

**District A-1 District Meeting
November 27, 2011
Strathroy Lions Hall
Strathroy, Ontario**

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

1 ST VDG WAYNE CUDNEY	2 ND VDG BOB TANNER	CAB. SEC. RON DEVOS
CAB. TREAS. JOYCE DOUCET	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

Received Regrets from: IPDG JOHN ROSS, ZC 1W VAL BURNINGHAM

Also in attendance were 18 Club Presidents, 11 Club Secretaries 4 Treasurers and 49 Lions which total to 82 Lions at the second 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 Meeting in August 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 thanked the Strathroy Lions Club for hosting the 2nd District A-1 District Meeting. Governor Steve thanked the clubs that have already planted trees and asked the other clubs to please keep him informed when they are planting trees. Governor Steve also stated we started the year with 1,204 Lion members and to date we have inducted 35 members and dropped 28 members leaving District A-1 with a membership of 1,211.

Our guest speaker was PDG Tom Herrmann from the Lions Quest Program and was introduced by Governor Steve. PDG Tom gave a very informative talk on Lions Quest as to what has happened in the past and what the plans are for the future. PDG Tom challenged our District to have at least 20 Lions Clubs donate to Lions Quest this year.

Governor Steve thanked PDG Tom Herrmann for coming to our District Meeting and for his presentation on Lions Quest.

Cabinet Treas. Joyce Doucet gave her report as follows:

OPENING BALANCE **\$23,410.54**

Cheques that have been written:

Chq #252	Doug McLeod/Youth Exchange Banner	\$345.67
Chq #253	Belle River Source for Sports (Name Tags)	\$227.13
Chq #254	Perry Graphics/District A-1 Directories	\$678.00
Chq #255	Chatham Lions Club/Cabinet Mtg Costs	\$250.00
Chq #256	Bill Bissonnette/Long range Planning	\$107.35
Chq #257	Mickey Puddicomb (Honors for 2010-2011)	\$100.00

Chq #258 Evelyn Spiering (Honors for 2010-2011)	\$100.00
SUB-TOTAL	\$1,808.15
Service Charges	
August 31, 2011	\$10.00
September 30, 2011	\$11.38
October 31, 2011	<u>\$17.82</u>
SUB-TOTAL	\$39.20

TOTAL EXPENCES **\$1,847.35**

DEPOSITS MADE:

Sept. 9/11 District Dues	\$2,466.00
Sept. 9/11 Directory Sales/Draw	\$260.75
Oct. 14/11 District Dues	\$3,555.00
Oct. 14/11 District Dues/Directories	\$2,618.00
Oct. 14/11 Effective Speaking	\$1,270.00
Nov. 2/11 District Dues	\$2,619.00
Nov. 4/11 District Dues	\$288.00
Nov. 18/11 Effective Speaking	\$550.00
Nov. 18/11 District Dues	\$630.00
Nov. 18/11 Youth Exchange	<u>\$48.00</u>
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$14,304.75

CLOSING BALANCE **\$35,867.94**

**There is also 2 GIC's at the Bank of Nova Scotia in Sarnia for \$26,111.39
Plus interest of \$108.65 for a TOTAL of \$26,220.04**

Motion by 1st VDG Lion Wayne Cudney, Seconded by ZC 1E Lion Mike Blonde to accept the Treasurer's report. Carried

Cabinet Sec. Ron reported the August 28, 2011 District Meeting minutes were e-mailed to all District Cabinet Officers, District Cabinet Chairs, Past District Governors, Club Presidents and Club Secretaries. **Motion by ZC 2E Lion Les Youngson, Seconded by ZC 24W Lion Sondra Sasse to adopt the minutes as e-mailed. Carried**

Cabinet Sec. Ron also reported he has only received one piece of correspondence and that was from Lion Patricia McLay of the Galt Cambridge Lions Club, thanking District A-1 for the District A-1 Lions Lake Joseph Centre Transportation Project.

DISTRICT OFFICERS REPORTS

The following are the highlights from the District Officers Reports:

1st Vice District Governor's Report

VDG Wayne Cudney reported that he attended the USA/Can forum in Anchorage Ak Sept 22/24/11. Attended several session including 1st, vice dist gov seminars as well as

DG elect session. VDG Wayne also had the opportunity to meet Int. Pres. Tam and witnessed the planting of a tree in downtown Anchorage, Attended 2 MDA Gov Council meetings in Markham Sept 10 and Nov 5th along with VDG training sessions. On Oct. 12th attended Zone 2 E advisory meeting along with GMT Co-ordinator Lion George Croft, where we did a GMT presentation. Also attend Zone 2S advisory meeting Oct 24th in St. Thomas. We are also planning a GMT presentation for Zone 2S at their Jan. 18th Zone Advisory meeting in Pt. Stanley. Any Zone Chair who would like a GMT power point presentation at their Zone Adv. Meeting. Please Contact Lion Geo. Croft or myself to set up a date.

2nd Vice District Governor's Report

VDG Bob Tanner reported since our last cabinet I have made 2 club visits on behalf of Governor Steve. Sept 26th Hyde Park and District Lions where I installed 2 new lions and was impressed with the clubs spirit and enthusiasm. Sept 27th Melbourne and District Lions where I and my guest enjoyed some good ole hospitality and learned more about the Melbourne area. Currently I am reviewing a, PR program from Lions International. My goal is to find a resource to help all of our clubs with recognition especially in the large urban club. The information and techniques are available, I need to fully understand it and develop a way thru GLT to train all clubs in the techniques.

Zone Chair 24 North Lion Barb Tuxford stated during the first part of my Zone Chair year, I have been very lucky to see Lions at work in their community, Arkona Lions held a great Classic Car Show on September 17th, when the Rock Glen Museum was also rededicated after 25 years of providing an educational venue in Rock Glen Park. This Museum was funded by Arkona Lions, and with help from the rest of Zone 24N boardwalks were installed to make the trails accessible for all. Parkhill Lions welcomed me with my travelling companions, Granton Lion Cub Kevin Anderson and Lucan club Secretary Mike Tuxford, on September 26th. They had just completed a project at Parkhill Fair, where they provided a tent for children's crafts, also that evening one of the trip of the month recipients was in attendance, and this is an ongoing project that Parkhill has had for many years, selling an annual ticket for twelve trips one drawn each month for a full year. On November 5, Ailsa Craig Lions planted 25 trees in their beautiful park, and I was happy to attend. This is an annual project they do to reforest the park. Hard and soft wood trees, evergreens and shrubs like lilacs and redwood are planted. Also on November 20th I had the privilege of attending Ailsa Craig Lions 40th Anniversary and bringing greetings from the Zone, congratulating them on their ongoing reforestation project and their continued support for Ailsa Craig Food Bank. A Zone Advisory was held November 23rd, with Granton Lions hosting. Twenty Lions were in attendance, including 4 cubs, who were inducted at this meeting, using the Helen Keller darkness service; all clubs in the Zone were represented. After induction of 2 Lions from Lucan, and 2 Lions from Granton, Club reports were given, so everyone in the Zone would know the upcoming events of neighbouring Clubs. **Arkona** nothing until the new year, **Ailsa Craig** – 12 Days of Christmas Draw (tickets are available) and Christmas Tree sales are starting soon, **Granton** - well attended Harvest Festival and upcoming Winter fest in February, **Lucan** has sold out on Car Draw tickets for the 1970 GTO, congrats Lucan, also they have a Turkey Roll coming up November 25th and a Fish Fry in February,

Parkhill - continuing trip of the month draws. A Zone trivia contest was held with most lions getting all the answers and the new Lions learning a bit about other clubs in the Zone. 50/50 draw was won by one of the newest members, Lion Kevin Anderson. Our thoughts are with Merlon Bender, who is a patient at Strathroy Hospital. Merlon is a long service member of Ailsa Craig Lions and was delivering trees with us November 5th, so we are thinking of you Merlon.

Zone Chair 24 South Lion Grant Oliver reported as of this report we have 7 Clubs in Zone 24S with a total membership of 213 lions. All clubs are active and functioning well. To the best of my knowledge all clubs are current with their financial obligations. At this time I have completed 2 of my official visits and all others are scheduled. Thanks to Lion Jacqui Flood GLT Co-ordinator, I had the opportunity to attend the "Train the Trainer" program on the new Club Excellence Process. The training sessions were held in Toronto on November 5th and 6th. This new program is being introduced by LCI as a tool for clubs to improve their overall efficiency and functionality.

Zone Chair 24 West Lion Sondra Sasse reported although the summer months are a slower time for Lions, a time to re-energize, after completing 1 Zone Advisory Meeting and 4 Official Visits, I have learned that Lions work is never done and, consequently, Lions do not take a holiday from their commitments.

Southwest Middlesex Canada Day celebrations were a success thanks, in part, to the organizing talents and time commitment of Glencoe Lions. As well as fundraising to complete their financial commitment to the local splash pad and to support their sponsorship of a third world child, Glencoe Lions were seen canvassing on behalf of the CNIB and participating in both the fall fair and Santa Claus parades. They are currently planning a fun-filled Trivia Night on January 21, 2012. So, if you would like to be crowned Trivia Champ, contact the Glencoe District Lions Club for more information. Petrolia Lions continue to be busy all year long, raising funds through their food booth, car shows and bingos. From their involvement with Youth Exchange to supporting their famous Cookie Lady, the Petrolia Lions Club continues a long tradition of supporting their community, both locally and beyond. The Petrolia Town Council has recognized the Petrolia Lions 80th Anniversary in 2012, declaring the week of September 24 – 30 as Petrolia Lions Club Week. Let`s all support this milestone!

The Sarnia Lions Club now meets at The Dante Club on London Road. The Lions of Sarnia awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Don Godfrey and a Helen Keller Fellowship to Lion Don McKessock – congratulations Lions! On the night of my official visit, I had the pleasure of listening to an informative talk about the importance of carefully monitoring the medications within your household. This guest speaker became very interested in Lions Quest after listening to my brief overview of the Lions Quest Program. I am excited at the prospect of exploring a possible collaboration and perhaps a mutually beneficial relationship from this chance encounter.

Bluewater Lions now hold their meetings at John`s Restaurant in Sarnia. They continue their fundraising efforts through bingos and the sale of Christmas cakes and shortbread. For health reasons, Bluewater Lions President Lion Larry Nutt has had to step aside. Lion Koert Nieuwenhuis has come forward to assume the position of "Interim President." Thank you Lion Koert for your assistance at this time. Lion Larry, we send you our very

best wishes for a speedy recovery and look forward to your return as President of the Bluewater Lions Club of Sarnia.

Although the Wyoming Lions Hall is undergoing a major renovation, the Lions of Wyoming graciously agreed to host our 1st Zone Advisory Meeting, which was well attended by Lions throughout 24 West. Our guest speaker for the evening was Dave McEachren, son of Glencoe District Lion John McEachren. Dave highlighted the extensive training all firefighters must successfully complete and impressed upon us the importance of a volunteer fire department within a community

All clubs present at this meeting unanimously recommended that a Zone Project be proposed. The zone clubs will vote on the proposal at the next Zone Advisory Meeting January 16, 2012. Thank you to those Lions who have once again agreed to spearhead this project.

Zone Chair 2 North Lion Sandy Leadlay reported in Sept. 2011, I visited some clubs that were out of my Zone to get a feel for the way other clubs meetings work. I was fortunate to attend Lambeth and they were installing 3 new members and I also attended their fund raising night that appeared very successful. I was able to pick up some ideas for London Central. On October 27 we held our first Zone meeting at the London Central Lions. Our theme was "I Believe—We Are Family" I would like to use this WE ARE FAMILY THEME throughout the year. Attending the meeting was Lion Bill Phelan who gave a report on the London Dog Walk which is now slated for Sunday June 3, 2012. We had 2 guest speakers from the upper Thames Valley conservation authority. Mrs. Karen Pugh and Steve Sanders gave a very nice presentation on what the Authority does for groups planting trees and were really impressed with the Lions aim of planting 1 MILLION TREES. They have great expertise and at a very good price for the Lions clubs.

They would help us with the contact of reaching public schools in each clubs area they would set up the area to plant the trees it would work out to about \$820 each PER 4 clubs. We would plant 225 asst trees in the one day. They supply shovel, fill, mulch, and talk to the children about the importance of trees. We would help with the children and act as assistants. At the end of the day we would give each child a diploma.

I planted a tree on --- day---2012 name of child. I hope that the clubs agree to support this program because it is not to stressful to set up. I believe that this would be a great zone project.

LONDON CENTRAL LIONS

They installed another new member bringing their total now to 46 They donated \$1500 to the GODERICH RELIEF FUND through the Local Lions Club Donated \$450 to the Blind Bowlers. Finished off their 5 year commitment to St Joseph Ivey for \$50,000.00 Committed to the Ivey Institute to purchase a new DESAIY MACHINE FOR CORNEAL TRANSPLANTS They continue to work Bar-b-Que until the end of November 2011. They held their 90th Anniversary in September 2011. They held a special Dedication Service for 2 members that passed away Lions Stu Smith and Lioness Evelyn Hussey

LONDON EAST LIONS CLUB

Installed 3 new members in June 2011 Made donations to ST JULINS PARK FESTIVAL DONATED TO LIONS CAMP DORSET They are taking part in HEALTH VISION DAY at LONDON CENTRAL LIBRARY Taking part in CANADIAN DIABETES ASS.

TAG DAY. They have 3 members that work very hard on the committee for the London Dog walk

LONDON NORTH LIONS CLUB

They have set aside \$6000 for LONDON LEADER DOG Held 13 Bar B Q's at Sherwood Forest Mall this past year Are in mail campaign fund raiser Gave 8 students of London Schools A DR.BETHUNE AWARD worth \$100 PLUS A CERTIFICATE. EARL'S WORKSHOP made 150 toys for MERRYMOUNT and CPRI. EXETER SANTA CLAUS PARADE will use London North float. Visitation to Lucan and Granton Lions Clubs

HYDE PARK LIONS CLUB

Have added 2 new members bringing their total to 17 members.

Held a very successful season with Country Cruizin at the Fleetwood Farm with all proceeds going to EYES RIGHT—WILL CONTINUE WITH CRUZIN NEXT YEAR They would like to thank the Delaware and Lambeth lions for their support this past year November they did their Annual Highway clean up on a stretch of Hwy 21. Santa Claus parade permits done and all sponsors have committed filled it up, there will be new floats and new faces. Salvation Army Christmas Kettles will be looked after at a WALMART. HYDE PARK will visit Delaware and a couple of other clubs in the New Year. They will be doing the FIREWORKS SALES and are great supporters of the LONDON DOG WALK. As you can see all CLUBS ARE WORKING LIKE FAMILY AND THEY ALL BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN ACHIEVE.

Zone Chair 2 South Lion Rob Neill reported he has completed 2 club visits, Dutton & District Lions and Rodney Lions Club. The St. Thomas Lions Club hosted the 1st Zone Advisory Meeting and 5 out of 6 clubs were represented. Club reports were presented and a Zone Project was discussed. The Monthly Activity Reports are coming in slowly. I have advised all clubs of the tree planting project and asked them to report any plantings to me. I have received a few club bulletins and enjoy reading them.

Zone Chair 2 East Lion Les Youngson reported he I have completed all my club visits and plan to have a follow up meeting later in the year. I have completed 2 of my advisory meetings. In my first meeting, we had Lion George Croft and 1st Vice District Governor Lion Wayne Cudney come to speak on GMT with a discussion afterwards. We presented a zone project, camp discovery & it was discussed and voted on and passed.

In my 2nd advisory meeting, we had Robin Farley of the Canadian Diabetes Assoc. speak to us about camp discovery. It's held at Stevenson Children's camp in Dorchester for children with type 1 diabetes. We then presented Robin with our cheques totaling \$1655 to help support the camp. This amount will allow 5 children to attend the camp.

UNDER TREE PLANTING

So far: Belmont 8 trees, Dorchester 10 trees, Springfield 2 trees, & Thorndale 22 trees. That totals 42 trees so far for our zone with more to come.

Belmont has 1 cub & Thorndale 1 cub.

I have reminded the clubs of the many awards to work for. Also reminded them of their donations to LCIF and gave a brief outline on the Club Excellence Program and encouraged them to look into this program.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Belmont- tent rentals are doing very good. They have been busy cooking many breakfasts and lunches. They also did a fish fry and they operated the bar at many functions. They have set up the park for the coming Christmas season & for the Santa Claus parade. They hosted an exchange student for a week & have donated to the Tara Boom Huston Foundation.

Dorchester- Has been busy with the playground program for kids. Ran a bbq for the grand opening of IDA Drug Store in Dorchester. Handed out candy at the fair parade. They are doing the lighting of the lights for Thames centre office building Nov. 27. They have started preparing for their Christmas trees sales. They visited the Lambeth Lions Club, they also donated to block parents, march of dimes 4h clubs, seniors transportation, Canada day fireworks, free wagon rides at Dorchester fair.

Springfield- They have been busy this summer helping the Leo club in their projects. They have donated to corner cupboard, East Elgin Secondary School scholarship, 3 Harry A Newman Awards.

Thorndale- we have been busy this summer working with the food booth, blood donor clinic, operated the bar for a bean party for a fellow lion member, continued work on the Lions Medical Center and hosted 7 exchange students for a week. They have donated to 2 local schools, minor hockey, Goderich lion tornado relief fund, & effective speaking.

Zone Chair 1 Central Lion Mary Drouillard reported she is slowly trying to fit into her new position as Zone Chair. Learning something new at each meeting. Since the last District Meeting I have had 1 Zone Advisory Meeting and I have visited 2 clubs so far. I had the honor of helping PDG Mark Mahovlich induct 4 new members in Leamington. A few of my clubs participated in Tag Day for Diabetes on Nov.12, 2011. Membership is up in my zone by 7 members. All clubs are very active as Christmas is the time of helping and giving to the less fortunate. My next Zone Advisory Meeting will be hosted by the Lakeside of Tecumseh Lions Club on Feb. 1, 2012.

Zone Chair 1 East Lion Mike Blonde stated I have visited 3/5 clubs. One Zone Advisory where all clubs were represented, with the exception of Lighthouse Cove. 34 people attended. All clubs are actively fund raising with dinners and breakfasts. All clubs are active in helping with packing and delivering Christmas food baskets, Chatham and Blenheim are collecting used glasses and Blenheim is also collecting used printer cartridges. Everyone is donating to various charities. Blenheim and Tilbury have one new member each. Lighthouse Cove is again having their Motorcycle draw and Chatham is having their annual breakfast.

Zone Chair 1 West Lion Valerie Burningham reported Clubs in 1 West know that I am only an email or phone call away. All clubs in the zone are encouraged to build their membership and to have fun. A good example of this is the Harrow Colchester Lions Clubs pasta evening the other night. They had several clubs get together and not only from 1 West, for a simple informal pasta dinner were everyone could discuss fundraising challenges and membership. A great evening thank you Harrow Colchester you rock. Clubs in 1 West are all very involved in their communities. Christmas Parades, adopting families for the holidays, Christmas food baskets for the needy, mittens and socks for kids all happening. Good to see these Lions living the motto 'We Serve'.

Lions in 1 West are busy planning for fishing derbies, fish fries, gathering computers and electronics to recycle them for cash through computers for kids. Lions are out on the street selling fruit cakes, raffle tickets and hot dogs at events and bingos. They are busy raising funds for the work they do in their communities and though it's work they are having fun, way to go! At the Zone advisory we all enjoyed the presentation by Dr. Mohamed Moussa; he explained vision therapy how it works with expected results. Clubs are encouraged to submit reports though that can be a challenge we continue to work to that end.

Motion by ZC 2S Lion Rob Neill, Seconded by ZC 24N Lion Barb Tuxford to accept the District Officer's reports. Carried

DISTRICT CHAIRS REPORTS

The following are the highlights from the District Chairs Reports:

Diabetes Awareness – Lion Bev Wirta

Effective Speaking – PRC Lion Ron Lindsay

Lion Ron reported this year, the MD'A' Chair for Effective Speaking is– Lion Mark Gunby P.D.G. of District A-711. Last year's program, was dedicate in the *Memory of PDG Adriaan Van Dongen*. We had an increase in Speakers for the French Category, thanks to the support of all the District A-1 Lions and Lioness Clubs that supported the program with their donations and getting Student for the Speaking Program. We had 37 Lion Clubs, 10 Lioness Clubs giving support last year. I Have received Donations from 12 Lion Clubs and 1 Lioness Club so far this year, London Central, Amherstburg, Harrow Colchester, Windsor Downtown, Kingsville, Lakeside Tecumseh, Blenheim, Chatham, Thorndale, Lambeth, St. Thomas, Melbourne and Wheatley Lioness. This is a good start, so please support this program. This is such a vital program for our District. The suggested amount per club is \$150.00. The cost for everything has gone up Hotels, Food, Gas this hurts our programs. *Please give what you can, but if you wish to donate more, feel free to do so.*

Eyes Right- Lion Harry Wismer

Lion Harry reported our current project has been to provide the very latest in corneal transplant surgical equipment for Hotel Dieu - Grace Hospital in Windsor. Our pledge was to contribute \$75,000.00 over a three year period. To date, thanks to our wonderful Lions, Lioness and Leos, we have contributed \$50,000.00 Of our total commitment. We do anticipate that with your continued generous support at the parade of cheques during the Annual meeting in January at Thorndale that we may fulfill the total amount. We hope to present the final payment at the convention in April. I would be remiss if I did not recognize the substantial financial commitment and support by the Windsor Downtown Lions (\$25,000.00) and the contacts by Zone Chair Val. Our new website is up and running thanks to PDG Lion Don McKessock. Go to www.lionseyesright.ca for info on the Foundation, our mission, and past and present projects. Our greatest request now is to educate members and the public on the need to donate body organs for transplanted on the passing of a loved one. The donation of one eye may restore the sight of five visually impaired people. The total amount donated to Eyes Right and

distributed to area hospitals is now in excess of \$650,000.00 and continuing. The Board is extremely grateful for your support during these trying economic times. We are ever mindful of this when we commit your hard earned funds to a project.

Remember -- this is your Foundation. All funds are spent in District A-1.

The Board is here to serve and are constantly available to answer questions or speak to your clubs. Just ask us.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) – PDG Lion Don McKessock

Lion Don reported, last year District A-1 Lions donated \$19,170 to LCIF! I feel good! While District A-1 Lions can be proud of this achievement, they also need to recognize the challenge for their support of worldwide humanitarian causes is greater than ever.

- ❑ The District A-1 Connection with LCIF has been tenuous. District A-1 received more from LCIF in 2011 than it donated (a \$22,000 grant to Healing Garden Project) and District A-1 ranks 9 out of 10 MDA Districts in LCIF donations. What a wonderful opportunity to make a CONNECTION! That is the challenge – and having become familiar with the incredible works of LCIF projects, I gladly take up the challenge to connect the A-1 Lion to LCIF. Making this connection will help both District A-1 Lions and LCIF. It's a win/win! I feel good!
- ❑ Accomplishments to date:
 - ❑ The A-1 LCIF website has been installed (thanks Lion Curtis),
 - ❑ Goals for 2011-2012 have been set with the help of District A-1 Leadership
 - ❑ **2/3 Club Participation in LCIF Support**
 - ❑ **Target Donations set a \$16,000**
 - ❑ The CONNECTION PowerPoint completed
- ❑ On the Horizon
 - ❑ Letter to Clubs
 - ❑ LCIF Contributing Member Program
 - ❑ I will gladly speak on LCIF to Club/Zone Meetings – I promise it will be informative, perhaps even entertaining, and hopefully inspiring.

Lions, the need for worldwide humanitarian support is greater than ever

As LCIF Chair, it is my intent in this coming year to elevate District A-1 Lions awareness of their obligation to champion worldwide humanitarian causes through LCIF. I am quite confident that a CONNECTION will be made and we will meet our LCIF support goals. I feel good!

Leader Dogs for the Blind – PZC Lion Bev Powell

Lion Bev reported he expressed Governor Steve's desire to raise sufficient funds to pay for one Leader Dog. To date I've received two cheques and I'm aware of a third sent directly to Rochester. I've also had inquiries to speak to two Clubs which I hope to accomplish in January. I've spoken with Leader Dog, both on a personal level and on behalf of our District. A reminder to all our Clubs is that Leader Dog maintains a Canadian Bank account for all contributions from this side of the border. Even though the funds eventually support a service purchased in the US; the Canadian account fulfils any obligation your Club may have to spend your funds only in Canada. Whether you send your cheque to me or directly to Leader Dog the funds will be deposited in their Canadian Account.

Leo Clubs – Lion Gail Tanner/ Lion Cheryl Schleihauf

Lion Cheryl reported Lion Gail and I have visited with two of the Leo clubs in our District. We were warmly welcomed. We enjoyed both visits. This District has approximately 60 Leo's who are very active within their communities. They also work with their Lions club. Activities this fall include: Handing out Halloween candy, helping with Halloween parties; National Diabetes Tag Day; Stuff the Bus for the Local Food Banks; monthly dances for grades 5-8; Parades; Blood Banks.

Lioness Liaison – Region 1 PDG Lion George Vary

Lion George stated I am pleased to report that my official visits to the Lioness Clubs of Region 1 have been completed. All three clubs have submitted their M&A and Quarterly Reports in a concise and timely manner. The clubs have been visible in their respective communities and all are successfully pursuing Fund Raising activities. Membership in each of these clubs is strong and I had the opportunity to induct a new member into the Wheatley Lioness Club on my visit. All three clubs are supporting the youth of their communities by funding and personally assisting in projects such as school breakfast programs, Coats for Kids and Local Kids Christmas Parties. Lioness members are also attending nursing homes and assisting seniors. The clubs have all supported District President Ruby's project Crohn's and Colitis, as well as supporting the goals of District Governor Steve. In closing, I would like to add that the Lioness Clubs are a definite asset to their communities and to the Lions Family. Thank you Dist. Governor Steve for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Region 1 Lioness Liaison.

Lioness Liaison – Region 2 PDG Lion Joe Elliott

Lioness Liaison – Region 24 PRC Lion Mike Tuxford

Lion Mike reported the Arkona Lioness again did a great Murder Mystery for their meeting, through the first part of the mystery we enjoyed a wonderful dinner... They also worked at the Arkona Car Show at Rock Glen, by helping throughout the event. On November 6, I was a guest at the Lioness District meeting in Belmont where I commended them on a 100% support of Eyes Right. This year's project is Crohns and Colitis, which I'm sure they will get 100% participation once again. I once more requested their support for Goderich Tornado Relief. I am looking forward to another year of great meals and hospitality.

Lions Foundation of Canada (LFC) – PRC Lion Jim Lystar

Lion Jim reported he has visited 7 Lions Clubs, 1 Church Meeting & 1 multiple A Lions Foundation of Canada Meeting.....Yes I am Busy Let me say good bye to Quigley #5 Mini Poodle Now 11 Months old and is on recall for Explicit Seizure Dog Training and Hello to PUCK #6 He is a 3 Month old Standard poodle and is replacing Quigley. As I said before all it cost you for an excellent speaker is 2 meals and the puppy comes free.

Long Range Planning – PDG Lion Bill Bissonnette

PDG Bill reported the Long Range Planning Committee met on Sept. 29, 2011 in Chatham. The main item of discussion was the rezoning of District A-1. Since we no

longer have Regions we are no longer constrained by these boundaries. This item is currently in the committee and recommendations will be made in the New Year. The meeting on Tuesday November 29, 2011 has been cancelled.

GMT – Lion George Croft

Lion George stated schedules were established to commence visiting Zone Advisory meetings with one or more GMT team members as guest speakers to introduce GMT to the clubs. Presentations were given on October 4th at Zone 1 Central, October 12th at Zone 2 East and October 25th at Zone 24 South. Unfortunately presentations at Zones 1 West and 2 North had to be postponed until January due to circumstances beyond the control of the GMT team. Team members will speak at Zone 2 South in January and 1 East on May 1st. We expect to confirm dates for presentations at Zones 24 West and 24 North soon. Your GMT team consisting of Lions Wayne Cudney, George Croft, Don McKessock, Joan Cope, Dale Taylor and Eric Dolansky believe that our District will grow and members increase their knowledge of Lionism this year with the able assistance of all the Zone Chairs and other dedicated Lions. Please contact any members of our team if you require assistance.

GLT – PDG Lion Jacqui Flood

PDG Jacqui stated there were three lions that attended the Club Excellence Program Facilitators' Course, in Markham, November 12/13th. Each Region was represented, ZC Les Youngson (2 East), ZC Grant Oliver (24 South) and Jacqui (1 Central). It was an excellent week end and we were well informed of the CEP. Our goals are to bring it to each of our clubs then offer it to the rest of the District. We have one club that has requested the program and will set the date in the New Year. As GLT Coordinator, I have requested each Zone Chair to complete the Guiding Lion Course to be prepared in the event that there is a new club formed in our District. Our Governor Steve will be completing the form today. Next on my agenda is the development of the club officers training. Plus keep in mind that the *Faculty Development Institute for March 9-12, 2012 in Ottawa, Ontario. Submission Deadline: December 30, 2011*

Motion by ZC 24N Lion Barb Tuxford, Seconded by 2nd VDG Lion Bob Tanner to accept the District Chairs reports. Carried

OLD BUSINESS

- LCF tax receipt status has been approved.
- GMT & GLT Budget status is that the budget has been referred to the Finance Committee.
- Status on campus club workshop is they are still working on it.
- Report on the Chinese and Korean Community- Zone Chair 2 North Lion Sandy Leadlay stated the Chinese and Korean Community Centers are trying to get in touch with the people that would help us in working towards our goal of gaining members from their community to either join existing clubs in London area or to establish their own clubs. I was finally able to reach JOAN LEE PRESIDENT OF THE CHINESE COMMUNITY. I spoke with her asking if I could attend one of their meetings and she sent me an e-mail stating that she would put my request on

the November agenda. I have not received any notice at this time but will try again next week.

The KOREAN ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT IS DAVID JOSEPH PARK. I have spoken directly with him and his comment was that most of the people in the Association are business people and they are extremely busy at this time of year. We left it that I would try to contact him again in January of 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ **Motion by ZC 24W Lion Sondra Sasse, Seconded by 2nd VDG Lion Bob Tanner to donate \$250.00 to Lions Quest. Carried**
- ❖ **Motion by 2nd VDG Lion Bob Tanner, Seconded by ZC 1 East Lion Mike Blonde to accept ZC 2 North Lion Sandy Leadlay report on the Chinese and Korean Community. Carried**

DRAWS

The 50/50 Draw for \$162.00 was won by Lion Don MacKinnon of the Port Stanley Lions Club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lion John Johnston from the Belmont Lions Club is a candidate for 2nd VDG
- 2nd VDG Lion Bob Tanner from the Petrolia Lions Club is a candidate for 1st VDG
- 1st VDG Lion Wayne Cudney from the St. Thomas Lions Club is a candidate for District Governor of District A-1
- Ailsa Craig and District Lions Club New Years Day Levee 1 to 5 January 1, 2012
- Glencoe District Lions Club Trivia Night January 21, 2012
- Poplar Hill & District Lions Club Trivia Night February 25, 2012
- Chatham Lions Club Annual Breakfast March 4, 2012
- District A-1 Convention Pelee Motor Inn Leamington April 14 & 15, 2012

CLOSING REMARKS

Governor Steve announced that even though the Lions Club boundaries were removed by Lions Clubs International a few years ago, all Clubs are being asked to use common courtesy and call or write a letter notifying the area club if your club is planning on being in that area for your clubs activities. Your club name should also be visible when doing so. Governor Steve also announced PZC Lion Curtis Marwood is the new Co-Youth Exchange Inbound Chair.

The next District Meeting will be held January 22, 2012 in Thorndale.

This meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Submitted by,

Lion Ron Devos

District A-1

Cabinet Secretary