

District A-1 District Meeting

August 24th, 2014
Wyoming Lions Hall
Wyoming , Ontario

Governor John Johnston acted as the chairperson and called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. The following District Cabinet Officers we're in attendance...

IPDG Bob Tanner , 1st Vice DG Mike Tux ford , 2nd Vice DG Eric Dolansky ,
Cabinet Secretary Gerald Smith , Cabinet Treasurer Dan Armstrong , RC 24 Doug
Crockett , ZC 1 Jim Rigney , ZC 2 Curtis Marwood , ZC 5 Jeff Zavitz ,
ZC 6 Frank Van Kampen , ZC 7 Jerry Veale. Regrets were received from
RC 1 Grant Oliver , RC 2 Sondra Sasse , ZC 3 Gayle Cudney , ZC 4 Shawn
Davison., GMT Wayne Cudney . Also in attendance were 9 Club presidents ,
7 Club secretaries , 3 Club treasurers , 37 other Lions , total of 67 Lions plus
1 Lioness , and 1 guest.. Ryan Chin from the CNIB.

All Lions , Lioness and guests rose for the singing of O Canada , 1st Vice DG was
asked to read the names of deceased Lions members since the June 8th District
meeting., this was followed by a moment of silence. 2nd Vice DG Eric Dolansky
was asked to read the names of new Lions and their sponsors since the June 8th
District meeting.

Governor John welcomed everyone and set protocol., Gov John called forward
PDG Allister Cameron , who installed the District Cabinet Officers for 2014- 2015.
In the absense of Finance Chair Wayne Cudney , Governor John presented the
District budget for 2014- 2015 , motion to accept the budget as presented made by
ZC 1 Jim Rigney , 2nd by 2nd Vice DG Eric Dolansky , question was asked on the
district directory re .. no money budgeted to print these. Governor John explained
the directory will be online on the District website , anyone wishing a hardcopy
can purchase one at a cost of \$ 5.00 ., motion to accept the budget was carried.

Treasurer's report .. Dan Armstrong had no report at this time , he asked for a
motion to move the bank accounts from the Hyde Park Scotiabank branch to the

Scotiabank branch in Dorchester , motion made by ZC 7 Jerry Veale , 2nd by 1st Vice DG Mike Tux ford , carried. Governor John asked for a motion to accept the treasurer's report , moved by ZC 2 Curtis Marwood , 2nd by RC 24 Doug Crockett , carried.

District A-1 2014-2015 Budget

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Directories	-
Cabinet Meetings	800.00
District Dues	10,854.00
GMT/GLT	1,000.00
	12,654.00
	Budgeted
<u>Expenses</u>	
Bank Service Charge	55.00
Bulletin Contest	50.00
Changeover	300.00
Cheques	-
Directories	-
Insurance / Directors	648.00
Cabinet Meetings	1,000.00
Internet / Domain	60.00
GMT/ GLT	1,000.00
Gifts / Plaques	750.00

Honorariums	2,800.00
International Directors Fund	1,250.00
Leadership Forum	1,000.00
Name Tags	600.00
Office Supplies	275.00
Committee Expense	300.00
USA/Canada Forum	2,000.00
Camp Dorset	-

12,088.00

566.00

Secretary's report .. Gerald Smith asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the June 8 District meeting that were printed and distributed by Past Cabinet Secretary Cheryl Scheihauf , motion by ZC 1 Jim Rigney to accept the minutes , 2nd by 1st Vice DG Eric Dolansky, in the minutes of June 8th was a report from the chair of the Constitution and By-laws committee that was deferred for more time to read it , Secretary Gerald asked for a motion to accept this report, moved by ZC 7 Jerry Veale , 2nd by 2nd Vice DG Eric Dolansky, carried., motion to accept the minutes of June 8th meeting , carried also.

Correspondance..Secretary Gerald discussed the following..

- 1.. International Centennial Planning Committee representative .. Governor John s spoke to this and announced the District A-1 rep will be PDG Bill Bissonette.
- 2.. From the Lions Foundation of Canada , thru MDA Secretary John Stewart , the position of Ontario Director for LFC will become vacant in October 2015 .,

qualifications and selection process were listed , this is a 3 year term, deadline for nominations is October 1st , 2014.

3.. Toronto Argo's football game Oct 25th in Toronto , IPDG Bob Tanner spoke to this , it is a good way to support Lions Quest , IPDG Bob asked for a motion to donate \$ 5.00 per game ticket to be donated to the Lions Quest program , so moved by Secretary Gerald Smith , 2nd by 1st Vice DG Mike Tuxford , carried. District Reporter and P/R Chair Barb Tuxford has arranged a bus to visit the Dog Guides School in Oakville early in the afternoon , open house and tour the facility, then on to Toronto for the football game at 4 pm. Price for the bus and ticket to the game is \$ 105.00, price for the bus trip but not the football game is \$ 60.00 , this option is available for anyone who wants to see the Dog Guide School but are not big football fans. Downtown Toronto has a lot to offer.

Governor John asked for Cabinet Officer's reports..

1st Vice DG Mike Tuxford..

Good morning Lions allThanks for taking time to join us this morning my goal and challenge is to increase membership to 1.300 Lions by July 1, 2015.

I am asking for your help in a few different ways

First is JUST ASK, Lions are telling you to ASK 1, but where we want to go you have to keep asking.

As I've been saying for years keep the fun in Lionism, what does that mean ?? Keep meetings fun and upbeat, enjoy the experience of doing functions, and don't be afraid to ask for help, friends, neighbours and especially other Lions

Try your best to avoid controversy ..time is so valuable , arguing and fighting is a sure way to discourage members input and if people feel uneasy they won't want to come back to another meeting.

One way of keeping Lions is as easy as a thank-you. But awards are also a great way of saying thanks MDA has a good web site with a lot of awards....When clubs say "We don't give out awards" as my club used to say, that is just wrong. A

framed certificate or a gift is a way of thanking them. We have awards that benefit Lions Foundation such as a Melvin Jones, Lions Homes for Deaf People like a Helen Keller or a Harry A. Newman that benefits Diabetes Canada.... And many other awards are a way of thanking them

I have always found constructive criticism is the only way to go

Ask can I solve the problem that I am going to create

Remember united we stand divided we fall

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED 1st VDG LION MIKE TUXFORD

2nd Vice DG Eric Dolansky..

Spoke on club growth , challenged everyone in attendance to grow their own club, spoke on the benefits of the Club Excellence Program . Eric is looking for volunteers to work with him on supporting and enhancing clubs that may have a membership that is slipping downwards. Anyone wishing to help out , see 2nd VDG Eric afterwards.

Region 24 Chair Doug Crockett.. Had no report at this time.

Zone 1 Chair Jim Rigney..

GOOD MORNING LIONS;

THIS IS THE START OF THIS MY YEAR TWO AS ZONE CHAIR.

MANY ACTIVITIES ARE IN THE WORKS AMONG THE ZONE ONE CLUBS.

THE CLUB OFFICER'S WILL BE WORKING WITH THEIR MEMBERS AND ME

ZONE CHAIR TO MAKE THIS A EVENT FILLED SEASON.

WE HAVE THE SUPPORT OF OUR DISTRICT TO KEEP OUR CLUBS FULLY
FUNCTIONAL.

LET'S FOLLOW THE THEME OF OUR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT,

" STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE ".

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Zone 2 Chair Curtis Marwood..

Governor John:

Thank you for accepting my offer to be the Zone Chair for Zone 2.

I have arranged three Zone Advisory meetings and scheduled club visits to each of the 8 clubs in the Zone.

I found the Zone training very helpful. Training was not provided 10 years ago when I served as Zone Chair, although I was well coached by a few PZC's.

Goals:

1. Promote CEP for all clubs in the Zone with the aim of a minimum of half of the clubs completing the program by the Convention.
2. Encourage full representation (President/Secretary) by every club in the Zone at District meetings.
3. Solicit ideas for a Zone project by the second Zone Advisory in November.
4. Identify and promote 2 new potential leaders (Zone chair or Committee chair)
5. Research the possibility of a new club or branch club in the Zone.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Curtis Marwood

Zone 5 Chair Jeff Zavitz... Had a brief report , having attended the Zone Chair Training Seminar in Chatham., looking forward to working with the clubs within Zone 5.

Zone 6 Chair Frank Van Kempen...

As of Thursday 21st of August 4 clubs have reported in for July.

Petrolia Lions Club.

members 59

Activity,Community / Zone,Cabinet meetings,

43 members attended lion service for deceased member Lion Ross Ryan.

10 members attended LCI convention

4 members attended LCI parade

2 members hosted 2 youth exchange camp.

1 member was a camp counselor.

3 members attended youth camp opening and 4 members for the closing ceremonies.

Lion donations

Club visitations.

Sarnia Lions Club.

No official activities in July.

August meeting on Visually Impaired Picnic for 2014-15 season.

Bluewater Lions Club.

Members 19

Activity,Community/ Zone Chair meetings,

Lions Donation.(LCIF,life Worth Living,LFC

Community donation.

Club / District Visits.

Wyoming Lions Club.

Members 57

Bingo Funds Raising Continue.

Renovation/repairs on Hall by Volunteer Hours Donated by Members.

Zone Chair attended LCI convention.
Attended Service for Lion Harry Beeknink From Arkona Lions Club.
Visit MD-A and District Convention.

Thank You,
Lion Frank Van Kempen
Zone Chair 6

Zone 7 Chair Jerry Veale...

Gov Lion John

I have only received 1 Club report this summer. Delaware Lions have reported a membership of 46.

Their activities include watering flowers on town street poles and hosting DelK08rydg Canada Day. They fed a free pancake breakfast to 1700 people at a cost of about \$700.00. 33 Lions members were involved. Other activities for the day included a Parade Entertainment and Fireworks. Total manhours for that day were 225.

They also ran a concession booth at the Plunkett Estate for a weekly car show 5 Thursday nights 20 Lions 200 manhours.

The following is the schedule for my Zone 7 Club Visits

Monday Oct 6.....Glencoe

Thursday Nov 6.....Strathroy Caradoc

Monday Jan 26Delaware

Monday Jan 19.....Mt.Brydges

Tuesday Feb 24...Melbourne

Thursday Mar 9....Strathroy

ZONE MEETINGS

1st Zone Meeting Thursday Sept 25th Strathroy

2nd Zone Meeting Monday Nov 24th .. Delaware

3rd Zone Meeting Monday Mar 2nd Glencoe

4th Zone Meeting Tuesday May 19th Mt Brydges

It is my pleasure to serve as Zone Chairman for Zone 7.

Respectively Submitted

Lion Jerry Veale
Zone Chair Zone 7

This concluded the reports from the District Officers.. Governor John asked for a motion to accept the District Officers , moved by 2nd Vice DG Eric Dolansky , 2nd by 1st Vice DG Mike Tuxford.. carried.

Governor John asked for a motion to accept the Cabinet Secretary's report.. Moved by 1st Vice DG Mike Tuxford , 2nd by ZC 7 Jerry Veale, carried.

Committee Reports..

Convention Chair.. PDG John Ross.. Announced the 2014 - 2015 District convention will be held at the Best Western Lamplighter in London....Apr 10 - 12, 2015

100 rooms have been set aside for the convention , book early .. hospitality rooms have been booked., the committee is working on agenda's

Call the hotel and speak to Josh to make your room reservation.

Respectfully submitted ...
PDG John Ross

Diabetes Awareness.. Bev Wirta.

Good Morning Governor John and fellow Lions. It is a pleasure to again be your Diabetes Awareness Chair for District A-1.

Since my last report, I worked on the CDA Golf Tournament as a committee volunteer and on the day of the golf tournament, myself and 3 other Lions from

Bluewater Lions Club helped with 50/50 ticket sales and a putting contest. The day went well and Lions were well represented at this function.

At our on-line meeting with the Lions/CDA Committee it has been decided that we will have our 6th Annual Tag Day across Canada. The day of the event is up to each club. Preferably between the 1st of October and the 30th of November. If you know today that your club would like to participate in this event, I have Tags and Posters available today to pick up. I will be sending out letters to the clubs along with a letter from the National Liaison Committee announcing this event. If you have participated in the past, thank you very much and I look forward to working with you again this year. If it is a first time for your club, please call or email and I will review the event with your club. Last year 12 clubs (Lions/Lioness and Leos) from District A-1 participated in the event, raising \$5,156. To let you know what a great job District A-1 does – Total receipts for Ontario for Tag Day was \$19,737. Our district raised 26% of that total.

I am available to attend any club or Zone meeting and would look forward to meeting all the Lions in District A-1. Looking forward to a great year and best wishes to each club.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Bev Wirta

Eyes Right Chair... Harry Wismer..

Governor John, Cabinet members, Lions, Lioness and guests

Just a short report from District A-I Lions Sight Conservation Foundation commonly known as Eyes Right.

Our activities for the summer have been somewhat dormant, although we have worked on the restructuring of our brochure through the efforts of PDG Lion Don McKessock.

We have received some inquiries for a future project and will be assessing these at our September meeting.

Trusting everyone had a restful summer.

Respectfully submitted

Lion Harry Wismer

Chair.. Eyes Right

Environment Chair .. Mary Mahovlich (absent) This report read by Cabinet Secretary Gerald ..

As your Environmental Chair and a Girl Guide I am excited about taking this position as there are so many ways that we as Lions can protect the environment. For starters the Photo Contest creates an awareness of the beauty of our world.

The following are some of the ways that we as Lions can become involved and/or involve others in the protection of our environment:

- 1) Our Lions Tree Planting Program has been extended. Re: LCI 100th Anniversary
- 2) Cleanup including Parks and "Adopt a Highway"
- 3) Recycling

I will be sending out further information on these ideas at a later date.

Lions take "Pride" in your accomplishments. Please e-mail me anything that you are doing for the environment so that we can encourage others to do the same.

Call me, I am available to visit clubs or do presentations at your Zone Meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Mary Mahovlich P.R.C.

Outbound Youth Exchange Chair

Environmental Chair

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GLT Chair.. PDG Jacqui Flood...

Thank you, Governor John, for asking me to be coordinator of the Global Leadership Team.

1. My first goal was to train the Zone Chairpersons August 16th in Chatham. 5 Zone Chairs attended along with 2 Region Chairs. The evaluations were positive. Unfortunately the Global Membership Team Coordinator was unable to assist me in the training.

Second Goal is to work with the Global Membership team and have regular meetings at least 4 this Lions Year during the District meetings

3. At the November District Meeting the Club officers will be trained including the Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, & Membership Chair Person.
4. A Certified Guiding Lion Course will be offered to the Membership as well as the Zone & Region Chairpersons at the 3rd District Meeting
5. Plans to collaborate with the GM & GL teams as to the topics that will be offered at the District Convention. The topics will be developed and presenters approached to facilitate the sessions.

Also during the rest of the year the Club Excellence Process will be offered and hopefully at least 4 clubs will request that their club take advantage of the process

.Respectfully submitted.

Jacqui Flood

Jacqui Flood PDG
GLT Coordinator

Governor's Newsletter.. Governor John spoke on the Strengthen the Pride theme from the Int'l President., goals for this year are to form 2 new clubs., Int'l wants to see a 50 / 50 split between male and female Lions members by 2017.

Governor will not necessarily visit each club., Region Chairs may fill in as required., also looking to get feedback on developing a new District website.

LCIF Chair .. PDG Don McKessock...

Governor John and Cabinet,

My name is Lion Don McKessock and it is my privilege to be District A-1 Co-ordinator for LCIF.

I thank Governor John for this opportunity... it allows me to follow my passion in a tangible way:

My passion is not LCIF – the first-ranked NGO in the world that has already:

Saved the sight of over 30 million people

Provided disaster relief to China, Haiti, Thailand, Japan, Phillipines

Provided > ½ billion dollars to help fund humanitarian projects throughout the world

My passion is not LCIF – the first-ranked NGO in the world that will be:

Saving the sight of over 30 million more people

One of the first NGO's to respond to the next world-scale disaster

Helping to deliver 150 million doses of measles vaccine

Providing over 20 million dollars each year to help fund humanitarian projects throughout the world

My career as a Lion has allowed me to see, more than most Lions:

Lions service is more than you can imagine

The opportunity for greatest service is where there is greatest need.

That LCIF gives us the power to respond to the greatest needs.

That my Lions' home is not just Sarnia, or District A1.. my Lions home is the world.

These are the truths that I, as a Lion, now know.

My passion is simply to share these truths. *To make District A1 Lions aware of how important they are to making the world a better place through their contribution to LCIF.*

Last year at this time I was not happy... less than 1 in 6 Clubs were donating to LCIF.... And I said I had a dream, that > 1/3 of District A1 Clubs would donate to LCIF. Well, I am happy to report that in our 2013-2014 Lions year 50% of District A-1 Clubs donated \$16,600 to LCIF!! Thank you Lions! Don't wake me up!!!

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 \$18,000 LCIF fund-raising goal and a Club participation goal of > 50%.

Motion the District support the monetary goal of \$ 18,000.00 made by ZC 2 Curtis Marwood , 2nd by ZC 6 Frank Van Kempen , carried.

Lions, If my dream is to stay alive, you still need to know more about LCIF

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 A1 LCIF presentations are not long, but they are very informative, and can be tailor-made for your venue – Just give me a call.

Thank-you for this small measure of your time and for the generosity of your service.

Respectfully submitted.

Lion Don McKessock,
District A-1 LCIF Chair

Research & Long Range Planning ... PDG Bill Bissonnette..

Governor John, members of Cabinet,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Chair again this year.

As most of you know this is a committee made up of the Past District Governors in the district and we meet to discuss issues brought forth from the Governor, Cabinet or internally.

We are an advisory committee and as such our recommendations are just that. Recommendations. Advice to the Governor or cabinet to be used or not as they see fit.

This year's scheduled meetings will be held at Smitty's in Chatham at 6:30 pm on Tuesday September 30 and Thursday April 30.

Again, thank you, and look forward to an issue-free year.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Bill Bissonnette, PDG

Youth Exchange Chair... PDG Ev Spiering... Spoke on the upcoming year .. Hoping it will just as successful as previous ones.. The need for host families is always a challenge.. please let the committee know if you are interested in hosting a youth., also the clubs are being asked to recruit potential host families that may not be directly connected to Lionism.

ZC 2 Curtis Marwood ..

Governor John and Lions

Once again I want to thank Lion Bob for asking me to co-chair the Youth Exchange. It has been another good year. I especially thank co-chair, Lioness Carrol Vincent, who took the lead in organizing the camp schedule with the clubs who served meals for us during the camp week. I also commend and thank the other members of the camp team, Lion Cheryl, Lion Bob, Lion Ev and Lion Trigger for their leadership and support to help make another great week of camp.

This year the 12 youth were a younger group, all 16 and 17 year olds. This meant a few more challenges. They were an energetic and active group that needed some extra guidance at times. But in the end they expressed and are still expressing their appreciation for the experience with their hosts and at camp. We are all touched by how quickly they develop relationships with each other as a group and with us as leaders and show their appreciation.

We followed their feedback from the group last year and reduced the time in the road. This gave them more time in camp to build relationships. Thorndale Lions

hosted a picnic BBQ and games to start the week. We combined a visit to the LFC DogGuides school and Canada's Wonderland on one trip, Niagara Falls another day and the Ice Culture factory in Hensal and Grand Bend another day. Other highlights were a meal and Karaoke at Glencoe Lions and a meal and Square Dancing at Strathroy Lions. In addition to the above, I would like to thank the other clubs who camp to camp and hosted meals for us: Mt. Brydges Lions, Belmont Lions, St. Thomas Lions and Lambeth Lions.

In spite of the International Convention in Toronto this year, we were able to find enough host families. Again, I thank the host families for helping to keep the program going.

We were able to replace some of the foam mattresses, and added some towels and pillow cases. The tents continue to be a challenge, especially when we have to put them up in the rain, which happened this year. We spent about \$7566 and returned \$1654 to the District account.

I enjoyed co-chairing the program again this year but felt it was time for a change. I thank Lion John for honouring my request. I think I can speak for the team when I say we had fun and enjoyed working 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

Lion Curtis Marwood, PZC, YE Chair.

Youth Camp and Exchange Activity Report 2013- 2014

Name: Curtis Marwood

Country: Canada

Multiple District: Multiple District "A "

District: District A 1

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Phone: 519-350-2555

Sponsored Participants (youth sent to other countries)

0 1. Total number of camp sponsorship applications received.

0 2. Total number of exchange (no camp) sponsorship applications received.

0 3. Total number of Lions clubs in your district/MD who sponsored a participant.

Total: Total: Total: Total:

Hosted Participants (youth hosted in your district/multiple district)

14 1. Total number of camp host applications received.

0 2. Total number of exchange (no camp) host applications received.

0 3. Total number of lions clubs in your district/MD who hosted a participant.

17 4. Total number of host families.

AUSTRIA 1 1

BELGIUM 1 1

CZECH REPUBLIC 2 2

GERMANY 1 1

ITALY 2 2

NETHERLANDS 1

MEXICO 1 1

MONGOLIA 1 1

POLAND 1 1

SLOVAK REPUBLIC 1 1

SLOVENIA 1 1

SPAIN 1 1

Total: 12 Total: Total: 14 Total: 14

Outbound Youth .. Mary Mahovlich...

Report read by Cabinet Secretary Gerald

Lions All,

As Your Outbound Youth Exchange Chair I have sent an outline of the program to be included in the minutes which clubs can use locally to promote this program adding their own club information.

Although this program is called "Youth Exchange" the outbound youth's family does not have to be a host family. However, doing so may be a way for families to find out about the program before sending their teenager out into the world! I encourage everyone to host at least once. I've hosted 18 youth over the years.

Lion Mary Mahovlich P.R.C.

Outbound Youth Exchange Chair

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CNIB Chair .. George Croft...

WE SERVE , that's why we're Lions and why we're here today.

WE SERVE those less fortunate in our communities and worldwide in many ways, at the discretion of each of our clubs.

Helen Keller, in 1925 challenged Lions to become "KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND" and Lions throughout the world have done so admirably.

While we many worthy initiatives to assist those less fortunate, the CORE of Lionism is rooted in assisting those with vision issues.

Our District has the excellent Eyesight Foundation which assists hospitals to acquire specialized Ophthalmological equipment and we're proud of this.

However, it is the CNIB who perform much of the "Hands-On", one-on-one assistance to individuals with vision challenges. This includes education, low-vision clinics, consultation about technical aids, children's and deafblind services and independent living skills.

I respectfully request EVERY CLUB in our great District to consider holding one event in support of the CNIB in each Lion's year.

The event your club chooses should be one with which your members are comfortable and support.

Some Suggestions are:

DINING IN THE DARK, which Kingsville and Sarnia Lions clubs held last year.

VOLUNTARY TOLL ROAD STOPS, as done by Leamington Lions and scheduled to be held by Petrolia & Wyoming Lions on September 6th.

WHITE CANE TAG DAYS, at a local Mall, Walmart, Supermarket, Canadian Tire, or other location with heavy pedestrian traffic.

I have with me an example of an inexpensive white cane made from 3/4 In. PVC pipe, with a plastic jar, screw lid with a slot and Lion's sticker on the front.

You have received information from Ryan Chin, Manager Community Giving, CNIB West Region, from Hamilton. Please share this information with your clubs and consider what event in support of the CNIB is a good fit for your club.

Thanks to Governor John for inviting the CNIB's Ryan Chin and thanks to Lion Ryan for making the extra effort to be with us today.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion George Croft

CNIB Chair

Reading Action Program ... Joyce Mahovlich...

READING ACTION PROGRAM

Since the beginning of this program last year, various Lion's Clubs throughout District A-1 have become involved.

This is just a few ways that your club could become involved in this program by following some of the Lions Clubs in our district who have already participated:

- 1) Belle River Lions Club has donated 22 books to the Food Bank and Community Centre. The Community Centre is going to evaluate the program for us (how well is it received, it is really needed, since this is a bilingual community do we need French books? etc.). This is going hand in hand with their Stuff a Backpack Program back to school program. Maybe your club could buy Backpacks for your local Food Bank and put inside them pencils, rulers, crayons, notebooks and a book?
- 2) Essex Lions Club donated once again to the Essex Library July/August Summer Reading Program.
- 3) Granton Lions Club donated 20 books to the Ailsa Craig Food Bank.
- 4) Petrolia Lions Club donated 50 books for the 2013 Christmas hamper program; donated used children's books for the Back to School program just commencing and is in the process of ordering books for the 2014 Christmas hamper program.
- 5) Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Club participates in the Chamber of Commerce annual Home & Leisure show. The club has a display booth at this show to promote their club and try and attract new members. This year the club handed out 85 books to children with their parent's permission. The club has also "adopted" a local school where they plan to help out as support for their reading programs. As luck would have it, this is the same school that

sings Christmas carols at the club's annual Tree of Light Ceremony in November. The club is also trying to start up a writer's workshop for the school.

How do we obtain the books for donating? Scholastic Canada has partnered with the Lions to assist. They are offering books to purchase at a 50% discount compared to brand new books from a book store. I have their order form and descriptive brochure for any club that wishes one today. Please come and see me after this Cabinet Meeting has adjourned. Or you could have a book drive and collect used children's books. If anyone has used children's books, I am collecting them and will donate all books to a Food Bank. I also have brochures from Lions International explaining the Reading Action Program and some planning tools that may be useful to your club.

For participating in this International Program, the Food Bank or School or other venue will receive a Certificate of Appreciation from our district which I can come down to your area and present. Remember to take a picture and send it to your local newspaper to obtain much needed publicity for your Lions Club. Do not forget to put your donation/participation in your Monthly Activity Report. I like to brag about our district, so do send me an e-mail letting me know how your club is involved in this very worthwhile program. This program will provide great visibility of what Lion Clubs can do in your community.

If you need a guest speaker, I am available to come and speak to your club and/or Zone Advisory Meetings.

Could a representative from the following clubs come up front so Governor John and I can say Thank You for participating in this program (Belle River, Essex, Granton, Petrolia and Strathroy-Caradoc)?

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Joyce Mahovlich Chair

Reading Action Program

5 clubs received certificates for participating in the Reading Action Program last year.

IPDG Bob Tanner spoke on the Scholastic Books Program.. A very good program with Scholastic Books to get materials into the classroom for the Reading Action Program.

Lions Quest.. PDG Tim Blackburn..

Good morning Lions & Guests

Thank you Governor John for the opportunity to bring to the Lions this morning information that I received during a meeting that I attended at Lions Quest Canada in Cambridge on Aug. 11.

When I'm finished my presentation I will gladly entertain questions. If I can't answer your questions today I will get the answers. Be assured of that.

The meeting on Aug. 11 was attended by Lions from every district in M.D.A. at the invitation from the chair of L.Q.C., PID Bruce Murray. Also in attendance was the Executive Director of LQC Joanne McQuiggan and Events Coordinator Kay Nelles as well as C.C. Lion Bob Tanner.

Financial Picture

-\$1,750,000 in Royalties- paid to LCI

-LCI wrote off an additional \$250,000

-The debt 4 years ago when PD Bruce became involved was \$432,000

-At one point \$75,000 was borrowed from MDA& \$40,000 was repaid

\$34,000 was written off on a motion by the Council of Governors

-\$176,000 from pins, Q Bears, merchandise, donations and a grant from the Ontario Government, was withheld illegally by a Lion who has since passed away.

That money never made it to LQC.

The debt remains at \$92,000 which is money owed for wages, merchandise and goods reproduced.

-We will not be held accountable for any future royalties. We will continue to pay a reasonable price for materials.

-We are in line for a further Ontario grant up to \$1,000,000. However we must eliminate the debt in order to qualify.

Lions Quest Canada now provides more than the traditional School based programs. I've placed a one page blurb on the tables this morning which outlines the extended services.

In short, LQC now provides consultative services to community groups; provides workshops for communities, parents and youth serving professionals by Lions Quest Trainers which is all geared towards community capacity building and asset building.

On the back of the promo sheet for this year's Promotional Contest you will note a schedule of events planned by LQC. Also you will note in the latest Lions magazine two Train the Trainers events focusing on community capacity building.

Of particular note is the National Gathering Conference being held in Orillia this Oct. 3 which will deal with Asset Building- The Key to Developing A Positive Outlook. (Not what's wrong with our youth but a sharing of what's working)

The benefits of all of this is 3 fold:

1. Provides forums to promote Lions work with young people.
2. Provides a cost effective way to demonstrate the need for LQ programs.
3. Connects us with other leaders in positive youth development in our Communities.

So you see it's really important that we continue to support Lions Quest financially. It's an LCI program, a Canadian program, which like LCIF and LFC needs our support. If it saves one youth from heading in the wrong direction it's worth it. However we do know that it benefits thousands of young people.

I do want to thank our own IPDG and CC Bob Tanner for arranging a Lions day at the Argo/Ticat game in Oct. They will donate \$5.00 for each Lion in attendance and CC Bob has directed the donated funds towards Lions Quest Canada.

Today I'm providing each club a package for the 2014-15 Promotional Contest.

This year it is a 12 day trip for 2 to Bali from anywhere in Canada.

For a donation of \$250 , you receive 25 tickets on the draw, recognition as a Champion Club with a banner patch and 1 card that can be presented to a guest speaker.

The number of goodies increases with a \$500 and \$1000 donation including Lions Quest Fellowships. There are Lions and Lioness in our District that are most deserving of a Lions Quest Fellowship.

I would ask the Zone Chairs to help with delivering to those clubs that are not here today.

I'm suggesting that you keep this contest in-house and fill in the tickets with the club name.

Send in tickets, stubs and money to Lions Quest in Cambridge-NOT TO ME!!!

For those clubs that send in their ticket stubs and donation before the International Breakfast in St. Mary's they will receive a chance on a draw for a LQ Fellowship

NOTE: The tickets can be paid for from the Activity Account

I will conclude by saying that my goals for this Lions year:

1. To revisit the school based programs in A-1
2. Keep the District informed of the progress of LQC.
3. Attempt to arrange a "Do Your Part" Community Workshop in our District.

You can find a lot more information by bringing up the Lions Quest Canada web site and googling LQC “Do Your Part”- You Tube with PCC Tom Gordon.

(Dave Voisey Letter regarding the death of his grandson due to drugs.)

Thank you Governor John, the cabinet and all the Lions of District A-1 for the continued support of LQC.

Remember “When young people possess the necessary skills and competencies for life, they are less likely to get involved with the negative influences and risk taking behaviour.”

“Thank you and have a great Lions year.”

This concluded the committee reports , Governor John asked for a motion to accept these reports.. So moved by ZC 7 Jerry Veale , 2nd by 1st Vice DG Mike Tuxford, carried.

Old Business.. None

New Business.. None

Announcements..

Strathroy - Caradoc Lions Walk a Thon for Guide Dogs .. Sat.. Sept 20th.

Lambeth Lions 9th Annual Fundraiser .. Sat Oct 4th ..

Cabinet Secretary Gerald reminded everyone of the Peace Poster Contest ..
Deadline to order kits from LCI is Oct 1st.

The next District meeting will be hosted by Chatham Lions .. Nov 16th .. There will be club officer training sessions afterwards.

Closing Remarks... Governor John thanked everyone for attending and thanked the Wyoming Lions for hosting today's cabinet meeting., Gov John did speak to a possible challenge on the distribution of the 3 Region Chairs. If this challenge is put in writing and submitted to him ., Gov John will respond to it., once again thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50

Gerald Smith

District A-1 Cabinet Secretary

