

**District A-1 District Meeting
November 18, 2012
Thorndale Lions Community Centre
Thorndale, Ontario**

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

IPDG STEVE MAHOVLICH	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 4 ZC SANDY LEADLAY
ZONE 5 ZC BARB TUXFORD	ZONE 6 ZC JOYCE DOUCET

We received regrets from the following: ZONE 3 ZC ROB NEILL

Also in attendance were 13 Club Presidents, 11 Club Secretaries, 3 Treasurers, 46 Lions, 5 Leos and 1 Lioness which total to 73 Lions & 5 Leos & 1 Lioness at the second District Meeting.

The Meeting was call to order at 9:00 a.m. with the singing of "O CANADA" followed by the reading a list of Lions that have passed away since our last District Cabinet meeting in August followed by a minute of silence for the departed members of the Lions Family.

Governor Wayne welcomed everyone in attendance and set protocol.

The 2012 / 2013 District A-1 operating budget was discussed by Finance Chair PDG Joe Elliott and presented by Cabinet Treasurer Eric Dolansky. A copy of the budget was given to each District Officer. **Motion by IPDG STEVE MAHOVLICH Seconded by 2ND VDG JOHN JOHNSTON to accept this report. Carried**

At this time the Leo Club members that were present were introduced. Next we received an informative presentation on Youth Exchange traveling to another country as a Youth Exchange Student by PDG John Ross's grandson.

Cabinet Treasurer Eric reported as of 18/11/2012 seven clubs have not paid their annual dues. A copy of the invoices has been given to the respected zone chairs so they can aid in collecting the outstanding amounts.

The Finance committee had a meeting on Thursday November 15th which I attended. Once again I am offering to help any Club whose Treasurer would like to set up their clubs books on a computer.

A copy of the District A1 Profit and Loss Statement and Year to Date Balance Sheet has been attached:

1 Jul - 18 Nov 12
Ordinary Income/Expense
Income

Profit & Loss

40000 - Income
40010 - Directory Sales 69.00
40020 - GLT/GMT 800.00
40030 - District Dues 10,818.00
40040 - Cabinet Meetings 396.00
Total 40000 - Income 12,083.00
41000 - Donations to Committees
41010 - Effective Speaking 3,750.00
41030 - Youth Exchange 500.00
Total 41000 - Donations to Committees 4,250.00
Total Income 16,333.00
Expense
60000 - General Admin & Expenses
60020 - Bank Service Charges 39.68
60025 - Cabinet Meeting Expense 452.56
60040 - Directories - Printing 814.57
60090 - Name Tags / Pins Cabinet 368.38
60100 - Office Supplies 68.93
Total 60000 - General Admin & Expenses 1,744.12
65000 - Committee Expense
65065 - GLT 321.96
65080 - USA / Canada Forum 1,000.00
Total 65000 - Committee Expense 1,321.96
Total Expense 3,066.08
Net Ordinary Income 13,266.92
Net Income 13,266.92

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ASSETS

Current Assets

Chequing/Savings

10000 - District Account

10001 - Scotiabank District A-1 12,579.92

10010 - Effective Speaking 7,492.48

10020 - Lake Joseph Transportation 1,569.43

10030 - Youth Exchange 8,589.17

Total 10000 - District Account 30,231.00

10055 - Scotiabank Effective Speaking 106.19

Total Chequing/Savings 30,337.19

Accounts Receivable

11000 - Accounts Receivable 1,008.00

Total Accounts Receivable 1,008.00

Total Current Assets 31,345.19

Fixed Assets

16000 - Long-Term Investments

16100 - GIC 1 10,327.82

16200 - GIC 2 16,041.33

16300 - GIC 3 10,000.00

Total 16000 - Long-Term Investments 36,369.15

Total Fixed Assets 36,369.15

TOTAL ASSETS 67,714.34

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

20000 - Accounts Payable 68.93

Total Accounts Payable 68.93

Total Current Liabilities 68.93

Total Liabilities 68.93

Equity

30000 - Opening Balance Equity 55,977.88

32000 - Unrestricted Net Assets -1,599.39

Net Income 13,266.92

Total Equity 67,645.41

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 67,714.34

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Motion by 1ST VDG BOB TANNER, Seconded by ZONE 4 ZC SANDY LEADLAY to accept the Treasurer's report. Carried

Cabinet Secretary Ron reported the August 26, 2012 District Meeting minutes were e-mailed to all District Cabinet Officers, District Cabinet Chairs, Past District Governors, Club Presidents and Club Secretaries. I would also like to report that I have not received any correspondence at this time. **Motion by ZONE 5 ZC BARB TUXFORD, Seconded by ZONE 2 ZC STARR MOODY 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 Since the Aug 26th cabinet meeting I have attended, 2 council meetings, and governor training sessions in Markham. Also participated in a GMT/GLT pit stop and goal reassessment hearing the challenges and successes of the other 9 districts were enlightening. In September Lion Gail and I attended the US/Canada leadership forum in Tampa Fl. We were introduced to the 1st Vice International President who gave us a glimpse of what to expect from International next year, to help us plan for the future of our districts. In our district I have attended the Tecumseh and Harrow anniversaries, 3 zone meetings in zone5, 6 and 1. I did not attend the zone 2 mtg due to the passing of my father which I will attend in December meeting my goal. Lately we have been visiting clubs, 11 clubs to date. I have made 2 GMT presentations at Zone meetings. Attended 2 finance committee meeting. This is the time to thank my club for supporting and traveling with me, and thank everyone who has offered their condolences.

2nd Vice District Governor's Report

- VDG John Johnston reported Goals as outlined in St Thomas on Sunday August 26th;
 - *Working directly with my current Zone Chairs in Zones 3, 4 and 5 to identify their individual goals and aspirations for 2013-2014.*
 - I have done this with 2 of the three Zone Chairs at their Zone Advisory meetings and 1 by phone.
 - *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.*
 - When at the Zone meetings I discuss with the ZC's the need to begin to look for a replacement should they decide to retire from their current duties and if they are going to step down if they are interested in doing anything else within the district next year or especially the year after that.
 - *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.*
 - It has been a pleasure to attend Zone Advisory meetings in Zone 3 Rob Neill, Zone 4 Sandy Ledley. Due to a scheduling error on my part my Zone 5 meeting that will take place in

January 2013. I have also scheduled visits to Zones 1, 2 and 6 which will be complete by the end of January.

- *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.*
 - I am a very lucky person ZC Barb has agreed to help set up a region Rally to be held sometime in late February or early March. Date and venue to follow. The theme, in keeping with International President Wayne Madden's favourite sport, Auto Racing.
- *Other stuff that I have been doing as I move up from 27th in line to the governor's position.*
 - I attended a MD A Global Leadership/Membership workshop in Markham with ZC Sandy, Global Membership Chair George Croft, 1st VDG Bob Tanner and Governor Wayne. A very informative weekend where many ideas were exchanged. An enhanced 3 year plan was developed for both Global Leadership/Membership to move forward with, that I believe will benefit all of us Lions in A1.
 - I also had the pleasure of attending a Zone Advisory meeting with Governor Wayne in Harrow on October 25th where ZC Mary did a great job handling the meeting when you consider there was the Governor, 1st VDG, 2nd VDG and I believe 5 PDG's in the crowd. Must have been that Global Leadership training session that you attended that kept you so cool calm and collected?
 - Finally, if some of you out there are thinking, "4 hours alone in a car with governor Wayne?" I don't think so, you would be wrong. Time just flew by almost as fast as 1st VDG Bob blew by us on the 401 on his way home from the same meeting. We obviously talked about Lions and A1, family, friends, work, retirement, we even figured out how they get the caramel into the centre of a cara-milk bar. What I am trying to say here, is take the time to get to know your club president, secretary, or new member like I was able to get to know Lion Wayne. I am sure you will find someone who is as passionate about this organization as you are and you will become a little smarter and wiser for doing so.

Zone 1--- **Zone Chair Lion Mary Drouillard** reported since the last District meeting I have visited 3 clubs. I am proud to announce one club was looking at possibly 3 new members where as the other clubs are working on recruiting new members. I have held my 1st ZONE Advisory meeting on Oct. 25 at the Harrow Colchester Club; attendance was 33 members from my Zone. At The Zone meeting each club randomly picked another club from our Zone to visit. I attended 2 Anniversaries in my Zone: 20 Years service for Harrow Colchester South Lions and 10 Years service for Lakeside of

Tecumseh Lions. I am looking forward to visiting the other clubs in hopes of helping my Zone to communicate more with other clubs and help each other grow in Lionism.

Zone 2--- Zone Chair 1 Lion Starr Moody reported she completed 2 club visits and one Zone Advisory meeting. I had to learn to send PDF's so my reports were sent late.

Enjoyed my visit to Blenheim and visiting with their new Lion cub. Blenheim members are collecting eye glasses, Purina Dog walk and putting up poster to attract new members. Blenheim donations include Parkinson's society, girl's hockey team, Remembrance Day events and the food bank.

Visited Chatham Lions and they are working bingo, collecting food and eye glasses. Kingsville Lions help with bingo for seniors at a retirement home, assist at a blood clinic, operate a food booth and had a Thanksgiving bingo at their hall. I had the privilege of inducting 5 new Kingsville members in September.

Leamington Lions collect glasses, assist at a blood clinic, and operate a food Booth in the summer and sponsor a hockey team.

Stoney Point have monthly pancake breakfast and working on 2 new members.

Wheatley's two main fundraisers are their coin banks and trip of the month. They worked at the Fish Fest, sponsored a girl at Diabetes camp and purchased and planted 5 trees at Two Creeks Conservation area.

Six clubs attended my first Zone Advisory in Kingsville. Absent were Tilbury and Lighthouse Cove. Sent out a reminder email to the clubs as a reminder to send reports.

Zone 3---Zone Chair Lion Rob Neill reported so far I have completed 2 club visits, Dutton & District Lions and Rodney Lions. My first Zone Advisory Meeting was hosted by the Belmont Lions Club. Club reports were presented and all clubs are keeping very busy. The zone project of a donation to Lake Joe was discussed. Monthly Activity Reports are coming in slowly. I have received a few club bulletins and enjoy reading them. I am looking forward to further club visits in the New Year.

Zone 4---Zone Chair Lion Sandy Leadlay reported well, it's been an extremely busy time for all clubs. I have been trying to complete my Action plan and I am happy to report that I have managed to complete 4 out 5 goals for Zone 4 North. I held 1st Zone meeting at London Central on Sept 27th and it was attended by all clubs I have been able to visit all clubs in the Zone except 2 and they will be visited next week. Our Zone project will be decided on by the end of next week and should be ready to go for early next year. At our meetings we have been trying to suggest ideas that will help with the increase of new members. We are pleased to announce that we have a now formed at FANSHAWE COLLEGE a campus club. It has been accepted by the Fanshawe Student Union. We have 19 students interested and what a thrill it is to work with them. We believe that we will be able to reach the International goal of 20 plus members shortly. I wish to thank all those that have worked hard to make this happen, Lion Jim lyster, Lion Jo-anne Lyster, Lion Ed Busko, Lions Sandra Weinstein. And Leader dog QUIGLEY We have received excellent support from Governor Wayne. PDG Steve has helped in coming up with the needed flags and stands and gavel etc We hope to have a Induction night as early as the first of December for the new Cubs.
DELEWARE AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

They canvassed the area with 27 Lions and worked 162 hours and were able to collect \$7000 for the DIABETES DRIVE. Collected 150 pair of eye glasses- Worked with Hyde Park Lions on Cruise nights at Plunkett Estate. Helped keep the community looking good by cutting grass, planting flowers and keeping them watered this summer. Donated \$4000 to the wellness & rec center in Komoka as part of the 5 year \$20,000 commitment pledge
LAMBETH LIONS

Attended appreciation day at CNIB-lake Joseph camp -helped out at the breakfast Youth exchange. At Lambeth Harvestfest-chaperoned teen dance-entered float in parade-ran BRB-Q at the ball park. Helped Hyde Park Lions with Cruise nights.-attended CNIB WALK IN THE DARK with Pres Dawn and husband Doug- they made the walk Club members have made 36 Memory Boxes and are working on FUNDRAISER in October.

LONDON CENTRAL LIONS

I want to thank London Central for being the sponsor club to the LONDON FANSHAWE LIONS CAMPUS CLUB. London Central has continued working a BARB-Q at Canadian Tire all summer and fall. They will induct 2 members next week with the possibility of 2 more. Plans are coming along on the Fight for Sight Night May 4, 2013. A new addition is the entertainment. They will have ERIC LAMBIER DOING SONGS FROM ELTON JOHN AND BILL JOEL. This man is a true professional and will be doing 2 ½ hour segments. The big thing is that ERIC is blind.

Evening event is \$40.00 with and all you can eat Perch Buffet-a live auction and many other silent auction items available. COMMUNITY NEEDS PROGRAM-- \$3550 authorized for variety of organizations, -Leader dog-Diabetes-Salvation Army-Mission services-George Bray-John Howard Societies and Blind Bowlers

DORCHESTER AND DISTRICT LIONS

Dorchester Lions have been able to line themselves up with the Local Junior C hockey club and are serving refreshments on Game night. Getting good support from the community. Participated in the Dorchester fair- Carriage rides & the parade at the Dorchester Fair. Helped the Legion with bingo nights,

Donated money \$2500 to the Playground in the Park-Dorchester Ringettes \$350 CNIB-\$500-North Dorchester Fair \$450

HYDE PARK AND DISTRICT LIONS

Small but mighty club- Cruise night was a success again and thanks to the other clubs for there help-held a road side clean-up again-continue to support the LONDON DOG WALK May have 4 more new members coming on board. Great Job to the club. Finally Hyde park will be holding there SANTA CLAUS PARADE ON SAT NOV 24 IN THE MORNING. They are asking for HELP ! Would any other clubs members be able to come and help on the day of the parade. They may need Lions to drive cars or just for some odd jobs on the morning of the Parade. PLEASE CALL ELFIE AT 519-639-5669 Should anyone in your clubs be able to show and help?

LONDON NORTH LIONS

Helped with the bus taking kids to Camp Joe during there breakfast stop in London. Held a draw for a Harley Motorcycle and raised \$14,000. THEY MADE A GOOD SUGGESTION AT THE LAST MEETING. GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR LOCAL SMALL PAPERS ORWEEKLIES AND PROMOTE YOUR CLUBS AND EVENTS

LONDON EAST LIONS

We inducted 2 new members LION Terri Dench and Lion Sean Donellan last Tuesday during my visitation. CONGRADULATION TO PDG BILL OVERCHUCK FOR 30 YEARS IN LIONS SERVICE ALSO FOR 10 YEARS OF LIONS SERVICE TO LION LARRY _____ I WOULD LIKE ALL MEMBERS STAND AND GIVE THESE 2 LIONS A ROUND OF APPLAUSE

Zone 5---Zone Chair Lion Barb Tuxford reported over the past months I have held a Zone Advisory in Arkona, and visited with Thorndale Lions....at these meetings the dreaded "M" word was discussed, but it seems to be working. Thorndale has had 3 new members inducted, Tuesday night in Poplar Hill, I will be inducting 4 new members, Lucan has added 1 new member and Parkhill is in the process of adding 5 new members, so somebody is listening to all this great information. I have another couple of visits scheduled before the new year and am hoping to hear about more new members. All the clubs in Zone 5 are actively aiding their communities; I attended a breakfast in Poplar Hill, Thorndale Fair and Car show, Granton Harvestfest and helped sell 50/50 tickets at Ailsa Craig's first Farmer's Night last Thursday....all Lion's activities were well supported by their communities.

Zone 6---Zone Chair 24 South Lion Joyce Doucet reported since my first report in August in St. Thomas the following has happened:

- 1) I went on my honeymoon.
- 2) My husband Mark and I bought a house and it closes December 7, 2012. My house is sold and so is Mark's. This all took place within 3 weeks.
- 3) The first Zone 6 Advisory Meeting took place in Mt. Brydges on Monday, October 15, 2012. In attendance were 72 lions members strong. Zone 6 would like to challenge the other 5 zones to try and have attendance at their Zone Advisory Meetings up if not higher than 72. At this meeting, PRC George Croft, GMT gave a short PowerPoint presentation on club Growth. Not the 'M' word. After presenting their individual club reports, each club drew a name of the club that their members "MUST VISIT". This is a very excellent way to meet lions in other clubs and exchange ideas. Once again the luck of the draw was at play. Wyoming Lions Club drew the Petrolia Lions Club and Petrolia Lions Club drew Wyoming Lions Club. A decision will be made at the next Zone Advisory Meeting in Wyoming what to do for the Zone Projects.
- 4) On October 23, 2012 it was my official visit to the Melbourne Lions Club. Once again, that famous roast beef dinner was excellent. At no expense spared, Lion Grant Oliver gave us a tour of downtown Melbourne. Thanks Lion Grant.

In closing, some Words of Wisdom - "the only people who really love change are wet babies".

Motion by 1st VDG BOB TANNER, 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:

Co-Leo Liaison Lion Cheryl Schleihauf/Lion Gail Tanner reported Lion Gail and I would like to thank Governor Wayne for this opportunity to present to the Lions', a youth who was outgoing on Youth Exchange this past summer. Anthony who was sponsored by the Thorndale Lions went to Northern Italy. He gave us a brief talk on his trip. The Leos then excused themselves from the Cabinet meeting and heard more information regarding Anthony's trip. We had three Leos from Petrolia and two from Lakeside Leos, plus their leaders Lion Tony and Lion Mary. We are meeting with the Dutton Leos on Monday November 19th for our official visit. Lion Gail and I have visited all but two clubs so far this Lions year. We are keeping in contact with the MD"A" Leo liaisons also and are hoping some of our District Leos and their leaders will be able to attend the Leo Conference in Brantford February 22 and 23 2013. We are meeting with the Kingsville Lions this Tuesday November 20th to help in any way we can to get their Leo club formed. We met with the Belmont Lions in September to answer any questions they had as they took over the sponsor of the Springfield Leos.

Diabetes Awareness Lion Bev Wirta reported I would like to thank the Lions, Lioness and Leos who have or will be participating in the 4th Annual Tag Day for Diabetes. I will report the results as soon as I receive them. I would also like to commend the Delaware Lions Club for another successful year of door to door canvassing. This year they raised \$7,695 for the Canadian Diabetes Association and since they began this yearly participation (I believe they began in 1985) they have collected over \$165,000 for the CDA. This has also been a very special month for Lions across Canada. On October 12, I was asked to accept the Canadian Diabetes "Outstanding National Partnership Award" for Canadian Lions at the CDA's Annual General Meeting. The award was presented to honour Canadian Lions for their partnership with the CDA for the past 26 years in spreading the word that diabetes is a leading cause of blindness and retinopathy. MDA Lion Treasurer Jack Fisher and his wife, Lion Evelyn Fisher, Diabetes Chair in District A-3 were also present to accept thank you's from the CEO and President of the CDA, Michael Cloutier. Last Monday night, there was a fire at Camp Huronda and they lost a barn and a large amount of their summer sporting equipment. At this time, they are awaiting the investigation results and will make a decision into the New Year as to what their plans are for replacing the barn and equipment. Although insurance will hopefully cover some of the loss, the camp will need assistance in replacing what is not covered. I am reporting this loss for your information only as no request for funding has been asked for at this time.

District Eyes Right Foundation Lion Harry Wismer reported Since completing our pledge to Hotel Dieu - Grace Hospital in April, our Board has entertained and accepted two proposals from our district hospitals. The first one from Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital was for upgrades and replacement of cataract surgical equipment. The cost was \$4700.00 and a cheque, in this amount was presented to them by past chair P.C.C. Lion Peter Geene. The second proposal from the St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation is for retinal surgical equipment for the Ivey Institute. This state of the art instrument unit greatly enhances the repair of retinal detachments, tears and some macular degeneration. The cost will be \$70,000.00 and our board proposes to pay this over the next three years.

The tremendous support of the Lions, Lioness and Leos of our district is astonishing to our board and we thank you immensely. Please remind your respective clubs of the parade of cheques for “Eyes Right” at our annual meeting at the cabinet meeting in February at Petrolia.

Thanks to all of you. We Serve So Others Can See!

Now I would like to introduce two very important guests to our midst, Michelle Campbell who is the President and CEO of St. Joseph’s Health Care London and Wendy Sanderson-Culley, the Senior Development Officer, St. Joseph’s health Care London. On behalf of the Board of “Eyes Right” and in the presence of the great Lions Family, Lion Harry Wismer presented the initial installment of our pledge to the Ivey Institute to Michelle and Wendy in the amount of \$25, 000.00.

Environment PDG Evelyn Spiering No Report

GLT PDG Jacqui Flood stated Lions International has expanded the Certified Guiding Lions Program to include 6 sections to improve club health

1. Skills of a successful Guiding Lion
2. Knowledge of Material & Resources available to support club health
3. Develop a Club Officer mentor Team
4. Design a Club Officer training
5. Guiding Lion resources to track the health of the developing club
6. Club Rebuilding assessment form to help identify areas of strength & areas that need improvement so the Guiding Lion can adapt the course to meet the unique needs of a struggling club

November 3rd & 4th the GLT & GMT workshop was held in Markham

Those in attendance were, Governor Wayne Cudney, 1st Vice District Governor Bob Tanner, 2nd Vice District Governor John Johnson, GMT Lion George Croft and ZC Sandy Leadlay (who took my place due to family plans). Many great ideas evolved from the meeting, along with discussion on the ideal time for training, Club Excellent Process, and general ideas that work.

The 3 year Goals for District A-1

- 1) We are continuing with the Rebuilding (Guiding) Lion program with 2 people certified and 1 more to be re-certified. It is our intention to expand on our Guiding Lion program by the addition of another Lion to the group for a total of 4.
- 2) Club Officer Training 2012 – 2013
 - a. All clubs will be encouraged to have a 3-member membership team.
 - b. We will train this team on how to bring in new people to join their club and how to retain their existing members.
 - c. Provide a monetary incentive to all clubs in the district payable either to their administration or convention account as a reward for the President or 1st VP, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chair attend the respective training for their position that started at the Cabinet Meeting in St. Thomas on September 26, August 2012 and ending at the A1 District Convention in Leamington April 12th to 14th 2013.
 - d. We will continue this process throughout the year and then every year after that.

- 3) The GLT team has been trained and is functioning within the District. It is our plan to continue to upgrade existing and train new GLT Lions.
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- 5) Continue with the development of standardized local programmes for officer training specifically targeting Presidents, VP's, Secretary, Treasurer and membership chairs.
- 6) We will test market (survey) within the district.
 - a. Six (6) Clubs with greater than 20 members the Club Health Assessment. We will request that this survey is to be completed by the club executive at their next executive meeting.
 - b. Six (6) Clubs with less than 20 members the Community Needs Assessment. We will request that this survey is to be completed by the club executive at their next executive meeting.

Results from the surveys will be tabulated and used to help identify clubs that would benefit from CEP and/or GLT assistance to help strengthen their club(s). The GLT & GMT will be meeting after the District meeting to initiate the plans for the Club Officer Training for the upcoming Convention

- I have been invited to speak with the Executive of the Kingsville Lions Club to give a presentation on the CEP.
- I have inducted a new member into the Windsor Riverside Lions Club last Thursday.
- At the last District Meeting: Club officers Training was well received and the evaluations were positive. Hopefully at the Convention there will be an improved attendance from all the clubs.

GMT Lion George Croft said Thank you to the five Zone Chairs who have welcomed our Team members as guest speakers at their zone advisory meetings to date and to the sixth who is doing so on Dec. 10th. In addition to our presentation, we are distributing to the Presidents of each club at these meetings an envelope of District GMT club growth ideas plus LCI printed material. We have made good use of the new powerpoint projector. Thanks to the District finance committee and Cabinet for approving this additional resource and to 1st VDG Bob Tanner for acquiring it. Our Team has been participating in the new LCI GMT Netcasts and MDA Webinars and these are ongoing to share information throughout MDA and worldwide re club growth. We, in concert with the GLT Team, are encouraging clubs to buy into the Club Excellence Process this year. ZC Sandy Leadlay of our GMT Team and London Central Lions have established a new Campus Lions Club at Fanshawe College in London. Congratulations to them for their fine effort. First VDG Bob Tanner and I attended an MDA GMT workshop in Markham on Nov. 3 & 4th. Further meetings are scheduled in March and May.

We expect that Governor Wayne's welcome letters to all new members this year will increase their attendance at the District convention and we hope that we can assist in providing an Orientation session for them there. Our next GMT meeting is immediately following this cabinet meeting and will be a joint meeting with the District GLT Team to assist us in working together to achieve Governor Wayne's goals.

Please contact any member of the GMT Team - First VDG Bob Tanner, PDG Don McKessock, CT Eric Dolansky and ZC Sandy Leadlay for assistance in club growth and Revitalization.

Hearing/Work with the Deaf ZC Barb Tuxford stated I have discussed our Hearing Aid Recycling Program with Meridian Hearing Centre's, and they welcome our contribution. These hearing centres's are predominately in the Middlesex and Sarnia Areas, so this would cover part of our district. Mr. Doogge, the owner was previously a Lion on the east coast, and yes I did ask him if I could pass on his name to a club near him, but not at this time...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. On another note, Fido's casting call was out again for a new dog for their advertising, thanks to everyone who voted for my dog or for any dog....Fido is Dog Guides Canada newest best friend with a donation of \$200,000 and we helped make it happen...thank you Lions.

L.C.I.F. PDG Don McKessock stated we would like see District A-1 Lions donating \$12,000 to LCIF A-1 this year – but more importantly, we would like to see at least half of the Clubs in District A-1 extending their support outside of District A-1 to world. After all, as every member of Lions Clubs International should know, the world is our home.

12,000 is a large number

So is 22,000 - that is what London Childrens' Hospital received from LCIF in 2011

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So is 10 million - that is the dollars raised by LCI in the past year for the "One shot, One Life" Measles Campaign - Thank you Bill Gates for adding another 5 million.

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so is 30 million - that is the number of people so far who have had their vision saved by Sight First

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so is 50 million - that is the total monies distributed by LCIF for disaster relier in the last decade

12,000 is a large number

So is 150 million – that is the number of measles vaccinations Lions will help deliver in the next 2 years

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and so is 10,000 – that is the amount of the LCIF disaster relief grant that was delivered within 36 hours to the Thunder Bay Metro Lions following the shutdown of a water treatment plant last summer – what goes around comes around - a reminder that LCIF touches the lives of the whole world

To date we are over halfway to our \$12000 goal, but this is thanks to only 3 clubs!

LCIF needs help from all Lions!. 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. Thank-you for this small measure of your time and for the incredible magnitude of your service.

Long Range Planning PDG Bill Bissonnette stated Research & Long Range Planning met on October 30 at Smitty's Restaurant in Chatham and a number of items were discussed. A recommendation concerning rules of audit was sent to Gov Wayne for presentation to Cabinet. The question in regards to International Director Candidate funding was referred back to Finance as there was a previous mechanism to fund said fund. An informal report was heard on the 2013 A-1 Convention. There has been a huge gap in communications to the clubs in the past few years and the biggest complaint from the Lions is "we don't know what is happening at the convention". This committee recommends that the Convention Chair send information to the clubs before the end of the year with the events that we, as Lions, will be able to attend as well as updates (monthly?) thereafter. Constitution & By-Laws has indicated that a full review of the Dist A-1 Constitution and By-Laws is needed and this committee will be doing that this year.

Sight/Work with the Blind PDG John Ross has asked that the Lions Clubs please consider the following request from the C.N.I.B.

RE: Proposal for Funding, From C.N.I.B.

Fellow Lions.

A request for funding has come from the CNIB, Canadian National Institute for the Blind. The CNIB supports people who have lost some or all of their vision and can no longer be helped by the Hospital system. We support people when there appears to be no more hope. Our funding needs are great; surprisingly less than 30% of our annual funding comes from government sources.

It is clear that Canada is on the verge of a crisis in vision health care and services. There are 10 million Canadians born between 1946 and 1965, Age-related eye conditions such as cataracts, macular degeneration, glaucoma and others will drastically increase the number of Canadians who will rely on vision health services. In fact, over the next 20 years the incidence of vision loss will double. Although CNIB has been in existence for over 90 years many Canadian are not aware of the range of services CNIB provides and they continue to take their vision for granted. To address this great need for services, CNIB provides localized programming, available in our clients homes, communities and our local offices and administered by our service professionals. In Southwestern Ontario, there are approximately 10,000 clients who utilize our specialized programs and services, and that number will continue to increase. With the use of assistive technology, we can help reinstate the confidence of our clients. In order to adequately support our client's needs, we need your help. Some of the devices needed are. Devices such as the closed-circuit television (CCTV) to enlarge printed documents Use of software/hardware with synthetic speech output to translate text to speech (computers, data phones, PDA'S etc.) Computers screen-magnification programs that change font size and shape,

It is our hope, that with the support of the Lions, we can provide these devices in Southwestern Ontario. Our needs are great.

CCTVs in each office: \$12,000.00 per office

Braille Printer: \$4,420.00 per office

Intel Reader: \$3,095.00 per office

JAWS for Windows Software: \$ 1,030.00 per office

Zoom text Magnifier/Screenreader \$625.00 per office.

It is the hope that CHIB can create Centers of Excellence in eye care in Southwestern Ont. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. We are happy to provide more detailed information upon your request. Your generous support is essential.

Yours in vision health

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Motion by ZONE 6 ZC JOYCE DOUCET, Seconded by ZONE 1 ZC MARY DROUILLARD to accept the District Chairs reports. Carried

OLD BUSINESS

IPDG Steve Mahovlich presented eight 100% Secretaries Awards to the following secretaries:

Secretary PDG Bill Bissonnette	Bluewater Lions Club of Sarnia
Secretary Lion Seppo Kuokkanen	Chatham Lions Club
Secretary Judy Robinet	Essex & District Lions Club
Secretary PRC Ron Lindsay	London Central Lions Club
Secretary Lion Marlene Conrod	Petrolia Lions Club
Secretary PCS Anne Neill	St. Thomas Lions Club
Secretary Lion Murray Pink	Thorndale Lions Club
Secretary PDG Ron Devos	Windsor (Downtown) Lions Club

NEW BUSINESS

- **Motion by ZONE 4 ZC SANDY LEADLAY, Seconded by 1st VDG BOB TANNER that at the end of each Lions year, up to \$1.00 per member be diverted from the surplus District budget to be put towards the International Director Fund and continue until capped at \$15,000.00. Carried**
- **Motion by ZONE 4 ZC SANDY LEADLAY, Seconded by IPDG Steve Mahovlich to refund ½ of District A-1 dues to each club for participating in the Club Officer Training. Carried**
- **Lion Barry Burn from the Dutton and District Lions Club spoke on Lions Camp Dorset. Motion by 1st VDG BOB TANNER, Seconded by 2ND VDG JOHN JOHNSTON to make Lions Camp Dorset a committee of District A-1. Carried**
- **The Parade of Cheques for Diabetes Awareness collected \$8,950.00 from 17 Clubs today.**
- **Governor Wayne announced that at the last MD “A” Council Meeting a request for \$450,000.00 for Sick Children’s Hospital in Toronto was read out.**

The request was to purchase eye surgery equipment for the hospital. The Governors were asked to bring it to their own Districts to see what they felt should be done. When broken down it works out to \$45,000.00 per District. There will be more information sent to the clubs when it is available.

- **PDG Don McKessock presented revisions for the District A-1 Lions Convention Policy Manual. Motion by 2ND VDG JOHN JOHNSTON, Seconded by 1st VDG BOB TANNER to accept the revisions to the District A-1 Lions Convention Policy Manual. Carried**

DRAWS

The 50/50 Draw for \$84.00 was won by Lion Bob Henry of the Bluewater Lions Club of Sarnia.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

- The Lambeth Lions Club thanked the clubs for supporting the memory box program.
- See PZC Curtis Marwood for Youth Exchange forms.
- Governor Wayne is looking for a chairperson for No Child Left Behind.
- L.C.I.F. has granted \$100,000.00 US for the area Hurricane Sandy hit.
- PRC Mike Tuxford spoke about the Lucan Lions Club twinning with a Lions Club in New Jersey and the Lucan Lions Club donated \$5,000.00 to the New Jersey Lions Club because of Hurricane Sandy, and PRC Mike challenged all the Lions Clubs of District A-1 to make a donation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Dec. 6, 2012 Leader Dog for the Blind Kick-Off
- ❖ Lucan Lions Club Car Raffle will be held on Boxing Day
- ❖ Petrolia Leo Club is having a Food Drive

CLOSING REMARKS

Governor Wayne than thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Governor Wayne also thanked all the Lions Clubs that he has visited to date for their hospitality that was given to him during his visitation to those clubs.

The next District Meeting will be held February 10, 2013 in Petrolia.

This meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Submitted by,

Lion Ron Devos

District A-1
Cabinet Secretary