

Dist. A –1 Cabinet Meeting Oct.26/08

Region 1 Chairperson's Report – Joan Cope

By all accounts the beginning of the Lions year in Region 1 has been a busy very one according to club reports received thus far.

Initial discussions have been held in planning for a fun and informative Region 1 Rally slated for lucky Fri. Feb. 13. The Harrow Lions are hosting the event at their clubhouse.

At the recent request of Lion Ron Lindsay a venue for the Region 1 Effective Speaking Speak-off will be sought for Feb. 22/09.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Joan Cope

Zone 1 West Report - Marianne Robinson

Our membership is holding steady in our zone.

The 1st zone meeting was held on October 1, 2008 at the Windsor-Downtown Lions Club. It was a great zone meeting. We had a special guest from the Detroit Lions club and I want to congratulate the Windsor-Downtown Lions club for obtaining a substantial donation from Molson's to help them roof the ice skating rink in Windsor.

We kicked off our Dimes for Diabetes campaign. The Harrow News published an article on Dimes for Diabetes and I am urging all clubs to contact their local newspapers. I also had a great interview with Mike Kakuk on am 800 CKLW to explain what our zone project was and to advise of all the clubs in the zone running the project this year. I hope to contact the Windsor Star shortly to see whether they would be interested in printing a human interest story on Dimes for Diabetes. The Tecumseh Lions have advised that they will be running a bingo with all proceeds to go towards our zone project. The Harrow Colchester South Lions have started their traveling jar which will travel to all the businesses in the Harrow Colchester South area in the forthcoming year. In addition, I hope to meet with the local high school to see if the students at Harrow High can help by having a dance or some other function with the proceeds going to Dimes for Diabetes. Any hours spent on the function will be credited toward their community service hours. I again urge the other clubs in the zone to approach their local high school.

Our next zone meeting is in January and we have scheduled a MERL workshop to be hosted by Lion Jacqui Tofflemire-Flood. I am hoping that we have a great turnout for this important work shop zone meeting.

Respectfully Submitted
zone 1 West Chair
Lion Marianne Robinson

Zone 1 Central Report - Gord Anderson

In the month of September, I have made 3 visits to clubs in my zone. All clubs are active, have a full slate of officers in their executive, and are involved in fundraising efforts for their community and Lions' projects.

My zone project this year is to help fill each community food bank in the zone with food and or monetary donations. As we know, there are plant closures, cut backs and a lot of people out of work. It is imperative that we help these people in our communities. In discussion with the people who work in the Kingsville Food Bank, it was stated that the greatest need will be after the Christmas holidays and that is the target for the clubs in my zone to help their local food banks at this time.

Tecumseh Lakeside and District held a BBQ at Sobeys in September and have donated these profits to their local food bank as well as a donation in my name for my official visit.

Essex and district is on board with this project and stated that their first priority was to attend to the Salvation Army's food bank in the town of Essex. As well, they have made a donation to the Essex Food Bank in my name.

Kingsville held a bingo in September and asked the participants to bring in a food item. We took 5 large shopping bags full of food products to the community food bank and as well, \$500 of the profits from the bingo will be sent to our local food bank in Kingsville. We plan to have another bingo in December and again some of those profits will go to the food bank in the new year.

My first zone advisory meeting will be held on Tues. Oct. 28th in Wheatley and the other 3 clubs will be informed of this project and I hope they as well will get involved with this cause.

I have received a copy of all of the clubs' Monthly Activity Reports except for one but that was due to an unfortunate circumstance. All is going well in A1 Central.

Respectfully submitted
Zone 1 Central Chair Gord Anderson