

**District A-1 District Meeting  
February 10, 2013  
Petrolia Lions Hall  
Petrolia, Ontario**

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

IPDG STEVE MAHOVLICH	2 <sup>ND</sup> VDG JOHN JOHNSTON
CAB. SEC. RON DEVOS	CAB. TREAS. ERIC DOLANSKY
ZONE 2 ZC STARR MOODY	ZONE 3 ZC ROB NEILL
ZONE 4 ZC SANDY LEADLAY	ZONE 5 ZC BARB TUXFORD
ZONE 6 ZC JOYCE DOUCET	

We received regrets from the following: 1<sup>ST</sup> VDG BOB TANNER, ZONE 1 ZC MARY DROUILLARD

Also in attendance were 10 Club Presidents, 12 Club Secretaries, 1 Treasurers, 37 Lions, and 1 Lioness which total to 60 Lions & 1 Lioness at the third 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 November followed by a minute of silence for the departed members of the Lions Family.

Governor Wayne welcomed everyone in attendance and set protocol.

Cabinet Treasurer Eric reported on the District Finical Operation as follows,

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

**District A1 Lions  
08/02/13 Profit & Loss  
Accrual Basis 1 July 2012 through 8 February 2013  
Ordinary Income/Expense**

**Income**

**40000 · Income**

**40010 · Directory Sales 86.00**

**40020 · GLT/GMT 800.00**

**40030 · District Dues 10,818.00**

**40040 · Cabinet Meetings 479.00**

**Total 40000 · Income 12,183.00**

**41000 · Donations to Committees**

**41010 · Effective Speaking 5,325.00**

**41020 · Lake Joseph Transportation 1,500.00**

**41022 · Peace Poster 20.00**

**41024 · Quest 500.00**

**41030 · Youth Exchange 801.00**

**41000 · Donations to Committees - Other 600.00**

**Total 41000 · Donations to Committees 8,746.00**

**45000 · Investments 340.96**

**Total Income 21,269.96**

**Expense**

**60000 · General Admin & Expenses**

**60020 · Bank Service Charges 60.08**

**60025 · Cabinet Meeting Expense 702.56**

**60040 · Directories - Printing** 814.57  
**60090 · Name Tags / Pins Cabinet** 368.38  
**60100 · Office Supplies** 111.76  
**Total 60000 · General Admin & Expenses** 2,057.35  
**65000 · Committee Expense**  
**65045 · Effective Speaking Contest** 206.00  
**65060 · GMT** 567.47  
**65067 · Long Range Planning** 429.31  
**65080 · USA / Canada Forum** 1,000.00  
**65100 · Youth Exchange** 50.00  
**Total 65000 · Committee Expense** 2,252.78  
**Total Expense** 4,310.13  
**Net Ordinary Income** 16,959.83  
**Net Income** 16,959.83

**District A1 Lions**

**08/02/13 Balance Sheet**

**Accrual Basis As of 8 February 2013**

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Chequing/Savings**

**10000 · District Account**

**10001 · Scotiabank District A-1** 13,054.37

**10010 · Effective Speaking** 8,792.55

**10020 · Lake Joseph Transportation** 2,919.43

**10024 · Quest** 500.00

**10030 · Youth Exchange** 8,840.17

**Total 10000 · District Account** 34,106.52

**10055 · Scotiabank Effective Speaking** 98.69

**Total Chequing/Savings** 34,205.21

**Accounts Receivable**

**11000 · Accounts Receivable** 423.00

**Total Accounts Receivable** 423.00

**Total Current Assets** 34,628.21

**Fixed Assets**

**16000 · Long-Term Investments**

**16100 · GIC 1** 10,502.12

**16200 · GIC 2** 16,143.99

**16300 · GIC 3** 10,064.00

**Total 16000 · Long-Term Investments** 36,710.11

**Total Fixed Assets** 36,710.11

**TOTAL ASSETS** 71,338.32

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**Equity**

**30000 · Opening Balance Equity** 55,977.88

**32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets** -1,599.39

**Net Income** 16,959.83

**Total Equity** 71,338.32

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** 71,338.32

**Motion by Zone 6 ZC Joyce Doucet, Seconded by IPDG Steve Mahovlich to accept the Treasurer's report. Carried**

Cabinet Secretary Ron reported the November 18, 2012 District Meeting minutes were e-mailed to all District Cabinet Officers, District Cabinet Chairs, Past District Governors, Club Presidents and Club Secretaries. Cabinet Sec. Ron also reported he has received the following correspondence:

- ❖ Nomination & Endorsement Form for 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Bob Tanner from the Petrolia Lions Club is a candidate for District Governor of District A-1 for the Lion Year 2013-2014.
- ❖ Nomination & Endorsement Form for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion John Johnston from the Belmont Lions Club is a candidate for 1<sup>st</sup> VDG for the Lion Year 2013-2014.

- ❖ Nomination & Endorsement Form for Lion Mike Tuxford from the Lucan & District Lions Club is a candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG for the Lion Year 2013-2014.
- ❖ Nomination & Endorsement Form for Lion Jim Rigney from the Belle River Lions Club is a candidate for ZC for Zone 1 for the Lion Year 2013-2014.

**Motion by Zone 3 ZC Rob Neill, Seconded by Zone 6 ZC Joyce Doucet to adopt the minutes as printed and e-mailed. Carried**

### **DISTRICT OFFICERS REPORTS**

The following are the highlights from the District Officers Reports:

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

VDG Bob Tanner **NO Report**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*
      - Done
    - *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. Done
    - *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.*
      - I have attended meetings in Zones 2, 3, 4, and 5. I will be attending the Zone 2 meeting in Windsor on February 20<sup>th</sup> and the Zone 6 meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> (rescheduled from January 28<sup>th</sup> when I was away on business).
    - *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.*
      - Our Region Rally will be held on Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Delaware Legion from 1:00PM to 4:00PM. All are welcome.
- Future training initiatives.*
- I will be attending the Lions Advanced Senior Leadership course in Chicago from Friday February 22<sup>nd</sup> to Monday February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Zone 1---** **Zone Chair Lion Mary Drouillard** reported since the last District Meeting Zone 1 has been very active in their communities. At Christmas most clubs helped the less fortunate to enjoy a Very Merry Christmas. We are up in membership but sad to say we have lost a few especially 2 very recently at the Windsor Downtown Lions Club. Our

sympathies go out to that club. My 2<sup>nd</sup> Zone Advisory meeting is coming up on Feb. 20 at the Windsor Downtown Lions Club. I have 2 more clubs to visit. As for now Zone 1 is doing very well. I am proud of all my Club's accomplishments.

**Zone 2--- Zone Chair 1 Lion Starr Moody** reported I had a good turnout at my second Zone Meeting Dec 10<sup>th</sup> in Chatham. Six of the 8 clubs attended along with PDG Don McKessock as guest speaker and 2 each from Petrolia and Belmont.

Blenheim has added 2 members and are keeping busy.

Chatham Lions are busy finding host families for Youth Exchange so if interested contact Lion Curtis.

Kingsville has 9 new members and still growing. The Kingsville Alpha Leos had a Meet and Greet in December and 5 members signed up. Kingsville Lions week will be May 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Stoney Point has 1 transfer and 1 new member. A spaghetti Dinner and a Pig Roast are on the upcoming fundraising agenda. They also hosted the Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Zone Meeting which completes Zone 2 meetings.

Tilbury has 2 new members and is a very busy and active club. Steak dinner in January and Chicken & ribs in February and a successful 2012 raffle.

Wheatley is busy also and I really enjoy reading their monthly newsletter

One new member for Leamington.

To date I have complete 4 club visitations

**Zone 3---Zone Chair Lion Rob Neill** reported so far this year, I have completed 4 out of 6 club visitations and 2 of 3 of Zone Advisory Meetings. Our zone will chose the zone project at the next Zone Advisory Meeting. I have also attended the Region 345 Rally Meeting to be held in March. I will be attending Rodney Lions Club 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration later in the month.

**Zone 4---Zone Chair Lion Sandy Leadlay** reported it seems that every season's has it's challenges. Every season each Lions Club reaches out an meets their challenges head on. All clubs in the District continue to work to-wards their goals as basically set by their Area needs. I have been able to visit with all clubs in the Zone 4 area and have recently held our 2<sup>nd</sup> Zone meeting at Dorchester Lions Den.

FOR ANYONE HERE THAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERING A THOUGHT TO TAKE ON THE ROLL OF A ZONE CHAIR MAY I SAY THIS:

THE MOST EXCITING THING THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO SEE IS THE FUN, ENTHUSIASM, HARD WORK THAT THE DIFFERENT CLUBS DO WITH A DECICATION THAT ONLY LIONS MEMBERS SEEM TO HAVE. IT IS EXCITING!

**DELAWARE AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB**

They have added 4 new Members in January and December. I asked how. They have 1 member that will not take no for an answer and request that a prospect come out and see what they do. He doesn't give up. Gave a LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO CHARTER MEMBER LION KEES SERRARENS Seniors Annual Christmas Night Host area Seniors past and present 141 Seniors attended! Held a TRIVIA NIGHT, raised \$10,900 dollars. Donated in Jan 2013 a total of \$3687.65. In 2012 donated since Sept 2012 \$5650 TOTAL TO DATE FOR 2012 AND 2013 = \$10,650 Delaware Lions Do SERVE, most of

the monies go to local groups.

### **DORCHESTER AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB**

Dorchester lions have donations to date of \$13,800. Donations have gone to Dorchester Proficiency Award; sponsored a night for Micro Sprint Racing, Dorchester Ringette Dragons, Dorchester Dolphins Jr C team, with additional donations to CNIB, Dog guides Can., and camp Kurondo Helped with the Town Lighting of the lights at Xmas, sold Xmas Trees Hold monthly bingo's at the Dorchester Legion and Work the Bar at the Dolphins games TO ALL CLUBS, DORCHESTER WILL HOLD A GAMING NIGHT IN DORCHESTER ON FEB 16, 2013. Any one wishing to come please contact a Dorchester club member.

### **HYDE PARK AND DISTRICT LIONS**

CONGRADUALIONS for all the work that Hyde Park Lions did with the Santa parade. The actually received a nice write up in the London Free Press. They are working on the up-coming year, Cruize Nights, Dog Walk, Keep Hwy 22 clean. Committee to look after Web page, THIS MIGHT BE SOMETHING THAT ALL CLUB SHOULD THINK ABOUT AND GET ON FACE BOOK, OR TWITTER. TALK ABOUT LIONS AND WHAT WE DO. Looks like Hyde Park may be adding several new members this spring.

### **LAMBETH LIONS CLUB**

Held their annual fundraiser in Oct that was very successful. Approximately, 180 people attended Club presented a Helen Keller award to a Lady from the community as she spends countless hours volunteering in the community. Finished 31 additional memory boxes in Dec and delivered 49 boxes to Local Hospitals last year. Held a memory box display at the Royal Banks 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Oct. Purchased a lions bench and installed it in front of the Lambeth Library and community centre. Attended a Remembrance day parade and laid some wreaths Helped with Salvation Army Xmas Kettle program Donated a total of \$1,350 to Camp Dorset, Veterans Memorial Parkway, Special Olympics and Eyes Right. Next challenges selling Easter Bunnies.

### **LONDON CENTRAL LIONS**

Held final Bar-BQ at Can Tire. Have held several meetings for Fundraiser FIGHT FOR SIGHT NIGHT. MAY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013. NEW ADDITIONS: Great entertainment with Eric Lambier. He will entertain plus many silent auction Items and Auction items that include trips to sunny destination, Montreal, and Boat Cruise. FIGHT FOR SIGHT NIGHT COST IS \$40. With all you can eat PERCH DINNER set aside May 4th Worked the Salvation Army Kettles, continued to Update the web site, Helped Hyde Park with Santa Parade, worked on fixing bikes for the summer Sale. Lions Jim Balicsak is the contact 519-264-1319 He has contacted many clubs about selling Chocolate Easter Bunnies. Orders must be placed by Next week if any other clubs are interested in this FUNDRAISER.FOR YOUR CLUB. London Central lions Club will induct 2 new members this month. Still working hard on the FANSHAWE LIONS CAMPUS CLUB. Many new challenges.

### **LONDON EAST LIONS CLUB**

Worked the Salvation Army kettle at Xmas had 3 members each day on 5 hour shifts Worked the Diabetes Tag day at 4 locations Donated monies to 50/50 draw tickets for camp Kirk Purchase International Convention draw tickets Donated \$400 to the diabetes Tag day and \$124.40 to mission service to give 40 needed

Christmas meals.

### **LONDON NORTH LIONS CLUB**

Several members went to help out in Exeter with the Santa Clause Parade. Exeter is still using the old Lions club float. Club processed at their work shop 100 wooden toys to be used as donations for several London charities. Presented 50 toys and a cheque for \$100 to Mary Mount and the London CPRI Dr. NORMAN BETHUNE AWARDS were given to 8 high school students and 33 were in attendance. DONATIONS

Daily Bread program of \$500, Mens Mission \$300, Ark and street Mission \$100, London food bank \$500. Donated another \$6000 to Leader Dog making it a total for the year of \$12,000 Held a club visitation for Avril Linn from Leader dog for the blind out of Rochester, NY. With her Leader Dog "Maverick" This is her 2<sup>nd</sup> Dog.

Same night held family night for all Family members and was enjoyed by all.

Fred Tipple announced that this will be his last year for playing Santa at the Sunningdale Golf Club Xmas Party. He has been doing this for over 38 Years.

Congratulation to Fred.

**Zone 5---Zone Chair Lion Barb Tuxford** reported zone 5 has had another very successful zone advisory hosted by Ilderton lions, 72 lion and 3 guests were in attendance to hear ideas for our zone project and reports of activities from all clubs in zone 5.

Our zone project this year will be to assist Ailsa Craig food bank in purchasing land to relocate, as their current location has been sold and they have been asked to move.

This year to date in zone 5 we have a gain of 3 members, in the near future i will be inducting 4 more in Parkhill and since I seem to be in poplar hill every couple of months i challenged them to get another to member before the end of this lions year.

Arkona lions will be 65 years young on February 21<sup>st</sup>..Congratulations Arkona.

All clubs are busy with events, Lucan lions fish fry was last night, Thorndale's brunch will be next Sunday, poplar hill has trivia night this month and grantor will be delivering their valentines baskets to widows and widowers in the community. Ildertons bonspiel was well attended with the champion team from Ilderton winning by 1/4 of a point.

Congratulation Ilderton, sorry Strathroy. I was lucky enough to get invited to a15-zone 37w advisory meeting in vanastra last Wednesday evening...met lot of great lions, because there isn't any other kind, heard some good ideas and I have 3 cd's on a really good presentation on quest from a16. This was a great opportunity to share info with lions and i must thank region chair lion Paul Anstett for inviting me, if you know Paul please don't hold that against me..i believe lion Paul will be at our next zone meeting in Thorndale' on march 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. this is a dinner meeting. We also have a zone 5 lion ready to take the challenge of zone chair. Zone 3, 4, and 5 rally will be Sunday, march 3 at Delaware legion from 1 - 4 and will involve kubkar races. I have cars here today, so could attendees from zones 3, 4 & 5 come see me after the meeting. You only have 3 weeks to build your cars. Cost is \$10.00 per club for the race and \$5.00 per attendee for lunch. So after breakfast in Chatham, you can stop in Delaware for lunch and races. Hope to see you all there. If you are running for a district office please let me know so I can schedule your speaking time into the program.

**Zone 6---Zone Chair 24 South Lion Joyce Doucet** reported since my last report in November at the District A-1 Cabinet Meeting in Thorndale the following has happened:

- 1) The second Zone 6 Advisory Meeting took place in Wyoming on Monday, January 28, 2013. In attendance were 71 lions members strong. At this meeting, PDG Jacqui Flood, GLT gave a short PowerPoint presentation on the Club Excellence Process. The "MUST VISIT" is working out well. Due to the "Snow Bird" factor, some of these visits will be done in April or May. A decision was made to go ahead with the Zone Project for the 5 clubs in the old Zone 24 West. The first meeting of the Zone Project was held in Petrolia yesterday. The clubs in the former Zone 24 South will be selecting a project shortly.
- 2) I have completed 5 of my nine club visits. Three of the remaining club visits will be done in March. My own home club visit will be completed in May.
- 3) I most recently visited the Strathroy-Caradoc club. They have a unique way of keeping in touch with their "Snow Bird" members. Perhaps some of us should try this. Members were hooked up by "Skype" during the business portion of the meeting. This way they could keep up to date with the various club projects and ideas on how to encourage more people to join and become members of our Lion's organization.
- 4) My own club the Bluewater Lions Club of Sarnia at our most recent club meeting hooked all the equipment up for one of the LCIF Membership Webinars. It might have taken a group of 5 of us to do it but we did view the Webinar and hear the different ideas on how to recruit or just inform your community of the Lion's involvement in your area.

**Motion by IPDG Steve Mahovlich, 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:

**Convention PDG Don McKessock** stated we are looking forward to an exciting time at the Pelee Days Inn in Leamington on April 12 – 14, 2013 The convention team is busy putting together the pieces of the puzzle so that the Convention will prove to be a wonderful time of fellowship, laughter, and learning for the attendees. Statistics for the convention will be published to cabinet later this month. What we can tell you now is that everything seems to be on track. The hotel is fully booked except for hospitality suites. Overflow is being booked at the Comfort Inn. The second promo for the convention is being issued this weekend. Highlights:

#### **Judge Brian Stevenson will be our International Guest**

Tours are being arranged to Colasanti's Tropical Garden and perhaps a winery.

8 training sessions are being planned for Saturday pm

Opening ceremony has been relocated in both time and space. This will address 5 of 35 concerns fed back from the 2012 convention. 20 of these concerns have been addressed so far by the convention committee. Please register for the convention. It promises to be an exciting time: You will meet someone, you will laugh with someone, you will learn from someone and you will remember someone. Be someone!

**Diabetes Awareness Lion Bev Wirta** reported since my last report, I am now able to report the funds that were donated or collected for the CDA during November, Diabetes Awareness month. Cavalcade and subsequent donations mailed to my attention amounted to \$9,450 from 19 clubs contributing. Tag Day collections were \$3,313 collected at different locations by Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs. 9 clubs registered with either myself or their local CDA office. To date, \$600 has also been donated for Governor and Zone Chair visitations. The MDA Diabetes Awareness Chair, PDG Lion Al Beamer, has sent out information to each club regarding the Multiple District project to raise \$75,000 for Camp Huronda to build a new craft cabin. If your club would like to make a donation, please send your donations directly to Lion Al or you can forward to me and I will pass along. Funds are being kept in a separate fund to enable a grant from LCIF. I would like to thank the district for their support at the presentation of cheques at our last cabinet meeting and for the clubs who supported the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tag Day.

**District Eyes Right Foundation Lion Harry Wismer reported** Once again it is my pleasure to review and highlight some of the past year's activities of "Eyes Right", your District A-1 Lions Sight Conservation Foundation. At our convention in April, we presented a cheque to Dr. Ann Chiu of the Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital in the amount of \$25,000.00. This completed our commitment of \$75,000.00 to the ophthalmology department regarding the newest technique in corneal transplant surgery. Our next project was a donation to the Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital for an update and replacement of cataract surgery equipment in the amount of \$4700.00." Eyes Right" had purchased this phaco emulsifier originally and past chair Lion Peter Geene, PCC presented the cheque in October 2012. Our current project is cutting edge surgical technology in retinal detachment repair and macular degeneration treatments. The pledge we have made is for \$70,000.00 which, with your support, we hope to pay over a three year term, to the Ivey Institute at St. Joseph's Hospital's Ophthalmology department. At our cabinet meeting in November we presented our initial installment of \$25,000.00. I personally wish to thank all members of the Lions family for their commitment during the past year of economic uncertainty. A special thanks to all Lioness and District President Lioness Trudy Brown whose clubs have had a 100% donation record over the past ten years. We are grateful for the continued support of our District Governor, Lion Wayne Cudney and all the Lions. We can look back on a very successful year and look forward with enthusiasm. Always remember our board members are available to speak to our clubs or answer any questions you might have. "In memoriam cards" are also available from the board members. Lion Harry Wismer and Lion Gail Tanner stressed the need for corneal donors and asked the Lions present to sign organ consent and remind their club members. Please look up our website at [www.lionseyesright.ca](http://www.lionseyesright.ca) My thanks to all the board members for their dedication and faithfulness in attending the meetings. In closing I would like to Thank the clubs for their generosity at the District Cabinet Meeting February 10, 2013 in Petrolia with the Parade of Cheques bring in **\$19,578.83** Fantastic!!!!

**Effective Speaking PRC Mary Mahovlich** reported I would like to invite everyone to attend the District Effective Speaking Contest. This will take place in Chatham at the



Active Lifestyles Centre on Sunday, March 24 at 1 p.m. This will be your only opportunity to hear the contest winners as they will not be at the District Convention. We will send our District winners to the MD'A Contest in St. Catherines held May 3 to 5. As a result of my request sent out in September I have received donations from 9 Lioness Clubs and 26 Lions Clubs so far. Thank You your support it is greatly appreciated. I also asked if your club had sponsored contestants. I am sure there were more than two clubs that sponsored contestants last year but only two answered the question. I know of 3 club contests for sure, maybe 2 others. Please send me the names of the winners attending the District Contest. Hope to see you there.

**Environment PDG Evelyn Spiering** stated as spring is just around the corner may I recommend that each club District take part in your community Clean up day . Your help is vital to keeping your community a beautiful place. Please let me know what you do. Photo contest; part of this committee is the International photo contest. So for you photo buffs get your cameras out and start taking picture, categories are Weather Phenom, landscape, Plant Life, Animal Life, all picture must be 8 x 10 and have the registration form which can be found on the LCI web site under Photo contest. Your submission will be judged at the District convention with the overall winner going on to the MDA level. Please submit to me by March 25th your

**GLT PDG Jacqui Flood** stated GLT & GMT meeting was held after the last District meeting to initiate the plans for the Club Officer Training for the upcoming Convention. The topics chosen are as follows:

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Lead Presenter</b>	<b>Assistant</b>	<b>Rooms</b>
President & VPs	John Johnston	Jacqui Flood	1
Secretary	Ron Devos	Bob Tanner	2
Treasurer	Eric Dolansky	Sondra Sasse	3
Membership Chairs	George Croft	Sandy Leadley	4
Orientation	Bob Tanner	George Croft	1
Fundraising	Sandy Leadley	John Johnston	2
Conflict Resolution	Eric Dolansky	Jacqui Flood	3
International Director	Protocol Aid		4

GLT will continue to fine tune the presentation process via email. I attended the Kingsville Lions Executive to explain the Club Excellence Process. The club will decide whether they will implement the process. I was invited to present at the Zone 6 Advisory meeting in Wyoming, to explain the CEP process, as well as promoting the officers training and the additional sessions being offered. When visiting Windsor Roseland Lions club, I promoted the advantages of the members to attend the District convention and the training sessions being held. I also mentioned the financial remuneration being offered by the district for the club officers attending. PID Judge Brian Stevenson sent an email stating the District could receive US\$300 per year for offering workshops in Certified Guiding Lion Training, Club Excellence Process (CEP) Facilitators Training and Zone Chairman Training.

**GMT Lion George Croft** said Thanks to all the Zone Chairs who have welcomed out Team members as guest speakers at their Zone Advisory meetings. We were also able to distribute at those meetings envelopes to each club president containing District GMT club growth ideas plus LCI club growth pamphlets. Our team continues to participate in the new LCI GMT Netcasts and MDA Webinars wherein information is shared worldwide re club growth. We recently E-mailed to the clubs, with the able assistance of District Secretary Ron, further ideas to assist them in growing the clubs throughout our district. We, along with the GLT Team, are encouraging clubs to buy into the Club Excellence Process. GMT Team member and 1st VDG Bob Tanner has been scheduling visitations to certain clubs to further this process. ZC Sandy Leadlay of our GMT Team and the London Central Lions club (particularly Pres. Jim and Lions Joanne, Ed and Don) have worked very hard to ensure the formation of the Fanshawe College Lions club. Congratulations on a great effort. Governor Wayne's welcome letters to new members should motivate them to attend the District convention and 1st VDG Bob Tanner's Orientation session on Saturday afternoon. All clubs should ensure that Governor Wayne receives the names and mailing addresses of all new members to facilitate their receiving the welcome letters. The GMT Team is fully participating in the efforts of the GLT Team with the club officer training sessions Saturday afternoon at the convention. Please contact any member of the GMT Team – 1st VDG Bob Tanner, PDG Don McKessock, CT Eric Dolansky and ZC Sandy Leadlay for assistance re club growth and revitalization.

**Hearing/Work with the Deaf ZC Barb Tuxford** stated thanks to all clubs who have committed funds to Lions Home for the Deaf, some have let me know I would like to encourage clubs to donate to the new home in London.

**Lake Joseph Transportation Lion Peter Best** reported this year's project is getting off to a slow start. At this point I have little to report that is confirmed. However we have been in discussion and setting dates for the camp week was a bit of a challenge as the CNIB Lake Joseph Centre had a number of events planned and it took some time work things out. We are continuing to work on the details. At this point the camp period for our group this summer will run from Sunday July 14 to Saturday July 20. A request for the bus charters has gone out and a quote has been received for a cost of: \$1985.00 + hst \$258.05 per trip, With the return trip the total charter will cost \$ 4486.10. This will be equal to last year. The camper applications have been sent out and I am in the process of developing a passenger list. Travel details will not be work out until later in the spring. I should have a more complete report for the April District Meeting. Donations have been coming in slowly, but we will need more support to continue to provide this service. I would like to encourage each club to give a little, to ensure the wheels keep on rolling so that the blind and visually impaired campers in our area can travel safely, conveniently and affordably to and from the camp. Our service brings, them a sense of independence and pleasant memories.

**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: but not when you realize LCIF, your foundation, is in the business of saving the sight of 30 million people – AGAIN! 12,000 is a very modest contribution. To date, having received \$8,700, we are just on target to reach our year-end \$12,000 goal. Thank-you Lions Clubs of District A-1. But when I say this, I am thanking only 5 clubs! LCIF needs help from all Lions!. If your Club has not yet contributed to LCIF, please stand up and encourage you Club to reach out to the world through LCIF. – the world is your home. Lions, if 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. – Just give me a call. Today, I have two tokens of appreciation available from LCIF – an LCIF 2012-2013 membership pin for a 20\$ donation and a One Shot/One Life Pin for \$5 Thank-you for this small measure of your time and for the incredible magnitude of your service.

**Leader Dogs for the Blind PZC Valerie Burningham** stated The Vision Statement, Mission Statement and Values have been updated to better reflect the goals of the Leader Dog for the Blind organization.

**Vision Statement:** to be the leading guide dog organization providing sustainable value to our clients.

**Mission Statement:** Empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for independent travel through

- quality Leader Dogs
- highly effective client instruction
- innovative services

**Values:**

- respect and compassion for people and dogs
- passion for the work
- safety in all we do
- do what is right
- innovation in our field
- teamwork
- superior experience for stakeholders

In 2011-2012 clubs from District A-1 donated \$13,549.00, I asked if it would be possible to increase that a bit, and show how we as Lions can be true knights for the blind and help these individuals gain some independence. In the last report I have that includes 2 club donations not recorded as yet, we as a district have contributed \$16,090.71, thank you Lions let's keep that growing. When I attended the Leader Dog Kick Off onsite at Leader Dog School for the Blind I was honoured to represent the District and present the cheques that were sent to me, thank you. At that same function I have to say I saw PDG, current District Secretary Lion Ron Devos totally speechless as he was presented with the Leader Dog's Presidents Award, congratulations Lion Ron.

Currently we have 19 active Leader Dog graduates in our district and soon we will hopefully have another as there is a CNIB client from Chatham who has been accepted into the program. She goes over to begin her training March 3<sup>rd</sup>. As well, in keeping in

touch Lion Mickey Puddicomb from the Windsor Downtown Lions has been asked to make calls to clubs who have earned a Top Dog Award, she is really enjoying the conversations and enjoys keeping in contact with her fellow graduates.

As said before I can help to arrange speakers to come out to your clubs. I am in regular 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.

**Youth Exchange Incoming PZC Curtis Marwood** reported requests from YE Chairs from other districts are coming in and they are anxious to hear if we have a place for their youth in our program and camp. I have requests from 17 countries. From those requests I have 11 applications. They are asking me to hold a place for one or two youth or have already sent me applications and are hoping for an answer. As I explained at the June meeting last year I had decided that I hope to have host families confirmed by March 15 so that I could assure the youth that I would have a host family for them in time for them to finalize their plans. I also committed to you that I would only accept the number of youth for whom I have host families. Therefore, I am asking those who might be thinking about hosting this year to let me know soon. I would like to confirm the applications I have. Therefore, I hope to hear from potential hosts soon. I plan to be in touch with the camp team soon to begin to plan the program.

**Youth Exchange Outgoing PDG Evelyn Spiering** reported I have had a few enquiries but only one student has given me their application her name is Julianna Schiller you may recognize the name as she is also a participant in the Effective Speaking, she will be sponsored by the Delaware Lions Club and is hoping to be accepted into the exchange program in Portugal.

**Motion by IPDG Steve Mahovlich, Seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG John Johnston to accept the District Chairs reports. Carried**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

After a lengthy discussion about the A7/11 Sick Kids Project it was decided to have the District Cabinet Secretary send out a request to all clubs in District A-1 asking them to reply back to the Secretary if their club is in favour of supporting this project or not. The clubs will have 2 weeks to respond back so that Governor Wayne can address District A-1's feelings at the MD "A" Governors Council Meeting in March.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Governor Wayne spoke on his goal of 50 New Members during his term as Governor. He stated we began the year with 1204 Members to date we have 1189 Members. The clubs have brought in 64 New Members but we have dropped 78 Members. Governor Wayne stated we are doing a great job bringing in New Members but we need to work on retaining our current Members.

## **DRAWS**

The 50/50 Draw for \$115.00 was won by PDG Lion John Ross of the Thorndale Lions Club.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- March 3 Chatham Breakfast cost \$15.00
- March 3 Zones 3,4,5 Rally Classic Delaware Legion
- March 16 Stoney Point Lions Spaghetti Dinner Cost \$10.00 Adults, Kids \$5.00
- March 22/23 Windsor Downtown Annual Steak/Auction Cost \$20.00
- March 23 St. Thomas Raffle
- March 24 Dist A-1 Effective Speaking Contest to be held at the Chatham Lions Club
- April 12,13,14 District A-1 Convention Pelee Days Inn Leamington
- May 18 Lighthouse Cove Raffle
- June 28 to July 1 Port Stanley Canfest

## **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 April 13/14, 2013 in Leamington.

This meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Submitted by,

*Lion Ron Devos*

District A-1  
Cabinet Secretary