

DISTRICT 11E1 JULY 23, 2016 CABINET MEETING MINUTES, HARRISON LIONS CLUB

Governor **Ron Gibson** (Fremont) called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

- Cabinet Officers Attending: Governor **Ron Gibson**, 1st Vice Governor **Peggy Walls** (Stanwood), 2nd Vice Governor **Al Roeseler** (Coleman), Secretary **Janalee McClure** (White Cloud), Treasurer **Kay Brandt** (Harrison), IPDG **Pam Schroeder** (Onekama), R1Z1 **Jackie Glazier** (Empire), R1Z2 **Sheila Farrell** (Mesick), R2Z1 **Diane Fleming** (Mt Pleasant), R2Z1 **Deborah Kreitner** (Greenville) and R3Z2 **Ray Williams** (White Cloud)
- Other District 11E1 Lions Attending: (Big Rapids) PDG **Bill Simpson**; (Cadillac) **Bill Bradfield**; (Fremont) PDG **Lynn Mast**; (Harrison) PDG **Jerry Brandt & Penny McLaughlin**; (Kaleva) **Dennis Belford & Karla Kasten**; (Midland) PDG **Pete Conarty & Ron Sharp**; (Mt. Pleasant) PDG **John Monahan**; (Sheridan) PDG **Stan Preshaw**; (Stanwood/Hartford) PDG **Jim Walls**; (White Cloud) **Lester McClure**

PDG **Pete Conarty** led the Pledge. PDG **Jerry Brandt** offered the Invocation.

Lion Ray Williams moved approval of the agenda. Motion seconded by IPDG **Pam Schroeder**. Motion approved.

Governor Ron Gibson's opening remarks:

- Thank you for the opportunity to serve District 11E1. I'm proud to be a Lion and proud of District 11E1.
- Please pick up the handouts before you leave today.
- International has 1.4 million members now and is looking forward to 1.5 million before the end of this fiscal year. Every new member you bring in impacts up to 50 people.
- The next International Presidents: 2017-18 from India, 2018-19 from Iceland (the first woman International President) and 2019-20 from Korea.
- Roster books are available today. I have packaged up the books for the Zone Chairs to take home today. We ordered fewer so only have about 35 surplus books. Please send any changes to the roster book to Secretary Janalee so she can compile the list & send it out to everyone.
- My #1 Goal is Retention. In addition I'd like 118 new members, one new regular club and one new campus or branch club. I'd like new Guiding Lions & recertifying current guiding lions and last, but not the least, one of my goals is to increase communication, between clubs, at Zone level and at District level. I'm asking the Zone Chairs to emphasize my goals.
- I'm also asking every Club to appoint a Membership Chairperson to work within their own membership.
- I brought the Centennial Banner here for all of you to sign. All signed Governor banners will be displayed at International Convention in Chicago. We have 743 Governors World Wide and every Governor had their picture taken with the International President in Japan.
- I've been elected Chaplin of the Michigan Council of Governors for 2016-17.
- Every club secretary should order the new membership kits. The kits include a pin for the sponsor & the Centennial Pin of Membership.
- There is a bus to the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Omaha but the date is in conflict with our Fall Conference set for Sept. 17th at the White Cloud Lions Den.
- The automobile pictured on my pin is a 1917 Maxwell, celebrating Lions birth 100 years ago. Zone Chairs have pins to sell.
- SD10 PDG **Jenny Ware** was elected International Director in Japan.
- Our next District Convention will be at the Park Place in Traverse City, March 31 & April 1, 2017. International Director N. **Alan Lundgren**, from Scottsdale Arizona will be our International Representative. The Lundgrens honeymooned in Traverse City and are looking forward to spending the week-end there again.

IPDG **Pam Schroeder** presented her 2015-16 Year End Report:

- Hawaii started my year. I blinked my eye & the year was up! Special thanks to everyone that helped me this year.
- My goal was 105 new members. We added 96. My year ended with 1124 members in our District.
- We lost 2 clubs and 173 members. We tried for a new club in Clare but it didn't make it but Cadillac did sponsor a new Branch Club. We have one Club (Newaygo) on Priority status with maybe two more on the way (Sand Lake & Bear Lake).

- My Club Project Book is still in the works with only four clubs responding so far.
- Our Leader Dog bus trip was cancelled for lack of reservations.
- We added Paws With A Cause to our District Project list.
- We had a great Convention with higher attendance numbers than we've had in many years.
- The Sponsor Winner of the \$100.00 was **William Young** from the Traverse City Club.
- The Stanwood Club won the \$50.00 for bringing in the most members.
- IPDG **Pam** presented the International Club Presidents Award to Lion **Bruce Frederick**, Big Rapids Club.
- IPDG **Pam** delivered the Governor Banner to the Fremont Lions Club for Year 2016-17.
- IPDG **Pam** announced her appreciation dinner will be at the Onekama Lions Club house on October 1st. The Alpine Motel rate is only \$63.00 if you use Pam's name. Everyone that stays overnight is invited to Sunday morning breakfast at Pam's home.

Installation of District 11E1 Officers by IPDG **Pam Schroeder**:

- Zone Chairs **Jackie Glazier, Sheila Farrell, Diane Fleming, Bruce Fredrick, Deborah Kreitner & Ray Williams:**
 - You are to further the purpose of the Association since you are the Administrative Officer of the Zone
 - You are Chairperson of the District Governor's Advisory Committee
 - You are a member of the District Cabinet, a member of the District Global Membership Team and a member of the District Global Leadership Team
 - You wear three hats:
 - Motivator – recognize club successes
 - Counselor – provide coaching and guidance
 - Communicator – inform clubs in your Zone of Zone, District, Multiple District & International events and training opportunities
 - Visit clubs in your Zone and provide a summary report to the Governor
 - Monitor the health & status of clubs
 - Support development of clubs
 - Hold zone meetings
 - Facilitate communication among clubs in Zone
 - Facilitate communication between Zone and District

Are you willing to perform your duties to the best of your abilities? If so say 'I will'. All said 'I Will'.

- Treasurer **Kay Brandt:**
 - You are custodian of all District funds
 - You prepare a budget for District 11E1
 - You deposit all monies
 - You disburse funds upon the direction of the District Cabinet
 - You furnish financial statements at all Cabinet Meetings

Are you willing to perform these duties to the best of your ability? If so say 'I will'. Her response 'I will'.

- Secretary **Janalee McClure:**
 - You are the Governor's right hand person
 - You are the District record keeper
 - You are the main communication liaison between the Governor, all cabinet members and zone chairs
 - You shall keep an accurate record of all meetings & forward minutes to Cabinet and Lions International

Are you willing to perform these duties to the best of your ability? If so say 'I will'. Her response 'I will'.

- 1st Vice-Governor **Peggy Walls** and 2nd Vice Governor **Al Roeseler:**
 - You are to further the purpose of the Association
 - You shall have duties assigned by the District Governor
 - You shall fill in for the Governor when absent
 - You shall promote District events
 - 1st Vice Governor is on the Global Membership Team
 - 2nd Vice Governor is on the Global Leadership Team
 - You are the liaison between those teams and the Governors Team

Are you willing to perform these duties to the best of your ability? If so say 'I will'. Both responded 'I will'.

Governor **Ron** presented the name badges and lapel pins to all the new officers.

IPDG **Pam** closed her presentation by handing out the Parliamentary Procedure Book from International to all Zone Chairpersons.

NOTE: Governor Ron explained that all 743 Governors were installed while they were in Japan at the International Convention.

First Vice District Governor **Peggy Walls** reported she finds it a privilege to serve District 11E1. This district is unique in camaraderie and friendship which is a 'touch of magic' for Lions.

- You all have received the new District Roster today. It is my wish that your roster is used so much that it becomes very ratty by your year end.
- District 11E1 Fall Conference will be Sept. 17, 2016 at the White Cloud Lions Den with rolls & coffee by 8:30 a.m. with program starting at 9:15. Cost \$10.00 which includes your lunch. Speakers will be on Hearing Aid Requests and on Diabetes & Eye Concerns. Pin trading and computer help will be available all day so please bring several members of your club. Some clubs don't report their service projects on computer to International and Lion **Karla** will be available to help with that issue for the entire day, one on one. There will also be a parade of pledges and/ or checks for club annual donations to International, State & District projects. NOTE: Next year's District 11E1 Fall Conference will be held Sept. 16, 2017 at the Harrison Lions Club. ID Jenny Ware from SD 10 is the scheduled speaker.
- Stanwood will be celebrating their 50 year Anniversary on Monday, August 29th. Meal cost is \$12.00. Everyone is invited to attend and hear our PID speaker.

Second Vice District Governor **Al Roeseler** reported that this year is beginning to have a pretty busy schedule.

- I'll be scheduling club visits with Fremont, Stanwood, Frankfort, Chippewa Lake/Mecosta, Northport, Mesick, Greenville, Ewart, Empire and Stanton.
- I will also be working with the Zone Chairs this year and plan to attend at least one of the Zone Meetings in each Zone.
- I feel lucky to be teamed up with 1st VDG **Peggy Walls** & DG **Ron Gibson** plus a talented collection of District Officials. They are all an invaluable resource for me and for the entire District.

Global Leadership Report - PDG **John Monahan** reported that he organized three (3) sessions of Officer Training in May, set up an Orientation Training Program and has presented the CEP Lite once this year. He also reported he is available to do Club presentations anytime, just give him a call to get your club on his schedule.

Global Membership Report – PDG **Jim Walls** reported that his goal this year is for every club to bring in a new member under the age of 35. The new member ribbon is platinum and purple. Also, he would like to make short presentations at all the Zone meetings this year. Please contact him to schedule your date. NOTE: Stanwood has started a branch club at Ferris in Big Rapids this year. More on that subject at our next meeting.

NOTE: Governor **Ron** reported of our 43 clubs only 11 had a plus membership last year and 14 clubs stayed the same. So you can see, we do need to grow and getting younger members is a great idea. It was noticeable that the Governors from the United States were overall older in age than the Governors from most of the other countries.

Official Required Business:

- IPDG **Pam Schroeder** moved approval of the April 8, 2016 Cabinet Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Lion **Ray Williams**. Motion approved.
- IPDG **Pam Schroeder** moved approval of the 2016 District Convention Summary including the April 9, 2016 Official District Convention Business Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by 2nd Vice Governor **Al Roeseler**. Motion approved.
- District Secretary **Janalee McClure** moved adoption of the District Policy Manual updated April 2016 for the year 2016-2017. Motion seconded by IPDG **Pam Schroeder**. Motion approved.
- Lion **Jackie Glazier** moved approval of the PNC Bank for District 11E1 Financial Institution as presented by Treasurer **Kay Brandt**. Motion seconded by 1st Vice Governor **Peggy Walls**. Motion approved.
- IPDG **Pam Schroeder** moved approval of the \$229.00 expenditure for the \$40,000 bond that includes all District officers, including Convention Chairpersons, as presented by Treasurer **Kay Brandt**. Motion seconded by Lion **Jackie Glazier** and 1st Vice Governor **Peggy Walls**. Motion approved.

- Treasurer **Kay Brandt** presented the proposed budget for 2016-17 year with a beginning balance of \$14,166.01 and ending balance of \$10,415.01. After an adjustment of \$100.00 addition to District Pins and a \$120 reduction to Roster Books, **Lion Debbie Kreitner** moved approval of the 2016-17 proposed budget as adjusted. Motion seconded by **Lion Diane Fleming**. Motion approved.
- District Convention Co-Chairpersons PDG **Jerry Brandt** & **Lion Karla Kasten** presented the Final Report on the Income & Expenses of the 2016 District Convention, showing an overall loss of \$698.30.
 - Discussion on the a possible reason for the loss centered upon many the new members that had a free registration and a free lunch for Sat. noon induction that did not cancel but did not show up. We had to pay for their meals anyway. Discussion centered on the possibility of charging the new members the \$10.00 registration fee next year but still give them the free lunch for the induction ceremony. With the paid \$10 fee it is possible that we won't have quite so many 'no shows'. Co-Chairpersons **Brandt** and **Kasten** agreed to put that suggestion on the agenda for their next planning meeting for the 2017 Convention.
 - 1st Vice Governor **Peggy** had asked PDG **Pete Conarty** and others to check out some hotels for the 2018 Convention, including Big Rapids, Mt. Pleasant & Midland. PDG **Pete** reported that Midland is celebrating their Centennial and the Midland Lions possibly would consider doing the registration, decorations, the 1st night hospitality and entertainment if Midland was chosen. Convention Co-Chairpersons **Brandt** & **Kasten** requested all information requested and reported on for the 2018 convention possibilities be channeled thru the Convention Committee for reporting at the October Cabinet Meeting. Governor **Ron** reported on his meeting with Park Place employee, Lisa in marketing, that the dome probably would be available in 2017 but would not be available for 2018 if plans proceed as scheduled. 1st Vice Governor **Peggy** requested that we not include Traverse City in our search for a 2018 convention site.

Governor Ron appointed PDG's Jim Walls, John Monahan & Bill Simpson to the Audit Committee to audit the District Treasurer's 2015-16 Year End Report and requested a report back before the end of business today.

Zone Chairperson's Reports:

- R1Z1 Chairperson **Jackie Glazier** thanked Governor **Ron** for the privilege to be Zone Chair again this year.
 - The first Zone meeting is set and Governor Ron will be in attendance.
 - My goal this year is to have a contact person from every club available year around, even the months the clubs don't have any meetings.
 - My zone will be doing a Kidsight project at Northern Michigan Fair this year.
- R1Z2 Chairperson **Sheila Farrell** thanked 1st Vice Governor **Peggy** for helping with the Mesick Club this summer.
 - All clubs except Bear Lake have reported activities already: Arcadia highway cleanup & work in a local park plus a couple pancake breakfasts; Manistee big fish boil, serving 383 adults & 53 kids; Mesick very successful mushroom festival, improvements on Memorial Park & ball field, & Kidsight screenings; Onekama Kidsight screenings, Arcadia Daze & Onekama Days; Kaleva pasties every week, monthly breakfasts & Kaleva Days brats, hotdogs & burgers.
 - 1st Zone meeting scheduled for Wed. Sept. 14th @ Kaleva.
- R2Z1 Chairperson **Diane Fleming** reported her full schedule of Zone meeting dates;
 - All meetings to be held at the Doughty Hotel: Sept. 14th, Nov 9th & Feb. 8th, 2017.
 - Mt. Pleasant has lost 2 major members, but is still doing school supplies and the 8th grade Citizen of the Month, Harrison has been very active. I'll be able to report on more clubs after the zone meeting.
- R2Z2 Chairperson **Bruce Fredrick** reported:
 - Big Rapids is doing football, track & soccer games at Ferris Stadium starting in August and could use more volunteers anytime. Just give us a call. We had a Kidsight screening at the Mecosta County Fair
 - My first Zone Meeting will be at Sharon's Restaurant in Stanwood on August 15th.
- R2Z3 Chairperson **Laura Johnson** absent but sent written report:
 - My plan is to talk up retention, do the club assessment, and ask clubs to be active at District level.
 - 1st Zone, Aug. 26th @ Baldwin with 1st Vice Governor **Peggy Walls** with a Centennial Convention presentation, 2nd meeting Oct. 26th at Evart with Dave Hamelin presenting Tail Twisting, 3rd meeting Jan. 18th @ Luther with **Lynnwood Mast** as presenter on retention.

- R3Z1 Chairperson **Deborah Kreitner** reported:
 - Greenville, Lakeview & Edmore donated to the 'I am Safe Program' after the April Zone Meeting.
 - 1st Zone Meeting this year will be Aug 23rd at Sheridan, 7 p.m., Congregational Church with 2nd Vice Governor **Al** as keynote speaker, 2nd meeting Oct. 17th at Greenville Lions Club.
- R3Z2 Chairperson **Ray Williams** reported:
 - White Cloud is scheduled to do a major Kidsight screening , perhaps 1,400 kids, at TrueNorth in Fremont
 - His meetings are not scheduled yet but will get notices out by email as soon as arrangements are made.

Old Business: PDG **Jerry Brandt** reported there has been no action on finalizing the criteria for the Howard Humanity Service Award because there is not a unified position that can be supported by the Harrison Lions Club at this time. After a lengthy pro and con discussion: 2nd Vice Governor **Al Roeseler** moved we continue exploring a Mike Howard Award. Motion seconded by Lion **Debbie Kreitner**. Roll Call Vote: Yes – seven (7) No – four (4). Motion carried. Governor **Ron** appointed a committee, consisting of volunteers Lion **Deborah Kreitner**, PCC **Janalee McClure** and PDG **John Monahan**, asked them to explore and make recommendations on the Mike Howard Award and report back at the October Cabinet Meeting.

New Business: District 11E1 Eye Glass Mission suggested by PDG **Harry Johnson**, who is not present today. Many questions came up concerning the funding, and possible potential cost to the District. Lion **Bruce Fredrick** reported that the Optometry students at Ferris were scheduling a trip to Belize so are we duplicating what is already being done? There were no answers available to any of the questions at this time so the Governor sent the subject to the October Cabinet Meeting and he will ask PDG **Harry Johnson** for a detailed report answering the questions that came up today.

Audit Committee Reported: PDG **Bill Simpson** reported the unanimous decision of the audit committee: All the books are in balance and everything is in good order with the District finances at this time. IPDG **Pam** moved acceptance of the audit committee report. Motion seconded by Lion **Diane Fleming**. Motion approved

NOTE: Governor **Ron** shared a tentative schedule of a visit to Michigan by International President and Mrs. Corlew Sept 29 to Oct. 1st. He suggested we keep the dates open and when the permanent schedule comes out we consider attending one of the activities to show our support of the International Centennial Celebration. Lion **Bill Bradfield** reported he has connections with metal workers that could create a modern form to present to International headquarters celebrating the Centennial from District 11E1 with the only cost being the cost of the materials. He will bring an artist rendering of what he has in mind for us to consider at the October Cabinet Meeting.

State Project District Chairperson Reports Received:

- All State Band – Lion **Jim Patterson** reported:
 - The goal is to have 100 members for the All State Band at the Chicago convention. My goal is to increase participation from West Michigan schools.
 - I have posted a message on the Lions Who live in Michigan Facebook page with a request for photos, videos & stories about previous experience with the band.
 - I have received some responses and I intend to create a short presentation that can be downloaded by our District Clubs to be presented to the school bands in their area.
 - Travel costs are not available yet but that will be part of the finished presentation.
 - I'm working on a distribution list of all District clubs and plan to contact all via email to get them on board.
- Eversight of Michigan – PDG **Lynn Mast** reported:
 - 80% of the clubs donated to Eversight last year. I'm available to do programs at any club. Just call me.
 - There is an open house July 29th at Eversight. Consider attending & meet the new director Diana Kern.
- Leader Dog – Lion **Ronald Sharp** reported:
 - The funding goals were met in June so Phase 3 has started to be finished in October. Lions donated 2.5 million dollars total, 11E1 donated \$12,660 for the project plus \$8,040 for the daily operations. All funds donated over & above the 14.5 million will be placed in operating expenses.
 - Everyone is invited to the open house, scheduled for Sept. 24, & Oct. 14, 2016. The puppy area can be viewed from the lobby now. The canine center includes 255 new, larger suites for dogs in training.
 - Dogs that need a career change are now used in the courts to help children testify, called comfort dogs.

- Lions of Michigan Foundation- PDG **Bill Simpson** reported:
 - Michigan Foundation has an October walk/run fundraiser, a Caribbean Cruise March 4, 2017 & an Alaskan Cruise in June 2017. I have registration forms here for all interested participants. Lion mints are also a money maker for us.
 - Sat. Aug 6th is a special event that will induct PDG Wayne Kreitner into the Hall of Fame.
 - Kingsley sold the most raffle tickets for the Foundation this year, Coleman won the \$2,000. Kingsley & Big Rapids were the only clubs in our District that sold over 100 tickets.

Multiple District Committee Representative Reports Received:

- International Convention – Lion **Jackie Glazier** reported:
 - Headquarters for the Convention will be at McCormick Place in Chicago from June 30th to July 4th, 2017 with fireworks on July 3rd. Pin Traders, Exhibitors and Michigan will be housed at McCormick Place.
 - Parking vehicles at hotels costs between \$40 & \$60 a day so a chartered bus or train from Michigan City, South Shore or Amtrak from Grand Rapids will be researched as possibilities.
- Michigan Forum – PCC **Richard Perrin** reported:
 - There were 315 total registrations this year with 16 breakout sessions and 19 exhibitors.
 - The White Cane Scholarships of \$3,000 each were presented out of the Grace Lange account plus a \$1,000 scholarship for a deaf student from Lions Hearing Center & Lions of Michigan sharing the cost.
- MD11 Convention – Lion **Bill Koch** reported that it will be held at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City on May 12 & 13, 2017. The \$89.00 room rate will include tickets to the water park so bring your entire family next year.

District Chairperson Reports Received:

- Lion Clubs International Centennial – IPDG **Pam Schroeder** reported she would like to make presentations at Zone Meetings this year to encourage clubs to be involved in as many of the Centennial Activities as possible.
- Constitution, By-Laws – PCC **Janalee McClure** reported we will be voting at the MD11 Convention in Traverse City to combine the District Editors Committee and the Publication Advisory Committee.
- Credentials – Lion **Gayle Morlock** reported the information & forms will be in the January 2017 Newsletter.
- Diabetes/Sight Conservation Awareness – PDG **Stan Preshaw** & Lion **Bill Bradfield** reported:
 - Raised questions on the possible use of the designated funds for Juvenile Diabetes \$650.00, Diabetes \$2,519.67 and Sight & Hearing \$8,919.85. Plan to come forward with a suggestion for the October Cabinet Mtg.
 - Plan an August conference call with all the District Representatives to create a plan to become more proactive to educate people with diabetes on how to avoid future vision problem and possible blindness. November 14th is Diabetes Day.
 - The first motorcycle ride for diabetes starts in Cadillac on July 31, 2016.
 - Suggested perhaps a float in the parade for the Lions Centennial Celebration?
- Editor, Newsletter, Communicator – PDG **Pete Conarty** reported:
 - That he is the State Chairperson for the District Editors Committee again this year. The first step to get into the Michigan Pride is to send the article to **Pete**.
 - He will be contacting all club presidents and secretaries each month to encourage sending in articles and suggested to all officers that they go on the website, read the newsletter and maybe print some copies for their club members so everyone has the opportunity to keep up on the Lion activity in our District.
- International Relations – PDG **Pete Conarty** reported International President Corlew will be making a 2nd visit to Michigan this summer. Pete also offered to host our International Representative for the 2017 District Convention.

Governor's closing remarks: Governor **Ron** thanked everyone for coming, for the outstanding reports, reminded them to sign the banner and safe travels home.

Lion Ray Williams moved to adjourn at 2:20 p.m. Motion seconded by Lion **Bruce Fredrick**. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted, PCC **Janalee McClure**, District 11E1 Secretary 2016-2017

(Minutes approved at Oct. 15, 2016 Cabinet Meeting)