

CABINET MEETING  
FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> 2015  
NEW MARYLAND LIONS CLUB

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 am by District Governor Susan. District Governor Susan said she would speed it up. DG Susan asked all to stand for our National Anthem.

DG Susan asked for a moment of silence for world peace and deceased members.

DG asked PDG Larry to lead us in the Lions Invocation.

DG Susan called for approval of the Agenda, moved by Lion Don Walton seconded by PDG Luke, Motion carried.

DG Susan called for the president of the New Maryland Lions Club to bring greetings. President Lion Karen unavailable. Lion Bill ODonnell welcomed the Lions to the Cabinet meeting. It is the first time New Maryland has hosted a Cabinet meeting and hoped all enjoy the meeting, lunch will be served later.

DG Susan introduced the head table, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Doug, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Brennan, CST Heather as well as DG Susan.

DG Susan called for all Zone Chairs and Cabinet Chairs to stand to be recognized.

DG Susan asked for Past District Governors to stand and asked for any new members to be identified.

DG recognized Lions, lioness, and leos.

DG Susan called for CST report. CST shared winter, roll called was taken. CST recognized Milledgeville North End Lions were recognized and given free breakfast at Saint John South End Lions Club.

Financial report was given and a motion was asked for approval of the financial report as presented.

Moved by PCST Gerry seconded by PCC Rod, motion carried.

Explanation of pre authorized payments to LCI was reviewed as CST clarified with LCI.

DG Susan called for motion to approve the minutes of the Cabinet Meeting in Summerside, moved by PDG Denzil seconded by Lion Paul, motion carried.

DG Susan asked for correspondence, on.

Business arising from minutes, only DG Susan had was the Special Olympics vision screening request, there has not been any further correspondence, so we will wait for the Multiple, no further updates.

DG Susan gave an update from LCI from IP Joe Preston. He has asked us to continue to work with our ASK 1 and remember to focus on KEEP 1 principal. We need to retain our members to increase our members. We need to keep our members happy, and busy and allowing them to do the work we all signed on to do. We need to do better keeping our members. Most do not leave because they are Happy, they leave because they are unhappy. Our numbers in District 1 are not as good as DG Susan hoped but they are better than our 5 year average. We need to keep what we have.

Lions University, DG Susan spoke of the courses and you can log on and get a Bachelor's Degree in Lions. Courses are easy, fun and will move right into the forums. We have a new Video released and it begins with our founder Melvin Jones and right up to the chartering of the first Canadian Lions Club in Windsor, this is the first of several coming.

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The International Convention begins June 26-30<sup>th</sup> in Hawaii applications are on line for you to apply early so you save on the fees.

Winter has not been kind with DG Susan's visits but they had a family matter that took them away as well as several visits that were cancelled due to weather. DG Susan had planned on being 85% complete but is about 67% complete. We are trying to reschedule, Lion Reg House is looking after the scheduling and re-scheduling. DG Susan will be re-scheduling.

The district is falling a bit behind in members currently we are in a -26 position, but she is confident we will be in a positive position even by the end of February.

DG Susan mentioned that with the pre authorized forms some clubs may need to update their Constitution and By Laws but a simple procedure, housekeeping. Something in your minutes.

Lion Harold asked if they just send to CST or processing, no you deal with LCI.

Remarks from 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Doug, VDG Doug advised he has 40 words for snow but cannot repeat them, he advised he would be quick today, (or not). VDG Doug spoke of membership and the jobs we all have, it does not matter in what position, we need to train the next ones coming along. If we do not have new people coming along, we are stuck. We need membership first. VDG Doug said he is quickly coming up on a new job and there are still holes in the Cabinet and if there is interest or specific interest to let him know. If you know someone interested please let him know.

Remarks from 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Brennan, it seems a little stuffy, everyone stand and wiggle... good to wake everyone. VDG Brennan spoke on the USA Canada Forum in September and the great courses and training available. This year in Grand Rapids Michigan. It is a powerful training experience. VDG Brennan told the Lions the USA Canada Forum is the best learning opportunities we have available to us, if you can see your way to go to a Forum it is a good choice. A Forum is the place. The forum is from September 17-19<sup>th</sup>. You can find the information on the LCI website. There are so many presentations if you go with a partner you can split up to attend several courses and then communicate after about what you learn. The Lions University that we have available to us will be presented at the Forum, it is a new learning tool. Take a look at it or maybe your club would be interested in sending a member of your club.

DG Susan spoke briefly on the Forum and the great opportunity it provides.

DG Susan introduced Lion Marc Cormier from Shediac Lions Club to speak on the reorganization Shediac has gone through over the past two years and the importance of having a Guiding Lion assigned to the club. The club was down to two active members and in jeopardy of losing their Charter. Later this month the DG will be inducting 5 new members. We have multiple projects. The people come around and see Lions in action so that is beneficial. The key to our success was our Guiding Lion. They do not take over the meetings but attends the meetings and is there for support and guidance. They usually do not speak unless asked and has words of encouragement and guidance at the end of the meeting. Lion Marc

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encouraged any club to ask for a Guiding Lion to help in any restructuring or situation in the club you may want to look at a Guiding Lion. The Secretary at the time was constantly in email with VDG Brennan for guidance, we have good and competent help right here just for the asking. It will help you do what you need to do.

DG Susan thanked Lion Marc and has enforced the need of our Guiding Lion program. There are several that can give you the information to access the Guiding Lion Program. We have 5 certified Guiding Lions but many that could update their Certification (28). The certification brings us up to date on the information from LCI.

Lion Vaughan Brace announced that the Moncton Lions Club will try again Tuesday to have the Smelt Fry. They are stuck for time now everyone is invited. Hey are also going to try a Washer Toss Tournament February 21<sup>st</sup> 2015

We will now break for lunch 12:10

Meeting was reconvened at 1:10

DG Susan asked the representative from New Maryland Lions Club to come to the front, asked all from New Maryland to come out of the kitchen. DG Susan thanked the New Maryland Lion for hosting the meeting and presented New Maryland Lions a certificate of appreciation for hosting.

Reports:

PCST Gerry Forsythe Global Membership Team Report.

Lions all

As of yesterday, our District shows a loss of 23 members for the year. We have taken in 76 new members and have dropped a total of 99. In the first six days of this month we have added 3 new members and dropped 1 for a net gain of 2. How long will this number stand.

There are many new and exciting new programs out there to get new members. Are we trying them all? Some require that we change out thinking on membership and meeting attendance, but focus on community service, and of course we still need some meeting attendance. If you are interested in discussing any of these, I would be only too glad to come and visit, or discuss over the phone for starters, and then go from there.

My biggest concern is why are our members leaving LIONS. From the period from July 1/14 to January 31/15, we dropped 82 members, and had an additional 16 transfer to the great Lions Club in the sky. These few we have no control over and I know that we wish we could have them back again.

But what about the other 82? Granted some have moved to different locations, and if so, why not a transfer in place of dropped.

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I personally do not like the reason, dropped in good standing. Why? If that person is a good Lion, why the resignation. Has the work pattern changed and they are no longer able to make meetings? Changes from LCI are such that working projects are as important as attending meetings, so why loose a member over the ability to attend meetings, which may change back again down the road.

Nonpayment of dues is another area that needs to be looked at. Has there been a change at home that necessities that this take place? Can something be done to help this individual? Worthy of consideration rather than just dropping this member.

The "other" reason is just a cop out as far as I am concerned, and should not be there as a reason for dropping a member.

Lions all, let's see if we cannot close the door to a lot of these drops.

Also in looking over the time some of these drops occur, a lot between 6 and 9 months, are we being fair to these members? Are we telling them the full story of what is expected of them both before they join and also after they join along with orientation session after they become members.

Lions, I do appreciate all your efforts to increase membership and many times circumstances change and all we can do is ASK 1 and KEEP 1.

#### **PCC Stewart MacDonald Global Leadership Team**

District N 1 GLT Coordinator Report = New Maryland Cabinet Meeting

District Governor Susan, First Vice District Governor Doug, Second Vice District Governor Brennon, CST Lion Heather, all other head table guests and Lions all and other guests.

Since my last report at the Summerside Cabinet meeting the Zone chair that was planned for Salisbury at their club was cancelled to many lions having other commitments on that day.

We held a member orientation session at the Nashwaaksis Lions club for zone eleven organized by Zone chair Anna Mae Basque on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

On January 24<sup>th</sup> Lion Heather and I completed a Club Excellence Program at the Bouctouche Lions Club.

I have attended a zone meeting of zone two and encouraged their clubs to organize a membership orientation session.

I have attempted to contact zone 1 but have not had a response from that zone as of yet.

I have been in contact with the Saint-Leolin Lions Club and they have requested help with information and operation of their Lions Club. I have copied the information in French as there is only one member of their club who can speak English. Lion Marc Cormier is going to assist with the presentation of the information to their club sometime in March or April.

I will, immediately, be working on the officers School training in Saint John in April. We will have sessions for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership chairs, Zone Chairs, and Past District Governors and what is expected of them.

#### **The Faculty Development Institute**

Quality leadership is key to the future of Lions Clubs International. The Faculty Development Institute program is dedicated to the expansion of our pool of skilled Lions faculty who can deliver leadership training in a professional,

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educationally sound manner and provide continuity and consistent quality leadership training at all levels of the association. The curriculum encompasses the skills and concepts that impact the quality of training delivery and ultimately the effectiveness of LCI's leadership development programs.

The 2014-2015 Faculty Development Institute for qualified Lions in Constitutional Area I & II - United States of America, Its Affiliates, Bermuda & the Bahamas & Canada will be conducted on May 31 - June 3, 2015 in Oak Brook, Illinois, USA.

Candidates must complete the application found online in the [Leadership Resource Center](#) that includes a recommendation form that must be signed by the applicant's district governor, Global Leadership Team multiple district / district coordinator and council chairperson.

Candidates for participation are those Lions who have some experience serving as faculty at Lions training events and who would benefit from this instructional skill refinement course (Lions with extensive experience as Lions faculty or as professional trainers are not recommended for this institute but are welcome to apply). Candidates must have demonstrated basic instructional skills during training seminars along with a keen interest to further develop those skills.

Lions participating in this four-day course will be required to conduct a training event within 6 (six) months of the institute, in order to be considered a graduate of the FDI program.

Form FDI 801 must be Completed and returned by **March 17, 2015**

**I have been requested to distribute the applications to appropriate candidates and request that they be submitted to the Institutes & Seminars Department.** Consultation with the leaders in each local area, along with past international board members is strongly encouraged. The Leadership Division will review all recommendations submitted and will select forty (40) qualified participants total, striving to have as many districts represented as possible. This institute will be conducted in English.

### Development Programs

#### Webinar Tutorial – How to Be a Participant

Unsure what a webinar is and how to participate in one? In the search box on top right hand corner of the Lions page type in webinar and it will take you to information on webinars and you can experience an interactive tutorial that explains what a webinar is and the necessary steps to participate in a webinar. By the end of this tutorial you will be more confident in registering for a webinar, logging in, and becoming an active participant.

#### Upcoming Membership Webinars

The Membership Development Division holds monthly membership webinars. These webinars provide an opportunity for Lions to learn about various membership programs and discuss membership topics. Webinars are conducted in English.

#### **Share the Pride of Serving! Invite Members through Service.**

Wednesday, February 25, 2015  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (CST)

#### **Lessons in Fishing: How to Reel in Younger Members**

Tuesday, March 31, 2015  
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (CDT)



**LIONS UNIVERSITY**

# Lions University

Year-Round Training Provided by the  
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



**Feb. 10, 8:00 p.m. EST** – Course 223 – District Governance [Master’s Program Elective] →  
**Feb. 19, 8:00 p.m. EST** – Course 127 – Tail-Twisting [Bachelor’s Program Elective]  
**Feb. 24, 8:00 p.m. EST** – Course 203 – Leadership Styles: Knowing Yours and How and When to Use It [Master’s Program Requirement] →  
 March 2015  
**March 3, 8:00 p.m. EST**  
**March 10, 8:00 p.m. EST** - Course 232 – Meaningful Ceremonies [Master’s Program Elective] →  
**March 17, 8:00 p.m. EST**  
**March 24, 8:00 p.m. EST** – Course 206 – Using Diplomacy [Master’s Program Requirement] →  
**March 31, 8:00 p.m. EST** - Course 103 – Club Success [Bachelor’s Program Requirement] →  
 April 2015  
**April 7, 8:00 p.m. EST** – Course 210 – Zone Chair Roles and Responsibilities [Master’s Program Requirement] –  
**April 14, 8:00 p.m. EST**  
**April 21, 8:00 p.m. EST** - Course 225 – Ethics [Master’s Program Elective] →  
**April 28, 8:00 p.m. EST**  
 May 2015  
**May 5, 8:00 p.m. EST** – Course 231 – Protocol [Master’s Program Elective] →  
**May 12, 8:00 p.m. EST**  
**May 19, 8:00 p.m. EST** – Course 227 – Public Speaking [Master’s Program Elective]  
**May 26, 8:00 p.m. EST**  
 June 2015  
**June 2, 8:00 p.m. EST** – Course 202 – Succession Planning [Master’s Program Requirement] →  
**June 9, 8:00 p.m. EST** → Course 129 – Lions Clubs International Foundation [Bachelor’s Program Elective] –  
**June 16, 8:00 p.m. EST** → Course 229 – Motivation [Master’s Program Elective] →  
**June 26-30** – 98th Lions Clubs International Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii →

## September 2015

**Sept. 17-19** – USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Grand Rapids, Michigan

### Your Club, Your Way

[The Your Club, Your Way guide](#) will help you customize your club meetings to better suit the needs and lifestyles of your club members. It includes a simple, fun exercise to help determine which elements of your meeting to keep and what to change, as well as a process for phasing in change. DA-YCYW

*If everyone is moving  
forward together, then success  
takes care of itself.  
Henry Ford*

Respectively submitted

District N1 GLT Coordinator;

PCC Stewart MacDonald

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Lion Harold Borden announced that the St. Marys Indian Nation will be holding a Bingo yearly in support of Diabetes, their bingo usually generates (7500.00) for charities and or fundraisers. This is a wonderful addition to our donations to Diabetes. The donation will be made in the name of District N-1 Lions.

PDG Boyd provided a copy of the report of the Ron Evans Bursery Fund \$ 30,541.35 is the present balance.

Constitution and By Laws Lion Jim Aucoin, Copies of Notice of Motions for the Annual meeting are at the back of the room. These notices will be presented at that time. On the committee is also Lion Don Smith and PCC Bev Semple.

**Notice of Motion # 1                      Peace Poster Contest**

Amend the District N-1 Policy Manual as follows:

- Rename Appendix N to Peace Poster Contest
- Add the following language to Appendix N:

The Peace Poster Contest awards structure shall be as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$100.00 plus plaque
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize           \$ 50.00 plus plaque
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize           \$ 25.00 plus plaque

**Notice of Motion # 2                      Peace Poster Contest**

Amend the District N-1 Policy Manual as follows:

- Add the following language to Appendix N:

All Peace Poster submissions must be received by the District Governor no later than the date of the November Cabinet Meeting of each contest year.

**Notice of Motion # 3                      Diabetes Cavalcade**

Amend the District N-1 Policy Manual as follows:

- Add the following language to Appendix E-1:

Insert in the District N-1 list of awards with criteria:

Diabetes Cavalcade Donation                      B

- Insert under General:

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The awards in Category B run from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. The award(s) in this criteria shall be presented at the 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting following June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

- Create a new section under Awards Criteria as follows:

Diabetes Cavalcade Donation

This award is presented to the Lions Club, in good standing, making the largest donation per capita.

#### **Notice of Motion # 4**

#### **Nominations From The Floor**

Amend the District N-1 Bylaws at Article 1 Section 3 b) (i) as follows:

- Insert the following language:

Any Lion who moves or seconds the nomination of a Lion for the position of Zone Chair or Region Chair (if utilized), from the floor of the Annual Convention, must be a voting delegate from a Club in good standing in that Zone or Region (if utilized). Should more than one Lion be nominated, prompting an election, only those voting delegates from a Club in good standing in that Zone or Region (if utilized) may cast a ballot.

#### **Recommended Actions:**

I recommend the following concerns be forwarded to the Long Range Planning Committee for consideration and recommendation to Cabinet:

1. Selection process for the CDA Director (NB and PEI).
2. Selection process for the LFC Director (NB and PEI).
4. Number of speakers permitted at the Annual District Speakout.

Lion Jim outlined generally, the first Peace Poster prizes structure and the second one with the dates for the delivery of the Peace Poster submissions to the sitting District Governor to be no later than the cabinet meeting in November.

Next to the Diabetes Cavalcade Trophy be revisited to a different date to include all monies pledged for the Lions year instead of just funds received up until the date of the Cavalcade.

Number 4 Nominations from the floor, Lion Jim announced that DG Susan will ask for a ruling from LCI on this as all delegates usually vote on all matters at the annual convention.

Next Recommendations to go to Long Range Planning:



The district Governor solicited applications from the provinces for the position of CDA.

LFC Director Selection process to review by Long Range Planning as well

Number of Speak out Contestants to allow more contestants from each Zone.

Lion Paul Matheson, is this new to have only delegates vote from that Zone, do we only have voting delegates. Lion Norah replied that it is a change because you have to be a voting delegate from that Zone. Lion Paul said at one time you could not vote unless you were a voting delegate but you could make a motion even if you were not a voting delegate. DG Susan said it is a major change and she does not believe it is in synch with LCI rules. PCC Rod said this takes the voice of the Lions away and this is not the purpose of having a convention. The Constitution says that PDG all have a vote and the way this is written it takes away the PDG's privilege to vote. Lion Jim asked that if we remove the word delegate. DG Susan is going to ask LCI.

PDG Jan mentioned that maybe we should look at Certificates instead of plaques for the Speak out prizes. The other concern is the selection process for the LFC director, the selection process is set out by LFC which is not a part of the District but an arm of LCI. We are to come to the district meeting and ask for submissions from Lions this time we had 4 submissions why are we going to the DG now. Why does this go to our district. Lion Don clarified why this item was brought out to see if there is a process the District should have.

PDG Jan advised that NB & PEI have the same rules, would you like a copy of LFC Constitution & By Laws, Lion Norah said both are separate entities.

Lion Norah moved items 1&2 (to go to LRP) be removed DG Susan seconded by Lion Jim motion carried. DG Susan thanked Constitution & By Laws.

Reports sent to CST

District N1 Information & Technology Report  
Winter Cabinet , Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 2015

Website is running smoothly, as requested items are posted.

DG Visitations updated on the Calendar Tab as required.

Little activity has been shown on Facebook.

Respectively Submitted

Lion Reg House

District N1 IT Chairperson

District N1 Leo Report

Winter Cabinet Meeting Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 2015

District N1 Leos are presently made up of, 13 members at Portage Atlantic Leos Club. Activities are scheduled around class activities. Lion Lorraine Pollock dedicates many hours to ensure the interest is maximized for the residents of Portage.

Cambridge Narrows Leo Club are organizing a dance at the Jemseg Lions Club. The interest is very high in both the lions and leos clubs. I am looking forward to seeing this club excel, under the watchful eye of their club president.

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St Stephen Lions Club had shown interest in forming a Leo club, but the one and only lion interest was discouraged to attempt it alone.

Respectively Submitted

Lion Reg House

District n1 Leo Chair

District N1 Public Relations Report

Winter Cabinet, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 2015

Due to some negative publicity surrounding the incident at Nackawic Lions, a campaign was launched to ensure that the potential negativity of this sad event, would not spread.

Under the direction of DG Susan, an article was posted in the Times & Transcript newspaper as well as a letter to the editor in all major centers of NB. I requested the PE newspapers to follow suite, but no confirmation was received stating that there was anything published.

A plan is in place to ensure that our Convention receives some notice in April 2015 in Saint John.

Respectively Submitted

Lion Reg House

District N1 PR Chairperson

District N1 CDA Lions Liaison Report

Winter Cabinet Report. Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 2015

The Canadian Diabetes Association in conjunction with Lions of NB conducted a successful Tag Day fundraiser during the Fall months of 2014. A total of \$1502.21 was raised by seven clubs. Various methods of fundraising took place, as clubs sought ways of helping such a worthy cause. Thank you to all.

2015 Cavalcade planning is well under way, as Lion Cindi is lining up an event to bring more public awareness to the forefront, by conducting a walk that includes the public and lions alike. Watch for a poster along with details very soon.

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Reg House

N1 NB CDA Liaison

Cavalcade Report

Sorry I won't be at Saturdays meeting our club will be at Riverview winter carnival and I am in

charge of the sleigh rides 😊 just a short update about the May 9th Diabetes Awareness Day. We have lots of things in the planning stage. Our hall will be open at 9 in the morning for lions and their families to gather and have a small breakfast of homemade waffles and fruit. Our parking lot is big enough for everyone to decorate their cars for the drive over to the chocolate

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river station where we will all get out of our cars and walk along the Riverview park to the bridge and back. we are trying to include the community in this walk by offering a free trip for 2 by VIA to Toronto....anyone...lions included that puts money into the bucket gets to put their name down for the trip. We will draw the winner after lunch that day. After the walk we will go back to the lions club for entertainment and a bbq. Blood screening and diabetic information will be available.

More than 250 million people suffer from diabetes globally. The international health community expects that diabetes will affect 380 million by 2025. We need to get out there and bring awareness for this terrible disease.

Hope to see many of you there...I encourage anyone with families to bring them along for the walk...let's make this a fun family day.

Lion Cindi Beaumont

#### ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

FEBRUARY 2015

With the recent snowstorms, I realize it is hard to believe that spring is on its way. But have no fear, spring is inevitable.

In the next few weeks, while we are waiting for the snow to subside and disappear, it will give us some time to think about new projects for the spring.

Either individually or as a club, let us begin to make a list of environmental projects for the upcoming season. Let's clean house:

- empty those cluttered garages;
- clean out those over-crowded closets;
- get rid of unwanted objects hanging around;
- tidy up those messy drawers, which contain everything but the kitchen sink; and
- spruce up your backyard.

Remember to reuse and recycle.

You can make a difference and we as a club can help keep our planet clean.

The **environment** is one of the very few things we have some control over. If you do not want to protect it for yourself, at least protect it for future generations. They will appreciate it.

If you or your club is participating in an environmental project, let us and the community know.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Paul Matheson  
Environmental Chairperson

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PDG Denzil gave his speak out report including that we have French Speak out contestants if he knows in advance so we can have proper judges in place and questioners. He is organizing the project for the Annual Convention.

PDG Jan gave her report on the Foundation, the Dog Walk continues to raise significant funds from the District as well as the donations from clubs. PDG Jan also said we need new younger members. The annual report from LFC is on line. We have one club in this District that has donated 15K and North Rustico has donated 5K. He had \$31,576.76 donated via the dog walk. PDG Jan announced the clubs that participated in the Walk. One new project is the Dog Bowling, February 21<sup>st</sup> is Blind Bowling at Nackawic. PDG Jan's replacement is Lion Margaret Laking, is a great Margaret she understands the program and her husband has had 4 dogs and she is a grief counsellor for pet. PDG Jan told a story of her daughter and a fellow worker who were talking and she found that his brother just received a black lab from the Foundation for his autistic brother, you never know when or where this will happen. Keep your money rollin and we will keep the dog's agoing.

DG Susan asked for other committee reports.

Lion Jim Aucoin advised Peace Poster kits are available now and it is a good time to get this into the schools before the end of the school year and this gives the children more time to get involved.

DG Susan says she cannot announce the winner but she has not been able to get a response on that information.

Lion Marg Dressaire Cultural and Community Activities thanked the Lions for sending their reports. LFC Chair Lion Karen advised they sold \$680.00 worth of clothing for the day!!

Lion Bill ODonnell advised the permanent name for the Newsletter is N-1 Paw Prints, judging panel was DG Susan, and senior cabinet. The Newsletter is coming out in the next few days he will be working on it over the next few days. There will be one out prior to convention as well. Next deadline February 27<sup>th</sup>

DG Susan made the choice for the name.

## **Community and Cultural Committee Report**

### **November, December 2014 / January 2015**

The Lions of District N-1 continue to serve all members of their communities. Clubs offer assistance to the young, seniors, disabled, the sick, mentally challenged and the less fortunate of our society.

The members of different Clubs throughout the District give assistance to soup kitchens and other community events. We give to school breakfast programs, as well as, our contributions to school supplies and equipment. Our Lions Clubs give the children of Middle and High Schools the opportunity to participate in the Peace Poster and Public Speaking Contests.

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We rent our facilities to members of our communities for private functions. We give the use of our Clubs to seniors to play cribbage, cards, darts, and to hold exercise classes. During the month of December, many Clubs express their appreciation of the time given by volunteers with a special dinner. Recently during the International Week of Service Celebrations, some Clubs provided a free breakfast to their community schools.

We raise funds in our communities and we pay back. We support Guide Dogs ( LFC), CNIB, Diabetes Association, Portage, Nazareth House, Stan Cassidy Foundation, Cancer Research, Heart & Stroke Association, Autism Society and local Fire Departments. We provide aid to those who need assistance for medical appointments, fuel, food and families who have lost everything in fire.

We continually raise money for food drives and food hampers for Christmas. Some members are committed to collecting toys for children of needy families. There are dances and Christmas parties sponsored by Lions for the young where Santa arrives and distributes gifts and treats for all present. Christmas is a special time when Lions spend hours giving joy to those most needy around us and to our volunteers, our young and to our very young at heart.

Our Lions are ever serving the youth with their support of Girl Guides, Cadets, Boys & Girls Clubs, basketball, volleyball, and hockey teams. They contribute to school trips and any needs of our schools. Some Clubs keep in touch with the Communities by producing monthly newsletters.

Lions love “to serve” and that is what we do. We should all be proud of the wonderful work we do and know that members of our communities are grateful for the services we offer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Marg Dressaire  
Barkers Point Northside Lions Club

Old Business:

Eye Glass Recycling, VDG Brennan reported that the beginning steps have been taken for an eye glass recycle center in Prince Edward Island. The contacts have been made with the group, 12 steps, who will process the glasses as well as the Lions in Zone 2. This is all very progressive and will make our recycle of glasses more effective. Cost is not an issue and work is not an issue. Zone 2 gave 100% support.

VDG Brennan made the following motion:

*District N-1 will to give their moral support as did the other three Districts of Multiple District N to go ahead with the eye glass recycling center seconded by Lion Gary Rideout, on the question, all in favor..Motion carried.*

We have an application from Portage to send to LCIF for a grant application for the building of the new fitness center. PCC Rod presented the information on the application. The Lions in this district have long

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been supportive of Portage and the programs at the center. It is a matching grant that requires matching funds of \$75,000.00 there is already 50K raised for that grant application and Portage will be raising the funds and approaching the clubs in the District. There was discussion on the application, the Lions

agreed to support the application. Moved by PCC Rod seconded by PCC Stewart, motion carried. The Moncton Lions have pledged \$1000.00 and challenged the rest of the clubs to participate.

There will be a ballot vote for support of PCC Rod to proceed to Candidate for International Director. The time has past and this must be presented as a vote again along with other votes for elections. Lion Dale Carter has had to resign his position due to work commitments and DG Susan has asked PDG Luke to take the position of Election Chair, which he has accepted.

Lion Paul Matheson advised he is chair of the charter night and it will be May 16<sup>th</sup> in Newcastle. More info will follow.

New Maryland is having a ladies night out more information will follow.

DG Susan asked about the Saturday Cabinet meeting and lions seemed to like that.

50/50 tickets winner Lion Leslie from Dorchester

Moved by Lion Gerry Forsythe to Adjourn.

Respectively Submitted

CST Heather