

District A-1 District Meeting
August 25, 2013
The Manor
Windsor, Ontario

Governor Bob Tanner acted as the chairperson with the following District Cabinet Officers in attendance:

1 ST VDG John Johnston	2 ND Vice Mike Tuxford
CAB. SEC. Cheryl Schleihauf	CAB. TREAS. Eric Dolansky
ZONE 1 ZC Jim Rigney	ZONE 2 ZC Dan Nowlan
ZONE 3 ZC Ron Reid	ZONE 4 ZC Doug Crockett
ZONE 5 ZC Douglas McLeod	Zone 6 ZC Don Geddy

We received regrets from the following: PDG Bill Bissonnette, PZC Joyce Mahovlich; Lion Harry Wismer; IPDG Wayne Cudney; Lion Bill Fell; Lion Shawn Davison; Lion Dannelle Meneguzzi; Lioness Carrol Vincent.

Also in attendance were 9 Club Presidents, 10 Club Secretaries, 4 Treasurers, 29 Lions and 1 Guest which total to 50 Lions & 1 Guest at the first District Meeting.

The Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. with the singing of "O CANADA" followed by the reading 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.

2nd Vice Gov. Mike read out the names of new Lion members and their sponsors since July 1, 2013

Governor Bob welcomed everyone in attendance and set protocol. Governor Bob announced our International President Barry Palmer goals and spoke on his own goals as well.

PDG Allister Cameron performed the Installation of the new District Cabinet Officers for the 2013 / 2014 Lions year and officially introduced the Cabinet to the Lions present. Governor Bob thanked PDG Allister Cameron for doing the installation.

PDG Steve Mahovlich: That we put \$1 per member per year in the International Directory Fund from any surplus at the end of each Lions year.

Motion by 1st Vice Gov. John Johnston 2nd by 2nd Vice Gov. Mike Tuxford

Discussion

Motion by ZC Doug Crockett 2nd by ZC Ron Reid that the above motion be tabled until the next Cabinet meeting November 17, 2013

Vote: 1 opposed motion CARRIED

Cabinet Treasurer Eric: Motion to pay outstanding invoices by Lion Eric D and 2nd By ZC Lion Ron Reid Motion CARRIED

Cabinet Secretary Cheryl reported the June 9, 2013 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 6 ZC Don Geddy, 2nd by ZONE 1 ZC Jim Rigney 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 Governors Report

Lion John Johnston

Introduction;

- Thank Governor Bob
- Introduce myself and my Roles and Responsibilities.
- i.e.
 - o Report Directly to the Governor
 - o Work with Governor Bob & 2nd VDG Mike Tuxford and both of the Chairs of the Global Membership Team Lion George Croft and the Global Leadership Team Lion Jacqui Tofflemire-Flood.
 - o Primarily work with and Assist Zone Chairs Lion Jim Rigney of Zone 1, Lion Dan Nowlan of Zone 2 and Lion Ron Reid of Zone 3.
 - o With the chief objectives of;
 - Growing and maintaining membership within District A1 back to the June 30th 2013 membership level plus one percent by June 30th 2012.
 - Communicating to the membership Governor Bob's objectives for his year as Governor.
 - Exploring the possibilities through the Global Membership Team and the respective Zone Chairs of re-activating or starting new clubs in all zones. Some locations that come to mind LaSalle in Zone 1, Ridgetown in Zone 2, Aylmer in Zone 3, London North in Zone 4, Forest and Thedford in Zone 5 and the gold mine Watford, Corunna, Wallaceburg, Dresden, Alvinston, and Bothwell in Zone 6. And finally why not the reserves Muncie/Delaware, Ipperwash and Walpole Island?
 - Finding new members and developing new leaders among the current members of A1.
 - Work with Mike Tuxford to find replacement Zone Chairs ready to pick up the reins of leadership from any Zone Chairs who may be moving on.
 - o I will do this by;
 - Working directly with my current Zone Chairs in Zones 1, 2 and 3 to identify their individual goals and aspirations for 2013-2014.

- Work with them and encourage them to write into their objectives a strategy of how to re-activate or start a new club within their zone.
- Should they be moving on at the end of the year work with them to identify possible replacements for within their Zone.
- Actively promote and develop new candidates to run for the position of Zone Chair.
- Actively promote and develop current and past Zone chairs to run for the position of governor.
- Attend a Zone Advisory Meeting in Zones 4, 5 and 6 before the end of October 2013 and 1, 2 and 3 before the end of February 2014.
- Help to promote the Region Rally concept again within Zones 1, 2 and 3 and bring back the knowledge that it is an honour and privilege to serve your district in whatever capacity you so choose.

2nd Vice District Governor's Report Lion Mike Tuxford

Good morning.....wow this is like sacred grounds, the place that made Lions international, the cat calls I have and will receive in the next 3 years. For telling everyone that I am from district A-1 the district that made Lions International, but I enjoy every minute of it.

My first goal is to have more lions, trained and educated than last year.

Next is to instill in every Lion in A-1 two words JUST ASK

JUST ASK, PEOPLE TO JOIN YOUR LIONS CLUB

JUST ASK FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBOURS TO HELP AT A FUNCTION

JUST ASK IF YOU NEED INFO, GOOD RESOURCES ARE CABINET OR PDGS

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST HAVE ALL CLUBS WITH A NET GAIN OF 2

YESTERDAY WE HAD A GREAT ZONE CHAIR LEARNING CLASS WITH LIONS INTERNATIONAL PROVIDING LOTS OF LEARNING CLASSES ON-LINE LETS GET MORE INFO AND HAVE FUN DOING IT

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED LION MIKE TUXFORD

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Zone 1--- Zone Chair Lion Jim Rigney, Zone Chair Area 1. My goal is to have the Clubs that I represent to work together in a common goal. Share on all their activities that our Clubs can help and or represent Lions on a whole. Any projects that may come from Governor Bob Tanner and Lions International will be forward to all the members and the Lion Families. Thank-you

Zone 2—Zone Chair Lion Dan Nowlan

Good Morning fellow Lions.

My name is Dan Nowlan and I will be Zone Chair for Zone 2. I am a member of the Kingsville Lions Club and have only been a Lion for 5 years, 4 in Kingsville and 1 in Fergus. My wife however, has been in Lions now for 30 years. So, my understanding of the Lions Club started with helping her over those years.

My primary goal this year will be to connect with my clubs in my zone. In order for me to be an effective liaison I believe I will need to Listen/Learn/Share and Participate with my clubs.

I look forward to this challenge.

Zone 3---Zone Chair Lion Ron Reid

The Dream for 3 South for 2013/14 is to increase the zone membership by 10 members.

To achieve this I would like each club to induct two new members this Lions fiscal year.

Assist all clubs in understanding the need and role of the A1 District and Lions

International. I will assist in picking of a Zone project and suggest fundraising to pay for the project by the end of the first Zone advisory meeting.

Zone 4---Zone Chair Lion Doug Crockett

WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PUT FORWARD AN ACTION PLAN FOR EACH OF OUR ZONES. WITH A SET DAY OF COMPETION AND HOW WE ARE GOING TO COMPLETE OUR GOALS

NUMBER ONE IN OUR ZONE WILL BE TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP BY 20% IN EACH CLUB.

THIS WILL INCLUDE WORKING WITH EACH CLUB PRESIDENT AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIR TO ACHIEVE OUR GOAL.

WE CAN DO THIS BY JUNE 30TH, 2014

NUMBER TWO IS TO HAVE A ZONE PROJECT THAT ALL CLUBS WILL ACTIVELY SUPPORT.

THAT WE WORK AS ONE TO RAISE MONEY FOR THIS PROJECT. AND NOT JUST DONATE TO.

IT ALSO WILL REGUIRE WORKING CLOSELY WITH EACH CLUB TO ACHIEVE THIS.

WE CAN DO THIS BY MARCH 30TH, 2014

NUMBER THREE IS TO HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE GREAT ORGANIZATION THAT LIONISM IS.

THANK YOU. I SUBMIT THIS ON BEHALF OF THE ZONE 4 LIONS CLUBS.

Zone 5---Zone Chair Lion Douglas “Trigger” McLeod

Lions, I have been active with Youth Exchange for 30 plus years. It is a passion of mine; and I am asking for 5 NEW host families from my Zone for this coming year. I’m also challenging the other Zones with this endeavor.

We need these new host families to be in place by February 15, 2014

As with everyone I want to increase the membership with in my Zone.

To help Governor Bob achieve his Goals.

Zone 6---Zone Chair Lion Don Geddy

When asked by Governor Bob to take on this position, I was very reluctant.

However with the support of my Club and more importantly the approval of my wife I have taken on this challenge.

As I get into what is involved, I feel I may have taken on more than I anticipated, but I am prepared to give it my all, during the year at hand.

First I would like to thank Past Zone Chair Joyce Doucet for her words of wisdom and for the binder of information she passed down.

I have set out my schedule for both Official Visits and Zone Advisory meetings and let each Club know the schedule..

At the first Zone Advisory in Petrolia in October a speaker from GMT, George Croft is booked.

At the second Zone Advisory in Glencoe in February, plans are underway for a “Dining in the Dark” dinner, to be arranged with the help of Ryan Chin from CNIB. The Glencoe and District lions were quick to agree to host this special meeting. Thanks Glencoe.

The third Zone Advisory in Strathroy in May, will be a wrap up session with my home Club providing a fun night for all.

As for my Goals and Dreams for this year, I hope:

1. To continue to blend the new Zone, following in PZC Joyce’s great leadership
2. To get my home Club a little more involved at a District level, something that has lacked recently.
3. To have all members in the nine Clubs in this Zone to get to know more about each other, through attendance at Advisory meetings, “Must” visits, and shared information.
4. To send out a short Zone Newsletter Bi-Monthly, with notices of what other Clubs are doing. In this regard I am asking each Club in the Zone to send me copies of their Newsletters and Monthly reports, plus any flyers for upcoming events.

5. To support whatever programs Governor Bob wishes to promote to further Lionism, within the Zone.

DISTRICT CHAIRS REPORTS

The following are the highlights from the District Chairs Reports:

Finance PDG Steve Mahovlich reported that due to an unexpected added expense we do not have a balanced budget to present today.

Constitution & Bylaws PDG Bill Sasse

During last Lions' year, Cabinet directed that a thorough review of the District A-1 Constitution & By-laws be conducted to ensure that all provisions remain valid, organized and in accordance with the International Constitution and By-laws.

A review was conducted and it was discovered that some provisions were inconsistent with current policy and practices.

The matter was then further reviewed by the Research & Long Range Planning Committee. A recommendation was made to Cabinet by the Research & Long Range Planning Committee recommending that the District A-1 Constitution & By-laws review continue with a view to re-structuring using the Standard District Constitution and By-laws provided by Lions Clubs International as the model.

Since that time, a draft District A-1 Constitution & By-laws has been developed using the LCI Standard District Constitution and By-laws template.

In order to move the process forward it is felt that a first draft should be presented to this Cabinet at this meeting to enable Cabinet to commence an assessment, perhaps with the assistance of the Research & Long Range Planning Committee. Accordingly, a first draft is presented with this report for Cabinet's perusal.

The major benefit of adopting the Standard Form District Constitution and By-laws is that it would be automatically updated each year reflecting any changes that are adopted by the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors. These changes would automatically be reflected in the District A-1 Constitution and By-laws following the annual International Convention, in accordance with the Section 2 of Article IX of the proposed revised A1 Constitution and Bylaws.

The first draft being presented today contains comments in italics regarding all changes along with the rationale for each change. The revised document does not eliminate any existing rules governing the operation of District A1 but does add some provisions that

are essentially procedural in nature. Some of the changes that you will note under the new format include:

- Some re-wording of the existing provisions of the District A-1 Constitution and By-laws
- Moving some of the provisions currently contained in the District A1 Constitution and By-laws to the District A-1 Policy and Procedures Manual
- The addition of some new provisions to the District A-1 Constitution and By-laws. The additional provisions would include Dispute Resolution procedures, proper amending procedures, automatic update in accordance with amendments adopted by the Lions Clubs international Board of Directors, etc.

The proposed District A-1 Constitution and By-laws in the Standard format would be much easier to maintain and update. The revisions and amendments would be inserted in a much more organized fashion. The Standard format would also provide a District Constitution and By-laws that is consistent with the International Association policy.

It would be my recommendation that any provisions that are removed from the District A-1 Constitution and By-laws and inserted in the District A-1 Policy and Procedures Manual be transferred to the Policy Manual in the exact form that they currently exist in the Constitution and By-laws. The provisions transferred to the Policy Manual, could then be updated as required with the approval Cabinet in order to conform to current LCI Policy.

If a final draft is developed in a timely fashion, the required 30-day notice to all clubs could be provided by the Cabinet Secretary to permit a vote at the convention in April 2014.

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- Moving some of the provisions currently contained in the District A1 Constitution and By-laws to the District A-1 Policy and Procedures Manual
- The addition of some new provisions to the District A-1 Constitution and By-laws. The additional provisions would include Dispute Resolution procedures, proper amending procedures, automatic update in accordance with amendments adopted by the Lions Clubs international Board of Directors, etc.

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LCI Convention 2014 – Bill Sasse, PDG – A1 District Ambassador

Volunteers

We have about a dozen members from A1 on the list of Volunteers so far and just over 100 throughout MDA. It is expected that about 600 will be needed in total. The big push hasn't happened up to now but now we need to start getting volunteers signed up.

In order to volunteer, you need to complete the application on the lionsconvention2014.ca website. The Volunteer form can be found at lionsconvention2014.ca/committee/forms/VolunteerForm.php. If you don't have access to the website or need assistance, a paper form can be completed and forwarded to me. I can provide copies of the form.

You will be asked to select the days you are available and your particular area of interest.

Volunteer duties include; Bands and Housing

- Promotion and Publicity
- Parade Committee
- Souvenirs and Pins
- Parade Floats
- Fundraising
- Snacks and Refreshments
- Host Night
- Transportation - IDs, PIDs, PPs
- Youth Activities
- Transportation & Hospitality
- Post Convention Party
- City Hospitality
- Greeters - Airport, Hotels

DGE Training Sessions

- Host Office and Booth
- Registration and Gifts
- Interpreter
- Seminar Classroom Setup
- Seminar Monitors / Runners

Manpower

- Seminar Committee
- Manpower - Communications
- RV - Trailer Park
- Welcome Centres
- Seminar Opening Ceremonies
- Crisis Management
- Seminar Shuttle
- Sergeant-at-Arms
- Where needed
- Finance
- Other

The position of Sergeant-at-Arms should not be viewed as a security job. It is basically a greeter and someone who can direct attendees to the various facilities, etc. So that is job that some of you may enjoy.

Volunteers will be provided with special Convention vests for identification.

The MD 'A' designated hotels are the Cosmopolitan and the Intercontinental, which are a little pricey. Therefore, for those **volunteers** that may wish less expensive accommodation, the Host Committee is seeking alternate lodging. One of the possibilities that is being considered is student housing for the University of Toronto in the Queen's Park area.

Fundraising

A letter was sent by the Host Committee to all clubs in MDA in May 2013 requesting a donation to assist with the Host Committee expenses. The timing was intended to enable Lions Clubs to consider the request when preparing the budget for this year.

So far 5 clubs in A1 have made a donation and I would certainly encourage others to consider a donation.

In MDA, there have been 48 Clubs, at last count, that have donated to the campaign, for a total of about \$13,000.

About \$50,000 was raised in 2 Maple Leaf hockey draws and another raffle is planned for this year. You should hear more about that early in this Lions' year. Hopefully, now that the NHL contract issues have been resolved, there will be increased interest in this draw.

Convention Arrangements

Just last week, members of the International Board, including President Barry Palmer, concluded their "1 year out" inspection of the convention site. From all reports it appears that LCI was very pleased with the organization and arrangements to date.

Shirts & Pins

I have been asked to provide a list of our anticipated shirt requirements for this year leading up to the convention. So, if you are planning to purchase a convention golf shirt sometime over the next few months kindly put your name on the sheet with your contact information, size and colour requested as soon as possible. The golf shirts, with the 2014 Convention logo, cost \$40 including tax and come in red, black or light green in both men's and women's sizes.

We also have convention pins available @ \$5. There is a series of 3 pins (mini, medium & larger pin for this year) all with Convention logo on them.

Lion Bill Sasse, PDG
A1 Ambassador, 2014 LCI Convention, Toronto

Diabetes Awareness Lion Bev Wirta reported This year's tag day will be held on Saturday, November 16. This event has been scheduled later this year in order that it will not coincide with Remembrance Day activities and fundraising.

Also your club could canvas anytime between October 15 and the end of November so as not to conflict with the Legion and Remembrance Day activities. 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 Bob and I look forward to working with the clubs in District A-1

District Eyes Right Foundation Lion Harry Wismer no report

Effective Speaking PDG Evelyn Spiering

Good Morning, I am very excited to be Chairing the Effective speaking program this year, I am eager to learn more about the Effective speaking program and assisting you in promoting it within your club and schools. This Program provides an opportunity for our youth to develop their public speaking ability.

Having the ability to speak to an audience is vital for these youth and our future leaders.

As, I said this is a new chairmanship for me I will be working closely with a couple of Lions from my club to assist me in the day to day business of the Effective Speaking Program

Our first MDA meeting will be held in September and I am looking forward to attending and meeting the other District Chairs.

As always your financial support is needed and greatly appreciated, I would also like to request that with your help we could increase the number of participants to this contest.

I would like to meet with the Zone chairs to discuss the Zone Speaking Contests and to arrange for the District Speak off

Please watch for information that I will pass on to your club through our District Secretary, and the District bulletin.

May 24, 2014 is the date of the Multiple District Speaking competition

Please do not hesitate in contacting me either by email or phone to discuss Effective Speaking.

Environment PZC Sandy Leadlay reported

I have been asked to look after the TREE PLANTING PROGRAM FOR 2012-2013.

I have a suggestion to all clubs and Zone chairs.

We worked with the Thames Valley Conservations Authority 2 years ago with great success.

The Thames Valley Conservation covers all area of A-1

The program that we ran in London was as follows:

We worked with Steve Sauder the Marketing Specialist for the Authority.

We set a tree planting day with the Authority. (MAY OF THAT YEAR)

1. They contacted local school and set up a School Bus to bring the students to the Planting area.
2. They cover the Insurance for the children.
3. They bring the trees, the mulch, the shovels, people to help explain how to plant a tree, why the trees are planted.
4. They pick a location that needs trees planted and inform you of the location.
5. You work with your contact to make sure that you have enough Lions available.
6. We can get you the brief page that we handed out to the children that says
7. "I PLANTED A TREE TO-DAY AT***** WITH THE LIONS*****"
8. There is a cost that we pay to the Conservation Authority for the trees and planting plus the cost of the bus.
9. If you can get a couple of Clubs to join to-gether it cuts cost.

THE REAL JOY IS WATCHING THE KID PLANT THE TREES.

Should you wish to plant trees on your own with your club members I am sure that you can set that up as well with CONTACTS TO FOLLOW.

THE TREE PLANTING WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE FIRST 2 WEEKS OF MAY OR LATE

APRIL 2014 WEATHER PERMITTING.

BEFORE I SEND OUT THE CONTACT NAMES I WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW THE PROGRAM WITH YOUR ZONE CHAIRS. I WILL HAVE A COST BY CLUB AND IF YOU WISH TO INCLUDE THE CHILDRENS PART.

I believe that 2 years ago it cost each club about \$500. Remember that this was tree, mulch, location, school bus and Insurance.

GMT PDG Jacqui Flood

Thank you Governor Bob for allowing me to serve our great District once again

August 24th, I held the Zone Chair Training session with all 6 Zone Chairs present at Mamma Maria's Ristorante. The evaluations were all positive.

After the next District meeting in November, a Learn to Lead session will be held for all Lions and for the various officers elected in their club that afternoon.

A Guiding Lions Course will be offered with the intent of a Lion representing each Zone in attendance. The date will be announced at the next District meeting.

Plans for a Mentoring course will be offered for interested Lions during this Lions year. The date will be announced at the next District meeting.

The Club Excellence Process will be offered throughout the year for the clubs interested. The next one will be on September 18th for Belmont LC Governor Bob's goal is to have 20 clubs host the process.

Since the Learn to Lead was received so positively last year it will be held again at our Convention this Lions year.

The GMT & GLT will work together to promote the growth in our District A-1 in order to fulfill our Governor's goals for this year.

GMT Lion George Croft

Thanks to Governor Bob for the opportunity to serve for the third year as District GMT Coordinator and to PDG Don Mc Kessock, Cabinet Treasurer Eric Dolansky and PZC Sandy Lealay for staying on as GMT members.

We welcome 1st VDG John Johnston, replacing Bob Tanner on our Team, and we also welcome the addition of ZCs Jim Rigney, Dan Nowlan, Ron Reid, Doug Crockett, Trigger McLeod and Don Geddy.

Our first GMT Team meeting this year will be immediately after this Cabinet meeting today.

Our general goal will be working to ensure that Governor Bob achieves his goal of 1,300 members this Lion's year.

Governor Bob is continuing the Governor's "Welcome" letter to all new members, inviting them to attend the District convention with their registration fee waived, instituted last year.

GMT participated in the Zone Chair training yesterday in Chatham and will contribute a session for club membership directors at the club officer training after the cabinet meeting in St. Thomas on November 17th.

Our GMT Team is in the process of completing a data base for E-mails to all club membership directors to facilitate direct communication of LCI, MDA and District club growth information. The first E-mail has gone out to all membership directors for which we have current E-mail addresses.

Dates are again set for GMT Team members to attend a Zone Advisory meeting in all zones as guest speakers and we thank the Zone Chairs for their cooperation.

I'm booked to attend the MDA GMT/GLT weekend workshop in Markham on Sept. 7 & 8th.

Your GMT Team is ready to assist all clubs achieve their growth objectives, applying for CEP workshops and establishing new clubs, branch clubs and campus clubs this year.

Governor's Newsletter/Webmaster PZC Curtis Marwood reported he is going to update the web site.

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. The coaches arrived on time on Sunday July 14, 2013, and after attaching specially prepared colour coded luggage tags all cargo and passengers were assisted by volunteers onto the bus, departing promptly on schedule, 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 several smiling wonderful Lions from London area who came out to assist and share in the enthusiastic energy. Departing London we headed to Woodstock taking on two more passengers. The trip seemed short as the highway was reasonable clear. The mood on the bus was festive with singing, jokes and stories. 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 20 2013 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 \$ 5524.46. An increase over last season, due to the general rising costs across the board. Some issues arise during camp, but CNIB LJC acknowledges and understands and is willing to work with us to improve the 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.

L.C.I.F. PDG Don McKessock
Governor Bob and Cabinet,



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

My name is Lion Don McKessock and I am District A-1 Co-ordinator for LCIF.

Not my goal this year---but my passion, my dream 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:

Why do I have this dream? Where there is the greatest need, there is the greatest opportunity for service and LCIF gives us the power to rid the world of preventable blindness. Sight already given to over 40 million people – and it is going to happen again!, over 1000 doses of measles vaccine delivered as I speak to you, over 150 million have to be delivered – Columbia has just been declared free of river blindness - the greatest service we can do is for the world through LCIF! And we are a global organization.

Yet, in each of the past 2 years, only 1 Club in 8 has donated to LCIF! It might seem that the A-1 Lion just didn't care!

But I know if this dream were to come true, A-1 Lions would understand the incredible power of service afforded by LCIF

and know if this dream were to come true, District A-1 Lions *would* care.

I know if this dream were to come true, at least 1/3 of all Clubs in District A-1 would donate to LCIF this coming Lions year – that would at least put us in the same ball park as other MDA districts

Participation is what makes us strong. LCI has requested the submittal of a monetary goal for this Lions Year I am requesting cabinet's endorsement for a \$12,000 goal. To give you a perspective, we have donated just under \$10,000 in each of the last two years and our target goal for LCIF fund raising in A-1 last year was \$18,000.

Lions, if my dream is to come true (and it is starting – 3 Clubs donated already this year) , 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.

So Lions, especially Zone Chairs and Club Presidents, 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 generosity of your service.

Leader Dogs for the Blind PZC Valerie Burningham reported I look forward to working with him and his cabinet and sharing all I can about Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan. 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. I will be writing to all the clubs in my District to ask for their support, and will follow up with personal contact. An update on 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. He raised over \$100,000.00. This summer He and his wife Debbie rode their motorcycles through 48 states in 24 days, raising \$36,097 so far. **Thursday, December 5, 2013 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 need to say Thank you to the Kingsville Lions for having myself and client Sue with her Leader Dog Laney out to their 1st Annual "Kings Woof". They had about 100 people attend with 40 dogs competing in 20 categories. Fun was had by all. Profits will be donated to Leader Dog.

We have 18 active graduates from our District at this time.

Lions Foundation of Canada PZC Joyce Mahovlich will be touring LFC on September 8, 2013 with all the other MDA reps.

Lioness Liaison East PZC Bob Bride reported my report will have to be no report.
Lioness Liaison West PDG George Vary thanked Gov. Bob for the opportunity to serve the District as Lioness Chairman West. Lioness last year donated in excess of \$99,000.
14 Clubs and 276 members

Long Range Planning PDG Bill Bissonnette First meeting is September 30, 2013 in Chatham at Smittys' Restaurant after 6pm Dinner 6:30pm

Youth Exchange Inbound PZC Curtis Marwood stated

I think we had another good year with the International Youth. Again, the youth were a great group of young people: 3 boys and 11 girls aged 16-22 - 14 youth from 12 countries and a Canadian camper hosted by 17 host families. Camp was a busy one this year with a lot of travelling between Windsor and Toronto. We were served by 7 Lions Clubs and 1 Lioness Club in District A1 as well as Chippewa Lions in Niagara Falls.

In spite of the age range, they seemed to interact well together. They were cooperative, polite and fun. Some of you experienced their creative talents in their talent show which we revived this year on the Friday evening. The campers were assigned to 4 teams. The first 2 days of travelling, we gave them some Canadiana word puzzles to do on the bus. During their feedback on Friday night, they had some good suggestions, one of which was: Why did you not give us puzzles on the following days. They also suggested more time in camp, and a longer camp. We will be looking at these and other changes for next year, perhaps combining some of the activities and introducing some new ones to reduce the amount of travelling and allow more time in camp.

We will be urging host families to apply to host early again so that we can give the youth an answer earlier. 14-16 youth seems to be a good number but we would like to be able to have a closer gender balance. Hopefully the police clearance policy will encourage families to host again next year.

One of the things that MDA Youth Exchange Chairs will need to look at this year are the dates. Since the International Convention is in Toronto in 2014, we will need to consider whether to post pone the arrival time to allow Lions who may want to attend the Convention to also host. Or if we can find enough host families, it has been suggested that it would be a good experience for the youth to attend the opening parade and perhaps some of the sessions.

In assessing the needs for the camp next year, we would like to replace the foam mattresses and perhaps some of the tents. Our expenses were higher this year because of travelling. I hope we can reduce the travel costs so that we can focus on improved facilities and camp program. However, I would encourage clubs to keep in mind the need for renewing the camp supplies in planning your budget for the Youth Exchange program.

In summary, our goals are the following:

1. Plan for 16 youth with a more balanced gender
2. Encourage early commitments from host families and encourage more Lions to be host families
3. Renew the camp supplies
4. Plan a quality camp program that enables more interaction among the youth.

Our team of Lioness Carrol Vincent, Lion Bob Book, Lion Cheryl Schleihauf and I have had fun and have worked well together. We believe that the Youth Exchange program is

an important one that the District can be proud of. I deeply appreciate the support of the district in enabling us to continue to have a Youth Exchange program.
Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the camp team

Youth Exchange Outbound PZC Mary no report

OLD BUSINESS N/A

NEW BUSINESS

DRAWS

The 50/50 Draw for \$131 was won by Lion Catherine Dallas from London Central Lions

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sept. 14, 2013 Dutton Golf Tournament
- Oct. 5 London Fanshawe Charter 2pm
- Oct. 19, 2013 Tecumseh-Lakeside Lions Club 11 anniversary Comedy Night
- Oct. 19, 2013 Lambeth Annual Fundraiser for the Memory Box
- Nov 17, 2013 Diabetes Parade of cheques in St Thomas

CLOSING REMARKS

Governor Bob thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The next District Meeting will be held November 17, 2013 in St Thomas
Followed by Leadership training

This meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by,

Lion Cheryl Schlehauf

District A-1
Cabinet Secretary