



Lions Clubs International
District A-1
November 26, 2017
Springfield, Ontario

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

1st VDG Mary Mahovlich
Cab. Treas. PDG Bob Lake
Z1 ZC Jim Rigney
Z3 ZC Bruce Campbell
Z6 ZC Carol Stankevich

2nd VDG Barb Tuxford
Cab. Sec. Dianne Piggott
Z2 ZC Larry Badder
Z4 ZC Doug Crockett
Z7 ZC Mark Paquet

Also in attendance were 7 Club Presidents, 10 Club Secretaries, 1 Club Treasurers, 31 Lions and 8 Lioness plus 1 guest at the second District Meeting of 2017.

The Meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. with the singing of the "O Canada" followed by the reading of the Lions that passed away since our last District Cabinet Meeting of 2017 by 1st VDG Mary Mahovlich

2nd VDG Barb Tuxford read the list of 28 new Lions.

Governor Joyce welcomed everyone in attendance and set protocol.

**Motion by ZC Jim Rigney; 2nd by ZC Doug Crockett to accept the Agenda.
Carried.**

Cabinet Treasurer Bob Lake presented his report as follows:

All bills and expenses received by the Treasurer have been paid. However, I have received the following expenses today. They are as follows:

At the time of this report there I only 3 Clubs in the District who have not paid the invoice for District and MDA dues. I believe the respective District Officer has been advised to contact the Club.

This is the first time we billed for MDA dues and I believe it has gone smoothly.

The Vice District Governors have received the dollars established for attending the US/Canada Forum.

For an unknown reason, we neglected to put in the budget the cost of buying QuickBooks for the District. This will allow for consistence in the work of the District. We are hoping we will still come in with a balanced budget at year end.

Respectively submitted

Bob Lake, PDG
Cabinet Treasurer

Proposed Budget For A1 2017 – 2018

Budget for 2017-2018	Actual	Nov. 26th. 2017	Difference
Revenues:			
Directories	300	425	
Advertising	250	150	
Cabinet Meeting	200	163	
District Dues	10,854	10,287	
Other	0		
GMT/GLT	1,000		
Total	12604	10885	
Expenses:			
Bank S/C	200	44	
Change Over	0		
Directories	1198	1198	
Insurance	550		
Cabinet Meet	1000	250	
Honorariums	2,850		
GMT/GLT	2,000		
Gifts/Plaques	600		
Leadership			
Forum	0		
Name tags	600	490	
Office Supplies	100	29	
Committee Exp	300		
USA/ Canada FR	2,600	2600	
Advanced Lion	500		
Leadership			
Institute			
Accounting	226	226	
System			
Expenses	12,498	4837	

**Motion by 1st VDG Mary Mahovlich; 2nd by ZC Larry Badder to accept the report.
Carried.**

Cabinet Secretary Dianne reported the minutes from August 22nd, 2017 had been e-mailed to the cabinet for review.

**Motion by 1st VDG Mary Mahovlich; 2nd by ZC Jim Rigney to adopt the minutes as distributed by email.
Carried.**

Received a Nomination and Endorsement Form on November 15th, 2017 for Mary Mahovlich from Belle River for the position of District Governor for the Lion Year 2018-2019.

DISTRICT OFFICER REPORTS

ZONE CHAIR 1 Lion Jim Rigney

This Zone Chair has completed two club visits and one Zone Advisory. I did participate in the Wallaceburg Centennial Lions Club Charter Night; did a visit with other Lions to the Leader Dog Kennels and was part of the team that did the Diabetes Tag Day.

Respectively Submitted
Lion Jim Rigney, Zone 1 Chair

ZONE CHAIR 2 Lion Larry Badder

NOV.26/17 CABINET REPORT

CHATHAM LIONS- 3 New members

- Food bin collection for Outreach for Hunger
- Bingos

Kingsville Lions – Lions Bench

- Walleye Derby
- Dressed Decoy Duck Contest

Leamington Lions - Hogs for Hospice

Lighthouse Cove Lions - Harley Draw

- Horse Shoes
- Movie Night

Stoney Point Lions - Barbecue for prostate cancer

- Collected 39 pairs of Glasses

Tilbury Lions - Golf Tournament

- Chicken and sliders supper

- Steak and Lobster supper
Wheatley Lions – Planted Tree for 100 yrs. Of Lionism
- Trip Draw Tickets

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED
ZONE 2 CHAIR LARRY

ZONE CHAIR 3 Lion Bruce Campbell

**District A1 Cabinet Meeting
November 26, 2017
Zone 3 Report**

The year started off well. I have visited two clubs so far and had the honour of inducting a new member at each of the clubs.

We had 100% club participation at our Zone meeting in October. All the clubs reported that they were busy during the summer and have many events planned for the coming year.

A zone project was brought forward by the St. Thomas club to support the Parkinson Society of Southwestern Ontario. A proposal was sent out to the clubs to discuss it at the club level so we would be able to vote on it at our January meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Lion Bruce Campbell
Zone 3 Chair

ZONE CHAIR 4 Lion Doug Crockett

November 25, 2017

Zone 4
Lion Doug Crockett

We had our first Zone Meeting October 4th in Thorndale. 5 clubs attended, London Central was absent.

Zone Project discussed, will decide at next Zone Meeting.

All clubs are involved in the Community with Projects and Fund-Raising Activities.

The Hyde Park SANTA Claus Parade this Saturday and Thorndale, Dorchester in December.

Air clubs are helping with the Salvation Army Kettle Drive this Christmas.

I have made 2 Club visits so far (Hyde Park, Thorndale). With my 3rd before the end of this month.

Thank You

Zone 4 Chair
Lion Doug Crockett

ZONE CHAIR 6 Lion Carol Stankevich

ZONE 6 SUMMARY

Zone 6 has 197 very busy lions at this time, 14 of these Lion went to Chicago for the 100th anniversary of Lions International and had an amazing time.

Zone 6 clubs all worked hard on the zone project “tractor draw” again raising over 5000.00 for diabetes. They were all involved in bingos or meat bingos and fundraising dinners.

Arkona Lions has been instrumental in trying to bringing 2 new Drs. to their Medical Centre and their car show went over very well. They also have added a new picture room to the Rock Glen Museum.

Sarnia Blue Water Lions donated bats and helmets to sports for the disabled. They had their first ever E-waste day, held on Earth day.

Petroila Lions bought and gave out 90 books to all 4 School’s senior kindergarten classes. Their food booth was very active over the summer and helped Wallaceburg Centennial club with 3 of their events. They are having 3 tribute shows this lions year and a comedy night.

Sarnia Lions are active with their blind community, with a summer picnic and upcoming Christmas party. They bought an Ipad for a JK student and glasses with prisms for another.

Wyoming Lions; had 2 very well attended fish fries and a breakfast. They had a grand opening of the towns splash pad that they donated a total of 6,000.00 to.

Wallaceburg Centennial Lions had their charter night with 92 in attendance. They, with Pertolia’s help, did a food booth at Wally Fest and WAMBO.

ZONE CHAIR 7 Lion Mark Paquet

Lions Club International District A - 1 Region 24 Zone 7

Zone Advisory Meeting - Attendance & Minutes

ZC Lion Mark Paquet - Delaware Lions Club

1. Call to order and welcome by Zone Chair Lion Mark Paquet.
2. Roll Call – Attendance - b y Chair Lion Mark Paquet and noted by Lion Henry Vanderweyst.

3. Presentations by Guest Speakers

Lions Quest Canada – District A - 1 Chair PDG Lion Mike Tuxford
Summary of Presentation:

Outlined Basic Components of the Lions Quest Program

- 🎬 PreK - 12 Social & Emotional Learning Program
- 🎬 Provides Program Training for Teachers and Caregivers
- 🎬 Expressed difficulty in getting the program into schools
- 🎬 Training has been taken outside the schools to Community Groups
- 🎬 Program suitable for Community Groups – i.e. Sport Teams, ...
- 🎬 Budget for Operation of the Program Across Canada \$200 000 per year.

Support Request

- 🎬 Asked that the Lions Quest Program be taken Club for discussion
- 🎬 Asking for Club Financial Support
- 🎬 Willing to Speak at Club Meeting – to inform Membership

Resources

- 🎬 Brochure to Circulate at Club Meetings
- 🎬 Website

www.lionsquest.ca

Lions Effective Speaking Program - Lion Seppo Kuokkanen - Chatham Lions Club Summary of Presentation:

- 🎬 Chatham Lions Club has taken on the Effective Speaking 2018 Program for District A - 1

Outlined Basic Components of the Lions Quest Program

- 🎬 Effective Speaking Program For: School Age Youth / Students
- Also for Community Youth Groups – i.e. Church Youth Groups, ...
- 🎬 Categories: English & French

🎬 Junior: Grades 4,5,6 Speech 3 - 5 Minutes

🎬 Intermediate: Grades 7,8,9 Speech 5 - 7 Minutes Plus Impromptu 2 - 3 Minutes

🎬 Senior: Grades 10,11,12 Speech 5 - 7 Minutes Plus Impromptu 2 - 3 Minutes

- 🎬 Each Lions Club – Can sponsor 6 Speakers – 1 per category

- 🎬 District A - 1 Prize Monies 1st \$100 2nd \$75 3rd \$50

- 🎬 MD 'A' Prize Monies

Senior and Intermediate: 1 st \$1000 2 nd \$500 3 rd \$200

Junior : 1st \$500 2nd \$200 3rd \$100

- 🎬 Resources: Poster & MD'A' Contest Rules & Judge Evaluation Guidelines available.

- 🎬 Support Request: Financial Support \$160 per Club

ZC Lion Mark Paquet Thanked each Speaker.

4. Club Reports – See below!

5. ZC Lion Mark Paquet – Comments

Attempting and Wanting to keep Meetings “short and simple”.

ZONE PROJECT 2017 - 2018

- 🎬 ZC Lion Mark Paquet suggested 'Rotating Zone Project'

Clubs – by Random Draw – for Order

Club in Year – Determines Club Project – other Zone Clubs Support

Club in Year – If No Project – Determination Moves on to next Club

🗨️ ZC Lion Mark Paquet asked Clubs to:

Discuss Zone Project for 2017 - 2018 – Research, Submit at Next Zone Meeting

🗨️ Concern Expressed: next Zone Meeting – February – Late in year to get Zone Project in place and completion

🗨️ Ideas for consideration were aired:

Diabetes, CNIB – as Lions are Knights of the Blind, and MS Walk - a - Thon

ZONE 7 – MUST VISITS

🗨️ Schedule was distributed -- 2017 - 2018 Year 4

ZC Lion Mark Paquet – Stressed

Membership Growth as Clubs are 'Aging' and Members Needed

Participation in Peace Poster Contest - Bring Poster to Cabinet Meeting

2nd VDG Lion Barb Tuxford noted that Delaware Lions have submitted 3 Posters for District judging and that the Peace Poster Program is for schools but also for Community Youth Groups.

6. Comments & Questions by Attendees

7. Humour

8. ZC Lion Mark Paquet thanked Lions for attendance!

9. Adjournment: Moved by Lion Jim Delippe Seconded by Lion Dave Jolliffe Carried

Delaware Lions Club – Report by President Lion Jim Deslippe

Zone 7 - Zone Advisory Meeting

Thursday, November 23, 2017

Hosted by Strathroy Lions Club

Zone Chair Lion Mark Paquet

Goals & Plans for Delaware Lions 2017 - 2018

🗨️ Increase Membership and Retain the Members in the Club

🗨️ Continue with Community Projects

🗨️ Continue with our current Community Service Activities and Fundraising Activities

🗨️ Visit and Interact with other Lions Clubs in our Zone and District

🗨️ Work with the Lioness

🗨️ Public Relations – Keeping Membership, Community, ... Informed

VIA : e - Clubhouse Website, LIONOIL Club Newsletter, Local Publication 'Villager'

Membership

🏠 Current Membership 48 2 life members 9 Charter members

SUMMER 201 6 ACTIVITIES

🏠 Canada Day Celebrations - Tri - Community – Delaware, Komoka, Mt. Brydges – Held in Delaware

Delaware Lions – Served Pancake Breakfast

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🏠 Community Hanging Flowers – Annual Project

Flower Baskets - Purchased by Delaware Lioness Club

Delaware Lions – Maintained Flowers – and Watered Daily May to October

CURRENT & UPCOMING EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

🏠 Annual Diabetes Canvass – October

Canvass Delaware Community (Village and Surrounding Area)

Collected over \$7000 for Diabetes Canada

🏠 Peace Poster Contest – in Delaware 3 Elementary School

Winners Submitted

🏠 Seniors Event – December 2, 201 7

Host Delaware and Area Seniors – Residents Past and Present

Open House with Lions Providing Refreshments, Entertainment, Luncheon

Seniors have an opportunity to socialize with former and current friends and acquaintances while Lions serve the refreshments and luncheon.

🏠 Effective Speaking – Club Level – Speak - Off – for local Elementary and Secondary School

Students - February or March 201 8

Note: Delaware Entry won the 2017 MD 'A' Speak - Off

🏠 Bingo – London Bingo Hall

🏠 Annual Delaware Lions Trivia Night – January 27, 201 8

Trivia Challenge / Silent Auction / 50/50 Draw / Finger Foods & Luncheon / Bar

🏠 Delaware Lions – Fish & Chip GAMING Event – April 28, 201 8

All - You - Can Eat Fish and Chips / Games of Chance / Door Prizes / Bar

Donations 201 7 - 201 8 Lions Year

Donations - Just Started – More to follow throughout the year!

Respectfully Submitted,

President Lion Jim Deslippe
Delaware Lions Club

Glencoe District Lions Club 2 - 138 Mill Street
Glencoe ON NOL 1M0

Chartered October 19, 1974

Club Report to Zone Chair – November 23, 2017

The Glencoe District Lions Club has 38 members, 3 of whom are Life Members.

The club has been very active in the first four and one - half months of the Lions year.

Our club prepared and served a beef dinner on Canada Day. The revenue from ticket sales for the dinner was used by the municipality to partially offset the cost of evening fireworks. We also sponsored a bingo in the afternoon.

The South Middlesex Acting Krew (SMAK) is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year and held a Garden Party on July 29. The Glencoe District Lions joined with their sister clubs in Melbourne and Mt Brydges to support the celebration by operating a food booth during the celebration. On Tuesday evening, August 1, the club hosted the 2017 Youth Exchange team and the 10 youth involved this year. After providing a meal for the guests and club members, everyone enjoyed some karaoke organized by Lion Wayne Fletcher. This has become an annual event mutually enjoyed by youth and adults.

On Tuesday, September 12 the club resumed its monthly bingos which it conducts in the cafeteria of Glencoe District High School. The second bingo of the year was held on October 3 and the third on November 7.

On the September 23 weekend the club was involved in the annual Glencoe Fall Fair. On the Friday evening Lions supported the Agricultural Society by staffing the gates and collecting admissions to the fairgrounds. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday Lions operated a food booth in the fair, a project that generated a profit of about \$4000.

In October our club partnered with the Glencoe Curling Club to jointly sponsor a very successful Trivia Night in Glencoe.

Our largest fundraiser of the year is our annual White Elephant Auction Sale in April. While the sale itself doesn't happen until the spring, the collection of furniture and other items for the auction is a year - round activity. The three truck trailers we store behind the arena are already over half - filled.

Another annual fundraiser is the sale of Christmas cakes, fudge, truffles and puddings. We sell these products at stations we set up outdoors on the street when the weather permits or in banks and retail stores when it doesn't.

We have provided financial support for the following: Wardsville Junior Golf, Glencoe Minor Soccer, Glencoe/Bothwell Minor Hockey, Glencoe Area Army Cadets, Plan Canada, LCIF Disaster Relief, Diabetes Canada, Dog Guides , Strathroy Women's Rural Resource Centre, Lions Quest, Camp Discovery , the Four Counties Health Services Foundation and the Glencoe St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion President Mary Hamilton

Mt. Brydges Lions Club
Mt. Brydges, Ontario

Zone Meeting November 23, 2017

Since our last zone meeting in September our club has been busy.

Our park has been readied for winter and the picnic tables have been put to bed for the winter.

We have purchased a trailer and the equipment necessary to provide catering serviced for a variety of events. Over the spring and summer we honed our skills at a number of small events and in October we cooked a lunch for a local business.

14 of our members took the Safe food handling course and are now certified.

Our club ran our annual fish fry with over 280 in attendance. This year we were able to do all of the cooking ourselves for the first time.

We hosted the annual VON walk in our park. Lunch was served to the walkers.

A new bulletin board was installed beside the post office. This project was done in conjunction with the Mt. Brydges Lioness.

One of our members walked in the VON walk and was supported financially by the club. Responding to a special situation, our club donated money to the VON to purchase a new van that was needed when the old one gave up the ghost.

We donated money in support of Diabetes and Lions Quest.

Several members helped with the parade for Canada Day held in Delaware.

We co - sponsored a movie night at our park in Mt. Brydges. We invited a number of local organizations to attend and showcase their organization. It was a great evening. We are hoping that we can make this an annual event.

Over the summer we hosted the youth camp at our park.

Finally, a member of our club, Lion Jack Harris was presented with a perfect attendance pin for 60 years.

Respectfully submitted;

President Cyril Mayo

This year the Mt. Brydges Lions Club will celebrate its 70th anniversary. We are in the early stages of planning for this event.

The Strathroy - Caradoc Lions have been actively promoting our Lions club by doing a used eye glass and membership drive in our community.

Since our last zone meeting we have inducted 4 new members and plan to continue to let the community know how we serve and how they may also help in our service to the community. Summer activities such as hometown festival, and back to school draw give us the opportunity to reach out to local residence

We are presently getting ready for our 8th annual "Tree of Light" event this Friday. This is one of the fun things we do for the community. Local youth band, school choir, lighting of the lights on the tree with the help of town dignitaries and of course Santa for all our young residence. Hot Chocolate and candies are given out to all.

Our projects in the last year have enabled us to sponsor a vision guide dog and anxiously await to hear when we will be invited to the pups graduation and to hear who the recipient will be. As the New Year approaches we will continue to reach out to the community and help wherever we are needed.

Respectively submitted

Lion Mariette Desjardine
President, Strathroy - Caradoc Lions

Zone 7 – Zone Advisory Meeting

1st. ZONE ADVISORY MEETING

Date: November 23 , 2017

Location: Strathroy Lions Hall, 432 Albert St. Strathroy. 6:30 Social, 7:00 Meal.

Strathroy Lions Club Report:

- 🎬Bingos every Monday night all year except holidays. (8 members 28 hrs. per bingo)
- 🎬Working on our biggest activity TV Action Dec. 5th. & 6th. involves all members and hundreds of hours.
- 🎬Next activity is the Santa Claus Parade November 26th. all members 10 0 plus hrs.
- 🎬We have a committee working on creating a new web site and a second committee investigating the feasibility of a walking path project.
- 🎬My favourite, the purchase of a new beer fridge. (Status: Complete)

Submitted by

Lion Mark Iggulden

Zone 7 – Zone Advisory Meeting

1st. ZONE ADVISORY MEETING

Date: November 23 , 2017

Location: Strathroy Lions Hall, 432 Albert St. Strathroy. 6:30 Social, 7:00 Meal.

Melbourne & District Lions Club Report:

Activities/What we have been doing:

June 24th - Annual Chicken BBQ

July 1st - Delaware - sold fresh cut fries and drinks

July 29th - S.M.A.C . Garden Party in Appin - Sold fries

July 29th - Bartended Lion Rob Johnson's daughter's wedding

July 30th - Hosted Youth Exchange Dinner

- had horse/wagon rides

Aug 12th - Bartended Lion Jason McRoberts Stag and Doe

Nov 5th - Remembrance Day Service - Laid wreath at Cenotaph

Upcoming Events:

Dec 23rd - Santa in Melbourne

Submitted by

President Lion Kevin Futcher

District A-1 Lioness President Lioness Nancy Wright

Good Morning Governor Joyce, Lions and Lioness

For the months of September and October, District A-1 Lioness have donated \$19,047.50 to Social Service, \$675.00 to Eyes Right, \$1,464.00 to LFC and \$2,630.00 to Youth for a grand total of \$23,826.50.

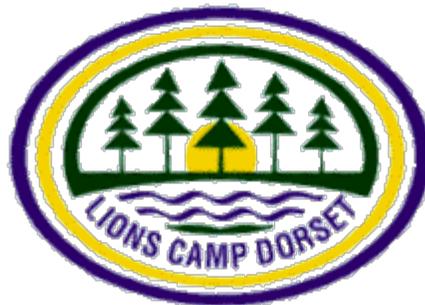
Their service hours for these 2 months were 3, 310 and one-half hour. This is from 12 clubs. I have one club that has not reported yet.

I am so very proud of the District A-1 Lioness.

Respectively Submitted
District A-1 President
Lioness Nancy Wright

Committee Reports:

Camp Dorset – Lion Murray Sutherland



Greetings from Lions Camp Dorset

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

Twenty-four patients from the District A – 1 region were able to benefit from our camp and throughout the summer over 230 dialysis patients were able to utilize this great chance to have a little holiday for a week. Altogether, over the summer, there were 730 treatment runs completed and there could have been more patients and treatment runs but a strong storm knocked out the power for a number of days and downed numerous trees. A week of treatments was cancelled but, in the giving spirit of the area, numerous volunteers showed up with their chainsaws and got to work, cleaning up the camp in a few short days

The dialysis weeks for the camp ran from June 25th to September 16th. 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 20 – 22 with special concentration on the cottage #8 renovation. In the winter months, a couple of very successful fundraising events occur – the mini putt weekend with funds raised specifically raised for the camp. A fun weekend for many Lions members. The poker run weekend for snowmobilers is another busy weekend with a full camp of participants.

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!



Centennial Report (read by Cabinet Secretary Dianne)

Lions Centennial Report for Cabinet, November 26, 2017

Governor Joyce, Members of Cabinet, Lions

Welcome to the final year of our Centennial. 2017-18 has been designated as our Year of Dedication. How many more people can we serve through the Centennial Service Challenge? How many Legacy Projects can the clubs in our District complete?

This year, and in my humble opinion, finally, Diabetes is the new global cause for Lions. Diabetes impacts over 400 million people per year resulting in five million deaths annually. Diabetes has been added to the Centennial Service Challenge for the final year.

More than 25,000 clubs worldwide are receiving patches for implementing Legacy Projects and Centennial Service Challenge projects during 2016-17. You still have one more year to earn the final patch of the campaign.

Club Secretaries, please remember to enter all the information for your activities as this will help the LCI Forward goal of serving 200 million people a year by 2021.

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
Lions Centennial Chair

Centennial Banner patches were distributed to clubs from LCI.

Eyes Right

Dear Lions, Lioness and Leo Presidents

The Board of Directors of "Eyes Right" is again reminding you of our annual meeting on Sunday, January 28 in conjunction with the District A 1 Cabinet meeting.

Our annual Parade of Cheques will be conducted at that meeting. We certainly appreciate whatever contributions your clubs can make. You may, however, send your cheque at any time to our Treasurer, PDG Mark Mahovich, and your contribution will be acknowledged in our annual report and at the District A 1 Convention in April.

At the 2017 convention, we presented a cheque for \$78,000 to the Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation for the purchase of Zeiss operating microscope. This instrument is used during cataract surgery, and replaces their current 20+ year old model. Many thanks to the Arkona Lions Club for their leadership in supporting this proposal.

With the completion of this project, we are now able to accept new proposals for the next one. I encourage you to contact the hospital and/or local eye surgeons in your area and enquire as to what eye surgical equipment may be needed. The protocol for submitting a proposed project for "Eyes Right" has been included with this letter. If you have any further questions, please contact any board member.

Check out our website at www.lionseyesright.ca for further information on our past and present projects.

Enclosed you will find the report of the Nominating Committee.

The Board of Directors of the District A 1 Sight Conservation Foundation extends our sincere thanks to the Lions family for their continuing support and we encourage all clubs to submit proposals for future consideration as the need for eye surgical equipment arises in their communities.

“WE SERVE SO THAT OTHERS MAY SEE”

Wishing you and your families the best of the holiday season and the new year

Yours in Lionism

Lion Gail Tanner

Lion Dr. Gail Tanner, Chair

Leader Dog (read by Cabinet Secretary Dianne)

Leader Dog Chair Report – November 2017

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. I just ask that you please let me know if you have sent in a donation directly to Leader Dog, that way I can send out a thank you.

Since our last District meeting I have had sent out letter to all the clubs via email, asking if anyone was going to the Leader Dog Kick Off, December 7/17 at the Palazzo Grande in Shelby Township, also requesting that clubs keep Leader Dog for the Blind in their budgets this year. Thank you to our District Secretary Dianne Piggott for sending out the emails.

I was delighted to be able to join members of the Belle River Lions Club when they went on a tour of Leader Dog, a very informative afternoon. Thank you for including me.

The Tupperware Party, held by a Leader Dog graduate went over well. Anyone wanting to try something different like this please contact me. Also, if you want to have a graduate with their Leader Dog come out to one of your meetings please do not hesitate to call me. In closing thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted
District A-1 Leader Dog Chair
Lion Val Burningham

LCIF (report read by Cabinet Secretary Dianne)

LCIF Report to District A1 Cabinet

November 26, 2017

DG Joyce, District A-1 Cabinet, Lions & guests,

This Lions year is special. The 2017-2018 Lions Year marks the celebration of the 50 year anniversary for Lions Clubs International Foundation.

There has been many natural disasters in the past few months.. so it is not surprising that LCIF Chair PIP Lion Bob Corlew has suggested that Lions increase their annual LCIF donations by almost 50% this year (to \$50 million) to meet increasing needs worldwide and to celebrate a 50th anniversary year. To meet this LCIF challenge District A1 would have to donate \$15000 this Lions year. It is a stretch, but we have done it before.

For those Lions who still hold LCIF at arm's length because they believe LCIF benefits just 3rd world countries, take note: Last year Canadian Clubs/Districts donated a total of \$450,000 to LCIF – at the same time Canadian Clubs/Districts received almost \$700,000 in LCIF Grants! LCIF benefits our local communities!

I will be sending out a LCIF Talking Points Bulletin to Zone Chairs and to LCIF Club Co-ordinators next week. Please use it to promote conversation in our Lions Club on the importance of providing support to LCIF.

Respectfully submitted
Lion Don McKessock

Lions Foundation of Canada

Lion Lesa Newman gave a demonstration with her dog Pepsi to how Pepsi ensures Lesa's safety on a day to day basis.

Lions Foundation has made special mention that money donated specifically for autism dogs up to \$40,000.00 will be matched dollar for dollar thanks to an anonymous donor. There is a need to increase the number of autism dogs available in Canada to date there have been 100 dogs graduate in Canada but the foundation would like to increase this to 200 dogs a year. Your support is gratefully accepted.

Port Stanley Lioness raised close to \$20,000.00 this year with their Dog Walk. Congratulations Port Stanley Lioness.

Literacy (read by Cabinet Secretary Dianne)

Read and Rise

Literacy Report submitted by Lion Cheryl Schleihauf

I submitted a request to the Multiple District A Chair a request that we purchase a banner patch to be given to all the Lions Clubs who participate in the Literacy project. In the past the Chairs handed out certificates.

This is a project that we are moving forward with. Patches should be available next year. Yeah! I have presented at my Zone 6 meeting and the Lambeth Lions.

I want to Thank the Wyoming Lions for joining the Petrolia Lions in helping provide more books for "Christmas for Everyone" which is part of the Petrolia Food Bank. We are able to put books in the hands of more children and youth.

I thank all the Clubs who are donating to DG Joyce charity of choice this year, which is Literacy. As has been said in the past there are several ways to help.

Two of those ways are you can purchase new books through the Scholastic program. Donate gently used books to your local food banks.

If anyone would like me to speak at their club, just ask.

Lion Cheryl Schleihauf

Youth Exchange

November 26, 2017

Lions

We are moving forward with our plans for the Summer of 2018 (June 23 - July 21) Youth Exchange.

There will be requests for both financial and physical support going forward.

Our biggest need is for help with Host Families for 2 Ten Day sessions.

June 23 to July 4, July 4 - 14.

We need support from all Lions.

Also, if you no anyone who you would host, they do not have to be a Lion please contact me.

District A 1 Youth Exchange Coordinator

Lion Doug Crockett

As a side note, Lion Doug has received 20 applications to date. Please consider being a host family.

A cheque from Belle River Lions was given for Youth Exchange.

District A1 Outgoing Youth Exchange Program

November 25, 2017 District A1 Lions Clubs:

As a past chair of the Youth Exchange Incoming Program for District A1, I am an enthusiastic

supporter of the Lions Youth Exchange program. This year, I am pleased to serve as the chair for the District A1 Youth Exchange Outgoing Program.

The Youth Camp and Exchange Program (YCE) brings the ideal of global citizenship to life. Each year this program gives thousands of young people the opportunity to experience life in other cultures and gain new understanding of the world through travel abroad.

Global Program

There are literally dozens of opportunities around the world for “home stay” and/or “camps” which “include visits to places of cultural or natural interest, sporting events, country presentations by participants, guided discussion, and even engagement in local service projects alongside Lions club members.” Check out the Directory (link below) for locations of camps.

A **sponsoring Lions club** is required for every youth participating in YCE. You can help youth in District A1 to have this experience. You can be a sponsoring club for a youth in your community.

Promote it through your local media and youth programs. Share information about the Youth Exchange Program with club members and the community.

Program costs may be paid by the sponsor Lions club, by the participant, the participant's family, or a combination of these sources. If you will require your youth participant to raise funds, provide them with an official acceptance letter and other materials that will help them explain the program to donors.

Check out the following resources on the LCI website or the District A1 website (www.a1ye.ca) **Youth Camp & Exchange Directory** (<https://goo.gl/tokHMH>) – for information about the international programs

YE Sponsor Lions Clubs (<https://goo.gl/5WfLct>) – information about responsibilities of sponsoring Lions Clubs.

You can help youth to use this travel opportunity to represent their home countries and share their own culture while learning about and embracing a new one. They will be young ambassadors for peace and international understanding.

If you have youth to sponsor, please contact me at lioncurtis@gmail.com. Serving in District A1

Lion Curtis Marwood, PZC Email: lioncurtis@gmail.com Mobile Phone: 519-350-2555

Gift of Life

Good morning Lions, I am your Gift of Life Chair for this District A-1. Let's get your club members to sign up on this life-giving cause. Show to our other District's that we support this cause by having a 100% sign up. Some of the clubs have already submitted their numbers as a start to this campaign. This campaign will awarded a \$10.00 Shoppers Drug Mart Gift Card to the club reaching a 100% sign up. The dead line will be at our District Convention in April 2018. This gift card will be given to the winning clubs making the 100% sign up to be presented at this convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Jim Rigney – Gift of Life Chair A-1

Lion Jim also suggested to everyone if you are unsure if you have signed up as a donor to check the back of your Health Card as it will be indicated there if you are.

Diabetes

Parade of cheques for Diabetes Canada today amounted to \$14,110.00. Lion Bev has completed her Team Diabetes Marathon for a total of \$12,600.00. Lion Bev also recognized Delaware for raising \$7,000.00. This gave a grand total of \$33,710.00. Well done Lions, Lioness and Leos.

Lioness Liaison East

Governor Lion Joyce, Lions, Lioness and Guests. I have visited all but one club. Alymer, London East, London Central and Springfield. The last one will be Belmont in January 2018.

I am amazed with the fun raising ideas to make money for their communities such as Quarter Auctions, Bazaars, Craft Shows, Black and White Evenings, Past Night and the list goes on. They seem to be very happy club working to help those in need in their communities. As I have said many times the best job a Lion can ever have.

Respectfully submitted
P.V.D.G. Lion Ear Crisp

OLD BUSINESS:

PDG Jacqui Flood discussed Wolfram Syndrome which is a rare but life-threatening disease. There is no treatment in Canada currently for this syndrome so the family/families are travelling to the United States for clinical trials. There are approximately 30 young people in Canada with this disease. If your club would like to donate money to the research being done in the States they can donate to the Snow Foundation Research. By going to www.thesnowfoundation.org there is a Donate button on their home page through which you can donate.

District Governor Joyce gave an update on the Fanshawe Club. The Club has officially folded through LCI. The problem with the College Club is that the members are expected to pay \$30.00 each for dues and other clubs/organizations within the college do not collect dues.

NEW BUSINESS:

Emerging Lion Leadership Institute: Lion Dianne attended ELLI in Denver. The learning experience was wonderful, the adrenaline and the constant hum in the rooms with ideas overflowing all in the good of Lionism was amazing.

Motion by Lion Doug Crockett; 2nd Carol Stankevich to pay up to \$500.00 for Dianne's travel expenses.

Carried.

Peace Posters: Three posters from our District were presented for members to vote on as to which one would be forwarded to MDA.

IPDG Eric Dolansky presented Centennial Excellent pins to:

Lion Jeff Zavitz, Lion Carol Stankevich, Lion Bruce Campbell and Lion Barb Tuxford.

Lion Joyce Mahovlich received a Centennial Excellent pin for 1st Vice District Governor

Lion Mary Mahovlich received a Centennial Excellent pin for 2nd Vice District Governor

Lion Bob Tanner received a Centennial Excellent pin for GLT

Lion John Johnston received a Centennial Excellent pin for GMT.

Lion Eric wished to convey that he appreciated everyone's help in making our District so great. It takes all of us to make our District great. Thank you!

District Governor Joyce presented the Springfield Lioness a certificate of appreciation for hosting the District Cabinet Meeting this morning in Springfield.

District Governor Joyce discussed the MDA/CNIB relationship which was discussed at the last Council Meeting in Markham on November 3rd and 4th, 2017.

MDA/CNIB RELATIONSHIP

November 18, 2017

This is a special report to cabinet covering a meeting between the MDA Council of Governors and Len Baker, Vice President of CNIB on November 3, 2017.

As I am sure many of you are aware CNIB has started its' own guide dog program.

Len Baker was there to answer some of the questions that Council had presented to him. The meeting lasted about an hour and many areas were covered concerning our partnership with CNIB and where we go from here. The Governors expressed their concern with CNIB getting into the guide dog program and asked why CNIB did not offer to work with LFC to train more dogs for sight. Len stated that they did not feel that they wanted to do this but wanted to start a program of their own. This came about due to some clients stating that they would prefer dogs that were trained for sight only....which of course we already do at LFC so his comment didn't make a lot of sense. He claimed that the wait time for a sight impaired person to receive a dog was 4 years. This is not true – the current wait time from LFC is about 6 months so this explanation didn't make a lot of sense either.

Council was also very concerned about the lack of communication regarding this issue, not to mention similar lack of communication on several past occasions when we have tried to work together. Len was asked about the cost of starting the dog program and he said it was in the \$750,000 range. They have 10 dogs now, from Australia, at host families and are hoping to expand to 30 by year end. He also mentioned about the Ministry of Health taking over the Eye Van North and will provide a further \$750,000 to purchase a new van, and how this will free up funds for other needs. Council was concerned that this extra money could be put into the dog program so we could be funding it in a roundabout way. Len suggested that if we were truly concerned about this then we should put our donations into LFC for more sight dogs, as this will help both sides.

I have requested the 10 District Governors to recommend to clubs in their District that they do not make carte blanche financial donations to CNIB in future. Instead, we should ask for a wish list of equipment & supplies for Lake Joe. Clubs can then pick an item or items they wish to supply. That way we know that we are spending our money to support Lake Joe and not the CNIB guide dog program.

Respectfully Submitted

Council Chair John Whyte

DRAWS:

Lioness Deb McFarland won \$108.00

Lion Seppo Kuokkanen won a Lion's bumper sticker "We Serve"

Lion Curtis Marwood won an International President pin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lion Seppo Kuokkanen – Effective Speaking is still looking for donations. The District finals are in Chatham on March 4th, 2018 and MDA Finals are in St. Chatherines on May 4, 5 and 6.

Lion Mike Tuxford – one month from today will be the draw for a 67 Chevelle convertible.

Zone 6 has their zone project (6 clubs) coming up. They will be on the lookout for buyers of their tickets for a chance to win a lawn tractor starting in March. In the last 20 years this zone has raised \$170,000.00 for Diabetes.

Springfield Santa Clause parade is next weekend at 1 o'clock and tree lighting is at 5 p.m.

Lioness Nancy – Wheatley Lioness have a float in the Santa Claus parade in Wheatley on December 3rd.

Belmont Santa Claus parade is on Sunday, December 3rd, at 6 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Lion Larry Badder

Next Meeting: Sunday, January 28th, 2018, at 9 a.m. hosted by the Tilbury Lions Club and Parade of Cheques for Eyes Right.