



**“Taking Pride in the Pride”  
District 7-L Cabinet Meeting**

October 15, 2016 3:30p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Hempstead Hall, UACCH, Hope, 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), Secretary Nell Rockett (HSV Evening), Treasurer Laurie Pinner (Hope), Z1Chr. Carla Mosley (Mena Lioness), Z2 Chr. Toni Shockey (HS Noon), Z3 Chr. Pete Beck (HSV Evening), GMT/Leos/ PDG James Griffin (Hope), GLT Claudia Griffin (Hope), District Centennial Coord. Richard Wade (Hope Evening), PR Chr. Rene Roberts (Mena Lioness), Conference Chr. Valerie Sanders (Hope), Environmental & Strategic Plan Chair, PDG Bob DeVinney (HSV Evening), Mid-South Coord./ PDG Art Ritter (Benton), Nominations/Credentials Chair PDG Claude Jamerson (Jesse D. Hawkins), Nominations/Credentials Member Richard Welch (Benton), Cultural & Com. Activities Chr. Jeff Cook (Hope), Diabetes Co Chr. Larry Bauer (HSV Evening), Nominations/Credentials Member/LCIF Chair PCC Dave DeGraff, Youth Activities Chr. Penny Lynch (Prescott) and Liberty Day Chr. Sharon Wright (Hope).

(CLUBS/GUESTS): Lions Mark Vaughn, Chuck Shelnutt, Adien Duncan, and Barbara Duncan (Benton); Lion Dave Phillips (Hope); Lion JoAnn Draper (HSV Breakfast); and Lion Layla Purtle (Prescott Leos).

Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. by DG John Collier.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** PDG/Mid-South Coord. Art Ritter.

**PRAYER:** PCC Dave DeGraff

**APPROVAL OF August 13, 2016 MINUTES:** Minutes were emailed to cabinet members and club officers prior to the meeting. Motion was made by PDG Art Ritter and seconded by Lion Jeff Cook to accept the minutes as emailed. Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Treasurer Laurie Pinner passed out the October Financial Report to reflect the following: a beginning balance of \$455.64, Deposits of \$12,623.00 (leftover balance from 2015-16, annual dues, and district convention), withdrawals/expenses of \$7,273.22, leaving an ending balance of **\$5,805.42**. Motion was made by Lioness Rene Roberts and seconded by Lion Dick Welch to accept the financial report as presented. Motion passed. DG Collier reported that the convention deposits and expenses were fairly even. Received an email from Disaster Relief Chair Charlotte Young reporting a balance of \$3,620.72 in the district disaster relief fund.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- DG Collier reminded all to consider the four districts merging into two districts for Arkansas. DG Collier went over the reasons and benefits of such a merger during the convention earlier in the day. During the convention, a vote on the merger was taken simply to get a feel as to the wishes of club members in District 7-L. The vote was unanimous to merge the four districts into two districts (northern and southern). 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Don Draper inquired as to who would be putting words in the merger referendum. DG Collier replied that Judge Jim Gunter would probably be that person.
- DG Collier reported on the status of some clubs in the district:
  - Some clubs are in trouble and in need of assistance.
  - Glenwood disbanded in the early spring. However, since that time, a young couple has moved into the community and voiced a desire for a Lions Club. DG Collier met with them, and it was decided a club would reorganize under the name of Caddo River Lions since it would encompass a larger area than just Glenwood. More meetings with a Guiding Lion and the District Governor will be forthcoming. 2<sup>nd</sup> DG Don Draper reported that the Breakfast Lions have expanded to Glenwood and surrounding areas for eye screening and the assistance of this new couple will be appreciated.
  - South Pike County is still in the works. Will probably be pursued more after the first of the year.
  - Other suggestions for possible sites for new clubs are appreciated.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Need for Guiding Lions. Several were trained on October 14, 2016 just prior to the convention. DG Collier asked everyone to look within his/her club to see if anyone would be interested in becoming a Guiding Lion. GLT Claudia Griffin reported a training scheduled for the Friday prior to the State Convention in Hope in April. More details on the training will be forthcoming.

## **REPORTS:**

### **Zone Team Chairs**

#### 1. Zone 1 Chair Carla Mosley reported:

- DeQueen Lions: Busy volunteering at the concession stand during home games. They helped park cars during the October Hoo Rah Days Annual Festival and their next activity will be passing out candy to the pre-school and kindergarten students for Halloween. Funds raised will go to Mid-South Lions Sight & Hearing and the AR Lions Eye Bank & Laboratory.
- Hatfield Lions: Still working on Legacy project which is getting the old school auditorium and gym updated so it can be used by the community. They will also be assembling baskets filled with food items to be given out during Thanksgiving for those in need.
- Lockesburg Lions: Selling chances on an ice chest full of Razorback memorabilia. Drawing will be on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Money raised helps support their community with eyeglasses and the Angel tree for Christmas. Their Legacy Project of renovation of the old local school gym is progressing. It is placed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Mena Lions: Hosted a Gun Show at the Polk County Fair Grounds on September 24-25, 2016 and brought in \$5,000. In October, a cross country event was at the Mena Lions field with 160 kids participating. They are discussing a Fun Run for Halloween.

- Mena Lioness: Sold bake goods during the Mena Lions Club gun show and raised \$450 to be given to local charities. Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, the club will be making root beer floats during the Christian Motorcycle Association Changing of the Colors Rally. Trash pick-up along Hwy 71 is set for October 27<sup>th</sup>. On Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sharon Giovinazzo, CEO with World Services for the Blind is scheduled to speak at the Ouachita Center of Rich Mountain Community College in the Carver Grand Hall from 6 to 8 p.m. The event is free but donations will be accepted to support WSB. The Mena Lioness Lions have been chosen as Grand Marshalls for the Mena/Polk County Chamber of Commerce 2016 Christmas Parade on December 3.
2. Zone 2 Chair Toni Shockey reported:
    - David Shockey will be taking over her responsibility as Zone 2 Chair.
    - Oaklawn just had their BBQ.
    - HS South had a gun show in July.
    - Jesse Hawkins will be roasting a member in January.
    - Other clubs in zone are busy.
  3. Zone 3 Chair Pete Beck reported:
    - Conducted an induction ceremony for new members for the Bryant Lions.
    - Zone meeting was held October 1. The main topics of the meeting were: merger of the four districts and legacy projects.

#### **Cabinet Reports:**

1. Lions Quest: Chair Toni Shockey reported sending out letters to all Superintendents regarding Lions Quest training.
2. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Larry Ketcham:
  - Visiting clubs. Most are small but very busy. Many are involved in projects that will make them eligible for their patches; however, they are not reporting to LCI.
  - A member of the Lewisville Lions Club is attending the convention today.
  - An Emerging Lions Institute is scheduled for January 21-23, 2017 in Chicago.
  - Legacy Projects in many clubs are slow getting off the ground.
  - Membership decline in many clubs but Zones 4, 5, & 6 are on the plus side.
  - HSV Evening Lions will have their Pancake Day October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Coronado Center in the village from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00. Tickets are \$8.
3. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Don Draper:
  - Zone 2 in very active. The Bryant Club will induct three new members.
  - One club in Hot Springs needs a Guiding Lion. They are presently looking for a new president.
  - Very busy arranging visitations to clubs under my charge.
4. Centennial Chair Richard Wade:
  - Met with Benton.
  - Worked with Hope and Hope Evening Lions

- There is a lot of planning but still need more work and encouragement on the Legacy Projects and Centennial Planning.

5. GLT Claudia Griffin:

- Did District Governor training a few weeks ago.
- Guiding Lions training yesterday, October 14, 2016.
- Will be scheduling another Zone Chair Training and a Guiding Lions Training.

6. Youth Activities Chair Penny Lynch:

- Leos from Prescott will be going to state convention and leadership weekend.
- DG Collier reminded that there are now two Leos in the District.

7. Lion Richard Welch:

- Benton just celebrated Lion Myrum Conley's 60 years perfect attendance.
- Talking stages of the Legacy Project for 2017 voted on in December. A second Legacy Project will be voted on for 2018.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

1. DG Collier announced a Vice District Governor's training on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
2. DGE Ketcham complimented DG Collier and Convention Chair Valerie Sanders for a great convention.
3. DG Collier thanked the convention committee for their hard work.
4. DG Collier announced there is a state activity committee, one from each district. Unfortunately, they have not been used. However, they will be put to use for the state convention.
5. Lion Pete Beck announced HSV Evening Lions have coloring books for sale.
6. Lion Richard Wade announced a BBQ chicken dinner, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 p.m. at the Hope High School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$8.

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, January 21, 2017, Western Sizzlin, Arkadelphia, 10:00 a.m.

**BENEDICTION:** PDG James Griffin

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Respectfully submitted,  
Nell C. Rockett, Secretary