

LIONS OF GEORGIA - DISTRICT 18-F
MINUTES OF FIRST CABINET MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2009, CENTERVILLE, GEORGIA

District Governor Harvey Ware called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

PDG Don Glover gave the invocation.

2nd Vice DG Larry Knox led the Pledge.

Jay Taylor of the Centerville Lions welcomed everyone to the Centerville Lions Clubhouse.

District Governor Harvey welcomed everyone and introduced the head table, PDG Jon Winters, Cabinet Treasurer, Lion June Phillips, Cabinet Secretary, Lion Larry Knox, 2nd VDG, Lion Paul May, 1st VDG, PID Dr. Beverly Roberts, PDG Richard Henderson, Cabinet Advisor.

DG Harvey presented his goals and objectives for 2009-2010. Continue to encourage 100% of clubs to receive DG's Club of Excellence Award which was started by Cabinet Advisor PDG Richard; Promote formation of two family oriented clubs. One in September 2009 and another in 6 months; Hold two extension workshops, one in two months of his term and another in six months; Encourage each club in the district to increase their membership by two new net members by the end of May 2010; Promote the recruitment of local city government officials in each location of existing Lions clubs; Reduce the percentage of dropped members in the district by 20% through training and clubs holding good and productive meetings; Promote effective orientation programs in the district and all clubs in the district.

PDG Richard Henderson presented 08-09 Club Excellence Award to Thomson Camellia City Lions Club which was inadvertently omitted at the State Convention in Jekyll Is.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary June presented the corrected June 6, 2009 Cabinet Meeting and the June 7, 2009 District Breakfast minutes for approval. Upon motion and second, both sets of minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

1st VDG Paul May (08-09 District Treasurer) presented the 08-09 year end treasurer's report Total budgeted income was \$22,395.00, came in about \$1300.00 short due failure to sell enough tickets for the district fund raiser. Total budgeted expense was \$22,152.00 and the district came \$231.32 under the budgeted expense. Upon motion and second, the year end treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

Cabinet Treasurer PDG Jon indicated the 2009-2010 Discretionary Dues @ \$3.00 per member needs to be approved prior to the approval of the 2009-2010 budget. Upon motion and second, the Discretionary dues was adopted and approved. Jon then presented the proposed 2009-2010 budget with some changes. The 08-09 balance forwarded should be \$3,796.01 versus \$3,856.01. The \$60.00 of expenditure will come out of the contingency account, making the contingency account balance to be \$1,334.21 versus \$1,394.21. Total budgeted expense being \$24,266.01. Upon motion and second, the 2009-2010 budget was approved.

Installation of 2009-2010 Cabinet Members:

PID Beverly was introduced by DG Harvey to install the 09-10 Cabinet Officers. She began by introducing our IP Eberhard Wirfs' theme for 2009-2010 - Move to Grow, with the ginkgo tree and leaf as its symbol. The ginkgo tree is a very resilient tree, with an average life span of 1,000 years. Comparing the ginkgo tree to Lions International, according to our IP, Lions International is still in its infancy. As a global organization dedicated to promoting international understanding, we must symbolically plant a ginkgo at every opportunity. The sapling has to be planted and nurtured world-wide in an appropriate manner with good soil, sunshine and water. Like a ginkgo tree, our programs must be a sustainable resource that will stand the test of time. He is always mindful of our

motto, "We Serve". We must continue to plant seeds of understanding and enduring community service and cultivate a clear and consistent message of purpose. To Move to Grow involves effort, momentum, action. Lions can achieve the unthinkable, all we have to do is to set our minds to the task at hand.

The committee chairs present were asked to introduce themselves: Kevin Walsh, District Webmaster, Covington Lions, PDG Debbie Cope, Retention, Covington Lions, Frank Jensen, Nominations & Elections, Constitution & Bylaws, Resolutions and Rules and District Awards, Covington Lions, Anne Wheeler, Anne Sullivan, Covington Lions, Buddy Adams, District Fund Raiser, Covington Lions, Don Smith, Hearing, Speech Action & Deaf and White Cane, La Vista Lions, Bill Craig, District Tail Twister, Centerville Lions, Jay Taylor, Membership, Centerville Lions, Lou Ware, Diabetes & All State Band, Warner Robins Lions, PDG Hank Barks, Sightfirst & Work with the Blind, Warner Robins Noon Lions, Doy Barks, Family-Women and District Breakfast, W.R. Houston Peaches Lions, PDG Olin Newby, Golden Chain, State Awards, State Uniform and Send-a-kid to Camp, Washington Lions, Vicki Hubbard, District Newsletter Editor and Public Relations, Social Circle Lions, PDG Richard Henderson, Extension and Honorary Committee and PDG Don Glover, District Chaplain. All were installed as Committee Chairs.

DG Harvey Ware, 1st VDG Paul May, 2nd VDG Larry Knox, Zones II, III, V, VI and VIII Chairs, District Secretary June Phillips and District Treasurer PDG Jon Winters and District Librarian PDG Olin Newby, and Cabinet Advisor PDG Richard Henderson were all installed as officers of the cabinet for 2009-2010.

International/Convention Report:

1st VDG Paul gave a brief report of the International Convention in Minneapolis, MN as a first-time attendee. He described some of the activities that went on during the Plenary sessions, parade, campaigning for ID Haynes Townsend, the election process and the pin traders. It was a very unique experience for him and encouraged everyone to attend one if they have never attended an International Convention.

Tail Twister:

Tail Twister PCC Bill Craig did a fantastic job of tail twisting as usual and collected \$90.00. Everyone enjoyed his entertainment. The tail twister funds will go into the DG's Discretionary Fund account.

District Reports:

Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind and Send-A-Kid-to-Camp - Lion Helen Troha, VP for GLCB, gave a Page 3 - August 8, 2009, First Cabinet Meeting Minutes

brief report of Lions Day at the camp. Every one had a good time. Theme this year is "On the Flip Side". Reported that she has raffle tickets for each club to pick up. Tickets are \$1.00 each. The Camp would like each member to sell 10 tickets. Mail money and stubs to Helen and return extra tickets to her also. Camp will also hold the Hearts are Wild Casino Night on October 3, 2009 in Marietta. Camp is also looking for clubs to sponsor a table or tables. Joint meeting of GLCB and the Lighthouse will be on September 11-13, 2009 in Tifton, GA.

PDG Olin Newby reported on Send-A-Kid-to-Camp, encouraged all clubs to budget \$150.00 for that purpose and help the campers who are less fortunate to go to the camp.

Used Eyeglasses/Recycling - PDG Ken Massingale reported that for 2008-2009, a total of 44,747 pairs of used eyeglasses were shipped to different third world countries. 800 new frames with display lenses, 800 new frames without lenses and 3,200 new uncut lenses were delivered to Dekalb Technical Optical School. Recycling income from gold frames, costume jewelry and used cell phones totaled \$7,701.50.

Lighthouse - Mary Goldenburg, Lighthouse District Director, reported that Lighthouse had a good year and thanked everyone for the Lighthouse. Mary reported that the Lighthouse now has 9 clinics throughout the State and those are doing well. She asked folks to volunteer at the Lighthouse, do eye and ear screenings. If any club

wants more information, to call her or the Lighthouse. Encourage all the clubs to do White Cane. White Cane can be done throughout the year.

There were no reports from Leader Dog, Leo Club, Alert Team or Peace Poster Contest.

MERL Team Report - Cabinet Advisor PDG Richard Henderson reported that the District has a full MERL team this year. He is the Extension Chair. Encouraged clubs to let the MERL team members know if there are areas in their clubs' vicinity that don't have Lions clubs. There are several clubs in 18F who are semi-inactive, and we need to work on those and help those clubs to get back on their feet.

He also reported that Georgia had an overall net increase in the southeast last year. There is a need to increase 18F's membership. Encouraged all Lions to proudly wear their Lion pins and be prepared to answer questions from interested folks.

District Newsletter - District Newsletter Editor Vicki Hubbard indicated that she needs the news items by the 24th of each month. She is attempting to consolidate the email addresses. Please send her any new email addresses and for those with no emails, please send her their addresses and she will mail the newsletters to them. DG Harvey thanked Vicki for doing an outstanding job with two newsletters under her belt.

District Fundraiser - District Fundraiser Buddy Adams reported that this year's fundraiser will be the same as last year's with minor changes. Based on July 1, 2009 membership numbers, each member in a club is asked to sell 5 tickets @ \$5.00 a ticket. That will be the 100% percent total for the club. A Primo Grill will be awarded for each 1000 tickets sold. The club with the highest percentage above 100 percent will receive a free Primo Grill with metal stand to be used by the club at their discretion. Drawing will be on March 6, 2010 during the 18F District Convention in Warner Robins. Please send ticket stubs and funds to District Treasurer Jon Winters, P. O. Box 634, Hephzibah, GA 30815. For additional information or questions, please contact Buddy @ badams@airconspec.com, or, call him at 770-786-3995 (residence),

678-625-5112 (Office). Contest rules and standings will be posted on the District web site, <http://www.galionsdistrict18f.org>. Please pick up tickets from Buddy. For a picture of the grill, go to the District web site or to www.primogrill.com.

Information Technology/Web Site - District Webmaster Kevin Walsh indicated that he is always looking for new ideas for the web site. Send him club news and pictures to be posted on the club's individual page. Lots of information are available on the District web site.

District Convention - DG Harvey made the report on behalf of Convention Chair who was absent. Found a brand new Hilton Gardens Inn in Warner Robins. Room rates will be \$104.00/night plus tax. Everything will be under one roof. If we book 25 rooms, the banquet hall will be \$350.00, otherwise, it will be \$750.00. We will also have the same room for Friday night's Hospitality Room if we book 25 rooms. The catered banquet will be a German fare. Speaker will be ID Beverly Stebbins from Texas. PCC Bill Craig will play host to the speaker.

USA/Canada Forum - 1st VDG Paul May indicated that the USA/Canada Forum will be in Memphis, TN on September 24 through 26, 2009. He encouraged everyone to attend. There will be lots of sessions to pick from, meet lots of new Lions from other countries and states. Paul is driving up and if anyone would like to drive up with Paul and June, to please let him know.

The Southeastern Lions Institute will be on April 15, 16, 17 and 18, 2010 in Hickory Knob, SC. The registration fee is \$125.00 which includes room, board and study materials. Paul advised that it is a great learning experience and encouraged everyone to attend.

DG Harvey recognized all first time cabinet meeting attendees.

Announcements - Zone VI Chair J.C. Coefield announced that there will be a Zone VI meeting in Centerville on August 16, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Lion J.C. also mentioned that as MD Sight Conversation Chair for 2009-10, the committee will publish a letter in the Newsletters regarding clubs recruiting and inducting vision-impaired persons into their clubs. If clubs have done that, they should let J.C. know and he will send a letter of recognition to the Club Presidents. At State Convention, the DG with the most vision-impaired members recruited will receive a special recognition letter.

District Chaplain announced if any Lions knows of friends/family members who are ill or have passed away, to please let him know, and he will send get well or sympathy cards out on behalf of the District.

DG Harvey encouraged everyone to attend the various conventions, forums and cabinet meetings. He wanted everyone to get involved as a Lion, not just wear their Lion pins and be a eat, burp and go Lion. 18F is beginning to have a small gain in membership, and we need to keep up the momentum to build up our membership and clubs. Lionism was started by an American. We need to keep LCI in the United States. DG Harvey indicated that though he became a Lion in 1988, it was in name only. A little over 10 months ago he became a real Lion because he got involved. Our motto is "We Serve", but, let's go with three little words, get out there and "Get-er-Done"!

The Second Cabinet Meeting will be on December 5, 2009 at the community room of the Old City Hall, 138 E. Hightower Trail in Social Circle, GA.

DG Harvey adjourned the meeting with a Lion Roar lead by Lion Jan Weatherford.

DISTRICT 18-F CABINET MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

AUGUST 6, 2009, 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 (Warner Robins))
1 st Vice District Governor	1 (Milledgeville))
2 nd Vice District Governor	1 (Social Circle)) 6
Cabinet Advisor	1 (Oxford))
Cabinet Secretary	1 (North Decatur))
Cabinet Treasurer	1 (Hephzibah))

Clubs:	PRES.	SEC.	TREAS.	MEMBERS
Centerville		X		5 (6 total)
Centerville Lioness		X		0 (1 total)
Chinese-American	X			0 (1 total)
Covington				7 (7 total)
Decatur	X	X	X	1 (4 total)
Eatonton	X	X		0 (2 total)
Hephzibah		X	X	1 (4 total)
Jones County		X	X	1 (3 total)
LaVista			X	3 (4 total)
Milledgeville	X		X(same as 1 st VDG)	3 (5 total)
North Decatur				0 (1 total)
Oxford	X			0 (2 total)
Sandersville				1 (1 total)

Social Circle	X			1 (3 total)
Thomson Camellia City	X			2 (3 total)
Twin City	X	X		0 (2 total)
W.R. Houston Peaches				1 (1 total)
Warner Robins	X			2 (4 total)
Warner Robins Noon	X			3 (4 total)
Washington				2 (2 total)
	10	7	4	33/60
Guests: 0				
Grand total: 60		Clubs: 20		

Respectfully submitted by,

June W. Phillips
18F Cabinet Secretary