

LIONS OF GEORGIA - DISTRICT 18-F
MINUTES OF FIRST CABINET MEETING
JULY 26, 2008, COVINGTON, GEORGIA

District Governor Richard Henderson called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

PCC Richard Brown did the invocation in the place of PDG Don Glover.

VDG Harvey Ware led the Pledge of Allegiance.

District Governor Richard welcomed everyone to the recently renovated Covington Lions Club house and introduced Council Chair Kembra L. Smith, District Secretary June Phillips, VDG Harvey Ware, District Treasurer Paul May was absent. Also introduced Club President of Covington Lion John Braden.

John Braden, President of Covington Lions Club welcomed everyone to Covington.

DG Richard indicated that District Secretary June had 2008-2009 State Directories to distribute. All Chairs, Presidents and Secretaries present should pick up their copies. CC Kembra (PDG) to distribute the remaining towels from 2007-2008 to her cabinet. Any remaining towels will be donated to Lions Camp for the Blind. DG Richard advised with regret that the Decatur Lioness Club disbanded and the recent passing of its President, Martha Manning. DG also commented that all positions in 18F have been filled with the exception of Zone VIII Chair and the Southeastern Guide Dog Chair. He asked that anyone interested in those positions to please contact him.

DG spoke about 2008-2009 International President Al Brandel, who was installed in Bangkok. He is from New York, he was a former police officer. IP Brandel's theme is "Miracles through Service". He read one of IP's quotes, "The real modern-day heroes may never be on TV or have a book written about them, but the things they do, like bringing a food basket, put a smile on somebody's face. Lions Clubs are making a big impact in people's lives. My role is to let everybody know the miracles happening around the world - and that they can make miracles happen in their backyard."

DG went on to talk about his motto, Service with Pride. He is proud to be a Lion and that everyone in the District should be proud to be a Lion. He wanted all Lions to wear their Lion pins everywhere they go, and show their pride in being a Lion. Be prepared to answer questions about Lionism and know what the Lion pin means. Go out and do service projects in our community, or, join with other organizations to sponsor a service project; be respected in one's community. Be seen, publicize Lionism in our communities. Membership in the U. S. has been declining, but, we have had an overall 20,000 increase in membership around the world. DG believes that the membership in 18F can be increased through lots of publicity and leadership in local Lions.

DG Richard asked how many clubs car pooled to the cabinet meeting. P.C. Bill Craig of Centerville Lions and V.G. Harvey of Warner Robins both car pooled with 4 in their cars. DG Richard had one prize to award. PID Beverly was asked to pick a number from 1 through 10. PCC Bill picked 1 and VDG picked 5. The winning number was 9, and V.G.'s club won a tote bag from the International Convention with \$5.00 for gas.

DG went over his seven simple goals for this year:

1. 100% of clubs receive District Governor's Club of Excellence Award.
2. Establish one new club, one LEO club, and one Campus club.
3. Increase diversity in membership reflective of the clubs' communities.
4. Increase positive club images within their communities through local service projects and effective use of news media.
5. Promote pride in and contribution to state and international Lions programs through increased information to all members.
6. Increase in participation by club members and leaders at Lions leadership trains at the district, multi-district, or international levels.
7. Every club will conduct a self evaluation of the quality of its meetings, service projects, and public relations in order to be the best possible at serving with pride.

Next DG Richard went over the DG Club of Excellence Award. The form is to be completed once a year and it is in the District Directory. The requirements are positive net gain in membership; contribute monetarily in five of the seven projects; submit all MMRs, PU-101 and pay International and District dues on time; have representation at all zone meetings, district and state conventions; conduct and publicize at least one service project; hold one major fund raiser. They also need to be explained and included in the activity reports; submit monthly activity report on time each month.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary presented the May 17, 2008 and May 18, 2008 cabinet meeting minutes for approval. Upon motions and seconds, the May 17, 2008 minutes were approved with correction and the May 18, 2008 minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

DG Richard presented the 2008-2009 proposed budget for District Treasurer Paul May who was absent. After some discussion regarding district fund raiser and CSFII line items, DG proposed that tuition be paid for the second VDG (when we have one), to attend the Southeastern Leadership Institute training. Upon motion and second, both the proposed budget and the proposal to subsidize tuition for second VDG to attend SELI were approved.

The \$3.00 per capita discretionary dues was passed upon motion and second.

Installation of 2008-2009 Cabinet Members: "Heart of Miracles"

PID Beverly Roberts installed all Committee Chairs present as a group.

The following Zone Chairs were installed:

Larry Knox, Zone II Chair
Bonnie Martin, Zone III Chair
Ken Herbst, Zone V Chair

J.C. Coefield, Zone VI Chair
David Hastings, Zone VII Chair
Lee Cronan, Zone I Chair was absent
Burl Johnson, Zone IV Chair was absent
Zone VIII Chair is vacant

The following 2008-2009 Cabinet Officers were installed:

June Phillips, District Secretary
Olin Newby, District Librarian
Harvey Ware, VDG
Kembra Smith, Cabinet Advisor
Richard Henderson, DG
Paul May, District Treasurer was absent

All officers were asked to stand to say the pledge of office.

CC Kembra gave a brief report on the 91st International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand. DG Richard also commented that the Bangkok convention was probably the best organized.

Tail Twister Pat Henry was unable to attend. PCC Bill Craig substituted in Pat's place and collected \$51.01. A motion was made for the funds to go into the DG's Discretionary Fund. Motion was seconded and passed.

District Reports:

Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind and Send-A-Kid-To-Camp - PDG Olin indicated that the Camp is having a great season so far; he asked that all clubs try to include in the club's budget a \$200 to \$225 for send-a-kid-to-camp and also encourage everyone to send their contributions to support the camp, the vision impaired children and adults, and to start planning for next year's support of the camp. The camp has great leadership this year and is also in the process of finding a new Camp Director. He asked that all clubs send in the names of their Associate Directors to the camp.

Used Eyeglasses/Recycling - PDG Ken Massingales reported that 101,087 pairs of glasses have been shipped through June 30, 2008. The recycling program is doing really well. From the recycling of gold frames etc. we have \$13,447.00. There is a need to increase the collection of costume jewelry, gold watch bands and gold chains. In September of 2007, received \$1,000.00 from TBS Pathfinder Award and got lots of publicity on TV. There was also an article published in the November 2007 issue of Senior News. Has some more work to do and then he will be caught up.

A 10-minute break was called by DG Richard. Refreshments were provided by the Covington Lions Club. Thank you.

District Reports cont.

Georgia Lions Lighthouse: District Director Mary Goldenburg reported the Lighthouse is very busy gearing up for September 5-7, 2008 meeting in Macon State College. Encourage the clubs to send in the names of their Associate Directors. Mary also talked about the clubs doing eye screenings as their service projects. If clubs want to be trained on eye screening, the Lighthouse staff will be available to do the training. The eye screening machines can be shipped to any club who is interested in doing an eye screening project. She and the staff will be available to do presentations as well.

Leader Dog: Lion Bob Diebold reported that he will be attending the Leader Dog school for the September 11-14, 2008 training. Encouraged all clubs to continue to contribute to Leader Dog and thanked the Lions for their continued support of Leader Dog.

Campus Club: PDG Coke Geddings, Chair of Campus Club, reported that the Campus Lions club is in its second year of the program, but this is a new Lions project in our district. The establishment of a Campus Lions club is a way to gain membership. It allows the students an opportunity to network with the community, meet new people and learn new skills. A Campus Lions Club would be a regular Lions club with all the same rights and privileges common to all Lions, not a junior or affiliate club. Coke encouraged clubs with college/university in their midst to contact the school and form a Campus Lions club with a local Lions club as sponsor.

Leo Club: Chair David Murray reported that DG's goal was to have one new Leo club added. As of now, there are three (3) Leo clubs that are at the Advisors stage, and David is confident that two will be chartered, and it will exceed DG's goal. David also mentioned that DG Richard had emailed him that there is a \$2,000.00 grant that is available for multiple district to hold a Leo Conference. He will be pursuing that. David encouraged all clubs to try to setup Leo Clubs and he is available to assist and talk to the clubs about the creation of Leo clubs.

Alert Team: No report. PDG Carpenter had to leave early.

MERL Team: PDG Jon Winters spoke on behalf of the team. Jon introduced the other MERL team members, PCC Bill Craig for Membership, PCC Richard Brown for Extension, PDG Debbie Cope for Retention and himself for Leadership. The team will be working with DG and VDG to form a new club in 18F and they will be enlisting the Zone Chairs' help. All MERL team members are available to do programs.

Peace Poster Contest: No report. Chair was absent.

District Newsletter: Lion Kimberly McCoy, our new editor, indicated that she is a fairly new Lion, but, she is learning a lot about the Lions. Encouraged all clubs to send her articles, news and pictures of their club projects each month. She asked that the clubs send their materials to her by the 24th of each month and she would publish as much as she can in the monthly newsletter. She thanked people for their feedback on the first issue of the newsletter. She hopes to get the August issue out in a couple of weeks.

District Reports cont.

District Fund Raiser: District Fund Raiser Buddy Adams of the Covington Club related the goal of the fund raiser is to raise \$5,000.00. The prize will be a Primo Grill. He passed out information on the rules of the fund raiser, a score board tally sheet and a photo image of the Primo Grill. Goal is for each club member to sell five \$5.00 tickets. Each club will be given tickets based on the club's July 1, 2008 membership, and that number will not change. The winning club award will be based on the highest percentage above 100%. The club with the highest percentage above 100% will receive a free dinner for the club prepared by a member of the Primo Pro Chef team at its meeting. Drawing will be held during the District Convention in March, 2009. Fund Raiser information, rules and a running tally will be available for viewing on the District Web site www.galionsdistrict18f.org and information will also be published in the monthly Newsletter. He suggested a club chair be appointed to handle the ticket sales. Monies should be sent to District Treasurer Paul May, 193 Lakecrest Dr., Milledgeville, GA 31061. For additional tickets or inquiries, contact Buddy Adams, 7123 Dogwood Ct., Covington, GA 30014. H: 770-786-3995; Office: 678-625-5112. Email: badams@airconspec.com.

Information Technology/Website: Webmaster Lion Kevin Walsh reported that the district website for 2008-2009 is up and running. All information relating to the district and the clubs can be viewed by clicking on the hyperlinks. There are two new items on the website this year, one is the Lion article where Lions have been featured in their local papers or on TV. Kevin will post it under the Lion Article tab. The current one is featuring J.C. Coefield of the Centerville Lions. He asked the clubs to send him club information if they want it posted on the club's individual web page. Any questions, suggestions or comments, he can be reached at k_walsh@shi-pm.com. District web site is at www.galionsdistrict18f.org.

District Convention: Chair Chuck Knarr of the Oxford Lions reported that the District Convention will be hosted by the Oxford Lions on March 6-7, 2009 at the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center. He hopes that the event would be family oriented. More information will be forthcoming in the months ahead.

Diabetes Awareness: Chair Larry Willard of the Oxford club reported that diabetes is one of the leading causes for blindness. He is a diabetic for the last 15 years. He gave a program at the Centerville Lions Club last week, and he is available to do programs for the clubs. He just needs a week's notice.

USA/Canada Forum: VDG Harvey will be attending with his wife. He said he has never been to one. He spoke about the district will attempt to find someone for a second VDG. He would like to have a second VDG who would be able to assist him next year when he becomes the DG. If anyone is interested in the position, to please contact either DG Richard or him.

Cabinet Advisor's Remarks: CC Kembra advised that she did not have much to report. The Council will be doing their due diligence to find a candidate for second VDG. This is a new requirement that came out of Lions International, and the district will follow the directive.

CSFII Closing Report: PCC Bill Craig advised that LCI met their goal on CSFII contribution and District 18F was a part of it. PCC Bill thanked the clubs who participated in this campaign and helped International meet its extended goal. We did not reach our goal, but, we did reach 80% of our goal-\$106,727.41. That was with 75% of club participation. DG Richard gave a \$1,000 check for CSFII that was budgeted last year and cleared that item from this year's budget.

DG Richard commented that for \$6.00's contribution we save someone's eyesight. It was a great program and he was glad that 18F participated in CSFII.

DG Richard called upon David Murray of the Sparta Club to congratulate his club on their club's 80th celebration.

DG Richard mentioned that the next cabinet meeting will be in Centerville.

PCC Richard Brown directed our attention to a painting of a lion on the wall of the club house. The painting was done by a local painter, and Covington may decide to hold a raffle on the painting either at the district or the state convention.

DG Richard dismissed the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

DISTRICT 18-F CABINET MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD
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THESE NUMBERS BELOW ARE BASED STRICTLY FROM THE CABINET MEETING ATTENDANCE SIGN-IN SHEETS. THOSE WHO WERE PRESENT BUT DID NOT SIGN-IN ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS TABLE.

District Governor	1 (Oxford)
Vice District Governor	1 (Warner Robins)
Council Chair	1 (North Decatur)
Cabinet Secretary	1 (No. Decatur)

Clubs:	PRES.	SEC.	TREAS.	MEMBERS
Augusta Garden City		X		1 (2 total)
Chinese-American	X			0 (1 total)
Centerville				4 (4 total)
Conyers	X	X		1 (3 total)
Covington	X		X	13 (15 total)
Decatur	X	X	X(same as Pres)	0 (2 total)
Evans	X	X		0 (2 total)
Hephzibah	X	X	X	1 (4 total)
LaVista				1 (1 total)
Louisville				1 (1 total)
Madison		X		0 (1 total)
Milledgeville	X	X		1 (3 total)
National Hills	X			2 (3 total)
North Decatur	X			5 (6 total)
Oxford	X	X	X	3 (6 total)
Social Circle				2 (2 total)
Sparta				1 (1 total)
Thomson Camellia City	X			1 (2 total)
W.R. Houston Peaches				1 (1 total)
Warner Robins	X			3 (4 total)
Warner Robins Noon	X			0 (1 total)
Washington				1 (1 total)
	13	8	1	2
				42/ 66

Grand total: 66
Clubs: 22

27 people attended the Presidents' training taught by PDG Jon Winters and CC Kembra Smith.