

District A-1 District Meeting
October 29, 2019
Active Lifestyle Seniors Centre
Chatham, Ontario

Governor Barb Tuxford acted as the chairperson with the following District Cabinet Officers in attendance:

IPDG Mary Mahovlich	1 ST VDG Dan Armstrong
2 ND VDG Val Burningham	CAB. SEC. Cheryl Schleihauf
CAB. TREAS. Eric Dolansky	ZONE 2 ZC Bill Finlay
ZONE 3 ZC Bruce Campbell	ZONE 4 ZC Pam Harbottle
ZONE 6 ZC Frank VanKempen	ZONE 7 ZC Mary Hamilton

We received regrets from the following: Zone Chair1 Lion Danielle Meneguzzi; Zone Chair 5 Mark Heffernan

In attendance were 16 Club Presidents, 9 Club Secretaries, 2 Treasurers, 58 Lions which totals 85Lions plus3 Lioness, 1 Leo and 3 Guests at the second District Meeting.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05p.m. with the singing of “O CANADA”; followed by a moment of silence for the departed members of the Lions Family. There have been no deaths in our Lions family since our last Cabinet meeting
2nd VDG Val Burningham read the list of our 8 new Lions and their sponsors.

Governor Barb welcomed everyone in attendance and set protocol.

District Treasurer Lion Eric Dolansky.

ASSETS	6 Nov 19
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
10000 · District Account	
10010 · Scotiabank District A1	48,218.99
10020 · Effective Speaking	6,400.00
10030 · Hearing Awareness	200.00
10040 · Peter's Bus	6,023.43
10050 · Quest	10,800.00
10060 · Youth Exchange	3,325.00
Total 10000 · District Account	74,967.42

Total Chequing/Savings 74,967.42
Accounts Receivable
11000 · Accounts Receivable 5,716.00
Total Accounts Receivable 5,716.00
Other Current Assets
12000 · Investment Account
12010 · GIC 000000001875889 36,974.13
Total 12000 · Investment Account 36,974.13
Total Other Current Assets 36,974.13
Total Current Assets 117,657.55
TOTAL ASSETS 117,657.55
LIABILITIES & EQUITY
Liabilities
Current Liabilities
Accounts Payable
20000 · Accounts Payable 20,195.00
Total Accounts Payable 20,195.00
Total Current Liabilities 20,195.00
Total Liabilities 20,195.00
Equity
30000 · Opening Balance Equity 87,060.19
Net Income 10,402.36
Total Equity 97,462.55
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 117,657.55

Motion by IPDG Mary Mahovlich, Seconded by ZC3 Bruce Campbell to accept the Treasurer's report. Carried

District Cabinet Secretary

Cabinet Secretary Cheryl reported the August 22, 2019 District Meeting minutes were e-mailed to all District Cabinet Officers, District Committee Chairs, Past District Governors, Club Presidents and Club Secretaries.

Motion by ZC3 Bruce Campbell Seconded by 1st VDG Dan Armstrong to adopt the minutes as emailed and printed. CARRIED

Correspondence: None at this time

DISTRICT OFFICERS REPORTS

Zone 1--- Zone Chair Lion Danielle Meneguzzi

Sorry I was unable to make the cabinet meeting I had another engagement, I have made my visit to Lighthouse Cove, Lighthouse cove have been helping the community with the flooding that has been taking place in their community, due to the flooding the zone project has been cancelled till next year.

First Zone advisory will be November 6th with guest speaker Dianne Piggott from A-1 Youth Exchange.

I am looking forward to the rest of my visits and Windsor Downtown Lions Club is rolling with their plans for their 100 th anniversary.

Respectfully submitted, ZC Lion Danielle Meneguzzi Zone 1

Zone 2--- Zone Chair Bill Finlay

A visit was made to the Wheatley Lions Club on Oct 8.

This club has been involved in fundraising, donation giving, volunteering and working with neighbouring Lions clubs in the aim of giving back to its community.

The first Zone Advisory Meeting was held in Chatham, ON on October 28, 2019, with four (4) clubs being represented, those being Kingsville, Wheatley, Tilbury and Chatham. Leamington sent their regrets.

Twenty-seven (27) Lions attended the meeting plus two (2) guests.

All clubs are very busy in their communities by performing bingos, raffles, fundraising, donation giving and volunteering.

In regards to a zone project, it was unanimously decided that all zone clubs would participate in a youth initiative project that would satisfy a need in each club's area. On the next Zone Advisory Meeting which is being held in January, each club will indicate which youth initiative project that they will be completing.

Zone 3---Zone Chair Lion Bruce Campbell

The clubs of Zone 3 were busy during the summer. They were doing breakfasts, ball tournaments, car shows, tractor pulls, dog walks and many other events that puts Lions in front of the public.

They all seem to have busy calendars for the future. They were all asked to think about a zone project

for this coming year. Presentations will be made at the next zone meeting in January.

We had Lion Diane from the Youth Exchange in to do a presentation.

Zone 4---Zone Chair Lion Pam Harbottle

I have had two official club visits. One to Dorchester and the other to Hyde Park. I have also had my first Zone Advisory meeting, the first week in October.

Both visited Clubs are off to a really good start, to their Lions year. They are busy forming committees; planning service and fundraising activities. My

Zone Advisory meeting was well attended with 66 Lions. We had Maddison Wilson Walker as our guest speaker, she is a double amputee. We also had PCC Bob Tanner speak on LCIF campaign100 and Lion Dianne Piggott speak on Youth Exchange. In the Zone awards were given to the Lion member in each club who has shown outstanding Lionism.

I put the bug in all the Lions ears as to what they would like to do for a Zone Project and to talk it over with their clubs. In January at our next Zone advisory meeting we can come to a decision and start planning.

All clubs presented club reports, but we had so much fun, the meeting ran too long. All clubs have been active during the summer and have a long list of activities planned for the fall and winter. I also had the pleasure of attending Ailsa Craig meeting while ZC Mark had his official visit. It was nice to see how other clubs run their meeting and what service projects they are doing.

All my clubs worked together in the Zone Project which I feel was a great success in two ways. We made money for our community and we formed friendships with the other clubs in our District. This in hopes of being able to help each other and work together more.

Zone 5---Zone Chair Lion Mark Heffernan

All 5 of my clubs are performing well all very busy with an active schedule of events planned. It is still early in the year I've had 1 club visit and I will be hosting a zone advisory meeting at my home club of Lucan on November 18.

Here are a few highlights and upcoming events for the clubs in my zone.

Alisa Craig

Halloween kids party Oct 31

Farmer appreciation night Nov. 21

Save your pop tabs. (help 13yr old Conner Green acquire enough tabs to purchase a bigger wheelchair) check out Their facebook page for more info

Ilderton

Sept 20 lion members held a bbq for the annual Medway high school tractor day.

Wing Night is back next one is November 8

November 17 is the Harvest food drive all donations go to the Alisa Craig and area food bank.

Lucan

Car draw tickets still available but selling out

Lucan District Lions will hand out the first annual Lions Quest Award P.D.G Lion Tim Blackburn Memorial. For a Lion in A-1 who does the most for youth.

P.S If you donated to Lion Tim at his service Lucan Lions have matched every dollar to Lions Quest Canada
Annual men's night turkey roll November 29
Fish fry Feb 8

Parkhill

Trip of the month his going strong
Save your tabs for Conner Green

Poplar Hill

November 16 annual Poplar Hill Coldstream Christmas parade
The hillbilly float had another successful year look for them at your next parade

Zone 6---Zone Chair Lion Frank Van Kempen

I am glad to report we had a successful Advisory Meeting at the Sarnia Lions Club.

42 Lions where in attendance, including two speakers PCC Lion Bob Tanner and Lion Diane Piggott.

Lion Gord Perry made his report on our Zone Project the Club where successful in selling the tickets to race Close to \$7000.00 for the Diabetes research and Kids Diabetes Camp.

Arkona Lions Club

Hosted Youth Exchange Camp for Lunch. Massive improvement made on their Arkona Lions Indian Artifacts Museum.

With Arkona Lioness Club held Funtastic day in June, include a parade, Kids games and a fish fry.

The Club was awarded the Lambton Shore Community Accessibility Award. The Car Show was a success 144 car attended.

Bluewater Lions Club

Zone Project ticket sales were successful.

Major source of Fund raising continues with the OLG Bingo Jackpot City. Donations; Social Olympics, Memorial, on behalf of two members who past away.

Petrolia Lions Club

There ABBA Show raised over \$ 5000.00, Served 315 people on Fathers Day Breakfast, Granfondo Event served over 1200 Bikers and Volunteers raised \$10,000.00.

Donations: over \$25,000:00 to there charitables ,Pledged \$40,000:00 to Parents for Parks to help build an accessable playground; donated \$20,000.00 to date.

Sarnia Lions Club

Donated over \$3000.00 to there charities, again held there Annual Picnic for the Visually impaired with 85 in attendance. They are planning again to sell Christmas Cake.

Wyoming Lions Club

There regular fundraising events include OLG Bingo, Meat Bingo. They had their local Plymton-Wyoming Fall Fair and served over 300 friends and Neighbours.

Since March the Club has raired \$21,300.00 and made \$3,200 in donations to Lions Organizations.

All Clubs are doing a great service and I thank them.

Respectfully submitted Lion Frank Van Kempen

Zone 7--Zone Chair Lion Mary Hamilton

I've had 1 Zone Meeting to date, with 36 in attendance. I've completed 4 club visits, with 2 to go. I have created a Facebook Page "Mary Hamilton Zone 7 Chair" and will be sending out newsletters as well. Our zone has determined that we'll support the Medic Alert project with the Police. Medic Alert is in the process of finalizing an agreement with the Strathroy-Caradoc Police to support those with Alzheimers, dementia, and / or cognitive brain injuries. London has partnered with the OPP so between the Strathroy-Caradoc Police and the OPP, all our clubs will be covered. More details to come. This is in the early stages.

Across the six clubs, common community activities include Bingos, food booths, Youth Exchange, Canada Day activities, BBQ's, Hallowe'en activities, Fish Fries, and Trivia Nights.

The clubs have made donations to the following Lions organizations: LCIF Bahamas Disaster Relief, Lions Quest, Peter's Bus, Lion's Foundation of Canada, Dog Guides, the Peace Poster, and Leader Dogs.

Non-Lions donations have been made to Diabetes.

Motion by Zone Chair 4 Pam Harbottle, Seconded by IPDG Mary Mahovlich to accept the District Officer's reports. Carried

DISTRICT CHAIRS REPORTS

Leader Dog Lion Will Raymond

GUIDE DOG TRAINING OPTIONS

On-Campus Training

This three-week residential training takes place at Leader Dog's campus. It takes advantage of time away from home distractions to help solidify client skills, understanding of working concepts and bonding with a new dog.

In-Home Delivery

A guide dog mobility instructor travels to the client's home environment to provide one-on-one tailored instruction. Training duration is up to 10 days.

Flex

Combines the benefits of on-campus training and in-home delivery for maximum flexibility.

Warm Weather

This 10-day training takes place in Naples, Florida, and is a good choice for clients who live in warm climates and for those with health conditions that limit their ability to train in cold weather.

Urban For clients who live in or frequently travel to a heavily populated urban area.

Deaf-Blind

This three-week training takes place at Leader Dog's campus and is specifically for clients who are Deaf-Blind. Communication method is American Sign Language (ASL), either visual or tactile, depending on client needs.

-The Cost of a Leader Dog is \$43,000 which is free of charge to the client and paid for by Lions around the world. We currently have 8 dogs in our District. 36 in Ontario and 54 in Canada. 1496 across the world. Our 8 dogs total \$344,000 US

Last year London was one of the few across the world to have the new Home Delivery Program

The Parade of Cheques Kick off Dinner is Thursday, December 5th at The Palazzo Grande, 54660 Van Dyke Avenue in Shelby Twp, MI 48315. If any clubs want their cheque recognized and presented at the kickoff, please get it to me at my address and I will make sure you are recognized at the kickoff

So far, I have received donations from Dutton Lions Club, Wheatley Lions Club and the Windsor Downtown Lions Club with commitments from others clubs I will be visiting later this year.

GMT Report PCC John Johnston

<u>Item</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Opening Balance	1,169	1,175
Added Members	8	24
Dropped Members	2	24
Closing Balance	1,175	1,175
Net Gain/Loss	6	0
Worldwide	1,441,526	

Current Membership

Currently in District A1 we at 1,175 members. This is very good because we are up 6 members from where we were on July 1st 2019. This may not seem to be very many new members to be up but traditionally at this time we are usually down. The next two months will determine how well we will come out at the end of July.

Typically, the most drops take place from now to new years. We lose the greatest number of members to them passing away. We normally do not bring in enough members to keep pace with the drops but with being up 6 new members at the end of this month we should be in good shape going into the new year. At which point our new members outstrips our drops by traditionally 2 to 1.

Club Membership and How to Grow It

Did you know that we have five clubs within our district with 15 Members or less?

LCI identifies these clubs' as being in danger of folding and in need of assistance from the membership chair and/or other clubs. However, going into a club and announcing that they need help is the quickest way to get yourself booted out of the building. There are easier and more tactful ways of giving a hand up.

I ask that all Zone Chairs or 2nd and 1st VDG's and the Governor that are making visits to one of those clubs that is experiencing membership loss to an extent that they just may disappear in the near future to email me at lionjohnjohnston@gmail.com and give me the details so I can approach them and discuss some options that may help them to increase their membership and strengthen their club.

Peter's Bus guest speaker Brandon Lortie is a client who takes the "bus" from District A1 to Lake Joe to camp. He has done so for 25 years. Brandon enjoys the comradery on the bus, the meals on the way. If it wasn't for Peters Bus he would not be able to attend this camp, it would be a hard ship for his family.

Lion Peter Best explained the fee for attending camp. One week costs \$695 Per camper. There is financial assistance available. Camp runs from Sunday until Saturday. There are also subsidies available. If a camper requires an escort, they must play the full fee of \$695, as well as the camper.

District Eyes Right Foundation Lion Dr. Gail Tanner

The District A1 Sight Conservation Foundation is pleased to report that we have accepted a grant proposal from the Windsor Downtown Lions club. The following motion was passed at the Sept 25, 2019 Eyes Right Board meeting:

"PDG Lion Mark Mahovlich moved and PZC Lion Murray McDonald seconded that we accept the proposal presented by the Windsor Downtown Lions Club for the Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation at the cost of \$100,000.00 to be paid over 3 years. Carried."

2VDG Valerie Burningham of the Windsor Downtown Lions has been instrumental in putting together a proposal to outfit the emergency rooms in both Windsor hospitals with up to date ophthalmology equipment. She read the cover letter from the Windsor Downtown Lions Club:

June 20, 2019

At the June 19, 2019 general membership meeting held at Lion's Manor, it was unanimously voted to support the purchase of eye surgical equipment for the emergency rooms for Windsor Regional Hospital Ouellette Campus

and Windsor Regional Hospital Metropolitan Campus. The cost of the equipment totaled \$100,000.00 and the Windsor Downtown Lions Club would contribute \$50,000.00 over a 5 year period or sooner if required.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Ronald M. Devos

Secretary Windsor Downtown Lions

Youth Exchange: Lion Dianne Piggott

Youth arrive in Canada on July 4th, 2020 in Toronto. Changeover is scheduled for July 15th, 2020 with Youth Camp starting on July 25th, 2020.

I have received letters of interest from Germany, Finland, Italy, Brazil and Spain. When the map is available from LCI for the youth camps around the world, I am sure I will hear from more interested parties. I am looking for Host Families so if you are interested in being a Host Family please contact me liondianne.piggott@gmail.com as soon as possible so I know how many youth I can accept.

I am asking for donations to the Al Betterley Youth Exchange Camp in the form of \$10.00 per member up to \$200.00 but we are willing to accept more as we do depend on your generosity. **Please ensure that “Youth Exchange” is put on the memo line on the cheque.** We are also looking for clubs who are interested in doing activities and/or providing meals for the Youth Camp and in this regard please contact Lion Cheryl Schleihauf the camp director lioncheryl368@gmail.com

On the outbound side of youth exchange I have three youth who are currently interested in going out this year and are anxiously awaiting the Youth Exchange map from LCI to see where they can go. If you know of any other youth in the area who are ages 16-20 wishing to look into this prospect, please let me know so I can supply information to them.

Diabetes Awareness Lion Bev Wirta reported the “Parade of Cheques” collected \$17,075. This amount covers our District portion of the \$85,000 needed for the Camp repairs. (\$8,500)

The Delaware Lions reported they collected \$6,000 from their door to door collecting for Diabetes.

Nicole Holder-Dulson and Laura Toito of Diabetes Canada told those present a little about Type 1 Diabetes, they also told us 60 clients from our District attend Camp Huronda.

Effective Speaking banner patches were handed out to the Lions Clubs in attendance who participated in 2018-2019 by Lion Seppo Kuokkanen

**Motion by IPDG Mary Mahovlich, Seconded by 2nd VDG Val Burningham to accept the District Chairs reports as presented.
CARRIED**

Reports received to put added to the minutes.

Literacy: PDG Joyce Mahovlich

How do you define Literacy? Literacy is the ability to “read, write, spell, listen and speak.”

What does Literacy mean in Education? Literacy is a process by which one spreads one’s knowledge of reading.

What is Literacy and why is it important? Helping someone to read and write effectively or acquire the basic math skills so many of us take for granted, improves the future of everyone in society.

What are the benefits of literacy? Improved literacy can reduce poverty.

The international tests summarize literacy skill in terms of five categories.

Level 5, which indicates the highest level of skill, is attained by individuals who demonstrate command of higher-order information processing skills.

Level 3 denotes the skill level typically required for high school completion in Canada. Scores at or below Level 2 are considered inadequate for coping with everyday life.

To illustrate, a person at Level 1 would typically be unable to determine the amount of medicine to administer to a child based on simple instructions printed on a bottle. Those at Level 2 can read simple materials only. Because they frequently develop coping skills that mask their difficulty and allow them to deal with everyday literacy demands, these individuals (and others) may overestimate their proficiency, although they have difficulty in novel situations, such as learning new job skills.

Astonishingly, the estimates – over a range of tests and testing programs – are that approximately 42% of Canadians between the ages of 16 and 65 years fail to achieve Level 3 proficiency. Unless the situation can be remedied, the consequences for these persons and for other Canadians are daunting.

Of course, the foundations for good language and literacy skills are laid early in life, and skill accumulates over time. We know that too many

Canadian children are receiving a poor start. For example, the Ontario Ministry of Child and Youth Services has found that at four and five years of age, approximately one-fifth of all children show delays in vocabulary development. By grade 3, more than one in every three Ontario students fail to meet the provincial standards for reading and writing.

How can we as Lions/Lioness or Leos help? I hope that I may have inspired some of you to try and help someone that is having trouble with reading.

Some of the web sites that I have found that will help you are:

i) www.teachreading.info/teach-reading-to-adults/

ii) www.youcanteachsomeoneoneread.com

iii) www.wikihow.com/Teach-Reading

As we are entering another school year, do not forget about the Food Banks. Most of these centers are already in the process of displaying or having book racks for their various communities. Would it not be nice to see a book rack in every Food Bank? If you cannot afford to put food on the table for your family how can you afford a book for your child?

I would like to thank Governor Barb for allowing me to serve as your Literacy Chair this year. If you need a guest speaker at your club meetings, or want more information, just contact me at:

PDG Joyce Mahovlich E-Mail: lionjoycemahovlich@bell.net

Phone: (519) 682-9422

We will defeat illiteracy – one word, one line, one book at a time.

Camp Dorset Lion Murray Sutherland

It was another great summer for dialysis patients and their families to enjoy the beauties of Lions Camp Dorset and the surrounding area!

Twenty two patients from the District A – 1 region were able to benefit from our camp during our regions' week (June 30th to July 6 th)and 8 patients were able to come during other weeks. Altogether, over the summer, there were 751 dialysis treatment runs completed

The dialysis weeks for the camp ran this year from June 23 to September 14. This fall, there have been a number of weekend bookings and a number of training events during the weeks. The Fall work weekend was Oct 18 – 20 with special concentration on the cottage #3 renovation.

Thank you Lions, Lioness and Leos with your financial support and volunteer time! It truly does make a difference in the lives of the dialysis patients and their families!

Please contact me at any time if you have any questions about Lions Camp Dorset and/or would like me to come and speak at one of your meetings. Thank you!

If anyone has questions, regarding Constitution and by-laws or Roberts Rules of Order , please do not hesitate to contacting me at waite@rogers.com Lion Rick Waite

OLD BUSINESS

Previous motion regarding Lioness.

Zone Chair 3 Lion Bruce Campbell 2nd by Zone Chair Mary Hamilton made a motion to retable the previous motion. 1st VDG Val Burningham withdrew her motion which was seconded by IPDG Mary Mahovich.

The consensus from a show of hands of all present was to let the Lioness explore their own solutions this year. DG Barb T will be sending a letter of support to the District A1 Lioness Executive

NEW BUSINESS

Lion Michelle Mundy, Lion Rick Nemett and Lion Nancy Irving attended the (RLLI) Regional Lions Learning Institute recently.

Lion Michelle spoke to us about their experiences over the three days. Highly recommended going if you have the opportunity.

**Motion by 1st VDG Dan Armstrong 2nd by Zone Chair 6 Frank VanKempen that the District Lions cover the cost of the registration of \$160 per Lion for a total of \$480 for them to attend RLLI.
Carried**

District Contests: It has come to our attention that some of the contests need to be updated. Bulletins; Social Media; Travelling Lion and Governors Award. These items are being looked at and updated.

DRAWS:

The 50/50 Draw for \$ 172 was won by Chatham Lion Seppo Kuokkanen

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PDG Evelyn Spiering is asking for the Districts help in Naming the MDA Convention we are hosting in 2021

An email motion was held after the meeting but before the minutes were sent out. Zone Chair Bruce Campbell made a motion to loan the 2021 MDA Convention committee \$3000 for start up costs. This motion was 2nd by ZC Mark Heffernan, Carried

- ❖ Belle River Lions hosting a Pasta night Nov. 16th at their Club House
- ❖ Dec.5, 2019 Leader Dog for the Blind Kick-Off
- ❖ Lucan Lions Club Car Raffle will be held on Boxing Day
- ❖ Petrolia Leo Club is having a Stuff the Bus on Nov.23; 24
- ❖ Petrolia Santa Claus Parade Dec.7th
- ❖ Hyde Park Santa Claus parade on November 30th.
- ❖ Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Tree Lighting Nov. 29th
- ❖ Dorchester Lions selling Christmas tree's starting November 30th.
- ❖ March 21, 2020 Windsor Lions celebrating 100th Anniversary of Lions in Canada
- ❖ Tilbury Lions are hosting "Catch the Ace"
- ❖ Strathroy Lions are hosting their annual auction, this time it is On Line at StrathroyLions.com

CLOSING REMARKS

Gov. Barb reminded the Lions to be aware of the upcoming Young Lion Leadership weekend coming in the new year.

Governor Barb thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The next District Meeting will be held Sunday January 26, 2020 in Chatham, meeting will begin at 10:00am

This will also be the Eyes Right Annual Meeting

This meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Schleihauf