

LIONS OF GEORGIA - DISTRICT 18-F  
MINUTES OF SECOND CABINET MEETING  
NOVEMBER 8, 2008, CENTERVILLE, GEORGIA

Twenty-two Lions representing 10 clubs attended the 11:00 a.m. training session "Keeping Good Members" presented by PDG Debbie Cope.

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

PDG Don Glover did the invocation.

VDG Harvey Ware led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Centerville Lions Club President Hugh Nelson welcomed everybody to Centerville.

District Governor Richard welcomed everyone and introduced PID Beverly Roberts, Council Chair Kembra L. Smith, PCC Sandy Mercer, VDG Harvey Ware, District Secretary June Phillips and District Treasurer Paul May. Also acknowledged Frank Spinney, Camp President and Lighthouse District Director Mary Goldenburg.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary presented the July 26, 2008 cabinet meeting minutes for approval. Upon motion and second, the First Cabinet Meeting minutes was approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

District Treasurer Paul May presented the treasurer's report from 7/1/08 through 11/7/08. Paul indicated that 18F is doing very well. We are actually under budget. Total funds available \$13,287.18. Total expenses as of 11/7/08 is \$9,066.13. Check book balance \$4,221.05. Upon motion and second, the treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

Remarks:

PID Beverly Roberts welcomed some of the new faces in the audience, particularly members of the Madison Lions Club. She presented the IPP Mahendra Amarasuriya's pin to each new member and leaders of the Madison Lions.

PID Roberts also indicated that 18F membership is below 1250. For a District to be in good standing, we must have 1250 members. We need to increase our membership numbers and the MERL team will speak to that later.

District Reports:

Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind and Send-A-Kid-To-Camp - PDG Olin reported on the Camp meeting last weekend, also reported that the Camp has a new Director and new staff onboard and they are doing a fantastic job. However, the Camp is lacking funds. Encouraged the clubs' B/D to include some funds for the Camp in their budgets. Olin also announced that the Christmas Camp will be the first week of December. The Camp decided to do a raffle fund raiser this year. The prize will be a John Deere Gator,

or \$5,000.00. He has the raffle tickets with the names of the clubs. He asked everyone to pick them up at the back of the room. \$100.00 check from Milledgeville Lions, DG Henderson donated \$100.00, Oxford Lions donated \$200.00. Thomson Lions donated \$1,100.00, but has not received that check yet.

Used Eyeglasses/Recycling - PDG Ken Massingale reported that he is all caught up. With the help of a group of mentally-challenged students who volunteered, has shipped 6,000 pairs of glasses so far. A shipment of 8,000 pairs of sunglasses was sent to Rome and these will be shipped to Russia. Still need gold or gold-plated jewelry to recycle.

Georgia Lions Lighthouse - District Director Mary Goldenburg reported that the Lighthouse had its meeting a few weeks ago. The money invested with Synovus is secure and safe. Lighthouse has almost used up their quota for hearing aids. Lighthouse staff member Sharifa is doing a great job with the hearing aid program. Lighthouse has two more years to use up the funds from PSC. Milledgeville Lions donated \$500.00.

PCC Sandy Mercer thanked everyone for the cards and prayers for the passing of his sister. Sandy reported that he found out that Sandersville EMC gives grants to charitable organizations. He also reported that Washington EMC gave a grant of \$3,000.00 to the GA Lions Lighthouse and \$2,500.00 grant to the GA Lions Camp for the Blind, but, the Sandersville Lions Club will donate \$500.00 towards the grant for the Camp, so that the Camp will also receive \$3,000.00. He will pick up the checks.

Leader Dog - DG Richard reported that Leader Dog Chair Bob Diebold was in training, and he will be receiving a GPS device that will help him to get around. The device costs about \$27,000. CC Kembra reported that Bob only has to pay \$2,800.00 out-of-pocket.

MERL Team - CC Kembra reported on behalf of the MERL Team. She reported about the Extension meeting that took place simultaneously with the Retention Workshop which was presented by PDG Debbie Cope. 18F has received a grant from LCI to have an extension workshop on January 28-30th, 2009. More information will follow.

A short break was called by DG Richard. VDG Harvey Ware provided the refreshments. Thank you Harvey.

Meeting was reconvened at 1:50 p.m.

Tail Twister Time - PCC Bill Craig substituted for Tail Twister Pat Henry who was absent. PCC Bill presented a CSFII patch along with a letter from Dr. Tae-Sup Lee to the Covington Lions Club. This is a patch awarded to clubs whose members donated \$400.00 or more each. Covington is the only Lions club in 18 F who did that. The Covington Lions contributed a total of over \$113,000. PDG Debbie Cope, Lions Frank Jensen and Kevin Walsh accepted the patch on behalf of the Covington Lions.

Tail Twister had two couples doing a skit – the male member of the team telling the female member how to tie a tie. Tail Twister collected \$52.96, and upon motion and second, the money will go into the DG Discretionary Fund.

Zone Chairs' Reports - Zone VI Chair J.C. Coefield reported that he has completed all his club visits. Next Zone meeting will be next Sunday. VDG and SEG representative will be the speakers.

Zone V Chair Ken Herbst reported he visited 6 clubs, offered assistance with any problems requiring attention, distributed towels for PDG Kembra. Held first zone meeting on October 25, 2008 in Jones County Lions Club house; 16 members attended representing five clubs. Next zone meeting will be in February 2009. Milledgeville Lions has a cookbook sale going on.

Zone III Chair Bonnie Martin was unable to attend but sent her report in – Zones III & IV held a joint meeting October 7, 2008 with 8 clubs present (44 lions). VDG Harvey was the speaker. Next Zone III meeting will be on January 26, 2009 with Washington Lions hosting the meeting. Zones III and IV will have another joint meeting on March 24, 2009 with Fleming Lions Club as the host. Visited Thomson Camellia City, and will visit Harlem, Thomson and Lincoln Lions in November, and Washington Lions in December. Working on a couple of clubs to get their MMRs caught up.

DG Richard asked how many Lions carpoled to the meeting. Madison Lions won the carpool prize with 6 members in one car. Congratulations Madison. Jim Howell, Madison Lions' new President accepted the prize.

Information Technology/Website - Kevin Walsh, Web Master for 18F reported on the Lions article on the web site. The first Lion featured was J.C. Coefield, and the second Lion featured was Lion Bobby West of the Washington Lions club who made a beautiful solid oak Hope Chest and donated it to the Washington Lions Club as a fund raiser. Lion Bobby is a blind woodworker. He was blinded by shrapnel in the Vietnam combat. The second item Kevin reported was the District calendar page. It is now on the website and it list activities of clubs on various days. Check it out.

District Convention - Chuck Knarr, Chair, reported that the District Convention will be on March 6-7, 2009. It is also posted on the District web site. Mark your calendars for the dates.

USA/Canada Forum - VDG Harvey Ware reported that the 2009 Forum will be in Memphis, TN. He will be sending out more information via emails as he gets the information. He went to this year's forum, and he's looking forward to next year's. Stay tuned for more information.

#### Other Committee Reports:

Lion Doy Barks, Chair of Family-Women, reported that there are 241 female Lions and 829 Male Lions in District 18F. 32 out of the 41 clubs in 18F have female members. There are 9 clubs who do not have female members. She also reported that the family concept is fairly new. Lions is the only charitable organization in the world that offers a reduced family dues plans for families - two or more members in the same household; For example, husband and wife members, husband pays full dues as head of household, wife pays half dues, their son and daughter-in-law under the same roof pay half dues, and if they have children ages between 18-26 years old who attend college do not pay dues. If a 19 year old daughter living in the same household but does not attend college, she would pay half dues. Clubs that are interested in the family plan will have to consider the length of meetings and time of meetings to accommodate family members, particularly families with young children. The plan affords the family to have fun together and to serve their communities. It also teaches young children the value of

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volunteerism. 21 clubs in 18F already endorse the family plan. The reporting deadlines for club secretaries are November 15, 2008 and May 31, 2009. Doy will be contacting the 21 club secretaries to make sure the numbers reported to LCI are correct. Any questions, please contact Doy.

DG Richard thanked PDG Debbie Cope for presenting the Retention workshop.

Frank Spinney, Camp President, reported on Camp's wish list, Christmas Camp will be on December 5-7, 2008; Board meeting will be on 1/31- 2/1/09; Camp will be sponsoring the State Leo gathering on 2/13 - 15/09. There will be two camp work weekends on March 20-22, 2009 and April 17-19, 2009. There will also be a joint meeting of the Camp and the Lighthouse on September 11-13, 2009 in Tifton, GA. The Vice-President position for the Camp will also be open.

J.C. Coefield encouraged all clubs to hold White Cane fund raisers. The more funds raised, the more it will help vision impaired folks to learn skills and be independent from using a cane or a guide dog. J.C. introduced Don Smith, the State White Cane Chair, and asked that clubs pick up a letter from Don regarding White Cane program. He reported that the State Budget is \$167,500.00 and the District's goal is \$25,000.

PCC Sandy Mercer reported the next Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute will be held April 16-19, 2009 in Beersheba, TN. It only costs \$125.00 to attend. MDPDG Association will provide two reimbursements for anyone interested in attending. PID Roberts is one of the instructors and she does a great job of it. DG Richard also announced that the District has budgeted a scholarship for anyone interested in attending the institute. Please send applications to him if interested. It will be a great experience and leadership training for the second VDG.

Cabinet Advisor's Remarks:

CC Kembra reported her visits to the Leader Dog and Southeastern Guide Dog (SEGD). PDG Steve Hunphry will be heading up the tour the first week in December. SEGD is a little different from Leader Dog. It is the only organization that provides guide dogs to wheel chair bound people. She related her experience among a group of Harley-Davidson motorcycle riders at the SEGD and how a group of non-Lions raised \$3,800.00 during their lunch.

She encouraged everyone to attend the joint meeting of the Camp and the Lighthouse to learn what each organization does, and the volunteer opportunities. The council meeting is open to all as well, and Kembra invited everyone to attend the meetings to see what the council does on behalf of the Lions of Georgia. Kembra also reported that the Council approved State Convention sites for 2011 and 2012, and DG Richard is working on a site for 2013 in the Augusta area.

CC Kembra also reported that the Council approved a State pin for the 2009 State Convention in Jekyll Island. She introduced Ed Menger, the State Pin Coordinator. Lion Ed reported that there were 6-8 pin designs submitted, and he is in the process of getting prices for the pins from different vendors. There will be a regular and a prestige pin. He has picture of the pins if anyone is interested in seeing the design. Kevin Walsh will put the pin design on the District web site.

CC Kembra reported that the State Newspaper will be forthcoming.

CC Kembra stated that she understands the difficult economic situation, but encouraged all clubs to try to keep up with their contributions to the various Lion projects. Contribute whatever amount possible.

Announcements: DG Richard announced

- Self-evaluation form is available on the web site for clubs to participate in self-evaluation.
- DG feels very good about the District. 18F is one of the districts that has a positive membership gain.
- Try to keep club members and not drop members on non-payment of dues in this difficult economic time, but try to work with these members.
- Notify Cabinet Secretary of any changes in officers, meeting time and location.
- DG asked all clubs to file their MMRs in a timely fashion so that the membership numbers reflected in LCI's reports will be accurate.
- DG would like all Lions to receive the monthly District Newsletter. He asked members to update their email addresses and their mailing addresses so that the Newsletter Editor can email the newsletter or, mail a hard copy to those with no emails.
- DG Richard will be going to the SEGD tour in early December, and the District's new SEGD Chair, Jim Windham, will be joining him.
- The district has 49 new members and he thanked the clubs for recruiting the new members and encouraged club to continue the recruitment. The district needs to increase its membership numbers.

PDG Don Glover closed the meeting with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

DISTRICT 18-F CABINET MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

NOVEMBER 8, 2008, CENTERVILLE, GEORGIA

**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)  
Cabinet Treasurer                1 (Milledgeville)

<u>Clubs:</u>	<u>PRES.</u>	<u>SEC.</u>	<u>TREAS.</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>
<u>Centerville</u>	X			<u>4 (5 total)</u>
<u>Conyers</u>		X		<u>0 (1 total)</u>
<u>Covington</u>				<u>3 (3 total)</u>
<u>Decatur</u>	X	X	X(same as Pres)	<u>0 (2 total)</u>
<u>Hephzibah</u>	X	X	X	<u>2 (5 total)</u>
<u>LaVista</u>				<u>2 (2 total)</u>
<u>Madison</u>	X			<u>5 (6 total)</u>
<u>Milledgeville</u>	X	X	X	<u>2 (5 total)</u>
<u>North Decatur</u>				<u>2 (2 total)</u>
<u>Oxford</u>	X	X		<u>2 (5 total)</u>
<u>Sandersville</u>				<u>1 (1 total)</u>
<u>Social Circle</u>	X			<u>0 (1 total)</u>
<u>Thomson Camellia City</u>				<u>2 (2 total)</u>
<u>W.R. Houston Peaches</u>				<u>1 (1 total)</u>
<u>Warner Robins</u>				<u>2 (3 total)</u>
<u>Warner Robins Noon</u>	X			<u>1 (2 total)</u>
<u>Washington</u>				<u>1 (1 total)</u>
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Grand total: 47

Clubs: 17