

**District A-1 District Meeting
August 26, 2012
St. Thomas Seniors Centre
St. Thomas, Ontario**

Governor Wayne Cudney acted as the chairperson with the following District Cabinet Officers in attendance:

1 ST VDG BOB TANNER	2 ND VDG JOHN JOHNSTON
CAB. SEC. RON DEVOS	CAB. TREAS. ERIC DOLANSKY
ZONE 1 ZC MARY DROUILLARD	ZONE 2 ZC STARR MOODY
ZONE 3 ZC ROB NEILL	ZONE 4 ZC SANDY LEADLAY
ZONE 5 ZC BARB TUXFORD	

We received regrets from the following:

IPDG STEVE MAHOVLICH	ZONE 6 ZC JOYCE DOUCET
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Also in attendance were 12 Club Presidents, 11 Club Secretaries, 4 Treasurers, 35 Lions and 1 Guest which total to 63 Lions & 1 Guest at the first District Meeting.

The Meeting was call to order at 9:05 a.m. with the singing of "O CANADA" followed by the 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 Wayne welcomed everyone in attendance and set protocol. Governor Wayne announced our International President Wayne Madden goals and spoke on his own goals as well.

PDG Allister Cameron performed the Installation of the new District Cabinet Officers for the 2012 / 2013 Lions year and officially introduced the Cabinet to the Lions present. Governor Wayne thanked PDG Allister Cameron for doing the installation.

Cabinet Treasurer Eric No Report

Cabinet Secretary Ron reported the June 10, 2012 District Meeting minutes were e-mailed to all District Cabinet Officers, District Cabinet Chairs, Past District Governors, Club Presidents and Club Secretaries. The new Cabinet Officers were also e-mailed a copy and a hard copy was placed in their package. **Motion by ZONE 5 ZC BARB TUXFORD, Seconded by ZONE 1 ZC MARY DROUILLARD to adopt the minutes as printed and e-mailed. Carried**

DISTRICT OFFICERS REPORTS

The following are the highlights from the District Officers Reports:

1st Vice District Governor's Report

VDG Bob Tanner reported I have set my goals for this Lions year:

- 1) Organize and hold a region Rally for Zones 1, 2& 6
- 2) Visit 25 clubs by January 2013

- 3) Attend 6 Zone Advisory Meetings, 1 in each Zone.
- 4) Develop a list of Club PR chairs to share ideas and success stories
- 5) To participate in 3 Club Excellence Procedures.

To date I have attended:

- *The Zone Chairman training, in Chatham
- *MDA - CEP Train the trainer in Markham
- *District A1 finance committee meeting.

2nd Vice District Governor's Report

VDG John Johnston reported

Introduction;

- Thank Governor Wayne
- Introduce myself and my Roles and Responsibilities.
- i.e.
 - o Report Directly to the Governor
 - o Work with 1st VDG Bob Tanner and both of the Chairs of the Global Leadership Team Lion Jacqui Tofflemire-Flood and the Global Membership Team Lion George Croft.
 - o Primarily work with and Assist Zone Chairs Lion Rob Neill of Zone 3, Lion Sandy Ledley of Zone 4 and Lion Barb Tuxford of Zone 5.
 - o With the chief objectives of;
 - Growing membership within District A1 back to the June 30th 2012 membership level plus one percent by June 30th 2013.
 - Communicating to the membership Governor Wayne's objectives for his year as Governor.
 - Finding and developing new leaders among the members of A1.
 - Having replacement Zone Chairs ready to pick up the reins of leadership from Zone Chairs who will be moving on.
 - o I will do this by;
 - Working directly with my current Zone Chairs in Zones 3, 4 and 5 to identify their individual goals and aspirations for 2013-2014.
 - Should they be moving on, work with them to identify possible replacements for them within their Zone.
 - Actively promote and develop new candidates to run for the position of Zone Chair.
 - Attend a Zone Advisory Meeting in Zones 3, 4 and 5 before the end of November 2012 and 1, 2 and 6 before the end of January 2013.
 - Help to promote the Region Rally concept again within Zones 3, 4 and 5 and bring back the knowledge that it is an honour and privilege to serve your district in whatever capacity you so choose.

Zone 1--- **Zone Chair Lion Mary Drouillard** reported she has been a member of Tecumseh Lakeside Lions since we chartered in 2002. I have taken on the jobs of Secretary, Vice President and President. I am very active in all our projects. Now I am moving on to a greater task. I am proud and excited to be Zone Chair 1 of District A-1 for another year. My goals this year are to increase membership and improve communication

in my Zone. I will work with each club and keep track of their individual accomplishments each month. By the end of 2012 I hope to see an increase of 2 to 8 new members in my Zone. I will visit each club and keep them informed of what is happening in our Zone and The District through a newsletter each month. My plan if I succeed is to have Zone 1 feel like one big happy family.

Zone 2--- **Zone Chair 1 Lion Starr Moody** reported she is a member of the Kingsville Lions Club since 1995. I am a very active member and help my club in any way that I am able. As Zone Chair my goals are to

- Keep it simple
- Have fun
- Increase membership, communication and club interaction
- Have a Zone Project to aid Diabetes or Eyes Right
- Most of the clubs in Zone 2 submit their membership reports on time so my goal will be 100% participation.

Zone 3--- **Zone Chair Lion Rob Neill** reported he has all Club Visits and Zone Advisory Meeting dates have been set and I am ready to go. My first goal this year is to run informative and Club Meetings and Zone Advisory Meetings. My second goal is to get a Zone Project organized and completed in good time.

Zone 4--- **Zone Chair Lion Sandy Leadlay** reported he would like to thank Governor Wayne and Jackie Flood for the great Zone training program back in early August. It was very professionally done and very informative. The discussion for the Zone chairs was well handled and in my case many new ideas and thoughtful help was given. I recently attended the CLUB EXCELLANCE PROGRAM and it was the most in depth training sessions that I have ever attended. I gained a real new respect for what Lions clubs are learning and how we can help all lions club in the future. I plan on working this into future meetings with the clubs in District 4. Our agenda for club Visitations and Zone meeting have been set. I have planned an aggressive visitation program for the clubs in the upcoming year. I hope to have open sessions about Lions on our 2nd visitation and let the clubs talk about what it is they like about Lions and what they think that we could do better. Club reports

Delaware Lions club was nice enough to send me there report for July. They have quite the busy summer. Nice thing that they are doing is helping Hyde Park Lions with there Cruise Nights. Great advertising for lions with the Hanging of Flowers and daily watering in the town of Delaware. Canada celebrations along with communities of Komoka and Mount Bridges. Bingo's at the London Bingo hall and some lions helping with grass cutting along Longwoods road to keep it neat.

London Central Lions

They will continue to have Bar-b ques at the Canadian Tire store thorough out the summer and fall. Meeting have started on next Years FIGHT FOR SIGHT with Ivey Institute. Helped out with this years Dog walk in London. London central works each year repairing old bikes and selling them to raise money for their Charities. This is coming up Sept 9 at Western and Sarnia roads. London Central has been working over the summer on a new Web page and Social media program.They hope to have it up and

running in Sept. I will keep everyone informed on how it is working because we are targeting a younger age group.

London North Lions

In May they were recognized as 1 of 19 clubs for the TOP DOG AWARD FROM Leader dog of Rochester Hills Mich. Leader dogs have been in business for 73 years and have supported 14,387 dogs with 50 clubs active in Ontario. 15 in District A1 They have a total of 4886 club donating and 19 are getting the award. CONGRADULATION TO LONDON NORTH AS BEING ONE OF THOSE CLUBS. They also support our local dog walk with donations. Paid money to send 1 child to camp Dorset.

HYDE PARK AND DISTRICT LIONS

Have participated in the London dog walk. They will continue to support the Cruize nights through out the summer.

Attended the Thorndale Lions Anniversary and the Lambeth Lions open house.

Set up Fireworks sale for July and the Fire works site with some good sales Will continue to work on the Santa parade in the late Fall season London North Lions no report at this time. Good News Finally have a date for the Fanshaw College and the possible chance to introduce a Lions Club on campus. They have a special CLUB DAY ON SEPTEMBER 27, I have asked London Central participate and we work toward getting a good info presentations put together I WOULD LIKE TO ASK ALL CLUBS THAT IF THEY KNOW OF ANYONE OR HAVE ANYONE. THAT IS ATTENDING THE COLLEGE. TORY HOLMES SAY'S THAT HAVING SOME STUDENTS THAT ALREADY KNOW A LIONS MEMBER IS A BIG HELP.

PLEASE CALL SANDY LEADLAY OR GEORGE CROFT

All we need is to have at least 10 members sign up and the College will give them the go ahead. They will also supply \$400 to help with startup expense.

Zone 5---Zone Chair Lion Barb Tuxford reported this is always the most difficult report to write, as our official visits and meetings have not started. I was honoured to be invited to Poplar Hill Lions to induct their new executive, and enjoy a night of friendship. We as a cabinet were able to attend a most informational GLT session in Chatham, recently and out of that came many ideas, to improve Zone communications and work on the Dreaded "M" word... I have already started working on our Zone Newsletter... If we know what others are doing in our Zone, we can support them and through word of mouth, encourage others to join us. In September, Arkona has a Car Show on the 15th from 9 – 3..\$5.00 for classic car, spectators FREE and you can see great classics, enjoy a some BBQ from Arkona Lioness, and visit the museum, or walk the boardwalk ,all things that Arkona Lions and Zone 24N Lions are responsible for, the next day Sunday, Poplar Hill Lions are hosting a Pancake breakfast in their park 9 – 12 and I was told if you are there early, you will see a parade of Model "T"s, since the car club is coming for pancakes, If you feel like a little more exercise, Lucan is hosting a Terry Fox Run the same day. Thorndale Lions are also hosting a Car Show on September 23rd at Thorndale Fair Grounds from 10 – 4... Sept 28th Ilderton and Poplar Hill will be cooking up some food at Ilderton Fair and some clubs are busy this weekend with the VON walk, ride and roll held in Poplar Hill. These events are some of the things I found when surfing the net, but we have to work on getting all Lions at least a web site to advertise their events.

Looking forward to an interesting year in Zone 5, but saying that, I am taking applications for Zone Chair 2013-2014 starting today.

Zone 6--Zone Chair 24 South Lion Joyce Doucet reported she On August 11, 2012 I attended a "Learn to Lead" Seminar in Chatham along with my other 5 stupendous Zone Chairs. On August 25, 2012 I attended a "Club Excellent Process" Seminar in Markham, Ontario where the talent and knowledge in MDA is stupendous. My Goal as Zone Chair this year is to produce a Zone 6 Information newsletter. This newsletter will try and achieve one of Governor Wayne's goals for "Communication". I hope to have this up and running by Thanksgiving. I will be in contact with each club secretary to try and pull the dates together that each club has an activity scheduled for. By producing this Information Newsletter I hope that if other clubs are short of volunteers for a project, any individual club can ask a fellow Lions club to help out.

This is my wedding day! I can ask no better reward/goal/achievement than that BUT the newsletter for the zone will be another goal I can set for myself. Have a great Cabinet Meeting. The rest of us are still partying in Sarnia.

Motion by ZONE 1 ZC MARY DROUILLARD, Seconded by ZONE 4 ZC SANDY LEADLAY to accept the District Officer's reports. Carried

DISTRICT CHAIRS REPORTS

The following are the highlights from the District Chairs Reports:

Bulletin Contest – Lion Steve Andersen No report

Co-Leo Liaison Lion Cheryl Schleihauf/Lion Gail Tanner reported Lion Gail and myself plan to visit all the Leo clubs in our District again this Lions year. We are keeping in contact with the MD"A" Leo liaisons also and are hoping to be able to attend the Leo Conference in the spring of 2013. Our goal is to have the 3 students who went out on Youth exchange this past summer to speak at a Leo get together. We are helping the Kingsville Lions club in getting their Leo club started.

Constitution & Bylaws PDG Bill Sasse stated the Constitution & Bylaw Committee is generally a reactive committee in that it is generally only activated in response to required changes or amendments that may be identified by Cabinet from time-to-time. The committee's advice may also be sought regarding interpretation of Constitutional matters. Therefore, for the most part, the committee does not initiate any activity on its own. Having said that though, I'm not sure how long it has been since the Constitution and By-laws had a major review and reorganization. After years of use and modifications, the document will sometimes require a thorough review to ensure that all provisions remain valid, organized and in accordance with the International Constitution. We may be approaching that time so if it is the Cabinet's wish, I would be prepared to undertake that review and report back to Cabinet. The Constitution and By-Laws were amended last Lion's year following a resolution that was passed by the voting delegates at our last convention. The newly amended Constitution & By-Laws is available for

viewing on the District A-1 website. I would encourage all members to review it and notify your District Officers of any concerns that may be identified.

Diabetes Awareness Lion Bev Wirta reported my report will be brief as it is the start of the Lions year but I would like the clubs to know that letters have been sent out to each club advising of this year's tag day which is to be held on Saturday, November 3. The event has been scheduled earlier this year in order that it will not coincide with Remembrance Day activities and fundraising. Please let me know as soon as possible if your club would like to participate in this year's Tag Day so that supplies may be ordered. Posters and supplies will be provided for each location that your club would like to make their presence. It is a fun day to kick off Diabetes month across Canada. My best wishes to Governor Wayne and I look forward to working with the clubs in District A-1

District A-1 Convention PDG Don McKessock stated The goal of the convention team this year is simple – to make District A-1 Lions 2013 Convention the best ever!

Two days of fun, fellowship, entertainment, information and memories

Leamington Pelee Days Inn April 13-15, 2013

Over a thousand tasks to make this all happen

We have the team to make it happen!

Highlights

2014 Contract with Holiday Inn signed

New convention team meeting format

Improvement List of 31 items

Updated Convention Manual

District A-1 Reporter/ Public Relations Lion Shawn Davison No Report

District Eyes Right Foundation Lion Harry Wismer reported a quick report on the activities of "Eyes Right" since my last update in April.

To those attendees at convention you will recall we completed our pledge to Hotel Dieu - Grace Hospital in Windsor. The final cheque for the corneal transplantation equipment was made to Dr. Ann Chiu, the eye surgeon, representing the hospital. As we are now entertaining proposals for our next project, I met with the new fundraising chair of St. Joseph's Foundation. I suspect they will present a "wish list" for our board to consider at our next meeting. We are also advised that another request may be forthcoming. I would certainly be remiss if I did not comment in the fantastic support, both morally and financially, of our Lions, Lioness and Leos. Our board is continually astonished at the backing you continue to give us. Thanks to all of you. We Serve So Others Can See!!

Effective Speaking PRC Mary Mahovlich stated As always your financial support is needed and greatly appreciated, But I am asking more from you than just your money. My goal this year is to increase the number of participants in this beneficial contest.

I previously met with the Zone Chairs and it was suggested that we could accomplish this goal by holding Zone Contests; the winners going on to the District Level. I will be sending a letter to all the clubs explaining this in more detail.

I am willing to come to Club and Zone Meetings as a speaker or to help set this

up. The Effective Speaking Contest provides an opportunity for all the participants to gain an essential life skill that could conceivably effect their future - Yes our future leaders. Please help me reach my goals both by giving financially and by taking an active role in this great program.

Environment PDG Evelyn Spiering reported this is a fairly new position within our District; the International President has made Environment one of his key programs this year. Last year President Tam encouraged us all to plant trees and we did embrace this challenge and surpassed his original goal of 1 million trees. I would like to know what your club does to help our planet. Is it roadside clean up, or a community cleanup in the spring. Let me know I will have more information for you in the weeks to come. Established in 1998 with the first tree being planted in memory of PCC Stew O'Brien, the Lion foundation of Canada Memorial Forest located in Breslau, Ontario has grown and is a lovely way to remember a Lion/Lioness who has passed away and with this gift helps our foundation with the ongoing training of our Guide dog Programs. Each year in June a dedication ceremony is held for the new trees planted in honor of a loved one. This committee also encouraged photographers to get involved, I would like to ask all you camera nuts to consider entering the Photo contest, the categories are as follows, animal life, plant life, Landscape and weather Phenomenon each entry will be displayed at the District Convention where all convention attendees will vote on the overall winner, that entry will be sent to MDA to be displayed at the Convention and if you are a lucky winner then the photo will be sent on the LCI for display at the International Convention All Photos must be 8 x 10 (20.3 x 25.4 cm) and can be sent to me along with the official entry form.

Finance PDG Joe Elliott reported

1. 2011-2012 Financial Audit is well underway, but we are waiting for a couple small items so that we can finish up. Everything to date looks fine, however until those items come forth, Immediate Past Chair Bill Sasse and Chair Lion Joe are waiting to proceed.
2. The Committee looked at the District A-1 2012-2013 budget draft from District A-1 Treasurer Lion Eric and Governor Wayne. There was good, healthy discussion on a lot of the items and the committee is pleased to endorse the budget for 2012-2013 Lions year.
3. In the process of delivering the District Budget, the item of "Basic Rules of Audit" for District Chair travelling expenses was brought to the table. In our discussion because we were trying to approve the budget for this District Meeting, it was decided because there is no recommendation by District Cabinet, that we could not include any funds for travel expenses.

There was a motion by Lion Joyce Doucet/second by Immediate Past District Governor Lion Steve for this 2012-2013 District Budget, the District Finance Committee's recommendation is to pay honorarium only to District Chairs. That motion was carried.

The second recommendation, by the finance committee, was to ask Governor

Wayne and District A-1 Cabinet to ask Long Range Planning to look into this matter, for their recommendation on Rules of Audit for District Chairs.

4. There was considerable time spent discussing all activities of District Chairs, District projects, moneys donated and different bank accounts that are involved in maintaining the many activities of this District.

It was suggested that we continue to remind club leaders to send all donations for District activities and District projects to the District A-1 Treasurer. District Treasurer Lion Eric will keep District Chairs informed of what moneys are donated by the clubs to each of the appropriate activities

Thank you to all members of the committee, including Governor Wayne and Vice District Bob for their attendance at our meeting.

GMT PDG Jacqui Flood stated what is GLT (Global Leadership Training?)

The GLT allows for a concentrated emphasis on the functional, operational training and education of leaders, coupled with motivational development, identification and effective recruiting of qualified leaders. Identifying skilled potential leaders and promoting for leadership development at all levels of the association will expand the quality of LCI's leadership base.

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

My Goals for District "A" 1

- Zone Chair training completed August 11th and all Zone Chairs attended.
- Four members of the GLT attended the CEP (Club Excellent Program) Facilitators Training last week-end in Toronto. That makes 7 CEP Facilitators in our District. We are available for you
- Club officer training will be this afternoon. One request was to have a membership Chair session which has been incorporated in the sessions
- Identify clubs & encourage them to participation in CEP & GLT sessions
- Club officer training will be held at the Convention this coming year.

- Attend Zone meetings and be available for various topic presentations throughout the District (E.I. How to Develop Presentations, Time management, Conflict Resolution, Diabetes Update, etc.)
- Liaison with GMT

GMT Lion George Croft Our goal is primarily to assist Governor Wayne to achieve his goals of 2 new clubs, 40 charter members, 30 new members in existing clubs and a net growth of 63 members. These goals are ambitious but with everyone in this room and all the dedicated Lions throughout our great District working together, we believe they can be achieved. Our GMT Team this year is currently, First VDG Bob Tanner, PDG Don McKessock, CT Eric Dolansky and ZC Sandy Leadlay and you should all feel free to contact any of us for assistance at any time. We have booked dates with all the Zone Chairs for a GMT Team member to be guest speaker at one of their Zone Advisory meetings and we thank the Zone Chairs for their cooperation. We have obtained some printed material from LCI. A great deal more information is on their website and we'll download and print more as handouts for every club as we visit these meetings, subject to approval by the cabinet of sufficient budget to do so. We will assist any club which wishes to establish a Website or produce a club brochure. We will have a Team meeting later this afternoon.

Governor's Newsletter/Webmaster PZC Curtis Marwood reported Although I have been somewhat preoccupied this summer with the Youth Exchange, I will be updating the site as soon as possible. I was told on Friday that the site was not available. I checked on Saturday with the host and domain provider and they corrected a problem so it is now back up. I will also be adding a security site lock and domain privacy service to secure the domain name and site. The address is simple to remember: allions.ca
I am also the owner of the District Facebook page where Lions can post announcements of their events. I will be adding the new Directory to the web site shortly. It is updated as changes are received. If you provide me with corrections or changes, it will be the most current listing of club and officer addresses. Clubs who do not have a web site are urged to get started with E-clubhouse.

Goals-Assist clubs with websites and Update website to current accessibility standard.

Hearing/Work with the Deaf ZC Barb Tuxford stated Over the summer I have been working with Meridian Hearing to get some type of hearing tests for children in our schools. So far the only person I have talked to is the owner, who doesn't do the tests, the audiologist is on vacation for the month of August. These hearing centre's are predominately in the London Area, but we have to start somewhere to accomplish this goal Mr Doogge, was previously a Lion on the east coast, and he can see no barrier to us donating our hearing aids to their aide program, where we can actually see them doing some good. Lions would get credit in advertising at Meridian Hearing Centre's. They have a very active hearing aid recycling program and send audiologists to various locations at least once a year ie Honduras, Haiti, etc. I will continue to explore this avenue over the next few weeks. On another note, Fido's casting call is out again for a new dog for their advertising, I have entered mine, but only because Fido will match \$1.00 for each vote, and donate the proceeds to Dog Guides Canada...you have until

September 10th to vote for your favourite, which hopefully will be “Jackson”, but since there are 20 other dogs with that name, just go in “Tuxford”, and you can vote every day until September 10th, so that’s \$15.00 per person for Dog Guides, it does add up. Lion Mark Mansell of Washington State, cycled from Portland, Oregon to Portland, Maine, 3500 miles to hopefully raise \$35000 for Leader Dogs...Lion Mark was in Ontario the end of July on his journey and I was able to talk to him for a few minutes, I found out he was here by accident, and not sure if anyone was told about his journey...I did let some Lions East of us know he was coming so he had places to stay between Port Stanley and Niagara Falls...what a great commitment, and oh by the way he has raises \$89,594 so far..Congrats Lion Mark

Lake Joseph Transportation Lion Peter Best reported I am once again pleased to report another successful summer project. This season started off with its usual confusion, but with patient persistence all was soon worked out. It was necessary to use an alternate bus charter company this season due to unavailable coaches. The alternate charter worked out very well. The bus arrived on time on Sunday July 8, 2012, and after attaching specially prepared colour coded luggage tags all cargo and passengers were assisted by volunteers onto the bus, departing promptly on schedule, Donuts, juice and water snack was distributed compliments of the Windsor Downtown Lions, which made for a great sendoff. This season I was assisted on the bus with a female volunteer. We both volunteered our time while up at CNIB LJC. Elaine with her boundless energy was a great hit with the vacationers and really helped make our trip comfortable and something special. On our arrival in London for our second pickup and lunch break, we were met by nine smiling wonderful Lions from London, North, East and Central Lions’ Clubs who came out to assist and share in the enthusiastic energy. Our stopover was for one hour of hectic, excited chatter and confusion, but with the willing help of the Lions, it was a great experience for all. For a number of seasons past, I have received requests from campers along our route, but wasn’t sure whether I should be servicing out of our District. I decided this season to try to accommodate a few since there was available space. This additional service caused little delay in our travel time and cost nothing extra, but it was truly appreciated by those who were able to travel with us. Some of them had no other option. The period at camp was one of perfect weather. The facilities and equipment appeared well maintained, but the availability for use was limited. The meals were a very good variety and quite enjoyable. There was a good variety of activities, but there could have been a little more staff support. There was less unsupervised facilities for independent activity. There were more rules and the adult blind felt they were treated as children. However in general the campers agreed the best part of being at camp is the fellowship and the opportunity to experience the wonderful natural environment. Many are already making plans for next summer. Our return on Saturday July 14, 2012 went very well and we arrived well ahead of schedule. The Lions who volunteered to meet the bus assisted campers and this made the stopovers much more pleasant and smoother for everyone. The cost of this year’s project is \$ 4610.00. About \$200 less than last season, partly due to our volunteer service donated while up at the camp. There is a plan to meet with CNIB LJC in September to review this year’s project to discuss plans for next season. CNIB LJC acknowledges and understands the importance of our transportation service to the blind campers and has expressed a willingness to work with us to maintain

and improve what we do. As the word of our project spreads across the province, it has created interest and envy as well as displaying our quality of service and commitment to the blind in our community, and other areas are now looking to duplicate what we are doing. Our current account balance for this project is very low and insufficient to cover next season, please consider support for this worthwhile service. I would like extend my appreciation to all the Lion's Clubs and individual Lions of our District and beyond for their most generous support for this project. A special thank you to Elaine, for simply being herself. It is my hope that those who were directly involved will acknowledge and pass on the true value of this project, of how our service creates for the blind campers a feeling of joy and independence.

L.C.I.F. PDG Don McKessock stated **my goal this year is simple – to make District A-1 Lions aware of how important they are to making the world a better place through support of LCIF:**

3 Think about it : this is the number of people whose was sight was saved by Lions – just since I started talking to you this morning

2 Think about it: - this is the number of new people directly impacted by LCIF humanitarian grants - since I started talking to you this morning.

➤ Doesn't sound like September 22, 2012

much – but my talk with you so far is less than a minute! - But when you add up this service every minute of every hour of every day over the past 45 years – you too will be amazed to realize over a 100 million people have been helped by LCIF programs!!! And now – just while I have been talking with you this morning – Lions along with their partners – have delivered 1000 doses of measles vaccine - too late for the 2 children who died from complications brought on by measles We have a commitment to deliver 157 million doses this Lions year – the help of all Lions is needed.

Lions, you need to know more about LCIF

You can peruse the LCIF page on the A-1 website to get more information – but I really would like to talk with your zone or club.

Please keep LCIF in mind when scheduling presentations for your zone or club. The District A-1 LCIF presentation is not too long and very informative. – Just give me a call.

Leader Dogs for the Blind PZC Valerie Burningham reported I look forward to working with him and his cabinet and learning all I can about Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan. I look forward to sharing the knowledge I gain with clubs in my District with updated information as I receive it. I can arrange Tours of the Leader Dog facility, because it's best to see the work in action to appreciate the value of your donations as they go into the quality of life for clients as they gain their independence. I will be encouraging clubs to continue to support Leader Dog. We have many Canadians in our District who choose to avail themselves of the benefits of a Leader Dog. I will be writing to all the clubs in my District shortly to ask for their support, and will follow up with personal contact. I have been in contact with Mike Dengate, Lions Regional Representative at Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, and have been promised his full support in our endeavours. He has been and continues to be a wealth of information for which I am very grateful. I want to let you know that Lions Club member Mark Mansell from La Center, Washington has completed his bicycle ride from Portland, Oregon to Portland, Maine in support of Leader Dogs. I know Lions from our District were watching his progress as he did cross into southern Ontario and spent time with

Lions here as part of his trip. His original goal was to raise \$35,000, a dollar a mile for Leader Dogs but thanks to the generosity of Lions Clubs and individual donors he raised \$89,594 wow, and he did it in 51 days. And I feel good if I can do a 10 k ride on my bike. Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 6 pm, the 'Kick off' or Parade of Cheques as I've heard it called will be held right at Leader Dog for the Blind, Rochester this year. Please mark this date on your calendars. I am told they have some surprises and they hope to provide a memorable evening for all. A poster with complete information will be sent to clubs in the District as soon as.

Lions Foundation of Canada PRC Jim Lystar stated, Yes I am back this time I am dog less. Puck is now in training for Special Skills Dog. Quigley will be graduating Hearing Ear program and Odie has entered his new life as a Guide Dog for the Visually impaired. Gov. Wayne you said I do not need a dog as so many Lions in A1 know that I have raised 6 LFC puppies.....Although if I need one for a special event LFC will have one available.....My Wife Lion Joanne wants her back yard back. Yes I am available to go to your club... I hope the financial committee approves that Cabinet Chairs have a gas mileage stipend .I am retired and gas is expensive.

Lioness Liaison East PZC Bob Bride reported my report will have to be no report. As I explained to Gov Wayne I'm still trying to find out what I need to do.

Lioness Liaison West PDG George Vary stated, I have no report to give as Lioness Chairman, other than to thank Governor Wayne for the opportunity to serve on his cabinet this year.

Lions Quest PZC Sondra Sasse reported Historically, Lions have been known for parks and pools. Lions Clubs International (LCI) has changed, evolved with the times and is now actively reaching out to all youth with a program called Lions Quest.

What is Lions Quest? LQ is a life skills and prevention program – prevention is an important word (just think about what is happening to our youth today). Lions Quest involves the school, community and home and is a program that is traditionally taught by teachers in the school.

Lions Quest is divided into 3 sections targeted / geared towards children / youth within specific age groups, from Kindergarten to OAC. One unit within one section has been developed by Canadians and, furthermore, in another section dealing with the senses, Lions in a particular district get involved with the teaching of it and attend the schools with special ability dogs (dogs for the blind and dogs for the hearing impaired).

I challenge you, individual Lions and clubs, to think outside the box – Who can you approach about Lions Quest? How can you implement Lions Quest in your community? How can you get involved?

As LCI has evolved, so too has Lions Quest. There is a growing community component to Lions Quest and that now includes a ***grieving kit***. The kit includes a book titled "Where's Robert?" and an interactive memory book. This may be ordered directly from Lions Quest for approximately \$15. Call me if you should have any questions. Please consider placing a kit in all schools and funeral homes in your area.

We are opening a ***District A-1 Lions Quest account*** this year. At your request, your donation stays there. Hopefully, in the near future, we will then be able to offer a Quest workshop to all who may be interested. Perhaps by decreasing costs we will stimulate participation.

According to material I recently received from LCI – under “Partnerships and Recognition” - Lions Quest lists all Ministries of Education of all Canadian provinces! Why do I ask for your assistance? Why do I ask for you to get involved? Lions Quest is a global success. It has proven positive results. It is needed, by our schools, our communities, and most importantly our youth.

Long Range Planning PDG Bill Bissonnette I won't be at the Cabinet meeting as I will no doubt be suffering from the aftereffects of Joyce & Mark's nuptiations.

Anyway. I have booked Smitty's in Chatham for the LRP meetings - Oct 30, Jan 29 & Apr 30 all 5th Tuesdays. The cost of booking these dates is \$95 + tax = 107.35. Last year Gov Steve got me a cheque after the fact but I thought I might be more proactive this year. Hopefully Gov Wayne and Cabinet will agree again this year or we will have to find another venue and I don't know of any.

Memory Box PDG Dale Taylor reported this year my goal for Memory Box is to insure every member of every club is fully aware of this fantastic program. I will be contacting each hospital in our District to explain the program as it is working with London Health Sciences Centre. If you or your club has a hospital in your area and you would like to have a representative accompany me during a visit or meeting at a hospital, please contact me and it will be arranged. The Lambeth Lions Club is very appreciative of all the support they have been shown by numerous clubs and individuals throughout the district. As with any project of this size it would be almost impossible to do without such fantastic support. I would like to thank Governor Wayne for his support, this project certainly displays the Lions motto “We Serve”.

Peace Poster Lion Carol Balmos stated I am honored to be the Peace Poster Chair for our District; my goal is to have more posters than last year. You ask how many we had last year and the answer is 2, this year I would like to see at least 5 from our District.

Sight/Work with the Blind PDG John Ross No Report

Youth Exchange Inbound PZC Curtis Marwood stated on behalf of the Youth Exchange team, I express my whole hearted thanks to all the Lions and Lioness clubs, host families, and counselors. You came through with host families with a week to spare. I am proud to say that the camp team of co-chair Lioness Carroll Vincent, Lion Sheryl Schleihauf, Lion Robert Book, Lion Trigger and I were a super team. I can honestly say that the camp was a piece of cake with their help.

We had 15 young people from 11 countries hosted by 17 host families.

Although it seemed like a lot of work to organize, I found the experience most rewarding. The youth were a delight and fun to be with. During the camp, they became a closely knit group and were very helpful and cooperative. They are still chatting to each other

and to us on Facebook. I set up a Facebook group for them and there are some photos and videos there which you can see.

Lioness Carroll Vincent arranged a schedule that took us out of camp every day except the last Friday. We went to Canada's Wonderland, Texas Long Horn Ranch for horse riding, lassoing and swimming, Rock Glen and Grand Bend, Niagara Falls and bowling. We were hosted for meals by Mt. Brydges Lions, Lambeth Lions, Belmont Lions, Strathroy Lions, Arkona Lions, Glencoe Lions, Chippewa Lions, Petrolia Lions and Mt. Brydges Lioness. Chatham Lions hosted the host family change over lunch.

Thank you to all who helped to make it a great program, despite the tense moments waiting for host families to sign up. And we only spent a few dollars over the allotted \$6000 plus the \$1500 camp fee the youth paid.

Goals- Visit Zone Advisory Meetings, Get host families by Mar. 15, 2013 for 16 Youth and Accept request for speaking at Clubs.

Youth Exchange Outbound PDG Evelyn Spiering reported this past summer saw 3 students participate in the youth exchange program, My goal this year is to increase that number with the assistance fo the Lions and Lioness within our District I know that we can encourage students to give our Program an try.

All information can be found on the LCI Web site, if you know of a young person who you think would love this amazing opportunity to abroad please let me know I am only a phone call or email away.

Motion by ZONE 5 ZC BARB TUXFORD, Seconded by ZONE 2 ZC STARR MOODY to accept the District Chairs report's. Carried

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

DRAWS

The 50/50 Draw for \$115.50 was won by PDG Allister Cameron, and PDG Allister announced that he would donate ½ (\$57.75) of the winnings to District Governor Wayne's District project for the year.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sept. 15, 2012 Dutton Golf Tournament
- Sept. 22, 2012 Tecumseh-Lakeside Lions Club 10th Anniversary
- Sept. 29, 2012 Petrolia Lions Club 80th Anniversary
- Oct. 20, 2012 Lambeth Annual Fundraiser for the Memory Box
- Lucan Car Draw, 64 Corvette

CLOSING REMARKS

Governor Wayne than thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The next District Meeting will be held November 18, 2012 in Thorndale.

This meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by,

Lion Ron Devos

District A-1

Cabinet Secretary