



## **"Taking Pride in the Pride"**

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

April 29, 2017 10:45 a.m. – 11:50 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), Z1Chr. Carla Mosley (Mena Lioness), Z3 Chr. Pete Beck (HSV Evening), Z6 Chr. Jimmie Crittenden (Texarkana Evening), GMT/PDG James Griffin (Hope), GLT Claudia Griffin (Hope), PR Chr. Rene Roberts (Mena Lioness), Leo Co-Chr. Elaine Cecil (Texarkana Evening), Mid-South Coord./ PDG Art Ritter (Benton), PCC/Honorary Bill Mertins, PDG/WSB Bruce Davis (HSV Evening), Nominations/Credentials Member/LCIF Chair/PCC Dave DeGraff (HSV Evening), Nominations Richard Welch (Benton), Eye Bank Chr. Dennis Williams (Arkadelphia), Centennial Chr. Richard Wade (Hope Evening), Youth Activities Chr. Penny Lynch (Prescott), Alert Chr. Charlotte Young (Camden), Liberty Day Chr. Sharon Wright (Hope), Peace Poster Chr. Judee Gunter (Hope Evening).

(CLUBS/GUESTS): Lions Anita Williams, Travis Burton, Jim Stone, Mark Overturf, Bill Mayo, and Ruby Mertins (Arkadelphia); Lion Chuck Shelnut (Benton); Lions Richard Harder and Brenda Harder (Bryant); Lions Alejandra Mendoza, Jessica Trauger, Betty Collier, and Grace Trauger (Hope Evening); Lions Louise Tagger, Mozella Anderson, Kathy McDaniel, Joanne Blos, and Tiara Lamb (Jesse D. Hawkins); Lions Sami Jo Magoffin, Helen Van Stone, Nancy Otto, and Dottie Steward (HS Village Breakfast); Lions Marlene Beck and Nancy Ketcham (HS Village Evening); Lion Ethan Dunbar (Lewisville); Lions Curtis Johnson and Charles Haynie (Prescott); Lions Irene Lewis, Shirley Wilson, Dorothy Berry and Marvin Williams (Texarkana Evening) and Lions Doub Barnette, Joan Norton, Bob Furlow and Lonnie Early (Texarkana Noon).

Meeting called to order at 10:45 a.m. by DG John Collier.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** DGE Larry Ketcham

**PRAYER:** PDG Bruce Davis

**WELCOME:** DG John Collier

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 21, 2017 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 Zone 1 Chr. Carla Mosley to accept the minutes as emailed. Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Treasurer Laurie Pinner was absent; however, a financial report is recorded herein: From January, 2017 indicates a beginning balance of \$4,119.07, deposits of \$10,556.07,

withdrawals/expenses of \$5,338.57 leaving a balance of \$9,337.04. A complete financial report along with the 2017-18 proposed budget will be approved at the next cabinet meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Membership:** DG Collier reported that membership is down but there has been some growth in some clubs.
- **Zone Chair Training:** GLT Claudia Griffin conducted a zone chair training on Friday, April 28, 2017 at Sheba Restaurant in Hope.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Preview of Upcoming Year:** DGE Larry Ketcham
  - Praised DG John Collier for an outstanding job.
  - Goals for 2017-18: 1) Establish dates and accomplishing training for officers; 2) ID zone chairs and training (three have been trained with three left to train); 3) ID at least three new leaders for the district; 4) select at least six additional guiding lions; 5) increase women members by at least 36; 6) establish at least one new club in district; 7) retain at least 40 members in district; and 8) net membership growth goal of five.
  - Process of filling all D7L cabinet positions. The entire cabinet will be introduced at the next cabinet meeting.
  - Zone Chairs are as follows: Zone 1 – Lion Rene Roberts (Mena Lioness), Zone 2 – Lion David Shockey (HS), Zone 3 – Lion Chuck Shelnut (Benton), Zone 4 – Lion Ethan Dunbar (Lewisville), Zone 5 – Lion Richard Wade (Hope Evening), and Zone 6 – Lion Jimmie Crittenden (Texarkana Evening).
  - New GLT will be Lion Pete Beck (HS Village Evening).
  - A 2017-18 budget meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2017.
  - Officer training is scheduled for August 1, 2017.

### **REPORTS:**

- **2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Don Draper:**
  - Announced the importance of Zone Chair Training.
  - Encouraged Zone Chairs to get club event into him to be submitted to the district website.
- **Zone Team Chairs**
  1. **Zone 1 Chair Carla Mosley** reported:
    - **DeQueen Lions:** This club has had a net growth of four (4) new members. Money raised from their fundraiser in December has gone toward a \$1,000 scholarship, \$1,600 to WSB, \$1,000 to AR Eye Bank, \$600 to local baseball teams, \$500 for t-ball and eyeglasses for local residents, \$175 to sponsor students for Boys and Girls State, and \$100 to local 4-H Club.
    - **Hatfield Lions:** Have had a highway trash pickup day. They held their annual Easter egg hunt and served snacks. Received several applications for their \$1,000 scholarship. Their Legacy Project is still underway. The 4-H Club is using the Lions Club House as their meeting place. On June 24<sup>th</sup> they will have a Lions table set up during the Hatfield's Annual Jubilee in June Festival.

- **Lockesburg Lions:** Club had a successful fundraising dinner in March for their Legacy Project. DG Collier and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Draper were in attendance. In April they raised over \$200 for an Easter basket give away; this money goes toward their Angel tree in December. They are working on their annual 5K scheduled for July 4, 2017. Money raised will go to Mid-South.
- **Mena Lions:** Had a growth of 3 new members. Club is working with a local optometrist who is helping them with vision exams and eyeglasses. Their Gun/Knife Show in April raised over \$6,000. Next show is scheduled for October.
- **Mena Lioness Lions:** In conjunction with the Mena Gun/Knife show, they sold fried pies making \$1,400. A membership drive luncheon netted a new member application. They are still taking applications for their annual \$1,000 scholarship. The annual auction is scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2017 at the Polk County Fair Grounds.

## 2. Zone 3 Chair Pete Beck reported:

- **Bryant Lions:** New club president will be Lion Jeannie Huffman. In March, the club hosted a party for the Division of Services for the Blind. DG John Collier attended. Their White Cane Day was in May. The Legacy Project is delayed until fall since the ideal tree planting time for spring was missed. Project involves planting oak trees in Bishop Park. The tree is the official city tree. Membership is up by five.
- **Benton Lions:** New president will be Lion Mark Vaughn. Past club president Chuck Shelnett will become Zone 3 Chair. The club is sponsoring two kids to Blind Camp. They are awarding two college scholarships to students graduating from Benton High. Working with Benton police and Saline County Sheriff's office, there will be a wrecked car on display with signs saying "Don't drink" and "Don't text while driving." A dedication for the Legacy Project (restoration of a clock) was held at the City Municipal building on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. There are plans for another Legacy Project in 2018. The club had one new member.
- **HSV Breakfast Lions:** New club president will be Lion Joannie Curry. Club held their annual Chili Dinner and Auction on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Their White Cane Day was April 7<sup>th</sup>. Officers Installation and Awards Banquet is scheduled for June 15. The Legacy Project (partnership with HSV Evening Lions) to build a village garden has been abandoned for lack of support from the POA and some villagers. With a goal of raising \$150,000, approximately \$60,000 had been raised. Membership is down by five.
- **HSV Evening Lions:** New club president will be Lion Nell Rockett and she will also remain as District 7-L secretary. Lion Pete Beck will become D7-L GLT. They held their White Cane Day on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The annual Hamburger/Brats Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Coronado Center in the village. A club picnic is scheduled for June 1 at the Cortez pavilion. Officers' installation and awards banquet is scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup> with DG John Collier installing the officers. Village Garden Legacy Project as been cancelled. Membership is down by twelve. One new member was inducted at the last meeting with a potential of two more this coming month.
- **Zone Activity:** Held zone meeting at World Services for the Blind in Little Rock on April 15, 2017. Had a great discussion with the CEO and two clients. Enjoyed a lunch with the other clients.

## 3. Presentation of Awards: DG John Collier

- Awarded Guiding Lions Certificates to the following: Lions Joan Draper, Don Draper, Wendell Hoover, Art Ritter, Barbara Duncan, Adren Duncan and Claude Jamerson.

- Centennial Sponsorship of New members recognition to Lion Carla Mosley (Mena Lioness)
- Centennial Service Challenge Award to: Hot Springs, Hot Springs Diamondhead, Little River, Bryant, and Mena Lioness.
- Service Awards: Several Lions received recognition for service ranging from 10 years to 60 years.
- Patches for meeting membership development goals went to: Saratoga Tri-County Lions, Magnet Cove Lions, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Past President of the Malvern Lions received a patch for bringing in the most members for last year.
- DG Collier praised his cabinet for an outstanding job for 2016-17.
- The District Governor Medal for Outstanding Job went to DGE Larry Ketcham last year and presented to 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Don Draper this year for serving as past GLT, assisting clubs in need, serving as the district webmaster, and many other areas of volunteerism.

➤ **Cabinet Reports:** No cabinet reports.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

1. The state convention for 2018 will be held in Conway. Mid-Winter Forum will be hosted by Little Rock Founders in 2018, Hope Evening in 2019, and Stuttgart in 2010.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tentatively set for June 24, 2017, 10:00 a.m., Western Sizzlin, Arkadelphia. Notice will be email.

**BENEDICTION:** PDG James Griffin

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Respectfully submitted,  
Nell C. Rockett, Secretary