

DISTRICT 2-X3
2nd CABINET MEETING-October 27, 2007
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
GATESVILLE, TEXAS
DG JOHN HOPKINS

Saturday, October 27th, 2007

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens

9:00 am. To 10:15 a.m. Training Sessions for Zone Chairs, Membership/Retention, Secretaries
LEAD Board Meeting

10:40 a.m. Call to Order: Lion President Rob Whitesides, of the Gatesville Lions Club welcomed us all to Gatesville.

Invocation: Lion Phil Collard of Hillsboro Lions Club led a prayer in the absence of our District Chaplain, Lion James Haney.

Pledge: Lion Dwain Place, Secretary of Gatesville Lions Club led the pledge.

Song: Lion Tim Riley, led the Lions with "America the Beautiful". Lion Riley of the Waco Founder Lions Club was very proud to state that he was a camper of the Texas Lions Camp many years ago, and how all of us Lions should be proud of that camp and how it helps the specially challenged children.

Welcome and Introduction of the Mayor: Lion Rob Whitesides introduced the Mayor of Gatesville, Mayor David Byrom. He welcomed all Lions and guests to the city of Gatesville, and hopes that everyone will enjoy and expressed his thanks for the Lions and what they do as a volunteer organization.

Introduction of the District Governor: Lion Rob Whitesides introduced DG John Hopkins and presented him with a "Grand Lizard"! It was actually a fish lizard!

Appointments: DG John appointed the following for:

1. Protocol & Parliamentarian-PCC Larry Freeman
2. Sergeant at Arms: Lion Bob Talley
3. Timekeeper: PDG Gladys Tramp
4. Tail twister: (in the absence of Lion Robert Hull) IPDG Sam Lindsey

Foolishness of the Tail twisting: IPDG Sam Lindsey fined DG John Hopkins for mispronouncing one of our outstanding Founder Clubs, and that tail twister also, fined a few more Lions!!! The tail twister funds, **motioned by Lion Jan Bohls**, and second by Lion Bea Thompson to go to the Harvester Canyon Lions Club in San Diego, California, as that community was devastated by the recent fires, and they all have had to evacuate and leave their homes. Lion Jan also stated that some of those Lions were in Groesbeck recently helping rebuild homes from the flood last year. This motion was approved.

Motion on Voting Privileges: VDG Charles Stout motioned that all Lions in District 2-X3 in good standing, be allowed to vote. This was second by Lion Jan Bohls. Approved by the members.

Presentation: DG John Hopkins presented a Lions pin to each of these Cabinet Members that were not present at the 1st cabinet meeting in Crockett: 1. PDG Gladys Tramp for Sight First II District Chairperson and her role in the Leadership Program this year. 2. Lion John Tramp for his role as LWSB Chairman, 3. Lion Phil Collard as zone chairman, and Sight First Chairman (Zone), 4. Lion Daisy Butz for cabinet officer Opportunities for Youth, 5. and Lion Bill Gohring, for zone chairman in Region B. IPDG Sam, our appointed tail twister, was really on the ball today, and once again fined DG John for some silly thing of forgetting people's names!!!

Visitors: DG John welcomed some visitors in the audience, and stated that we need to take their names as prospective members!!! PDG Beverly Stebbins, and PDG Ed Stebbins were also in attendance.

Roll Call: DG John stated he was going to do something different. As he called out each club in our District, he asked them to raise their hands. 22 Clubs were represented at this meeting. DG John presented a "Webkin" Lion to the President of the Club that had the most members in attendance. PDG Gladys Tramp was the lucky one. DG explained a little about the "Webkin" Lion. There is a special code, to go on the internet, and you can

play games, etc. and chat with other “Webkin” Lions!!! He stated there was more to come at the next cabinet meeting!

Reports: 1. Opportunities for Youth: Lion Daisy Butz reported on the changes of the different contests, and if you needed to know more information, than go to the District email. For Peace Poster Contest, Lion Bea Thompson spoke on the deadline, which should be postmarked no later than December 10th, and it needs to be mailed to Lion Bea Thompson at her address posted at the District email address. Any questions on any of the contests, than please email or call the correct chairman.

2. LWSB: Lion John Tramp stated that he would come to any club to give a presentation on the Lions World Services for the Blind. He could give you updates on their current events in his report. He presented last year’s (2006-07) 100% Certificates to the following Clubs: 29 Clubs---Athens, Bellmead, Belton, Chandler, China Spring, Clifton, Corsicana, Corsicana Sunset, Crockett, Fairfield, Groesbeck, Hewitt, Hillsboro, KELC, Killeen Noon, Kosse, Lometa, Marlin Evening, Mart, McGregor, Moody, Palestine Evening, Palestine, Riesel, Salado, Temple Breakfast, Temple Founder, Waco East, and Waco Founder. This year, so far, 19 Clubs have given 100% to LWSB. He encouraged all clubs to be 100% before the end of the Lion Year.

3. LSLEB: Lion Alex Kachura explained about a packet that all club Presidents received today. Lions awareness to organ donations will be on November 9th thru 11th. There is a new donor card that if you would like to donate your corneas, at the time of death, than fill this card out, and give it to your family members, and also register on the internet as a donor, so at the time of death, than the eye banks have permission to use your corneas for transplant for someone else to see. Lion Alex stated that he was available to come to your clubs for presentations. Please contact him if you have any questions.

4. Texas Lions Camp Directors: Lion Diane Waite is a 1st time Director and stated she was very impressed when she went to VIP Day at Texas Lions Camp. TLC is one of the most prestigious Lions initiative in the World. Our Intl President comes to Texas Lions Camp every year. It is well known world wide! She encouraged all of our clubs in the District to participate in donating to the Texas Lions Camp. She stated to buy a TLC Special Plate, or be a century club member. She stated that she would be available to present a program to any club, just contact her.

5. Leader Dog: Lion Al Waite stated that we were # 6 in the State for raising monies for Leader Dog. He stated that there were some new things going on at the school. In addition to the Leader Dog, a blind person could also receive a “Treker”. It is a GPS system that allows the blind person with the dog and the GPS system, to better understand where they are and how to get there!! Each “Treker” costs about \$600.00 each, and the Leader Dog School, does need additional funding for that project. Please contribute to Leader Dog. Use your quarter packets, and send them in. 10 students from Texas are trained every year at Leader Dog School, and that is great, so keep your contributions coming in.

6. LEAD: Lion Jon Gear reported that LEAD is coming up with new ideas, such as an award program for activities of drug awareness. The Quest Program is struggling, but LEAD will do it for one more year. They have few in attendance. They are still working on the articles of corporation. The drug and essay program is in effect and going strong. No other report.

7. Campaign Sight First II: PDG Gladys Tramp requested that each one of us fill out a pledge card even if it is just a small amount. She stated that \$6.00 can save 1 persons sight. Only 23 Clubs in our District have pledged to give to this campaign. So please give to Sight First II. It is a good cause and we need to prevent blindness.

8. Texas Lions Foundation: DG John Hopkins stated that 20 Clubs have given 100% for a total of \$1,466.00. PDG Carol and Al Coleman were not able to attend this cabinet meeting, due to PDG Carol’s blood pressure being low.

Candidate for Intl Director: PDG Beverly Stebbins was introduced by DG John Hopkins. She explained a little about the Intl Board and how it works. She was also here for our vote in April. There are four Lions running for Intl Director from Texas. She encouraged us to vote.

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Break for Lunch: Noon: Lion Phil Collard led us in the blessing. Entertainment during the meal was a religious guitar player whose first name was Kyle. Enjoyed his music and voice!! Lunch was catered by Andy's Restaurant.

Resume Cabinet Meeting: DG opened the afternoon session of the cabinet meeting at 12:50 pm.

DG Remarks: DG stated that he appreciated VDG Charles visiting zone meetings, etc. and thanked everyone for hosting the meetings.

Region Chairs:

- A. PDG Carol Coleman: not present, but DG John stated that everything was fine in her regional area.
- B. PDG Gerry Suttle reported that they had their zone meetings and everyone had a pretty good turnout.
- C. Lion Glenn Brandt reported that their zone meetings were held and each was right on schedule.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes: Lion Janice Tooke presented the minutes. IPDG Sam Lindsey motioned to accept the minutes as presented. This was 2nd by PDG Gerry Suttle. This was approved by the members.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Janice Tooke yielded her time for explanation of the new Quick Books as requested by the last audit to DG John Hopkins and PDG Norwood Brenneke. DG John stated that since it was suggested to switch over to Quick Books, Lion Janice is not familiar with the program, and is learning the process, PDG Norwood Brenneke will answer any questions that may come up at this meeting. A motion was made by Lion Jan Bohls and 2nd by Lion Jackie Condon to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. There was a question of "Where's the budget?" It was answered by DG John giving the update of the changes that were made on the proposed budget for this year that being the Discrepancy Income and Expenses should be the tail twister fund, and Opportunities for Youth changed to \$2400.00, plus the Peace Poster Contest should be \$650.00 and White Cane should be \$50.00. This was approved by the members, with 3 voting opposed.

Contingency Fund: No report.

State Convention Fund: PDG L. Eldon Miller was not present, but DG reported there is \$42,985.56 in a certificate of deposit at First State Bank of Central Texas earning 5.50% interest and was renewed on 9/3/07. The maturing date is March 1, 2008. DG stated that we have ample money in the fund to do our State Convention in 2021.

USA/CANADA FORUM Report: VDG Charles Stout stated that if any of you can go to a Leadership forum, that the USA/Canada Forum is the best one for training. They have the best trainers, and very well run. The next one will be in Sachcachawan in September 2008. Please try to attend. DG John stated that the Texas Leadership Forum will be in March of 2008, at the Austin Hilton, which is another forum that is very well planned. Applications are still being accepted.

Audit Committee: PDG Norwood Brenneke reported that his committee reviewed the treasurer's books of last year, and stated they are substantially correct. The following was recommended:

1. Bank statements should be reconciled monthly.
2. Keep bank statements, invoices, receipts by month in separate envelope.
3. Recommend that bank reconciliation be reviewed by third party on quarterly basis.
4. Copy of authorized signature cards is furnished to the audit committee.
5. DG start funds should be accounted for separately from the general fund.
6. Directors and officers should make a request for payment even though in the budget.

PDG Gerry Suttle motioned to accept the audit report as presented. This was second by Lion Al Waite. Approved by the members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Announcements: DG John announced that Temple Founder Club was having their 90th Anniversary celebration on Friday night, November 2nd. He also encouraged everyone to attend the Council of Governor's

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meeting to be held on November 2nd, & 3rd in Temple. Also, Lion Frances Bender announced that her club turned in 1,695 pairs of glasses to the Eyeglass Recycle Center.

IPDG Sam Lindsey reported that there will be a PDG Meeting right after this cabinet meeting.

Attendance: there were 76 in attendance today.

Presentation: President of the Corsicana Lions Club, Lion Lemand Payton presented DG John Hopkins with a Life Membership to Texas Lions Camp as he was President of the Corsicana Lions club 11 years ago, when they started the Paul Bennett Golf Tournament, and the club has contributed over 60 thousand dollars since that time.

Closing: IPDG Sam, VDG Charles, DG John, Lions Jon Gear, Buddy Powell, and Bill Gohring led the Lions in the song "Do you hear those Lions roar?" AND the final finale, DG requested the group to sing "The More you get Together."

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Janice F. Tooke
District 2-X3 Cabinet Secretary

Emailed: Intl on October 28, 2007