



## **'Serving Those Who Can Not Serve Themselves'**

### **District 7-L Cabinet Meeting**

August 13, 2016 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Western Sizzlin, Arkadelphia, AR

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

(CABINET MEMBERS): DG John Collier (Hope), 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Larry Ketcham (HSV Evening), 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG/ Internet Technology Chair Don Draper (HSV Breakfast), Z1Chr. Carla Mosley (Mena Lioness), Z4Chr. Wendell Hoover (Nashville), Z6Chr. Jimmie Crittenden (Texarkana Evening), GMT PDG James Griffin (Hope), GLT Claudia Griffin (Hope), District Centennial Coord. Richard Wade, Leo Chr. Elane Cecil (Texarkana Evening), Environmental & Strategic Plan Chair, PDG Bob DeVinney (HSV Evening), Lions Alert Chair Charlotte Young (Camden), Mid-South Coord, PDG Art Ritter (Benton), Nominations/Credentials Chair PDG Claude Jamerson (Jesse D. Hawkins), Nominations/Credentials Member Richard Welch (Benton), Nominations/Credentials Member/LCIF Chair PCC Dave DeGraff

(CLUBS/GUESTS): Adien Duncan, and Barbara Duncan (Benton); Larry Loudon & Gary Wokaty (Hot Springs Village Evening); Patrick Daniel & Lance Howell (Malvern);

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by DG John Collier.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 2nd VDG Don Draper

**PRAYER:** PDG James Griffin

**INTRODUCTIONS:** DG John Collier introduced Cabinet members and handed out cabinet pins and name badges. Guests were also introduced. DG John Collier talked about Taking Pride in the Pride and that working on membership and retention

**APPROVAL OF June 18, 2016 MINUTES:** Minutes were emailed to cabinet members and club officers prior to the meeting. Motion was made by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Don Draper and seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Larry Ketcham to accept the minutes as emailed. Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** DG John Collier presented the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Treasurer Laurie Pinner. The report showed a beginning balance of \$4955.94 on 7-29-16, bond payment of \$90, reimbursement of \$69.12, and dues payments by 9 clubs of \$2,079, for an ending balance of \$6,875.52 on 8/11/16. DG John reminded cabinet that club dues must be paid 15 days before the district convention for delegates to vote at the convention. Motion was made by VDG Larry Ketchum and seconded by PDG James Griffin to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Centennial Update by District Centennial Chair Richard Wade: Lion Richard reported on current events and potential events for centennial celebrations. Cabinet discussed current

expected, and potential events. Lion Richard discussed how to report activities and encouraged clubs to report activities to capture for international all the services being done and people being served. Lion Richard emphasized that he was available to speak to clubs about the Centennial events and projects. His contact information is: [rtwade@hotmail.com](mailto:rtwade@hotmail.com) or 903-701-0797.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **District Convention:** In the absence of District Convention Chair Valerie Sanders, DG John Collier reported that the District Convention will be held October 14 – 15 at Hempstead Hall. The first 80 registrations will receive free tickets to the Gene Watson concert to be held Friday night. Others will pay \$23 per ticket. The concert will be open to the public, but Lions will have a private Meet-and-Greet with Gene Watson before the concert. Proceeds from the concert will be split evenly with Hempstead Hall. The Lions share of the profit will be split evenly between the Arkansas Eye Bank, Mid-South Sight and Hearing, and World Services for the Blind. (Proceeds from the concert at the concert at the state convention will go to LCIF.) Guiding Lion training will be held Friday at 11:00 at Sheba's Restaurant near Exit 30 of I-30.
- **District Convention Budget:** DG John Collier presented the proposed budget for the district convention. Expected revenues for the convention, including \$500 from the district budget, are \$3,900. Expected expenses are \$3,209, with an expected net profit of \$925 to give back to the general district budget. The Prescott Lions Club will provide hamburgers Friday night, the Hope Evening Lions Club will provide continental breakfast Saturday morning, and the Hope Lions Club will provide fried fish Saturday lunch. Lion Claudia Griffin moved that the district convention budget be approved, and Lion Richard Wade seconded. Motion was approved.
- **Combining Districts:** DG John Collier presented a PowerPoint concerning the rationale for MD-7 to combine districts to form 2 districts instead of 4. At this point, the information is for information only, and not for a vote. He expects the matter to come up for vote in the future, however.

## **REPORTS:**

### **Zone Team Chairs/VDG:**

1. Zone 1 Chair Carla Mosley reported:
  - DeQueen Lions: All is going well and working on fundraisers for the year. They have given \$600 toward their Single Parent Scholarship.
  - Hatfield Lions: One new member joined this week. They are remodeling part of the old school building into a kitchen for community use as a Legacy Project.
  - Lockesburg Lions: Their 5K on July 4 raised over \$1,200, and they plan to give \$1,500 to Mid-South. They have purchased tickets to the AR vs. LSU game to raffle off. She will visit the club Aug 23.
  - Mena Lions: Helped Mena Lioness Lions with annual fundraiser. Next event is a Gun Show at Polk County Fair Ground on Sept 24 – 25.
  - Mena Lioness Lions: Raised over \$10,000 in their annual fundraiser July 28. Gave a \$500 scholarship to a Polk County Student for Higher Education Scholarship. Still discussing Legacy Project.
2. GLT/Zone 4 Chair Wendell Hoover announced:
  - He has visited Malvern and Prescott clubs, and they are actively serving their communities.
3. Zone 6 Chair Jimmie Crittenden reported that:

- Texarkana Evening: On August 29 they will have a meeting to help children in a neighborhood by providing clothes, backpacks, and other supplies for school kids.

### **Cabinet Reports:**

1. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Larry Ketcham:
  - Visiting Hope Evening and Hope clubs this month
  - Wants to attend Zone meetings
  - Wants Zone Chairs to visit other zone meetings
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Don Draper:
  - Working on Hot Springs Village Joint Legacy Project
  - Working on vision screening in Hot Springs Village area
3. GLT Claudia Griffin:
  - Trained officers in Prescott and Malvern
  - Guiding Lion Training will be Friday, October 14, 11:00 – 4:00, at Sheba's Family Restaurant near Exit 30 of I-30 in Hope. She encouraged all cabinet members who are not already training as a Guiding Lion to attend. Training is good for 3 years, and the information is good for every Lion leader to help strengthen his/her club and zone.
4. GMT James Griffin:
  - Presentations have been made at Hope Evening, Hope Noon, Arkadelphia, and Hot Springs. Emphasis was on club satisfaction of current members using the Club Satisfaction Survey. It is hoped that by using this survey as a kick-start and with GLT Claudia Griffin's assistance, clubs can be carried to the completion of a CEP. Clubs were also urged to make use of the Community Needs Survey to determine if the club is responding to the current needs of the service area. Copies of the Former Member Exit Survey were offered to the clubs in hope of learning why members dropped from the club.
  - Good numbers were present at all clubs except Hot Springs. Hope Noon had 33 surveys completed, Hope Evening 16, and Arkadelphia 15. Only 3 completed at Hot Springs.
  - Each meeting was concluded by leading the club in a brain-storming session to generate a list of prospective new members. These prospects were assigned to generate a list of prospective new members, with prospects assigned to current members for contact.
  - Additional club visits are being scheduled.
  - A visit was made by GMT Griffin and DG Collier to Murfreesboro as a first step to forming a Priority Club in South Pike county. A Priority Club can be chartered with a new name with 10 members in an area that has canceled a club less than a year earlier.
5. Alert Chair Charlotte Young
  - Encouraged clubs to use alert trailer in parades, fairs, and other fall events. Call her to reserve the trailer. She and Nell Rock have guidelines.
  - Smoke alarms are available free from the Red Cross through cooperation with local fire departments, who install the alarms. Her club has used the procedure and have been successful with the process. She described their experiences and encouraged clubs to also participate. She also suggested that they work with the County Judges and local Emergency Directors in their projects.
6. Youth Exchange Chair and Mid-South VP Art Ritter:

- Encouraged members to spread the word to Leos, other youth, and potential host families that a youth exchange is available. See Art for more information
- Encouraged every Cabinet member to be a Mid-South Champion.
- Encouraged Cabinet members to invite non-Lions to be Champions
- Encouraged clubs to sponsor low-income people and people who need eye surgery to get help at Mid-South

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be October 15, 2016 at Hempstead Hall in Hope at the District Convention

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Respectfully submitted,  
Claudia Griffin, Acting Secretary