

Governor John Hopkins  
Mid-Winter Conference  
January 19, 2008  
Palestine, Texas

**Registration:** 8:00 a.m.

**L.E.A.D. Board Meeting:** 8:00-9:30

**Opportunities for Youth Contests** 9:00-11:00

**Training:** "So You Want to be a District Officer?", PCC Richard "Dick" Robinson

9:00-11:00 "Starting a Leo Club", Lion Lawrence Sanchez  
LEO Board Meeting

The Third Cabinet Meeting (Mid-Winter Conference) was called to order by Lion Bill Tatum, President of the Palestine Lions Club. Prayer was led by IPDG Sam Lindsey, Kosse Lions Club as was the Pledge to the flag. Lion Terry Sutcliff, Waco Founder Lions Club, led us in song. We were welcomed to the city by Mayor Carolyn Salter and Susan Cottle-Leonard of the Palestine Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Governor John Hopkins introduced Vice Governor Charles Stout who moved that all lions of Dist. 2-X3 in good standing be allowed to vote. IPDG Sam Lindsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Governor John Hopkins then made the following appointments: Sergeant at Arms – PDG Alvin Coleman and Timekeeper – Lion Bill Tatum, Palestine Lions Club.

**Old Business:** Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held in Gatesville on October 27, 2007 were approved on a motion by PDG Gerry Suttle and a second by IPDG Sam Lindsey. A Treasurer's Report was given by PDG Norwood Brenneke. After some discussion the report was accepted on a motion by PDG Norwood Brenneke, seconded by PDG Alvin Coleman. Due to the absence of PDG Ben Baker, Governor John Hopkins reported that the District Contingency Fund held at the Guaranty Bank in Waco has a balance of \$10,809.77. This fund is drawing 4.91% in interest and will mature 5/28/08. On a motion made by IPDG Sam Lindsey and a second by PDG Norwood Brenneke to accept, the report was accepted. In the absence of PDG Eldon Miller, Governor John Hopkins gave a report on the Convention Fund. There is a balance of \$43,568.52 in a CD held at First State Bank Central Texas Salado Branch. This CD carries a rate of 5.50% and matures on 3/1/08. A motion to accept this report was made by VDG Charles Stout, and a second was made by Lion Richard Shine. Motion carried. PCC Richard "Dick" Robinson stated that the Convention Fund will no longer need monies from the District Funds because it should grow to a sufficient amount on interest alone. This CD matures 3/1/08. A motion was made by PDG Norwood Brenneke and a second by PDG Jim Suttle to allow the Convention Fund Committee to renew this CD. Motion carried.

**New Business:** Governor John Hopkins designated the Tailtwister Funds (\$215.31) to be sent to the Texas Lions Foundation. After the resignation of the Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, Janice Tooke, Governor Hopkins has appointed Lion Sherrie Hopkins as the Cabinet Secretary, and PDG Norwood Brenneke as Cabinet Treasurer. Because of this appointment, PDG Brenneke submitted a letter of resignation from the Audit Committee. Governor Hopkins appointed IPDG Sam Lindsey to the vacant position on the Audit Committee. Governor Hopkins requested that the following names be on the signature card for District 2-X3: John Hopkins, Charles Stout, Norwood Brenneke, and Sherrie Hopkins. Signatures were approved on a motion by IPDG Sam Lindsey and a second by PDG Jim Suttle. Governor Hopkins also requested that the bank depository be moved from the First National Bank Texas in Killeen to the First National Bank of Central Texas, Mart branch. This action was approved on a motion by PDG Gerry Suttle and a second by PDG Ken Schroeder.

**Candidates for Office:** Lion Eddie Hambrick has been endorsed by the Corsicana Lions Club for the office of Camp Director. This will be his second term. Lion Robert Dockendorf has been endorsed by the Palestine Evening Lions Club for his second term with the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank. There is no candidate at this time for Vice District Governor. VDG Charles Stout has been endorsed as a candidate for Governor by the Temple Founder Lions Club.

**Constitution and By-Laws:** PCC Richard "Dick" Robinson gave a report on the Constitution and By-Laws which will be voted on at the District Convention. Changes at the District level will incorporate those changes made at the International level. A 2/3 vote is required for approval. PCC Robinson asked that anyone with questions or anyone asking for changes, please write him/committee a letter with change(s) suggested and the justification for such changes. PCC Robinson ask for the authority to make name changes only to the by-laws as presented if International makes name changes before these by-laws are voted on. This will save the District money for reprinting the by-laws before the District Convention. A motion was made by PDG Norwood Brenneke and a second was made by Lion John Tramp. Motion carried.

**Disposal of old equipment:** Governor Hopkins has asked that he be given permission to dispose of old equipment. We have an old copy machine (maybe 2; one has not been found) and an old fax machine that uses thermal paper. A motion was made by Lion Richard Shine and a second by PDG Jim Suttle to authorize the disposal of this equipment. Motion carried.

After the singing of "Happy Birthday" to Lion John Tramp, Governor Hopkins began hearing committee reports as we were ahead of schedule.

## **REPORTS**

**Sight First II:** PCC Richard "Dick" Robinson reported that we have collected \$132 million dollars around the world. Within the state of Texas we have collected \$1.7 million dollars, and within this district we have collected \$120,000. We have 6 months to meet our collective goal. The Fairfield club was recognized for its contribution from a golf tournament (of which the winners donated their winnings back to Sight First II). They raised \$1700 plus dollars. The Moody Lions Club was recognized for their pledge of \$2,000 (this is a small club). Crockett and Chandler were also recognized for their contributions. There are 41 model clubs throughout the state. Our district has two model clubs. Banner patches were handed out by PDG Gladys Tramp. Marlin Evening Lions Club received a Topaz Banner patch (received by Tom Criswell, President). The Killeen Evening Lions received a Diamond Banner patch, which is the second highest level visionary banner patch, (received by Lion John Tramp, Secretary of the Killeen Evening Lions Club). They were also recognized as a progressive model club which is 200% of pledge amount. The Killeen Noon Lions Club also received a banner patch for being a model club. Richard Surface, President of the Killeen Noon Lions Club received the patch from PDG Gladys Tramp.

**L.E.A.D.:** Lion John Gear gave a report on a new project to support, D.A.R.E., a program led by Sheriff's and Police Departments in counties all through District 2-X3. Lion Gear also handed out the L.E.A.D. Essay Contest Winner checks to the following recipients: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Brad Hickey, Temple Founder; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Leanne Milne, Little River-Academy; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Morgan Daniels, Salado ; 4<sup>th</sup> Place, Mackenzie Fitzgerald, Blooming Grove; 5<sup>th</sup> Place Tie, Anne Briggs, Corsicana and Jessica Nicholson, Waco Founder.

**Lunch Break:** Noon

**Reconvene:** 1:30 p.m.

**Keynote Speaker:** Lion Bess Beliveaux, Executive Director of the Lone Star Lions Eyebank, was our guest speaker. Lion Bess shared that Lions Eyebanking goes back to 1944. The first eye bank in the world was called The Sight Restoration Society of Staten Island Central Lions Club. That eye bank still exists today. It was not until 1984 that Lions Clubs International began to recognize and support Lions eye banks. Lion Bess shared the requirements to be an eye bank. Lions at one time funded the eye banks 100%. There was no charge to any patient receiving a cornea. Beginning 1992 our eye bank had to start trying to recover some of the costs of recovering these corneas. As Lions, we now fund only 3% of the budget for Lone Star Lions Eyebank. Lion Beliveaux challenged us to continue our support of our eye bank and the prevention of corneal blindness. She also said that we could help by entering our information in the Texas Registry for donors. That website is [www.texasdear.org](http://www.texasdear.org)

**International Director Candidate:** PCC Richard “Dick” Robinson introduced candidate PCC Michael Rourke who is running for the position of International Director of Lions Clubs International. PCC Rourke shared with us his desire to represent Texas on the International Board. (While not in the minutes from the October 27<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting held in Gatesville, we heard from PDG Beverly Stebbins of her wishes to serve Texas on the International Board). We will hear from the third candidate, PDG Hal Griffin, at our District Convention in Belton.

**Opportunities for Youth:** Lion Brenda “Daisy” Butz, Chairman of the Opportunities for Youth, introduced her coordinators for the various contests. Each coordinator thanked those who served as judges for these contests. The winners were announced by the coordinator of each contest. They were as follows:

Diabetic Essay Awareness	Lion Martin Heese, Coordinator
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Carly Hubert sponsored by the Killeen Evening Lions
Runner Up	Amanda Hanks sponsored by the Kosse Lions Club
Drug Awareness Speech	Lion James Haney, Coordinator
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Taylor Reed Sponsored by the Salado Lions Club
Runner Up	Yesenia Sanchez sponsored by the Killeen Evening Lions
Peace Poster Contest	Lion Bea Thompson, Coordinator
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Allegra Mojica
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Mekelenie Martin
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Carolina Aguilar
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Nastazzia Daniels
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Kassi Floyd
Outstanding Youth Award	Lion Richard Surface, Coordinator
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Jacob Petter
Runner Up	Lacey Longenbaugh

**Special Presentations:** IPDG Sam Lindsey presented the LEO Club Excellence Award from Lions Clubs International to the Kosse LEO Club. This LEO Club was the only Texas club to receive this honor and was among only 16 LEO clubs in the North American Constitutional Area to receive it. This award is the highest distinction award a LEO club can receive.

Governor John Hopkins then presented a Certificate of Appreciation from Lions Clubs International to IPDG Sam Lindsey for his service as District Governor in the year 2006-2007.

Governor Hopkins also presented Lion Brenda "Daisy" Butz with a Presidential Appreciation Award signed by the current International President Mehendra Amarasuryia for her service in this District as well the State to our youth. She has chaired both the District and the State Opportunities for Youth Contests for two years as well as serving as an Advisor to the Kosse LEO Club. Her untiring enthusiasm and devotion to the development of our youth are most appreciated.

## REPORTS CONTINUED

LEO Clubs	Lion Lawrence Sanchez reported that we have 8 LEO Clubs. We have a new club in Troy, Texas as well as about four more clubs in the making.
Leader Dog	Lion Al Waite reported that Leader Dog is in transition with new leadership after the retirement of the PID Hansen. There will be a Trekker Camp this summer.
LWSB	No report
Eyeglass Recycling	Lion Ron Boyda has been collecting our used eyeglasses and transporting them to the trailer housed with PDG Leon Van Alstyne.
White Cane Pin Chairman	Lion Bill Buckner reported on new ways to use White Cane materials. Lion Jim Bohls reports that pin sales have gone well. We are in the black; our pins have more than paid for themselves.
Texas Lions Camp	Eddie Hambrick reported that the Corsicana Lions Club is organizing a bus trip to the Camp this summer. He encourages all those who want to go to sign up at his table. Lion Diane Waite reported that any Lion can go to the Camp Meetings. Both Lion Eddie and Lion Diane encouraged us to find campers. We need more campers!
Texas Lions Foundation	PDG Alvin Coleman reported that we need to step up the pace in our contributions to the Texas Lions Foundation. He is available for programs. Please call him.
Lone Star Lions Eyebank	No Report
Membership	No Report
Retention	Lion Frances Bender challenged us by asking...What is the one thing you can do to retain members in your club? We know the answers, but are we doing them.
Leadership	No Report
LCIF	No Report
USA/Canada Forum	PDG Ken Schroeder challenged us with the opportunity to meet some good lions from the US and Canada in a leadership forum to be held in Saskatoon Saskatchewan, Canada in September, 2008.
Calendar	Council of Governor's Meeting in Kerrville – February 1-2, 2008 Texas Leadership Forum in Austin – March 7-8, 2008 District Convention in Belton – April 25-26, 2008 State Convention in Amarillo – May 15-17, 2008 International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand – June 23-27, 2008

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lion Sherrie Hopkins  
Cabinet Secretary

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