

**District A-1 Meeting
Lions Community Hall
23 Mill Street West
Kingsville, Ontario**

District Governor John Johnston acted as chairperson and called the meeting to order. All Cabinet Officer's were present with the exception of 1st Vice District Governor Mike Tuxford , Region 2 Chair Sondra Sasse and Zone 2 Chair Curtis Marwood, who sent their regrets. Also in attendance were 9 Club President's , 8 Club Secretaries , 3 Club Treasurer's , 32 other Lions , 1 Lioness , 1 Leo President and 2 other Leo members., total of 52 Lions , 1 Lioness and 3 Leos.

District Governor John asked all to rise for the singing of O Canada , this was followed by IPDG Bob Tanner reading the names of Lion members who have passed away since the Nov 16th District meeting. This was followed by 2nd Vice District Governor Eric Dolansky reading the names of new Lions and their sponsors , since the Nov 16th District meeting.

Governor John welcomed everyone and set protocol.

Governor John asked for Cabinet reports .. Starting with Cabinet Treasurer Dan Armstrong..

1) Balances in Accounts as at January 24th are as follows..

Assets Jan 24 , 2015

Current Assets..

Chequing/Savings..

10000.. District Account

10001.. Scotiabank District A-1	17,941.39
10010..Effective Speaking	2,639.55
10015..Hearing Awareness	543.52
10020..Lake Joesph Transportation	2,804.43
10024..Quest	750.00
10030..Youth Exchange	3,299.23
10000.. District Account - Other	150.00

Total 10000.. District Account	28,128.12
10055.. Scotiabank Effective Speaking	5,342.59
Total Chequing/Saving	33,470.71

- 2) There is one club with outstanding dues and they have advised that “ the Cheque is in the mail”.
- 3) The only bill received for payment has since our last cabinet meeting has been for the purchase of the Secretary & Treasurer awards distributed at the last Cabinet meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Daniel Armstrong, Cabinet Treasurer

Motion to accept the treasurer’s report made by 2nd VDG Eric Dolansky, 2nd by RC 1 Grant Oliver, discussion on the item 10055..Scotiabank Effective Speaking.. 5,342.59.. was suggested this money be moved to the general reserves ., within item 10010 Effective Speaking. Motion made by ZC 1 Jim Rigney to do this , 2nd by IPDG Bob Tanner , carried.

Cabinet Secretary.. Gerald Smith

The minutes of the Nov 16th 2014 District meeting were e mailed to all PDG’s, Cabinet Officer’s , Committee Chair’s , all Club Pres’s and Club Sec’s. Motion to accept the minutes as they printed made by ZC 3 Gayle Cudney, 2nd by ZC 4 Shawn Davison , carried.

Correspondance.. Sec Gerald read the nomination and endorsement from Lucan and District Lions for office of District Governor 2015 -2016.. Lion Mike Tuxford.

37th Annual Lions Day with the United Nations.. Saturday Mar 7th 2015.

District Officer's Reports..

1st VDG.. Mike Tuxford ... Was absent , but the written report was read by CS Gerald..

The past week Lions have taking a back seat. Lion Barb has been fighting a bad virus in Exeter Hospital but I am so pleased to tell you she is feeling much better. So much so she said there was a ZONE MEETING Tuesday night besides me two other Lions have told her bed rest

It's bad enough when i'm there you have to listen to me but when i'm not you don't have to

Lion Eric will speak on membership
Lion Doug will tell you about the Rally

YOU DO KNOW WHO YOU CAN COUNT ON THANKS TO OUR LIONS FAMILY

1st VDG Mike and PZC Barb

2nd VDG.. Eric Dolansky..

Lion Eric reported that membership is doing much better, asked the clubs to attend the district convention in London, Apr 10 -12 , and plan to attend the Leadership training seminars. Also spoke on LCIF , and the need to donate to this.

Region 1 Chair.. Grant Oliver

All clubs in Region 1 are progressing well with their 2014/15 activities under the competent leadership of the local club officers and Zone Chairs lions Curtis and Jim. Several minor issues have been identified and dealt with at the local level. Some Clubs are reporting that their computer access to LCI is not working and or not set up at all. This of course means that their reports are not being received. Barb Tuxford has assisted some clubs with this issue and the Zone Chairs and I are working on this issue.

Now that these computer access issues are coming to our attention perhaps we should include LCI computer systems training and access processes to be a part of all training programs offered for new officers.

I have attended at one Zone meeting in Zone 1 and plan to attend at all the remaining Zone Meetings in the Region.

Discussions are on-going re a Region Rally and no firm decision has been reached however at this time it would appear that the consensus is to not have a region rally. Further details will follow when a final decision is reached.

Respectfully Submitted

Region 1 Chair Lion Grant

Region 2 Chair.. Sondra Sasse was absent due to illness.

Region 24 Chair.. Doug Crockett

Lion Doug reported he was working with all clubs in Zone's 4 & 5, and reminded everyone of the Zone 5 meeting in Ilderton .. Jan 27th., Region Rally in Lucan . Sunday Mar 28th , this will have the Cub Car Racing event.

Zone 1 Chair.. Jim Rigney

GOOD MORNING FELLOW LIONS,

ATTENDED THE LEADER DOG KICKOFF WITH MY FELLOW BELLE RIVER LIONS. I ENJOYED THE WONDERFUL DINNER AND MET WITH OUR USA LION MEMBERS.

TECUMSEH LAKESIDE LIONS CELEBRATED THEIR ANNUAL FUN NIGHT. LION ANNIE AND I ENJOYED THE EVENING AS WE GOT TO KNOW EVERYONE BETTER.

THE WINDSOR DOWNTOWN LIONS ALSO CELEBRATED THEIR ANNUAL PAST PRESIDENT'S KENO WITH LION ANNIE AND I AT THIS EVENT. HAND OUT THE YEAR OF SERVICE CHEVRON AWARDS TO THE TECUMSEH LAKESIDE AND BELLE RIVER LIONS.

OUR CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM HAS A PROBLEM, AS A FEW OF OUR LIONS COULD NOT CONTACT THE INN AS THE FORM DID NOT HAVE A DIRECT NUMBER TO THE INN. I WENT ON LINE TO FIND THE DIRECT PHONE NUMBER AND FORWARDED IT TO OUR LIONS SO THAT THEY MAY PARTICIPATE IN OUR CONVENTION.

LIONS IN OUR ZONE ARE HAVING A ONLINE ISSUE TO LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL WITH DOWN LOADING AND SEARCHING THIS SITE. I WILL BE CONTACTING THE WEB MASTERS TO TRY TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



ZONE CHAIR JIM RIGNEY

Zone 2 Chair.. Curtis Marwood.. was absent ..
but written report read by CS Gerald..

Governor John:

As a Lion, I have held Lionism high on my list of commitments but today family comes first. I am on my way to Toronto to attend my youngest daughter's graduation concert for her Doctor of Music Composition.

The 2nd Zone Advisory meeting was held in Chatham on November 24. Lion Sondra Sasse, a CEP facilitator, explained the first 2 steps of the process: club and community evaluation. Lion Joyce Mahovlich, District Literacy chair spoke on the RAP- Reading Action Programme- outlining several possible projects: reading in schools, collecting books, putting books in Christmas hamper.

I have visited 4 of the 8 clubs. Since the last November Cabinet report, things have been quiet. I will be visiting the 4 remaining clubs in February and March. The third Zone Advisory meeting will be at Stoney Point on March 3.

Six of the eight clubs are up to date on their membership reports. All clubs now have their officers listed on MyLCI. The Zone has a net gain of 3 members as of the end of 2014. I want to commend Wheatley for reporting their activities on MyLCI. They have reported activities in all of the categories for International President's theme. Kingsville have reported several activities every month. However, most of the clubs have still to discover that they can report their activities on MyLCI.

A proposal for a support for veterinary services for local service dogs was proposed as a Zone project and clubs were to research vets in their communities who might participate but due to the holidays and my busy schedule, we still have to follow up on that.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Curtis Marwood

Zone 3 Chair.. Gayle Cudney..

GOOD MORNING

To start this report I would like to thank the clubs that make up Zone 3 you have stepped up to the plate and excepted the challenge of working at starting up a new club as a Zone project with the Lions Club of Belmont taking the lead and the other 5 clubs filling in with experience and man power. This will be a learning curve for the other Zones in our District to increase the new clubs and increase membership.

Rodney has been in a give away mode since Halloween they served 250 cups of Hot Chocolate and 24 doz hot dogs then during the Santa parade they served 400 cups of Hot Chocolate and 48 doz hot dogs, then they have another successful 50/50 draw and made many contributions to the community.

Pt. Stanley still have their bottle return at the trailer outside the Legion. Getting ready for the annual golf tournament, still waiting for the ice to leave the harbor so work can start on putting the boat docks in. The Pt. Stanley Leo held a very successful food drive in St. Thomas and Pt. Stanley to help their communities.

Dutton & District still hold the twice monthly breakfast,community bingo and e-gaming assign. Thur this effort funds were raised to purchase a Autism dog unable to find a match in the immediate area but were able to place a dog in Glencoe. This proves that working hard you can achieve success in the District as a hole. This club also won 1st place in the service club category in the Santa parade.

Belmont held a fish fry and a turkey bingo and are having a spaghetti dinner on Feb 6th to support the South Dorchester School. The Belmont Leos have been selling chocolate covered almonds and are making a donation of \$600.00 to Eyes Right

Highgate one of many fund raising events was filling the ball park barn with storage for RV this winter. Breakfast with Santa was very successful, and the great idea of serving home cut fries during the Santa parade, they are having a rabbit dinner April 11 and hosting the euchre tournament for Zone 3 on March 12th and had increase in members of 3 young and eager Lions. **St. Thomas** continues with e-gaming assignments assisted at the many flu clinics held in the area and Christmas kettles, visited 2 nursing home the residents enjoyed the caroling and the social interaction. Collected 300 pairs of glasses, and are starting to work on the Father's Day Car show.

Respectfully submitted
Zone 3 Chair Lion Gayle Cudney

Zone 4 Chair.. Shawn Davison..

Reported everything going well , with 1 Zone meeting completed and the 2nd one is upcoming , Thursday Feb 12th, hosted by London Central. 3 club visits have been completed and 3 to go., Hyde Park Feb 23 , Lambeth Mar 19 , Dorchester , Fanshawe Campus.

Zone 5 Chair .. Jeff Zavitz..

Four of the six clubs in Zone 5 are slowly increasing membership. The numbers in the other two clubs haven't really change.

Zone 5 clubs other than Granton are still having difficulty getting updated info on MyLCI, mainly activity reports. Zone 5 is having its second Zone Advisory Meeting on January 27/2015 with lion Harry Wismer as our guest speaker. I should of scheduled the Zone meeting before the Cabinet that way I would have every clubs activity report for today. So any way here's a quick rundown on what I do know.

Ailsa Craig had another very successful Farmers Appreciation Night, their biggest fundraiser. The steaks served were amazing. Sold Christmas trees again this year, Had a Christmas Parade and held a New Years Levy at the Old Town hall.

Granton laid a wreath on Remembrance Day, made a donation to the Lucan Santa Clause Parade, collected extra used eye glasses from the post office. They also collected 250 books to include in hampers from the Ailsa Craig Food bank. 60 children plus parents attend their Halloween Party. 2nd VDG Lion Eric visited to talk about club excellence process and other initiatives available.

Ilderton Bingo – approx. \$ 800 / month
Farm to Families – new initiative this year

- Approx. \$ 1600
- Proceeds went to Ailsa Craig Food Bank

New Ilderton Lions Park Venture being funded by:

Wing Nights – new initiative to collect funds for a joint venture with Middlesex Center

Monthly events – approx \$ 900/ month

- Oct/Nov/Jan events big success
 - Bonus – providing opportunity for community to meet and socialize
- 50/60 Video Dance – new initiative on Mar 7, 2015, at Community Center

Elimination Draw and Silent Auction – 23 May 2015, Ilderton Arena

Ribs and Tails – June 19, 2015, Ilderton Arena

Bingo – approx. \$ 800 / month

Harvest Food Drive – on November 16, over 8800 lbs collected for Ailsa Craig Food Bank

Blood donor clinics – provide volunteers monthly for afternoon and evening collections

Inter-club Events:

- Ike Christensen Memorial Bonspiel – 31 Jan. 2015

Membership – 46

Acquired 1 new member

Lucan. The Region Rally is March 8th at the Lepercon hall. I had a really nice Chair visit in Lucan last week. This club is having a couple of fun fundraisers coming up in February and March that you might want to attend. The Fish Fry On Feb 14 and their St ParticksDay event with the River Junction Band playing at the dance. Lot's of discussion going on with the Bike, Truck and Tractor Pull coming up this summer, and of course the 2015 Car Draw.

Parkhill is still gaining in membership. They just got a new one last week. Their bar has been busy with hockey, weddings and other event's. The Trip Of the Month is still ongoing, with no sign of letting up. There is a plan for a new fund raising event that should draw 300 people that still needs to be voted on in their next up coming business meeting. I hope this work's out for them.

Poplar Hill always seems to have a great turn out for their dinner meetings. They had a fun visit recently from Melbourne Lions and exchanged Melbourne's Code Of Ethics Plaque for one of their missing gavels. The Poplar Hill Hillbillies participated in 5 local Santa Clause Parades this season and came home with a couple first prize trophy's. Poplar Hill likes to keep every body informed on what

they are up to, through their twice monthly bulletins, web site and Facebook. For instance a silly 1:17 sec Hillbilly video taken November 22/2014 in Strathroy after the parade, then put up on Facebook reached 3428 people in just two days. That was amazing, as for fundraisers, the lions are doing monthly bingo's in London and have there sold out Trivia Challenge coming up on February 21.

Respectfully submitted.

Zone 5 Chair.

Lion Jeff Zavitz

Zone 6 Chair.. Frank Van Kempen..

Good Morning Lions

At the last Cabinet meeting I mentioned the Leadership at this Club, the Arkona Lions Club.

There Activities include Donation to CNIB, Camp Dorset, District A-1 Eyes Right, Total Donation \$875.00. Activities, Santa Visit, I am sure they had others. Like a Ladies Night last Month, (I was not invited).

They are up to 32 Members, at the last Meeting Governor John inducted a new Member. Keep up your Lionism. Thank You.

Bluewater Lions Club of Sarnia

Donation, relay for Life, Lions Foundation of Canada, Home for the Deaf, CNIB Walk, Womens Interval Home, Lions Quest, Salvation Army for Xmas, Harry A Newman to Duabetes, Salvatuon Army Books for hamper part of Reading Action Program, Total Donation \$4750.00.

Plus \$1000.00 at the Leader Dog Kick of Dinner.

Activities, Volunteers at the diabetes Golf tournament, Bell Ringing 4 Hours, Collected 100 pair of Glasses, Diabetes Tag Day.

At present Club has 19 Members.

Petrolia Lions Club.

Thru October – December 14 Activities, Planting 700 trees at Lansex Company, Meat Raffle, Xmas Parade, Eye Examination in Mexico for 1 Week, And Bingo,

Donation, LFC Dog Guide, CIBC Lake Joseph Camp, Diabetes Association, Bluewater Health toward MRI, Army Cadets, Food Bank, 98 Children Books to Food bank, Donation total \$14680.00. At Present Club has 61 Members, Job Well Done, Thank you.

Wyoming Lions Club.

Activities, Lion Fish Fry, Lion Benches Installed on WYOMING

Trail, Christmas Tree Sales, Meat Bingo, Bingo Twice Monthly, Bottle Recycling.

Donations, Eyes Right to Glencoe Lions Club, Minor Hockey, Silver Stick, Cadet Corp, LCCVI Technical Excellence, LCCVI Citizenship Award, Legion Poppy Fund, 4-H Awards, Total Donation \$2800.00.

Again Job Well done, Thank You.

Sarnia Lions Club.

I would like to thank them for having The Advisory Meeting on Feb. 10th
I was impressed with the article in the news paper a Christmas Party for the Blind for the past 62 Years, Over 150 Guest attended the Event,

For the Advisory Meetings I need the Head count from all the Clubs in Zone 6, I have to notify the Club by January 30th.

Thank You.

Respectfully Submitted in Lionism.

Zone 7 Chair.. Jerry Veale..

Since the last cabinet meeting we went through the Christmas season and until now I only made 1 official visit and that one was to my own club. The rest of my visits will be done by Mar 12th. I attended the reception for the late Ben Dolansky from the Strathroy Lions Club. My sympathies to them and also V.G. Lion Eric Dolansky and his family on their loss.

Delaware Lions busy preparing for Trivia night January 24th. My visit to their club is Monday Jan 26th. They Paid \$4000.00 of a \$20,000.00 Pledge to the Komoka Wellness Center

No report from Glencoe Lions Club.

Melbourne Lions had their Christmas Cheer draw and Santa came to town.

Mt.Brydges Lions had their usual Christmas celebration with their Ladies and also the Lioness Club. I gave out several Long Term Membership Awards including one for 55 years and also some Long Term Perfect attendance awards including 2 for 50 years and over.

They looked after the Salvation Army Kettles for 10 days in Mt.Brydges and donated \$500.00 to them
Donation to EYES RIGHT(Today) \$200.00 and to Lions Quest (today) \$250.00.

They also have 3 prospective New Members.

They are busy planning for 38th Annual Farmers Night. Usually 400 in attendance, most have already committed to coming. Guest Speaker Andy Oudman Talk Show Host CJBK 1290 radio in London. They are also joining the Strathroy Caradoc Chamber of

Commerce in near future.

Strathroy Lions had their annual Santa Claus Parade, Annual Turkey Bingo and regular bingos. They hosted Strathroy Chamber of Commerce Biz after Biz Thurs Jan 22nd. Since last Cabinet Meeting Donations totalling \$5450.00 have been made to Various causes. They also manned Salvation Army Kettles at 4 locations for 8 hours at each location.

Strathroy Caradoc Lions Club had their Annual Tree of Light Fund raiser with proceeds going to put Benches on 2 Main Streets in Town. They also made Custom made Christmas Baskets for sale. Their Meetings at this time of year are done on SKYPE as they have many SNOWBIRDS that flew south.

My remaining Official Visits are Monday Jan 26th Delaware,

Tuesday Feb 24th Melbourne and Thursday Mar 12 Strathroy. The Next Zone meeting is Monday Mar 2nd in Glencoe.

All Clubs now arranging for their MUST Visits.

I'm looking forward to seeing the Miracle Worker Play in Petrolia in April. I think Its a MUST SEE for All Lions.

Respectfully Submitted
Lion Jerry Veale Zone Chairman Zone 7

GLT Chair...PDG Jacqui Flood..

Governor John,

The Learn to Lead Sessions held in Chatham Nov 16 2014 was well attended. There were 49 attended 5 sessions, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairperson, and Media. The evaluations were very positive, but members felt that more time was required for both the President & Secretary.

CEP presentations were held for both St Thomas & Chatham

I attended a Go to Meeting January 15th via phone & computer along with 3 other Districts. The experience was rewarding to receive information about the GLT/GMT meeting of the Canadian Leaders in Winnipeg. There was a follow up questionnaire that I replied to, that included the GLT Experience and Challenges. I will be attending the Regional GLT/GMT Event in February 21-22 in Woodstock. I am looking forward to bringing back information and added skills that will benefit our District.

I have enclosed a copy of the questionnaire for the Governors information.\

I am looking forward to finalizing the "Learn to Lead" sessions. I also welcome any ideas on topics members would like presented.

Respectfully submitted

Lion Jacqui Flood PDG

GLT Coordinator for District A-1

GLT Chair.. PDG Wayne Cudney..

Gov John, District officers Past & Present, Lions all

I am keeping with Gov John's goal of developing new clubs in the District this year and as well a strengthening our existing clubs. I have asked all Zone Chairs to suggest to their clubs in their Zone to consider developing a new club in an under served community in their Zone.

I have asked all Zone Chairs to invite the GMT team to one of their Zone Advisory meetings.

We would make a presentation to the Presidents and they could present it to their clubs.

So far to date Zone 3 has accepted this as a Zone Project to try and develop a club in Aylmer.

Zone 3 chair Lion Gayle will be working with the clubs in their Zone to set up a committee to proceed in the near future.

With this start I am hoping the other Zones will bring this forward to their next Zone Advisory Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted
GMT Chair Lion Wayne Cudney

LCIF Chair.. PDG Don McKessock..

Governor John & Cabinet,

Thank you Cabinet for endorsing 2 goals for the District A1 LCIF Campaign this year:

1. Fund Raising - \$18,000
2. Participation - >1/2 of District A1 Clubs

This endorsement demonstrates your focus on the Lion's mission:

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs. Our service is indeed to be global!

Our resolve to meet these modest goals must not falter. The world needs our help more than ever.

Last year at this time you could not wipe the smile off my face! Over a third of our District Lions Clubs had donated to LCIF and donations already had exceeded 80% of our annual goal!!

I am still smiling... not because District A-1 is well on the way to meeting this year's goals.. but because I figured out why donations to LCIF are lagging! After last year's record snow falls, half of the Lions decided to hibernate this winter! And the most of the half that didn't hibernate are Leaf fans and now they too have now fallen asleep!

Only 5 Clubs have donated a total of \$2,500 to LCIF so far this Lions year. That leaves us quite a challenge.

Let's put the LCIF fund raising goals in perspective: What do they mean to each District A-1 Lion? 15\$ - 2 Big Mac meals and a coffee/muffin. And what do they mean to the world? The first big Mac saves the sight of 1250 people! The second Big Mac provides measles vaccinations to over 100,000 children! And the coffee/muffin deal provides almost \$4,000 for disaster relief.

So wake up Lions, we still have a little more work to do - but isn't it amazing how this little work can provide so much benefit to the world! That is the power of Lions working together!

Please encourage your Club to reach out and donate to LCIF..

.. and by the way, you don't have to wait for your Club to figure out that reaching out to the world makes our own community a better place: with a \$25 personal donation you can become a contributing 2014-2015 member of LCIF, receive a LCIF lapel pin, AND have your Club recognized as participating LCIF donor Club.

Note that donations to LCIF via "Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF" is tax deductible

As always it would be my great pleasure to provide a presentation on LCIF to your Club or zone. Just ask. So far I have only been invited to 2 clubs and 1 zone meeting.

Are there any questions?

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

Respectfully submitted.

Lion Don McKessock
District A-1 LCIF Chair

Literacy Chair .. Joyce Mahovlich..

"The more you read the more things you'll know. The more that you learn the more places you'll go."
This is a quote from Dr. Seuss, author of Children's Books.

The Reading Action Program for our District is just in its 2nd year of a 10 year program. Since my last report at the August Cabinet Meeting, I have been kept busy with requests to do a presentation at Lion's/Lioness/Leo Clubs throughout District about the program.

A list of the visits includes:

- September 28 - guest speaker at the Lioness Cabinet Meeting in Glencoe
- October 22 - Bluewater Lions Club of Sarnia meeting and left order forms to complete a 300 book order
- October 27 - Hyde Park Lions Club meeting
- November 5 - Lakeside of Tecumseh meeting
- November 10 - Tilbury Lioness Club meeting
- November 12 - Lakeshore Leo Club meeting
- November 24 - Zone 2 Advisory meeting
- January 21 - Belmont Lions Club meeting

This is a program that does not require much funding. It is a program that requires "hands on" involvement not just simply writing a cheque. How can you help?

- Purchase books at 50% discount through Scholastic Canada
- Collect slightly used Children's Books & donate them – I have my Collection Box with me today at the back
- Read to children at local libraries or schools
- Work with local literacy groups to promote reading
- Read or record books on tape for the blind or visually impaired

This program is starting to evolve. In addition to the clubs I have previously reported, I have heard from additional Lions/Lioness Clubs as to their participation and involvement in the program:

- 1) Bluewater Lions Club of Sarnia has donated 300 books to the Salvation Army. The books were put into the 2014 Christmas hamper basket and then once read were asked to be given back to the Salvation Army so they can be put into a sharing/book exchange program.
- 2) Wheatley Lions Club donated once again to the local Library July/August Summer Reading Program.
- 3) Tilbury Lioness Club members each brought a book to their Christmas meeting and they were given to the Help Centre (Food Bank) to assist with the 2014 Christmas hamper program.
- 4) Wheatley Lioness Clubs donated books to their local Food Bank along with mitts, scarves and hats.
- 5) Granton Lions Club put a drop box at the Lucan library and asked for slightly used children's books. To date, they have received over 75 books which were donated to the Ailsa Craig Food Bank.
- 6) Hyde Park Lions Club is hosting a Bowling for Books event to raise the funds needed to purchase books. They are in the process of adopting a school and helping out with the much needed reading programs.
- 7) Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Club is busy planning an event in April. A children's author is coming to speak to the children and parents. It will be a 2 day event at the Mary Wright School.
- 8) Petrolia Lions Club once again donated 98 books to the 2014 Christmas hamper program both in English and French.

If your club is participating in the program, let me know so I can brag about your activities. Just a reminder - If you need a guest speaker, I am available to come and speak to your club and/or Zone Advisory Meetings.

One last note, Family Literacy Day is a national awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy Canada in 1999 and held annually on January 27 to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development. Even just 15 minutes a day can improve a child's literacy skills dramatically, and can help a parent improve their skills as well. Returns to the public are \$7.16 for every dollar invested.

Could a representative from the following clubs come up front so Governor John and I can say Thank You for participating in this program Bluewater Lions Club of Sarnia and Wheatley Lions Club? This will make 7 clubs in the district as well as 2 Lioness Clubs.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Joyce Mahovlich
Chair
Reading Action Program

Note: Already issued Certificates to Belle River, Essex, Granton, Petrolia and Strathroy-Caradoc.

Lions Quest .. PDG Tim Blackburn was absent.. Report read by CC Bob T

Good morning Lions & guests

I realize that I'm not scheduled to report so I thought I would send a written report to provide additional information and updates from Lions Quest Canada.

The latest update on donations shows that 7 clubs in District A-1 have donated a total of \$2040. My thanks and that of Lions Quest Canada to those clubs for their generous donations. Your support and commitment to this program is very much appreciated. My goal for our District is to raise \$10 000 in donations through the sale of the Promotion Contest tickets along with other club donations. So please consider making a donation. The impact that these donations have is awesome. I do have some great news--- Lions Quest Canada reports that the debt I referred to in my report at the Aug. Cabinet Meeting, has been retired thanks to you the members. The Chair of the board of Lions Quest Canada, PID Bruce Murray, reports that the enthusiasm and spirit of staff and Lions has never been better.

I can tell you that the school based programs and the Community Workshops along with the Train the Trainer Workshops are having a tremendous impact in addressing the need for Positive Youth Development in communities not only in Ontario but clear across Canada. By reaching out to the various youth oriented leaders in the community, together we can do better. From the feedback we are receiving, communities are zeroing in on some of the difficulties facing our youth today and the results are tremendous.

We are looking at conducting another Community Workshop in District A-1. If a club or group of clubs wish to host this workshop please contact me at 519-227-1698 or email me at t.blackburn@ezlink.ca. You can also contact Kay Nelles, the events coordinator, at 1-800-265-2680 ext. 102 or email her at kay@lionsquest.ca for more information. Kay and I will be more than happy to help you organize the workshop.

I will continue to send you Lions Quest Canada updates as I get them from head office. I will do this through our District Secretary. I will continue to work on your behalf to make sure Lions Quest Canada remains an integral part of our youth programs.

I along with Lions Quest Canada wish you and your family a happy and healthy 2015.

Respectfully submitted
Lion PDG Tim Blackburn

Lake Jo Transportation .. CC Bob Tanner..

Lions: We do not have a chair for Lake Joe Transportation. This has left some doubt among the blind clients about our support. I have stepped forward in the interim and completed some research on the project. I have spoken to Peter Best and he has contacted the blind clients that use the Lake Joe Transportation. He has forwarded me a list of 23 names, most of which he has contacted.

I contacted the chair of the camp and received the names of the campers who have registered, and confirmed that there are 30 spots reserved for District A1 campers. The early bird registration deadline was October 1, but after making a plea they are willing on a one time basis to offer the discount until Feb 1 which is also the date that the 30 spots will be held for. Currently 4 have registered.

Funding:

Bus: 47 passenger coach 4553.90 tax inc.

Registration: \$650.00 - \$50.00 (early reg.) - \$190.00 CNIB low income financial assistance.

The client would have to pay \$410.00 up from \$275.00 last year. This due to spreading the financial assistance over a larger group of camper:

We have 21 campers that need help with this change! $21 \times 135.00 = \$2835.00$ on a one time basis.

Request: I am looking for support to raise \$8, 000.00 from the clubs of District A1. A motion to support the fund raising and proceed to register the clients, from the Cabinet. This request is for this Lions year only due to our lack of understanding of the work Peter has always done to keep thing on schedule.

If approved I would like to move that we officially name this Project
“Peters Bus Lake Joe Transportation”

Sincerely

Lion Bob Tanner

A1 PDG

2013/2014

Motion to support the Lake Jo campers by the clubs of District A-1 made by
ZC 6 Frank Van Kempen , 2nd by ZC 5 Jeff Zavitz , carried.

Motion to change the name of Lake Jo Transportation to “ Peters Bus Lake
Jo Transportation ” made by CC Bob Tanner , 2nd by ZC 4 Shawn Davison ,
carried.

PDG Fred Cross announced the Kingsville Lions club has pledged
\$ 2,000.00 to Peters Bus Lake Jo Transportation.

Lions 100th Centennial.. PDG Bill Bissonnette was absent .. Report read by
CS Gerald S..

Governor John, members of cabinet,

By the time you read this report I will be somewhere on I-75 heading south. Just one
of the advantages to being up in years and retired.

I have been quite impressed with the number of activities the clubs in District A-1 have
been performing that fall into the four categories of the Lions 100 Centennial project.
According to LCI there have been 28 clubs in A-1 participating in one or all of the
categories as follows:

- Engaging our Youth- 21 clubs participated in 64 activities
- Sharing the Vision- 14 clubs participated in 36 activities
- Relieving the Hunger - 14 clubs participated in 22 activities
- Protecting our Environment - 11 clubs participated in 21 activities

In all there are 8 clubs that have now participated in all 4 categories. There is still 5 months left for the remaining clubs to achieve this mark as well. Recording is incumbent upon the secretaries to report their club activities in their MyLCI on the LCI website. Reporting is straight forward as you pick the category that applies.

Two more interesting statistics:

1. Lion hours – 18358
2. People served– 161988

Thank you to the Lions family of A-1 for your support and assistance in helping to achieve the Lions goal of serving 100 million people by our 2017 centennial.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Bill Bissonnette,

A-1 Lions Centennial Celebration Chair

Convention.. PDG John Ross.. Reported everything is progressing well,
Call the hotel directly to book your room.. 1-519-681-7151

Complete your registration form and mail it to PDG Wayne Cudney.

The guest speaker for the Saturday luncheon will be Dr Kenneth Shonk.

Youth Exchange.. PDG Ev Spiering..

Fellow Lions

Firstly, let me say thank you to those clubs who have already sent me their donations it is greatly appreciated .

Secondly I have been contacted by Brazil, Belgium, Finland, Italy and Israel all asking that I hold spots for them , which I have done two spots for each to date I have received 4 applications. Guillaume Lejeune (18) and Emilio Bullens (17) from Belgium and Valtteri Hakkinen (18) and Liina Ikonen (17) from Finland .

I am now in need of Lions, Lioness and or Leo families to come forth as host families

I have host family applications with me today or you can go on the LCI web site and print one off. Please Lions. I really need to give these students an answer regarding there exchange experience to district a1

Remember, theses students arrive June 27. With hosting commencing from June 27 to July 18
Camp begins on July 18

I look forward to hearing from you in the next few weeks as you decide which student or students you would like to have .

Respectfully submitted.

Lion Ev

Bulletin Contest .. Lion Bill Fell..

Governor John Johnston and fellow Lions Family Members.

It a pleasure to submit my 1st report for our District A-1 Bulletin Contest.

Out of 45 Clubs, 12 Clubs have submitted Bulletins. 9 monthly and 3 Bi Monthly. Up 3 Clubs from last year.

Clubs participating are:

Zone 1

Belle River Lions Club.
Harrow Colchester Lions Club.
Windsor Downtown Lions Club.

Zone 2

Wheatley Lions Club.

Zone 3

Dutton & District Lions Club.
St. Thomas Lions Club. (Bi Monthly)

Zone 4

Delaware Lions Club. (Bi Monthly)
London Central Lions Club.

Zone 5

Poplar Hill Lions Club. (Bi Monthly)

Zone 6

Petrolia & District Lions Club.
Strathroy Caradoc Lions Club.
Strathroy Lions Club.

Attached is the Web Link for the Bulletin Criteria.

http://www.a1lions.ca/Awards/bulletin_contest_criteria.htm

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Bill Fell

Bulletin Judge District A-1

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Effective Speaking.. Lion Anne Neill..

Governor John, Lions and Lioness

I am only aware of one club that is holding a contest which is Petrolia Lions Club. The competition is being held on February 15th, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the Petrolia Lions Hall. I am hoping that there are other contests that I am not yet aware of so if you are holding a speak-off, please let me know.

The District Contest will be hosted by the Chatham Lions Club and will take place on March 8th, 2015 at the Active Lifestyle Centre, 20 Merritt Avenue, Chatham. I invite everyone to come out and support this program.

The MD"A" Contest will be hosted by the Fenwick and Fonthill Lions Clubs on May 1st and 2nd, 2015 at the Holiday Inn Suites and Conference Centre in St. Catherines. We sponsor our District winners to attend this Competition.

If your club has any of the Effective Speaking District trophies, please let me know so that arrangements can be made to get them to me.

To date, I have received donations from 18 Lions Clubs and 5 Lioness Clubs. This contest provides an opportunity for our youth to develop a much needed life skill of public speaking. There is still time to send in donations Lions.

If your Club has already sent in their funds, I thank you for your support. It is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Anne Neill
District Effective Speaking Chair

GMT report on the Fanshawe Campus Club.. Lion Sandy Leadlay was absent.. Report read by CS Gerald ..

I am sorry that I have to be in TORONTO t-day.
I would like to report on our Campus Club at Fanshawe College.
Can you believe it but we are into our 3rd year.

We recently held a Campus day at the college and I am happy to report that we have added 43 new members to the LIONS FAMILY.

It seems that we are gaining ground at the college and have a very full cabinet.
This year we have a complete board from Pres, vice pres. Secretary, treasurer and membership chair.

I would like to bring out the board at the next cabinet meeting.

We have 3 projects planned for the spring EASTER BUNNY CHOCOLATE SALE,
ST PATS DAY ITEMS.

The club raised \$360.00 over xmas selling ladies products and will doate this to
MERRY MOUNT CHILDRENS CRISIS CENTER IN LONDON.

Repectfully submitted
Sandy Leadlay

Diabetes Awareness update.. Lion Bev Wirta was absent.. Report read by CS Gerald S..

I would like to thank all the clubs that participated in the Annual Tag Day, the Parade of Cheques at November's Cabinet meeting and the support of the Harry A. Newman Award Program. Including the money received at

the Cabinet meeting and thereafter, I have forwarded \$2,460.16 for Tag Day, \$3,200.00 for 4 Harry A. Newman Awards and \$7,820.00 for general donations from our November Parade of Cheques. Totalling \$13,480.00 for

the months of November and December. Again, thank you for your support.

All cheques should be cashed by January 31 and Harry A. Newman awards should be received by mid-March.

I am again working with the Sarnia CDA to support their Annual Golf Tournament in June and would invite our Lions to put together a foursome and attend this event.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Bev Wirta
Diabetes Awareness

This completed the cabinet officer's and committee reports.. Motion to accept all reports made by ZC 7 Jerry Veale , 2nd by ZC 1 Jim Rigney , carried.

Short break to allow the Eyes Right Committee to set up for their Annual General meeting.. Chaired by Lion Harry Wismer.
All business recorded by Eyes Right Secretary .. Lioness Sherry Wismer.

It was announced the total cheque donations for the Eyes Right Cavalcade was \$ 13,500.00.

District Cabinet meeting re convened at 11:45

Old Business..

Question from the floor was asked on the Vision Screening Machine ..
Re .. Any updates.. PDG Jaqui Flood and Lion Gail Tanner both spoke on this.. it is being looked into and is on going , will be a work in progress.

New Business.. None

Draw.. Winner was Lion Larry Badder from Tilbury Lions.

Comments from the floor / Club Announcements..

Pres Bruce Campbell .. Spaghetti Supper Feb 6th., hosted by Belmont Lions

2nd VDG Eric Dolansky.. Bowling for books .. Mar 24th., hosted by Hyde Park Lions.

PDG Wayne Cudney.. Annual Car Show .. Father's Day.. Hosted by St Thomas Lions.. selling tickets on a draw. 1st prize is \$ 1500.00 cash.

Lion Murray MacDonald.. Annual Curling Bonspiel.. Hosted by Ilderton Lions.. Jan 31st.

PDG Fred Cross ... Mid Winter Luau ..Feb 7th .. Hosted by Kingsville Lions

ZC 7 Jerry Veale reminded everyone that donations to the family of the fire in Mt Brydges.. could be made at the Royal Bank in Mt Brydges., under Janes/Taylor.

CC Bob Tanner reminded all of the upcoming events in Petrolia..
Tribute shows Feb 14th , Mar 7th , and Apr 17th.
Petrolia Community Theatre is putting on the play “ The Miracle Worker “
Apr 23- 26th .

PDG Dale Taylor .. Spoke on the Lambeth Lions Memory Box program and the fundraiser nite will be Oct 7th , once again.

London East Lions are having an open house to celebrate Lion Bob Schiell's 50 years in Lionism , Feb 22nd .

Closing Remarks..Gov John spoke on the clubs doing online reporting to LCI , with all clubs doing this now., next step is to have all clubs report activities regularly.

Club visits .. Gov John , 1st VDG and 2nd VDG will be making visits between now and the District convention in April.

Membership.. The District has lost 72 members since July 1st 2014 , but has 50 new members , need to continue to canvassing for new members.

Gov John thanked the Cabinet officers and Committee Chairs for their time and dedication to the District., once again thanked the Kingsville Lions for their hospitality.

There was no further business .. Motion to adjourn made by PDG Ev Spiering , 2nd by CS Gerald Smith.