

**District A-1 District Meeting
November 17, 2013
St Thomas Seniors Centre
St Thomas, Ontario**

Governor Bob Tanner acted as the chairperson with the following District Cabinet Officers in attendance:

IPDG Wayne Cudney	1 ST VDG John Johnston
2 ND VDG Mike Tuxford	CAB. SEC. Cheryl Schleihauf
CAB. TREAS. ERIC DOLANSKY	ZONE 1 ZC Ron Rigney
ZONE 2 ZC Dan Nowlan	ZONE 3 ZC Ron Reid
ZONE 5 ZC Trigger McLeod	ZONE 6 ZC Don Geddy

We received regrets from the following: ZONE 4 ZC Doug Crockett

Also in attendance were 16 Club Presidents, 16 Club Secretaries, 7 Treasurers, 34 Lions, and 1 Lioness which total to 73 Lions & 1 Lioness at the second District Meeting.

The Meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. with the singing of “O CANADA” followed by the reading of Lions that have passed away since our last District Cabinet meeting in August followed by a minute of silence for the departed members of the Lions Family. 2nd VDG Mike Tuxford read the list of new Lions and their sponsors.

Governor Bob welcomed everyone in attendance and set protocol.

The 2013 / 2014 District A-1 operating budget was discussed by Finance Chair PDG Steve Mahovlich and presented. A copy of the budget had been given to each District Officer earlier.. **Motion by ZC1 Ron Rigney Seconded by 2ND VDG Mike Tuxford to accept this report. Carried**

NEW

BUDGET

2013 - 2014

REVENUES:

Diabetes Awareness Program & Diabetes Cavalcade
Directories (includes Lioness Invoice) 2 50.00
Draw (at Cabinet Mtg)
Dues (based on June 30, 2011 - 1,204 members) 1 0,656.00
Hearing/Work with the Deaf
GMT/GLT 1,000.00
Sight First/Work with the Blind
REVENUE TOTAL \$ 1 1,906.00

EXPENSES:

Bank Service Charges 5 0.00
Bulletin Contest 5 0.00
Changeover (for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013) 3 00.00
Cheque printing charges 1 28.00
Directories 1,660.01
Director/Officer Insurance 6 48.00
District Cabinet Mtgs. 1,000.00
Domain/Internet fee 6 0.00
GMT/GLT 1,000.00
Gifts and Plaques 5 00.00
Honoraria 2,500.00
International Directors Fund 1,207.00
Leadership Forum (Senior Institute) 5 00.00
Name Tags 4 40.00
Office and Supplies (this includes postage) 2 50.00
Other Committee Expenses 4 50.00
USA/Canada Forum 1,000.00
EXPENSES TOTAL \$ 1 1,752.01
SUB-TOTAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT): \$ 153.99
District A-1 Budget
2013 - 2014

District Treasurer Lion Eric Dolansky.

Please find attached the financial statements for the District.

As of November 10, 2013 four clubs still have outstanding dues for this year and one Club has outstanding dues for last year and this year.

I have reviewed the accounting for this year's Youth Exchange Program and all is in order.

Notes to Balance sheet and P&L:

Line 40000-Income-Other represents a cheque in the amount of \$524.88, paid back from Youth Exchange to the District plus an overpayment of Club dues to the District.

Line 60040-Directories-Printing represents a payment of \$33.00 made on the previous year's budget. The invoice was received after the 2012-2013 year's books were closed.

Line 60060-Gifts and Plaques represents a payment of \$358.51 made on the previous year's budget. The invoice was received after the 2012-2013 year's books were closed.

Line 60100-Office Supplies represents a payment of \$67.17 made on the previous year's budget. The invoice was received after the 2012-2013 year's books were closed.

A copy of the District A1 Profit and Loss Statement and Year to Date Balance Sheet has been attached:

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Accrual Basis

District A1 Lions
Profit & Loss
July 2013 through June 2014

	<u>Jul '13 - Jun 14</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
40000 - Income	
40010 - Directory Sales	325.00
40030 - District Dues	10,539.00
40040 - Cabinet Meetings	131.00
40000 - Income - Other	605.94
Total 40000 - Income	<u>11,600.94</u>
41000 - Donations to Committees	
41026 - Sick Childrens Hospital	2,000.00
Total 41000 - Donations to Committees	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Income	<u>13,600.94</u>
Expense	
60000 - General Admin & Expenses	
60020 - Bank Service Charges	158.94
60030 - Insurance	648.00
60040 - Directories - Printing	1,702.01
60060 - Gifts and Plaques	358.51
60090 - Name Tags / Pins Cabinet	593.45
60100 - Office Supplies	164.54
Total 60000 - General Admin & Expenses	<u>3,625.45</u>
65000 - Committee Expense	
65067 - Long Range Planning	107.35
65075 - Sick Kids Foundation	13,100.00
65080 - USA / Canada Forum	1,000.00
65090 - Lake Joseph Transportation	850.00
Total 65000 - Committee Expense	<u>15,057.35</u>
Total Expense	<u>18,682.80</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-5,081.86</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-5,081.86</u></u>

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**District A1 Lions
Balance Sheet
As of November 10, 2013**

	<u>Nov 10, 13</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
10000 - District Account	
10001 - Scotiabank District A-1	12,462.97
10010 - Effective Speaking	1,759.55
10015 - Hearing Awareness	400.00
10020 - Lake Joseph Transportation	683.33
10024 - Quest	750.00
10030 - Youth Exchange	2,865.05
Total 10000 - District Account	<u>18,920.90</u>
10040 - Cash	33.63
10055 - Scotiabank Effective Speaking	3,224.76
10060 - Royal Bank Lake Joseph Trans.	402.47
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>22,581.76</u>
Accounts Receivable	
11000 - Accounts Receivable	1,512.00
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>1,512.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>24,093.76</u>
Fixed Assets	
16000 - Long-Term Investments	
16100 - GIC 1	10,540.89
16200 - GIC 2	16,207.28
16300 - GIC 3	10,103.45
Total 16000 - Long-Term Investments	<u>36,851.62</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>36,851.62</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>60,945.38</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20000 - Accounts Payable	197.50
Total Accounts Payable	<u>197.50</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>197.50</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>197.50</u>
Equity	
30000 - Opening Balance Equity	56,380.29
32000 - Unrestricted Net Assets	9,449.45
Net Income	-5,081.86
Total Equity	<u>60,747.88</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>60,945.38</u></u>

**Motion by ZC Ron Reid, Seconded by ZONE 4 ZC Dan Nowlan
to accept the Treasurer's report. Carried**

Cabinet Secretary Cheryl reported the August 26, 2013 District Meeting minutes were e-mailed to all District Cabinet Officers, District Cabinet Chairs, Past District Governors, Club Presidents and Club Secretaries. . **Motion by ZONE 6 ZC Don Geddy, Seconded by 2nd VDG Mike Tuxford to adopt the minutes as printed and e-mailed. Carried**

Correspondence: Received a copy of 1st VDG John Johnston nomination and endorsement form for District Governor 2014-2015
An email asking for volunteers to be on LCI 100th anniversary committee

DISTRICT OFFICERS REPORTS

The following are the highlights from the District Officers Reports:

1st Vice District Governor's Report

Introduction;

- Thank Governor Bob
- Introduce myself and my Roles and Responsibilities.
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 - o Report Directly to the Governor
 - o Work with Governor Bob & 2nd VDG Mike Tuxford and both of the Chairs of the Global Membership Team Lion George Croft and the Global Leadership Team Lion Jacqui Tofflemire-Flood.
 - o Primarily work with and Assist Zone Chairs Lion Jim Rigney of Zone 1, Lion Dan Nowlan of Zone 2 and Lion Ron Reid of Zone 3.
 - o With the chief objectives of;
 - Growing and maintaining membership within District A1 back to the June 30th 2013 membership level plus one percent by June 30th 2012.
 - Communicating to the membership Governor Bob's objectives for his year as Governor.
 - Exploring the possibilities through the Global Membership Team and the respective Zone Chairs of re-activating or starting new clubs in all zones. Some locations that come to mind LaSalle in Zone 1, Ridgetown in Zone 2, Aylmer in Zone 3, London North in Zone 4, Forest and Thedford in Zone 5 and the gold mine Watford, Corunna, Wallaceburg, Dresden, Alvinston, and Bothwell in Zone 6. And finally why not the reserves Muncie/Delaware, Ipperwash and Walpole Island?
 - Finding new members and developing new leaders among the current members of A1.
 - Work with Mike Tuxford to find replacement Zone Chairs ready to pick up the reins of leadership from any Zone Chairs who may be moving on.
 - o I will do this by;

- Working directly with my current Zone Chairs in Zones 1, 2 and 3 to identify their individual goals and aspirations for 2013-2014 which is an ongoing task.
- Continue to work with them and encourage them to write into their objectives a strategy of how to re-activate or start a new club within their zone.
- Identify those that will (they have been identified) be moving on at the end of the year work with them to identify possible replacements for within their Zone.
- Currently actively promoting and trying to develop new candidates to run for the position of Zone Chair.
- Actively promote and develop current and past Zone chairs to run for the position of governor. There will be one announcing his/her candidacy shortly.
- Attend a Zone Advisory Meeting in Zones 4 and 6 but not 5 before the end of October 2013 and now 1, 2,3 and 5 before the end of February 2014.
- Help to promote the District Rally concept (that Barb Tuxford is so capably championing) within the district and bring back the knowledge that it is an honour and privilege to serve your district in whatever capacity you so choose.

Respectfully Submitted.
 Lion John Johnston
 1st VDG District A1

2nd Vice District Governor's Report

GOOD MORNING, WELL WITH THREE TRAINING OR EDUCATING SESSIONS OUT OF THE WAY, I FEEL AS I DID WHEN I WAS REG. CHAIR NO TWO CLUBS ARE ALIKE NOW I KNOW NO TWO DISTRICTS ARE THE SAME

AT THE LAST CABINET MEETING MY TWO FAV WORDS WERE JUST ASK BORING ME, I LEARNED 2 MORE WORDS LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP THIS AFTERNOON WE WILL DO THE LEADERSHIP PART AND BY THE MEMBERSHIP REPORTS A FEW CLUBS ARE BRINGING IN MEMBERS

I HAVE BEEN AT 2 ZONE MEETINGS BOTH ZONE CHAIRS DOING A GREAT JOB, BUT WE DO HAVE TO DECREASE THEIR WORK LOAD, AND WE AS A CABINET, ARE WORKING ON THIS.

SO I AM ASKING EVERYONE TO GO BACK TO THEIR CLUBS AND SAY ITS TIME WE SUPPORTED A ZONE CHAIRPERSON FROM OUR CLUB. TELL THEM WE DON'T WANT THE LIL FAT BEARDED GUY, COMING TO OUR MEETING BEGGING FOR SOME ONE TO STEP FORWARD

PLEASE LIKE OUR A-1 FACEBOOK SITE AND ATTEND OTHER CLUBS EVENTS YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT IDEAS YOU MAY FIND

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED 2VDG LION MIKE TUXFORD

Zone 1--- Zone Chair Lion Jim Rigney

This part of our Lions year has been a Learning experience. Getting to meet and talk to all the Lions at their clubs. The four clubs that I have visited were Windsor Downtown, Windsor Riverside, Tecumseh Lakeside and Essex & District. They are doing well in their activities.

The first Zone Advisory was hosted by Amhertsburg Lions Club

A successful turnout of thirty-eight Lion members with all seven clubs in attendance.

Lively discussion ensued on all topics brought forward on the floor.

There is a strong feeling of closeness in this Lions family.

I am looking forward to the rest of this Lion's year.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Rigney

Zone 2--- Zone Chair Dan

I have had the pleasure of attending 2 Club visits and hosting 1 Zone Advisory meeting. The Zone Advisory meeting was hosted by the Wheatley Lions Club. There were 52 lions in attendance and 7 of 8 clubs in the zone were represented. Guest speakers included PDG Bill Sasse to inform everyone there about the International Convention, 2nd VDG Mike Tuxford spoke to the attendees and Lion Barb Tuxford addressed the Region Rally. A very big THANK YOU goes out to the Wheatley Club for an excellent meal and for a fun evening.

Within my zone, 5 of 8 clubs have been active and have donated in excess of \$5000.

Over this past quarter, I have had the pleasure to perform a re-instatement and conducted a number of inductions within my home club. Unfortunately, the membership in the zone is declining. Year to date the zone membership is down by 6 members. There is one club within the zone that unfortunately has lost 6 members this year.

Respectfully submitted.

LION *Dan Nowlan*

Zone 3---Zone Chair Lion Ron Reid

I have made 5 of 6 club visits and had one Zone advisory. The club visits have been dinner and or business meetings. I feel when I visit a club, it's like visiting your home, we take you as you are. We can learn a lot about a club from what they feel is routine business; not that eating a good meal is bad either.

We have lost two members from St Thomas Lions in the last few months, They also had a prospective member out to the meeting I attended. We must remember those we have lost, for their contribution has helped us become who we are as a club and ensure our newest members know about those who have led the way. We must aide those who are new to the Lions family for , like a new member in the family, they must be shown how to adapt to the Lions process Dutton has inducted 3 new members all under 30, with a Prospective new member at our last meeting, two more interested in joining in the Spring. Highgate Lions work hard and are active, however the Kent Elgin line is very apparent when they are discussing a Zone project. They are very sensitive to anyone working

within their area. If we are to look into this area for expansion we must have them on board, this goes for any areas we intend to look at for new clubs. Belmont Lions have taken the CEP program and were discussing the results during my visit. One thing I feel is, we must not put our opinion on a clubs result, it should be up to the club to decide how they interpret the report. If District wants to view the results we must be sensitive to how we present the findings. Next week I am visiting Port Stanley to induct a new member. Our next Zone Advisory will decide our Zone project. I have taken the position that all who attend will have a vote to encourage more participation.
Respectfully submitted Lion Ron Reid

Zone 4---Zone Chair Lion Doug Crockett

THE PAST THREE MONTHS HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY IN OUR ZONE.
THE FORMING OF NEW CLUB AT FANSHAWE COLLEGE, AND OVER 20 MEMBERS THAT IT ADDS TO OUR DISTRICT.
ALL CLUBS ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS, AND RETAINING PRESENT MEMBERS.
WE ARE PRESENTLY ORGANIZING THE ZONE PROJECT, AND HOPE TO HAVE IT READY FOR THE NEXT ZONE ADVISORY MEETING IN JANUARY.
ALL CLUBS ARE WINDING UP THERE SUMMER AND FALL ACTIVITIES, AND PLANING INTO THE NEW YEAR.
SUBMIT ON BEHALF ZONE 4
LION DOUG CROCKETT

Zone 5---Zone Chair Lion “Trigger McLeod

I have visited three of the clubs in my Zone Thorndale, Lucan and Ilderton. All clubs are active. We have had one Zone Advisory meeting which was held in Parkhill. Our Zone project will be announce at the next Cabinet meeting.

Zone 6---Zone Chair Lion Don Geddy

I have completed 3 Official Visit, Sarnia, Wyoming and Petrolia. First Zone Advisory was held in Petrolia, with 82 in attendance, including Governor Bob and 1st VP John. GMT Chair George Croft made a presentation on membership.

Next Zone Advisory scheduled for Glencoe Feb.3rd, with plans for “Dining in the Dark” well underway
In the first 2 months the 9 Clubs in the Zone reported donating \$8,393. to various causes.

Plans are underway for many activities and fundraisers in the near term, as all Clubs remain very active.
New members to Nov. 15, total 12 while 7 members have been dropped for various reasons, show a net gain of 5. Petrolia, Sarnia and Strathroy is to be commended for a quick start with 3 new members each. I am sure this is just a start, and growth will increase as the year proceeds.
Respectfully submitted; Lion Don

Motion by ZC3 Ron Reid, Seconded by ZC5 Trigger McLeod to accept the District Officer's reports. Carried

MD"A" Convention rep. PDG Jim Hilt

Spoke to our District regarding the upcoming MD"A" Convention in May of 2014. Informed us of the Hotel's still available, and some info of items during the weekend.

DISTRICT CHAIRS REPORTS

The following are the highlights from the District Chairs Reports:

GMT Report to Cabinet,

November 17, 2013

We continue to work to ensure that Governor Bob achieves his goal of 1,300 members this Lion's year.

Initiatives in support of this include members of our GMT Team appearing as guest speakers at Zone Advisory meetings. We have already been guest speakers at Zone Advisory meetings in Zones 1, 4, 5 and 6 and are scheduled for Zone 3 in Port Stanley on Jan. 15th and Zone 2 in Tilbury on Feb. 18th. Thanks to all Zone Chairs for your cooperation and assistance.

1st VDG John Johnston of our Team has also been visiting Zone Advisory meetings, speaking on increasing our District membership, in particular by identifying potential locations for new Lion's Branch Clubs.

PZC Sandy Leadlay of our Team has sent an E-mail to clubs throughout the District requesting input re potential locations for Campus Lions Clubs. The Campus Lions Club effort at the University of Western Ontario will escalate in January to conform to the University's scheduling.

Our GMT Team continues to send out by E-mail, directly to Club Membership Chairs, information relevant to club growth.

I've attended the MDA GMT/GLT workshop in Markham on Sept. 7 & 8th and the MDA CEP/CGL workshop in Markham on November 2 & 3rd.

I'll be presenting the Club Membership Chair's training session here this afternoon and again on Saturday, April 5th at our District convention in Sarnia.

Your GMT Team is ready to assist all clubs achieve their growth objectives, applying for CEP workshops and establishing new clubs, branch clubs and campus clubs this year.

Respectfully submitted, Lion George Croft, District GMT Coordinator

GLT Report for November 17th , 2013



“Great minds together great leaders tomorrow” (A 15)

Governor Bob,

I attended the CEP workshop in Markham November 2nd & 3rd. It was also attended by 1st Vice Governor Lion John, 2nd Vice Governor Lion Mike and GMT Lion George Croft.

Club Enhancement Process

1 Promote the CEP at the Zone Advisory Mtgs. Obtain some commitment by handing out “How Are You Rating” & Community Assessment Forms

2 We can obtain \$100 from MDA after final form is completed (3 clubs)

Suggestions to look into obtaining The Oaks in Wallaceburg for the Training sessions

Order 200 participants manuals

Train more Lions to be Facilitators for the CEP

Organize a Certified Guiding Lions Course. We are aiming for 2 members in each Zone. This will assist in supporting new and seasoned clubs.

Prepared for today’s Learn to Lead sessions for the Presidents, Vice Presidents Treasurers Membership Chairs & Club Secretaries.

Topic	Lead Presenter	Assistant	
President & VPs	Lion John Johnston	IPDG Wayne	
Secretary	Lion Jacqui Flood	Lion Cheryl Schleihauf	
Treasurer	Lion Eric Dolansky	Lion Sondra Sasse	
Membership Chairs	Lion George Croft	Lion Grant Oliver	

Hopefully we have a good turnout.

Respectfully submitted PDG Jacqui Flood

Diabetes Awareness Lion Bev Wirta reported

November is Diabetes Awareness Month and I would like to thank all the Lions, Lioness and Leos who have participated in a Diabetes project.

Lion Henry Vanderweyst, secretary of the Delaware Lions Club shared their success story.

He has done a door to door campaign for the CDA since 1983 till present (30Years)

This year they collected \$7,320. Over the 30yrs they have collected \$170,700

Congratulations and many thanks for this year's commitment.

This year's Tag Day could be scheduled any time between October 15 and November 30th with the official date being November 16th. Many thanks to the clubs who have participated and I will have a complete list of clubs and \$\$ at the next Cabinet meeting.

Good news has also been announced regarding Camp Huronda. Over the past 2 yrs donations have been made by all the clubs in Ontario and \$100,000 has been raised plus \$75,000 grant from LCI to complete a new Education centre. Thank you to the clubs in the District who contributed to this fundraiser.

Thank you for your support today and all your future projects to support Diabetes

Respectfully submitted; Lion Bev Wirta

District Eyes Right Foundation Lion Harry Wismer

Since my last report, the Board of Eye's Right has entertained and resolved a number of items.

The first was a significant donation of \$20,000.00 from the London North Lions as they distributed their funds on disbanding their club. This will allow us to complete our pledge of \$70,000.00 to the Ivey Eye Institute. The final cheque will be presented at our annual meeting on February 9th 2014.

Secondly, we are currently working on a new logo and subsequent brochures. We hope to have these ready for the annual meeting in February in Wyoming.

Thirdly, with the elimination of Regions and the reorganization of the Zones we have to update our Constitution. When completed the amendments will be presented to the Lions to be voted on at the annual meeting.

Next with the completion of our commitment to the Ivey Institute we shall as of February 2014 begin to entertain proposals for our next project. Please consider this and inquire of any eye surgery needs in the Hospitals in your communities. Contact myself or any board member and we will walk you through the proposal procedure.

Lastly, may I remind your clubs of the Parade of Cheques at the annual meeting in February 2014.

The Lions Family of A-1 have been so generous in the past and your continuing support is an ongoing inspiration to the Board of Eye's Right.

Respectfully submitted.

Environment Sandy Leadlay

Fanshawe College up-date

We had a very good Induction and I wish to thank all clubs that made Donations to Fanshawe to help start the club in the right Direction.

We had a Campus Day and have 23 new Students that have signed up.

We have lost approximately 12 students from last year through graduation or working.
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Some interesting facts about Fanshawe. They are the 6th largest college with more than 17,000 full time students and 35,000 part time students annually.

I have been working on trying to make contacts with the other colleges and have interests in Western for Jan 2014.

Other Colleges in the area; Simcoe campus, Woodstock Campus, St Thomas/Elgin Campus.

I HAVE ASKED THAT LOCAL LIONS CHECK THEIR AREA FOR ANY COLLEGE or UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AND PLEASE GET BACK TO ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

I have only received interest from Strathroy Lions and need your support. It takes work but the benefits are wonderful.

LIONS AND TREE PLANTING.

The time for planting is next spring in late April or early May weather permitting.

We now have time to work out our contacts and schedules don't forget to budget approx \$500

HERE ARE THE CONTACTS FOR ALL AREAS OF A-1.

I know that there are some clubs that have already set up their programs and they wish to continue as they have done. Great you already have the experience and know how.

THAMES RIVER VALLEY CONSERVATION CONTACTS.

Head of the Thames Valley conservation is Marketing Specialist STEVE SAUDER.

Should you need extra assistance or have questions call

Steve at 519-451-2800 ext 275 e-mail: sauders@thamesriver.on.ca

You may call me at any time Sandy Leadlay 519 268 7980 e-mail sleadlay@primus.ca

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These are our contacts and really good people to work with.

WHEN PLANTING WITH STUDENTS YOU WILL NOT BELIEVE THE FUN THAT
YOU WILL HAVE.

Respectfully submitted

Lion Sandy Leadlay

Environment Chair

L.C.I.F. PDG DonMcKessock

Our goal this year is simple – to make District A-1 Lions aware of how important they are to making the world a better place through support of LCIF:

Where there is the greatest need, there is the greatest opportunity for service and LCIF gives us the opportunity to serve in a powerful way – beyond our imagination.

So far this year, 6 Clubs have donated a total of \$3,880 to LCIF. Thank-you!

To meet our goal of \$12,000 and participation by at least 16 Clubs - we need to continue this trend.

Lions, this will only happen if you take the time to learn more about LCIF
You can peruse the LCIF page on the A-1 website to get more information – but I really would like to talk with your zone or club.

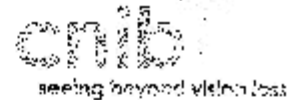
Note that donations to our Canadian Arm of LCIF “Canada Fund for LCIF” is tax deductible for donations of 20\$ or more and the Canadian government will match your donation if it is designated for the “Phillipines”

Thank-you for this small measure of your time and for the generosity of your service.

Respectfully submitted.

Sight/Work with the Blind PDG John Ross

CNIB London



November 15, 2013

Dear Lions,

To meet the objective of Governor Bob's District Project CNIB, we have been working together to identify some creative ways that clubs can get involved and make a meaningful gift in support of Vision Services in your community.

A request for your support. Enclosed with this letter is a challenge to the Clubs of Lions District A1 to champion one of the 6 Toll Road locations identified.

- Towns of Lakeshore- Belle River
- Municipality of Leamington
- Municipality of Central Elgin
- Middlesex Centre- Delaware
- Middlesex Centre -Tiderton
- Town of Pympton- Wyoming

PLEASE NOTE: AS a precursor to this appeal I have established communication with the official who is responsible for this type of application in the above communities. With your Clubs consent, I'll go ahead and complete the paperwork on your behalf and submit for approval.

CNIB responsibility:

1. Request from township permission to hold toll Rd. and acquire all necessary approvals.
2. Inform emergency services (police, fire, ambulance)
3. Provide Club and Township with appropriate insurance rider
4. Work with club liaison to insure transfer of knowledge best practices and detail protocols of the County/Municipality agreement

Club responsibility:

1. Confirm in writing Clubs interest to champion one of the locations and indicate the specific intersection. (so that CNIB can approach municipality for permission)
2. To insure that ALL protocols are followed as outlined in the agreement with County/Municipality.
3. Prior to event connect with local media to generate awareness
4. Day of event provide volunteers, collections buckets and signage.
5. Deposit funds and provide CNIB with proceeds

This event raises critical funds in a short amount of time that go directly to the provision of services to our clients residing in our community. Today, we are pleased



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to be able to tell you that we are continuing to bring services to clients directly in their homes.

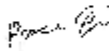
The process is as follows: Designated streets will be partially blocked off and is manned by volunteers from your club from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. The cars stop and the volunteers ask for a donation to the CNIB. The volunteers give the donors a thank you card and proceed with the next car in line. During the Voluntary Toll, the disruption to normal traffic would be minimal.

CNIB is Canada's primary provider of vision health services. The generosity and dedication of volunteers like you make it possible for CNIB to carry out its mission, to be the leader in promoting vision health and enhancing independence for people with vision loss.

We truly appreciate your consideration of our request. Please contact me at your earliest convenience should you have any questions. I may be reached by telephone at 1-888-275-5332 extension 5322 or e-mail Ryan.Chin@cnib.ca.

Thank you for your time and dedication to CNIB. I look forward to working with you.

Yours in Service



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Share / work with the blind
Nov 2011

Leader Dog Lion Valerie Burningham

Report for District Meeting November 17, 2013

Please keep Leader Dogs for the Blind in your budget this year.

Leader Dogs for the Blind, service many Canadian graduates and they need your support.

19 active graduates in District #1

Founders Award, with a donation of \$500 you can request a founders award for one of your members. It is a plaque accompanied by a special patch and pin. A true honour for one of your members.

If you would like a speaker I would be pleased to hear from you. I can make arrangements for a graduate to visit and speak to your club members at a meeting.

Please consider going over for a tour, I would be happy to facilitate setting something up for you. If you haven't been before or it's been awhile since you've been there, the changes to the Dormitory, Kennel and grounds are amazing. There are more changes to the kennel area coming, with a complete renovation of the entire first floor, that will allow for more space in each bay for training and larger areas for the dogs in a village concept. A larger more interactive puppy activity area and a renovated veterinary clinic. There will be a new visitor entrance with an expanded lobby and community outreach room. This project is prepared to move forward into the new year with more detailed plans and the securing of funding.

If you don't want to set up your own tour consider coming out to the Kick Off and join in the tours and activities then as well you can present your own clubs donation. I would love to see our District Governor Bob get a 100% award pin. This happens when every club in the district makes a donation to Leader Dogs for the Blind. I have with me the form to order your tickets for the Kick Off, seats are limited. If you are not attending please consider forwarding to me so that I can present for you when I attend the Parade of Cheques at the Kick Off.

to make I home received donations from clubs.

Respectfully submitted,

Leader Dog Chair

Lion Val Burningham

Good sentence. Leader Dog programs empower people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for independent travel

International Convention PDG Bill Sasse

We, the Lions of MDA made a decision a few years ago to submit a bid to host the International Convention in Toronto. That bid was accepted and the Lions of MDA were given the honour of hosting the convention in 2014.

This is an excellent opportunity for the Lions of MDA to invite the Lions of the world to experience our many attractions and to learn more about what makes our country so great. But we need the support of MDA Lions to succeed in this endeavour.

We can support this venture basically in 3 ways by:

1. registering to attend the convention
2. providing financial support to the Host Committee
3. volunteering to assist at the convention

1. Attending the Convention

Attendance at the convention, for many, will be a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience the thrill of attending an International Convention, where 30-40 thousand Lions from all over the world will assemble. You will experience firsthand the fun and fellowship of the huge multinational and multicultural gala event. More information is contained in the brochure.

Just a reminder that volunteers will be able to register at the early bird rate of \$110 up to the date of the convention.

2. Financial Support

As for any event, there are upfront costs to promote and host the International Convention. Lions of MDA made the commitment to provide the necessary financial support. The Host Committee has endeavoured to raise funds in a number of ways, not the least of which is the support of the MDA Lions through the purchase of draw tickets for the Maple Leaf hockey games, and donations. The Host Committee is grateful to all clubs and individuals that have helped to fund this undertaking and looks forward to your continued support this year.

3. Volunteers

To date, we have 17 Lions from District A1 on the list of Volunteers. District A1 has been asked to provide a minimum of 50 volunteers of the total complement of 700 throughout MDA. The manpower committee will soon be starting to develop a list of assignments so we need to compile the list of available Lions, Lioness and Leos from A1 that are interested in volunteering as soon as possible.

Anyone who believes they may be interested in volunteering is asked to do so now rather than waiting until you are sure of your schedule. If adjustments or changes need to be made later, that can be done so please don't delay registering for that reason alone.

You can register by filling out the application in the brochure that was distributed and either return it to me or to the address indicated in the brochure. You can also register on line at lionsconvention2014.ca website. The Volunteer form can be found at lionsconvention2014.ca/committee/forms/VolunteerForm.php.

The brochure lists the various duties that volunteers will be asked to perform. Sergeant-at-Arms is an example of a duty that may appeal to many. It is not a security duty as the name may seem to imply. The Sergeant-at-Arms position will be providing support for Lions Clubs International at the Metro Toronto Convention Center and the Air Canada Center. Volunteers will be in place to support Lions Clubs International and will experience some of the core events at an International Convention while giving directions, keeping lines moving, answering questions, monitoring campaign display guidelines and general crowd management. The following is the preliminary schedule for that position.

Friday July 4th

- ✓ from 10-5 Exhibit Hall and Convention Services Center at MTCC (50 volunteers)

Saturday July 5th

- ✓ from 11-5 Exhibit Hall and Convention Services Center at MTCC (50 volunteers)
- ✓ from 7-8:30 International Show at ACC (50 volunteers)

Sunday July 6th

- ✓ from 10-1 Opening Plenary Session at ACC (50 volunteers)
- ✓ from 10-5 Exhibit Hall and Convention Services Center at MTCC (50 volunteers)
- ✓ from 2-5 Seminars at MTCC (? Volunteers)
- ✓ from 3-5 Membership Key Award Ice Cream Social at MTCC (? volunteers)

Monday July 7th

- ✓ from 10-12:30 2nd Plenary Session at ACC (50 volunteers)
- ✓ from 10-5 Exhibit Hall and Convention Services Center at MTCC (50 volunteers)
- ✓ from 1-5 Seminars at MTCC (? volunteers)
- ✓ from 3:30-3 Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon at MTCC (? volunteers)

Tuesday July 8th

- ✓ from 5:30-10:30 am Voting and Convention Services Center at MTCC (50 volunteers)

✓ from 10-1:30 Final Plenary Session at ACC (50 volunteers)

All volunteers will be provided with special Convention vests for identification.

Accommodation

The MD 'A' designated hotels are the Cosmopolitan and the Intercontinental, which are located very close to the convention centre. Less costly accommodation is available in nearby non-designated convention hotels. There was some thought that accommodation for some volunteers might be available in student housing at the University of Toronto but it not seems most of that facility will be used by out of town band and other groups..

If someone wants to volunteer but not attend any convention activities, you would not have to register for the convention.

Convention Arrangements

Arrangement for the convention continue to progress in accordance with the plan. Members of the International Board, including President Barry Palmer, concluded their ``1 year out`` inspection of the convention site in the summer. They have indicated that they were very pleased with the organization and arrangements to date.

Shirts & Pins

Souvenir Convention pins and shirts continue to be available for purchase. The golf shirts, with the 2014 Convention logo, are available here at a cost \$40 including tax and come in red, black or light green in both men`s and women`s sizes.

We also have convention pins available @ \$5. There is a series of 3 pins (mini, medium & larger pin). The complete set can be purchased for \$12.

Respectfully submitted, PDG Bill Sasse

Camp Dorset Lion Barry Burn

Lions Camp Dorset had another successful dialysis/camping season.

The camp started out the week before camp opening by have a open house to celebrate 35 years that the camp has been in operation.

This year there was a total of 259 patients and 788 family and friends that came to the camp for a vacation.

There was a group of 46 that came by barge/train/bus to come to the camp from Moose Factory.

Locally there were 30 patients and 120 family and friends that came out of A-1 to enjoy the camp.

Currently I am trying to raise funds from District A-1 to replace a well aged John Deere Gator and at this time it is short by \$2000.00.

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Barry Burn

Lions Foundation of Canada

I took a tour of the facilities during the month of September with a representative from all of the other 9 Districts in MDA.

November 14, 2013, World Diabetes Day, the inaugural Diabetic Alert Dog Guides Class graduated from Lions Foundation of Canada. These dogs are trained to detect drops in their client's blood sugars and alert them by their scent.

Individuals with Type 1 Diabetes with hypoglycemic unawareness cannot detect when their blood sugar drops and this puts them at risk of losing consciousness, falling into a coma and even dying. These Dog Guides can alert the diabetic so they can ingest something to elevate their blood sugar. They also bark for help or activate an alert system if needed. These Dog Guides are available to people age ten and up.

The other types of service dogs available through Lions Foundation of Canada are Canine Vision Dog Guides, Hearing Ear Dog Guides, Special Skills Dog Guides, Seizure Response Dog Guides and Autism Assistance Dog Guides.

I am available to come to your club and give a presentation if you would like further information on the Lions Foundation of Canada and their various programs.

During the month of May, the Purina Walk for Dog Guides takes place. Hosting a walk is easy and fun! The Lions Foundation provides an organizer's manual, donation forms, posters, participant incentive prizes, and media support. Just give them a call. I am also available if you need any assistance in your area in the way of obtaining pamphlets, etc., and assisting on the actual day of the walk. Just contact me.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Joyce Mahovlich

Convention A-1 PDG Ev Spiering

District A-1 Convention will be held at the Holliday Inn in Sarnia on April 4-6, 2014
Planning is well under way.

PDG Steve Mahovlich is responsible for registration and forms are available today.
PDG Don McKessock is responsible for the Memorial Service on the Sunday at the Convention. If your club has lost a member during this Lions year, please provide Don with a picture of them and their years of service as a Lion.

**Motion by ZONE 2 ZC Dan Nowlan, Seconded by 1st VDG John Johnston
to accept the District Chairs reports. CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS

The motion made at our last District Cabinet meeting in Windsor on August 25 2013 regarding the \$1. per member be put aside in a fund for any Lion wishing to run for ID.. Was voted on and DEFEATED. CARRIED

IPDG Wayne Cudney presented sixteen 100% Secretaries Awards to the following secretaries:

PDG Bill Bissonnette	Bluewater Lions Club of Sarnia
Lion Seppo Kuokkanen	Chatham Lions Club
Judy Robinet	Essex & District Lions Club
Joanne Lystar	London Central Lions Club
Marlene Conrod	Petrolia Lions Club
PCS Anne Neill	St. Thomas Lions Club
Dan Armstrong	Dorchester Lions Club
PDG Ron Devos	Windsor (Downtown) Lions Club
Gerald Smith	Belmont Lions Club
Henry Vanderweyst	Delaware Lions Club
Ray Filewood	Port Stanley Lions Club
ZC Don Geddy	Strathroy Lions Club
Deborah Cross	Kingsville Lions Club
PZC Mary Mahovich	Belle River Lions Club
James Ascott	Wheatley Lions Club
John McLachlin	Hyde Park Lions Club

IPDG Wayne Cudney made honourable mention to Lion Eric Dolanski and PDG Ron Devos for all their help and support during his year as District Governor.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Governor Bob asked that the District to pay remaining monies needed to purchase the “Gator” for Camp Dorset from surplus monies (\$650.). Motion by ZONE 2 ZC Dan Nowlan, Seconded by Zone 6 ZC Don Geddy CARRIED**
- **Motion by 1st VDG John Johnston Seconded by Zone 3 ZC Ron Reid to pay to MD”A” \$270 from surplus monies.. (\$135 for Peace poster contest & \$135 for the Blind essay writing contest) CARRIED**
- **The Parade of Cheques for Diabetes Awareness collected \$10,850 from 22 Clubs today. Highest ever for Chair Lion Bev Wirta. THANKS!**
- **Gov. Bob said he has one volunteer for the position of Region Chair which our District is planning on reinstating. He hopes to have the “job description” available for Dec 2013**
- **“Jesse Journey” “Grandpa Bobs Walk” information had been emailed to all the clubs and were asked to inform the DG if their club would support this walk as it comes through our District in 2014 in June & or July.**

- **Governor Bob is looking for a volunteer in our District to Chair the “Reading Action Program” the International President wants this program to run for 10 years.**
- **Several Lions Clubs in our District have been approached by the OHL team Sarnia Sting. On February 13th, 2014 they will be playing the London Knights. They have said they will donate \$ to the CNIB for every seat we sell at this game. More information will follow. Gov. Bob has a meeting planned with them on Monday Nov. 18th.**

DRAWS

The 50/50 Draw for \$164 was won by Lion carol Stankevich of the Petrolia Lions Club .

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

- Certificate of Appreciation presented to PDG Don McKessock from LCI for all his work on LCIF.
- PDG Steve Mahovlich has a few A-1 Convention registration forms available today.
- Eyes Right has online donations available now.
- MD”A’ Effective speaking contest will be hosted by the St Thomas Lions Club in London on May 30th, 2014. More information will follow.
- Conversation about getting a bus to run to Toronto during the International Convention for those in the District wishing to take part in some or all the Convention
- PZC Lion Barb Tuxford informed us of the date for the” District A-1 Rally” Fun Family Day. February 23, 2014 in Dutton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Dec. 5, 2013 Leader Dog for the Blind Kick-Off
- ❖ Lucan Lions Club Car Raffle will be held on Boxing Day
- ❖ Petrolia Leo Club is having a Stuff the Bus on Nov.23; 24
- ❖ Petrolia Lions are hosting their “Concert Series” again in 2014, February, March and April.
- ❖ Hyde Park Santa Claus parade on November 30th.
- ❖ Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Tree Lighting Nov. 29th
- ❖ Dorchester Lions selling Christmas tree’s starting November 30th.
- ❖ Glencoe Lions Trivia night January 18, 2014

CLOSING REMARKS

Governor Bob then thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The next District Meeting will be held February 9, 2014 in Wyoming

This meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Submitted by,

Cheryl

District A-1 Secretary

Cheryl Schleichauf