

District A-1 Meeting
Active Lifestyle Centre
20 Merritt Ave
Chatham, Ontario
Nov 16th , 2014

Governor John Johnston acted as chairperson and called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. All Cabinet Officers were present with exception of Region 1 Chair Grant Oliver and Zone 4 Chair Shawn Davison , who sent in their regrets. Also in attendance were 16 club presidents, 10 secretaries, 4 club treasurer's , and 26 other Lions., total of 70 Lions.

Governor John asked all Lions to rise for the singing of O Canada , afterwards 1st VDG Mike Tuxford read the names of Lions that have passed on since the last District meeting Aug 24th , this was followed by a minute of silence. 2nd VDG read the names of new Lion members and their sponsors, also since the last District meeting, Aug 24th.

Governor John welcomed everyone and set protocol.

Governor John asked for Cabinet reports starting with Cabinet Treasurer Dan Armstrong..

Lions Club - District A-1
11/13/14 Balance Sheet
Accrual Basis As of November 16, 2014

ASSETS
Current Assets
Chequing/Savings

10000 · District Account
10001 · Scotiabank District A-1 8,255.43
10010 · Effective Speaking 1,753.55
10015 · Hearing Awareness 543.52
10020 · Lake Joseph Transportation 6,358.33
10024 · Quest 750.00
10000 · District Account - Other 7,836.00
Total 10000 · District Account 25,496.83
10040 · Cash 22.13
10055 · Scotiabank Effective Speaking 3,561.59
10060 · Royal Bank Lake Joseph Transp'n 440.17
Total Chequing/Savings 29,520.72
Accounts Receivable
11000 · Accounts Receivable 3,258.00
Total Accounts Receivable 3,258.00
Total Current Assets 32,778.72
Fixed Assets
16000 · Long-Term Investments
16100 · GIC 1 10000000W7549 10,773.83
16200 · GIC 2 10000000Z4X38 15,114.25
16300 · GIC 3 10000000Z4X6T 10,052.55
Total 16000 · Long-Term Investments 35,940.63
Total Fixed Assets 35,940.63
TOTAL ASSETS 68,719.35
LIABILITIES & EQUITY
Equity
30000 · Opening Balance Equity 59,066.34
Net Income 9,653.01
Total Equity 68,719.35
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 68,719.35

Lions Club - District A-1

11/13/14 Profit & Loss

Accrual Basis July 1 through November 13, 2014

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

40000 · Income

40010 · Directory Sales 0.00

40030 · District Dues 10,836.00

40040 · Cabinet Meetings 108.00

40050 · Income – Other 300.00

Total 40000 · Income 11,244.00

46000 · Miscellaneous Income/Revenue 9.13

Total Income 11,253.13

Expense

60000 · General and Admin Expense

60020 · Bank Charges 62.40

60025 · Cabinet Meeting Expenses 250.00

60050 · IT Costs (Web/Domain/Data etc) 142.24

60060 · Gifts and Plaques 83.62

60090 · Name Tags/Pins Cabinet 775.00

Total 60000 · General and Admin Expense 1,313.26

65000 · Committee Expense

65060 · GMT 143.43

65065 · GLT 143.43

Total 65000 · Committee Expense 286.86

Total Expense 1,600.12

Net Ordinary Income 9,653.01

Net Income 9,653.01

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by ZC 6 Frank Van Kempen ,
2nd by ZC 3 Gayle Cudney, carried.

Cabinet Secretary Gerald Smith..

Reported the minutes of the Aug 24th had been e mailed out to all Cabinet Officers , PDG's , Committee Chair's , Club President's and Club Secretaries.

Motion to accept the minutes of the Aug 24th District meeting made by ZC 3 Gayle Cudney , 2nd by ZC 2 Curtis Marwood , carried.

Correspondance was received from the Hyde Park& District Lions on the nomination of 2nd VDG for the office of 1st VDG 2015 -2016.

Also , from the Belle River Lions on the nomination of Lion Joyce Mahovlich for the office of 2nd VDG for 2015-2016.

The Leader Dog Luncheon in Rochester Michigan Dec 4th was going to to be reported on by Leader Dog Chair Valerie Burningham.

1st VDG Mike Tuxford..

Good morning Lions allThanks for taking time to join us this morning my goal and challenge to increase membership to 1,300 Lions by July 1, 2015 Is going as planned. I have had the pleasure of inducting quite a few new lions, wow we are getting younger and a great mix of male and female members. Just Ask IS WORKING. Sponsors be sure to take the time to mentor our new lions.

You know the phrase "walk a mile in someone's shoes" – well I participated in a "Dining in the Dark" event where I had a chance to experience blindness for half an hour. If you have never had this event in your Zone or Region, I

challenge you to host one...even at home with your family...sit down for dinner and ask everyone to put on blindfolds...it certainly makes you understand why Helen Keller so wanted us to be Knights of the Blind and help eradicate blindness.

During the past months I have been able to travel around the District and bring the message of "Membership" to several Zone meetings. At these, I have learned so much, just because you progress to 1st Vice District Governor, doesn't mean you know everything..being a Lion means continuously listening and learning.

I am looking forward to visiting more clubs in the next few months and hope to be inducting lots of new Lions....Strengthening the Pride is our main goal this year..so Ask your Neighbour or your bowling buddy and lets keep District A1 strong.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED 1st VDG LION MIKE TUXFORD

2nd VDG Eric Dolansky.. Discussed the Ask One program and how the number one reason people decline to join Lions is " they are too busy". Also , a big reason Lions lose interest in Lions and resign from their club, is a lack of strong leadership at club

meetings., this is why the GLT and GMT are so important.

Zone 1 Chair Jim Rigney...

GOOD MORNING FELLOW LIONS,
MY LIONS YEAR HAS ALL OF MY CLUB VISITS COMPLETED. NOW I AM FREE TO DO VISITS TO THE CLUB ACTIVITIES. ESSEX LIONS PUT ON THEIR ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR THAT I AND TWO BELLE RIVER LIONS WERE THERE TO HELP OUT. I AND LION ANNIE ATTENDED THE PAST PRESIDENT DINNER AT THE WINDSOR DOWNTOWN LIONS. SUPPORTED THE AMHERSTBURG LIONS FUND-RAISER DINNER. MY FIRST ZONE ADVISORY HAD ALL CLUBS AT THIS MEETING. WE ALSO HAD THE GOVERNOR, 1ST VICE GOV., 2ND VICE GOV. DO THEIR CABINET PRESENTATION ON THE CHANGES TO THIS DISTRICT. THE REGION CHAIR CAME TO OUR MEETING TOO. I AM SUPPORTING LION JOYCE AS I TRAVEL WITH HER TO DO PRESENTATIONS ON READING ACTION PROGRAM AND LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA. LETS CONTINUE WITH OUR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S THEME "STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE".

RESPECTFULL Y SUBMITTED,
ZONE CHAIR JIM RIGNEY

Zone 2 Chair Curtis Marwood...

District A1 Zone 2 Report - November 16, 2014

Governor John:

The first Zone Advisory meeting was held in September in a beautiful setting on the shores of Lake Erie hosted by Leamington Lions. The Governor and his team presented the IP Theme "Strengthen the Pride" and the Governor's goals. I have completed 3 club visits and will be doing 2 more before the end of the year. In my club visits, I am encouraging the clubs to participate in the CEP (Club Excellence Process). Chatham has agreed to do it in the new year. I am also promoting the use of MyLCI to report their service activities on line in addition to the membership.

Several ideas were suggested for a Zone project and I hope one can be adopted at the Zone meeting next week in Chatham.

Zone 2 has 8 clubs. 60% of the Zone membership belong to the 3 larger clubs (with 25-51 members. The remaining 5 clubs with memberships ranging from 10-17 make up 40% of the membership. The smaller clubs struggle to find the human resources and energy for activities, although some of the smaller clubs do some good work in their local communities. They have to recycle leaders and have trouble adding new members. I would commend Kingsville and Tilbury for developing new leaders: they have new secretaries who are learning the ropes.

I learned that one club has the same officers as last year but did not report them because they did not realize that they needed to report them again for the next year. I urged them to do so.

Kingsville has been very active and has added 4 new members (with 1 resignation) to increase the Zone membership to 172. Kingsville, Leamington, Tilbury and Wheatley reported several community activities over the summer. Kingsville and Leamington hosted a fish derby at which their food booths realized a \$10 000 profit!

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Curtis Marwood

Zone 3 Chair Gayle Cudney...

Good Morning Lions

Here we are almost half way thru this Lions year. And it has be fun,

at my 1st. Zone advisory I was pleased and honoured to have guest DG Lion John, 1st VDG Lion Mike, 2nd VDG Lion Eric, GMT chair Lion Wayne, PR Lion Barb and 46 Lions from my zone it made for a exciting meeting, A suggest for a Zone project was the organizing of a new club one suggestion was for Aylmer Ont. More discussion on this will be at the next zone advisory meeting to be held in Dutton in January 2015. All clubs in Zone 3 have been busy I have completed one visit and have 3 more visits before the end of Novemeber. There will be a increase in membership with a new member in St. Thomas and 4 plus for Highgate keep up the good work.

Respectfully submitted
Zone 3 Chair Lion Gayle Cudney

Zone 5 Chair Jeff Zavitz ..

Happy to report all 6 clubs in Zone 5 are healthy, active and doing well. In September Zone 5 had a Counsel Of Presidents meeting held at O'Leary's Pub in Lucan.

Also in September we had our first Zone meeting. It was well attended and I think everyone enjoyed the home made cabbage rolls that were served for dinner.

Ailsa Craig Lions have 3 new members, had a active spring and summer with tree planting, bar tending and over 20 hours a month keeping up with the grass cutting and flower watering in Lions Club Park.

At the end of August they moved their club house to the Old Town Hall in Craig and are very pleased with the new partnership with this facility.

On November 20 is the 3rd annual Ailsa Craig Farmer's Appreciation Men's Night. Always a good turn out and main fundraiser. The Lions are making a float for the Christmas parade in Ailsa Craig.

Granton Lions have 2 new members and gaining momentum. Are participating in Lions International Reading Action Program, ordered 10 trees to plant in April and had a Childcare's Halloween Party in partnership with the Granton Firefighters.

Ilderton Lions handed me a 10 page report at the last zone meeting. But I'm just going to tell you what there up to this Fall.

They have 3 potential new members. Had there first wing night in October it was such a big hit they had a second one last Friday. The Annual Town Food

Drive on November 16, a mens steak night, Seniors night, and The Annual Bonsel Tournament at the end of January. Also making progress in getting the work that they do in community newspapers to expand exposure.

Lucan Lions remain a very strong and active club. Very honored in having Lion Mike as the first District Governor. Continuing to sell raffle tickets on the 1961 Corvette convertible if not already sold out. Hosted a Junior C Hockey Lions Night game. And hosted a Lions Quest Workshop on November 13. Annual Turkey Roll on Nov.28 and Christmas Night Parade on December 6.

Parkhill Lions have 4 new members maybe 5. I inducted 3 just last week. There trip of the month 300 ticket raffle has been going on for 26 years now and they seem to sell all the tickets. The bar that they run in the arena during the Junior C hockey game and other special events is doing very well. An unclaimed trip of the month prize air fare is going to be donated to Scott Carter's trip to California for his on going vision treatment.

This is over and above what Parkhill Lions had already donated to the Carter's as a Zone 5 project last year.

Poplar Hill Lions held their annual Breakfast In The Park in September. Held our first Zone 5 meeting in October. Doing a regular bingo almost every month in London. Hosting an annual Seniors Dinner at the end of November. Having an upcoming turkey bingo at the Coldstem Hall.

On November 8th was the Poplar Hill Santa Claus Parade. Every Lion member has a job at this event. The Lions had two floats in the parade. Santa float and the Poplar Hill Hillbilly float. After the Parade in the park the lions gave out 42 dozen hot dog's and over 500 cup's of hot chocolate. Santa's job wasn't done yet, he took up shop in the old athletic log cabin. This becoming quite the tradition for this event.

This year the Lions were offering free photo's with Santa. 65 children had their photos taken with the jolly old elf. This is not counting the one's who had second thoughts and ran away crying before a picture could be taken.

Respectfully submitted.

Zone Chair 5 Lion Jeff Zavitz

Zone 6 Chair Frank Van Kempen..

Good Morning lions.

I had the pleasure to visit all 5 Clubs these past months.

I am pleased the way I was received by all. Arkona Lions Club, although a small Club is under great leadership with having President Lion Doug and Secretary Lion Cliff on the helm.

At my visit they had two prospects at there meeting .looking forward to a good increase in membership.

Bluewater Lions Club of Sarnia.Members 19 one Prospect

Lions donations (LCIF,LifeWorth Living.LfC,)

Club Visitations, District,Clubs,Zone Advisory.

Petrolia Lions Club,Members 61 Two reinstated.

9 members planted 700 trees at Lanxess,27 man hours.

Meat raffle worked by 3 members total 50 hours. Raised \$1677.00.

Monthly meat bingo 8 members total 38 hours. profit \$792.08.

Lions donations.LCIF. Life Worth Living, LFC

Club Visitations, District/Club, Zone Advisory.

Sarnia Lions club/President Lion Robert is looking for a 10 membership increase.

He has 10 project he explained to his members. all members give there support to him/so I see good things happening with in the Club.

Wyoming lions Club.Members 57

This Month the club has Donated 2800 Dollars to 8 recipients in there community.

Activity. Fall Fish fry. Lions benches installed on Wyoming trail.

Meat bingos/Bottle Recycling program.

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted in Lionism

Zone 7 Chair Jerry Veale...

Zone 7 is a very active Zone in all areas of Lionism. Our Membership has

increased by 5 new Members since July 1st, Thanks to Delaware with 3 new members and Strathroy Caradoc Lions Club with 2 transfers from Hillsburg Lions Club in A15.

I will have the privilege of installing the 3 in Delaware in November. Well Done Lions. Congratulations also to Glencoe Lions on your 40th Anniversary.

Service Activities are also alive and well with all Clubs doing various projects Glencoe CNIB Canvass ; Delaware Diabetes Canvass, Hosting seniors for Christmas Party, preparing for Trivia Night.

Strathroybusy preparing for Santa Claus Parade Sat Nov 22nd and Annual T.V.Auction Dec 2nd and 3rd.

Mt.Brydges ...Had a very successful Fish Fry, Participated in Remembrance Day Ceremony Nov 11th, preparing to repair old and put in new playground equipment in Lions park in the spring.Planning underway for 38th Annual Farmers Night in March.

Strathroy/CaradocCollecting eyeglasses and hearing aids for recycling, Making Christmas Gift Baskets to sell, Selling Light Bulbs for Tree of Light in memory of Loved ones.

MelbournePlanning for Christmas Dinner, Shrove Tuesday and many other Spring Events.

I have made 2 Club Visits,Glencoe and Strathroy Caradoc, both excellent events.One thing I mention in my speech is the need for Host Families for the Youth Exchange Program. To date I have a request for 2 Girls for 2 weeks just prior to Camp. I will speak to Committee regarding this.

I Had First Zone Meeting Sept 26 in Strathroy,46 Lions attended. Gov Lion John, 1st Vice Lion Mike and 2nd Vice Lion Eric attended and spoke about their Goals.

Next Zone Meeting in Delaware Mon. Nov 24th. 1st Vice Lion Mike attending.

It is my pleasure to serveRespectively submitted.

Z.C.Lion Jerry

Region 2 Chair Sondra Sasse...

Being a Region Chair this year is definitely a learning process, a busy year no doubt, especially with 17 clubs in Region 2. After reading the Region Chair Manual and the list of responsibilities, I have come to the conclusion that a Region Chair needs to be cloned! Did you know that we are responsible for visiting all clubs within our respective regions as well as attending “at least” one board meeting of each club.

As a region chair, we are here to support our Zone Chairs but I have found that it is the other way around. Thank you Zone Chairs Lions Gayle, Frank and Jerry, you have kept me well-informed.

Thank you to the clubs in Zones 3, 6 and 7, and a few clubs outside Region 2, for sending me your reports. I encourage all clubs to submit reports to your Region Chair.

We have a fun group within Region 2 and I look forward to working with our 3 Zone Chairs as well as visiting each club within this region.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Sondra Tilley Sasse

Region Chair, Region 2

Region 24 Chair Doug Crockett..

LIONS, LIONESS, LEOS

DO YOU EVERWONDER WHY LIONS ARE THE LARGEST SERVICE ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD; ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LOOK AT THE PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM THIS MORNING.

I RECEIVE REPORTS FROM TWO VERY DIFFERENT ZONES IN OUR DISTRICT. ZONE 4 WHICH COMBINES BOTH CITY AND SMALL COMMUNITIES AND ZONE 5 WHICH IS MADE UP OF 6 SMALL COMMUNITIES.

BUT WE ALL HAVE SOMHHING INCOMMON, WE ALL GIVE BACK.

BOTH ZONES ARE INVOLVED WITH SANTA CLAUS PARADES, FOOD BANKS, HELPING SALVATION ARMY KEITLES. THERE ARE TO MANY TO LIST.

THAT 'S WHY I AM PROUD TO SAY I AM A LION
THANK YOU

REGION 24 CHAIR
LION DOUG CROCKETT

GLT Coordinator PDG Jacqui Flood...

GLT Report for November 16, 2014

CCE, Governor John

First I would like to thank the Global Leadership Team for their dedication and hard work preparing the topics for the training & information sessions. Everyone stepped forward and willingly gave of their time. Thank you for making my job so much easier.

Those that will present today and their topics are:

Time	Topic	Lead presenter	Assistant
1:00 2:00	President & VPs	Lion Wayne Cudney	Lion Gayle Cudney
	Secretary	Lion Cheryl Schleihauf	Lion Mary Mahovlich
	Treasurer	Lion Eric Dolansky	Lion Joyce Mahvolich
	Membership Chairs	Lion Jacqui Flood	Lion Sondra Sasse

	Using Various Medias Promoting Lion/Event	Various for	Lion Barb Tuxford	Lion Mike Tuxford
2:00 -2:15	Evaluations			

After today, two of my Goals have been completed.

I am looking forward to holding a Certified Guiding Lions Course in the New Year. Target audience will be the Zone Chairs, Region Chairs plus any one else that will be interested in learning more about Lions.

Also I am available to attend any club to explain the CEP Process and hold a session. I am looking forward to at least 4 clubs to step forward to hold the Club Enhancement Process. Please contact me to set a date.

I plan to meet with the GLT & GMT teams to plan for some exciting new topics for this year's convention.

Respectfully submitted

Lion Jacqui Flood PDG

GLT Coordinator

GMT Coordinator PDG Wayne Cudney..

Lion Gov John; Past & Present Dist. Officers; Lions; Guests
Sorry that I was unable to attend the first Dist. Meeting. Thanks again Gov. John for having the confidence in appointing me district GMT chair.

I look forward with great enthusiasm.

This year we will be taking a different approach to this program. In the past we concentrated on building our current clubs. We were successful in that we finally pushed our membership over the International requirement of 1250 members.

This year however we will be focusing on development of new Clubs in under serviced areas in the District.

I will ask that the Zone Chairs invite me to speak at one of their Zone Adv. meetings to present this plan to them and answer any questions they may have. So far I have visited Zone 3 first adv meeting with what I think were positive results.

My plan is for all 7 zone chairs to make it one of their goals to try to develop a new club in their Zone.

I have lots of information flyers if any club wishes them just see me after this meeting.

If we work to-gether as a team I am sure we can achieve positive results.

Respectfully submitted
GMT chair Lion Wayne Cudney

Leo Liasion Cheryl Schleihauf..

I have visited with four out of the five active Leo clubs in our District. Dutton is on the list for a Spring visit. I have been in contact with their leader.

They are all busy with activities of their own as well as their sponsoring Lions clubs..

The Port Stanley Leos held a very successful fund raiser for LFC. They raised \$3,000 with Blind bowling. Also discussing ideas for the Santa Parades around their area

The Springfield Leos are busy planning their float for the upcoming Santa parade. As well as being part of a Haunted house in October.

The Lakeshore Leos are busy making crafts to delivery to a local senior's home. They are also trying teen dances.

The Petrolia Leos are preparing for their annual Stuff the Bus on November 29 and 30th. Also organizing ideas for the upcoming Petrolia Santa parade.

I am encouraging all the Leos to attend part of the A-1 Convention in London. We are discussing an activity the Leo's could participate in during the afternoon on Saturday. Right now "paint ball" is the most popular.

Respectively Submitted
Lion Cheryl Schleihauf

Leader Dog Chair Valerie Burningham...

Did you know ...

Since 1939, Leader Dog has been providing highly trained, qualified guide dogs to adults who are legally blind, in reasonable health, have basic orientation and mobility skills and are willing to use and care for a dog in the intended manner. The 26 day residential program is available to people from all over the world.

The average cost of a Leader Dog is \$37,000 and they are given to the Blind & Visually impaired at no cost.

A Leader Dog is a working dog, they are friendly animals that like attention. However, it is important

that most attention comes from their human partners. When you encounter a Leader Dog: do not pet a

dog in harness; ask the owners permission before touching the dog or making eye contact. Eye contact

can distract the dog, so always interact with the person not the animal.

October Canine Development Center Update: Demolition of the veterinary office, puppy development

offices, breeding area and a portion of the lobby is now complete. The relocation of the underground

utilities and the main water lines were time consuming and challenging but have been accomplished. In

the coming weeks they will continue to demolish inside areas around the old

veterinary clinic.

Save the date: Thursday, December 4, 2014, Leader Dog Kick-Off, please see the attached flyer. I hope to see you there at the Kick-Off I have already reserved my seat, however if you have a donation that you would like me to present at the Kick -Off because you are unable to attend, please forward it to me and I will be honoured to do so in your club's name.

District A-1 Leader Dog Chair

Lion Val Burningham
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valerieburningham@gmail.com

Kick-off

Thursday, December 4, 2014

at the Palazzo Grande located at:

54660 Van Dyke Avenue • Shelby Twp, MI 48315

**Come celebrate and hear the latest
Leader Dog news**

Bring a donation that is at least 10% more than the donation your club contributed to the 2013 kick-off parade of checks last year

and earn a special kick-off patch for your club banner.

PRE-EVENT ACTIVITIES

6 p.m. Cash Bar and Gift Shop Booth opens

Dinner/Program/Parade of Checks starts at 7 p.m.

Tickets \$17 or buy a table of 8 for \$125

SEATING IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 300 PEOPLE!

PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 25, 2014

888/777.5332 ext. 2074

Please fill out and return with check made **payable to:** Leader Dogs
for the Blind **Mail to:** 1039 S. Rochester Road • Rochester Hills,
Michigan 48307

Club Name: _____ Number Attending: _____ X
\$17 = _____

OR Tables of 8: _____ X \$125 = _____

Names of Attendees *(please print)*: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

** Please note any special dietary requirements (i.e. gluten free, vegetarian, etc.)
on other side*



Please use other side for additional names of attendees

Diabetes Awareness Bev Wirta... Lion Bev thanked everyone for their support so far this year , and with the assistance of Mark Mahovlich and Joyce Doucet.. the Daibetes Cavalcade Parade of Cheques took place with 17 clubs donating a total of \$ 9,395.00.

In closing , Lion Bev asked all clubs to keep up the great work.

Lions 100th Centennial PDG Bill Bissonnette...

Lions Centennial Service Challenge

District Meeting, Chatham ON

November 16, 2014

Governor John, Members of Cabinet

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as the District Centennial chair. There has actually been very little in the way of information as to what the program is about. Having said that, the Centennial Service Challenge for the clubs is up and running. Clubs are expected to start participating this year.

The facts:

1. LCI hired an outside company - The History Factory - and a four year master plan was released in June 2014 to celebrate our 100th Anniversary.
2. There is a Centennial Celebration logo
3. A Centennial Celebration Web page is available (www.lions100.org)
4. Clubs can earn special Centennial recognition by participating in projects impacting Youth, Vision, Hunger and the Environment each year for the next four years starting this year.

The project reporting is done on the clubs myLCI Service Activity Reports. Special Club banner patches are available each year for the next four years.

What your club should do now:

1. Appoint a Club Centennial Celebration Chair and set up a committee.
2. Advise me of the name of the Club Chair so I can have direct communication with him/her.

3. Complete your four Action Service Action Projects in the areas mentioned above this year and each of the next 3 years as well

4. Start to plan a centennial project. Remember that July 1, 2017 also celebrates Canada's 150th Anniversary so maybe you can plan a combined celebration.

You have always heard the "*Lions is the best kept secret in our community*". This is an opportunity to change that, become more visible locally, as well as grow your membership.

Respectfully submitted,
PDG Bill Bissonnette,
A-1 Centennial Celebration Chair
"Where there's a need - there's a Lion"

Lions Foundation Canada Joyce Mahovlich..

This year the tour of the facilities during the month of September for all the representatives from all 10 Districts in MDA, I was unable to attend. On that same day, the Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Club hosted their first annual **aJk** Purina Walk for Dog Guides.. The weather was great and hopefully next year will even be better.

During the month of May, the Purina Walk for Dog Guides takes place. Hosting a walk is easy and fun!

The Lions Foundation provides an organizer's manual, donation forms, posters, participant incentive prizes, and media support. Just give them a call. I am also available if you need any assistance in your area in the way of obtaining pamphlets, etc., and assisting on the actual day of the walk. Just contact me.

By being Chair of Lions Foundation of Canada for District A-I, I have been able to meet some of the clients that have received Guide Dogs from this great and wonderful organization. I have met, Lesa Newman with her Seizure Response Dog Pepsi.

This young woman was diagnosed with epilepsy at the age of 4 months. Over time, her epilepsy became worse.

By the time Lesa was in her mid-30's, she could no longer look after her 3 children. The only option at the time was to be placed into a nursing home.

With this in mind, she started looking for other solutions. Through friends and family she discovered

Lions Foundation of Canada. It took her over a year between applying and obtaining her Seizure Response Dog Pepsi but this event has saved her life. She can now live on her own once again. She also started a Purina Walk for Dog Guides this past May.

It took place in Blenheim with the help of the Blenheim and Chatham Lions Clubs. She is so appreciative of Lions Foundation of Canada she cannot speak enough about it.

I have been very fortunate to have been able to accompany Lesa and Pepsi as we talk to the various Lions Clubs in District A-I. When you meet and see Lesa and Pepsi working together, you realize that the monies the clubs have donated in District A-I, is well worth the effort.

Some clubs cannot afford to send as much as they would like. There are other ways to raise funds for Lions Foundation of Canada. Some of the ways you can help are:

1) Aeroplan's Charitable Pooling Program - you can donate your Aeroplan Miles to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Clients travel from across Canada to the training school in Oakville, Ontario to train with their Dog Guide and all expenses, including travel, are provided at no cost. By donating your Aeroplan Miles, they will help offset some of these travel expenses. To donate, please visit the Dog Guides Aeroplan

2) If you have Air Miles, they can be redeemed towards flights for Dog Guide recipients traveling to the Oakville training school or you can use them to purchase a gift certificate or item for a fundraising event;

3) Canadian Tire money can be used to purchase hundreds of items for vehicle, grounds maintenance and housekeeping supplies. The money can be sent directly to Lions Foundation of Canada. So with me today, I have my "Donation Can" into which you can place any Canadian Tire Money you may wish to donate. or

4) To donate your Shoppers points, visit www.shoppersdrugmart.ca to [donate.click](#) on "donate now" and select Lions Foundation of Canada as the recipient.

If you need a guest speaker for your club meetings, I am available and if possible I will be bringing a client from Lions Foundation of Canada so you too can see the great work this organization is achieving.

Would a representative from the following clubs please come to the front to accept their Lions Foundation of Canada patch for their club banners because they sponsored a Purina Walk for Dog Guides
Ailsa Craig & District Lions Club, Essex & District Lions Club, London East, London Central, London North,
Hyde Park & District, Dorchester, Delaware, Lambeth Lions Club and Port Stanley Lioness Club.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Joyce Mahovlich
Chair
Lions Foundation of Canada
Belle River Lions Club

Eyes Right Vice Chair Gail Tanner...

The Eyes Right committee is looking for new projects for the committee to consider , these new projects / proposals need to come from the club level., thanks once again for supporting the Eyes Right Foundation . The Annual General Meeting will be held in Kingsville Sunday Jan 25th , 2015. Any committee member(s) that are finishing their term and nominations for (any) new member(s) , to go on the committee, will be handled at that time.

Respectfully submitted

Sight/ Work with the Blind Don Geddy...

I have attended 2 Sight Conservation Foundation Board Meetings (Eyes Right).
These have been learning meetings for me, as this is my first year as Cabinet Chair.
While no new project has been presented to date, there are some projects in the works that the committee is following and will report in due course.
It has also come to the committee's attention that the general field which we serve is undergoing changes as to who does what and where. As these

changes come into effect over the next few years the mandate of the Foundation may well have to change. The Foundation will bring these changes forward in due course.

In late September the Petrolia Club hosted a CNIB Toll road, on Petrolia Line, with assistance from Wyoming and Sarnia Lions. The toll road ran from 8:30 to noon and was successful in collecting a total of just under \$2,500.00, for CNIB. A total of 81 Lion man-hours was required. Thanks to the 3 Clubs involved.

If anyone else wished to run such a toll road, let me Know and I will get Ryan Chin from CNIB to arrange all the necessary permits. It is my honour to serve on this Committee.

Respectfully Submitted.

Convention Chair PDG John Ross...

PDG John spoke on the Hotel and what it has to offer, and reminded all of the need to book your rooms as soon as possible, don't wait till the last minute. Date is Apr 10 -12th . Lion John has registration forms to hand out , Complete and mail to PDG Wayne Cudney, who is in charge of registrations.

Youth Exchange PDG Ev Spiering...

Governor John, VDG's Mike & Eric
Lions all

Good Morning, here we are into November already, and Christmas is on it's way. All you snowbirds will be flying south but before you go I have a Christmas wish. Please bring up this conversation in your clubs and consider hosting a youth Exchange Student or Students in 2015 Students will range in age from 17-19 and will come from many countries, It is also my hope to only accept those whom

have never been on an Exchange before, I know this will not always be the case but I will be seeking out these students when I am being asked to hold spots. I have already been contacted by Israel and Italy to hold spots and I know more will be forthcoming.

Dates to remember are:

Student arrival June 27. 2015 @ Toronto International Airport (Pearson)

Hosting wk # 1 June 27-July 8 2015 change over Wednesday July 8th Chatham at North Buxton Conservation area

Hosting Wk # 2 July 8 -July 18 2015

Camp week July 18 -July 25

Students will be departing on July 25th from Toronto

I can not tell you how important it is to have a host family or families, maybe your club could take on hosting a young person or persons and each member could take turns entertaining them for a day. I know a few clubs have done this and it really seems to take the burden off of one family . And is a great way to involve the whole club. Please think about it.

Information regarding hosting and the program in general can be found on the LCI web site however, please keep in mind that each District is unique but our vision is the same to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world. I have host family applications with me today if you would like to take one.

Lioness Carrol Vincent will be in contact with clubs regarding food and entertainment for our students.

If your club would like to be involved please see me after and I will give you the particulars.

Again please keep our dates in mind, consider hosting I promise you will enjoy every minute of it .

Respectfully submitted
Lion Ev Spiering, PDG
Youth Exchange 2014-15

Lions Quest Canada... PDG Tim Blackburn

This report was read by Cabinet Secretary Gerald Smith on behalf of PDG Tim..

To: District A-1 Cabinet
From: Lion Tim Blackburn PDG
District A-1 Chair, Lions Quest Canada
Topic: Cabinet Report-Lions Quest Canada

Good morning lions & Guests

I realize that according to the agenda I'm not scheduled to report but I thought I would send in a written report to update you on a few items. Firstly we had a fabulous workshop in Lucan Ontario on Thursday Nov. 13.

In spite of snowy/icy roads, 35 people attended representing lions, minor sports, guides, elected government officials, other service clubs, public health, O.P.P. constables, childcare, teachers and other youth oriented organizations.

The facilitator, Joanne McQuiggan delivered an outstanding presentation. A summary of the evaluations indicated That the participants rated the workshop as either excellent or extremely excellent.

Thanks goes to the Municipality of Lucan Biddulph for waving the fee for the room and the Lucan and District Lions Club for covering the cost of the meal. Also my thanks to Lion Barb Tuxford for all her help towards making this workshop a success. Should any club or group of clubs wish to host a workshop you need only to contact me (519-227-1698/ t.blackburn@ezlink.ca) or you can contact Kay Nelles, the events coordinator

{1-800-265-2680/kay@lionsquest.ca) for more information. I will be out of country from Dec.1 to April 5.

Kay will be more than happy to help you organize a workshop while I'm away and for those clubs wishing to host a workshop in May or June I will be available to assist you in the planning stages. However at any time I'm as close as your email.

The latest update on donations shows that A-1 has donated a total of \$1540, one thousand of which came from one club. I encourage you to consider making a donation by way of the Promotion Contest tickets you received at the August Cabinet meeting, purchasing a Lions Quest Fellowship or by simply making a donation your club deems appropriate. Lions Quest needs your help to continue working towards helping communities develop assets for our young people. Lions Quest thanks you for your consideration.

From time to time I will send you the Lions Quest Canada newsletter keeping us informed of the activities taking place in various places across Canada. One such newsletter has been sent recently to each club via the email to your secretary. I will continue to work on your behalf to make sure Lions Quest remains an integral part of our youth programs. Have a good winter and let's keep in touch.

Respectfully submitted

Gov John asked for a motion to accept the Cabinet Officer's and Committee Chair reports ..
so moved by ZC 7 Jerry Veale , 2nd by 2nd VDG Eric Dolansky ,
carried.

Old Business..

MDA Council Chair Bob Tanner thanked Gov John for allowing him time to hand out a few Awards. CC Bob also noted that Lions Quest Canada is now debt free.

CC Bob handed out the following awards ...

100% Club Secretaries award for 2013-2014.. 15 secretaries rec'd these with thanks...

Mary Mahovlich , Belle River ; Gerald Smith , Belmont ; Bill Bissonnette , Bluewater Lions ; Henry Vanderwyst , Delaware ; Dianne Purcell , Dutton ; Rosie Delfre , Hyde Park ; Debbie Cross , Kingsville ; Ron Lindsey , London Central ; Mike Tuxford , Lucan ; Marlene Conrod , Petrolia ; Anne Neill , St Thomas ; Don Geddy , Strathroy ; Barry Wolfe , Strathroy Caradoc ; Ron Devos , Windsor Downtown ; Mike Smith , Wyoming .

100% Club Treasurer's award for 2013-2014 .. 3 treasurer's rec'd these with thanks...

Mark Mahovlich , Belle River ; Mark Paquet , Delaware ; Cindy Smith , Petrolia .

Dick Kennedy Visitation Award went to the St Thomas Lions club.

Bulletin Editor Contest went to Barry Wolfe of the Strathroy Caradoc club.

District Membership Contest went to the London Fanshawe club.

Governor's Efficiency Award went to the Sarnia Lions.

New Business..

Gov John asked if there was any new business.. None came forward., Gov John did announce the District Directories were ready and would be handed out right after the close of the today's meeting.

50/50 Draw.. Won by CC Bob Tanner .. \$155.00.

Comments from the floor.. ZC 6 Frank Van Kempen announced Bluewater Lions will be having a draw for a tractor , tickets on sale soon.

Lion Mark Mahovlich reminded everyone that Belle River Lions continue to collect the small soaps and shampoo's that people get from hotel stay's., these distributed to homeless shelters in the Windsor area.

Announcements.. Lion Mary Mahovlich introduced Lion Joyce Mahovlich, Belle River's candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor 2015-2016. Their hospitality room at the convention will be Rm 154.

Lion Jim Lyster announced the London Central Lions will be selling Easter Bunnies again this year.

2nd VDG Eric Dolansky announced the Santa Claus parade will be in Hyde Park Nov 29th., also thanked everyone for supporting him in his bid for 1st VDG , 2015-2016.

Closing Remarks.. Gov John reminded everyone of the old saying ... The more hands on a project .. The more we can do Leadership is one of the key factors... Month end reports ... Club Secretaries have to submit these online at LCI.

Gov John thanked Pres Bob Book and the Chatham Lions for their hospitality.

There was no further business..

Motion to adjourn made by ZC 1 Jim Rigney , 2nd by CS Gerald Smith.

