

**MINUTES
OHIO LIONS DISTRICT 13-C
WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 15, 2007
DINO'S - WILLOUGHBY**

CALL TO ORDER: District Governor Lion Maggie Dellmore called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Vice District Governor Lion Dona Klages.

INVOCATION: Given by Vice District Governor Lion Dona Klages.

INTRODUCTIONS: DG Lion Maggie Dellmore introduced guests PDG Jerry Smith, Ohio Lions State Membership Coordinator and his wife PDG Judy Smith.

DG Maggie Dellmore requested a moment of silence for the passing of two members PDG Joseph Konery of Brookpark Lions Club and Lion Joseph Hudec of the Cleveland Southeast Lions Club.

PROTOCOL: Lion John Tigue established protocol.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Cabinet Secretary Lion Mary Chentnik reminded everyone that minutes are available on the website and also copies were made available this evening for review. Lions present were asked to state their name and position before speaking to assist in writing the minutes. Lions present were also asked if there were any corrections or changes to the August 29, 2007 Cabinet Meeting Minutes, there being none, District Governor Lion Maggie Dellmore asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 29, 2007, PDG Lion Tommy Thompson made the motion to accept the minutes as written, this motion was seconded by PDG Lion John Hrovat. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

IPDG Lion Ken Marshall presented the current Financial Report. A motion was made by Lion Norm Kubbins to approve the report subject to audit as presented, seconded by Lion Gary Cerasi Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

PDG Jerry Smith presented an informative talk reiterating International President Mahendra Amarasuriya's latest article in the Lions Magazine about *The Challenge of Change*. He spoke of the need to evolve from the past and be creative in attracting new members. He noted that we must look at the Clubs and Districts and understand what works, e.g. meeting length, effective networking, and develop mentors. He reviewed the Ohio Plan and discussed "011" – "0" net loss, "1" net per club gain, and "1" net new club per district. The Plan is to increase membership and retain existing members. The Multi-District has dropped 400 members, not including deaths, over the past year. A focus on new membership orientation is considered a way to retain members and a series of 14 five-minute sessions, have been provided by the State to each Club. He encouraged everyone to visit the Ohio Lions web site and to encourage recruitment at all levels of each Club.

VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS:

VDG Dona Klages reported that the committee of MERL includes each of the Zone Chairs and she asked that each Zone Chair, between now and the January meeting, name two members in their Zone to train and work with the Extension Committee. Also she would like each Zone Chair to name an area in their Zone that would be a potential location for a new Club or Branch. The next MERL meeting, date to be announced, will be held at the Quality Inn in Richfield. The new position recommended at the State level which will be a paid extension member has not yet been approved. However, she noted that if the candidate John Pinkerman is approved, we plan on using his program.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS:

District Governor Lion Maggie Dellmore reported that several Clubs have been working on membership. Cleveland Host has 13 new members, Garfield Hts. is up two members, and Seville has six new members, five of which are women.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS CONTINUED:

A representative from the Greensburg Lions Club announced that they have ten new members. DG Maggie also requested that Zone Chairs remind their Club Presidents and Secretaries to submit their membership reports monthly to Lions International. She noted that hard copies are available as well as the ability to directly report on the Lions International web site. Because of the impending issue regarding re-districting, it is important to get our number to 1,250 members to be eligible to vote. Information relative to the re-districting proposal, which will also give Lions and opportunity to draw re-districting lines, will be in the December District Bulletin.

A visit to the Norton Lions Club recently brought to DG Maggie's attention that this Club not only collects eyeglasses but also collects shoes which they donate to Honduras. Anyone with gently worn shoes can donate them to the Norton Club.

ZONE CHAIRMAN REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Lion Ken Powell reported that there are 133 members in his Zone. Several Clubs in Zone 1 participated in the sale of roses for Sweetest Day. Conneaut is having a membership drive. Clubs have been reminded to get their monthly membership reports into Lions International. He noted that one Club is meeting in the home of a member and discussed with them the reasons why meeting in public places is more conducive for recruitment and getting known in a community. The next Zone 1 meeting will be sponsored by the Ashtabula Lions Club and held at the Elks Club.

ZONE 2: Lion Chuck Barton reported that Zone 2 is comprised of 148 members, 94 of which are located in Lake County. Five Clubs have increased membership, two for Chardon, two for Highland Heights, two for North Coast, two for Willoughby evening, and one for Willoughby Hills. October and November have been busy months, roses were sold for Sweetest Day, raffles held, and one Club is challenging all other Clubs to donate to Sight First II. The next Zone 2 meeting will be hosted by Willoughby Hills Lions Club on November 20, 2007, the program will include Eddie Eyeglasses.

ZONE 3: Lion Jim Klages reported that his Zone is working on membership and holiday projects. The next Zone 3 meeting will be hosted by Bedford Lions Club.

ZONE 4: Lion Mary Chentnik reported that she has attended five of her Zone Club meetings. Broadview Heights is having a Reverse Raffle at Carrie Cerino's on February 2, 2008. Cleveland Host has 15 new members and is continuing to work on recruitment. They are planning a Casino Bus trip in January or February. North Royalton is having a Poor Man's Raffle tomorrow night at Pipers III and continues to sell pavers for their flag project. Garfield Hts. has three new members and possibly three more. They are planning to move their meetings back to Garfield Hts. Brook Park is hosting a Pancake Breakfast with Santa on December 8th. They are also planning an Old Fashioned Gas Day, and they are working on recruitment as well. They recently had a White Cane Day as well. There is no new update from Westlake at this time, President Reggie King is home from the hospital and is recuperating. Strongsville Lions Club have not provided an update.

ZONE 5: No report.

ZONE 6: Lion Bill Wade reported that Chippewa Lake made a \$500 donation to the Fire & Rescue Squad, a \$500 donation to a family in need and \$50 to the EMS Squad in memory of Ray Lewis. Copley has been hosting spaghetti dinners during the months of September, October and November. Wadsworth has two new members and is hosting two high school seniors a month at their meetings. They recently laid memorial bricks at the monument and are selling Poinsettias. Medina also had a rose sale for Sweetest Day and sold over 500 dozen roses. Seville is very active in community affairs and hosted free cider and donuts on Halloween. They have 5 new members that will be sworn in by DG Maggie Dellmore at their next meeting. Royalton Hills had a Reverse Raffle on October 16th. No report from Norton. The next Zone 6 meeting will be hosted by Seville on December 6th at Williams on the Lake.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership - Lion Wallie Burnette reported that presently there are 1,120 members in our district. Visitations are ongoing to the various Zone meetings and Zones 1, 2 and 3 have been attended to date. The Team continues to focus on getting membership reports completed each month and sending out the message relative to the 011 Plan, making sure that clubs have designated a Membership Director and have designed and implemented a recruitment plan. The Madison Club is not working on recruitment at this time but plans on addressing this issue after the first of the year. The issue relative to the Fairport Harbor Club dissolution is still pending. There will be articles each month in the District Bulletin relative to Membership called "Membership Moments". The MERL page on the District Web site is up and running and the e-mail membership directors network is almost completed. At the District Convention there will be seminars on membership recruitment and retention presented by Lion Mike Tyler and Lion Wallie. In addition, the Leadership Seminars will have new titles and be based on subject, e.g. Club Finances and Membership Recruitment instead of focusing on positions within the Club. At the State level all Club Secretaries should have received copies of Member Orientation and Officer Duties Pamphlets.

Leadership – Lion Marty Dennis reported that the Leadership Committee Sunday morning presentation at the Fall Conference was well worth the effort. She would like to encourage everyone to attend the conferences next year.

Parade of Checks – Lion John Tigue reported that the Financial Statements from those who received donations is due by December 31, 2007.

Campaign Sight First II - PDG Lion Tommy Thompson reported that in the United States over \$53 million has been collected by Lions Club International Foundation. There is \$64 million available in grants, including matching grants available from LCIF. He would be more than happy to assist anyone wishing to apply for a grant. The North Coast Lions are challenging all clubs to donate to Sight First II. They raised over \$700 through three White Cane Days which they have donated to Sight First II. Please remember that any donation to Sight First II is tax deductible.

Melvin Jones Award – PDG Lions Tommy Thompson presented the Melvin Jones plaque to Lion Mary Chentnik.

Toys for Tots - PDG Lion Tommy Thompson reported that cups, pencils and other items are available for this campaign.

Convention – PDG Lions Carol Lester is Chairing the Convention in April. PDG Lions Grant and Lion Shirley Frazier are also on the Committee. Friday night will be a *Nite at the Races* and applications are available to sponsor horses. There will also be a silent auction. The speaker at lunch on Saturday will be from Pilot Dogs. Hotel reservations are to be made directly with the hotel. The business session will again be in the morning.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Lion John Tigue reviewed the procedure for electing the Vice District Governor and the Deputy District Governor. He noted that since there was no DDG elected at our last convention the Ohio State Lions should have nominated a DDG at their convention, which they failed to do. DG Maggie Dellmore also could have appointed a DDG. Normally a VDG should be rotated from one region to another each year, however at this time it cannot be determined which region has a preference. The VDG must be elected and a candidate is needed to 2008-2009. At this time DG Maggie Dellmore has a candidate that has been endorsed by the Stow-Munroe Falls Club for DDG – Lion Marty Dennis, she would be nominated at the convention for election and run unopposed. Her application was filed before November 1, 2007, as required. There will be open nominations at the convention for the VDG position. If anyone is interested in being VDG please contact DG Maggie Dellmore.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

There was concern expressed about the potential of re-districting and perhaps a need for a Town Hall meeting. The Greensburg Lions Club noted that this type of thing happens fast and can effect a Club overnight. DG Lion Maggie noted that she has material that she will put in the December District Bulletin about the re-districting. Lion Neil Sheeley noted that there are ten Districts in MD 13 and only six eligible to make a decision. He believe it may end up being decided by Lions International

