

**LIONS DISTRICT 2-X3**  
**Mid-Winter Conference**  
**Saturday, January 24, 2009**  
**Killeen, Texas**

Registration 7:30 a.m.

Breakout Sessions, meeting at 8:30 a.m., included LEAD Board Meeting, Presidents and Secretaries Council, Zone & Region Chairs, Lions Interested in District Office, Women & Family Membership Development, District Opportunities for Youth Contests, and District 2-X3 Leo Conference.

The cabinet meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Lion Derrel Heginbotham, President-Killeen Noon Lions Club. The Lions were welcomed to Killeen. The invocation was led by Lion James Haney. DG Charles Stout led the Pledge to the U.S. flag, followed by Lion Tim Riley leading the Lions in "My Country 'Tis of Thee". The Texas Pledge was led by Lion Lonnie Turner. The District 2-X Leo's led the Lions in the Leo Pledge, followed by the Lions singing "America" by Lion Tim Riley. Lion Derrel introduced District Governor Charles Stout.

DG Stout conveyed his appreciation for those in attendance. He recognized groups attending the Conference: two Past Council Chair's Lion Larry Freeman and Lion Dick Robinson, the Past District Governor's, those attending a district function for the first time, and the Leo's. He stated this district had the only Leo District in the State of Texas, which was led by Lion Daisy Butz, District 2-X3 Chair and MD-2 Leo Chair, whom he introduced.

Lion Daisy stated the MD-2 Leo Cabinet was doing well, and reported on the District 2-X3 Leo clubs. She reported that three District 2-X3 Leo's serve on the State Leo Council, and the Council is meeting once a month until the State Leo Conference in June, in Lubbock. Lion Daisy stated help is needed to get the Leo's to Lubbock and to Minneapolis, Minnesota for the State and International Convention. She also stated that at least one Leo will be a presenter at the LCI Convention, Global Leo Conference.

District 2-X3 Tail Twister, PDG Sam Lindsey asked that fines collected, during the day, go to the Leo's to defray travel expenses to the State and International Convention. Motion made by Lion Glenn Brandt, second by Lion Tim Riley with the motion passing. A collection of fines from the day totaled \$300.

DG Stout asked for announcements from the Lions:

- Lion J. Brown, Temple Founder Lions announced their 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Show will be held February 13 & 14, 2009, Civic Cultural Activity Center (CAC). A matinee is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, February 15<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 p.m. Prizes will be given away during the show.
- Lion Bill Buckner, Temple Breakfast Lions, announced Ricky Bowen and Texas Mud (of Branson, Mo) will be entertainment February 21, 2009, at the CAC.
- Bellmead Lions have a fundraiser May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Corsicana Noon Lions hold their Golf Tournament May 9, 2009.
- Gatesville Lions host a Chili Supper February 2, 2009 at the High School cafeteria
- The reorganized Buffalo Lions host their first fundraiser, a golf tournament, at Hilltop Lakes Friday, April 24, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.
- Lion Ron Boyda, Chandler Lions, and TLERC Chair, said to pick up glasses!

DG Stout stated every three years, District 2-X3 can nominate a Lion for the Texas Lions Hall of Fame. The Committee nominated Past Council Chairman Richard Robinson, Killeen Evening Lions. PCC Richard said he is "not often caught flat-footed"...and that this was not received by himself, but by each of us, Lions of the State, and his club. The Hall of Fame Luncheon is held at the State Convention, in Lubbock this June.

DG Stout also noted that IRS rules for Non-Profits, dated 12/31/07, requires clubs to file a 990N (no penalty if not filed the first couple years). If the deadline has been missed, file now. He stated that IRS is looking into tax exempt organizations now, for clubs that have less than \$25,000 gross revenue. Clubs that do not file for

three consecutive years will lose the ability to act as a non-profit organization. The 990 can be filed on-line. Lion Glenn Brandt stated the form will become more complicated in the future.

DG Stout noted the *PU-101* must be submitted by April 15, 2009, with clubs holding officer election prior to April 15, 2009. The form can be completed on-line, updating club officer information. He asked the clubs to look at club member information, and update that information on-line as well.

The following appointments were made by DG Stout:

- Protocol & Parliamentarian-PCC Richard Robinson
- Sgt at Arms-PCC Richard Robinson
- Timekeeper-Lion Bill Buckner

Vice District Governor C.C. Sirkel, Jr. motioned all Lions in good standing be allowed to vote. Second by Lion Lawrence Sanchez. Motion carried.

Cabinet Secretary Lion Jan Bohls presented the Second Cabinet Meeting Minutes for October 25, 2008. There were no corrections noted. Motion made by Lion Bill Gohring, second by Lion Al Waite to approve the Minutes as presented. Motion carried.  
(Attachment #1)

PDG Sam Lindsey reported on the Audit for July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. He presented a Review of Financial Statements as of June 30, 2008. He covered Cash Balances, Accounts Receivable, Undeposited Funds, Accounts Payable, Equity Account, Review of Cash Disbursements, and Review of Cash Disbursements. No exceptions were noted on all accounts, and Cash Balances reconciled with bank statements. The Audit Committee also included PDG Doug Hill and PDG Eldon Miller. Motion to accept the Audit Committee Report made by Lion Carolyn Haferkamp, second by Lion David Stone; motion passed. (Attachment #2)

Cabinet Treasurer, Lion Glenn Brandt presented the Financial Report through 12/08. He started with the Report Card showing 1782 Lions as of 12/31/08. Each club has paid dues for the first half of the year, 29 of 51 clubs have donated to some of the charities. Lion Glenn reported on the Balance Sheet, Assets, Liabilities & Equity, and Actual vs Budget reports. PDG Sam Lindsey motioned to accept the Financial Report; second by PDG Ken Schroeder. Motion passed. (Attachment #3)

The State Convention Fund Report was presented by Lion Glenn Brandt, Cabinet Treasurer. Balance as of 11/27/08 was \$45,311.4?. The account is at First State Bank, Salado, and matures in February, 2009. (No documents provided.)

PDG Ben Baker reported the District Contingency Fund is with Guaranty Bank, under Lions International. On January 15, 2009, at 11:14 a.m., the fund had \$10,389.08 at 2.97% interest and matures 5/28/10. DG Stout gave background information on the two previous funds for those Lions that had not attended meetings prior to this Cabinet Meeting. (Attachment #4)

The following reports were presented to the Cabinet:

Membership: PCC Robinson reported that four districts in the State have positive membership increase; District 2-X3 is one of those districts. He discussed the state-wide decline in Membership; DG is emphasizing Extension this year. PCC Robinson stated he has only been invited to five clubs this year to talk about Membership.

Retention: Lion Frances Bender not present.

Women's & Family Development: Lion Lori Roller reported on the first Breakout session. Seven Lions attended, brainstorming about recruiting women and families into clubs. Lions need to encourage families to join, to bring children, and not discourage children from attending. Women were allowed to join LCI in 1987, the first female District Governor and International Director elected in 1991. DG Stout stated 23% of District 2-X3 is female.

Constitution & By-Laws: PCC Robinson stated copies of the proposed changes must be received by District 2-X3 clubs 30 days before the District Convention. The proposal reflects changes to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, and specifically lists the duties of District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG, and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG. The proposed changes require a 2/3 vote of attending and voting Delegates, and is effective as soon as the District Convention ends. He stated next year, the District will only need to elect one Vice District Governor. (Attachment #5)

Extension: Lion Gary Tooke discussed numerous areas new clubs are proposed, and Lions are needed to help. DG Stout stated Lions are needed to help canvas communities to start new Lions clubs, and contacts are needed in those communities.

Texas Lions Camp: TLC Director Lion Diane Waite stated the 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of TLC will be February 6, 2009 at "Inn of the Hills" Hotel. The TLC Board meeting continues on Saturday. Good news is that license plates are being bought by more Lions. She stated 3,500 plates need to be sold before money starts to go to the Camp. The Camp will then get \$15,000, then keep \$22 of the \$30 cost of the specialty plates. The first Camping session begins May 31, 2009. Only 27 clubs in our District are 100%. Lion Eddie Hambrick is in Africa on a mission trip.

Lone Star Lions Eye Bank: No report. The LSLEB has their meeting today with District 2-X3 Lion Alex Kachura presiding as President. The District LSLEB members were not present at the Cabinet Meeting.

Leader Dog: Lion Al Waite explained the new 70 for \$70 Program. A Club can send \$70 after their regular contribution (must specify the extra donation) by June 31, 2009, and the Club will be sent a special banner patch. Leader Dog was started in 1939.

Lions World Services for the Blind: Lion Johnnie Tramp explained LWSB started in Little Rock, Arkansas, and as many Texans are trained as those from Arkansas. LWSB trains the visually impaired or the blind, to conduct every day life, and provides job training. He will send letters to those clubs that have not contributed to LWSB, about 25% of clubs. A new building is being located in downtown Little Rock. A dues increase is proposed from \$1 to \$2 per Lion.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION: PDG Sam Lindsey conceded to PCC Richard Robinson. LCIF selected Ambassador's from Multiple Districts, will select, train and certify Lions specific to LCIF. PCC Robinson was appointed by LCI President Al Brandel, as Ambassador for MD-2, for four years. PCC Robinson explained how the new program, effective 7/1/09, will operate. LCIF gets \$20M each year in donations, but at current rates \$20M will not maintain current programs. PCC Robinson asked for input regarding Lions programs.

ALERT PROGRAM: DG Stout discussed this new LCI program, which provides disaster support. A District chair and volunteers are needed on all levels.

Environmental Services: Lion Gary Tooke said the word is "Turning Green", and each Lion can do something. He explained ways to be "green": mulching grass, water heater blankets, light blubs, insulate houses. Lion Gary has not been contacted for a program.

White Can Days: Lion Bill Buckner said an article will be out in the next newsletter. Many hands were raised showing the number of clubs holding White Cane Days.

Youth Exchange: No report.

District & State Trading Pins: Lion Jim Bohls showed last of the PIP Jimmy Ross' pins available. Pins sales were brisk during the Conference.

Texas Lions Foundation: PDG Gladys Tramp urged club to apply for disaster grants. TLF grants used for IKE refugees to buy clothes, food, etc. Dues \$2 per member, per year. She urged the clubs that have not donated, to donate to TLF.

Long Range Planning Commission: PDG Sam Lindsey noted there is also a MD-2 Lions State Long Range Planning Commission. Mission is to discover ways to improve state office, etc. Recommendations will be brought back to District Lions.

Tom Kirkham Award-PCC Richard Robinson states this is the highest District 2-X3 Award presented to a honored Lion. Must be a club Lion of the Year, have outstanding performance, and attendance, and nominees due to Committee by March 1, 2009. Selected Lion must attend District Convention.

#### LUNCH BREAK

Killeen Mayor Pro-Tem Fred Latham welcomed the Lions on behalf of the City Council. Killeen is the 6<sup>th</sup> fastest growing community in the USA, with a population over 112,000. "Wrap arms" around a military person, say "Thank you", Mr. Latham asked of the Lions. The US Army bestowed on Killeen the

“Community of Respect” honor. He thanked the Lions for the Lions Park in Killeen, and their commitment. Mr. Latham is excited about what the Lions do in Killeen.

Lion James Haney led the Lions and visitors in prayer.

DG Stout introduced Lion Richard Surface, Opportunities for Youth Contest Chair. Lion Richard introduced the Coordinator for each contest: Outstanding Youth Contest, Lion Mike Hoel; Diabetic Awareness Essay, Lion Martin Heese; and Drug Awareness Speech Contest, Lion James Haney. Three volunteers judged contests. The results of each contest are:

- Outstanding Youth Contest
  - 1<sup>st</sup>-Aaron Beaman, Kosse Lions Club
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>-Benton Roe, Groesbeck Lions Club
- Diabetic Awareness Essay
  - 1<sup>st</sup>-Aaron Beaman, Groesbeck High School
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>-Shinequa Moore, Harker Heights High School
- Drug Awareness Speech Contest
  - 1<sup>st</sup>-Kaitlyn Lamb, Salado Lions Club
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>-Benton Roe, Groesbeck Lions Club

Aaron Beaman read his Diabetic Awareness Essay to the Lions and visitors, followed by Kaitlyn Lamb presenting her Drug Awareness Speech. The winners were presented the winners their checks at the end of the presentations.

LIONS EFFORTS AGAINST DRUGS: LEAD report was given by Lion John Householder, who reported Lions are needed to fill Board vacancies. Meetings are held at the Cabinet Meetings. He reported that QUEST was not a viable program in this District. LEAD provides \$1000 grants to DARE programs for Mexia ISD Police Dept., Anderson County, Houston County and McLennan County. The recipients say they could not continue the DARE program without support from LEAD. (Attachment #6a)

LEAD Essay Contest: LEAD Contest Chair, Lion Caroly Haferkamp presented the winners of the contest. The topic is “Biography of a Real Life Individual Whose Life or Career was Negatively Impacted by Drug and/or Alcohol Abuse”. Winners are: (attachment #6b)

1. Grant Roberstad, Corsicana Noon Lions Club-\$300 winner  
Dominick Garcia, Killeen Noon Lions Club-\$150
2. Charity McBay, Little River-Academy Lions Club-\$100
3. Laurie Daniel, Hillsboro Lions Club-\$75
4. Christian Perez, Temple Founder Lions Club-\$50

Peace Poster Contest: Lion Ray Harper posted the district entries in the meeting room. Eleven clubs participated, 300 posters completed, and 11 posters chosen to compete.

The winning entry had been sent to State competition. Winners are:

1. Grace Kim, Killeen Noon Lions Club-\$200
2. Noah Sorter, Temple Founder Lions Club
3. Samantha Kohn, Copperas Cove Lions Club
4. Brooke McCoy, Crockett Lions Club
5. Shannon Anderson, Kosse Lions Club

## REPORTS CONTINUE

USA/Canada Forum: PDG Ken Schroeder stated the Forum rotates between the USA and Canada each year. This years Forum is in Memphis, Tennessee September 23-24, 2009, with 60 sessions scheduled to motivate and inspire.

DG Stout stated there was one resolution, from Waco Founder Lions Club, for Vice District Governor C.C. Sirkel, Jr. He said there are two Lions Eye Bank positions available: one At-Large in Region C and one Director in Region B.

V DG Sirkel goals are to pull clubs closer together, to work on membership, and to keep Lions.

Lion Diane Waite is running for her second term as Texas Lions Camp Director. She just had a rubber stamp made, so she needs to run again!

Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling: Lion Ron Boyda thanked the Lions for glasses the brought to the Conference. Lion Jim Bohls volunteered to pick up glasses at the District Convention, in April, 2009, for Lion Ron.

International Understanding & Cooperation: No report available.

District Contest: Lion Martin Heese stated only a couple of clubs are turning in reports, but clubs can still submit information from July 1, 2008 to the present.

District Convention: Lion Glenn Brandt noted a get-together on Friday, April 24, 2009 at the Gober Party House in Temple. The convention starts on the 25<sup>th</sup> at the Cultural Activity Center. Registration and emails information will be sent out.

Region and Zone Reports:

- Region C Zone 1 Chair Lion Lawrence Sanchez gave a detailed report on his Zone, and the Club and Zone activities.
- Region C Zone 3 Chair Lion Ellie Fowler stated all clubs, but one, have membership growth. The Zone had held three meetings, with a fourth scheduled.
- Region B Zone 1 Chair Lion Jim Bohls reported two clubs with positive membership. Marlin Evening had turned in their charter. Possibility of two new clubs in Zone.

Announcements/Reports From Other Cabinet Members: None.

Report on Mid-Winter Conference Attendance: Killeen Lions Club, host club, Lion Al Waite reported 109 registered for the Conference.

Closing Remarks: DG Stout appreciated Killeen Evening Lions Club hosting the Mid-Winter Convention. He reminded the Lions of LCI President Al Brandel's motto this year "Lions are Everyday Hero's". He has visited over 30 district clubs. DG Stout said that work is being done to better the Lions communities.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Jan Bohls  
Cabinet Secretary  
District 2-X3