in year to date.

Your International Foundation is entirely dependent upon your contributions to enable the humanitarian work that is the hallmark of our great organization.

LEO – Lion Raymond Taylor

St. Marys LEO Club Events & Activities

- Friday, June 10 2011 For the second year in a row, our club swept the entire parking lot at 22 St. Andrew Street (Parkview West Apartments for Seniors) removing dirt and debris following the winter sanding operations.
- Saturday, June 18 2011 Our end of year LEO Club barbecue was held at the Lions Pavilion at Milt Dunnell Field (The Flats).
- Friday, July 1 2011 The club inflated hundreds of red and white balloons for the kids at Cadzow Park for the Canada Day celebrations.
- Sunday, August 21 2011 Our first annual Water Wars event was held at East Ward Park in St. Marys in conjunction with the St. Marys Teddy Bear Reunion.
- Saturday, October 29 2011 Our third annual Haunted Halloween Walk was held at McCully's Hill Farm east of St. Marys for those who dared to enter, assisted by members of the St. Marys Lions Club.
- Saturday, November 18 2011- Several members of our LEO Club participated in the St. Marys Santa Claus Parade along with members of the St. Marys Lions Club.
- Tuesday, November 22 2011 Our LEO Club attended a Christmas social and dinner in Embro with the Village





of Embro LEO Club, Lion Joanne McQuiggan was our guest speaker.

- Thursday, December 15 2011 Was the date that our LEO Club delivered several unwrapped toys and other gifts to the St. Marys Salvation Army to be given to a family that our LEO club is sponsoring this year.
- Friday, December 16 2011 The annual LEO Club Christmas party catered by Kim Taylor, and an Induction Ceremony for 6 new LEO's performed by PDG Lion Karen McNeight was held at St. Marys Presbyterian Church. Guests were present from the Tillsonburg Lions Club.

Village of Embro LEO Club: - No Report Cambridge LEO Club - No Report

LFC – PRC Wolfgang Boelke

Since my last report, I hope that every one had a happy & safe Holiday season, I have send a letter out to all Clubs, I also want to thank the clubs that have already made a donation to the Lions Foundation of Canada in recognition of P.D.G. John Paff's 25 plus years as District A-15, Lions Foundation of Canada, Chair. The following Clubs were given certificates for their donations in recognition of PDG John; Cambridge Highlands, Galt Cambridge, Glen Morris, Paradise & District, St George, Waterloo, Woolwich Community, Zurich, Guelph Royal City and Elmira. Moving Forward Changing Lives Recognition Certificates were awarded to the following Lions Clubs; Bayfield, Woodstock, Exeter, KW Community Spirit, Fergus, Innerkip, Woolwich Community, Guelp, Kitchener, Kitchener Oktoberfest, Ingersoll, Paris, Kitchener Pioneer, Wellesley and West Coast.

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides has revamped www.dogguides.com! The newer user-friendly site makes finding everything you need to know about Dog Guides quick and easy. Be sure to check back often for updates on what we are up to!

Join our online community to discover the latest news and events happening at Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Facebook: www.facebook.com/ifdogguides

Twitter: www.twitter.com/ifdogguides

I hope this information will help and would like to encourage all Clubs to arrange and participate in the Purina Walk for Dog Guides. Contact Dave Nash at LFC to discuss involvement.

Lions Opportunities For Youth – Lion Jeff Sullivan

Since the time of my last report, I have had the wonderful opportunity to speak at both the Vanastra & District and Innerkip & District Lions Clubs about the Opportunities for Youth portfolio. Thank you to Lion Chief Jim Ryan and Lion Chief Barb Pallister, and your respective Clubs, for the warm reception I received. If any other Clubs in the District would like to learn more about the Youth portfolio, I would be happy to come and speak to your club as well.

I have begun to compile an "Opportunities for Youth" handbook for Clubs that will provide a "one-stop-shopping" place for information on these programs. Once it is ready, I will distribute it to the Clubs and place a copy on the District website.

For now, we would ask our Clubs to please keep in mind supporting the District Effective Speaking Contest, and help us to find Host Families for the 2012 incoming Youth Camp participants.

Lions Quest – PCC Tim Cronin with supplemental by PID Bruce Murray & Lion Joanne McQuiggan Lions Quest continues to be promoted around District A-15.

We need to thank all the district officers for bring the Lions Quest message to all the Clubs on their official visits. I would like to thank the District Officers for making Lions Quest their recipient for donations in recognition of their visit. Award banners were awarded to the following Clubs for their support in purchasing two Lions Quest Fellowships; Kitchener Oktoberfest, Fergus, Cambridge Highlands, Kitchener, Elmira, St Jacobs, Galt Cambridge, Waterloo. I would also like to thank all those clubs that continue to support both the Lions Quest Operations and the Donations to support the Lions Quest Programs. The Federal government has awarded a \$10000 grant in support of the Lions Quest National Conference in Halifax.

We continue to struggle to reintroduce the Lions Quest Program to the Waterloo Region District School Board. As soon as the WRDSB approves time off for the Affiliate Trainer we will be putting on the Lions Quest workshop noted in the October report.

To date I have had no requests outside of the WRDSB to present information on Lions Quest.

I have made the changes that the Cabinet requested at your meeting last Saturday.

With Cabinet approval and the signature of the Governor and the Grant Administrator PDG Lion Nancy Brash I will forward the report to LCI.





As always I am available almost anytime to meet a Lion at a school to present the Lions Quest Program with a manual or to present at any Lions Club when invited.

Public Relations & Club Visits Liaison – Joanne McQuiggan

Emails have been sent to almost all clubs now regarding protocol and information for the District Governors Official Visit. Feedback from Club Presidents has been positive and they appreciate having the biography in advance as well as details for the visit.

Peace Poster - Lion Jeff Sullivan

As previously announced, the 2011 District A-15 Peace Poster contest winner was Chanel Wase who was sponsored by the St. Agatha & District Lions Club. Chanel has won the District contest two years in a row now – quite a feat! Chanel's entry went on to the MD "A" competition, but unfortunately was not successful. We have just recently received word that Diana Lawryshyn from District A-16 was the winner of the MD "A" contest and her entry will go on to the LCI competition. Thank you to all of the Clubs who participated this year.

The theme for 2012/2013 contest is "Imagine Peace". Clubs may order the Kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. They are available from January 15 to October 1, 2012 at a cost of \$9.95. Clubs may want to consider having the schools doing the Posters in early Spring. This would provide more time for the students to work at them, as September is a very busy time at the beginning of the school year, and many schools are also involved with the Legion Posters in October/ November.

Sight Screening – PRC Charlie Davis

Screening clinics continue. Joined by Lion Jim Bishop of New Hamburg for the recent Guatemalan Trip where 853 patients were screened, 500 pairs of glasses distributed and 71 cataract surgery referrals made.

Youth Camp Exchange Director - RC John Rothwell & Lion Mary Rothwell

Applications are starting to come in with applications from numerous places in Europe South America and we are very excited about one from Guadeloupe.

Do not forget we are looking for host fameless for the youth from the 30^{th} June to camp on the 14^{th} July and after camp from the 24^{th} July to the 28^{th} July. This can be done as a club project. If interested please contact us.

Youth Camp Chair – PCC Dave Rumble & Lioness Mary Rumble

Please review the Proposed Youth Camp Budget for 2012.

	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	Proposed Budget 2012
Transportation	\$4,044.27	\$4,070.26	\$4,100.00
Name Tags	\$102.83	\$87.01	\$100.00
T-Shirts	\$1,000.83	\$1,284.00	\$1,200.00
Icecream for everyone	\$116.67	\$110.00	\$120.00
Maid of the Mist	\$371.49	\$281.82	\$380.00
Imax/Minolta Tower - Skylon 4d	\$155.00	\$329.40	\$340.00
Oh Canada Eh	\$1,225.00	\$972.00	\$1,200.00
Wonderland	\$1,101.12	\$972.00	\$1,200.00
Dinner at Wonderland	\$640.00	\$580.00	\$640.00
Dinner- Mandarine	\$800.00	\$746.18	\$800.00
CN Tower	\$414.27	\$349.79	\$400.00
Rogers Centre _ Jays Game	по дате	no game	\$450.00





Display Boards	\$60.98	\$101.81	\$50.00
Mailings	\$25.24		\$30.00
Groceries	\$132.70	\$171.92	\$300.00
Pizza	\$247.13	\$252.03	\$250.00
Set-up dinner	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
Camp booklet	pending	n/a	75.00 flash drives
Toronto Tours	not used	\$972.00	\$1,000.00
Meals -no club	\$226.25		\$250.00
Airport Hotel	\$363.99		\$375.00
John Wedge - National Anthams	\$33.85	\$44.00	\$45.00
Youth Exchange Pins/ptchs	\$324.29	\$292.90	\$300.00
Backpacks	\$245.00	\$188.44	\$250.00
Waterbottles			do not need any
Mascott for 2011	\$46.32	\$63.28	\$65.00
misc supplies	\$129.91	\$390.18	\$200.00
Printer (used by effective speaking)	\$234.80		
Galaxy theatres	\$242.25	\$305.25	\$325.00
Cash out of pocket Rudy/Dave	\$211.80	\$150.00	\$150.00
21 worth At #200 00 Comm Food		\$(3,150.00)	¢(4,200,00)
21 youth At \$200.00 Camp Fees		\$(3,130.00)	\$(4,200.00)
Total		\$9,664.27	\$10,445.00

Balance on PP credit card
Petty Cash Balance
Transferred to Cr. Card

\$0.00 \$261.93







>> James Jackson

The booming village of Breslau could soon be the newest home of the world's largest service club.

The president of the St. Jacobs Lions Club and one of Breslau's newest residents has put out a call for members of the community who might be interested in organizing their own Lions Club.

"At this point the only service club that I'm aware of that is operating in Breslau is the South Woolwich Optimist Club," said Dennis Lougheed, who moved from St. Jacobs to Breslau in September.

"A couple people have expressed surprise that there wasn't already a Lions Club over here, considering the community is growing so rapidly."

With nearly 1.4 million members in 46,000 clubs and 208 countries, Lions members have sought to better their communities and their world since their founding in 1917.

Lougheed recognizes the hard work and determination of other groups such as the Breslau Rec. Association, but noted that the scope of their work is limited to the community, unlike the Lions.

"What a service club like the Lions can do is certainly augment the Breslau Rec. Association, support their programs, even raise money for their programming, but it also has a much larger reach beyond the association and it can extend beyond the community, even internationally."

The new club would join District A-15, which already oversees 54 clubs in six different zones ranging from Marsville to Exeter, but in order to start a club in Breslau, several things need to happen.

First, Lougheed said he needs to determine whether or not there is enough interest in the community to form a branch club.

They would need about five people to do that, and the branch would need to be sponsored by a full club – a role Lougheed hopes the St. Jacobs club could fulfill given his connection with them.

The role of the sponsor club would be to guide the branch club until the new members became accustomed to their duties as Lions and until it grows enough to be recognized as a full club.

"They would function pretty much autonomously as the Breslau club, but bureaucratically they would be under the St. Jacobs club," he explained.

"They would carry their own books, hold their own meetings and run their own programming as they see fit, with guidance from the host club and with support from the district."

The club would also need to fill the key positions of president, treasurer and secretary, and those individuals would be paired up with an experienced member of another club to provide more guidance on the duties associated with that position.

Lougheed said he has heard back from about four people who have expressed an interest in joining the club, and he hopes that after the holiday rush he will hear from a few more.

From that small beginning, he is confident the club will gain traction in the community.

"You start slowly and with each little thing that you take on and that you have some success with breeds more interest in going a little further and trying a little more," he said.

"Each program they get up and running will draw attention to them, and people in the community will take notice and then you grow the interest."

For more information contact Lougheed at cs@ a15lions.org or call (519) 213-1397.





Lions District A-15 Core 4 Final Report December 31, 2011

Grant Number

LCIF Grant 9000/A-15 for US\$25,000

Date of Report

December 31, 2011

1. Summary of activities completed to date

Tatania Stroud, a teacher from the Waterloo Region District School Board, has been certified as an Affiliate trainer, and has delivered a number of workshops locally.

To date, 12 Lions Quest workshops have been held for two School Boards.

November, 2005 for Waterloo Region DSB

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August, 2006 for Waterloo Region DSB

August, 2006 for Upper Grand DSB with

October, 2006 for Waterloo Region DSB

December, 2006 for Waterloo Region DSB

October, 2007 for Waterloo Region DSB

January, 2008 for Waterloo Region DSB

February, 2008 for Waterloo Region DSB

May, 2009 for Waterloo Region DSB

April 2010 for Waterloo Region DSB

Sept 2011 for Waterloo Region DSB (rescheduled until early 2012)

February 2012 for Waterloo Region DSB

In total 329 teachers from 74 schools have participated, along with three exchange teachers from Ireland. Two workshops have been paid for and will be held early in 2012. It is anticipated that an additional 70 people will be involved based on early registration. About 10 Lions have also participated in the training workshops.

Two local information sessions were held for the Lions and interested teachers, facilitated by a Lions Quest Affiliate Trainer and a staff member from Thrive! Approx 20 Lions and other interest people attended each one and left enthused and energized about Lions Quest, and committed to getting more people involved. A session for the Leo Clubs was held in September 2009, and an additional session held in November 2011. Lions Quest was the keynote presentation at the District A15 Leadership Seminar in June 2011.

Lions subsidize the cost of the training workshops, and have also helped promote the program to their local schools by visiting with the principal. In addition Lions hosted the sessions for the Leo clubs.

2. Changes or deviations from original proposal as approved (if any)

Workshops were held where there is the greatest interest, rather than in the communities previously identified. The most significant Lions support and teacher interest is in the Waterloo Region DSB with efforts continually being made to involve other areas as well. More workshops were been held, but the expenses have remained within the approved budget.

3. Update on communications and public relations activity

Information is shared with Lions at regular Lions events (cabinet meetings, zone meetings, convention). Training sessions have been held for cabinet officers every other year. We initiated one media release related to the RCMP





donation but it wasn't picked up by any local media. Additional media releases were sent in conjunction with the Helping Canadian Kids Thrive National Conference that was held in the District in the spring of 2009.

4. Additional development or extra benefits which occurred as a result of this project

The Lions Club of Kitchener and Lions Quest Canada worked together to obtain a \$2,500 grant from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Foundation to support Lions Quest in the Waterloo Region District School Board. As a result of this grant, we will also see more involvement of the local RCMP officers in the training and classrooms.

One Lions Club has adopted their local school and typically has purchased between \$1,000 and \$2,000 of Lions Quest students materials each year to support the ongoing implementation of the program. This is not included in the financial reports of this project.

The Lions have been able to further leverage their dollars with the Waterloo Region District School Board through a new arrangement. The Lions provide the material for the Lions Quest workshops, and the School Board picks up the additional costs for the meeting room, meals, trainer expenses, replacement teacher costs and any additional expenses. The school district also covered the travel expenses for the Affiliate Trainer who was certified as part of this project.

The Helping Canadian Kids Thrive National Conference was held in the District in the spring of 2009. The Lions were actively involved as volunteers, supporters, and hosted the Thursday evening gathering that showcased the area to the conference delegates.

Many new schools have become involved as the result of staff movement between schools. For example, in two instances, teachers who were involved in a school-wide implementation of Lions Quest were promoted to Principal at different schools. Those schools are now moving forward with school-wide implementation.

The Lions also provided resources for a local teacher who was traveling to Sierre Leone with the Canadian Teachers Federation to work with teachers there.

In cooperation with Huron Perth Health Unit, 4 introductory parent/teacher sessions were held for schools in Avon Maitland District School Board.

What challenges did the Lions encounter in implementing activities during this phase.

Through the history of this grant, there have been 5 District Treasurers in place. This has created some challenges with consistency of reporting. The committee has worked diligently to ensure open communication and awareness of grant activities.

There were changes to the leadership of the program at the Waterloo Region District School Board, and while schools remain committed to the training, it has been a challenge to maintain the high level of support from the School District staff.

A legal issue relating to one Lion in one Lions Club had a detrimental impact on the level of support in that area for the program. The legal issue has been resolved. The ramifications continue to be addressed by District A-15 Leadership

6. Financial information

For this period (since August 2009)

Activity	Actual To date
Community events	0
Affiliate trainer	0
Lions-Quest workshops	\$15,954.13
Administration	0.00





Total	\$\$15,954.13

For the full project:

Activity	Budget CDN \$	Actual
•		To date
Community events	\$2,500	\$528.24
Affiliate trainer	\$6,000	\$5,320.00
Lions-Quest workshops	\$42,000	\$56,955.80
Administration	\$1,000	0.00
Total	\$51,500	\$62,804.04

For this period (since August 2009)

Sources of Income	Actual To date
Funds at start of grant	
Lions Donations to date	\$6,287.66
Core Four	\$9,000.00
RCMP	
Waterloo Region DSB	In kind
Income total	\$15,287.66

For the full project:

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Sources of Income	Budget	Actual
	CDN \$	To date
Funds at start of grant	\$12,000	\$6,000.00
Lions Donations to date	\$9,270	\$36,812.66
Core Four	\$30,230	\$26,920.00
RCMP		\$2,500.00
Waterloo Region DSB		In kind
Income total	\$51,500	\$72,232.66

7. Plans for the next phase:

While the Core 4 Project is over, the Lions continue to support the expansion and growth of Lions Quest in District A15. The District contributes more than any other Canadian district to the Lions Quest Canada operation, in addition to the support for Lions Quest workshops and classroom material.

8. Our overall experience:

District A15 is grateful for the support of Lions Clubs International Foundation through the Core 4 contribution. This enabled us to stretch our local dollars further and provided incentive for clubs to become involved.

Our greatest challenge was changing personnel – within our Lions District and within the School District. We had 5 District Treasurers, 3 District Lions Quest Chairs, 3 different contact people at Waterloo Region District school board, and additional changes at the school level. In some ways this was also a strength as we gained more committed people, who were knowledgeable about the program and it's benefits.

9. Signature and endorsement





PCC Tim Cronin, PDG Nancy Brash,
Project Chair Grant Administrator
2011-12 Lions Quest Chair

DG Norma Peterson 2011-12 District Governor





LIONS DISTRICT A-15

VOLUNTEERING

TO PARTICIPATE IN

A-15 SANCTIONED ACTIVITIES

INVOLVING

VULNERABLE PEOPLE

A member is entitled to all rights and privileges and subject to all obligations which membership in a Lions club confers or implies (including)

conduct reflecting a favourable image of this Lions club in the community.

Lions Club Standard Constitution and Bylaws

Adopted 2012





PREAMBLE

It is the intention of Lions District A-15 that vulnerable persons be protected while participating in an activity of Lions Clubs International and/or District A-15, as duely authorized to be conducted in the District. It is the policy of the District that every reasonable effort will be made to satisfy the District requirements that Lions members and/or others put in positions of supervision of vulnerable people will have been met.

DEFINITIONS

The vulnerable sector screening provides screening of individuals who intend on working or volunteering with the vulnerable sector. A vulnerable person is defined as a person who, because of their age, a disability or other circumstances whether temporary or permanent is:

- (a) in a position of dependence on others
- (b) otherwise at a greater risk than the general population of being harmed by a person in a position of authority or trust relative to them.

PROCEDURE

In order to accomplish this policy the following procedure shall be used.

All persons applying to participate in sanctioned activities of District A-15 involving vulnerable people shall provide a Criminal Records Check, attend a personal interview and provide three references as part of their application.

VULNERABLE SECTOR SCREENING

Criminal Record Checks (or Policy Background Checks), including Vulnerable Sector Checks and Sex Offender Checks, shall be required from all adults, whether Lions members or not, dealing with vulnerable people participating in A-15 sanctioned activities.

A vulnerable sector screening search may provide the following information:

Criminal record (adult and/or young offender, including summary offenses)

Outstanding charges

Findings of not guilty by reason of mental disorder

Probation, prohibition and other judicial orders which are in effect

Convictions/pending charges under Child and Family Services Act

Apprehensions and/or contact under Mental Health Act

Suspect/Culprit information; where the release of such will not hinder any ongoing investigation.

INELIGIBLE PEOPLE

Individuals with outstanding Criminal Code convictions or charges pending for certain offences shall not be eligible to participate in A-15 sanctioned activities.

The offenses include:

Part VIII Criminal Code-Offenses against Persons

All forms of assault including, but not limiting the generality of the foregoing, sexual assault, assault with a weapon, threats to a third party or causing bodily harm and aggravated assault

Sexual Exploitation

Sexual Interference

Sexual Touching

Child Pornography

Current prohibitions or prohibition orders forbidding the individual to have contact with children under the age of 14

Using a firearm in the commission of any offence





Impaired driving and included offenses.

It is the responsibility of any person required to produce a Criminal Record Check by virtue of this policy to advise the District Governor (or the Lions member designated by the District Governor) of any charge or conviction of any offence listed in this policy.

It shall be the responsibility of each Committee Chair (and/or anyone appointed by the District Governor) overseeing a District Sanctioned Activity involving Vulnerable People to carry out the policy as set out in this manual. The only exceptions shall be as provided for in this Manual and such actions shall constitute the extent of any variations permissible. Where exceptions are used they must be reported to the Cabinet Secretary unless previously authorised by the District Cabinet.

The District Governor shall appoint a Member Designate who is responsible for the collection and retention of criminal record checks (and any other sensitive information collected in implementation of this policy). All records shall be secured in a safe storage area separate from District files and under such Member's control. Records shall be kept for a period of 3 years from the date of receipt after which time they shall be destroyed.

The Member Designate shall provide such paperwork where required by police forces to aid those seeking Criminal Record Checks as part of fulfilling their obligations under this policy.

A Criminal Record Check shall be consider valid for 3 years from the date of receipt but on-going participants shall be required to submit a copy of the 'Applicant Declaration Form' (copy attached as part of this manual) on an annual basis between Checks.

INTERVIEWS

All persons applying to participate in District sanctioned activities involving vulnerable persons may be required to submit to an interview by a Lions member committee of at least 3 members as appointed by the District Governor.

REFERENCES

All persons applying to participate in District sanctioned activities involving vulnerable persons may be required to submit a list of three references. It is understood that these references will be contacted in the course of evaluating the applicant.

RIGHT OF APPEAL

In the event that an individual is rejected, as a result of the contents of a Criminal Records Check, they shall have the right to appeal the decision to a 3-member panel as appointed by the District Governor. The appeal request must be submitted in writing and accompanied by a fee in the form of a bank draft or certified cheque to District A-15 in the amount of \$100.00. If the appeal is successful the \$100 fee will be refunded. The decision of this panel shall be final.

EXCEPTIONS

The A-15 District Cabinet may waive the requirement for a Criminal Records Check for Lions and/or others conducting District sanctioned activities (including, but not limited to, eye screening, effective speaking contests, peace poster contest) taking place largely in public locations. Lions participating shall be required to read and sign a copy of this manual, **agree**, **in writing**, **to always have another adult present at all times while interacting with vulnerable people** and sign and submit an 'Applicant Declaration Form' on an annual basis.

Due to the amount of time needed to acquire a Criminal Records Check, in some cases, it will not be possible to refer to one before the commencement of the activity. In this case the District Governor (or the Lions member designated by the District Governor) shall refer to the interview with the applicant, the results of reference interviews and any other source of information to which they wish to refer, in order to make a decision. In any case the applicant must show proof that they have made application for a Criminal Records Check before being accepted to participate in a sanctioned activity involving vulnerable people and provide same upon receipt.





IMPLEMENTATION

It shall be the responsibility of the District Cabinet to implement this policy and see that its provisions are adhered to. Every Lion appointed to oversee any District Sanctioned Activity involving Vulnerable People shall be provided with a copy of this Manual and, upon demand, provide the Cabinet Secretary with proof that it was followed in selecting volunteers. The name of the Lion Member Designate who has control of receipt and storage of Criminal Record Checks (and any other sensitive information collected in implementation of this policy) shall be published in the Governor's Directory.

Through the Cabinet Secretary, the Member Designate shall inform the Lions appointed to oversee each activity when a Criminal Record Check is expiring and that a new Check is required.

APPLICANT DECLARATION FORM

This form is to be used by a person applying as a volunteer for a District A-15 sanctioned activity involving responsibility for the wellbeing of one or more children or vulnerable persons where the position is of authority or trust to those children or vulnerable persons.

By signing this form I am guaranteeing that I have not been convicted, have pending charges or have been pardoned for: Part VIII Criminal Code-Offenses against Persons

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Identification of the Applicant

Surname:	_ Given Name:			
Given Middle Name(s):		Sex:		
Date of Birth (YYYY/MM/DD):	_/ Place of Birth		_	
Address:				
Previous Address (if any) within last	5 years:			
Signed:				
Date:				