



District N2
Winter Cabinet Meeting Minutes
Saturday, February 6th, 2021



DG Jane called the meeting to order at 9:20 am with approximately 84 members in attendance representing 29 clubs.

O' Canada was played. Lions invocation was recited in unison, followed by a moment of silence for our deceased members and for world peace.

Good morning Lions, welcome to our 2nd Virtual Meeting of the year, Winter Cabinet 2021. Thank you for signing in today and for all your support over the last seven months. Wow, can you believe it, seven months have gone by already. I know things have been different this year, but I think it has given us a new perspective on how we can move forward under a pandemic. And that is what we need to do, move forward, and do what Lions do. Help those in need and support your fellow Lions and community. Take it one day at a time and we will get through it together.

I would like to recognize any PIDs', PDGs', PCCs', 1VDG David, 2VDG Bill, CST Peter, Zone Chairs, Presidents, Secretaries and Lions All.

I would like to give greetings from our International President, Dr. Jung Yul Choi. His theme this year is Kindness and Diversity. During my official visits over the past few months, I spoke about how Dr. Jung Yul Choi would like us to tell our stories. Why we became a Lion, what drives us to do the things we do in the name of Lionism. We need to continue telling our stories, spread the word on how good it feels to help someone in need. The feeling of self-worth.

My theme is Hope in Every Act of Kindness. Over the past several months I think the Lions of Nova Scotia have done just that, given Hope to people in need. I see in the District Activity reports of clubs supporting families that have lost everything to house fires, giving food vouchers, helping with power bills, fuel oil, supplying medical aid equipment and even holding Halloween parties for the children when they couldn't go door to door. Preparing and delivering meals to Seniors. I have personally done this and know from experience that the Seniors love that contact. With this pandemic going on they feel isolated from the rest of the world. Knowing that we can bring them a little joy to their lives, even if it is for just a minute, makes it all worthwhile.

We give Hope in every act of Kindness, no matter how big or small.

Voting Procedures – PDG Wayne Little

As per Article 11, paragraph N of the Policy Manual on District Cabinet Meetings

VOTING:

Voting on any matter at District Cabinet Meetings, shall be by duly certified voting delegates.

Those eligible to vote are the District Governor, Vice District Governors, Cabinet Secretary Treasurer, Zone Chairpersons, District Committee Chairpersons, President and Secretary or Acting President and Acting Secretary of all Chartered Clubs provided there has been prior written, or e-mail notification to the CST, and all Past District Governors who are in good standing in a Club in District N2.

They shall be entitled to one vote on any matter at Cabinet Meetings.
Those Lions extended voting privileges will only be entitled to one vote regardless of the numbers of positions they hold.

The voting today – raise hands (virtually or manually)

Additions to Agenda:

1. Budget Report - PDG Clyde Paul
2. Lions of Canada – Lion Kim Stewart

Motion to accept the agenda as amended by PCC Bob Lyle (Kingston), 2nd by Lion Linda Baltzer (Middleton) Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the Fall Cabinet Meeting in Lawrencetown as circulated.

Motion by Lion Leonard Bugbee (St. Margaret's Bay), 2nd by PDG Debbie McGinley (Milford) Motion Carried

Notices of Motion – PDG Wayne Little briefly reviewed the upcoming Notices of Motions.

- 1) Rules for Best Club Contest;
- 2) Interim Budget to be voted on at DGO;
- 3) New Trophy. (Autism Dog)

These will be sent out in the next couple of weeks for you to discuss with your members.

Long Range Planning

Long Term Planning Report Winter Cabinet Meeting 06 Feb 21

DG Jane, Lions all

The LRP committee continues to work with the C&B committee to update the District Activities report and the Best Club contest.

The following Guidelines for District Directories, District Pins, Visitation cards and Nametags will be put forward as a Notice of Motion for voting at the Provincial Convention.

Policy Manual- Rename Article 1 (Q) District Directories, District Governor Pins, Visitation Cards and District Name Tags and delete present wording, replacing it with the following:

District Directories

1. The 1st Vice District Governor shall appoint a District Directory Chair to create the district directory and manage the funding and distribution of the district directory.

2. The District Directory Chairperson shall request the purchase of advertisements from District Clubs and other sources as approved by the 1st Vice District Governor.

3. The CST will be authorized to pay all invoices for the purchasing and ordering of directories, pins, name tags and visitation cards.

4. Funds (see 2) collected by the District Directory Chairperson shall be deposited in the appropriate account by the District Cabinet Secretary Treasurer to cover the costs of pins, directories and visitation cards (see 3).

5. A minimum of 400 District Directories shall be printed yearly. The 1st Vice District Governor will determine if additional directories are to be ordered.

The following club/district officers will receive one copy each of the directory:

- 1. Club presidents**
- 2. Club Secretaries**
- 3. Past District Governors**
- 4. District Committee Chairs**
- 5. Leo Club Presidents and secretaries**

Each club, including Leo Clubs will receive one extra copy of the directory.

Clubs may purchase additional copies of the directory at a price determined by the 1st VDG and shall be ordered prior to the printing of the directory. Clubs shall order their extra directories through the District Directory Chair when submitting the club advertisement in the directory or by submitting a written request for the directories.

All advertisements and requests for additional directories shall be paid for before the directories are printed.

The following shall be followed when requests for copies of our District Directory are received from outside Organizations:

1) It shall only be released to outside Organizations that have a close working relationship with Lion Service Programs.

2) The Directory/Names/Addresses are for the sole use of the requesting Organization.

3) The Directory/Names/Addresses shall not be passed on or sold to any other Organization by the requesting Organization.

4) An agreement in writing shall be drafted and signed by the requesting Organization and the District Governor stating that the information is for the sole use of the requesting Organization and shall not be passed on or sold.

Any request for a copy of our District Directory from an outside Organization received by an individual Lion or Lions Club shall be referred to the District Governor.

District Governor Pins

The District Governor shall purchase pins to a maximum of 500.

District Governor pins shall be provided to all Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, District Committee Chairs, Past District Governors and any others at the discretion of the District Governor.

Visitation cards shall be provided to the District Governor to a maximum of 500.

Name tags shall be provided to District Committee Chairs and Zone Chairs.

District directories, District Governor pins, visitation cards and name tags shall be funded by the ads placed in the district directories.

The balance of the funds, once all of the above bills have been paid, will be available for the district governor to use at their discretion. Any deficits incurred shall be covered by the district.

Respectfully Submitted
Lion Paul Burgess
Chair, Long Range Planning

Fall Cabinet Report

February 5 2021

District Governor Jane, 1st Vice David, 2nd Vice Bill, CST Peter, Past DG's, Fellow Lions

With help from Middleton and Cold Brook Lion Clubs the Lawrencetown and District Lions Club was pleased to host DG Jane's Fall Cabinet. It was held at the Valley Drive In in Cambridge Nova Scotia on October 3 2020.

There was 135 Lions in attendance from 36 clubs.

Total income was 925.00

Expenses

Box lunches cost 315.22

Coffee/Muffins cost 329.88

Sound Equipment Rental cost 117.00

total expenses was 762.10

Balance of 162.90 that was donated to Ronald McDonald House.

50/50 draw was for 545.00. The winner was Lion Jim Urquhart from the Truro and District Lions Club. He received 272.50 and 272.50 was donated to Ronald McDonald House

A car decorating contest was held. The theme was Proud Nova Scotia Lions. 3rd place was Deep Brook/Waldec, 2nd went to Spryfield. 1st place was a team effort by Lion Helen MacKinnon from

Antigonish and Lion Mary MacKionnon from Cold Brook. Thanks to those who participated and to the judges Lion Cindy Bruhm and Lynda Hunter.

Thank you to Laura McLarnon for coming out and taking photos with her drone.

Once again thank you to all the Lions of Nova Scotia for making this event a success.

Respectfully submitted

Lion Wendy Owen
Fall Cabinet Chair

Zone Chair reports:

No reports received from the following Zones – 2; 3A; 3B

Zone 1 –

All clubs in zone are carrying as best as they in these trying times. Baddeck are only holding Dir meeting with only ten Directors able to attend. They carried out their Xmas Wish program and have a take out dinner planned later this month. Cabot Trail are holding virtual meetings and had a very successful Xmas Tree sale. The rest of the clubs are small enough that they hold safe meetings. Glace Bay are holding Bottle drives and are doing quite good with them. New Waterford having their own hall are holding bingos. Sydney and Whycocomagh are meeting once a month and helping out their communities as they can.

Lion Bob Bowins
Zone One Chairperson

Zone 4 – (Brief Verbal)



Zone 4 Chair
Lion Doug McGinley

Feb. 5, 2021

Dear DG Jane:

The zone is healthy and strong. The 8 clubs have a membership of 206. We have been fortunate to bring in 5 new members into Lionism. One new member was inducted via a zoom meeting on Feb. 1st.

We have one club with a Club Administrator registered. The other clubs are reviewing this position. We currently have 4 clubs holding in person meetings and are following COVID-19 protocol. Two more clubs have plans to meet later this month and the other 2 are holding off until their membership is comfortable with in person meetings.

All clubs have been keeping communication open and are engaged in the spirit of Lions. The clubs plan to have their incoming officers registered by the target date of April 15. I reviewed the new option for International dues payment with auto deposit system and we have 2 clubs requesting additional info.

We have a member in the zone which has received recognition from the federal government and will be receiving a "Sovereign Medal for Volunteering" once in person attendance is permitted.

The clubs have been adjusting their methods for fundraising. Meals are still a strong fundraiser just with a twist – take out version instead of sit down. Radio bingo has been showing strong gains and the 50/50 draws are doing well. Requests for assistance are generally down in the later December/January. This balances out any decreases in revenue, allowing the clubs to maintain accounts.

I was able to conduct on club visit in January and made a presentation on the role of the individual member as part of an international organization. Describing how our local clubs and Lions International are working towards the same goals and ambitions.

Overall, the zone is anxious to resume business as usual but are cautious and ready to accept the "new normal" as it presents itself. We are ready to continue the important work and serve our communities.

Respectfully submitted,

ZC Doug McGinley
dougmcginley@gmail.com

Zone 5 – (Brief Verbal)

Zone 5 Report Winter Cabinet Meeting Feb 6, 2021

Canning and District still met when provincial restrictions allow.

They have 22 members. They still loan their hall to a variety of groups including a soup program as well as the local food bank. When they were permitted they had a weekly bingo. Supported folks during Christmas.

Hantsport and District have 15 members and are not able to meet at this time.

Still participating in Lions Radio Bingo. Still making financial members donations to those in need in their community.

New Minas has 7 members and is still meeting at the home of the president. They continue to run errands for those that can't leave their homes as well as making donations.

Port William and District Lions Club have 25 members and were meeting when provincial guidelines allow. Port Williams held one of the largest events of the year their 50th Charter Night over 100 folks were in attendance early November. PWDLC gave out hampers at Christmas and help those in the community paying utility bills.

Windsor and District have met although they have left the community hall where they had been located at. They have 11 members and are participating in Lions Radio Bingo. Windsor and District Lions Club continue to make donations to those in need in their community.

Wolfville and District Lions have 50 members and have continue to meet in person and online. They have sponsored the new Nova Scotia Cyber Lions Club Branch. Their signature project is Lions after the Bell (a take home weekend food program for students). Takeout Dinners and small group hall rentals.

Submitted By
Zone 5 Chairperson
Lion Kim Stewart

Zone 6 –

District N2 Zone 6 Report – Winter Cabinet 2021

DG Jane/Lions:

Since the Fall Cabinet meeting back in October we are now in the midst of the second wave of the COVID pandemic and are starting to see a number of variants of the COVID-19 virus emerge which are driving fears of a third wave of the virus.

Despite this, the clubs of Zone 6 continue to do the best they can given the evolving pandemic restraints. Most clubs were able to continue with the resumption of in-person club and BOD meetings up until the end of December at which time the pandemic protocol restrictions changed, only allowing a gathering of ten persons for meetings. Since January, this has affected the ability of the clubs to meet as a larger body. However, use of ZOOM for meetings is still an option some of the clubs are using and they will adjust as the evolving protocols change.

On November 4th, Zones 6 and 7 collaborated to organize a Club Secretary Training session at the Kingston Lions Hall with focus on how to use My Lion to report service activities. 2nd VDG Bill did an awesome job as the instructor for this session and it was well received by the 13 Lions from the 6 clubs who attended.

I was fortunate enough to be able to hold my second Zone meeting of the year on December 15th, focusing on Membership, inviting the GMT and new Branch Club President Kim Stewart of the District's first Cyber Lions club, Bay of Fundy Cyber Club, which is a branch club of the Wolfville Lions. She discussed NAMI and membership issues in general as well as retention and informed the leadership of the clubs on what a Cyber Lions club is as well as other types of clubs. All clubs of the Zone were represented and presented reports. My next Zone meeting is scheduled for March 16 at the Kingston Lions hall, pandemic protocols permitting.

As, we approach the spring, it is time once again for Zone Chair elections. Shortly I will be sending out an email to all the clubs highlighting this and requesting that if they have anyone who wishes to stand for election as the Zone chair that they forward their names to me in accordance with District Bylaws. I will ensure the clubs receive all the required information in advance.

The Clubs of the Zone have been active in fundraising and providing service to their communities since the Fall Cabinet. Their activities have had to ebb and flow with the evolving pandemic protocols however they are doing their best to adhere to the protocols in place at any given time. Four of the five clubs in the Zone participated once again in the Christmas Mommies & Daddies telethon on Eastlink. This year's event was much different than in years past due to the pandemic but was still very successful, on par with previous years regarding funds raised.

In **Kentville**, the club continues to hold Bingo, collect eyeglasses and were able to host a Roast Beef Supper, inviting and hosting many of their local business leaders to reacquaint them with the activities and importance of their club. They successfully organized their own Christmas Hamper project for 24 local families and aided the Salvation Army during their Kettle campaign. They were able to hold a few Music Jam sessions and monthly breakfasts until the protocols were tightened up by the province. They tackled the repainting of their main Hall and ceiling and will soon be repainting the rest of the club. They recently were able to insulate the ceiling in the Hall and should realized savings in their heating bill. They continue to assist members of their community, recently funding the purchase of a Project Lifesaver bracelet for young boy and funded eyewear for the children of two families. They have been highly successful in renting out their Hall throughout this pandemic period.

Berwick has had great success in renting out their Hall for use by organizations within their community throughout the pandemic. They participated in the Christmas Mommies & Daddies telethon and distributed Christmas Food and Toy Hampers within their community. They have an upcoming BBQ chicken fundraiser on Feb 13th which will be a drive through event. They previously held an extremely successful chicken BBQ back in October and hope to duplicate or exceed that success. Meetings have been put on hold once again due to pandemic restrictions on gather sizes for meetings.

Coldbrook Lions have successfully integrated the use of ZOOM in their meeting and will utilize this method going forward even once the pandemic is over. Since the last Cabinet, the club has donated \$50K to Chrysalis House and \$25K to Flowercart Enterprises and the Valley Regional Hospital foundation. They donated a free movie night at the Drive-in Theatre for students at Central Kings High School and donated new coats and boots for 54 children at three local schools for their Coats for Kids Project. Protocols permitting, they have resumed their monthly breakfasts and continue to rent out their Hall. They supported their local Search and Rescue group with an \$11K donation and donated toys to the Mommies and Daddies telethon. They delivered Christmas Toy and Food hampers in their community. Of note, they have embarked on a strategic planning process that they hope will focus their club's priorities and objectives moving forward in order to grow their club and increase their impact on their community.

Kingston Lions successfully held their annual Fall Yard Sale and a two-day Christmas Craft Fair. Both were well attended with Covid-19 protocols in place. They had begun to hold their ever-popular community luncheons with takeout and delivery options but have put them on hold starting in January. It was with great sadness that they had to cancel their annual Christmas Eve Community Breakfast as there was no possibility of ensuring pandemic protocols could be followed. They continue to assist community members with assistance with power, oil, furniture, etc through their Healthy and Welfare committee. They have made donations to Fidelis House, IWK Foundation, Diabetes Association and the Annapolis Valley Search and Rescue Team, Upper Room Food Bank amongst others. They continue to deliver groceries, in partnership with Sobeys, to seniors and other vulnerable persons in our community and assist with the school breakfast program at Kingston Elementary School. Once again, this year, they baked and delivered Christmas cookies to seniors in their area and in local long term care homes.

The **Aylesford** club recently held an extremely successful ticket raffle. They continue to donate their Hall to community organizations and donated \$5K towards a service dog with matching funds from an anonymous donor. They participated in the Christmas Mommies & Daddies telethon, donating \$1k to the telethon and delivering 26 Christmas Food and Toy hampers to those less fortunate in their community. They have made several significant donations to the Kidney Foundation, Festival of Lights, Heart & Stroke Foundation, Ronald MacDonald House just to name a few.

Zone Six remains strong and committed to supporting each other and our communities moving forward in this pandemic environment. Remember, stay safe, physically distance, wear a mask and wash your hands!!

Respectfully submitted...



Lion Pat Nixon
Zone 6 Chair

Zone 7 – (Brief Verbal)

ZONE 7 REPORT FOR THE WINTER CABINET, FEBRUARY 6TH, 2021

District Governor Jane, 1st VDG Dave, 2nd VDG Bill, CST Peter, & Fellow Lions:

Zone 7 has 6 clubs with 130 members, with the loss of 4 since my last report.

Due to covid-19, and the restrictions on gatherings, most clubs are unable to meet at this time, with 2 clubs doing meetings virtually (zoom).

The main source of income for the clubs at this time is the Valley Lions Radio Bingo. Some clubs are participating with the Rafflebox 50/50 draw which is province wide. I am suggesting to those clubs who are not participating at this time, to think about doing so, as it is the easiest fundraising a club could participate in, with no work on their part other than put on social media, such as facebook, etc. Other fundraisers was the selling of wreaths, Christmas Tree sales, and a Quilt raffle.

I am trying to keep in touch with the clubs in my zone by phone/email, but sometimes catching up with individuals can be challenging, but will keep working on it. I have stressed to the clubs about sending in a name other than the secretary's name to be an Club Administer to 2nd VDG Bill, and have explained the need to have one.

All clubs have been asked to send to me by March 1st, names of those wanting to run for zone chair for 2021-2022. I had to cancel my zone 7 meeting for the month of February due to restrictions, but will reaccess at the beginning of March.

Donations have still been made to various locations, such as:

Sponsoring an Intouch unit, VRH Festival of Lights, Christmas Daddies, In memory of loved ones, Community support, VRH, LFC Dog guides, LCIF Campaign100, LFNS, VON of N.S., foodbanks, support of a family in need at Christmas time, school breakfast program, AWHF foot clinic, Lions Camp Maxwell, Port Royal Legion.

Our clubs still continue to collect the following items: eyeglasses, hearing aids, stamps, CPAP machines, can tabs, & inkcartridges.

We advertise ourselves by newsletters, wearing our Lions clothing and pins, newspaper articles, social media (facebook), road side signage, billboards, etc.

It is has not been an easy year for anyone, but we must still try to stay positive, we can and will get through this pandemic, I just ask that the presidents of each club please stay in contact with your members, as it does not take but a minute to phone someone and ask how they are doing and if there is anything you can do for them.

Stay Safe!!

Respectfully submitted,

Zone 7 Chair/LFC N.S. Director,

Lion Linda Baltzer

Zone 8 –

I have had some good discussions recently with the Zone 8 clubs, and several notes on those follow.

PUBNICO

The club is still holding its regular meetings. Their sole fundraiser - Bingo - is not operating. Online options are limited, as only a very limited number of members have Internet access or experience. I worked with the club secretary to get their computer up and running in the club. There are one or two issues to resolve in registering Lion Caroline and Lion William (President) in MyLCI/MyLion. They are both using the same e-mail account, and neither seems able to log in. Caroline is going to get herself her own.

METEGHAN

A new president is now elected: Lion Ricky Muise. I have offered him assistance in accessing LCI training materials and such. He is quite new to the club, only having attended a few meetings so far. I will be attending their upcoming board meeting.

BARRINGTON

No regular meetings are being held, and the Board meets monthly. I plan to drop in tomorrow night, just to chat and say hello. One concern we chatted over the phone about was the financial pinch Barrington is feeling at present. While continuing to serve the community through support of the school breakfast program, some concern was raised over covering club dues responsibilities.

YARMOUTH

Is continuing to hold just a monthly board meeting. Apart from a couple of small hall rentals, there are no regular fundraising activities at present, although TV Bingo is still the club's remaining fundraising activity. This can still be active under current health restrictions.

In addition, I introduced myself to the Weymouth Branch club, and plan to meet them at their next meeting in February, weather permitting. They continue to meet monthly at the Goodwin Hotel in Weymouth.

Lion Lorne
Zone 8

Zone 9 –

WINTER CABINET MEETING ZONE 9 REPORT

I would like to report that all Clubs in zone 9- Chester Basin New Ross Chester, Bridgewater And Area, Lockeport And Area, Liverpool and Area, Mahone Bay Area, New Germany and Area, Shelburne And Area and Riverport and District are operating, in good standing with Dues paid. They are having Virtual and in person Meetings. The Clubs are providing Service, making Donations and Fund Raising Safely for their Communities.

I have made personal contact with every club and delivered DG Jane's Information Packages. I have attended in-person meetings and met with key members of the clubs.

We have held 2 zone meetings virtually. Service and Membership were the focus of them. Selecting a zone Project in support of Autism Nova Scotia.

Membership has been fairly stable.

Clubs have supported LCIF focuses on Sight, Hunger, Youth, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer and The Environment.

Through Random Acts of Kindness.

We Serve

Zone Chair Lion Peter Wagner

Zone 9

Zone 10 – (Brief Verbal)

ZONE 10 REPORT TO WINTER CABINET MEETING – 2021 February 6th

All Clubs except the Dalhousie Campus club have reported at the recent zone meeting.

Clubs reporting have submitted payment for their district and international dues.

Clubs are back to regular meetings but are not visiting. There are still concerns by some members with attending in-person meetings.

A virtual zone meeting was held on January 28th, 2021 by Zoom. Seven clubs were represented in attendance and submitted reports. One club not in attendance sent in their report. The Dalhousie Campus Club did not attend or send in a report. Jamie Harper reported that students are doing distance education via the internet and are not actually on campus so there are no activities.

Armdale Fairview Rockingham Lions Club

Reporting 7 members -1 of which is a Life member, International and District Dues have been paid. Collect used eye glasses, Continued partnership with Northwood in Touch.

Beaver Bank Kinsac Lions Club

Our club currently has 45 members, our international and district dues are paid in full. These are our activities since the last Zone 10 meeting,

We hold weekly: (not a few weeks in November and December)

Chase the Ace-Thursday nights 6:00 till 8.00 p.m.

Treasure Chest 50/50 draw for the building fund and Coins for Kids

Friday night suppers and social

Collect eyeglasses, sleep apnea machines, stamps, hearing aid and pop tabs.

September:

Chase the Ace-Thursday nights 6:00 till 8.00 p.m.

Friday night suppers and social

Treasure Chest 50/50 draw for the building fund and Koins for Kids

October:

Chase the Ace-Thursday nights 6:00 till 8.00 p.m.

Friday night suppers and social

Treasure Chest 50/50 draw for the building fund and Koins for Kids

Lions Dave and Veronica attended Drive-in N2 Fall Cabinet Meeting in Colebrook ZC attended DG Jane Dinner Meeting.

Handed in 860 eyeglasses and 266 stamps.

Lion Willie received his 15-year Charter Chevron

Past ZC Veronica received trophy for outstanding service for District N2, participated in the Virtual Lions Quest Webinar-What the Heck is Lions Quest, attended DG Visit at Spryfield Lions Club, and also visitation at Spryfield Lions Club Meeting where DG Jane presented 5 chevron awards plus what past Zone 10 Chair Veronica took over to her from last year.

Donated \$ 200.00 to Family in need

November:

Chase the Ace-Thursday nights 6:00 till 8.00 p.m. (two weeks)

Friday night suppers and social (two weeks)

Treasure Chest 50/50 draw for the building fund and Koins for Kids (two weeks)

Lions Veronica and Dave attend Milford and area Lions, DG visit and supper meeting

December:

\$ 1000.00 for community Family, mother is in Ontario for a new heart.

16 x \$ 50.00 Sobey's gift cards to Gate Way Foodbank

Bedford Lions Club

Reporting 40 members, International and District dues have been paid. 100 grants to groups in our community, \$100 to ground search and rescue. \$200 to a family in Yarmouth. \$80 to the Legion. \$100 to Crime Stoppers. \$200 to homeless project. \$1000 to Food Bank. Purchased a pallet of books from First Book Canada 200 books to be distributing to children. Assisted a resident with an electric bill of \$1200. Donated \$400 for eye examination and glasses. \$1000 in \$100 grocery cards to families in need over Christmas. 50/50 draw primary organizer across the province--Raised \$440. Sold 1500 Christmas trees raising almost \$35,000. 816 Lion/volunteer hours. School breakfast program at junior high. Assisted with the Bedford Residents Association fall cleanup and did their own cleanups. Make the "Den" available to other organizations. Inducted six new members in November and one member coming back to the club.

Fall River / River Lake Lions Club

Reporting 13 members, International and District dues have been paid. Holding meetings on a regular basis. Our regular Wing Night is still going strong on Thursday evenings. With the restrictions around the Community hall, we have been offering takeout. The community has been very supportive to our Club. This is a weekly project. Donated to the local Legion. Donated to Christmas Express. Donated to Beacon House. Donated \$3500 to these organizations in the month of November and December. Serve 80 meals by takeout to seniors.

Continue to provide medical equipment -wheelchairs-walkers etc. to the community. Continue to collect eye glasses. Reporting 13 members.

Hubbard's and Area Lions Club

Reporting 26 members The Hubbards & Area Lions Club hasn't let COVID-19 get us down. We have adapted by preparing our meals via take out with curb side pickup. This is working very well so far. Each month we continue to have our fish fry where we serve a delicious pan-fried haddock dinner with homemade dessert for a cost of \$12. Also, we offer another take out which differs monthly such

as homemade beef pot pies in January, baked beans and fish cakes in November and homemade turkey pies/dessert pies for thanksgiving in October. Looking ahead we are planning a take out for Valentines' weekend in February (chili, cheese tea biscuits and gingerbread with lemon sauce). Our meals are planned through to the fall along with our fish fry's. All meals are pre-ordered which allows us to prep accordingly generally keeping us very busy as our community has requested we continue giving them a safe dining experience at home. Our community has been there for us in a big way, especially this past Christmas. The support we received for our Christmas hampers was something we had not experienced before as we provided food hampers, toys and pj's for 70+ children and their families. Christmas morning was a lot brighter for sure. We also continue our medical equipment loan program providing items to the community as needed as well as providing funds through our social services account. Lastly, as a partner with Bay Treasure Chest we continue to provide meals and snacks for school children through our Hubbards Lions Backpack Buddies Program. This program allows us to provide foods to kids who rely on the school system Monday through Friday for meals and whom would otherwise go without on the weekends. These "buddy bags" are delivered directly to the school at the end of each week. When school is out, we deliver door to door. It is a truly wonderful experience.

2020 proved to be a difficult year for most and we realize that 2021 will be as well. As Dr Strang said in his virtual meeting with non-profits, it will be a slow and steady process leading into fall or beyond, but our membership of 24 will "forge" ahead and continue to provide for our community to the best of our ability proving true our motto "WE SERVE".

Sackville Lions Club

1. All International and District dues paid
2. We now have 38 members
3. Haven't held any meetings since 16 Nov 2020.
4. Donations:
 - a) \$2,000.00-Cobequid Centre-to buy clothes for children
 - b) 3, 000.00-sponsor Seeing eye Dog
 - c) \$200.00 help family with hydro bill
 - d)\$3,000.00-Northwood Fundraiser
 - e) \$200.00-Cobequid Walk
 - f) \$500.00-Sackville Heights Breakfast Program
 - g) \$100.00-Tree lighting
 - h) Held take-out Thanksgiving Supper
 - i) Haven't held bingo since 16 November 2020.

Spryfield Lions Club

Reporting 22 members of which 20 are active, two are members-at-large and one is a life member. International and District dues have been paid. We had suspended all revenues from the den, weekly bingo, road tolls and partnership with Spryfield Recreation Association for opening and closing. This has impacted the ability to offer scholarships at the local high school and reduced the support that can be offered to citizens in need within the community. Continue to support Lions Quest and other such worthwhile activities. Responded to calls for help with groceries, eyeglasses a scooter for a citizen in need. Holding regular meetings now but have delayed the bingo and are waiting for improvements to reduce the risks. Started den rentals and are following health regulation, social distancing, sanitizing and contact tracing. Catering food service functions is limited due to COVID health requirements. Conducted a barbeque on behalf of the Spryfield Business Association. Collect used eye glasses, hearing aids and CPAC machines. Advertise in the Chebucto News and Kijiji.Maintain two Lions highway signs and an A-frame sign advertising the weekly bingo.

St Margaret's Bay Lions Club

Reporting 22 members -1 of which is a Life member Administration: International dues are paid. District Dues will be paid. All sponsorship's and commitments have been honored. Our

membership now stands at 21 one of whom is a life member. Fund Raising: 1) Bay Treasure Chest \$ 1100.00 Show & Shine \$ 1800.00 Donations \$ 350.00 Donated \$100 to the Seabright Legion.

St. Margaret's Bay Administration:

International and District dues are paid up to date. All sponsorship's and commitments have been honoured. Our membership now stands at 22 one of whom is a life member.

Lion Edward Whitehouse who had transferred to the Hubbards club has returned to the St. Margaret's Bay club just in time to work the Christmas Tree project for which the membership is very grateful.

St Margaret's Bay Lions Club

Fund Raising:

Bay Treasure Chest	\$ 1333.00
Donations	\$ 20.00
Christmas Tree project	\$ 11,000

Service Project

Our club continues to provide food vouchers to needy families. We operate a sick-room equipment loan-out service including wheel chairs, walkers, canes & crutches, hospital beds, lift chairs etc. This effort is labelled as Social Services. There are two members on that committee.

Eye-glass Recycling:

We continue to collect used eyeglasses, hearing aids, and CPAC machines.

Committee chairperson Lion Lydia reported that she has collected 232 pairs.

Donations:

1. Christmas Daddies	\$	1,000.00
2. Food Vouchers	\$	750.00
3. Eyeglasses for a needy youth	\$	363.00
4. BLT lunch program	\$	600.00
5. Annual zoom service	\$	200.00
6. Western Halifax Learning centre	\$	500.00
7. Prescription paid	\$	88.46

A scooter and a lift chair donated were provided to a local senior.
Another scooter was donated to the Spryfield Lions Club
Yet another scooter donated was provided to another local senior.

Dalhousie Campus Club

No report submitted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lion Leonard Bugbee
Melvin Jones Fellow
District 10 Chairman
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Zone 11 –

Winter Cabinet Meeting February 6th, 2021 Zone 11

DG Jane, 1st VDG David, 2nd VDG Bill, CST Peter,

Zone 11 currently has 84 members. We continue to slowly increase our membership. We still have four clubs with less than 20 members, although one of the four is currently at 18, we are hopeful that they will hit the 20 mark before the end of the lion's year. Not all clubs are active due to the pandemic and the aging population of our members.

Cole Harbour has brought one new member into the Lion's family since our last meeting. They continue to collect eye glasses, hearing aids, and CPAP machines. They have made donations to the Cole Harbour Woodside United Church Food Bank, and Hope for Wildlife in memory of a past Lion. They are thinking outside the box when it comes to service / fundraising projects. Although the "In Touch" program is slowly dwindling, they still have a few maintenance calls.

Dartmouth has a very aging membership and is being very careful with the pandemic. They continue to support the Air Cadet Squadron. They are also bringing on a new member. The ZC is working closely with the club to help with the reporting process.

Eastern Passage / Cow Bay continue to plan for their weekly bingo, monthly breakfast, monthly Dog Guide Dance, and a new project with the Sunday Suppers. They provide funding for a monthly bingo at the Seniors Home. In December they assisted with food boxes for 88 families with clothing and gifts for 86 children. Participate in the Lions 50/50 raffle draws, collect eye glasses, hearing aids, stamps, and CPAP machines.

Lake Echo continues to host the annual Tree Lighting with the Lake Echo Lioness. They also assisted with the cutting down and decorating of the tree. They collect eyeglasses, hearing aids, CPAP machines and give Get Well baskets to community members as requested. They have made donations to the Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia, Diabetes, Yarmouth family in need, Poppy fund and ambulance service costs for a community member in need.

Preston has aging members and health issues with their members that have them practicing extreme caution due to the pandemic.

The main focus of all the Clubs in Zone 11 currently is to help the needy families in their communities as much as possible. With the pandemic and the restrictions in our area, this is a very difficult task, but the clubs are doing what they can within the

guidelines. I have been doing a monthly bulletin for the Zone this year, and all clubs have participated in the Zone Christmas Project where a chair is appointed who will shop, wrap, and deliver gifts to Mentally Challenged adults who have a need for something at Christmas.

At our last meeting, we discussed ideas that each club can use to help with membership growth in their club. At our next meeting we will be discussing Training and Service during the Pandemic.

Respectfully Submitted
ZC Rhonda

District Chair Reports:

Global Leadership –



Global Leadership Team



The Global Leadership Team has been working towards training all Lions that have requested assistance across the District. The team is trying new ways to teach and stay safe by following the Covid guidelines. It has been a learning experience for all of us. The following is a bit about what we have been doing and to remind you that we are all here for you. Just ask.

- MYLCI training – the team has held 2 group sessions (Zone 9 and Zone 11) with a total of 27 Lions participating. A letter was sent out to all secretaries asking what they wanted for their training. Thank you to those who have responded. We are now in the process of planning group, zoom and one-on-one sessions to fit the individual needs of each of them.
- The “Nova Scotia Lions Members” Facebook page has 140+ members to date. This is a private Facebook page exclusive to NS Lions to see what is going on within our District. Just search the above title and request to join and see what is happening with Lions near you.
- The Guiding Lion Program is designed to assist clubs that are newly chartered, established or rebuilding. Guiding Lions are assigned for a

two-year term by the District Governor in consultation with the sponsoring or established club president. Guiding Lions are limited to serving no more than two new clubs at any point in time. We have Lions in our District that have completed the Guiding Lion Training. If you are interested in taking this course or would like a Guiding Lion to help you in rebuilding your club, reach out to one of the GLT members.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Debbie McGinley
GLT Coordinator

Global Membership –

GMT Report for N2 Winter Cabinet Meeting Feb 6, 2021

N2 is presently down 30 members from the start of the year.
66 members have been added and 96 have been dropped 25 of those have passed away.

The biggest difference in our membership compared to last year is during the same time period we had added 42 more members. Recruitment obviously is down due to covid. However there are clubs that are managing to bring in new members.

Since the Fall Cabinet Meeting the GMT Committee has been quite active.

Oct 18 an open NAMI meeting was held.

Nov 1 GMT Coordinator held a Membership Seminar for Zone 11

NOV 2 Guiding Lion in person discussion and testing was done in conjunction with the GLT.

NOV 2 Membership presentation by New Club Developer Paul Baker was given.

NOV 3 and NOV 4 active recruiting for Acadia Campus Club members' It was successful even though we weren't permitted on the campus. Lion PDG Paul Baker and I stopped students on the sidewalk next to the campus. An informational campus meeting was held on Nov 4. Four new members we recruited and will be added. There are other new members as well.

Nov 3 an Informational meeting was held in Milford.

Dec 15 – GMT Coordinator discussed cyber and branch clubs at the Zone 6 meeting.

Online trainings and GMT meetings have occurred.

There is now a monthly Zoom Social gathering for all Lions in N2. The GMT is trying to offer Lions fellowship during this difficult time. The first one was held in December and the following on Friday Dec 29th.

The Branch Bay of Fundy Cyber Lions Club was sponsored by Wolfville and District Lions Club in the month of December. Presently the club has 9 members ranging in age from 23 to 74.

The GMT is actively working with Lion Karen LaVigne to explore the possibility of opening a branch cyber Lions Club specializing in diabetes. This type of club has been very successful in many districts .We are reaching out to Lions all over North America to see how best to proceed but we are very excited !

Several Lioness and Lionette Clubs are planning on becoming Lions by the end of the year. Conversations are being held by the GMT at this time.

Sincerely,
ZC Lion Kim Stewart
GMT Coordinator N2

The New Cyber Clubs Winter Cabinet Meeting Feb 6 ,2021

The new Cyber Club Lions Club which I belong to is a branch club of the Wolfville and District Lions Club which is the parent club.

Our cyber club is going through a name change and will be known with LCI's approval as the Nova Scotia Cyber Lions Club Branch. LCI had changed our name to reflect a community in NB and we are trying to fix that.

The only differences between our club and yours are that we do our meetings online. Our meetings are very short 20-30 minutes focused on planning and updating the progress of projects.

Our club disburses plenty of information via e-mail for our club members to become familiar with Lionism. Also online and in District training is being encouraged.
Flexible meetings times.

Most of our members live in NS but 20% are permitted to live elsewhere in the world. We have a long haul North American truck driver as a member who lives in PEI . He is incredibly enthusiastic and has never missed a meeting!

Before we do any fundraisers we must contact the local clubs to make sure there is no conflict on the same day.

We can do service anywhere but it is also nice to let clubs in the area that we will be there perhaps maybe their members might want to join us in service.

At this point our club is looking at doing a joint fundraiser with Wolfville and District Lions Club. I am still chairperson for WDLC's Monthly Take-Out Dinner as well as helping with other projects. Lions from WDLC have expressed interest in helping with one of our projects. We aren't rival clubs.

Two clubs one community working together, increasing membership and service!
I understand that this is new here in N2 but I am hoping we are only just the first club of its kind here in N2.

Lion Karen LaVigne is working very hard on starting a club as well.

Lions of Canada/ Winter Cabinet N2 Report

Several working groups continue to develop a strong Lions of Canada Identity.

Every month has a theme. This month's theme is Childhood Cancer highlighting one of our global causes. You can get posters to hang on your community bulletin boards on the Lions of Canada/ Lions Du Canada Facebook page or the Lions of Canada website.

The Lions of Canada/Lions Du Canada Facebook site has a monthly contest. Childhood Cancer is this month's Facebook contest topic. Submit how you as a Lion/Club have been involved with this global cause. Add a photo; tag 5 Lion and 5 non-Lion friends as well as the monthly hash tags. If you don't know how to tag or hash tag, feel free to reach out to me.

A great resource for Lions to learn more about social media can be found at Lions International Smile resource page.

The Lions of Canada website has launched. It is an interactive and available in both official languages. The new website can be found at www.lionscanada.ca.

Please register asap when you see the invitation to the Bumerster virtual Canadian Party. This is a party exclusive to the Lions of Canada on St Patrick's Day starting at 8 PM EST. There are only 300 invitations available across Canada and Dr Patti Hill 3rd International Vice President will be co-hosting this event celebrating our new website. There will be Irish music, Kahoot (trivia), a couple of breakout rooms to share service ideas with Lions from across Canada and much more!

The new Lions of Canada Logo will be available soon. Thank you to al Lions that participated in the logo contest.

Feel Free to contact me with any questions.

ZC Lion Kim Stewart
Canadian Lions Marketing Working Group

Lions of Canada Advocacy Team

2nd VDG Bill also sits on a Lions of Canada Advocacy Team. Their purpose is to increase our presence especially to the business world, to the political leaders, and to community leaders. There will be training in the Spring, where you will have the opportunity to learn more about Advocacy and how they can become an advocate for Lions.

2nd VDG Bill is the representative for Atlantic Canada. Trying to not be the worlds best kept secret. If any one would like more information, please contact 2nd VDG Bill.

Global Service

**District N2 Winter Cabinet
GST Coordinator Report
Saturday February 6, 2021**

District Governor Jane, 1st VDG David, 2nd VDG Bill, PCC Peter, Fellow Lions.

Looking at the metrics on MyLion as of January 14,2021 with 31 clubs reporting (28 clubs with CSC) our District has completed 585 service projects, served 44,672 people, and volunteered 9174 hours. Of the 585 service projects 8 were related to the environment, 6 to diabetes, 36 to hunger, 19 to vision and 515 were other types of activities. Clubs so far this year have raised \$104,828 USD and donated \$85,304 USD.

Because of the virus not all clubs are active however some of the service projects conducted were delivering groceries, assisting or helping seniors, providing food through programs like Lions After The Bell and Feed My Sheep. Clubs conducted hunger projects that provided free dinners and free BBQ's. Many clubs donated food to food banks. Clubs donated winter clothing, helped folks who needed glasses or dental work and provided school supplies and bags for the kids books. Others donated the use of their halls.

To meet the needs of their communities clubs raised funds through takeout dinners and breakfasts, raffles, bingo, chase the ace, music jams, hall rentals, the online Lions monthly 50/50 draw and Christmas trees sales.

In spite of the virus most clubs were able to live up to our motto "We Serve" and our theme "Where there's a need, there's a Lion."

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Frank

Diabetes Report

Diabetes Awareness Report Winter Cabinet Meeting February 6, 2021

DG Jane, 1st VDG David, 2nd VDG Bill, CST Peter

This is the fifth year of Diabetes Awareness Newsletter to continue bring awareness of diabetes to the District N2. This year newsletters I hope to continue provide interesting articles, up and coming event, recipes and answer any question you may have.

Working with GMT to explore the possibility of starting a Diabetes Specialty Lions Cyber Club in District N2.

Cavalcade '21 pins have not been ordered for the Lions Cavalcade May 2021, have not been able to sell enough Cavalcade '20 pins to recoup the cost of but due COVID-19 and not sure the Lions Cavalcade will happen this year. Have started to try to sale as many of the 2020 pins to recoup the cost of the pins.

2021 marks the anniversary of this life-changing discovery. 100 years ago, Canadians discovered insulin. Diabetes Canada has start January 13, 2021, and running until December 2021, their "We can't wait another 100 years" campaign commemorates the discovery of insulin but also addresses the urgency about diabetes.

Diabetes Canada is going to relaunch The Harry A Newman award for Lions as a special 100th Anniversary edition. Basically, the same criteria (\$800 donation per club; fill out an application form etc and they will ship the 100th Anniversary edition award later in the year).

Camp Lions Maxwell had 38 campers attend the 2020 digital camp. About 1/3 of their typical camp numbers for NS, but of course everything was done in the heat of the first lockdown and at the last minute to switch everything on-line. So, it wasn't bad, and they had excellent feedback, so the plans for 2021 are MUCH broader and will run from March 1 to the end of the calendar year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Karen LaVigne
Diabetes Awareness
District N2 2020/21

Nomination Report

Nominating Committee Winter Report District N2
February 6, 2021

Committee Members:

Lion Adrian Boudreau, Louisdale Lions Club (Chairperson)
Lion Dave Stroud, Antigonish Lions Club
Lion Pat Wentzell, New Germany Lions Club

To date we have received the following nominations:

January 5, 2021 – Received from Lion Peter Wagner of the Bridgewater & Area Lions Club a nomination for 2nd VDG Bill Bruhm as 1st VDG.

January 18, 2021 – Received from the Chezzetcook and District Lions Club a nomination for 1st VDG David Hunter as DG.

January 31, 2021 – Received from President James Urquhart of the Truro and District Lions Club a nomination for Lion Joyce Gero as 2nd VDG.

Report has been submitted to CST Peter.

You have until March to submit names for 2nd VDG.

Financial Report – (To Jan)

Didn't spend much due to Covid. There are still four clubs that have not paid their dues from July.

LCI District N2 - Budget 2020-21

	2019-20 Budget	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Budget	2020-21 Actual
Revenue				
District Administration	9669.00	9633.78	9603.00	3959.02
District Booster	2637.00	2540.39	2619.00	1080.37
NS Lion	7911.00	7882.16	7857.00	3241.13
Education and Training	3076.50	3065.31	3055.00	1265.18
District Activities	1758.00	1751.58	1746.00	710.78
Multiple District Assessment	<u>9669.00</u>	<u>9633.78</u>	<u>9603.00</u>	<u>3959.02</u>
Total Dues	34720.50	34507.00	34483.00	14215.50
Advertising NS Lion	2500.00	4410.00	3000.00	0.00
Sales of Pins and Scarves	1000.00	954.00	1000.00	107.00
Investment Income	800.00	696.70	300.00	0.00
Leadership Development	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stamp Project	0.00	510.00	0.00	225.00
GLT Grant	700.00	700.00	700.00	0.00
Sales Merchandise	0.00	718.00	86.00	0.00

Door to Door Donations	0.00	271.50	0.00	6462.90
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>0.00</u>	<u>324.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>620.85</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>39970.50</u>	<u>43091.20</u>	<u>39569.00</u>	<u>21631.25</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>39970.00</u>	<u>27756.44</u>	<u>39569.00</u>	<u>13616.85</u>
NET INCOME	<u>0.50</u>	<u>15344.76</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8014.40</u>

LCI District N2 Budget 2020-21

	2019-20 Budget	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Budget	2020-21 Actual
Expenses				
Accounting and Legal	0.00	97.75	0.00	0.00
Postage & Stationery	500.00	548.78	500.00	189.78
District Governor Expenses	1500.00	485.19	1500.00	0.00
1st District Vice Governor	1500.00	632.45	1200.00	0.00
2nd Vice Governor	1000.00	189.82	800.00	0.00
Vice DG Elect School	1200.00	0.00	3000.00	0.00
Secretary/Treasurer	1000.00	157.29	1000.00	125.33
District Booster Fund	2637.00	0.00	2620.00	0.00
NS Lion	9164.00	7067.15	9000.00	1404.31
District Activities	300.00	3493.36	300.00	131.68
Multiple District Assessment	9669.00	9666.40	9603.00	5305.20
District Speak-out	2000.00	-50.00	2000.00	0.00
Amortization	0.00	458.00	321.00	0.00
Interest & Bank Charges	50.00	61.38	75.00	0.00
Office Supplies	0.00	435.35	300.00	0.00
MD District Pins/Scarves	1200.00	1079.00	500.00	0.00
District Supplies	500.00	409.55	500.00	0.00
Awards & Engraving	500.00	167.90	500.00	248.40
District Chair Expenses	100.00	105.33	100.00	0.00
Global Leadership Team	2200.00	1066.64	1800.00	862.15
Global Membership Team	1800.00	338.80	1400.00	0.00
Global Service Team	1000.00	186.62	800.00	0.00
Visitation Pins & Bars	400.00	450.35	500.00	0.00
Sick & Visiting	150.00	101.33	150.00	0.00
Merchandise Purchase	0.00	693.00	0.00	0.00
Other Expenses	450.00	0.00	0.00	5350.00
Leo Program	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
Cabinet Convention	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recycle for Sight	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
Drug Awareness	<u>400.00</u>	<u>-85.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>39970.00</u>	<u>27756.44</u>	<u>39569.00</u>	<u>13616.85</u>

Recycle for Sight

Winter Cabinet Report 2020-21
Lion Walter Illsley
Recycle for Sight Chair 2020-21
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February 5, 2020

District Governor Jane, 1st Vice David, 2nd Vice Bill, CST Peter, Past DG's, Fellow Lions
To date this Lions year I have received approximately 13 500 pairs of eyeglasses and lenses from 23 clubs in the district. This would normally be enough for a shipment but I have not been able to ship any out yet because any that are not suitable for reuse are being sent directly to CLERC in Calgary to cut down on the added freight of sending them to Bishop Falls first.

When you are packing your eyeglasses please make sure your name and number of pairs is marked on the outside of the box and on a piece of paper on the inside in case the outer label gets damaged, those that are sending the cases please note that I can only recycle the metal cases.

With visiting between clubs being restricted I understand that a number of clubs still have eyeglasses, if those clubs could contact myself directly I will try and arrange to have them picked up.

Just a reminder to the clubs that have eyeglass collection boxes around their community to make sure that you have a contact number on the boxes and that you check them on a regular basis. If any clubs require collection boxes please contact me and I will try and get some to you.

To date our multiple district has sent 321 000 pairs of eyeglasses to Bishop Falls for processing.

Thank you to all the clubs that help with this very worthwhile cause and keep up the good work. We can only "HOPE" that we will soon be able to get back to some type of normalcy, although I think that Toronto might win the Stanley Cup before that happens.

Yours in Lionism
Lion Walter Illsley
Recycle for Sight Chair 2020-21

If you have eye glasses, stamps, pull tabs etc... Let DG Jane know.

CPAP – Nothing to report, DG Jane will collect

Ink Cartridges – Question was asked - who collects? – 2nd VDG Bill will find out and inform everyone in the District

NS Lion – Ad invoices going out tomorrow

Hearing & Speech –

Lion David Hunter, Hearing and Speech Director

Status Report

Subject: Hearing and Speech	Date: 21-Jan-29
Districts: N2	Location: Nova Scotia, District N2

Key Message:

Working hard to improve sound for all.

Update:

2020 was a trying time for all. Back in April as Hearing and Speech Director I felt I should reach out to all of my fellow Lion's. With Covid-19 putting a stop to everything in our worlds I want them to know that I was still think of them in this time of emotional difficulties. Keep in mind those who are without hearing and are home alone face even more loneliness as they are most often without any form of communication at all. If you know of someone with hearing impairments who are unable to listen to the radio and who have limited access to the outside world we need to be creative in finding ways to support them even more today. Physical distancing is hard on all of us at the best of times.

I would hope that we are still encourage people to donate their used hearing aids. There have been community members who have been reaching out to me asking where they can drop off these aids off. I have been advising them to drop them off at their local lion's clubs and if they tell me the area they live I provide them with the closest lion's club. I have provided your public telephone number as well, as we know there are no lion's currently at the clubs and they can leave a message for your return.

It has been a challenging time for Dalhousie but they are still running, although at reduced capacity right now. They have continued to "see" patients who needed help with their hearing aids on a case by case basis. As of November Dalhousie has started one again to provide hearing aides to new patience. I have also had a few requests to which I have directed them to the program. Since the last report I have turned in 95 hearing aids. This is a very good thing!! I'am so proud of you all for your ongoing support.

There has been a change at Dalhousie as all buildings are still locked down. Dalhousie Clinic phone number has changed it is now 902-494-2978, where people can leave a message. Messages are checked regularly on this phone.

To date I have received hearing aids from the following Lion's clubs (See Attached)

For more information you can contact Dalhousie School of Communication Disorders at 902-494-7052 and ask for an application for DHAAD Program.

Drug Awareness

If your club is continuing with the Drug Awareness Contest, reach out to Lion Tammy.

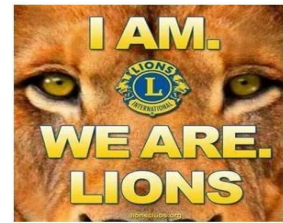
Peace Poster

Only one poster submitted. Poster was from the Bridgewater area Lions Club. This was forwarded to the Multiple.

Lions History



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DISTRICT HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT

February 6th, 2021

DG Jane, 1st VDG David, 2nd VDG Bill, CST Peter & Fellow Lions

The District History still remains a work in progress with more information being added on a continuous basis.

The District History can be found on the Hantsport & District Lions Club website at www.hantsportlionsclub.com.

We are always looking for more information about our District's History. We would ask every Club and every Lion in the District, if possible, to view it and if after viewing it, they feel that they might have some information that should be added to the History or even corrected please forward it to my attention.

Remember this is your History and we are always looking for more information about our District's History.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Ken MacKenzie

Chairman

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Speak out

DG Jane Gregory, Lions of District N2;

This Lions year continues to be a challenging one for all Lions. On the 17th of October I sent out a questionnaire to all the Zone Chairpersons in the District asking them to canvas their clubs to see which ones, if any, were going to be participating in the Speak Out Competition this year. As well, I had asked the Zone Chairs if they were considering holding a Zone Speak Out as well.

As of 22 November, I had heard back from 8 of the 11 Zones in our District indicating that the clubs in their Zones would not be holding a Speak Out competition this year and hence, neither would their Zones. Three other Zones had not responded by 22 November.

With most of the Zones indicating they would not be participating in the Speak Out this year it would have been difficult to hold a viable and representative District Speak Out this year. Upon discussion with the DG, it was decided to forgo this year's District Speak Out competition.

There is no certainty that the pandemic will end by next fall or that any pandemic protocols put in place by the NS government would permit in-person Speak Out competitions moving into the next Lions year.

As such, I have begun to look at ways to hold a Speak Out competition at the club, Zone and District levels next year, in a pandemic environment if need be. To this end, through my international contacts, it was brought to my attention that the Lions of Multiple District 4 (California) hold a State-wide Student Speaker Contest.

On January 30th, with the permission of the MD 4 Student Speaker Contest Chairperson, I participated in a 1 ½ hour ZOOM meeting with 175 Lions (DGs, Zone Chairs, Regional Chairs and Club Speaker contest chairs) from MD 4 who were discussing the challenges posed by the pandemic, limitations, change in procedures, etc. that they would have to implement if they were to be able to hold their competition. Bear in mind that MD 4 California Lions, represent over 730 clubs and 20,000 members.

In short, at the Club, Zone and Regional Level, they will be permitting an in-person or live ZOOM meeting (not pre-recorded) competition if needed. At the District and Multiple District Level they must hold the competition in-person. Many clubs and Zones will not have the students to run a competition and regardless the following disclaimer will be in effect this year for their competition: ***“Due to restrictions of the COVID 19 Virus, the MD4 Student Speaker may be canceled at any time, thus ending the Lions Fourth District Student Speaker Foundation obligation for funding scholarships.”***

This discussion was very beneficial, and I came away with some good ideas. I will be following up with the MD 4 Chair to see if they can share any lessons learned once their competition is completed in the Spring.

Moving forward, shortly I will once again be sending out a Questionnaire to all the Zone Chairs, asking them for any ideas to hold the competition next year, identify which clubs in their Zones have access to a stable (high speed?) internet connection, which clubs have (or could access) the technology and knowledge to hold a ZOOM meeting/competition, etc. Please take the time to reach out to your clubs on this topic once you receive the questionnaire. It will only be with the participation and feedback by all that we ***may*** be able to hold a Speak Out competition next Lion's year, so your cooperation is important. We need to identify out of the box solutions and ideas.

For those of you who may be interested, I have included a link below to the California MD 4 Student Speaker competition web page. They have a well-developed process which has developed over the 84 years they have been holding the competition.

On another note, I will be having exploratory discussions with Eastlink (initially) or others regarding the possibility of recording and broadcasting our District Speak Out competition once we can hold in-person competition at the District level. More to follow on this at the District Convention in the Spring.

Lastly, I will be initiating a review of our current Speak Out process, rules, etc and engaging our Constitution and Bylaws committee on how to proceed with changes, if any. This may take a bit of time.

I would like to thank all Lions for their understanding in the matter of the cancellation of this year's District Speak Out competition, putting the safety of our fellow Lions, community, and children first above all else.



Respectfully submitted,



Lion Pat Nixon

Speak Out Chairperson
District N2



Lions Quest Canada

**Lions Quest Canada Report
Winter Cabinet Meeting
February 6th, 2021**

DG Jane, 1st VDG David, 2nd VDG Bill, CST Peter

First, I would like to thank all those lions who have participated in the Lion Quest Canada webinar – “What the heck is Lions Quest”. This is a very well-done webinar that answers many questions you may have about Lions Quest. Definitely worth viewing.

The District Chairs from across Canada, continue to have monthly meetings. We get together and learn from each other, and build on our strengths.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, I'm unable to get into the schools at the present time and virtual meetings are challenging to get everyone involved together at the same time.

As the restrictions start to open up, we may be able to get back to a new normal when we can get together in one location and train. If there are any clubs or zones that would like to host a training session for your youth leaders (girl guides, boy scouts, 4-H, etc...) or even first responders, please let me know. We can discuss the way ahead to make the training happen. I still have funds available to help fund a workshop or two. If any club or zone is interested in doing a training session now, they will have to be done virtually.

The amount of donations has dropped dramatically this year due to the pandemic, but remember there are many ways to donate. You can purchase:

1. **Lions Quest Fellowship** – For **\$500**, you can honour someone with a Lions Quest Fellowship. The application is available on the website at www.lionsquest.ca. Our goal is to award 50 Fellowships this year.
2. **Q-Bear Fan Club** – For **\$100**, you can join the Q-Bear Fan Club. Personal donations are eligible for a charitable tax receipt. As we launch this new initiative, our goal is to have 50 Q-Bear Fans this year.
3. **All Other Donations** – We welcome donations of any amount

Remember, every little bit helps. If any one would like more information, please let me know. I am working on doing a community-based workshop for youth leaders in the Province, I will try to include some First Responders as well.

I am looking at putting together a committee to work with me to help get the information out to the communities within the Province.

It's often said that "it takes a village to raise a child" – the role at Lions Quest Canada is to help raise the "village". Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of our request to support this award-winning initiative, one of Lions Clubs International's signature youth programs.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Rhonda
Lions Quest Canada Chair

Leo



District N2
Leo Advisor
Lion Deb Featherby



Winter Cabinet Report

To: DG Jane Gregory

From: Leo Advisor, Deb Featherby

I had so hoped that by Winter Cabinet covid restrictions would be lifted and that clubs would be forging ahead with their plans for organizing Leo Clubs in the schools.

But such is not the case.

However, I want to encourage clubs to keep thinking ahead to the time when schools will be open to Lions and Leo clubs can be formed. Keep planning for NOW is the TIME to plan – when we aren't visiting, meeting, or fundraising. For NOW is the TIME that we have the time to plan, to talk to people in the community and the schools. This can be done safely through chat rooms, Zoom, messenger – there are so many possibilities.

Take the time to go to the Lions International web site. There are excellent resources there that you can order and share with club members and school staff.

We **will** return to a more normal way of life.

So plan for the future – create a Leo Club!

Lions Clubs International Foundation:

LCIF Report
Winter Cabinet Meeting
February 6th, 2021

DG Jane, 1st VDG David, 2nd VDG Bill, CST Peter

LCIF is battling the same situation as everyone else, working with the new normal. They are thinking outside the box, trying to raise the much-needed funds to ensure they are ready if disaster strikes.

There are many ways to support the Foundation. Model Club, 100 – 100 Club, Campaign 100. These are three just of the ways you can show your support. Donate what you can, as every little bit helps.

It has been a challenging Lions Year, from scattered visits, Zoom calls (new normal), to a change in service projects (if any). We continue to hold monthly meetings receiving up to date information. As everyone is aware of how the presentation of Melvin Jones Fellowship awards were done in January during the birthday celebrations, LCIF is working on doing this again at the international Convention in Montreal. There are also monthly webinars (Foundation Friday's) that are open to any lion. The following link will take you to the website area to register for the webinars www.lionsclubs.org/en/virtual-events-center/events#upcoming

I have just received a lot of information from LCIF for the clubs. I am currently doing up packages for each club. These will be sent out in the next few weeks. I have noticed that there are only a few clubs who have identified a LCIF club chair. I would like to ask that all clubs who have not yet identified a chair, this would be a good time to do this. I will be sending the information to the LCIF club chairs who are identified, and for the remainder of the clubs I will be sending the information to the secretary.

Lions Share Pins

Pin recognition starts at \$50 and this is a one-time donation giving during the current year.

Three levels of support with Lions Share Pins

- 1-Star Pin: US\$50
- 2-Star Pin: US\$100
- 3-Star Pin: US\$200



US\$50

Donors contributing US\$50 annually receive a one-star gold Lions Share Supporter lapel pin.



US\$100

Donors contributing US\$100 annually receive a two-star gold Lions Share Supporter lapel pin.



US\$200

Donors contributing US\$200 annually receive a three-star gold Lions Share Supporter lapel pin.

Information About Lions Share

Lions Share is an annual program that recognizes individual donors for three levels of support: US\$50, US\$100 and US\$200. Lions Share donations are MJF-eligible and used to support LCIF humanitarian grant programs.

Clubs are awarded a 100% Member Support banner patch and chevron when every member makes a minimum contribution of US\$50. For each subsequent year of 100% Member Support, clubs receive a chevron.

100% of donations made to LCIF are used to support grant programs, allowing Lions to help the world on a larger scale and do more than they could on their own. By becoming a Lions Share supporter, you'll be helping enhance the service of Lions—like you—everywhere.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Rhonda
LCIF Chair

Council Chair Remarks

DG Jane, PDG Debbie & members of N2's GAT, GMT, GLT and member Lions:

On behalf of Lions Clubs International and the Leadership team in Multiple District N, I bring greetings. As our President Choi put it in our last Lions magazine, "This past year has been poned marked by struggle, the struggle to serve those in need; the struggle to stay healthy, and the struggle to maintain one's sense as to who we are in the face of unprecedented circumstances." Personally, I can attest to this, having lost 4 people in our communities that I knew personally to COVID, and one to depression, a young educator.

With our ability to meet as we have in the past modified by our respective governments' regulations on behalf of our safety, many of our clubs are now asking themselves, "How do we Survive?" Let us all keep in mind that one of our greatest virtues is that of patience, though challenged at times, we will persevere. I, through access to your Club Secretaries reports to LCI, can see that we are still providing Service to our communities, please keep it up on a Job well-done.

Continue what you are doing and as we have all heard many times in the past year, "We will Get Through This Together."

Let me end by wishing all a great Weekend Cabinet/Convention. I hope that you all stay healthy and safe, as well as socially distanced.

Was always told to leave with some humor, though I am not a politician nor a minister of the faith, I do try some humor at times.

3 nuns were talking one day, the first nun said, "I was cleaning in Father's room the other day and do you know what I found?" "A bunch of pornographic magazines!" "What did you do?" the other nuns asked. "Well, of course I threw them in the trash", she replied. The second nun said, "Well, I can top that. I was in Father's room putting away the laundry and I found a bunch of condoms." "Oh my!" gasped the other nuns. "What did you do?" they asked. "I poked holes in all of them!" she replied. The third nun fainted.

Final thought that we here in Fort Kent put up banners around our little town with the following:

"No Matter How Bad Things Seem,
Better Things Are Yet To Come,
So Smile and Don't Lose Hope"

As I end, DON'T forget to mask up!

Thank you and Let's pray that the borders between us open up soon!

Lions foundation of Canada:

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA DOG GUIDES REPORT WINTER CABINET, FEBRUARY 6TH, 2021

District Governor Jane, 1st VDG Dave, 2nd VDG Bill, CST Peter, & Fellow Lions:

With the pandemic still going strong in some regions, we still have been able to move forward at the foundation.

Our breeding program is up and running again, and we continue to train dog guides by following all the protocols that are needed for everyone's safety.

We developed a Strategic Plan to guide the organization forward for the coming 5 years. We interviewed stakeholder groups right across Canada (806 individuals) for input into our strategic plan and part of that plan included updating our mission & vision statements, which I will share with you:

MISSION: To empower Canadians with disabilities to navigate their world with confidence and independence, by providing a Dog Guide at no cost and supporting them in their journey together.

VISION: To provide the very best experience for Canadians with disabilities who can benefit from a Dog Guide.

We held our first ever virtual Dog Guide Graduation in December, which we had participants from right across the country join in. They also held a "BARK OUT" virtually and will be holding another one in the near future.

I have been on many virtual meetings as a board member and we continue to make progress even as the pandemic continues, I would have been in Oakville, Ontario this weekend for our Board meetings, but we spent yesterday and will be on them again this afternoon having our virtual board meetings.

The Foundation has also started an online 50/50 draw for those in Ontario only, but are hoping to expand this draw across Canada eventually.

The STAY AT HOME & BID AUCTION in November was a huge success, so stay tune for possibly another one.

We will be proceeding with another virtual Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides this year, last year we raised \$548,754 and our goal this year will be to hit the 1.3 million mark. I encourage all clubs to think about participating in this great event. The date for the event will be Sunday, May 30, 2021. More information will be coming out in the near future. If you want to participate please contact Marilyn DeFazio at mdefazio@dogguides.com or call 1-800-768-3030. And I ask that you send off an email to me to let me know you will be participating.

This Valentine's, you can adopt a puppy for \$100 contribution to help offset the cost of the puppy's first year. In return, you will receive a certificate personalized with the recipient's name, announcing the symbolic adoption of a Dog Guide, and will be issued a tax receipt.

I am unable to visit with clubs to do presentations at this time, hopefully in the near future, restrictions will be lifted so we may meet again. Please contact me if you are wanting information on the Foundation.

I have save the best news for last:

I am very proud of District N2, as they continue to support the foundation with their monetary donations, we placed 2nd in all of Canada with a 20% (19.29%) increase in contributions in 2020. All the other provinces were in the negative.

CONGRATULATIONS DISTRICT N2!!!!

For those clubs who do sponsor a dog, Thank You, and please continue to do so, and I ask if your club has not sponsor a dog before, consider doing so, and if you need information, please do not hesitate to contact me, my information is in the directory. Consider purchasing a Life Membership and Fellowship, or a Judge Brian Stevenson Award for an outstanding member or members in your club.

A big shout-out to Sarah Hartman, our webmaster for passing on information in our district as I send it out to her. Thank You!

I would just like to say in closing, Thank You Lions, for being such strong supporters of the Lions Foundation Of Canada Dog Guides.
Respectfully submitted,

LFC N.S. Director, Lion Linda Baltzer

Correspondence: None

New Business:

1) Notices of Motion – these were done earlier

2) NS convention Report – Location/Chair is still unknown. Looking at changing the date from end April to early – mid May. It may be held at the drive-in? May 15? Hotel in Dartmouth? Currently, we have to wait and see. Emails will be sent out, in the meantime, if you have any ideas, send them to the District Governor.

3) Budget Report - PDG Clyde Paul received a request from the District Governor to be allowed to use surplus funds to help offset the Spring Convention (if required) to a maximum of \$3,000.00. After receiving a report from the CST, he stated that the District is in good financial shape, as we had a comfortable surplus last year.

Motion was made to read as follows: I move that District N2 be authorized to spend up to \$3,000.00 from the 2019-20 surplus funds to help defray the costs of the upcoming NS Convention in April or May of 2021 once a formal plan has been placed for said Convention to be decided upon and hosted.

Motion by PDG Clyde Paul (AFR); 2nd by PDG John Macfie (Lake Echo Area)

Motion Carried

4) Club Points for this year –

Point System/Trophies and Awards

Over the past few months I have met with the VDGs' and spoke with some PDGs' regarding the point system we use for picking our Best Club contest winner and visitation award. We asked each other:

Is this a fair way for all clubs and Lions this year?

How can make it fair?

Can we use a 5-member committee to determine the winners instead?

Do we forego giving out awards and trophies this year?

With some clubs not being able to function like they normally would if a pandemic were not among us. Is it truly fair to judge them for what they cannot control?

It has been almost a year since some clubs have had to stop fundraising and serving their communities like they always had done before Covid.

So, we propose one of three things:

1. Not use the point system this year but form a 5-member committee made up of 3 PDGs' and 2 other Lions. Each club can send in a resume, if you will, stating what you have done this year and, in the past.
2. Forego trophies and awards this year all together.
3. Keep going the way we have been with the point system.

This is your decision, so please take it back to your clubs and discuss each option and report back to me. We will be sending this information out to you next week. We still want to see the District Activity reports, they are important to us. It keeps each club connected to us. So please keep sending them. This is the year from the unknown and we want to do right by everyone. Discussion.

- 2 personal visitations for today

Suggested Zone Alignment

Over the last few months, the VDGs' and I have been looking at possible changes for some zones. We are trying to move forward with the District, look into the future to see what we can do to help it expand.

2VDG Bill and 1VDG David met with some PDGs' and Zone Chairs to see what they could come up with.

Here is a copy of the list of zones. You will see that only a few of the zones may be changed. Please take it back to your clubs and if there are any objections to the changes, let us know. Please explain why your club objects to this change if applicable.

Zone 1
 Baddeck
 Cabot Trail
 Glace Bay
 New Waterford
 Sydney
 Whycomogagh

Zone 2
 Antigonish
 Canso
 Louisdale
 St. Mary's
 St. Peter's

Zone 3
 Amherst
 Oxford
 Parrsboro
 Springhill
 Tatamagouche

Zone 4
 Pictou
 River John
 Stellarton
 Truro

Zone 5
 Canning
 Hantsport
 New Minas
 Port Williams
 Windsor
 Wolfville/Bay of
 Fundy Branch

Zone 6
 Aylesford
 Berwick
 Coldbrook
 Kentville
 Kingston

Zone 7
 Annapolis Royal
 Bridgetown
 Deep
 Brook/Waldec
 Digby
 Lawrencetown
 Middleton

Zone 8
 Barrington
 Meteghan
 Pubnico
 Yarmouth

Zone 9
 Bridgewater
 Chester
 Basin/New
 Ross/Chester
 Liverpool
 Lockeport
 Mahone Bay
 New Germany
 Shelburne
 Riverport

Zone 10
 Armdale/Fairview/
 Rockingham
 Bedford
 Dalhousie
 Campus
 Hubbards
 Spryfield
 St. Margaret's Bay

Zone 11
 Chezzetcook
 Lake Echo
 Musquodoboit
 Harbour
 Preston

Zone 12
 Beaver
 Bank/Kinsac
 Cole Harbour
 Dartmouth
 Fall River/River
 Lake
 Eastern
 Passage/Cow Bay
 Sackville

Zone 13
 Enfield/Elmsdale
 Milford
 Musquodoboit
 Valley
 Sheet Harbour
 Shubenacadie

We now have 9 Guiding Lions - 2nd VDG Bill Bruhm, 1st VDG David Hunter, Lion Kim Stewart, PDG Frank Hartman, PDG Debbie McGinley, PCC Perry Oliver, Lion Marianna Woods, Lion Joyce Gero, & Lion Karen Morris. If anyone else is interested contact PDG Debbie McGinley.

There was discussion on the NS Health Authority Vaccine rollout – DG Jane & 1st VDG David were contacted by Steve Buttons of the NS Health Authority looking for support from the Lions of Nova Scotia, CST Peter contacted them to get more information for the clubs. They are looking for clubs that can host them for the rollout. This is not for a day, it could be a week, or months depending on the area. Long term. It is up to each club. Volunteers are not required if it is your club.

PDG John thanked DG Jane for the opportunity for the Lake Echo Area Lions the opportunity to host the Winter Cabinet.

CC Lloyd thanked DG Jane for the opportunity to sit in on your meeting, and stated you are moving forward.

PDG Debbie thanked DG Jane for being part of the change in hosting a zoom cabinet meeting. If you wish to have any training, just let me know. I can be reached at liondebbiemcginley@gmail.com.

DG Closing Remarks:

Over the past several months the District Team have worked together to make our District strong. Yes, we have lost a few members, but we have gained some too. We need to keep working together, communication is the key. I know I have repeated myself the last few months talking about communication. But I feel that without communication, we will fall apart. For our mental health during this pandemic, communication is a vital way of staying connected. If you haven't heard from a certain Lion in a while, give them a call. Let them know that you are thinking of them. We all need a hug once in a while, to hear a kind word and even a smile. I know a smile is hard behind a mask, but you would be surprised how people know you are smiling. I think it comes from your eyes and your heart.

With Heart we give Hope, of a Brighter Tomorrow.

Thank you for coming out today and keep doing the great work you all are doing. I'm proud to say that I am your District Governor, we have a great district.

If nothing else, I will call for adjournment.

Motion to adjourn by 2VDG Bill Bruhn at 11:40 am.