

Governor John Hopkins  
District 2-X3 Convention/Cabinet Meeting  
April 25-26, 2008

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| Friday, April 25, 2008      | Harris Community Center | Belton, Texas                 |
| Registration/Certification: | 5:30 P.M.               |                               |
| Dinner & Talent Show:       | 6:30 P.M.               |                               |
| Hospitality Room Opens      | 8:00 P.M.               | LaQuinta Inn<br>Belton, Texas |

Saturday, April 26, 2008

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| Registration/Certification | 7:30 A.M. | Harris Community Center | Belton, Texas |
| Breakfast                  |           |                         |               |
| Necrology Service          | 9:00 A.M. | Harris Community Center |               |
| District Leo Meeting       | 9:00 A.M. | Harris Community Center |               |

The Fourth Cabinet Meeting was called to order by District Governor John Hopkins. Prayer was led by District Chaplain James Haney followed by District Song Leader Terry Sutcliffe leading us in song. Lion Stephanie O'Banion, President of the Belton Lions Club gave welcoming remarks on behalf of the City of Belton.

Vice District Governor Charles Stout moved that all Lions of District 2-X3 in good standing be allowed to vote at the cabinet meeting. IPDG Sam Lindsey gave a second to the motion and motion carried. Governor John Hopkins then made the following appointments: Sergeant At Arms – PDG James Suttle and Timekeeper – Lion John Householder. In the absence of District Tail twister Robert Hull, Governor Hopkins appointed IPDG Sam Lindsey as Tail twister for the day. The Governor also designated that all funds collected be given to Sight First II.

#### Old Business

The minutes of the Mid-Winter Conference held in Palestine, Texas on January 19, 2008 were approved as written on a motion made Lion Al Waite and seconded by PDG Gerry Suttle. A Treasurer's Report was given by PDG Norwood Brenneke. After some discussion and clarification, the report was accepted on a motion by PDG Carol Coleman and seconded by PDG John Southard. PDG Ben Baker reported that the

Contingency Fund at the Guaranty Bank has a balance of \$10,129.03. The CD matures 5/28/2008 and carries an interest rate of 4.91%. An interest withdrawal in the amount of \$809.77 has been deposited into the District 2-X3 account located at the First National Bank of Central Texas located in Mart, Texas. PDG Eldon gave a reported a balance in the State Convention Fund of \$44,158.30 in CD#10011283 at First State Bank Central Texas, Salado branch. The CD matures 8/28/08 and is at 3.5%.

#### Reports:

Region A – PDG Carol Coleman - Lion Ron Duncan reported good growth and attendance in his Zone, especially with the revitalization of the Buffalo Lions Club.

Region B – PDG Getty Suttle – Lion Bill Gohring & Lion Jerry Cash reported good attendance and many good things happening in their Zones. Lion Jim Bohls absent due to sickness

Region C – Lion Glen Brandt – Absent – Daughter’s wedding. Lion Jackie Condon reported good attendance and cooperation in her Zone.

L.E.A.D. - Lion Jon Gear -Lion Jon reported that letters were sent to 10 law enforcement offices for the Lions to assist in the D.A.R.E. program in our schools. He heard from 3, but one of those just dropped their D.A.R.E. program. He will follow up to see what the reason was. The L.E. A.D. Board voted Lion Holman from the Killeen Evening Lions Club to fill a vacancy on the LEAD Board.

Lone Star Lions Eye Bank – Alex Kachura reported that cornea recoveries are down but all in all things are going well. He announced the Eye Bank Seminar will be on July 19, 2008. There are information forms on the table in the hallway.

Texas Lions Camp – Lion Diane Waite reported that she will have a special guest at the luncheon (a diabetic boy who attended the Texas Lions Camp and his father). PDG Norwood Brenneke reported that the Texas Lions Camp is in the process of updating their Constitution and By Laws. IPDG Sam Lindsey announced that Meadowcreek Park is having a horse show in May benefitting the Texas Lions Camp.

Sight First II – PDG Gladys Tramp – PCC Richard “Dick” Robinson

Jerry Cash, Jim Bohls, Jackie Condon and Norwood Brenneke were recognized for their work in their zones for Sight First II. PCC Richard “Dick” Robinson reported that as of 4/11/2008 we not have \$159 million dollars pledged to Sight First II. Of that we have collected \$125 million dollars have been collected. In our Sector we have raised \$565,000 which is up \$10,000 from the last report. The top five clubs in this District are Killeen Evening Lions Club, \$28,000, a progressive model club; Killeen Noon \$27,061, a model club; Temple Founder \$12,425, Palestine \$9,630; and Groesbeck \$7,500. A challenge was made to all clubs to give to Sight First II.

Opportunities for Youth – Lion Brenda “Daisy” Butz recognized her coordinators for the youth contests. They were Martin Heese, Diabetic Awareness Coordinator; Lion James Haney, Drug Awareness Speech Coordinator, Lion Richard Surface, Outstanding Youth

Coordinator; and Lion Bea Thompson, Peace Poster Coordinator.

Texas Lions Foundation – PDG Alvin Coleman encouraged all clubs to contribute to the Texas Lions Foundation. PDG Carol Coleman called the Governor to the floor in order to present him with a Texas Lions Foundation Fellow from the Lions of District 2-X3. Governor Hopkins expressed his appreciation for this award and reiterated all the things that Texas Lions Foundation does. In fact, the previous evening, the building we were in and the surrounding area was under a tornado warning. Had there been a need the Texas Lions Foundation would have been there.

Lions World Services for the Blind – Lion John Tramp thanked those clubs that have given to LWSB and encouraged others to do the same. Texas is number 2 in the people that are served by LWSB. He mentioned that LWSB will be entering a fundraising campaign soon and hopes that the lions of District 2-X3 will remember them as they plan their budgets for next year.

Texas Eyeglass Recycling – Lion Ron Boyda was absent from the meeting, but Lion Larry Shanks brought his pickup to pick up the used eyeglasses.

Leader Dog – Lion Al Waite reported there were 22 graduates from the Leader Dog School this year. He also encouraged the clubs of District 2-X3 to contribute to the Leader Dog Program.

LEO/Campus Club – Lion Lawrence Sanchez reported that we now have 320 LEOs in our district. Our District is the only one in the state that has its own District Cabinet. The Troy LEO club was chartered with 22 members. Corsicana High School has dropped their LEO club due to the fact they could not find a sponsor. China Spring LEO club has 160+ members (our largest club). Lion Lawrence shared that Mart and Clifton have clubs forming in the fall. Hillsboro is also interested.

White Cane – Lion Bill Buckner – Absent

USA/Canada Forum –PDG Ken Schroeder reported that the USA Canada Forum will be in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Canada September 18 – 21. PDG Ken had all newcomers to our Convention to stand and be recognized.

Youth Exchange – Lion Sandra Wanner – Absent due to the death of her husband.

Leadership – PDG Gladys Tramp announced that there would be Leadership Training in Killeen at the Lions Den at 5100 E. Trimmier. It will be June 7, 2008 from 9:30 – 2:30. There will be a light lunch served. This training will be for all Officers and Zone Chairs.

Membership – PCC Richard “Dick” Robinson reported that it is not too late to increase our membership. We still have two months to go.

Retention – Lion Frances Bender – Absent

New Business- Candidate for International Director, Hal Griffin, presented his platform for the upcoming election. We have now heard from all three candidates for office.

Cabinet Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 Noon

The Governor announced the Convention will convene after lunch and the voting time will be from 3:00 – 3:45.

Our guest speaker for lunch was PIP Everett J. “Ebb” Grindstaff. As usual his speech was both entertaining and challenging. PIP “Ebb” then presented Presidential Certificates of Appreciation from Mehendra Amarasyria and Lions Clubs International to: Lion Jan Bohls, PDG Norwood Brenneke, PCC Richard “Dick” Robinson, Cabinet Secretary Sherrie Hopkins, District Governor John Hopkins, Belton President Stephanie O’Banion, IPDG Sam Lindsey, and Lion Frances Bender.

District Governor John Hopkins then presented his awards for the current Lions Year.

District Convention Convened at 2:00 p.m. April 26, 2008.

Credentials Committee Report by PDG Ken Schroeder indicates 68 certified delegates present.

Standing Rules Committee Report by PCC Richard “Dick” Robinson, rules were given out to certified delegates. Exhibit “A”

Resolutions Committee Report by PCC Richard “Dick” Robinson

Presented the Resolution for Office of International Director as follows: Exhibit “B”

PDG Beverly Stebbins

PDG Hal Griffin

PDG Michael Rourke

Presented Resolution for State MD2 Constitution and Bylaws changes

Presented Resolution for District 2-X3 Bylaws and Amendments Exhibit “C”

The Ballot for Election of District 2-X3 Candidates for the 2008-2009 Lions Year as well the changes to the District 2-X3 Constitution and Bylaws was presented. Exhibit “D”

IPDG Sam Lindsey moved that the Convention Agenda be approved. PDG Norwood Brenneke made a second and motion carried.

Candidates for Office presented by PCC “Dick” Robinson

Lone Star Lions Eye Bank Director, Region A, Lion Robert Dockendorf, two year term. Nomination was made by Glen Craig and seconded by IPDG Sam Lindsey.

Lone Star Lions Eye Bank Director, At Large, Lion Glen Craig, 2 year term. Nomination was made by Mary Ann Craig and seconded by Lawrence Sanchez.

Texas Lions Camp Director, Lion Eddie Hambrick, 2 year term. Nomination was made by Lion Ron Duncan and seconded by Lion Diane Waite.

Vice District Governor, Lion C.C. Sirkel, Jr., Waco Founder Lions Club. Nomination was made by PCC Richard "Dick" Robinson and seconded by Lion John Householder.

District Governor, VDG Charles Stout, Temple Founder Lions Club. Nomination was made by Eldon Miller and seconded by Lion Terry Sutcliffe.

Nominations Committee Report was accepted by District Governor John Hopkins.

Convention recessed at 3:00 for voting.

Convention resumed at 6:30 P.M... The following officers were elected:

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| District Governor | VDG Charles Stout | Temple Founder Lions Club |
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| Vice District Governor | Lion C.C. Sirkel, Jr. | Waco Founder Lions Club |
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| Texas Lions Camp | Lion Eddie Hambrick | Corsicana Noon Lions Club |
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| Lone Star Lions Eye Bank Region "A"<br>Lions | Lion Robert Dockendorf | Palestine Evening<br>Lions |
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| Lone Star Lions Eye Bank At Large<br>Club | Lion Glen Craig | Bellmead Lions<br>Club |
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Changes to the District 2-X3 Constitution and By Laws as presented at the Mid-Winter Conference in Palestine passed.

Governor Reception and Banquet was held at the Harris Center in Belton. The speaker for the evening was Dr. Don Newbury, noted author and educator. A good time was had by all.

Respectfully submitted

Lion Sherrie Hopkins

Cabinet Secretary

District 2-X3