

**District A-1 District Meeting  
January 22, 2012  
Thorndale Lions Community Centre  
Thorndale, Ontario**

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

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

Received Regrets from: ZC 1W VAL BURNINGHAM, ZC 2S ROB NEILL

Also in attendance were 15 Club Presidents, 10 Club Secretaries, 1 Treasurer and 48 Lions which total to 74 Lions at the third District Meeting.

The Meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. with the singing of "O CANADA" followed by 1<sup>ST</sup> VDG Wayne Cudney reading a list of Lions that have passed away since our District Meeting in November 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 Thorndale Lions Club for hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> District A-1 District Meeting. Governor Steve stated membership worldwide was at 1,370,300 and that our membership in District A-1 was at 1210 an increase of 6. Governor Steve also stated Lions International has released that to date 6,644,475 trees have been planted and 16,486 of these trees have been planted in Canada.

Cabinet Treas. Joyce Doucet gave her report as follows:

<b><u>OPENING BALANCE</u></b>	<b>\$35,867.94</b>
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**Cheques that have been written:**

Chq #258	Canadian Diabetes/Diabetes Cavalcade	\$200.00
Chq #259	Canadian Diabetes/Diabetes Awareness	\$200.00
Chq #261	Strathroy Lions Club/Cabinet Mtg Costs	\$250.00
Chq #255	Lions Quest/Cabinet Mtg Speaker	<u>\$250.00</u>
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>		<b>\$900.00</b>

**Service Charges**

November 30, 2011	\$14.76
December 31, 2011	<u>\$14.06</u>
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28.82</b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENCES</b>	<b>\$928.82</b>
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**DEPOSITS MADE:**

Dec. 30/11	Youth Exchange	\$2,672.00
Dec. 30/11	District Dues/Draw	\$689.00
Jan. 13/12	Effective Speaking	\$1,420.00
Jan. 20/12	District Dues	\$117.00
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>		<b>\$4,898.82</b>

**CLOSING BALANCE****\$39,837.94**

**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 ZC 24N Lion Barb Tuxford, Seconded by ZC 2E Lion Les Youngson to accept the Treasurer's report. Carried**

Cabinet Sec. Ron reported the November 27, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Bob Tanner, Seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Wayne Cudney to adopt the minutes as e-mailed. Carried**

Cabinet Sec. Ron read the Special Cabinet Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2012 held at the Belle River Lions Hall in Belle River Ontario. **Motion by ZC 2E Lion Les Youngson, Seconded by ZC 24N Lion Barb Tuxford to adopt the minutes as read. Carried**

Cabinet Sec. Ron also reported he has received the following correspondence:

- ❖ Nomination & Endorsement Form for 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Wayne Cudney from the St. Thomas Lions Club is a candidate for District Governor of District A-1
- ❖ Nomination & Endorsement Form for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Bob Tanner from the Petrolia Lions Club is a candidate for 1<sup>st</sup> VDG
- ❖ Nomination & Endorsement Form for Lion John Johnston from the Belmont Lions Club is a candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG

**DISTRICT OFFICERS REPORTS**

The following are the highlights from the District Officers Reports:

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor's Report**

VDG Wayne Cudney reported since the last Dist. Meeting I attended zone 24s zone advisory meeting Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> in Mt. Brydges also zone 2s advisory meeting in Pt. Stanley on Jan 18<sup>th</sup> and assisted PDG Lion Dale Taylor with a GMT presentation. Presently I am going through a learning process within the District. As I prepare for the upcoming year as your Dist. Governor. I am currently looking for those Lions with leadership capabilities to come forward & join our cabinet for next year, some have already declared their intention. So if you are thinking about these positions don't hesitate to contact me. Give yourself the opportunity. It surely will be a memorable experience. Next year as your Dist. Governor my theme will be dedication & communication. We must remain dedicated to the job ahead of us as well; I will keep the lines of communication open. I

invite each & every Lion to contact me with any issue you feel important. If I don't immediately have the answer I certainly will respond as soon as possible. We look forward to a great year ahead.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor's Report**

VDG Bob Tanner reported since our last cabinet meeting I have attended 4 zone advisory meetings (1W, 24W, 24S and 2S) and a New Years Levee hosted by the Ailsa Craig Lions. On Sunday January 15/2012 I attended the special cabinet meeting held in Belle River, to learn about rezoning our great district. During a recent business trip to Toronto to the Landscape Ontario trade show I met 2 gentlemen with a booth called "Goderich Tree Project". They are a registered charity from Goderich and are "orchestrated project with the purpose of replanting and renewing landscapes in Goderich" including planting of trees on private property. I have brought 20 of their brochures along. I asked them if they had talked to their Lions Club, and explained the International Presidents Goal. This would be a great way for our district to serve a community in need. Is anyone interested in a trip to Tampa Florida???? This week I received promotional brochures the Lions Leadership Forum. More information can be viewed on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and the International website. I am currently taking the Vice District Governor training, which I am supposed to finish at the MDA council meeting in March. I have begun working with 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Governor Wayne to understand his wants and needs next year.

**Zone Chair 2 North Lion Sandy Leadlay** I would like to start by thanking the clubs in my District for their Patience and support as I have been busy with my Dad over the last 2 months. I still have 2 Zone visitations and 2 Zone meeting to finish out the year. We are hopefully moving forward with the Zone project of Planting trees with the Thames Valley Conservation authority. The cost for each club will be \$680 and we should plant 225 trees that day. It always amazes me how each Lions club even at the busiest of times manages to pull to-gether and just keep working on helping people. To save time I will cover some.

LONDON NORTH LIONS: Held an awards night for Dr Norman Bethune Gave 7 High school students \$100 certificates, helped Exeter and Hyde Park with Santa parade. Gave gifts certificates of \$100 to CPRI coordinators, also 50 toys to Earl Crisp workshop  
HYDE PARK LIONS new member to be inducted this month with possibly 2 more. Held Santa parade

will continue next year with fund raising via COUNTRY CRUZIN, Thanks goes to Lambeth and Delaware lions for helping out. Worked Salvation Army Kettles. This club always gives great support to the Dog walk.

LONDON EAST LIONS donated Diabetes, Camp Dorset, Mission Services, Childreach, LCIF, CROUCH NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE. Helped out at the London library on Vision day

LONDON CENTRAL LIONS held a special Ladies night in December with 51 people attending. Donated to LCIF, LIFE WORTH LIVING, LFC, MISSION SERVICES, FOOD BANK, SALVATION ARMY, GEORGE BRAY SOCIETY, JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY and worked the Kettles for the Salvation Army. Have set aside Money to Plant Trees in the spring with the Thames valley conservation Authority. Gave a special GPS SYSTEM to a blind student in London.

I am still trying to get a meeting with the Korean and Chinese associations in London. Nothing to report as yet. TO FINISH

A doctor was addressing a large audience in London. He said “the material we put into our stomachs is enough to kill most of us sitting here. Years ago. Red meat is awful. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. High fat diets can be disastrous, none of us realizes the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water. However there is one thing that is the most dangerous food of all and we all have eaten, or will eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it? After several seconds of quiet a 75 year old man in the front row raised his hand and softly said “WEDDING CAKE”

**Zone Chair 2 South Lion Rob Neill** reported since my last report, I have visited the Lambeth Lions Club and Highgate Lions Club. I have completed 4 of my 6 official zone visits. I had my second Zone Advisory Meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Port Stanley. We had a great attendance from 5 out of the 6 clubs represented. The Zone Project voted on was to assist in purchasing and planting trees in Goderich. Lion Wayne Cudney and Lion Bob Tanner announced their intentions to run for District Governor and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor respectively. PDG Lion Dale Taylor did a GMT presentation to the group.

**Zone Chair 2 East Lion Les Youngson** reported the clubs in my zone have been busy over the past month with Santa Claus Parades, Bingos, Breakfasts, and Christmas Tree Sales. They have made donations’ to CDA, Farmers night, Thorndale Agricultural Society, Salvation Army, The Zone Project, and purchased Christmas Gifts for the needy children in their area. My Jan 4<sup>th</sup> Advisory meeting had to be cancelled till March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Zone Chair 1 Central Lion Mary Drouillard** reported since the last District meeting I have completed 3 of my 6 Club visits. I am finding each club is working hard for their communities. Kingsville has been busy with Bingo’s, Blood Clinics as well as donating to various Charities. Essex has sold Christmas cakes, donated to the community such as Essex Food Bank and enjoyed a Christmas Party hosted by Lakeside Lions. Leamington has sold Christmas cakes, do Blood Clinics and donating to the community at Christmas. Belle River was very busy suppling medical equipment to the community as well as doing Bingo’s and selling Christmas cakes. They also host a party for the Belle River children such as at Halloween. They are very involved in their community. Wheatley continues with their monthly draw of a trip and continues to donate to various Charities. Lakeside Lions inducted a new member, sold Christmas cakes and money was collected for the Essex Food Bank for baskets to the needy at Christmas. Enough money was collected to buy 11 turkeys. I am very proud of all my clubs.

**Zone Chair 1 East Lion Mike Blonde** stated since the last Cabinet Meeting I have not visited any clubs. The only reports I have received are from Chatham Lions. Zone Chair 1 East (myself) along with one other (Sparky the clown) visited The Ridgetown Village Nursing Home as Santa’s helper, dressed in the traditional Santa Outfit. This is a yearly event. The next Zone Advisory for 1 East will be at Lighthouse Cove on Feb. 01/12. Guest speaker will be Lion Jackie Tofflemire.

**Zone Chair 1 West Lion Valerie Burningham** reported Clubs in 1 West have been busy and involved in their communities, they have adopted families over the holidays, participated in community parades, given food baskets and needed personal items to those in need. They have been living the Lions motto 'We Serve'. Though finding it a challenge, clubs in 1 West have all been working to increase as well as retain members in their clubs. They have placed ads in local papers invited friends and currently hoping to find some success with this. Lions in 1 West are busy planning for upcoming fishing derbies, fish fries and steak dinners. They are gathering computers and electronics to recycle them for cash through computers for kids. 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 GMT member Lion Joan Cope, she spoke on how Lions International is a Global Organization with clubs in over 200 countries and how the focus of the GMT is membership. Clubs are encouraged to submit reports though that can be a challenge we continue to work to that end.

**Zone Chair 24 North Lion Barb Tuxford** reported the Lucan Car Draw was held and a member of the Lion's family was the lucky winner, Lioness District Secretary Trudy Brown won herself a GTO. I attended the Ailsa Craig Levee on New Year's Day Our next Zone Advisory meeting is in Ailsa Craig, Tuesday January 24th Granton & District Lion's second annual Winterfest will be held on February 19th from 1130 to 1430, hot dogs, hot chocolate and skating

**Zone Chair 24 South Lion Grant Oliver** reported as of this report we have 7 Clubs in Zone 24S with a total membership of 217 lions. All clubs are active and functioning well. To the best of my knowledge all clubs are current with their financial obligations. Our clubs have been busy with many and varied fund raising and other activities such as Turkey Bingos, Christmas draws, Santa Claus Parades, TV auctions, manning Salvation army Kettles, trivia nights, tree planting with Scouts, highway clean ups and seniors Christmas parties. In addition the clubs of Zone 24 south have supported many various community and Lions charities such as Boy Scouts, Women's Rural Resource Centre, Salvation Army, Sari, Eyes Right, LCIF, Canadian Diabetes, YMCA Children's Center, Thames Valley Children's Center, Leader Dog, Make a Wish Foundation and the Strathroy Middlesex Hospital. As you can see a very busy and productive time for the Zone 24 south Clubs and they should be proud of their accomplishments over the last reporting period.

Two zone meeting have been held and attendance at both has been excellent. The latest meeting was held in Mt. Brydges on Jan 16<sup>th</sup> with 49 lions in attendance. PDG Lion Don McKessock was our guest speaker and presented to us information on LCIF and why we as clubs should consider supporting this worthwhile Lions Foundation. We currently have 2 proposed zone projects on the table and will make a final decision on this zone activity at our next Zone Advisory Meeting. Club "must visits" have been scheduled and are under way at this time.

At this time I have completed 3 of my official visits and all others are scheduled. Official visit reports have been submitted.

**Zone Chair 24 West Lion Sondra Sasse** reported I am happy to report that attendance at our January 16, 2012 ZAM totaled 90, with every club within Zone 24W represented, including 2 Leo clubs. During this zone meeting, a presentation detailing events surrounding the special cabinet meeting (notably the rezoning of District A-1) stimulated much discussion. I sincerely hope that in the days to come, we have the opportunity to bring forth as well as discuss the many concerns and suggestions voiced at our Zone 24 West meeting, notably the role of communication. During our zone meeting, the Lions clubs within 24 West unanimously voted to support the annual zone project. Many thanks to Lion Gord Perry for co-coordinating the project and all who readily volunteered to organize the prize board along with ticket sales. Christmas season brings out the best in Lions and nowhere is this more evident than in Zone 24 West. I apologize to all 24W clubs as time does not permit me to elicit all your service activities, fundraising efforts and donations, of which there were many! However, these will be included in my written submission to DG Steve. FYI – Bluewater President Lion Larry Nutt has successfully recovered from surgery and is now scheduled for chemotherapy. 3 of our zone clubs have inducted 8 new members. I will present the Leos reports in full. Petrolia Leos reported that their membership, of 24 hard working members, recently held a successful food drive before Christmas and filled a school bus with over \$8,000.00 worth of food for the food bank and approximately \$2,500 worth of toys. Their future plans include a charity BBQ and their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Mother’s Day Breakfast. Glencoe District Leos reported that their monthly dances, held at the Glencoe District High School for public school youth, have been quite successful. These dances are well attended by youth who must sign an agreement to abide by a code of conduct. Although Lions chaperone these fundraisers, the Leos police the event themselves. They are also active in assisting Lions, notably at blood donor clinics and our upcoming Trivia Night. Well done, Leos of Petrolia and Glencoe. After hearing the Leos’ presentations, I was very impressed with the dedication and leadership skills of these young people. Following the submission of club reports, it was very evident that all Lions within our zone have been very busy, much to the benefit of many communities and individuals. To all Zone 24 West Lions, Leos and clubs, a sincere congratulations. I continue to be in awe of your dedication, hard work, and commitment. It is a pleasure to represent you and I can assure you that I am committed to representing all Lions within our zone.

**Motion by ZC 24N Lion Barb Tuxford, Seconded by ZC 24W Lion Sondra Sasse to accept the District Officer’s reports. Carried**

### **DISTRICT CHAIRS REPORTS**

The following are the highlights from the District Chairs Reports:

**Bulletin – PZC Lion Linda Fowler No Report**

#### **Constitution & Bylaws – PDG Lion Bill Sasse**

Lion Bill reported on the following recommendation: District A-1 Constitution & Bylaws should be amended by deleting Bylaw VIII in its entirety. Rationale: the provisions of Bylaw VIII “Attire” would more appropriately be set out in the District A-1 Policy Manual. It would be my recommendation that the District A-1 policy Manual be first

amended by a motion of Cabinet before placing the constitutional amendment on the ballot.

### **GLT – PDG Lion Jacqui Flood**

PDG Jacqui stated it has been very quiet during the Christmas season. Now that it is over it is time to make a difference.

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> I am booked to attend the Zone Advisory at Lighthouse Cove. Hopefully clubs will start to see the value of the Club Excellence Program.

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> the Essex & District LC will be holding their CEP with a potluck dinner.

Strathroy-Caradoc LC date to be booked for their CEP in the near future. I am prepared for any leadership training. All I need is Lions to request a session. I can go to any Zone/Region to give presentations. A decision needs to be made when the incoming Zone Chairs want their training session. We need one day. Do you want it connected to the Convention or separate? Also training for the incoming Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, & Membership Chair? Again do you want it connected to the Convention or separate? I need guidance ASAP

I will be setting a date to meet with Governor Steve to plan dates for Officer Training as well as a program for the Convention.

### **GMT – Lion George Croft**

Lion George stated since the last report to cabinet on Nov. 27/11, the GMT Team has continued its efforts to introduce GMT to the clubs through GMT members appearing as guest speakers at Zone Advisory meetings. In addition to presentations on Oct. 4th at Zone 1 Central, October 12th at Zone 2 East and October 25th at Zone 24 South, GMT Team members have introduced GMT, as guest speakers, at Zone 1 West on January 3rd and Zone 2 South on January 18th. We expect to speak at Zone 2 North on February 27th and Zone 1 East on May 1st. Dates have not yet been confirmed for the remaining two zones but our team is anxious to spread the word in a cost effective manner to as many clubs as possible this year. Many thanks to the Zone chairs who have welcomed our team members. Their clubs are now aware of the change to the District GMT and who to contact should they wish assistance with new member orientation, membership growth, establishing a club website or other membership related matters. The GMT Team has an interesting Orientation presentation intended to involve participants in learning more about Lionism or refreshing their existing knowledge. We hope this may be presented at a District function later this Lion's year. GLT District Coordinator Jacqui Flood will be speaking to this meeting about the new Club Excellence Process. The Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Club voted last fall to participate in this exercise and I've been advised that the Essex & District, Melbourne & District and Thorndale Lions Clubs are also interested. Our GMT team looks forward to working with the GLT team to ensure that the Club Excellence Process is as successful as resources permit this year. The GMT proposed budget totaling \$800.00 was E-mailed to Governor Steve on November 17th. He advised by phone on January 14th that while the items for materials and miscellaneous totaling \$300.00 seemed okay, that the \$500.00 for a new power point projector for use in the eastern portion of the District would not be approved by the District. He further stated that he expected the Cabinet to decide soon how the \$500.00 passed in the District budget last August 28th plus the \$1,000.00 MDA voted last fall to

pass to each of the ten districts, for GMT & GLT use, will be apportioned. We eagerly await the answer, as almost 7 months of this Lion's year has elapsed and the majority of Districts in MDA budget about \$2.00 per member for GMT & GLT use which would be about \$2,400.00 in our District. Phrased another way, this District's GMT & GLT Teams are grossly underfunded compared to the other districts in MDA and our District's membership remains below the 1,250 threshold. Our team believes that the District will grow this year as many clubs have new members and we congratulate them on their fine efforts. Please feel free to contact any GMT member if you or your club requires assistance with any membership issue.

**Golf Tournament- Lion Gary Phelps** No Report

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

**Lake Joseph Transportation – Lion Peter Best** reported the objective is to provide safe, convenient, low-cost transportation to and from the CNIB Lake Joseph Centre for blind, deaf blind, visually impaired, their escorts and dog guides. As reported in November next summer's project is still in the organizing stage with some details yet to be confirmed and therefore my report is limited. However things are progressing: CNIB LJC's early registration program offering campers a \$50. Discount off their camp fee, has prompted the campers to get their requests in early, and reserve a seat on our bus. Currently we have 30 requests. In summary; It is still early in the year and things do tend to change. I am facing the usual organizing challenges, but anticipate things will work out well and we will have another fun filled successful summer trip. The camper eagerness is already starting to build. I will have confirmed information by April's meeting to prepare a more informative report. I appreciate the support from all the Clubs who have continued to make this unique service available to the blind and visually impaired in our communities. As previously requested: I would like one or two Lions to join me in the organizing and operating of this project. It would be my preference to have a committee to discuss and assist in the handling the activities. I have been doing it for several years and I know your input and assistance will make a difference in the future success of the District A-1 LJC Transportation Project. Please contact me for further information, YIL Thank you, once again for giving me the opportunity to be part of this valued service to the blind and visually impaired in our great District, and I hope you are proud of what we do and will continue your generous support.

**Leo Clubs – Lion Gail Tanner/ Lion Cheryl Schleihauf** reported since September, your Leo co-chairs have made official visits to four of the six Leo Clubs in District A-1: Springfield, Glencoe, Dutton and Petrolia. All clubs appear to be lively, alert and enthusiastic about their activities, fundraising and service projects, and are well supported by their sponsoring Lions clubs. The Lion Leo advisors in particular have expressed appreciation for our visits, which have consisted of bringing greetings from the district, observing club meetings, and providing information on incoming and outgoing Lions Youth Exchange as well as host family opportunities. Several Leos from the Petrolia and Glencoe clubs attended the 24West Zone advisory meeting on January 16. We are



looking forward to visiting the remaining two Leo clubs when the weather is more predictable. Plans for a Leo event at convention will depend on projected attendance.

**Memory Box – PDG Lion Dale Taylor** stated as this is the first year for this position; I would like all officers and presidents to know I am available to speak at your club regarding the Memory Box Program. At present Lambeth Lions are making and supplying the London Hospitals with memory boxes that are given to families when they have a child pass away. We are also supplying one of the hospitals in Windsor. Our program has spread to Ottawa and the Niagara Falls areas, and we working on getting into the Hamilton and Kitchener hospitals. Our club cannot possibly make enough boxes to supply all of Ontario, so we purchase high quality boxes to resell to Lions clubs in other areas. We sell them for exactly what it costs; we are not in this to make money only provide a much needed service. If you or your club or Zone would like more information on how you can become involved please contact me.

**Sight/Work with the Blind – Lion John Johnston** No Report

**Youth Exchange Outbound – PDG Ev Spiering** No Report

**C0-Youth Exchange Inbound – PZC Lion Curtis Marwood** stated Lioness Carol and I met briefly with the Governor and Lion Ev after the last cabinet meeting for the transition to the positions of co-chairs. Since then, I have produced a memo which has been circulated to the clubs with the dates for the hosting and camp.

It was agreed that I would receive the applications and organize the host families and Carol would take the lead in organizing the camp. We will be getting together before the Convention to plan the camp program. We have agreed to host 16 youth. If we have a good response from hosts, we may consider accepting more, but we would need to know how many host families we have by mid-March. So please help us find hosts. I will be contacting hosts from last year soon.

I have received 2 applications and request to hold 7 more places from total of 6 countries so they are starting to come in. I have also had offers from several host families.

As I explained in the memo, I would encourage club members to collaborate by sharing the responsibilities of hosting. According to Youth Exchange policy, host families need to have police clearance for all members of the household over 18.

Lion Ev is looking after the out-going Youth Exchange program.

**Webmaster - PZC Lion Curtis Marwood** reported I am pleased to report that the use of the internet is growing in Lions. Clubs should be receiving weekly blogs from International and monthly newsletters from International President Wing-Kun Tam. Lions International has produced some good YouTube videos. Lion Bob Tanner referred to the many resources on-line and Lion Jacqui reminded members of the training Webinars. Let your club members know about them.

There are 2 ways District A1 Lions can be more active on the internet.

1. How many Lions are on Facebook? How many have seen the District A1 Facebook page? I have created a Facebook Page for District A1 Lions. If you haven't checked it out, I would encourage you to look at it. Thirty-five people

have “Liked” the page, so we now have our own name. A few clubs (2 or 3) have posted news of an activity on it. It is an open page so anyone can view it and post on it.

I have been using it to highlight some of the news from International and occasionally items of public interest about Lions. You can use it for that purpose also. If you are trying to reach the public, use the page to promote your events on the internet and encourage your members on Facebook to share the event with their friends.

A few clubs are using Facebook to share news of their activities, notably Petrolia. If you want an example of how a club is really using Facebook, join Petrolia Lions Group. (I caution you, though. You might regret it.) It is an open group. They have 119 members and 120 photos. They are a busy club and their Facebook shows it.

2. Google Groups has 36 members. Don Geddy from Strathroy Lions has been using it to share their newsletter. If more people start using it, more Lions will find it useful.

If your club does not have web site, you can get started easily with e-Club-house. Those who have a web site, remember that it is important to keep it up to date.

Thanks to the memo sent out by Lion Ron, I started receiving photos from clubs of their events. As you send me photos for the web site, I will create a web photo album just for your Club. Keep the photos, notices and reports of your club’s events coming.

**Motion by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Bob Tanner, Seconded by ZC 24W Lion Sondra Sasse to accept the District Chairs reports. Carried**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Wayne Cudney had announced at the November 27, 2011 District Cabinet Meeting that he had planned to bring back Region Chairs. After attending the Special Cabinet Meeting held January 15, 2012 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Wayne Cudney spoke with 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Bob Tanner and they have both agreed there would be no need to reinstate Region Chairs. They have both agreed to have a Lion or Lions, as a District Chair to be named later to coordinate a meeting between Zones 1&2, Zones 3&4 and Zones 5&6.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- ❖ **Motion by ZC 24N Lion Barb Tuxford, Seconded by ZC 24W Lion Sondra Sasse to delete Bylaw VIII in its entirety from the Constitution and Bylaws.**

### **DRAWS**

The 50/50 Draw for \$162.00 was won by Lion PDDG Bob Henry of the Blenheim Centennial Lions Club.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Thorndale Lions Club will be having a breakfast Sunday January 29, 2012
- Port Stanley Lions Club presents Skip Prokop and his 6 piece band Smooth Side Saturday February 11, 2012

- Melbourne & District Lions Club Shrove Pancake\Sausage Supper Tuesday February 21, 2012
- Thorndale Lions Club will be having a Dinner Theatre Brunch Sunday February 19, 2012
- Poplar Hill & District Lions Club Trivia Night February 25, 2012
- Chatham Lions Club Annual Breakfast March 4, 2012
- Windsor Downtown Lions Club Steak & Auction March 23/24, 2012
- Thorndale Lions Club Social Gaming Event & Elimination Draw March 31, 2012
- District A-1 Convention Pelee Motor Inn Leamington April 14 & 15, 2012

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Governor Steve announced:

The next District Meeting will be held April 14/15, 2012 in Leamington at the District A-1 Convention.

This meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

*Lion Ron Devos*

District A-1

Cabinet Secretary