

DISTRICT 2-X3
3rd CABINET MEETING-JANUARY 20, 2007
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
CORSICANA HIGH SCHOOL
CORSICANA, TEXAS

Call to Order: At 9:30 a.m., District Governor Sam Lindsey called the meeting to order. DG welcomed everyone to the 3rd cabinet meeting and thanked everyone for their hard work.

Invocation: Given by District Chaplain Lion James Haney. A moment for a silent prayer was given for the loss of PCC Jack Harris as he was called home to the Lord recently.

Pledge: Lion Peggy Moore of the Corsicana Lions Club led the cabinet members with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Song: District Song Leader, Lion Terry Sutcliff led us in a patriotic song called "America the Beautiful".

Tail twister: Our infamous tail twister, Lion Robert Hull, started his foolishness of his collecting money. It was stated, by the DG, that the tailtwisting monies collected today would be donated to the Texas Lions Camp.

Introduction of Head Table: DG Sam introduced the head table. The Mayor of Corsicana, Mayor C.L. "Buster" Brown, President of Corsicana Lions Club, Lion Ron Motley, VDG John Hopkins, Lion Sherry Hopkins, PID Marshall Cooper, Lion Wanda Cooper, Lion Jodye Lindsey, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Lion Janice Tooke, and TLC Executive Director Lion Stephen Mabry.

Welcome & Introduction of Mayor: President Ron Motley, of the Corsicana Lions Club, thanked Lion Robert Hull and his committee for "ramrod ding" this large event of hosting this cabinet meeting. He also introduced the Mayor of Corsicana-Mayor C.L. "Buster" Brown.

Welcome to the City: Mayor Brown welcomed everyone to the city and was appreciative of the "liquid" rain that we now are experiencing rather than the "solid" rain that had been experienced earlier this week. He stated that Corsicana has grown in the last few years due to the metropolis of Dallas, Ft. Worth area, plus the influx of industry here. He thanked everyone for coming and hopes we enjoy our stay.

DG Presentation: DG presented a "Kosse Posse" personal pin to Mayor Brown.

Voting Privileges: VDG John Hopkins motioned that all Lions in good standing in District 2-X3 be allowed to vote at this meeting. This was 2nd by PDG Norwood Brenneke. Approved by the members.

Appointments: Protocol and Parliamentarian: PDG Gladys Tramp

Sgt. at Arms:	President Bill Gohring of Waco Founder Lions Club
Timekeeper:	Lion Jackie Condon of Little River-Academy Lions Club
Tail-twister:	Lion Robert Hull of Corsicana Lions Club

Remarks from the Governor: DG mentioned that he was delighted that Lion Beverlye Jones was present and welcomed her to our cabinet meeting. Also, Roy Spivey, the photographer was here once again and will be taking pictures throughout the year. A photo album is available to see the pictures of the 1st and 2nd cabinet meetings. A table is set up and Lion Jodye is taking orders for the CD Photos, plus District Convention ads. A CD would be available to purchase all pictures of all cabinet meetings for 06-07 at the District Convention.

5-Minute Break Time: DG stated we needed a few minutes for a break, and also dismissed the Leos and the Advisors for meetings and they would re-join us at lunch.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes of 2nd Cabinet Meeting: PDG Norwood Brenneke motioned to approve the minutes of October 7th, 2006 as presented. This was second by Lion Frances Bender. Approved by the members.

Approval of Financial Report: DG explained several items on the report to the members. **PDG Norwood Brenneke motioned** to approve the Financial Report as presented. This was seconded by Lion John Tramp. Approved by the members.

Packets for Club Secretary/Treasurer: Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Janice Tooke stated, for the secretary/treasurer of each club represented here, was asked to pick up their packets with their new Semi

Annual Invoices and a reminder of the 100% Humanitarian Efforts for those clubs that have not voluntarily paid for those humanitarian efforts. For those clubs that are not here, they will be mailed out this coming week.

Contingency Report: PDG Ben Baker reported there is \$10,294.91 in the CD at Guaranty Bank in Waco, Texas. It is now at 5.01% interest and matures on May 29th, 2008. Report is attached to the original minutes.

State Convention Fund: PDG Eldon Miller was not present to give his report.

Other Old Business: None

New Business:

Reports:

Campaign Sight First II: PDG Gladys Tramp presented to the Palestine Noon Club, represented by PDG's Alvin and Carol Coleman, a model club topaz banner patch for their club's participation in CSFII. Last year, PDG Gladys presented to Killeen Evening Lions Club, a ruby banner patch for their participation. She stated that 37 million are blind and that 80% of those could have been prevented. She read a little story about attitude and stated that attitude has a lot to do with this Sight First Campaign. She stated we need to get out and publicize and educate and raise monies for this Campaign, so we can prevent blindness.

Presentation: DG Sam presented a check of \$100.00 from Waco East Lions Club (a very small club), to the District Campaign Sight First Coordinator, PDG Gladys, who in turn, presented the check to Lion Bob Kinney, the group coordinator, to finish the paperwork, and send it into International. President Ron Motley (Corsicana Lions) stated that a check is forthcoming as a tournament was held for (the late) Dr. Robert Mertz. The revenue from that tournament is \$3569.65 to be donated to Campaign Sight First II! PDG Gladys' closing statement:

Give your proceeds to Campaign Sight First II!

Extension: Lion Gary Tooke was excited as we now have the Crawford Lions Club with 44 members, and has been a new club since November 2006, with charter members of 42. He stated the committee was working on 2 more clubs, one in Killeen, and one in Scott and White in Temple.

Retention: Lion Frances Bender (took the late PDG Jim Jones place) had a small presentation of a tree with children of different facial reactions representing members of a Lions Club and how we need to work together to keep harmony in our clubs, and keep our Lion members interested in Lionism, rather than "slipping out the back door!"

Leadership: PDG Schroeder was not present and no report was given.

Foolishness: DG asked our cheerleaders, Lion Sherry Hopkins and VDG John Hopkins to lead us with the Jimmy Ross cheer. Our tail-twister joined in and helped our official cheerleaders!!

Tail-Twister 1st Round Collection: \$186.06 collected.

BREAK: 5 minute break.

Reconvened at 10:40 A.M.: Reports Continued:

Temporary Pin Chairman: DG Sam announced Lion Jack Lamb would be our temporary Pin Chairman today as our regular Pin Chairman, Lion Jim Bohls, was not present. Pins are selling for 3 for \$5.00, or \$2.00 each. The District and State Pins are on sale. Please stop by and buy!!!

Foolishness: Our Tail-twister is out collecting again. DG was the first to give for the second time!!! Lion John Householder of Waco Lions Club, stated "If I could spell despicable, than that's what this tail-twister represents!" But I will call him "Ugly, because I can spell that!!!" All in fun, and fellowship, that is what it is all about.

Peace Poster Contest: Chairman Lion Bea Thompson thanked all the clubs for participating in the peace poster contest. There were 14 posters this year compared to 7 last year. 4 of the posters were disqualified. The first place District winner was sent forward to the State to be judged in June 2007. PDG Gladys Tramp, assisted by passing out certificates to each of the sponsoring clubs with their placing. These are as follows: 10th place=LRA Lions, 9th=Groesbeck, 8th=Corsicana Lions, 7th=Salado, 6th=Crockett, 5th place with \$25.00 to Lynn Whiteside, sponsoring Club=Waco Founder, 4th place with \$50.00 to Zachary Curry, sponsoring Club=Kosse, 3rd place with \$75.00 to Hunter Vielma sponsoring club=KELC, 2nd place with \$100.00=Ashton

Smith=sponsoring club=Temple Breakfast, 1st place with \$200.00=Felicia Lopez-Simmons=sponsoring club=Fairfield Lions Club. All original posters were displayed with the exception of the first place poster, as the original was sent to State, but a copy was on display.

LEAD Report: President Jon Gear reported that 14 clubs entered the Essay Contest. They are as follows: 1st place= \$300.00 to Hope Hopper of Palestine Evening Club (Sponsor), 2nd place=London Fowler of Moody Lions (Sponsor), 3rd place to Logan Shelton of Corsicana Lions (Sponsor), 3 tied for 4th place=Shawn Miller of Kosse Lions Club, Morgan Whitworth of Hillsboro Lions, and McKenzie Hopkins of Gatesville Lions, and 5th place= Gage Sealer of Marlin Lions Club. Lion John stated that all essays were on display for everyone to see. LEAD is working on a new project with schools on an identity program. More information will be available at a later date. The Quest Program is in full swing. The Workshop will be held on July 11th and 12th. The fee is \$425.00 registering before June 1st, and after June 1st, the fee would be \$450.00. LEAD has budgeted \$4500.00 on a first come, first serve basis, if any teacher would like to attend this workshop in our District. If you know any teachers that would like to attend, please contact Lion Becky Hill, or anyone in the LEAD program.

Texas Lions Foundation: PDG Alvin Coleman yielded his time for his report to his wife, PDG Carol Coleman. PDG Carol reported that 23 clubs are 100% TLF. She stated that all clubs need to be 100% for our Governor to receive the Ed Flood Award. She encouraged all clubs to be 100% in TLF. She has not received any 100% patches, but will send them out when they come in. Groesbeck Lions Club requested for a grant of \$2000.00 for damages from a storm recently. It was approved and they were able to help the small town with that money.

Tail-twister Collection: The 2nd collection of the tail-twister monies were \$133.94, for a grand total of \$320.00!

LWSB: Chairman Lion John Tramp stated that he would be glad to come to any club and make a presentation on LWSB. The VDG John Hopkins is also a LWSB chairman, and you may contact him as well.

Leader Dog: Lion Al Waite will give his report after lunch, as he is a judge in the Opportunities for Youth Contest.

Eyeglass Recycling: VDG John that he received an email from TLERC of the last three months collecting 262,500 eyeglasses with twelve missions receiving these glasses. Hearing aids are also collected. They collected 120 hearing aids and placed 18 in the community and 12 in the State. If you have any glasses, please bring them to me and we will transport them to Kerrville at the C of G meeting in February for them to be put in the eyeglass trailer.

White Cane Days: Lion Bill Buckner, chairman, stated that he researched International on the internet, and found that they only sell two items for White Cane in their catalog. They also have a couple of pamphlets on White Cane Days, such as the history, and also, a proclamation celebrating the days in October. The District celebrates White Cane Days in March, but he stated your club could celebrate it at any time. He is available to give the address for the clubs to order their supplies thru the Monterrey, California Lions Club. Please contact him for any information. He inserted a few pamphlets in each of the Secretary/Treasurer's Packets, and encouraged every club to raise funds for White Cane.

Texas Lions Camp Executive Director: DG introduced Lion Stephen Mabry, Executive Director of Texas Lions Camp. Lion Stephen related the story of David and Goliath to the life and times of special children. David had his life and future planned for him, but he was the child that was left out, but God had a mission for David later in his life, but he struggled all of his life. Same resemblances to the special children and the mission that TLC has for their future. Lion Stephen stated the mission is to take these children that are left out of life and boost their self esteem to a turning point, and each of these special children has a life. It has been proven that 80% of the divorce rate are from these types of children's parents, due to stress and financial binds. His charge to us today was to not miss a chance to get involved with these special children and the Texas Lions Camp. The turning point we have to offer is these special kids make a difference and will go home a different child with a better attitude and high esteem. Lion Stephen announced the 3 work days for

the Camp this year as follows: March 3rd, March 31st, (which would be LEO working day), and May 5th. He asked everyone to please try and make arrangements to be there to aid in cleaning up the camp one of those days.

DG Sam called TLC Directors Lion Charles Stout and Lion Eddie Hambrick up to the podium. He also, called the Waco East Lions. DG presented a \$900 check to the TLC Directors, who in turn, passed it over to Lion Stephen Mabry and stated that Waco East was a small club, but that now each and every member of their club is a Century Club member. In closing, Lion Stephen handed out Century Club members applications, and TLC Campers applications.

TLC Report: Lion Eddie Hambrick informed the Lions about a special promotion involving the Texas Lions Camp. It is a raffle with Southwest Airlines, and if you win this ticket, than you and your spouse can fly anywhere that Southwest Airlines flies. He reminded us that Southwest does fly to Hawaii! The way it works: You enter the raffle by becoming a Century Club member, or purchasing a Jack Weich Award, or becoming a 100% Club, or a 100% Century Club. Those are only a few examples. Each name will be put in a hat, and the winner will be drawn at the District Convention. He just asked that anyone who wants to enter, please let Lion Eddie or Lion Charles know for you to qualify. Lion Charles Stout gave much gratitude to our Executive Director for 17 years of wonderful work with the Texas Lions Camp and these special children. Everyone applauded and agreed.

DG Presentation: DG Sam presented TLC Executive Director with a Governor's Appreciation Award for his "first hand look" of the Texas Lions Camp presentation.

5 Minute Break Before Lunch:

Reconvened at Noon for Lunch:

Invocation: District Chaplain Lion James Haney led the blessing.

DG Introduced Guest Speaker PID Marshall Cooper: PID Marshall Cooper spoke about the turning point and crossroads of the Texas Lions Camp. He stated that we all need to turn it around with membership and committing ourselves to promote Lionism. He had given everyone a pledge card and stated if each one of us pledged 2 new members before the Lion year is over, that our DG would have his 2007 members in 2007! PID Marshall stated that he remembered, when he was in District Governor School in 1980, a verse in a book written by Betty Elliott called "Shadow of the

Almighty", and that has been his philosophy ever since. "He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." He stated when President Ross became the President of the Lions Intl, he appointed PID Marshall to sit on the Constitution and By-Laws, plus the 2nd job was to be the Eye Glass Recycling Tsar and to travel all over the world and visit as many eyeglass recycling centers as possible. In those travels, he took eyeglasses for those less fortunate than we are and screened them and placed these individuals with glasses for them to see. He has traveled to Honduras, Mexico, and in October of 2006, he traveled to Beijing, China. Lions Intl is the 1st service organization to be in China. People recognized the Lions pin and all of China were anxious and very receptive of the Lions as they knew what Lions do all over the world. In closing, PID Marshall read a verse as follows:

VOICE OF THE PIN

Don't overlook me Lions.

I'm the Lions Pin.

I'm right up here; put the spotlight on me because I'm proud to play a part in the lives of the men and women who wear me as their symbol of service to the community.

I've witnessed excitement, sadness and happiness.

I've been with my wearer as eyes of deceased Lions were transported for deposit in the Eye Bank. I was there too, when I watched as the hungry were fed, the destitute cared for.

I've seen the Leader Dogs for the Blind instill in a blind person a new kind of confidence as they move about their sightless world.

I have heard the hearts of the mentally impaired pounding with joy when Lions visited them. I've seen and heard the laughter of children in playgrounds, enjoying recreational facilities and leadership provided by

Lions.

Yes, I've traveled all over the world and can recall thousands of incidents diverted from sadness to gladness because those who wear me made it so.

I am a symbol of SERVICE to the world.

If I could talk, I'd be too filled with emotional pride to say more than: "Thank you, and may God bless and protect you."

DG Presentation: DG Sam presented his Governor's Appreciation Award to PID Marshall Cooper for his great speech and for their traveling here in this inclement weather all the way from Lubbock.

Tail-twister Presentation: Lion Robert Hull presented Wanda Cooper with a gift. It was a crystal tulip bowl.

PID Marshall received a beautiful weathervane clock.

Opportunities for Youth Chairman: Lion "Daisy" Butz thanked everyone who participated in all of the youth contests this morning, including the judges. Also, much thanks to all of the TEAM and all of their help. Thanks to everyone. DG Sam thanked Lion Daisy for all her hard work in the youth program.

DG Announced Winners: DG Sam announced the following winners listing sponsored club and amounts of checks disbursed, and what category. Receiving a \$300.00 check for 1st place Diabetic Awareness Essay Winner Joshua Beaman, sponsored by the Kosse Leo Club; a \$150.00 check for 2nd place Diabetic Awareness Essay Winner to Royce Wiggins, sponsored by the Salado Lions Club. For 1st place receiving a \$300.00 check to Keirsten Hamilton for Drug Awareness Essay Winner sponsored by Kosse Lions Club; 2nd place receiving a \$150.00 check to Kayla West, sponsored by the Groesbeck Lions Club. Receiving a \$300.00 check for Outstanding Youth Award, 1st place winner to Cody Havner, sponsored by the Kosse Lions Club; a tie for 2nd place winners of \$150.00 to each winner is: Tajudeen Oshodi for Outstanding Youth Award, sponsored by Waco Founder Lions Club, and Bernard Smalls, for 2nd place Outstanding Youth Award, sponsored by the Killeen Evening Lions Club. The 1st place winners will go to the State Convention. Josh Beaman and Keirsten Hamilton read their speeches to the Lions.

DG Presentation: DG Sam recognized Lion Beverlye Jones, wife of the late PDG Jim Jones, for being here and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

LEADER DOG Report: Lion Al Waite stated that Leader Dog is doing fine. The commemorative bricks costs \$100.00 each, and you could easily honor Lions by purchasing a brick. They are delayed in sending them out is due to waiting until they can collect 100 brick applications before they can order the bricks. You should be getting the bricks soon.

LEOS/Champus Advisor: Lion Lawrence Sanchez has left the building, but DG Sam stated that the LEOS are all doing a great job.

Lone Star Lions Eye Bank Report: VDG John Hopkins reported that the eyebank has met their budget and collected 759 corneas and distributed 523, with the remaining for research, and or disposed of due to infection, etc. He stated there was a vacancy on the board and if anyone was interested to please contact him or the DG.

Candidates for Office: Nominations: Texas Lions Camp Director: Lion Diane Waite- endorsement filed on original minutes. Lion Diane spoke a little about herself and thought she would make an excellent director.

LSLEB: No candidate at this time.

VDG: Lion Charles Stout spoke and stated he is looking forward to doing his BEST to be the VDG of a premiere District.

DG: VDG John Hopkins stated that communications would be his main concern, and to redistribute the District Newsletter, concentrate on club membership and club renewal, and family clubs. VDG John stated when he becomes DG; he will have the privilege of appointing someone to be on the board of eyeglass recycling for this coming year.

Resolution for Secretary of Texas Lions Camp: A resolution was read by PDG Norwood Brenneke from the Kosse Lions Club endorsing our DG Sam Lindsey for nomination of the Secretary of the Texas Lions Camp.

Announcements: Council of Governors Meetings: February 2-3, 2007-Kerrville, Texas
Texas Leadership Forum: March 10-11, 2007-Austin, Texas
District Convention: April 27-28, 2007-Waco, Texas
State Convention: June 8-9, 2007-Arlington, Texas
Intl Convention: July 2-6, 2007-Chicago, Illinois

Announcements: President Bill Gohring of the Waco Founder Lions announced on March 23rd, the club is celebrating their 90th anniversary, and Intl President Jimmy Ross will be there speaker. More information later.

Announcements: President Frances Bender of the Temple Breakfast Club states there Brashler Music Show will be held on February 9th, 2007.

Tail-twister thanked everyone for being here. There was 136 in attendance.

Adjourn: DG Sam thanked everyone in attendance and thanked the host club. A special thanks to Lion Stephen Mabry, and PID Marshall and Wanda Cooper for their attendance. Adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Janice F. Tooke
Cabinet Sec/ Treasurer
District 2-X3