

District A-1 District Meeting
August 28, 2011
Active Lifestyle Centre
Chatham, Ontario

Governor Steve Mahovlich acted as the chairperson with the following District Cabinet Officers in attendance:

IPDG JOHN ROSS	1 ST VDG WAYNE CUDNEY	2 ND VDG BOB TANNER
CAB. SEC. RON DEVOS	CAB. TREAS. JOYCE DOUCET	ZC 1W VAL BURNINGHAM
ZC 1C MARY DROUILLARD	ZC 1E MIKE BLONDE	ZC 2N SANDY LEADLAY
ZC 2S ROB NEILL	ZC 2E LES YOUNGSON	ZC 24N BARB TUXFORD
ZC 24S GRANT OLIVER	ZC 24W SONDRASASSE	

Also in attendance were 13 Club Presidents, 10 Club Secretaries 3 Treasurers and 43 Lions which total to 69 Lions at the first District Meeting.

The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with the singing of "O CANADA" followed by 1ST VDG Wayne Cudney reading a list of Lions that have passed away since our District A-1 Convention in April followed by a minute of silence for the departed members of the Lions Family.

Governor Steve welcomed everyone in attendance and set protocol. Governor Steve announced our International President's theme for this year is "I Believe" and he has asked that 1,000,000 new trees be planted worldwide. In keeping with this idea Governor Steve announced that our District will also be going GREEN by having no more Club, District Chair, District Officers and Past District Governor envelopes at the Cabinet Meetings. We will try to communicate using e-mails as much as possible. All clubs do have e-mail addresses and we will be using them.

Our guest speaker was Mr. Phil Hernandez from the CHIPS Program was introduced by Governor Steve. Mr. Hernandez spoke on the Child Identification Program. This is a program that finger prints children and aids parents in the event of a child being abducted. The CHIPS Program covers all of Essex, Chatham-Kent & Lambton counties. Mr. Hernandez was thanked by Governor Steve.

PCC Dave Balmos performed the Installation of the new District Cabinet Officers for the 2011 / 2012 Lions year and officially introduced the Cabinet to the Lions present. Governor Steve thanked PCC Dave Balmos for doing the installation.

The 2011 / 2012 District A-1 operating budget was presented by Finance Chair PDG Bill Sasse. A copy of the budget was given to each District Officer. **Motion by ZC 2E Lion Les Youngson, Seconded by ZC 24N Lion Barb Tuxford to accept this report. Carried**

Cabinet Treas. Joyce Doucet gave her report as follows:

OPENING BALANCE **\$29,095.32**

Cheques that have been written:

Melbourne & District Lions Clubs/Adv't Promo	\$150.00
Reimburse Peter for out-of-pocket expenses	\$209.82
Strathcraft /Youth Exchange/ Sign A. Betterley	\$169.50
Elgie Bus Lines/Youth Exchange	\$3,583.76
US/Canada Forum-DG Steve Mahovlich	\$1,000.00
US/Canada Forum-1 st VDG W. Cudney	\$1,000.00
Changeover-DG Steve Mahovlich	\$300.00

Service Charge **\$21.70**

TOTAL EXPENCES **\$6,434.78**

DEPOSITS MADE:

Youth Exchange	\$500.00
Youth Exchange	\$250.00

TOTAL DEPOSITS **\$750.00**

CLOSING BALANCE **\$23,410.54**

There is also GIC's at the Bank of Nova Scotia in Sarnia for \$26,111.39

Motion by ZC 1E Lion Mike Blonde, Seconded by ZC 1C Lion Mary Drouillard to accept the Treasurer's report. Carried

Cabinet Sec. Ron reported the June 12, 2011 District Meeting minutes were e-mailed to all Cabinet Officers and a hard copy was placed in their package. **Motion by 1st VDG Wayne Cudney, Seconded by ZC 1W Lion Valerie Burningham to adopted the minutes as printed. Carried**

Cabinet Sec. Ron also reported he has only received one piece of correspondence and that was from PDG Joe Madacsi Treasurer & Director of the District A-1 Lions Eyes Right Foundation, thanking District A-1 for the \$1,000.00 donation for the 2010-2011 Lions year.

DISTRICT OFFICERS REPORTS

The following are the highlights from the District Officers Reports:

1st Vice District Governor's Report

VDG Wayne Cudney reported that on August 6/7, 2011 he attended the GMT-GLT sessions in Markham and came away with a very positive feeling that we can move forward and attract new members and retain present ones as well as develop our Leaders for the future.

2nd Vice District Governor's Report

VDG Bob Tanner reported he attended the GMT-GLT sessions in Markham and plans on Listening a lot this year.

Zone Chair 1 West Lion Valerie Burningham reported she has been in contact with all clubs in her zone, and will be encouraging them to build up their membership and to plant trees. Her first Zone Meeting will be held at the Windsor Roseland Lions Club on Tuesday Oct. 4, 2011.

Zone Chair 1 Central Lion Mary Drouillard reported she is a fairly new Lion and is willing to help the clubs any way she can and is looking forward to a rewarding and positive learning year.

Zone Chair 1 East Lion Mike Blonde reported he has been in touch with all his clubs and has also spoken to them about planting trees.

Zone Chair 2 North Lion Sandy Leadlay reported he has planned a Theme for the first Zone Meeting and that is "We are Family". ZC Sandy also plans on working with each Club President and Club Membership Chair on attracting new members and having interesting meetings and having Fun.

Zone Chair 2 South Lion Rob Neill reported he is ready and willing to help the clubs in the zone.

Zone Chair 2 East Lion Les Youngson reported he has been in contact with all of his clubs and to date has not received any reports.

Zone Chair 24 North Lion Barb Tuxford stated she has been in contact with all her clubs and is ready to work with them.

Zone Chair 24 South Lion Grant Oliver reported he is looking forward to the coming year.

Zone Chair 24 West Lion Sondra Sasse reported she has confirmed the dates of all of her official visits and 3 Zone Advisory Meetings. ZC Sondra believes Zone 24W will be planting many new trees.

Motion by ZC 2S Lion Rob Neill, Seconded by 2nd VDG Lion Bob Tanner to accept the District Officer's reports. Carried

DISTRICT CHAIRS REPORTS

The following are the highlights from the District Chairs Reports:

Lake Joseph Transportation – Lion Peter Best

Lion Peter reported the chartered bus arrived on time on Sunday July 10, 2011 and with the aid of some Windsor Downtown Lions to help load the luggage they were off on a smooth send off. They arrived in London for the second pickup and lunch break and were greeted by Lions from the London North, London East and London Central Lions Clubs. These Lions assisted to load the luggage and see them on their way to Lake Joseph. The return trip on July 16, 2011 was not as smooth as the going, Lion Peter did not ask for any Lions to help on the return and that proved to be a problem. The cost of this year's project was \$4,825.04 Lion Peter thanks all the Lions who helped and all the Lions Clubs for their support.

**Youth Exchange Inbound – Lion Jim Deslippe
No Report**

Youth Exchange Outbound- PDG Ev Spiering

PDG Ev stated on July 2, 2011 the students arrived in Toronto and from District A-1 we had 11 Lions Host Families, 3 Lioness Host Families and 4 non Lion Host Families plus 3 families from District A-2. We had 20 students from 14 different countries. The new name of the youth exchange program is now the District A-1 Youth Exchange Program and Al Betterley Youth Camp.

Diabetes Awareness – Lion Bev Wirta stated the third annual Lions/CDA Tag day is scheduled for November 12/11. This year our local CDA offices are working with the Lions clubs in their region and hopefully by working together we will have an even greater success story for 2011. I would like to thank all clubs that participated last year and hope that more clubs will become involved. This is a fun day that gets our Lions out in their community supporting the CDA. I would like to stress that all monies collected in your region go back to the regional offices for supporting your community. Supplies for the Tag Day event are mailed or delivered to each participating club and your club is only required to make donation boxes and make arrangements for the location(s) you have chosen.

Beginning mid-October Lions Clubs may also be asked to support the CDA door-to-door campaign.

At the November cabinet meeting, I will be accepting donations for the Diabetes Cavalcade presentation of cheques for CDA. As In the past, clubs can either make a donation to the Canadian Diabetes Association or request a Harry A. Newman Award with their cheques made payable in the amount of \$800.

**Hearing and Work with the Deaf – ZC Barb Tuxford
No Report**

Memory Box – PDG Dale Taylor

PDG Dale stated the memory boxes are constructed of solid oak and they are lovingly hand crafted. They are donated to the hospitals in London and when a family has a child pass away they receive a memory box to place their cherished possessions into to take home from the hospital. This year Governor Steve has embraced this program and agreed that with your help it should encompass every hospital in our District.

GMT – Lion George Croft

Lion George stated the old MERL Teams are gone and replaced with the GMT (Global Membership Team) and GLT (Global Leadership Team). The District GMT Team consists of: Governor Steve, VDG's Wayne & Bob and the District GMT Coordinator Lion George. The GMT Team has within it the "Membership & Club Growth Team" (PDG Dale Taylor & PCT Eric Dolansky) & the "Club Success Team" (PDG Don McKessock & PRC Joan Cope).

GLT – PDG Jacqui Flood

PDG Jacqui announced the GLT Goals:

- Identify & develop new Lion leaders
- Improve the relevance & effectiveness of LCI training & development programs by assessing leadership development needs and identifying resources to meet those needs
- Expand training at all levels of the association
- Customize training and development opportunities to accommodate regional and local needs
- Share best practices among areas
- Encourage implementation of new training tools
- Enhance Lion's understanding of the critical value of quality leadership
- Communicate and work with the GMT Coordinator.

Motion by ZC 2S Lion Rob Neill, Seconded by 2nd VDG Bob Tanner to accept the District Chairs report's. Carried

OLD BUSINESS

1. IPDG John Ross presented the Dick Kennedy Visitation Award to the Chatham Lions Club.

NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ A tree was planted at the Mt. Brydges Youth Camp during the closing session.
Motion by ZC 1W Lion Valerie Burningham, Seconded by ZC 1C Lion Mary Drouillard to have a plaque made and placed for the tree planted at the camp. Carried

- ❖ Cabinet Treasurer Joyce Doucet stated there were a few bills that needed to be paid. **Motion by ZC 2E Lion Les Youngson, Seconded by ZC 1E Lion Mike Blonde to pay the bills. Carried**

- ❖ District Chair Lion Barb Tuxford requested that the Hearing/Work with the Deaf be setup with the Cabinet Treasurer the same way the Lake Joseph Transportation, Youth Exchange and Effective Speaking accounts are set up. **Motion by 2nd VDG Bob Tanner, Seconded by ZC 1E Lion Mike Blonde to have Cabinet Treasurer Joyce Doucet setup the Hearing/Work with the Deaf the same as the other ones. Carried**

DRAWS

The 50/50 Draw for \$126.50 was won by Zone Chair Valerie Burningham.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

No Comments at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dutton & District Lions Club Golf Tournament Saturday Sept. 17, 2011
- London Central Lions Club 90th Anniversary Sunday Sept. 18, 2011
- Granton Lions Club Harvest Festival Saturday Sept. 24, 2011
- Lambeth Lions Club Memory Box Fund Raiser Saturday Oct. 15, 2011
- Diabetes Tag Day Saturday Nov. 12, 2011

CLOSING REMARKS

Governor Steve asked all the Club Presidents to come forward and presented them with an "I Believe" lapel pin from International President Wing-Kun Tam. Governor Steve than thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The next District Meeting will be held November 27, 2011 in Strathroy.

This meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Submitted by,

Lion Ron Devos

District A-1
Cabinet Secretary