



Lions Clubs International  
District A-1

**January 28, 2018**  
Tilbury, Ontario

Governor Joyce Mahovlich acted as the chairperson with the following District Cabinet Officers in attendance:

2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Barb Tuxford	Cab Treas. PDG Bob Lake
Cab. Sec. Dianne Piggott	Z1 ZC Jim Rigney
Z2 ZC Larry Badder	Z3 ZC Bruce Campbell
Z4 ZC Doug Crockett	Z6 ZC Carol Stankevich
Z7 ZC Mark Paquet	

Also, in Attendance were 6 Club Presidents, 6 Secretaries, 30 Lions and 2 Lioness at the third District Meeting

Regrets:

1VDG Mary Mahovlich	Lioness President Nancy Wright
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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with the singing of "O Canada"

**Motion to Accept the Agenda by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Barb Tuxford; 2<sup>nd</sup> by ZC Carol Stankevich**

Reading of the Lions that passed away since our last District Cabinet Meeting of 2018 by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Barb Tuxford.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Barb Tuxford read the list of 11 new members since November 2017.

**Cabinet Treasurer** – PDG Bob Lake presented his report as follows:

From the attached Budget report, you can see to date all expenses are within budget with income down as there has been nothing from MDA for GMT/GLT.

I am happy to report all MDA & District dues have been paid by the Clubs.



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Unfortunately, I have to advise that my computer crashed and between Intuit and Microsoft they HAVE NO idea how to fix my problem. I am unable to install Quick Books and each blames the other for the problem. I have lost all of the information so I have to re-enter all the work from June 30<sup>th</sup>.

We have received very little in donations for Effective Speaking, Peters, Bus, Youth Exchange, etc. so encourage the Clubs to support these District programs.

Respectively submitted

Bob Lake, PDG  
Treasurer

Proposed Budget for A1 2017-2018

Budget for 2017-2018		Actual Jan 28, 2018	Difference
Revenues:			
Directories	300	545	+245
Advertising	250	150	-100
Cabinet Meeting	200	262	+62
District Dues	10,854	10,854	
Other	0		
GMT/GLT	1,000		
Total	12,605	11,811	-793
Expenses:			
Bank S/C	200	63	+137
Change Over	0		
Directories	1,198	1,198	
Insurance	550		
Cabinet Meeting	1,000	592	+408
Honorariums	2,850		



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GMT/GLT	2,000		
Gifts/Plaques	600		
Leadership Forum	0		
Name Tags	600	490	+110
Office Supplies	100	29	+71
Committee Exp	300		
USA/Canada FR	2,600	2600	0
Advanced Lion	500	500	0
Leadership Institute			
Accounting System	226	226	
Expenses	12,498	5,698	6,800

**Motion by ZC Bruce Campbell; 2<sup>nd</sup> by ZC Doug Crockett to accept the report.  
Carried**

**Cabinet Secretary** – Lion Dianne reported the minutes from November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 had been e-mailed to the cabinet for review.

**Motion by ZC Lion Rigney; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Paquet to adopt the minutes as distributed by e-mail.  
Carried**

Received Nomination and Endorsement on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2107 for Barb Tuxford from Ailsa Craig & District for position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor for the Lion year of 2018-2019

Received Nomination and Endorsement on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 for Doug Crockett from Lambeth for position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor for the Lion year of 2018-2019.



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## **DISTRICT OFFICER REPORTS**

### **Zone Chair 1** - Lion Jim Rigney

This Zone Chair did one Club Visit, helped at the Windsor Downtown Lions Club at their Keno Event as the Bingo Caller, a Diamond Banner Patch was given to Windsor Downtown Lions Club for doing the Centennial Service Challenge. The second Zone Advisory is coming up on February 21, 2018 at the Windsor Downtown Manor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lion James Rigney Zone Chair

### **Zone Chair 2** - Lion Larry Badder

CHATHAM LIONS- LFC Dog Guides-Austin assistance

- Food bin collection for Outreach for Hunger
- Leader Dogs

Kingsville Lions –Christmas Parade Float

- Eye Glass Collection
- Holiday Vender Blender

Leamington Lions-Club receive award for 91 years of service in Leamington

Lighthouse Cove Lions-Harley Draw

- Remodeling Club House
- Movie Night

Stoney Point Lions-Donate to GoodFellows for Christmas baskets

- Collected 39 pairs of Glasses

Tilbury Lions-GoodFellows lunch –soup and sandwich served 300 hundred plus people

- GoodFellow delivered 100 baskets
- Steak barbecue

Wheatley Lions –Remembrance Day Parade (laying wreath)

- Trip Draw Tickets
- Donation to Child with eye problem

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED

ZONE 2 CHAIR LARRY



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**Zone Chair 3** Lion Bruce Campbell

The clubs of Zone 3 are busy and going strong. We had 100% club participation at our last zone meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Of January.

Our zone project for this year was voted on and will be the Parkinson's Society of South Western Ontario. There will be a parade of cheques at the next zone meeting.

I have been actively looking for a replacement for the zone 3 chair, but at this time no one has come forward.

Respectively Submitted

Lion Bruce Campbell

Zone 3 Chair.

**Zone Chair 4** - Lion Doug Crockett

Since last cabinet meeting All clubs have been very busy within their Communities.

Santa Clause Parades, Breakfast with Santa, selling of Christmas Trees.

All clubs helped with Sally Ann kettle collection.

Donations to Diabetes, Eyes Right, Food Banks.

We have chosen a Zone 4 Project. The Martins Home Deaf/Blind was chosen.

They need up grades in kitchen to help the Residents with preparation of their meals. Each club will be donating \$15 Dollars per member

Submitted on behalf of Zone 4

Lion Doug Crockett

Zone 4 Chair

**Zone Chair 5** - Lion Jeff Zavitz

Zone 5 Council of Presidents Meeting – January 23 ,2018

Lion Jeff indicated that the meeting would be focused on membership and invited clubs to include this in their reports.



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Ailsa Craig

- Halloween was successful with donations to the food bank. Approximately 40 children attended.
- Farmer's Night was another success with a sold-out crowd of over 300. The Auction did not go as well as expected as the noise from the crowd made it hard to hear the bidding.
- The Christmas turkey drive provided the food bank with 50 turkeys for families in need.
- All our Christmas trees were sold raising over \$300.
- Annual donations included:
  - \$250 Girl Guides
  - \$250 Scouts
  - \$500 North Middlesex Hockey
  - \$500 North Middlesex Soccer Program
  - Lions Club International
  - Eyes Right
  - Dog Guides
- The new Christmas float won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the parade.
- Membership: Largely due to the efforts of Lion Moe, there was a whopping increase in club size from 12 members to 24, a 100% increase. A larger venue is now needed for the club meetings.

Parkhill

- Inducted 4 new members. About half the membership is ladies. Difficult to attract younger members but always looking for recruits rather than just having membership drives.
- Donated \$5,000 towards renovations of the Goalpost Room where the club meetings are held.
- Partnered with the ABCA for developing the scenic lookout north of Parkhill with benches and picnic tables in Lions colours. Hoping to build a pavilion there and a water garden to divert runoff from the parking lot.
- Biggest fund raiser is Trip of the Month tickets raising \$16,000 from 350 tickets.
- Do a lot of bars and Stag and Does.
- About half the membership of 24 is actively involved on the projects.



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Poplar Hill and District

- Monthly bingos continue to be a regular source of revenues.
- On Remembrance Day a wreath was laid at the Park.
- The Santa Parade weekend was busy with multiple events
  - Thursday – Santa float assembly
  - Friday – Glencoe Parade (Hillbilly Float)
  - Saturday – Wedding
    - Poplar Hill Christmas Parade (both floats)
    - Hot dogs and hot chocolate served to all at the parade
    - Photos with Santa in the Log Cabin
  - Sunday – Seniors' Dinner for 211 Lobo area seniors.
- All members who were available turned out for the events.
- There was a good turnout for the Ham & Turkey Bingo
- The annual Christmas dinner for members and partners included a gift exchanges, presentations by Bill Denning and Lion Rick, and induction by Barb Tuxford of 8 new members (including 3 ladies)
- Attendance at the New Year's Levee was sparse but the chili was good and leftovers went to the WRRRC.
- Upcoming Trivia Night, A-1 Convention, Maple Syrup Day.

Ilderton

- Did get 1<sup>st</sup> place at Lucan Parade!
- Harvest food drive raised 800 pounds of food for the Ailsa Craig food bank.
- 3 Bingos
- \$41,000 raised from wings nights so far. Funds destined for the park in the new suburb. To be capped at \$50,000.
- Hosted the Ag dinner.

Upcoming: Bonspiel, Ribs and Tails Night

Donations: Medway (\$10,000), Minor hockey, Ilderton Fair, Eyes Right, Diabetes Parade of Cheques

Membership: 41 plus one at large.

The Ilderton Club received the volunteer appreciation award from the Fair Board, the first time it was awarded to an organization rather than an individual.



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It was noted that the \$25 new membership fee was waived by International this year. Registration is free for new members at the convention.

There is a need to continue inter-club visits.

There was a discussion about a potential Zone project. Support of the food bank was suggested. The need for storage space was discussed. Sponsoring an event at the Robart's fun day was suggested. There was a discussion about the advantages of donated to LCIF.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Ian MacDonald (For Mark Gellner), Zone 5 Secretary

**Zone Chair 6** - Carol Stankevich

Zone 6 has 196 very active Lion members.

They all have been busy with bingo's, dinners, all sorts of Christmas Activities and community service projects. They will be working on the zone project which is the sale of tickets on Lawn mowers. The proceeds will be going to the local Diabetes office.

High lights – Arkona club after 2 and a half years has secured the service of 2 Doctors and are hosting a significant show for fossil collectors in July.

Wyoming club awarded 4 of their long serving members a Melvin Jones award. The combination of their years of service is 174. They sold Christmas trees as a fundraiser and as well all know it was very cold before Christmas.

Petrolia club not only raised 3,000 for Christmas for everyone. They also made a donation of 173 scholastic books and donated funds to LCF for a memorial tree in memory of Lion Donna Krall.

Bluewater Sarnia sold out of all of their Christmas cakes, cookies and they will be once again holding their E-waste recycling event to coincide with earth day.





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Sarnia club hosted a large CNIB Christmas party with music, dinner and entertainment. They also hosted a picnic for the vision impaired.

Wallaceburg Centennial club held a Christmas dinner fundraiser to raise money for their July 4<sup>th</sup> calibrations. They also took part in the very wet Santa parade.

It was not an easy task to pick out one or to highlights for each club. They have done some much more for the good of Lions and I am proud of each and every one of them.

**Zone Chair 7** - Lion Mark Paquet

All clubs are doing well. Mount Brydges held a meet and greet Cole Pearn, Nascar Cup Championship 2017. Farmer's night is coming up. They had a trivia night. Zone meeting is coming up in February. Implement zone chair on a rotation through the clubs.

**Motion was made by Lion Doug Crockett; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Bruce Campbell to accept Zone Chair reports.**

**District A-1 Lioness President** – Lioness Nancy Wright

District A-1 President's Report

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Good Morning Governor Joyce, Lions and Lioness

For the months of November and December, District A-1 Lioness have donated \$38,560.31 to Social Service, \$1,350.00 to Eyes Right, \$2,486.00 to LFC and \$10,748.48 to Youth for a grand total of \$53,144.79. Their service hours for these 2 months were 2,126.25 I know they have more that are not reported yet.



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The Lioness have been busy working bingos, making wool blankets, weaving sleep mats out of plastic milk bags for 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries, having pie bees, school snack programs, working at food banks, working at foot care clinics, driving patients to appointments and this is just a few of their actives.

Respectively Submitted District A-1 President Lioness Nancy Wright

### **COMMITTE REPORTS**

#### **GLT**

The Global Action Team met last Thursday in London. The main purpose was to assist Global Service Team in setting goals. This whole Service Team is a new concept, so we set some goals as a group. Hopefully we will be able to have at least one Service Project at the Convention.

For the Leadership Team, the hope was to have a Certified Guiding Lion course available before the end of January, but the new training material hasn't been released as yet, the projected date is February 1, if you are interested please let me know and check out the New workbook

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/da-cgl1.pdf>.

DG Joyce and I have met to set some courses for the Convention, but the number of rooms available hasn't been confirmed yet. Some ideas were:

1. what is available after you are Club President – this would be presentations and handouts for District Chair positions.
2. So, you want to know what a Zone Chair does.
3. Another possible course is Bank Fraud.



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I was able to take some training in Go To Meeting, this is the same concept as Go To Webinar. Our next DG meeting is hopefully going to be with this Go To Meeting platform. We will be doing a trial in late February.

There is still e-training available for President, Secretary and Treasurer if anyone is interested.

Club Officer training is still scheduled for May 31 in Chatham see page 54 in your District Directory.

Thank you for your time and commitment.

Lion Barb Tuxford  
GLT District co-ordinator

**Global Membership Chair** – 1<sup>st</sup> V.D.G. Mary Mahovlich

Congratulations Membership is at 1213 in the District!

Nothing new to report on the two campus clubs. (Both the University & College want future meeting to be set up by the students. The strike at St. Clair has not helped.)

Three members of the GAT – Global Action Team met in London to discuss the new Service position. (These were GST – Global Service Team District Chair Shawn Davidson, GLT – Global Leadership Team District Chair 2<sup>nd</sup> V.D.G. Barb Tuxford and myself GMT.)

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Mary Mahovlich

**GST** - Lion Shawn Davison

Lion Shawn thanked the clubs for their hard work.



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As a side Lion Dianne spoke on behalf of the MDA Global Service Co-Ordinators in asking that clubs please submit the name of a deserving individual for a Service in Action certificate. Three names from each District will be

**Motion by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Barb Tuxford; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lion Carol Stankevich to accept the GLT, GMT and GST reports.**

**A-1 Youth Exchange** – Lion Doug Crockett and Lion Curtis Marwood

Lion Curtis Marwood has two out-bound candidates for overseas and one in process. Anyone interested in sending someone the request has to be in by February at the latest.

Lion Doug Crockett reported as of this morning there are 11 youths confirmed coming with another three possible for a total of 14. The youth arrive on June 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 21<sup>st</sup> 2018. He need supports from the District for taking youth's in. As always, we can use more Host Families for our incoming Youth.

The person opening their home to a youth does not need to be a Lion; anyone who would like to contribute would be appreciated. Any money Donations would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You for Your Support  
District A1 Youth Exchange Chair  
Lion Doug

**Centennial Chair** - PDG Bill Bissonnette

Governor Joyce, Members of Cabinet,

Where there's a need there's a Lion. How true in our District. 25 Clubs have completed and reported at least one service activity in the Centennial Service Challenge. Congratulations. You still have time to complete more service



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activities as there is still 5 months to go for this the final year of the Lions Centennial.

2017-18 has been designated as the year of Dedication where we Lions Dedicate and align ourselves to the future vision of Lions Clubs International.

I have asked all the clubs to send, and in some cases resend, a photo(s) of their Centennial Legacy Project(s) along with a description of how this project has impacted your community and how many people would be impacted by your project. I would appreciate this information in a timely manner as I would like to try and put something together for the convention in April.

Remember, Where there's a need there's a Lion, and in your community, where there's a need there's you!

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Bill Bissonnette, PDG  
District A-1 Centennial Chair

**Convention Chair** - PCC Bob Tanner

Governor Joyce and Cabinet

We held our first committee meeting after the last cabinet meeting in Springfield

The Policy and Procedures manual was reviewed, changes have been incorporated from last year's committee recommendations. The changes were:

- Politically correct wording
- Dollar values have documented reflecting what has been used in the past.



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- A budget work sheet was added at the end of the document.
- A copy of the marked up previous manual has been sent to the District Secretary. The convention forms have been sent to all club secretaries for distribution with members. Fees have increased this year due to an increase in expenses for hotel rentals. Our next meeting is Saturday Feb 3 at the hotel, this will allow us to allocate meeting rooms, and look at the menu for the different functions during the convention.
- Respectfully Submitted Lion Bob Tanner District A1 convention Chair

**ACTION:** Plan a Go-To Meeting in a week or two to discuss and approve the changes on the Convention Policy Manual.

The convention committee will meet on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at the Four Points I London to discuss room allocations for the convention.

**Peter's Bus** - PCC Bob Tanner



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*Peters Bus Lake Joe Transportation*

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Peters Bus Lake Joe Report:

Governor Joyce and Cabinet Officers

Presently I am awaiting the list of campers going to camp from the CNIB. We need to raise \$5000.00 to run the program. Letters have been sent out by the district secretary to all of the clubs asking for their financial support of our District Project.

In early December I received a telephone call from one of the campers telling me of a change in the camp structure. Due to the increase in the minimum wage they camp was going to reduce the week of camp by one day. I communicated with the MDA sight chair and member of the CNIB Lake Joe board of directors about this change. CNIB has reinstated the day due to the large number of complaints. Lake Joe is currently the only project that is being supported by the Lions of MDA.

It is important that we support our blind clients in our District, the majority are on Ontario Disabilities Pensions. The cost of going to camp is becoming prohibitive for them. Please support your local Blind clients to go to camp. It is hard to express how grateful the campers are when they return from camp but their love for the Lions who support Peters Bus can be felt as they load up and say goodbye. One young man would like to help the Samia Lions to raise money so that the bus will continue for ever.

Remember what Peter always says" **They Can't Go If They Can't Get There!"**

Sincerely  
Lion Bob Tanner  
Peters Bus Chair

**Quest** - PDG Mike Tuxford

On Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Mike attended a we Lion's Quest workshop in Markham. Teachers, social workers and Lions were learning how to teach young students proper work habits. The plan is to educate the entire school on how to help the children. Lion Bob has secured funds in this District to hold these workshops. We need to have a workshop in this end of the District. This was a 6-hour workshop. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG were there in attendance as well. We are asking for donations to help support Lion's Quest. Joanne McGuigan travels all over Canada for these workshops. To help raise money for Quest a \$500.00 donation could give a Quest award to a Lion's member in your club or a deserving member in



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your community. If a club has donated in the last 2 to 3 years for a total of \$500 you could get an award for a club member. There is also a 3-hour course that can be taught.

**Eyes Right** - Lion Gail Tanner

Eye's Right had their annual meeting along with a Parade of Cheques.

**Environment** - Lion Mark Heffernan

District Governor Joyce has had news from Lions International that the photo contest is not going to continue. Lion Mark and DG Joyce would like to keep it alive in our District so please send your photos to Lion Mark so we can vote on them at our upcoming convention.

**Hearing Preservation Awareness & Action** - Lion Pam Harbottle

I have been able to take over this position again as of our last District Cabinet Meeting on November 26, 2017. My first two years as chair, I worked on building a hearing aid collection program in conjunction with Listen Up Canada. This program also offers hearing tests and discounts to our members. Our name and logo is also on Listen Up website which is great advertising for the Lions.

I have had the pleasure of going around to some of the clubs in our district and speak on the hearing aid recycling program. In the fall of 2016 we gained approval and was able to start our collection program. In the last 4 months of 2016 we collected 7 hearing aids and in 2017 we collected 352 hearing aids. A great jump from our first year, great work Lions.

In October a team went to Morocco and District A1 Lions were able to provide 107 hearing aids, 2 bags of spare parts, and cleaning tools. This is all from our hearing aid recycling program. I want to thank all of the clubs that have made an effort to initiate this program in their club. If I can be of any assistance I would be more than happy to do what I can for you.

Respectfully submitted;





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Pamela Harbottle

District Governor Joyce reminded everyone that a service project does include collecting hearing aids, glasses, food drives.

**Leo Liaison** - Lion Rick Nemett

District Governor Lion Joyce, Cabinet Members, and Fellow Committee Chairs, As of this time, I have visited two of the five Leo Clubs in District A1: Belmont (formerly Springfield and, now officially, East Elgin), and of course Port Stanley and District.

The **East Elgin Leo Club** currently has seven active members on its roster. They have been busy helping their sponsoring Lions Club (Belmont) with promoting its Turkey Bingo in the fall, and planning an Effective Speaking Contest as a joint project of the Leos and Lions, to take place on Feb 4<sup>th</sup>. They are also planning on a trip to the LFC Training facility in Oakville for their spring open house. Their primary focus at this time is on growing their membership.

The **Port Stanley and District Leos** currently have 5 members and are focusing on recruitment strategies to ensure the ongoing viability of the club. They have welcomed two new Advisors: Lioness Marianne Greb and Lioness Holly Winton from the Port Stanley Lioness Club who have joined the two existing advisors. They hosted a new event this year with the support of Pet Valu: a charity Dog Wash in support of two local animal shelters. A total of thirty-two dogs were washed over the 2-day event, raising \$330. The annual Dog Bowl for LFC has been put on hold at this time unless the Lions and/or Lioness Clubs wish to take it over. Two food drives are planned for the spring to support the food banks in St. Thomas and Port Stanley.

The **Lakeshore Leos** have had a busy year so far. Though I have not made it to one of their meetings yet, they have kept me apprised of their activities. They continue to collect quarters, pop/beer cans, bottles, etc. to support Leader Dogs and have received a banner patch for their donations. The Leos participated in the Diabetes tag Day in October and the Remembrance Day Parade in November. They have hosted a Fill-the-Bus food drive, and supported a local Coats-for-Kids project. Throughout the fall, they made crafts and Christmas ornaments to sell at their Nov 25<sup>th</sup> Craft and Bake Sale and to give to give to each senior at a local



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retirement home. Proceeds of the Craft and Bake Sale went to Ronald McDonald House. Congratulations to their Leo Advisor Lion Mary for keeping them busy!! My visit to the **Petrolia Leo Club** had to be postponed until February due to mechanical issues, however Leo Advisor Lion Tony Beaulieu informs me that the Club's 11 members continue to be busy with their usual "Stuff the Bus" food drives, and other activities.

The **Dutton and District Leo Club** has no members at this time.

Membership continues to be a challenge for all Leo Clubs. The turnover of members is constant as existing members leave for post-secondary education. Lions clubs need to be vigilant in watching for any potential Leo members as well as potential Lions!

My goal this year is to have a significant Leo presence at the Convention in London this spring. I will be working with Lion Bob Tanner to ensure there is programming and events to keep the Leos engaged (and out of trouble!), as well as a fun 'networking' event for them.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Rick Nemett

Leo Liaison – District A1

**Lioness Liaison** - Lion StanHladki

Good day, as of the cabinet meeting I have visited my four lioness groups and it has been a pleasure in doing so. These group of lady's are amazing with all that they do for there each community's, donating money to different charity and organizations and visiting different groups to help out. In closing I hope that each group keeps up the great job that they are doing and in the up an coming lion an lioness year I will be able to do this great an wonderful job again for another year. Thank You Lioness Chairman Lion Stan

**Bulletin Contest** - Lion Anne Marie Rigney

District Governor Joyce reported Lion Anne Marie is receiving 5 or 6 bulletins

**Effective Speaking** - Lion Seppo Kuokkanen



## LIONS DISTRICT A-1

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### **EFFECTIVE SPEAKING - 2017-2018**

**ATTENTION: Lions, Lioness, and Leo Presidents of District A-1**

The Chatham Lions Club was asked to chair the District Effective Speaking Contest. We have visited most Zones and shared information about the contest in the format of a skit, which was well received. We encouraged you to seek youth to sponsor for the contest and to submit a donation of \$160 per club to support the district winners to attend the MDA contest.

Unfortunately, we have only received contributions from 14 clubs, which is only enough to hold the District competition but not enough to send winners to the MDA competition. We are aware that there will be contestants from the District so I am sure you would want them to be able to enter the MDA contest.

**Therefore, as the Effective Speaking Committee Chair for District A-1, Chatham Lions Club is asking for your support in funding and promoting this important youth program.** If you have not submitted a donation from your club, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible so we can be assured that the competitors are able to attend the MDA contest.

A donation of \$160 is requested to cover the costs of District competitions and prizes and to assist with the expenses of sending the District finalists to the MD "A" competition in St. Catharines.

Since 1947, the Lions Clubs of Multiple District "A" have provided a challenging opportunity for our youth to compete in one of Canada's largest public speaking competitions.

For your convenience, I have attached a donation form which also indicates how the funds are dispersed. Thank you for your support of our own unique "Lions Effective Speaking" program.



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Lion Seppo Kuokkanen  
District A-1 Effective Speaking Committee Chair

Lion Seppo explained the dollar value of \$160 for each club in the District. \$50 goes to MDA for the Speak-off in May. MDA Effective Speaking is \$1500 in the red. Most of the expense we have is to send participants to the MDA Effective Speaking in helping the parents pay the cost of their child participating, i.e. hotel room and meals.

**Sight/Work with the Blind** - Lion Rob Neill

I have attended Eyes Right meetings. Doug Crockett is still collecting used eye glasses along with myself. I have taken about 2000 to Lens Crafters. I have got a number and Doug also has some. In the Windsor area collecting by Mark Mahovlich.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rob Neill.

**Motion made by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Barb Tuxford; seconded by Lion Larry Badder to accept the reports as presented.**

I have also received reports from the following Committee Members that were not presented at the meeting.

**CAMP DORSET** – Murray Sutherland

**Greetings from Lions Camp Dorset**

**Cold and snowy would be a great way to describe Lions Camp Dorset and surrounding area the last couple of months**  
**degree days were common during the cold spell**  
**surprise for the area**

**\*35 to 40-**  
**but that's not really a**



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**The mini putt fundraiser this past weekend was a great success raising over \$10,00!! There were over 30 teams participating and all the cottages and efficiencies were full...a great weekend!**

**The Elmira Lions have their Snow Fair Weekend starting Feb1st and the annual Poker Run fundraiser starts Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. Lions Camp Dorset is such a great location for so many different events**

**The renovations to cottage 8 are nearly completed. In the springtime, the siding and metal roofing will be done to complete the job.**

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

**Leader Dog** – Lion Val Burninham

Not a lot to report since our last District meeting. I have had to take it a bit slow with having a knee replacement the beginning of December so with healing and then the holidays not much happening.

Thank you to those clubs that donated since our last District meeting. I have forwarded funds received, thank you so much for your continuing support. For other clubs I would just ask that you please let me know if you have sent in a donation directly to Leader Dog, that way I can send you out a thank you notes as well.

I have received donations from a couple of clubs since the Kick-off in December and funds have been forwarded to Leader Dogs for the Blind and I have sent out thank you notes and Tribute Award forms to those clubs.

Did you know that 55 Guide Dog Clients that attended the school in 2017 were referred by Lions, as well as 6 Orientation and Mobility clients and 1 Summer experience camper. I just thought that was an interesting snip of information to let people know that Lions are involved more than just financially.



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The limited edition Centennial Founders Tribute Plaque offer ends on June 30<sup>th</sup> of this year, if you are interested in honouring a Lion with something special please forward your donations to me or directly to Leader Dogs for the Blind, Rochester.

In closing thank you for your support and if anyone wants me to bring a graduate and their Leader Dog to one of their events or meetings please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted

District A-1 Leader Dog Chair

Lion Val Burningham

**Old Business:** There was no old business to discuss.

**New Business:**

District Governor Joyce mentioned only 7 clubs qualified for Club Excellence last year. District Governor Joyce has given the club secretary the form at each of her visits. The club needs to do 3 service activities to qualify. District Governor Joyce will present 2016-2017 Excellence awards at her visits. The club secretary need to send a report in July and August (the District membership report), even if it just says "no change". Petrolia Lions received a Club Excellence award with Lion Cheryl Schliehauf accepting on behalf of the club.

PDG John Ross asked that club secretary's please read requests for funds at your club meetings.

PCC John Johnston discussed that PID Dr. Patti Hill has been endorsed for 3<sup>rd</sup> International Vice President in 2019. She will be running in Milan for 3<sup>rd</sup> International Vice President. Multiple C (Alberta) has endorsed Patti to run for three years and therefore will be running in Milan. She has been travelling around the world and it costs approximately \$100,000-130,000 per year. Her Multiple District has been footing the bill for her travels for the past number of years. PDG Alan Snider and PCC John Johnston have been selling pins to help defray the costs. With this International endorsement PDG Alan and PCC John are planning events to help raise money for Patti's campaign. They will be asking



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when Patti would be available to hopefully meet members in this District and others. The kick-off will be on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Jarvis with an Early Taste of Italy dinner with guest speaker PIP Judge Brian Stephenson. It has been 32 years since Judge Brian Stephenson was elected as the last Canadian International President. It is our time to shine again.

PDG Jacquie Flood discussed A Life Worth Living; Judy Robinet started a bowling tournament in Windsor have she lost one eye and has encountered other people who have lost their eyesight. She is working on a multi-media presentation and an on-line resource center where people can find answers.

**Draws:**

1<sup>st</sup> - \$100.00 PDG Steve Mahovlich from Belle River

2<sup>nd</sup> – Lion Aldo Gonzalez from Chatham won a Lion Centennial beverage coolie

3<sup>rd</sup> – Lion Rick Lucas from Ilderton won a Lion's International President pin

**Announcements:**

District Governor Joyce thanked the clubs for their generous support to her project; a book order to Scholastic Canada. To date she has received \$700.00 which will buy 150 books to go to schools in the Tilbury and Belle River area.

Lion Frank Van Kempen; Zone 6 project will be selling tractor tickets starting the 1<sup>st</sup> of April for Diabetes.

PCC John Johnston: Belmont Lions are having a Murder Mystery on February 10th. Tickets are \$45.00 per person and this is in support of Lion's Project "One Shot, One Life".

PDG Mark Mahovlich; suggested that Lion clubs who sponsor Lioness consider having a discussion with the Lioness about including their service hours in with the Lion's hours reported to LCI.



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Lion Pam Harbottle; Hyde Park Lions are working with the Lambeth Lions for a fundraiser being organized by all new members (3 years and lower). The event will be held at the Lambeth Community Centre. There will be a live band, Sarah Smith, a light buffet, 50/50 and raffle prizes. The date is April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Clubs/individuals can donate prizes for table if they wish. Money raised will be going for Pediatric Cancer.

PCC Bob Tanner: on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Petrolia Lions are presenting a “Dream Concert”. Got [www.vpp.ca](http://www.vpp.ca) to purchase tickets. Other events planned include Best of the Brits on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and Freddy Vette and the Flames on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

District Governor reminded everyone if your club cannot put on a function ask for help from another club.

PDG Mike Tuxford; this is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sunshine Dreams for kids. Lucan Club has paid for an airline to fly kids to Disney. They have helped support over 300,000 to Sunshine Dreams for kids. This year’s draw is a car that was raffled off a few years ago. Lioness Trudy Brown won the 69 GTO about 8 years ago and her husband came to Lucan and this is the next car. Mike will have tickets the next time you see him.

Motion by Lion Jim Rigney; 2<sup>nd</sup> be Lion Doug Crocket to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** Saturday, April 13, 2018, at 9 a.m. at the A-1 Convention; Four Points by Sheraton in London.