

International Association of Lions Clubs
District 14-B
3rd Cabinet Meeting
February 12, 2005
Center for Hearing and Deaf
Pittsburgh, PA

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by DG Dennis McCarthy. Invocation by PDG Bob Johnson Jr. and the flag salute proceeded.

DG Dennis welcomed everyone to the Third Cabinet meeting for the Lion year 2004-2005 and established protocol.

District Governors Remarks

Recently at the 3rd State Council Meeting in Reading, PA, several items came to view.

1st There was some discussion concerning the 2008 State Convention and the contract concerning the location that was chosen by 14-M (Washington, PA). The location was Seven Springs. There will be more discussion concerning the location at the next state council meeting but the council of governors voted down the contract that was proposed by 14-M.

Jan Hoffmiester Adams who was appointed to the Women's part of MERLOW is incorporating a new incentive program W-I-N Women in Numbers.

In the promotion and interest of increasing women membership in Lions Clubs in PA the "WIN Incentive has been developed. All Lions Clubs in Multiple 14 are invited and encouraged to participate.

A Banner Patch will be awarded to the one Club in each of the respective regions Eastern, Central and Western, that has the highest number of "new" women members for the period April 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005. The patch is designed in the shape of a keystone, representing the State of PA and the letters WIN and the words, Lions WIN in PA 2005.

The single Lion, who brings in the highest number of "new" women in each Region, regardless of his/her club receives the winning Banner Patch, will also be recognized. A Presidential Certificate of Appreciation will be awarded to those specific Lions.

Incentive Rules

Clubs:

Must have at least three new women members before the counting begins.

Accounting of members gained will be based on the International's figures acquired through individual Clubs M&A reports.

In the event of a Club tie in the member of new women members gained, each of those clubs will receive the WIN Banner Patch.

Lions

In the event of a tie in the member of new women members a specific Lion brings in, the Presidential Certificate will be awarded to the Lion who brought in the new women members in the shortest period of time, between April 1 and September 30, 2005 (based on International's figures). A total of three Presidential Certificates will be awarded. One in each Region.

Additional Banner Patch Incentive

The 2nd in the series of patches will be the Banner Patch. WOM representing We Overcame Negativity will be awarded to those winning clubs that retain those same women members through September 2006. This assures one year of continued membership which gives credit to the Club and sponsoring Lion and aids in retention.

This is not a final plan but wanted to keep all of you informed.

USA Canadian Forum Hope more will be able to attend since it is close September 22-24, 2005 Peoria, Illinois

Tsunami Relief LCIF over 5 million given to the people in Asia. Remember all the money donated goes to the victims and must be passed through a governor and there are no administration fees taken out of the money.

District has an appointment for seminar committee

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to assist the Chairperson and the Committee established and to effectively present a Club Officers Seminar each year at the Multiple Fourteen Convention.

General

1. The Club Officers Seminar Committee shall be composed of three members who shall be appointed to the committee by the State Council in accordance with established police.
 - a. All committee members are required to attend 50% of the committee meetings when called by the chairperson or state council. A Lion may be excused for a justifiable reason when the chairperson is notified prior to the meeting
2. A Lion interested in serving on the committee shall have served as chairperson of presenter in the sub-district at leadership seminars or sub-district convention.
3. The Chairperson of this committee shall be from within the Region, Central, East or West, wherein the State Convention is scheduled to be held, which for this year 1990-1991 is Central, 1991-1992 is the East and 1992-1993 is the West.
4. The Seminar shall be scheduled to be held at each Annual State Convention.
5. The Committee shall receive an advance of funds. As set by State Council, prior to each seminar in order to pay any necessary expenses incurring for planning, mailings, materials and other incidental costs.
6. The Chairperson shall make an annual report to the State Council, through the Finance Committee, of the expenses drawn from allocated funds.
7. The Chairperson shall automatically become a member of the District State Convention Host Committee, which is preparing for the State Convention.
8. The chairperson and the committee which assistant form the MERL Team shall arrange and conduct an all day seminar for the club officers of the Lions and Lioness clubs in Multiple District 14. They shall arrange for the following,
 - a. Select topic to be presented by staff members.
 - b. Arrange for staff speakers for the seminar.
 - c. Prepare a seminar booklet prior to the seminar consisting of all material pertinent to the seminar and each staff member's presentation.
 - d. Communicate with Lions and Lioness clubs in the state through the registration packet distributed by the State Convention Host Committee
 - e. The chairperson of the committee shall present the names of presenters for the seminar at the February State Council meeting.
 - f. The presenters shall submit their written presentation to the committee chairperson by March 15th. This will enable the state office to print the seminar booklet for the club officer's seminar.
9. The Club Officers Seminar committee must submit a budget to the Finance committee for review and approval before the February state council meeting. After the budget is approved by the Finance committee, the Host Committee will incorporate the budget into the state convention budget submitted by the Host Committee.
10. The appointments to this committee will be in accordance to the Policy manual and Schedule No. 401-N.

State is down 473 members so far this year. We currently have 26,860 members in PA.

March 11, 2005 is UN Day.

State Convention in Johnstown has PID Mic Barris as the speaker he will be doing some officer training and is an excellent motivational speaker he is worth the time to go hear him speak. The State Convention will have seminars, a parade; the golf will be an optional item to do and not the main focus. The seminar times will be shorter and the sessions will be reduced to save time. This will be a great convention and very informative.

Drug Awareness Program similar to the Peace Poster.

For several years now. The MD 14 Long Range Planning Committee has been exploring the possibility of establishing a Drug Awareness Poster Contest in PA. This contest would be conducted in a similar manner as LCIF's Peace Poster Contest except there will be no participation past the state level

At our LRPC Meeting, held on January 8th, the members of our committee voted unanimously to asks the MD-14 State Council of Governors to take this idea back to their respective sub-districts cabinets to see if there is support within their sub-districts to participate in this program.

If we have 10 out of the 18 sub-districts that support this program we would ask State Council to forward the Drug Awareness Poster Contest idea to the MD-14 Constitution and By-Laws Committee to develop a policy for this program. The Long Planning Committee would be very happy to work with the C&B Committee in developing.

Joe Wroblewski Fellowship will be the highest in state of PA. Will have 1k, 2k, 3k , bronze, silver, and gold will be channeled through PA Foundation. This in recognition of his accomplishments and dedication to lionism. More information to follow.

Peace Poster winners 14-E-G-D

Honorable mention L-A-P

DG Dennis got a letter back from Lions International thanking us and congratulation us for the fact that we had requested disaster relief money. We sent back \$1,000 out of the \$5,000 we got. The reason why that happened is checks were sent to people whose homes were washed away or severely damaged and they moved. Letters came back to us address unknown. The letter from LCIF stated that they acknowledged my final report on the grant they accepted our return of \$1007.49 on Jan 14. They were very pleased to read the excellent results of the project and they commend all of the Lions that helped provide all of the necessary and vital services to the community. On behalf of the Board of Trustees they thanked us and was signed by Past International President T.S. Lee. The \$1,000.00 was sent back was used for Tsunami relief.

Dollar for Dollar match. A lot of clubs are not aware of what LCIF does but until these floods some clubs now understand what it does. We do have a balance in our budget of \$750.00 from two clubs who donated to the flood relief and funds were not used at all. We will need to address this at some time during this meeting as to how these funds.

Discussion to be held under new business on a proposed new Drug Awareness Poster Contest.

Joe Wroblewski was a Past International President.

I have a lot of information available from Lions International here today. Please let me know if any clubs need it and I will send it out to them.

Secretary's Report Lion Greg Borichevsky

Roll call taken. Additional Lions present were Glassport-King Lion John McComb, and Secretary Lion Elmer Kruzek, Pittsburgh Hilltop King Lion Kevin Gaughen, King Lion James Funkhouser, Pleasant Hills.

Minutes approval from November, 2004 meeting. Motion by Lion Marge Yurechko. Second by Lion Geoffrey Temple. Motion passed.

Per capitas for the second half of the Lions year were sent out.

Treasurer's Report Lion Mic Wrbas

Administrative Account

Beginning Balance, November 20, 2004.....	\$2,742.47
Total Cash Receipts	\$1744.27
Total Cash Available.....	\$4468.74
Total Disbursements	\$392.06
Ending Balance, February 12, 2005	\$4076.68

Vice District Governors Fund

Beginning Balance, November 20, 2004.....	\$336.87
Receipts Districts per Capitas.....	\$219.20
Total Cash Available.....	\$556.07
Disbursements	\$258.89
Ending Balance, February 12, 2005	\$297.18

Blind Activities Account

Beginning Balance, November 20, 2004.....	\$17,552.81
Receipts	\$610.95
Total Cash Available.....	\$18,163.76
Disbursements	\$7,349.60
Ending Balance, February 12, 2005	\$10,814.16

Question to the DG by PDG Jack Schimmel

We have two issues to handle here. The Blind Contingency fund is broke; The District cannot take anymore eyeglass requests. And Secondly I think under flood relief the \$750.00 that was donated you should contact the clubs that donated the money and ask them. Several districts in the state have a disaster relief fund in their district that they hold and sit on. You could ask the cabinet to set up a disaster relief fund but if the club wants their money back then that's all and well. But the bigger issue here is the \$267.00 in the Blind Contingency Fund. That is something we are going to have to address today.

DG Dennis comments that the fund has a little more than that in it because of three returned checks from Lencrafters for 3 people who did not make their appointments. There have been 4 more requests for glasses and I probably have had 9 requests in the last few weeks and all are from areas that we don't have clubs. I have been referring them to clubs that are the closest to them.

PDG Jack comments that this is something that this Cabinet is going to have to address. This should go to Long Range planning where maybe the clubs can donate annually to this fund. If all the clubs can donate then you wouldn't have to worry about contacting a surrounding club you would be able to handle the eyeglass request. This is something that has to be addressed. DG Dennis commented that this is going to be discussed under old business.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Lion Greg Borichevsky second by Lion Andy Zivinsky. Motion passed.

Vice District Governor comments VDG Jim Brubaker

Our District is down 13.8% in membership. PDG Mike Vudragovich is working to establish a Bridgeville club that the Upper Saint Clair is sponsoring. Thanks to King Lion Michele Baich Matuch and PDG Joseph Donkin who are working on forming two Leo clubs. The McKeesport Leo Club is established and one in Duquesne in March. The McKeesport Lions club is sponsoring the McKeesport Leo club and the Central Elizabeth Lions is sponsoring the Duquesne Leo Club. Lions International sent King Lion Michele Baich Matuch President of the McKeesport Lions Club a congratulatory letter for the formation and sponsorship of the McKeesport High School Leo Club.

On a fundraising note 18 out of our 50 clubs sold the Enjoy books. We sold a total of 732 books. 732 books at \$9.00 profit on each book all the clubs benefited by \$6,588.00. Whitehall sold the most 170 books. Second was Cheswick/Springdale with 60 books and then Pleasant Hills and Downtown were next with 58 each. I think those 4 clubs did very well with this and it shows that there is potential out there for other clubs.

I sent several people an email on RIS. RIS extends out to other surrounding counties. I think we need to make people more aware of this service. Discussion followed on RIS link on our website.

Zone Reports

Region 1 Zone A Chair Lion Jason Altmire (written report)

Excused.

I continue to make visits to my clubs, having made second visits to several. Membership is a concern to all. Some clubs, like Gibsonia-Hampton-Richland and Tarentum have small but active membership but have had trouble attracting new members. Even clubs like Northern Allegheny which has 28 relatively active members has struggled to bring new members in the fold. Most of the Northern Allegheny members have been members for many years and in fact that the club has not found a president for next year. I'm serving on a committee for that club to fill their offices. I think this Zone and region are the perfect place to merge a few clubs (Gibsonia, N. Boros, N. Suburban, N. Allegheny) in order to bring a larger group of active members. It would be more attractive to potential new members to see a larger group of active members in one place.

Region 1 Zone B Chair Lion Luis Cardiel

Excused. No report.

Region 2 Zone A Chair Lion Geoffrey Temple (written report)

There will be a joint zone meeting on March 7, 2005 at the Brass Rail restaurant in Pleasant Hills. The scheduled speaker is Pittsburgh P/G columnist Brian O'Neill. Since the beginning of 2005 I have made visitations to the Liberty Boro and Jefferson Hills Lions Club.

The Glassport Lions will be doing their annual eye seal project at the Feb. 22nd meeting'.

The Jefferson Hills delivered Christmas baskets to the shut ins in the community. The local merchants generously donated items to put into the baskets. The project was a huge success for both shut ins and the Lions.

Kudos to the McKeesport Lions for founding a Leos Club at McKeesport High School. Also they have brought in 6 new members thus far this year.

The Pleasant Hills Lions will be holding their annual Spaghetti dinner on Feb. 27th. This will be followed by the Great Giveaway on April 9th and the Broom and trash liner during the month of May.

Region 2 Zone A Chair Lion Marge Yurechko

I have the photo screener and a couple boxes of film. My club dropped 6 members recently. One the bright side we have an exchange student. She is from Peru and her name is Claudia and she is high school junior. If any clubs would like to invite her to their meeting let me know.

I have visited White Oak and Central Elizabeth clubs.

White Oak is busy with a pancake breakfast and Central Elizabeth with a spaghetti dinner. I plan to visit my other two clubs Elizabeth and Versailles clubs with the DG.

Region 3 Zone A Chair Lion Andy Zivinsky

Oakland Club is celebrating their 70th Anniversary on April 8 at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association \$35.00 per person.

Homestead is holding a golf outing on June 29

Bloomfield/Lawrenceville has a peace poster contest dinner March 2

Shadyside/Squirrel Hill is having a Kennywood Day June 19. They get reduced rates for Kennywood and everyone is invited.

March 19 at the city theater they are having a play called Bad Dates.

At the State Convention parade I will be there with our float and anyone that wants to help hand out candy is welcome to help.

Our last zone meeting went well. We had a slide presentation on Beacon Lodge by PDG Mike Vudragovich. We learned a lot about Beacon Lodge and anyone that wants a plaque for the Braille Trail let DG Dennis know.

Region 3 Zone B chair Lion John Aiken (written report)

Excused

A Region 3 Meeting was held on January 6 hosted by the Wilmerding Club and with about 50 attending. PDG Mike Vudragovich pinch hit for Tom Hurrell in giving the Beacon Lodge slide presentation. PDG Bob Johnson Jr. explained the Eye Prosthesis Program. All clubs were requested to supply at least two members to assist at the blind bowler's tournament for our Region's assignment of Saturday afternoon, February 19. We will try to get more clubs represented next time.

Braddock Lions: Koeze nut sales are still the major fundraiser for this club.

Monroeville Leos: The Leos pulled off a very successful "Treats-for-Troops" project. In fact, so much was collected that shipping expenses well exceeded expectations. The Monroeville Lions covered most of the costs with some other clubs and individuals pitching in. They continue holding bingos at an assisted living home in Monroeville.

Monroeville Lions: Club membership has climbed to 27 at the end of January. Blind Seals and Koeze nut fundraisers were wrapped up in early January. The club plan's to continue meeting at the new Palmiera's Restaurant on Old Frankstown Road, which is the Plum-Monroeville border. Planning is underway for another farmer's market season starting in early May.

Pitcairn Lions: Pitcairn continues to encounter difficulties with fundraisers. The latest was the closing of the bank office where they sold many of their items like garbage bags and brooms. They should be able to set up a shop in another branch office of the same bank about a mile away.

Oakmont Lions: In November Oakmont put on their annual show and fundraiser. They also participated in a community Light-up Night Parade.

Turtle Creek: I am still trying to get a visit scheduled with the Turtle Creek club. Some months they only meet once.

Wilmerding: They had a successful Night at the Races fundraiser and also added two new members in December. Their community bulletin board has worked out real well.

Region 4 Zone B Chair Lion Burt Sawyers (written report)

Excused

All clubs are meeting and active. A couple clubs have informed me that they have brought in new members. All clubs are raising money for Lionism.

Region 4 Zone B Chair Lion Jim Engel (written report)

Excused.

All clubs are active and raising money for Lion's charities. Congratulations to the Hilltop Lions for installing 7 new members so far this Lion year.

VDG Jim remarks. I would like to encourage all zone chairs to get to know who your membership chairs are when you make you club visits. I would like to know what plans or efforts they have on getting members.

DG Dennis remarks on the Monroeville Leo Club are looking at a cost of \$100.00 per box to send the box over seas to the soldiers. The person that the club sponsored originate graduated from their school and the Leos all know him. From there the rest of the troop wanted to know if they could receive certain items. This got to be a big expense for the Leo Club and the Monroeville club that sponsors them. They are opening up to the District. This is a great project and anyone that wants to donate to this let the Monroeville Lions Club or Lion Doris Irr know. Discussion was held. Lion Mic suggests that they contact the 911th air wing at the airport reserve unit or check with the 171st air refueling wing because those planes are always going over there and maybe they can drop it very close at an APO. If Lion Doris wants to contact me I can help her with that.

King Lion Kevin Gaughen President of Pittsburgh Hilltop Lions club was present to explain what his club is doing. They were looking for a way to do mass community screenings for Glaucoma. In searching for what other districts were doing, I came across an organization called the Congressional Glaucoma Foundation. As I looked into this I found it was a matter of going to my congressman and writing letters to the foundation requesting this mobile eye screening unit with all the latest equipment in eye screening to bring this unit into the city and utilize it and have the Lions help by doing some intake and in filling out forms. The important thing about this program is that they get the Doctors involved and student Doctors involved. What I did was to write a letter to Congressman Doyle's office which is in my district and I wrote a letter to the foundation and asked if they would be interested in bringing the unit here and they said they would. I also contacted Lion Jason Altmire and was able to get UPMC to participate. What we are going to do on May 6 and 7 is we will have the Congressional Glaucoma Foundations mobile eye screening unit at the Elerado senior's citizen's center and the Hilltop health clinic and St. John Vianney church health fair. We are hoping to screen between 200-500 people. Details to follow. Lion Dr. Sundar also has eye screening through UPMC which he presented at the last cabinet meeting.

MERLOW Reports

DG Dennis remarks

Membership is not the responsibility of the MERLOW team. The MERLOW team is to give you the tools to help get members. Membership is our responsibility.

Extension Chair PDG Mike Vudragovich (Written report)

At our last cabinet meeting I reported about plans to start a Lions Club in Bridgeville.

With the help of our DG, we had advertised the meeting for two weeks in the Almanac and in the local Bridgeville paper.

On January 27, 2005 we held an informational meeting at PVS in Bridgeville. We had about nine people who were interested in forming a Lions Club. In attendance at the meeting, besides myself, we also had VDG Jim Brubaker, and four members of the Upper St. Clair Lions Club.

We gave a brief history of Lions and the work we do; how our primary work is with the blind, but it goes so much beyond that. We discussed the fact that the Lions choose their own projects and decide what they will do. We also emphasized it is a community based organization, but goes very much beyond that.

Everyone there was enthusiastic, and wanted to form a club. We are having an organizational meeting this Thursday, February 17, 2005. If we can get the required 20 members, we can form a club. If not, we will be forming a Club Branch for the Upper St. Clair Club.

The USC Lions were integral to our meeting, and our very supportive of either forming a new club or sponsoring a club branch.

DG Dennis remarks on marketing that the ads were placed in the Pennysaver with the \$1,000.00 grant we received from International.

Retention and Leadership Chair IPDG Rich Keller

Retention we need to keep our members.

Leadership we are going to try and have a District officers training. Not just club officers but also cabinet members. Everyone will be hearing about the Leadership training.

DG Dennis remarks that we do need to get the word out.

The best people that need to be trained are the club secretaries all 50 of them. They need to be retrained too many are filtering information. We the Cabinet members who are the leaders of the District should be taking this information back to our clubs and make sure it is not being filtered.

Questions by King Lion Kevin Gaughen on publicity besides the Pennysaver, the internet is a good tool. Why can't we use public TV to advertise?

DG Dennis comments the Lion Jim and I are working on a radio spot. We did get 7 responses to the ad and 2 new members at Mount Lebanon. This is going to have to be an ongoing thing.

PDG Pauline Waide comments that between 3-4 on Saturday on 1320 AM radio we can get a spot.

Women's Membership Development Chair Lion Maryann Dayton

Excused. No report.

PDG Advisor reports

None. DG Dennis asks that if you can the zone chairs to get their zone meetings done.

Beacon Lodge Chair Lion Tom Hurrell (written report)

If you are a faithful reader of the "Cauldron" and hopefully you are then for all intents and purposes, you have been informed on the latest capital improvements at PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp. Primarily, I'm in reference to the renovation of 14-B Dormitory as well as construction on the new pool. Here are the latest "stats" as of past Friday, February 11, 2005.

The first and most expensive phase of 14-B Dorm renovation in the 4 bathrooms as they have been completely "gutted" and refitted to specifications of the American Disability Act. All work is completed in this phase with the exception of grab bars, shower curtains and rods. These items have been ordered and will be installed upon receipt. Of interest are the new tile floors as well as "glassboard", the material of choice to cover the walls. Total cost of this renovation phase is \$19,792. Total amount donated is \$15,459 leaving a deficit of \$4,332. The second renovation phase is new floor covering. The existing carpeting, defined as a health hazard, has been removed and will be replaced with vinyl flooring. The third and final phase is now ceiling tile with appropriate lighting. Needless to say, this will lead to additional deficit spending that will require ongoing financial support from our clubs until the deficit is resolved.

The pool in itself is basically complete except, pouring the concrete bottom as well as the surrounding concrete apron. The first 3-foot of the apron nearest the pool will be of a different texture, thus warning the visually impaired they are near the edge of the pool. The concrete work won't be done until weather permits in late spring. Likewise, the filtering system is not completed and fencing as yet not started. Total dollar cost to date is \$97,205 with statewide donations at \$68,690. Total projected coast is \$200,000.

We are now on the down side of 2004/2005, a time when many clubs consider downloading their treasury as they make donations to their favorite organizations. Need I remind you, Beacon Lodge is a state project? Hopefully every club in District 14-B, as well as every club in Multiple 14, will take this into account when they consider their donations. Discussion held on the renovations.

Blind Bowlers Chair Lion Rich Peters (written report)

The 28th Blind Bowlers Tournament will begin on Friday, February 18th and run through Sunday, February 20th. The tournament is at Noble Manor Lanes in Greentree and the Saturday Night Banquet is at the Holiday Inn in Greentree. Several clubs have called to indicate that some members were coming to help. To date twenty four clubs have donated \$50.00 toward the tournament for a total of \$1200.00. A listing of the clubs donating will be given upon request. Additional comments. No Sunday afternoon bowling.

Center for Hearing and Deaf Services Chair Lion Alison Weber (written report)

The fundraiser scheduled for Feb. 12, 2005 has been cancelled.

The District 14-B Lions Fund kept at the agency for people in need of hearing aids and cannot afford them is at \$219.75.

Additional comments: Shortly you will be seeing an ad campaign for our agency regarding hearing health care awareness. They will be on radio and television. There will also be an open house here.

Coordinator of District Activities Chair Lion Alison Weber (written report)

Upcoming events

Sunday, Feb 27, 2005.....	Melvin Jones Brunch, Royal Place RSVP by Feb. 22, 2005 Cost \$14.00 per person
Sunday, April 17, 2005	Spring Party Comfort Inn Rodi Road 11-2:30 pm

I am looking for gifts again so if anyone has contacts to pursue please call (412) 281-1375 or email me at aweber@hdscenter.org.

Saturday June 4, 2005 Cabinet Meeting Reilly Memorial Park Discussion held on attendance of the Melvin Jones Breakfast. Thanks to Lion Mic for getting us a good price on the place for the Spring Party.

Convention Chair Lion Joseph Julian (written report)

I have received information for the upcoming State Convention.

DG Dennis comments the State Convention is in Johnstown. The rooms are reasonable. The International Convention is in Hong Kong.

The US/Canada Forum is September. There is a lot of information on the State Convention in the "Pride" magazine and information on the International Convention in the "Lion" magazine.

State Council Meeting 2006 Lion Barb Schimmel (written report)

Excused Letter read PDG Pauline Waide co-chair

As you may be aware, our District is hosting the Pennsylvania Lions State Council Meeting in February 3, 4, 5, 2006 and I am asking you to be a part of the committee to help make this Council weekend one of the Best we can have.

Our committee chairpersons to date consists of

Chairperson Lion Barb Schimmel

Co-Chairperson PDG Pauline Waide

Public Relations PDG Harold Fletcher

Tour/Activities Lion Mary Jane Keller

Registration PDG Pauline Waide

Fund Raising PDG Richard Keller

If you are interested in being on one (or two) of these committees, please give me a call/email so that we can start to coordinate our needs.

I am calling for a dinner (optional) meeting for Wednesday, February 16, 2005 at Lombardozzi's Restaurant (dinner at 6:15 pm Meeting at 7:15 pm Also please notify me if you will be attending dinner.

We thank you so very much for considering to volunteer for any of the committees above it is you who will make this Council weekend successful.

Letter that was sent out to Lions. The list of clubs that contributed to the fund is attached. Details upon request. I would ask those Lions whose clubs are not on the contributing list to please give them a reminder. There is also a paper with the meeting notice and directions on the back.

Diabetes Awareness/Research Chair PDG Clarence Thomas (written report)

Christmas Around the World was success again this year. There were 570 people in attendance and we made a profit of \$5000.00 which is larger than we have been making in the past.

The Mon River Fleet is represented by a coalition of state-endorsed State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP)

PartnerShips located in McKeesport, Braddock, Duquesne, Hazelwood and soon Clairton. Our fight against diabetes in at risk communities will clearly send a message to the communities we serve that our SHIPS are not only working together as a coalition in support of the state's Healthy People's 2010 goal to increase the number of those reached with diabetes management education from 40% (1998) to 60% (2010).

The program Manager is Michele Baich Matuch of the McKeesport Hospital Foundation who can provide the matching fund required as a result of its long-time relationship with the Lions Clubs from District 14-B and District 14-E. Our alliance of four SHIPS soon to be five is dedicated to seeking innovative way to spread health care education and solutions throughout our communities will continue to work together on a number of programs and services for the overall health and well-being of those served by the Mon River FLEET.

As a part of the coalition you can rest assured that the McKeesport Hospital Foundation will continue to fund over \$200,000 from its Lions Relief Fund in medications and diabetes support toward the Mon River FLEET project each year in 2005-2006 and 2006-2007.

This funding support is approved by area Lions Clubs of District 14-B and District 14-E; and as of this date, is representative of the only Lions Diabetes Center in the nation. For your information, the Lions Diabetes Education and Training at UPMC McKeesport opened in 1993 at a time when there was no third-party reimbursement for diabetes and has remained strong over the past 12 years because of their continued effort in each of our communities. Diabetes Prevention Workshops focusing on Healthier Lifestyle in our communities was open to the public. Classes start in Jan and ended in April.

Environmental Chair Lion Matthew Borichevsky (written report)

The signs have been installed. In the spring we will start the highway clean-up.

International Understanding Co-Op Lion Matthew Borichevsky

No report

Historian PDG Harold Fletcher

Excused No report

Eye Prothesis / District Chaplin PDG Robert Johnson Jr. (written report)

I was contacted on 22 Jan. 05 by the Johnstown Lions Club about a prothesis for a person needing a eye prothesis. I gave them the required information to obtain from the person requesting the procedure.

I received the information on 27 Jan. and relayed it to the District Governor. We agreed that the request be honored. I then called Dr. Tillman's office and gave them the go ahead. I was told that they would notify me when the procedure would take place.

Not hearing anything I called Mr. Thompson in Johnstown and was told that they had not heard from Dr. Tillman. I then called the doctors office and was told that they had left 2 messages for him to call them.

I then placed a call to Johnstown to find out why the call from Dr. Tillman's office had not been returned. His mother told me that he had to go out of town and would be back sometime this week and that he would contact Dr. Tillman's office.

Information Technology/Newsletter Editor Lion Jim Hartman

If you have information get it to me. If you have information on your club or want to update it then get it to me. If you don't then "POO POO ON YOU"

Leader Dog Chair Lion Jim Engel

Excused (written report)

Checks are coming in slow but sure. I am available to talk at your clubs.

Long Range Planning/ LCIF IPDG Rich Keller (written report)

LCIF: The South Asian tsunami is considered the largest natural disaster in modern history. LCIF and Lions are responding accordingly. I am pleased to tell you that LCIF is initially committing US \$5 million to assist in the recovery. The funds will enable Lions in South Asia to provide for long-term reconstruction by building homes, school and child welfare centers for orphans.

The US \$5 million commitment is a matching donation form LCIF. Half of the US\$5million will come from LCIF reserves and the other half from the expected US\$2.5 million in donations to LCIF for tsunami relief from individuals, clubs and districts worldwide.

Lions in South Asia continue their vital relief operations. Lions there already have spent an estimated \$820,000 on relief, including \$220,000 in Emergency grants sent to them by LCIF. Lions in Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Thailand, India and Malaysia are providing tsunami victims with essential supplies such as food, water, and medicine. In Indonesia, Lions were the first social organization to coordinate aid, Despite having lost members of their own families, Lions spent untold hours dispensing supplies.

Even as they distributed crucial supplies, Lions began long-term reconstruction of communities. Lions have been meeting with government officials and other relief organizations to develop comprehensive but entirely realistic and practical recovery initiatives. You can be assured that Lions, who are key civic, business and community leaders themselves, are making certain that their service and their funds are applied expeditiously and efficiently.

LCIF is mobilizing tremendous financial support for recovery for South Asia. To date, LCIF has received more than US \$630,000 in donations from Lions. This includes US \$200,000 from Lions of Korea and US \$120,000 from the Lions of Sweden. The Lions of Japan are expected to make a major donation and the Lions of Ireland expect to contribute US \$460,000.

These donations will enable LCIF to partner with local Lions on rebuilding communities. The real impact of LCIF's assistance to tsunami victims in South Asia will be fully realized in the next several years as LCIF partners with Lions to rebuild communities. This long-term approach plays to the strength of LCIF and Lions, who belong to their communities, understand local needs and know how to get things done.

The shock and horror of the tsunami disaster will remain with us for a very very long time. But LCIF and Lions are doing all they can to help victims and communities back on their feet. I humbly thank you for your service and compassion.

Melvin Jones Fellowship(MJF) Recognition

The second piece of important news is that until March 31 donations to LCIF for tsunami relief are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition. This covers donations for tsunami relief from Dec. 26, 2004 to March 31, 2005.

LCIF's normal policy is that MJF recognition is not allowed for designated donations. To encourage donations for tsunami victims, the LCIF board of trustees temporarily has amended this policy. Donations for Tsunami relief from Dec. 26, 2004, to March 31, 2005, are eligible for MJF recognition. These must be donations that fully provide for an MJF through a US\$1,000 donation. The Melvin Jones Fellow does not have to be named at the time the donation is made.

Using tsunami relief donations to provide for MJF recognition is an option for clubs and districts. Be sure to indicate whether you want MJF recognition when sending in the donation. LCIF prefers that districts and clubs not request MJF recognition when donated funds are secured as the result of large-scale solicitation of the public.

Whether or not MJF recognition is obtained, donations for tsunami relief count toward an individual's and a club's cumulative giving totals to LCIF, which help qualify an individual and club for various award programs.

Long Range Planning

The Long Range Planning committee met on January 27, 2005.

- 1) The District Newsletter was discussed. Using e-mail to let members know that the newsletter has been posted to the website or that the newsletter is attached to the e-mail seems not to be working.

It is the recommendation of the Long Range Planning committee the one hard copy of the news letter is mailed to each club (president or secretary) and any cabinet member who does not have email. Need vote.

Discussion held.

Motion made to mail one hard copy of newsletter to each club secretary and all zone chairs. Motion by Lion Andy Zivinsky. Second by Lion Geoffrey Temple Motion passed

- 2) Lions Community Service Fund issue was discussed. The money that is being held by it Board of Directors needs to be addressed.

The Long Range Planning Committee is requesting permission to begin investigating a process to try and resolve the money issues with Lions Community Services. The fund is believed to have approximately \$40,000.00.

The Long Range Planning Committee is recommending that the cabinet approve PDG, Lion Rich Keller and PDG Lion Harold Fletcher to begin this investigating and report back to the cabinet in June on what the options the District has (need vote).

Discussion held

Motion to let IPDG Rich Keller and PDG Harold Fletcher to investigate and report back to the Cabinet in June on what options the District has to get the money into the Lions fund from the Lions Community Service. Made by Lion Marge Yurechko second by Lion Mic Wrbas. Motion passed.

- 3) PA Counselors Awards candidates submitted for review. Two names have been submitted to the State, and we are waiting to here from them. There were no candidates for the District Counselor Awards.
- 4) The candidates for Office of Vice District Governor were discussed. The only problem is there were no candidates. Lions we do have a problem. I have made phone calls to a few of the Lions in this room to see if they would step up to the job and no one can because of family, work or personal reasons. We now have our backs against the wall
- 5) Would anyone in the room like to be Vice District Governor next year? It is time for every Lion on the cabinet to step up to the leadership role. We have Lions in this room that have lead their Club as Presidents or Secretaries. They have been asked and have served on the District Cabinet for a few years. Now it is time to take the next step up.

I would like anyone who would like to be Vice District Governor for next year to please see me after the meeting.

MTI Photo Screener/Peace Poster Chair Lion Mary Beth Chester (written report)

MTI Screener has not been utilized since the last cabinet meeting. However, currently members form the Elizabeth club will be utilizing the screener to complete their screenings at the preschool.

Opportunity still exists for club members to receive Preschool Vision Screening through Pittsburgh Vision Services. Dates will be forthcoming.

Comments by DG Dennis

There is an MTI" Screening meeting on the new way to do eye screener at the end of the month on Sat. at Pittsburgh Vision Services by Diane Pakler. If there are not enough interested then she will be canceling the meeting.

Peace Poster Chair Lion Mary Beth Chester (written report)

Two posters were submitted for the Peace Poster Contest, one from the Bloomfield Lawrenceville club and the second from the Pleasant Hills Club. Sarah Lanese, a 13 year old sponsored by the Bloomfield Lawrenceville Club was selected as the winner of District 14-B contest. Her quote about peace:

"It is best to take a chance on peace by being forgiving and loving in all of our conflicts...we need to spread love and peace."

Her poster has been submitted on at the state level. Sarah will be notified of her local winning and will receive a bond for \$50.00 and a plaque presented to her.

The bond and plaque will be presented to her on March 2 at the Bloomfield Lawrenceville club meeting.

Lions of PA Foundation Chair PDG Sylvan Lang

Absent. No report

PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation Chair Lion Maxine Lang

Absent. No report

PA Lions Sight Conservation Chair Lion Linda Rowley (written report)

A recent State Cabinet meeting was held in Reading on 2/5/05 which I was unable to attend.

Several issues were discussed:

A grant application was made. Several grant approvals were made.

A change was made in the advisory board medical staff

At the District Level

I was able to speak at my local Cheswick-Springdale Lions Club about the activity of these committees at the meeting in Jan. For the recognition of the Student of Month. One of the students and another student's parent were very surprised and interested in the research component of this.

Parliamentarian Chair PDG Jack Schimmel

When your club pays there state per capita they will be receiving back their credentials to be able to vote in Johnstown along with that you will have a copy of the new state constitution and by-laws which will be on the ballot. The council has voted to endorse this new constitution for the simple reason it has not been revised since adoption in 1970. They just kept adding amendments. It has been updated. If your club is sending delegates to vote and you have any questions call me or the DG or the VDG and we can explain anything in there. Also we will be voting for a District Governor.

We are the only District in PA to elect at the State Convention because every other District holds a sub convention.

DG Dennis comments that we have no applications submitted for Leo of the year and one Lioness of the year.

Pittsburgh Vision Services Chair Lion Meghan Nelson

We got a contract for the Department of Defense for the Navy for doing charcoal in industries for the Air conditioning systems in air craft carriers that is the newest thing going on at the Agency. That is where the brooms and some signs for Penn Dot are made at the industries.

We just got a grant from the Bureau of Blind and Visual Services this is the 2nd year.

We helped high school students that are looking for jobs, ages 14-18 years old, they are blind or visually impaired and are attending a job readiness class. Classes are 4 weeks long. One student works at McDonalds for about 4 month now. This is a great opportunity to help high school students get jobs. If anyone wants me to come out to your club to speak let me know.

Public Relations Chair Lion Lisa Blaney Stewart

Absent. No Report.

Radio Information Services Chair Samuel DePiero

Excused.

DG Dennis comments in speaking with Lion Sam the other night the agency is talking with another non profit agency. There maybe a possibility of a merger but they are only in the talking stage. The RIS is seeing an improvement in their funding. Their president is going out and speaking to clubs. Thanks also to VDG Jim who has been keeping us informed on RIS through his emails sent out. There also was a special on public TV on RIS.

Toddlers Program at the Western PA School for Blind Children Chair Lion Bob Cass

Absent. No Report.

Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation Chair PID Carl Battistone

Excused. No report

White Cane Chair Lion Jason Altmire (written report)

Excused

I continue to collect eyeglasses from all around the District, having recently picked up two thousand more for Lasik Vision Center in Ross, and another thousand from a vision center at Northway Mall. We've made great strides in publicizing the eyeglass collection efforts, mostly by word of mouth. I am frequently contacted about picking up donated eyeglasses from all over Allegheny County.

Tail twister Chair Lion Jim Emery

Absent. No Report.

Youth Outreach Coordinator Lion Mary Jane Keller (written report)

The State Youth Outreach Committee met on Sat. Feb. 5, 2005 in Reading. Chairperson Barbara Turek, Helen Thiers and I used this time as a work session. Our task was to design a bulletin/display board with information about activities for Leo Clubs. One display focused on Lions Clubs International Flag Day. Clubs could target one grade level in their local school district and purchase fags and brochures for them. The second display was for a new activity created by our committee. Leo Clubs with support from their sponsoring Lions Club could participate in National Arbor Day and plant a tree in their community. We supplied copies of the information necessary for both of these activities.

Old Business

When looking back in the minutes there was unfinished business on sending to Long Range Planning to take a look at Lencrafters. A total of \$110.00 charge comes back to the District for doctor's fees and eyeglasses. We are getting requests through the District for eyeglasses. The District does not provide eyeglasses for children. There are ways to get them. There is a state program thorough the schools. Dave Rosenblum from the Pittsburgh Host Club will have the answers for the state rules. There is also a \$15.00 co pay to be charged for eyeglasses by the District. Discussion held on various assistance programs.

Motion to send to Long Range Planning to look at ways that we can have cheaper eyeglass and examines. Motion by Lion Andy Zivinsky and 2nd by Lion Marge Yurechko.

Motion passed.

Some of the money that is used for the old MTI Screener will be transferred to the Blind Contingency fund. The motion was made by the cabinet to move some of the money to that fund. No motion was made on how much money should be moved into that account. It was suggested that we use some money to purchase the screening kits sold by PVS. We are looking at purchasing about 8 of them, they cost \$125.00 each. The remainder of the money should be put towards eyeglasses.

Eyeglass Recycling Program

Lion Jo Dorr out of North Allegheny Club maybe interested in doing this.

A Thank You letter was received from CEO and founding parent for the Center of Creative Play on the \$2,500. Donation.

Motion to close Old Business by Lion Geoffrey Temple and 2nd by Lion Marge Yurechko. Motion passed. Old Business is closed.

New Business

Drug and Alcohol Poster Program

State wants to start. We need to know if you think was as a District should do it.

This only for 4th graders and we will need to find some one to chair the program. In retrospect we sent out 500 letters for the Peace Poster contest and there were only 2 posters returned. The intent of the State is good but we are not in the business of conducting contests. The reason they support the Peace Poster Contest is because it is an International Contest. Discussion held.

Motion District 14-B would not support the Drug and Alcohol Poster Program. Motion made by IPDG Rich Keller 2nd by Lion Marge Yurechko. Motion passed.

When we are in Johnstown in May when it comes up for a vote I will vote no for 14-B.

PVS Training for Eye Screening 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Feb. 26, 2005. Call PVS to sign up. If there is not enough interest then it will be cancelled.

Lion Geoffrey Temple read a letter form Pleasant Hills Lions Club for support of VDG Jim Brubaker for DG. The Board of Directors and members of the Pleasant Hills Lions Club unanimously endorse Lion Jim Brubaker for District Governor of District 114-B for 2005-2006.

Lion Jim has been a member of our club since 1974 with perfect attendance except for a period of 16 months when he was working out of town. He works on nearly all our fundraisers and service projects and has chaired several. Lion Jim has served as a director and advanced thru the chairs to serve as President twice (1982-1983 and 2001-2002). In 2002 he received the Presidents Excellence (100%) Award. He has sponsored many of our current members for which he is recognized as a "Key Member". Our club named him a PA Lions Foundation Fellow in 2001 and a Melvin Jones Fellow in 2004.

Lion Jim also participates in District projects including the Blind Bowlers Tournament, Beacon Lodge Cleanup, the Auction for the Lions Diabetes Center and numerous events of other clubs in the area. Last summer he initiated efforts involving Lions and several other volunteer organizations to help attendees of the International Association for the Blind during their convention here in Pittsburgh. He currently serves as Vice District Governor. In 2003 he received the President's Certificate of Appreciation.

We believe Lion Jim is a strong leader who will bring sound judgment and practical ideas to his duties as District Governor. The Pleasant Hill Lions Club is honored to nominate Lion James E. Brubaker for the office of District Governor of District 14-B/

Lion Jim Funkhouser, President

Motion to accept the letter of nomination of Lion Jim Brubaker by Lion Marge Yurechko 2nd by Lion Greg Borichevsky. Motion passed.

Duck Raffle Tickets available for Beacon Lodge. There also will be 18 baskets for a Chinese auction. Basket will represent the community which you reside.

Dates to Remember

May 19-22, 2005	State Convention Johnstown Holiday Inn
June 27-July 1, 2005	International Convention Hong Kong
August 4-6, 2005	State Council Meeting King of Prussia 14-R
September 21-24, 2005	USA/Canada Forum, Peoria, Illinois
November 3-5, 2005	State Council Meeting Wyndham 14-T
February 3-5, 2006	State Council Meeting Marriott Pittsburgh Cranberry 14-B
May 18-21, 2006	State Convention Altoona PA 14-L

Motion for a \$50.00 basket for the Auction for Diabetes by Lion Andy Zivinsky 2nd by Lion Geoffrey Temple. Motion passed

Money to be taken out Administrative fund.

Motion to adjourn by IPDG Rich Keller 2nd by Lion Andy Zivinsky

Motion passed.

Benediction by PDG Robert Johnson Jr.

Meeting adjourn at 12:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

District 14-B Cabinet Secretary

Greg Borichevsky

District Cabinet 14 -B	Attendance Sheet 2004-2005	July	Aug	Nov.	Feb.	June
	Voting Members					
Dennis McCarthy	District Governor	P	P	P	P	
Richard Keller	IPDG/LCIF/Long Range Planning /Leadership Development /Retention / Advisor Region 4	P	P	P	P	
James Brubaker	Vice District Governor	P	P	P	P	
Greg Borichevsky	District Cabinet Secretary	P	P	P	P	
Mic Wrbas	District Cabinet Treasurer	P	E	P	P	
Jason Altmire	Region 1 Zone A Chair / White Cane Chair	E	E	P	E	
Luis Cardiel	Region 1 Zone B Chair	P	P	P	E	
Geoffrey Temple	Region 2 Zone A Chair	P	P	P	P	
Marge Yurechko	Region 2 Zone B Chair	A	P	P	P	
Andy Zivinsky	Region 3 Zone A Chair	P	E	A	P	
John E. Aiken	Region 3 Zone B Chair	E	P	E	E	
Burt Sawyers	Region 4 Zone A Chair	E	E	P	E	
James Engel	Region 4 Zone B Chair / Leader dog Chair	P	P	E	E	
	Non Voting Members					
Thomas Hurrell	Beacon Lodge	P	P	P	P	
Richard Peters	Blind Bowlers	E	P	E	P	
Robert Johnson PDG	Chaplain / Eye Prothesis	P	P	P	P	
Joseph Julian	Convention	E	A	A	E	
Maryann Dayton	Women's Membership Development	P	P	E	E	
Barbara Schimmel	District Directory Coordinator	E	P	E	E	
Matthew Borichevsky	Environmental / International Understanding CO-OP	E	P	P	P	
Harold Fletcher PDG	Historian	E	P	P	E	
Michael Vudragovich PDG	Extension Chair / Beacon Lodge Board Member Advisor Region 3	P	P	P	P	
Alison Weber	Coordinator District Activities/ Center for Hearing and Deaf Services	P	P	P	P	
Clarence Thomas PDG	Diabetes Awareness / Research	P	P	P	P	
Carl Battistone PID	Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation	P	P	P	E	
Jim Hartman	Information Technology / Newsletter Editor	E	P	P	P	
Kenneth Lloyd PDG	Membership Chair / Advisor Region 1	P	A	P	A	
Sylvan Lang PDG	PA Lions Foundation / Advisor Region 2	P	P	A	A	
Maxine Lang	PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation	E	P	A	A	
Jack Schimmel PDG	Parliamentarian	P	P	P	P	
Linda Rowley	PA Lions Sight Conservation	P	E	P	P	
Mary Beth Chester	MTI Photo Screener / Peace Poster chair	A	P	P	E	
Meghan Nelson	Pittsburgh Vision Services	P	P	E	P	
Lisa Blaney Stewart	Public Relations	P	A	P	A	
Samuel DePiero	Radio Information Services	E	E	P	E	
Robert Cass	Toddlers Program at W. PA School for Blind Children	A	A	P	A	
James Emery	Tail Twister/Time Keeper	P	P	P	A	
Mary Jane Keller	Youth Outreach Coordinator	P	E	P	P	

