



## **4<sup>th</sup> District 7-L Cabinet Meeting**

June 13, 2015, 10:30 – 12:00

Western Sizzlin, Arkadelphia AR

### **ATTENDANCE:**

(CABINET MEMBERS): DG Bob DeVinney (HSV Evening), DGE Maxine Crittenden (Texarkana Evening), 1<sup>st</sup>VDG John Collier (Hope), 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Larry Ketcham, Sec. Nell Rockett (HSV Evening), Z1TL Renee Roberts (Mena Lioness), Z2TL Joanne Blos (Jesse D. Hawkins), Z3TL Pete Beck (HSV Evening), Z4TL/Webmaster Don Draper (HSV Breakfast), Z6TL Elane Cecil (Texarkana Evening), GMT/Leos/PDG John Lewis (Saratoga), GLT Claudia Griffin (Hope), Mid-South Cord. Art Ritter (Bryant), Nominating Com. Member Dick Welch (Benton), Family & Women's Involvement/Lions Alert Chair Charlotte Young (Camden), Eye Bank Chair Dennis Williams (Arkadelphia), LEHP/Diabetes Awareness Chair Mae Robinson (HS Jesse D. Hawkins), and Honory Bill Mertins (Arkadelphia).

(CLUBS/GUESTS): Lions Julian Jaeger and Anita Williams (Arkadelphia); Lion Chuck Shellnut (Benton); Lion Adren Duncan and David Olson (Bryant); Lions Jessica Trauger and Teresa Ford (Hope Evening); Lion Bill Freeman (Hope Noon); PDG Claude Jamerson (HS Jesse D Hawkins); Lions David Shockey, Toni Shockey, and Wanda Thorp (HS Oaklawn); Lion Larry Loudon (HS South); Lion Helen Van Stone (HSV Breakfast); Lions Rose Drake and Klint Lipsius (HSV Evening); Lion Carla Mosley (Mena Lioness); Lions Penny Lynch and Carol Williamson (Prescott); and Lion Jimmie Crittenden (Texarkana Evening).

Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. by DG Bob DeVinney.

**PLEDGE** led by DGE Maxine Crittenden.

**INVOCATION** by 1<sup>st</sup> DG John Collier

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 18, 2015 MINUTES:** Minutes were email to cabinet members and club officers prior to the meeting. Motion was made by Lion Dennis Williams and seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> DG Larry Ketcham to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

**MAY 31<sup>st</sup> FINANCIAL REPORT:** In lieu of the treasurer Lion Jim O'Connor, DG Bob DeVinney presented the 5/31/2015 financial report. Copies of report were emailed to cabinet

members and club officers prior to meeting. May 31, 2015 financial report showed there had been \$683 of expenses since the last expense report leaving a balance for \$6,727 through May 31, 2015. A final 2014-2015 yearend financial statement will be presented after the June bank statement has been reconciled. Lion Dick Welch moved and 1<sup>st</sup> DG John Collier seconded a motion to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

**ALERT FUND FINANCIAL REPORT:** Alert Chair Charlotte Young reported a balance of \$3,753.37 in the Disaster Relief account. This balance of funds is a result of a special donation from a local business. The extra funds will go toward replenishing the kits in the trailer after each disaster relief. The LCIF grant is ready to be closed since all paper work is complete. DG DeVinney made note that the cabinet must approve the final report closing out the LCIF grant and the action must be documented in the meeting minutes. Lions Dennis Williams moved and Z1TL Rene Roberts seconded a motion to accept the alert fund financial report. Motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### 1) Status of Alert Trailer:

- The Alert Committee was introduced. DG DeVinney announced that Alert Chair Charlotte Young has agreed to remain as the committee chair for the next fiscal year.
- Alert Committee Member Julian Jaeger (Arkadelphia Lions) talked about the contents of the alert trailer. He explained the layout of the trailer, the insurance, the Protocols for clubs to check out the trailer and the Check-Out Form. Clubs in the district will receive the Protocols and Check-Out Form as well as retaining said forms in the trailer.
- DG DeVinney recognized Lion Penny Lynch (Prescott Leo sponsor) and the assistance of the Prescott Leos in preparing kits and placing them in the trailer.

#### 2) Status of the Delight Lions Club:

- The Delight Club is down to one (1) member.
- 1<sup>st</sup> DG John Collier reported on the lack of leadership to ensure the continuation of the club.
- 1<sup>st</sup> DG Collier reported that a plan is now in place to try to save the club. The Blevins School Superintendent has agreed to look at the Delight situation. He is recommending that, after waiting a period of time, several counties come together to form a new club. He will be instrumental in helping with the formation of the new club.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- DG DeVinney reviewed this year's theme "Growing to Serve More" and the four cornerstones as the guide to strengthen the district. He reported that the district is down by fourteen (14) members. History indicates that individuals are more likely to drop their membership in the month of June. He encouraged everyone present to work on

maintaining membership as well as growing membership in clubs. DG DeVinney reminded everyone of the Veteran program that waives new member fees for Veterans.

- DG DeVinney reported the work of a team canvassing Hot Springs to find members for a 33<sup>rd</sup> club in District 7-L. The charter application for this new club, The Hot Springs Noon Lions Club, will be sent in this coming week as we only need one additional member to qualify as a new Charter Lions Club and I am confident we will be able to recruit this additional person. The Jesse D. Hawkins Club will be the sponsoring club and the Guiding Lions are PDG Art Ritter and ZTL Joanne Blos. DG DeVinney gave a special thanks to all Lions who worked so hard in the effort to form this new club.
- DG DeVinney recognized the two members present from the new Hope Evening Lions Club, President Jessica Trauger and Secretary Teresa Ford.
- DG DeVinney emphasized the importance of everyone working really hard to grow membership in order to end up with positive growth this year in the district.

## **REPORTS:**

1. Zone Team Leaders: Z2TL Joanne Blos reported that Jesse D. Hawkins Lions Club had their installation of officers this morning. She further reported that all clubs in zone 2 are going fine. The newly formed Hot Springs Noon Lions Club will fall under Zone 2.
2. Vice District Governors:
  - DGE Maxine Crittenden has contacted all clubs in Zones 4, 5, & 6. She passed out a power point presentation indicating the membership in these zones.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> VDG John Collier talked about membership. He always states “Grow Your Own” when talking to clubs in his zones. He stressed starting Leo Clubs in club areas. He also talked about the change in zones. Since the new Hot Springs Noon club will be in zone 2, Glenwood will be moved from zone 2 to zone 4 to even out numbers. Lion Collier also emphasized the need to concentrate on maintaining our members.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Larry Ketcham also emphasized the importance of retention of membership as well as adding new members.
  - Lion Penny Lynch offered the assistance of the Prescott Leos. She talked about the Leo Club project of raising money to purchase a vision screening machine which will cost from \$5,000 to \$7,000. She discussed the need for this equipment to perform vision screening in the young children in several counties.
3. Committee Reports:
  - Mid-South Report by Chair Art Ritter. PDG Art Ritter reported that he will be vice president of the Mid-South Board this next fiscal year. He talked about the importance of supporting Mid-South. He encouraged Lions to become a Champion by giving \$25 per month.
  - District Web Site report given by Webmaster Don Draper. Lion Draper encouraged clubs to get dates/events sent to him in order to update the site.

- Dr. Claudia Griffin, GLT, reported two clubs, Prescott and HS Oaklawn, have completed Club Excellence. HSV Evening is in process of beginning CEP. Dr. Griffin offers her assistance with the process. She also offered her training on leadership to clubs.
- Z4TL Don Draper (president of the HSV Breakfast Lions) invited everyone to their recognition banquet at the Diamante Country Club in Hot Springs Village on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

## **RECOGNITION & ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:**

1. **Presidential Zone Chairperson Awards for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter.** Recipients were: Z2TL Joane Blos, Z3TL Pete Beck, Z4TL Don Draper, and Z6TL Elane Cecil.

### **2. District Cabinet Chairperson Awards:**

Diabetes Awareness & Action Chairperson **Mae Robinson**  
 Environment Chairperson **Karen Sterzik**, District Hearing Chair **Mozella Anderson**, District Leo Chair **Elane Cecil**, Youth & Lions Quest Chair **Tiara Lamb**, Opportunities for Youth Chair **John Lewis**, District Sight Chair **Dave DeGraff**, and District Alert Chair **Charlotte Young**. Lion **Bill Mertins** received a certificate of accomplishment.

### **3. Club Awards:**

- **Club Community & Cultural Activity Banner Patch** presented to **Hot Springs South Lions Club**. This club distributes over \$24,000 in support of state projects, plus LCIF, and numerous local activities. This club is making a positive impact on their community and is deserving of this award.
- **Club Excellence Award for Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action** presented to **Hot Springs Village Breakfast Lions Club**. This club does more is active in eye screening for children in several counties.
- **Club New Horizon Award in Diabetes Education** presented to **Hot Springs Village Evening Lions**. This club has just completed their second annual Diabetes Awareness Walk & Health Fair, raising several thousand dollars for diabetes awareness and research.
- **Outstanding Club Patch** presented to **Hope Lions Club**. This club is involved in numerous community, district, state, and international projects. They give scholarships, assist areas hit with fire and weather disasters, disseminate food baskets during the holiday season, contribute to youth programs, plus the support of WSB and Mid-South.
- **Club Visitation Award Patch** goes to **Hot Springs Village Breakfast Lions**. This club turned in 18 visitation certificates.

#### **4. Special Awards:**

- Certificate of Appreciation presented to **Lion Richard Welch** for his outstanding work on securing donations for the disaster relief trailer and disaster kits.
- Certificate of Appreciation presented to the **Arkadelphia Lions Club** for securing equipment for the disaster relief trailer, building partitions inside trailer, housing the trailer, and taking responsibility for upkeep and check-out of trailer.
- Special “Thank You for Your Service” to Secretary **Nell Rockett**.
- Lions International coffee mugs were presented to cabinet members.

#### **CLOSING REMARKS:**

- DGE Maxine Crittenden presented a plaque for Leadership to DG Bob DeVinney in recognition of his service to the district as District Governor.
- DGE Maxine Crittenden announced that the first cabinet meeting for the 2015-16 fiscal year will be July 25, 2015 at Western Sizzlin, Arkadelphia, 10:00 a.m.
- Lion Toni Shockey announced registration for Lions Quest workshop that is scheduled for July 7-8, 2015. Lions Quest will need \$80 from each club in the district.
- Final remarks from DG Bob DeVinney emphasized continued service of all Lions in District 7-L and his honor to serve as district governor.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** with Officer Training by GLT Dr. Claudia Griffin to follow at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Nell Rockett**, Secretary  
District 7-L