

International Association of Lions Clubs
District 14-B
4th Cabinet Meeting
June 4, 2005
O'Reilly Field

Meeting called to order at 9:15 am by DG Dennis McCarthy. Invocation by PDG Bob Johnson Jr. and Pledge of Allegiance. DG Dennis welcomed everyone to 4th and final Cabinet meeting for this Lion year.

Protocol was established.

DG Dennis presented the International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation that he did not get to present at the Spring party. The certificate reads in recognition of distinguished achievements in leadership and service; to affirm the appreciation and gratitude of Lions Club International. I have here unto affixed my signature during this Lions year 2004-2005 Clement F. Kusiak International President. This person has done an outstanding job with us throughout the years and has really been a true friend and helped me a lot throughout this past year. Lion Greg Borichevsky. The second was awarded to Lion Mary Beth Chester for her work with the MTI Photocreener and to get the things done that needed to be done. The third was Lion Samuel Depiero who has been a Cabinet member for a long time. He has kept us up to date and informed us on what was happening with the agency RIS and how we can better help RIS. The next certificate was to IPDG Rich Keller who has been a friend and mentor. I want to give him this award for his hard work and the support he has given me this past year. The last one is for PDG Joseph Donkin for his work in helping and starting the McKeesport Leo Club and the Duquesne Leo Club. This award is for PDG Joseph Donkin and his work with the start up of the Leos and Lions clubs. We have growth in our District and it will continue in DG elect Jim's year. Thank you to all the Cabinet for your work and support this year. The support that I got from you is going to need to be continued in DG elect Jim's year. The reason for that is we need to support him so he can make it through his year.

The State Convention this year at Johnstown was a lot of fun and a very good one. The last figures I got were there were 786 in attendance, 495 certified and only 326 voted. The resolution that was on the ballot passed 306-20. PDG Jack Schimmel synopsis of what that resolution was about. The reason we had to change those was that 3 years ago Lions International took the International Constitution and streamlined then they changed the multiple district constitution, sub district constitution and the club constitution to comply with that. The original state constitution was adopted in 1970 and there were 25-30 amendment changes in that document up to this time. It took us three years to totally rewrite the constitution and bylaws to comply with Lions International. It was approved by Lions International and then placed on the ballot in May. That document is very important to the state because it runs the state and how the state operates. The vote we figure for the election of DG Jim was 306-22. DG Dennis comments Congratulations to DG elect Jim Brubaker for being elected to DG for the next Lions year.

Also at the State council meeting that the cost of a lifetime membership which is \$300.00 now will be going up to \$500.00 on July 1, 2005.

Lions International has turned down 514 Lions clubs with 6,877 members. They gave no reason only the figures. It is being done in other countries where ghost clubs are appearing to increase there districts numbers.

Comments by PID Carl Battistone that India has been blamed in the past and that the International has taken steps to stop this. One is that to be counted as a voting member you must be a member for one year and one day. This means you have to pay dues for two years that was to stop the ghost busting in India.

There is a new plan that is going to take effect in less than 3 years to work with our transitional districts across the country. Pennsylvania has 7 districts that are transitional. I just found out from the International that 14-B officially has not been considered transitional. The end of this year will determine whether we will be. We are sitting at minus 28, if we can get the 28 members by the end of the year then we will not be transitional.

PDG Jack comments that we are provisional till the end of this year. You have two years to get our membership back above 1250. After the end of this year we will be considered transitional then the International will step in and appoint our District Governor and other things.

DG Dennis stated that the International is a couple of months behind but that if by July 1st we need to get that negative balance of 28 up to either be a zero balance or a plus then we will go into a transitional status. We are hoping that Duquesne club going in the end of June that 20 members coming in will let us at a minus 8. Our branch club that PDG Mike is working with has not been officially registered with the International that would be 6 more members. We would then be at a minus 2 if no one else drops. There are still 22 clubs that have submitted reports to the International according to the International our total now is 1125 members down from 1189 members. I have 1189 members. We are still 115-118 below to get us out of our transitional. We do not get reports from some clubs so we cannot go into the club if they are having problems and see if we can help them. Zone chairs need to call on their clubs because we have clubs 22 according to the International that have not submitted reports. I have sent letters to these club secretaries and also a letter to presidents that we need their reports and after this meeting I would like the zone chairs to make a follow up call to these club presidents and secretaries.

Question by PDG Jack on who gets a copy of these M&A reports. DG Dennis states that a copy goes to International, one to myself and one to VDG Jim. Zone chairs do not get a copy from the web. Comments that zone chairs should be in contact monthly with their clubs. Most clubs have been submitting them with no problems.

PDG Jack Schimmel states that in 4 years the International is going paperless. We were told at the last convention that the International in 4 years will no longer be using the paper M&A reports it will be done by computers. Lion Barb Schimmel comments that the M reports for the International are not user friendly, like it was a couple of years ago. DG Dennis states that anyone that has a problem please let the International know. If your club secretary is not computer literate then maybe you can get someone in your club that is to assist them. Discussion held.

Zone chairs are going to have to keep on top of their clubs to keep the reports current. I just found out the other day that the district has dropped 104 members this year. I could not tell from the reports I got from the clubs that submitted one. These numbers are crucial for the district.

PDG Jack Schimmel comments that the state is going to implement a computer training seminar at next year's convention for club secretaries and anyone interested. I think we in this District got to go to Long Range Planning and we have to implement some type of a thing so we can have training for our secretaries and presidents here in the District. This way in three or four years whenever it takes effect we will have our people trained.

DG elect Jim Brubaker comments that what he would like to do is in the directory where the clubs address is listed is to have an email listed for the club. Whether it is the secretaries' email or

Someone’s email designated by the club. We should have an email address that we can communicate with that club. I think by having that we can have someone in the club that can help the club secretary if they are unable to do that electronically do the job. Can we do that I know it probably can’t be done in a year but we can get it started is this feasible. In other words if we want to communicate something to that club the one with the email address listed promises to communicate that back to their club. We need someway to communicate to the clubs when the secretary does not have a computer. Email is a fast communication. Lion Barb comments that email is great but nothing takes the place of talking to the person one on one. Discussion held.

DG Dennis states that there are seven clubs in our district that are behind in payments and he has sent letters to them asking them to make their payments ASAP. The money needs to be sent into the State and International.

I have the books and roses from the neurology service held in Johnstown and I will let you know what I am going to do. I think personally as DG in my year that I should deliver the roses and books personally to the families. We have had only 16 that have passed away this year in the time frame set by the International. As the DG I feel that it would be the best way to thank the family for servicing us as Lions.

Last thing at the State convention is that we had people from the district there to represent us. They were in all areas like necrology, sergeant at arms, registration, and credentials. I would like to personally thank all of you that are here for showing up and manning your tables. 14-B did an excellent job this year we didn’t have any empty spaces and we really had an opportunity to really show our colors to the rest of the state that we took on our responsibilities and we did a great job in doing that.

Some of the other Districts there were tables left blank and some of our guys were helping them out in registration and credentials. I want to thank those who did it Greg, Mary Jane, myself and anyone else their helping out. Again thank you form the District for all the work you did.

Secretaries’ Report Lion Greg Borichevsky

Roll call taken and also in attendance Lion Domenick Nero and King Lion Karen Hamerski both from Jefferson Hills, King Lion John McCombs from Glassport.

Motion by IPDG Rich Keller to approve the minutes from the 3rd Cabinet meeting in February, 2005. 2nd by Lion Andy Zivinsky. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report by Lion Mic Wrbas

Administrative Account

Beginning Balance, February 13, 2005	\$4,076.68
Total Receipts	\$3,734.54
Total Cash Available	\$6,811.22
Total Disbursements	\$3,072.98
Ending Balance June 4, 2005	\$3,738.24

Vice District Governor’s Fund

Beginning Balance February 13, 2005	\$297.18
Districts Per Capita	\$174.40
Total Cash Available	\$471.58
Disbursements to VDG	\$244.00
Ending Balance: June 4, 2005	\$227.58

Blind Activities Account

Beginning Balance February 13, 2005	\$10814.16
Total Receipts.....	\$1,108.52
Total Cash Available	\$11,922.68
Disbursements.....	\$2,057.77
Ending Balance: June 4, 2005	\$9,864.91

Details upon request.

Comments by Lion Mic that the Blind Contingency Fund Balance is listed at (\$83.81). Two checks have been added back in for \$100.00 and there will be an additional \$165.00 to be added in bringing the balance to a +\$81.19 for the year. That will show up on the annual report. DG Dennis comments that under the Flood Relief Fund two clubs that have donated the \$750.00 that is in the fund. We have not heard back from the two clubs that donated the money. We are waiting for their decisions and what they want to do with the money. If the money is kept there and we get a letter from their club stating if we can use it for a future disaster. We will keep you posted.

Lion Barb Schimmel wanted to know if all State Council 2006 Funds be reported. Lion Mic states that the fund has \$1650.00 in it and will be reflected in the annual report. The \$300.00 listed on this report was for the fourth quarter.

PDG Harold Fletcher comments that is easier to separate the funds. 3 funds, administrative fund, VDG fund and State Council 2006 fund. Another recommendation is that balances should be going from July 1 through this meeting. It will be a more accurate report of the districts finances to date Discussion on the budget for next year. DG, VDG, District Secretary, District Treasurer and one outside PDG for the budget committee.

The audit committee now is PDG Mike Vudragovich chair, PID Carl Battistone, and one other PDG. Question on MTI Photo Screener. It was voted on at a meeting to do away with the MTI Photo Screeners and the money to be put in the Blind Contingency fund. Discussion held on the MTI Photo Screener. PDG Jack Schimmel read the motions that were made in November's Cabinet meeting to get rid of the MTI Photo Screener. PDG Jack suggests that we set up a committee to look at the money in the MTI Photo Screener fund and where to place it. We can put it all in the Blind Contingence fund or divide it up into the other funds. A lot of this money came from grants from corporations so we have to make sure it remains in a very charitable entity. Remember as of June 30 the MTI Screeners are done. DG Dennis agrees to set up a committee to investigate on where the money is to be place to best serve the district. The committee of 3 to 5 can maybe bring back recommendations to DG elect Jim's first cabinet meeting.

Question by Lion Barb Schimmel on the Governor's Newsletter printing expense of \$562.83. That was the expense of sending everyone a printed newsletter and also included the cost of the website setup. Discussion held on who is to receive a printed copy of the newsletter. Lion Jim Hartman sent a copy to everyone but PDG Jack stated that it is only to go to those with no email.

VDG Jim needs to have his directory chair look at what club and PDG use email vs. mailings that can be your data base for mailings. Trim our mailing lists to cut costs.

PDG Bob Johnson Jr. comments that he receives District 14-F newsletter. They ask for volunteers to donate to cover the cost of the newsletter. I donate to help cover the cost of mailing the newsletter. This might be something that the District may look at doing.

Motion to accept the financial report with the changes we made by Lion Geoffrey Temple 2nd by Lion John Aiken. Motion Passed.

DG Dennis stated that as my last official appointees he will put a committee together to decide where the money should go.

Lion Mic stated that we received 4 checks totaling \$275 payable to Whitehall Lions club for the Ed Smith Memorial because we can't cash the checks I sent them back to Lion George Lauter of the Whitehall club with a letter stating that if they wanted us to do the fund that is fine but they need to send a check to the district. This was not on the report but I wanted the Cabinet to know what is going on.

VDG Jim Brubaker remarks

Congratulations to DG Dennis on a great year. Thanks to all for your vote. Thanks to DG Dennis for his help and also to all Cabinet members and zone chairs for your help and training for the job that lies ahead.

The International President made his slogan or goal –Passion to Excel. He has passion for growth and passion for service. The key word is passion. In order to get our membership up we need a passion for Lionism that can get us new members. IF we do not grow then Lionism is going to die. The passion for growth is job one for next year. If we can continue the momentum that Lion Joe, Lion Michelle and Lion Mike started in getting new members there are huge areas in Allegheny County that are not represented by Lions Clubs.

International President Slogan +1. A +1 program. What he is saying is that if every Lion could ask one member and every District could add one club. This would be quite a boom for Lionism. Here in Allegheny County I think there is room for more than one club. We need to instill that spark for Lionism in the clubs.

I still have a couple of slots to fill on my Cabinet anyone interested let me know.

Thanks again for your confidence and have a great summer.

Discussion held on eyeglasses. The District has been able to help 11 requests and the rest we have been able to send out to the clubs. We have gotten more requests this year than in the past. PDG Harold comments that some of the requests can be handled by some foundations.

We have in the past referred to a foundation and they have picked up the whole tab on the surgery and whatever.

PDG Jack Schimmel suggests that DG Dennis and VDG Jim look at this eyeglass situation. Are we getting the \$15.00 co pay according to the policy. Lenscrafters is not giving us a deal. We do not pay for exams according to the policy; it is up to the individual to do so. You need to get a committee of 3 or 4 people to revisit this policy and get the guidelines set up. If we can find an optometrist or an optician in the north, south, east and west region that will deal with us and we can sign a contract with them then they have to go there. someone in each region. DG Dennis comments that it is in Long Range Planning to look at the policy for Eyeglasses and Lenscrafters according to the minutes in February meeting. But there are issues now coming to the surface that we need a committee to look at. A committee made up like VDG Jim stated of 1 person from each region to screen the applications. We need to update our policies and put a procedure in place.

Zone Chair Reports

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

A region 3 Meeting was held on May 17, hosted by the Oakland Club, but attendance from Zone 3 B members was low. May is a busy month for most clubs with events like student awards nights, White Cane weekends, etc. Two club meetings and weekend collecting are about all the Lion activity most members will tolerate in one month.

Clubs are reporting essentially stable membership.

Braddock Lions: Selling brooms and bags accounts for most current fundraising until they start their big Koeze nut campaign again.

Monroeville Leos: The Leos concluded their season with another of the popular bingo at The Cedars nursing home. Given the number of graduation seniors and essentially no recruiting the past two years, there is virtually no base of nucleus to work with next year-it will be basically like starting all over.

Monroeville Lions: Another farmer's market started in early May at Gateway High School 9-noon every Saturday. Two White Cane weekends were held in late April and early May. Another Golf Outing is planned for Saturday, August 13, this time at Willowbrook Country Club in the Plum-Apollo area.

Pitcairn Lions: Pitcairn continues to struggle with fundraisers. They are trying to compensate for the closing of the bank office where they sold many of their items like garbage bags and brooms. Their sales of Entertainment books have dropped off a lot the past couple of years due to lots of competition. The 5K "Run for Sight" has been resurrected. After a 1 year hiatus, as a joint project with the Monroeville Club. The date is Saturday, November 5 and planning continues.

Oakmont Lions: They held a special awards night for student in May. The club recently had a peanut sale. They are having a car show on Saturday, June 19. Members are expected to contribute baked goods for the bake sale.

Turtle Creek: This clubs meets irregularly making it hard to arrange a visitation. The one visit I thought I had scheduled there ended with no one but me being there.

Wilmerding: They held another Night at the Races fundraiser in April, and had a pancake breakfast on June 4. They also sell brooms and garbage bags. Their successful community bulletin board is something other clubs may want to look into.

Region 3 Zone A Chair Lion Andy Zivinsky (written report)

Zone 3A Joint meeting May 17. 36 in attendance Oakland Lions sponsored. Poor attendance.

Duranti's Restaurant Speakers were PDG Jack Schimmel and Lion Tom Hurrell and DG Dennis.

Bloomfield-Lawrenceville 25 years young

Oakland Lions 70 years young

Shadyside-Squirrel hill Kennywood Day June 19

Homestead Club Golf outing June 29

Pittsburgh Vision Service needs \$20,000 for renovations contacted the Homestead Club

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

Since the last cabinet meeting I have completed visitations to all clubs in Zone 2A. Also in March, 2005 a joint zone meeting was held with 2B at the Brass Rail restaurant in Pleasant Hills. Pittsburgh Post Gazette columnist Brian O'Neill was the speaker. Some of the highlights of the clubs in 2A are as follows.

Glassport conducted a sight seal campaign,.

Jefferson Hills has a spaghetti dinner and a white cane campaign at the K Mart in Pleasant Hills.

McKeesport held a pancake breakfast. They also successfully started a Leo Club in McKeesport High School and inducted 40 students as members.

Pleasant Hills held a spaghetti dinner and their Great Give Away. They also conducted a white cane campaign at locations in Pleasant Hills and conducted their annual broom and trash bag liner sale,.

Also in partnership with Jefferson Hills they helped sponsor the Challenge 24 math competition which is hosted by the W.J.H.S.D. for elementary and middle school children in the greater Pittsburgh area. These two clubs are also sponsoring a T.J High School Honor Banquet.

The West Mifflin Club held a successful gun/cash bash.

There were 3 Jefferson Hills and 2 Pleasant Hills Lions who attended the State Convention in Johnstown.

Region 2 Zone B Chair Lion Marge Yurechko

Excused. No Report.

Region 4 Zone A Chair Lion Burt Sawyers

Absent. No Report.

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

I am very happy to report that all clubs have been very active and raising money for Lion charities and their communities. And one more good thing a plus. Region 4 Zone B has a plus in members this year. The clubs did a great job this year,

Thank you for letting me serve on the Cabinet this year.

Leader dog Chair Lion Jim Engel (written report)

As of May 10, 2005, 15 clubs have donated to Leader Dog, \$5,050.00 was donated for their operations funds and \$700.00 was donated to the Brick Fund. Checks are still coming in. It is still not too late to donate for this year.

Thank you for letting me serve as the Leader Dog Chair.

Additional comments I have a list here also a list of all the Districts in the state that have donated. If anyone wants to see it let me know.

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

Excused.

Not much to report. Other than the Tarentum club added 7 new members which about doubled the size of their club.

Eyeglasses The Lasik Centers are still a good source for old glasses and the AARP is getting involved in eyeglass collection.

Additional comments by VDG Jim to club chairs that places like funeral homes, nursing home, hospitals and libraries are good places to put an eyeglass collection box.

Region 1 Zone B Chair Lion Luis Cardiel

Excused. No Report.

MERLOW Reports

Membership Chair PDG Ken Lloyd

Excused. No Report.

Extension Chair PDG Mike Vudragovich (written report)

Excused.

I have been working closely with members of the Upper St. Clair Lions Club to form a club branch in the Bridgeville area.

We have approximately six people who are seriously interested in the branch, (we have had others with a fleeting interest) and at present we are collecting their initiation fees. The branch has had its first fundraiser, a White Cane at the K-Mart at Chartiers Valley Shopping Center.

They collected \$239.00 A second White Cane is planned for later this month at Wal-Mart at Raceway Plaza.

The club has been meeting at the PVS in Bridgeville, but with the closing of the Bridgeville site will be meeting in Collier Town Square at the office of one of the members, Andrea Schachner. Other members include Carol Solomon,, Branch coordinator, Vic Solomon, Spero Papakis, Ellen Wolf and Cathy Lynch.

Support from the Upper St. Clair Lions has been terrific and critical in the formation of the club. They have had member at all of the meetings and are very generous in providing support and sharing ideas with the branch. They want to see the branch grow and become an independent club. Lions Lou Zamansky and Immediate Past President Wes Hurst of the USC Lions are the liaisons with the branch club.

I do not think that the paperwork has been sent to the International as of this date, pending collection of the initiation fees from all the members. At the last meeting there was a discussion about installing the members when the USC Lions meet again in September.

Retention Chair IPDG Rich Keller

Thanks to Jefferson Hills Lions Club for hosting this event.

We still need a VDG candidate, Zone Chairs we will have a brief meeting after this one.

Time to volunteer, time to lead for those on the Cabinet and have not been a DG we need you now.

You have been selected for the Cabinet to serve because you are leaders.

One more thing in the fall we will be having leadership training. It will be mandatory for all zone chairs. It will be open to all club presidents and secretaries. Also we are going to get a computer for training because that is the comments make that we need computer training. We are going to get online and train the club secretaries to use it and do their reports.

Advisory Reports None

Committee Reports

Beacon Lodge Chair Lion Tom Hurrell (written report)

Good Morning. It's a great day in the neighborhood! Greetings to you from PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp.

The first thing I need to do is to thank you for your ongoing commitment to Beacon Lodge.

Because of that commitment, our campers will benefit from the new state-of-the-art swimming pool designed specifically for their special needs. The upcoming camping season will open in just 1 week from today June 11 and how I wish we could be there to see our donations at work as we witness the Excitement of our campers, last year at the fall board meeting this was all a dream, thanks to you as well as other Lions from Multiple 14, that dream has become a reality.

Mark you calendars. July 17 is PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp Appreciation Day. Itinerary for that day will be noted in the July Cauldron. One thing for sure a reservation is a must if you intend to participate in the ½ chicken dinners. Also, at this point in time, there are no tickets left for the Great Duck Race.

Let me also mention; last year the camp completed the last of a 5 pin set that recognized different buildings in the camp. Beacon Lodge will not issue a pin for this year. However, at the State Convention, PDG Jack Schimmel informed me the pin traders association will issue a series of 5 different pins of animals that can be found within the 583 acres of camp.

It has been a great year not only for Beacon Lodge but also for our District. Governor Dennis, thank you for allowing me to be a part of a very interesting and challenging experience.

Blind Bowlers Chair Lion Richard Peters

Excused. No Report

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

Letters were sent to all clubs to replenish the District 14-B Lions Club Fund held at HDS to provide reconditioned or recycled as is hearing aids for people, who cannot afford new models in March, 2005. To date, \$950.00 has been received. Thank you very much to all clubs who have donated so far and to those who will do so in the future.

Starting with the June 14, 2005 meeting, the Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club will now meet at HDS.

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

Since our last Cabinet Meeting, two major activities have been held.

On February 27, 2005 the Melvin Jones Brunch was held at the Royal Place. More than 40 Lions and guests attended, representing over 20 different clubs.

The annual Governor's Spring Party was held on April 17, 2005 at the Comfort Inn East. Many Lions were rewarded for their long and tireless devotion. International Director Ernest Young was the keynote speaker. Fifty-three Lions and guests attended, representing only 14 different clubs. Thank you to Mic Wrbas District Treasurer for his contact at the Comfort Inn as the staff and food were tremendous and they were able to waive numerous fees so that our costs were held down to a reasonable rate.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to Dennis and all fellow Lions who have helped, offered advice and listened to me during my inaugural year as Coordinator. I want to thank everyone who has offered gifts for raffle/door prizes for the various events held throughout the year.

I will once again be Coordinator of District Activities for the upcoming year. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any ideas for events, whether it is food, program items, where to hold the event. I am open to any and all suggestions. Remember that this is your Club and I want everyone and their guest to enjoy their time together.

Additional Comments Lion Alison wants to remind everyone to please look at the RSVP date for District events. It is there for a reason we need to know how many are coming so as to plan for food, where we are going to have it and what kind of money we are going to have to charge. Remember for future events that if you do not RSVP by the date given you will not be let in. I recently

got a call from McKee International part of the McKee Women's Hospital that they are looking for host families. Let me know is anyone is interested in hosting a family from Russia. There are two families and are related to the health industry. Also anyone interested in volunteering for the Senior Olympics.

Convention Chair Lion Joseph Julian

Absent. No Report.

Diabetes Awareness/Research

Comment by DG Dennis. We all on the Cabinet miss PDG Skip Thomas. I hope that we can find a replacement that can do good job like Skip did. Not only updating us in our newsletter but also bringing us information. He will be a hard to replace.

District Directory Coordinator Chair Lion Barb Schimmel

I have a folder here with the PU101's I have received from you. I will be putting an excerpt in the July newsletter giving a deadline of July 15 to get in your PU101's. Then the information listed in directory will be the same as last years directory.

State Council meeting that our District is hosting in February 2006 is approaching quickly. 24 out of 50 clubs have donated to this fund.

For those committee members who I have emailed regarding a committee meeting June 9 the meeting is being rescheduled to August.

Women's Membership Development Chair Lion Maryann Dayton (written report)

Women/Men's Membership Report based on the February and March LCI Figures.

Congratulations to the eleven Districts that had a plus in women membership by the end of February (these are the same Districts that were on the plus side in January). MD 14 had an overall increased to a plus 14 women in February and an additional 14 new women member in March. Keep up the good work.

All Districts had a plus in female membership at the end of March with the exception of Districts C, J and W.

With a total of 855 Lions Clubs in PA 259 do not have women members as of yet. That gives us 69.71% with female members and 30.29% without.

Please remind your respective Club secretaries to "specify" a name as male or female when a name could be questionable, such as Terry, Jan, Chris, which could be male or female. This will insure that LCI's records can be accurate in listing the gender of members. With an overall minus 523 in membership, please continue your search for quality men and women as new Lion members.

We are hoping to see more Districts moving over to the plus side in women membership within the next few months.

There are still Lions Clubs in PA that have not "opened their doors wide enough" to those women who want to come in. There are still potential helping hands and potential future leaders out there waiting. We need them!

The W-I-N (Women in Numbers) Incentive began April 1 continues until September 30, 2005 and gives Clubs and Lions an opportunity to gain some recognition by bringing women into the Lionistic Family. Remember, this incentive applies to "existing" Lions Clubs only. New Clubs formed do not apply to this incentive, nor do Lioness clubs converting to Lions Clubs.

As you continue with your good work, think about PDG Jan Adams (Chairperson for MD14 Women's Membership Development) slogan, "Lionism isn't about Gender, it's about Service.

Environmental Chair Lion Matthew Borichevsky

Present. No Report

Historian Chair PDG Harold Fletcher

Present. No Report.

Eye Prosthesis/District Chaplain PDG Bob Johnson Jr. (written report)

Protocol having been established. I hereby submit this my final report to the Cabinet of DG Dennis McCarthy.

The eye prosthesis requested by Gregory Thompson of Johnstown, PA was approved and the work was completed in March.

About three weeks ago I received a call from VDG Brubaker about a Mrs. Pamela Spearman of Swissvale requesting assistance from the Lions in obtaining a prosthesis for her son Antinena. She stated that he also needed glasses.

I told her that I did not help with glasses but I would give her request to our VDG which I did.

I then checked with Dr. Tillman's office and found that Dr. Tillman had furnished a free prosthesis in 1994 and that he was not entitled to another one. Two days later Dr. Tillman's secretary called me and informed me that the Spearman family had insurance that would pay for the prosthesis.

Information Technology/Newsletter Editor Chair Lion Jim Hartman

Absent. No Report.

International Understanding and Co-Op Chair Lion Matthew Borichevsky

Present. No report.

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

LCIF

LCIF has mobilized "US\$12 million for rebuilding in South Asia and is quickly moving ahead with rebuilding plans. Lions in South Asia propose to construct inexpensive but sturdy and comfortable homes as well as primary schools and high schools, health clinics, hospitals, water wells and child welfare centers. Lions also will provide psychological treatment and physical rehabilitation both for children and adults.

LCIF staff is currently reviewing the specific rebuilding plans proposed by committees of leading Lions in these countries. The Lions are working in coordination with government agencies and other relief groups. LCIF will inform us of the exact details of these plans as they are developed.

The LCIF Executive Committee in April approved spending US\$12 million for each of the four main countries affected by the disaster-Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and India. Lions have donated US\$9 million to LCIF for tsunami relief so far. LCIF has provided US\$470,000 in grants and committed an additional US\$2.5 million from its reserves. So LCIF will soon officially allocate at least US\$12 million for tsunami relief and reconstruction.

The donations have come from Lions from all over the world, from individuals, clubs and districts, from members new to Lionism and from longstanding Lions, Lions from District 380 (China) donated US\$54,284, Lions from Multiple District 108 (Italy) contributed US\$592,000. The Lions Club of

Bankstown Australia, despite having only 14 members, were so moved by the tragedy that they donated nearly US\$39,000 for tsunami relief. If you would like a complete list all of the larger donors, please visit LCI website for a more complete listing.

Donations to tsunami relief made prior to April 1 were eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship Recognition. The donation had to fully provide for an MJF through a US\$1,000 donation. The Melvin Jones Fellow did not have to be named prior to April 1.

Lions have responded to the tsunami with amazing generosity. Once again, as Lions we have realized how the desire to serve binds us together and how much we can accomplish when we unite worldwide behind a common goal.

Long Range Planning

The Long Range Planning Committee met on May 5, 2005

The office of Vice District Governor is still open. There is no candidate for the office. More calls were made and more names were discussed. DG Dennis McCarthy presented a list of possible Vice Governor Candidates. Other names were discussed. PDG Harold Fletcher and VDG Jim Brubaker were to meet with Lion Sundar Raj of the Brentwood Lions Club. PDG Pauline Waide and PDG Ken Lloyd were to meet with Lion Lou Hoelzlein of the Tarentum Lions Club. Lions of District 14-B it is time for someone to step up to the office of Vice District Governor. District Governor elect Jim Brubaker is starting off his year off without a very important cabinet position not being filled and why? Because we, as Lions, have failed him. We are all leaders in this room. We are Leaders in our own clubs. As cabinet chairpersons we are leaders within the district. Now is the time to become a leader at the State Level.

If you are afraid of cost and time to become VDG and moving up to the office of DG the following year please see me. DG Dennis of VDG Jim it is not as bad as you have heard about. I can only speak for myself. And I have held many different jobs for the last twenty six years being a Lion, being District Governor is the best job there is in the Lions. Please for the District and DG elect Jim, please consider being VDG for the Lions year 2005-2006. If anyone is interested in becoming VDG see me after the cabinet meeting today.

Lions Community Service up-date IPDG Rich Keller and PDG Harold Fletcher met with Attorney Lion Terry Ferrell of the McKeesport Lions Club and gave him copies of the by-laws of Lions Community Services and copies of the Incorporation papers. He is in the process of reviewing them and a meeting is going to be scheduled between IPDG Rich, PDG Harold, Lion Terry and Lion Tony Cicco Treasurer of Lions Community Service. IPDG Rich and PDG Harold will deep working to resolve this problem and will report back at the August Cabinet meeting.

DG Dennis reported that the District has a State Appointment due at the May State Council meeting for the State Convention Club Officer Seminar Committee. There have been no volunteers to date (another chance to be a leader). LRP Committee recommended to DG Dennis to table the appointment until the August State Council Meeting. District Governor elect Jim will need to make this appointment in August. If anyone is interested please see DG elect Jim or Myself about the duties and the proper paper work that needs to be completed in time for the August Council meeting. For general information it is a 3 year appointment and in the third year you would serve as chairperson. The next three State Conventions will be held in Altoona, Allentown and Washington, PA (Meadowlands)

MTI Photo Screener/ Peace Poster Chair Lion Mary Beth Chester

Excused. No report.

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

Excused. No Report.

Parliamentarian Chair PDG Jack Schimmel

We have a state position open for the State Convention Club officer Seminar Committee as mentioned by IPDG Rich Keller. You do not have to be a PDG for the job; you are only obliged to attend a Saturday morning meeting at the State Council meeting. It is a very simple you help put the seminar together and model luncheon and you're done. It is a slap in the face of 14-B to let this appointment go. Consider it.

DG Dennis we need a member for the audit committee.

USA/Canadian forum is September at Peoria, Illinois. You want something that is better than the State Convention, better than the International Convention and good for Lions training then attend the USA/Canada Forum. All 4 meals and registration fees are included. We have dynamic speakers who come in to educate and motivate the Lions. In the US more people would rather attend the forum than the International Convention.

Pittsburgh Vision Service Chair Lion Meghan Nelson

Excused. No report.

Public Relations Chair Lion Lisa Blaney Stewart

Absent. No report.

DG Dennis comments that through the financial support of our PID Carl Battistone we were able to use some funding for advertising and we are in the process of sending in a report of some of the results. The money was well spent in advertising and it has helped us.

Radio Information Services Chair Lion Samuel DePiero (written report)

You remember that Radio Information Service has been seeking to combine with another service to help with expenses to even out the budgets of both services. The Board has not come up with a decision yet so. Although they are very close we are still at our present studios and offices. It now appears the RIS will remain where we are on the South Side.

On May 20th we had the annual dinner honoring readers that have served 25, 20 and 10 years as volunteer readers at RIS. 120 people attended the dinner to honor these readers.

Another program that RIS offers has been increasing is producing materials in Braille. This has happened because Pittsburgh Visions Services is busy with their move to a new location. RIS is producing programs for the Pittsburgh Opera, River City Brass Band and produced intake information for West Penn Hospital.

Now for the report of Lions Clubs of 14-B donations. More clubs have donated this year than ever before. 27 clubs have donated \$7,215 so far this year thorough May. This has helped a great deal with getting more radios and the cash flow when we were in trouble 6 months ago.

Toddler's Program at WPSBC Chair Lion Bob Cass (written report)

The Toddler's program has been not so active in the last few months. It is still a District sponsored program. I still have a taped program to present to the clubs. This is the District's only contact with the Western PA School for Blind Children. The toddler program has no state or government support. To understand this program would any Lion like to attend one of their meetings? I will discuss this with the school and any Lion or club.

Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation Chair PID Carl Battistone (written report)

The Western Pennsylvania Hearing Foundation last met on 24 April 2005 at the Eye and Ear Institute. The next meeting will occur on 26 June 2005.

The Board discussed the low-cost Lions Hearing Aid Program. There was some concern that the Aid being produced could not be used with a telephone, so there is a need to further investigation before purchasing the Aid in numbers. At the State Convention, I discussed the problem with PDG Art Gino who informed me the 14-G has purchased several Aids and have found no problem with them. The President of our Foundation will discuss the issue with Dr. Barry Hirsch, MD from the University of Pittsburgh before we decide to purchase the Lions Aids.

The Foundation thanks all the Clubs for their generous donations in the past and requests that you remember us when you allocate your donations this year.

Information on the hearing aid assistance activity is available upon request.

I thank the Governor for his year of service and for letting me serve on his Cabinet.

White Cane Chair Lion Jason Altmire

Excused. No report.

Tail Twister Chair Lion Jim Emery

Present. No report.

Youth Outreach Coordinator Chair Lion Mary Jane Keller

Present. No report.

Old Business

PDG Harold Fletcher reports on Pirate game. Hopefully we are going to continue this project in spite of problems with late mailing of the forms by the new Pirate marketing director. Cut off date was short and the other problem was with labels from the International. We only sold 300-350 tickets this year compared to a little over 800 last year. Because we sold fewer than 500 we are only going to get \$3.00 per ticket. The donation to Beacon Lodge is going to less this year. Discussion held. On hearing that 3 DG's wanted to stop the Pirate tickets PDG Mike Vudragovich will talk to them at the Beacon Lodge meeting this weekend. He will probably get back and report to us.

Sending to Long Range Planning to look at Lens Crafters. Committee to be set up and look at the policies, procedures as PDG Jack recommended. We should be in accordance with the International policy.

Eyeglass recycling program never got off the ground. A lot of clubs take it to local stores themselves or to Lens Crafters. The only problem is that we do not get an accurate count on the amount of glasses we collect in our District.

PVS training for eye screening. Diane said she will not be doing a Lions training program due to the lack of response. But they will send a list over to VDG Jim to publish in the newsletter of training dates, places and times.

We are looking at the Blind contingency fund as discussed. DG Dennis to put together a committee to read and edit the policy and procedure for the Blind contingency fund. This is to be reported at the first cabinet meeting.

We are starting a disaster relief fund as soon as we get the responses back from the clubs that donated the money last year.

New Business

I received a letter from a student who originally sent a letter to the White Oak Lions Club which was referred back to me. She is a student studying optomology at a local university. She is tied into VOSH and has spent some time in Nicaragua. Her overall expense for her came to \$1800.00 and she is requesting that District 14-B refund her back some money or make a donation to her trip for her work down there in assisting in eye surgery. Her letter also stated that she was referred back to me by Rich Peters and if the District can afford to sponsor me for my trip I made back in February.

A comment by PDG Jack Schimmel VOSH is a volunteer organization. VOSH is a great organization they are all over the US but we have a problem with them in PA.

PID Carl Battistone comments that it is the policy of the International not to pay for things already paid for.

IPDG Rich Keller comments that we never picked VOSH as one of our projects or let them solicit in our District. Also as PID Carl stated this after the fact.

We should send the girl a letter thanking her for her work but we can not help her because it is our policy because it is after the fact.

PDG Jack comments that the problem is that VOSH sent out a so called newsletter but it nothing but a subversive solicitation. At our first cabinet meeting in August a letter needs to be sent to VOSH that they are not to solicit in the District or they can whatever are the wishes of the District.

The LCIF is doing these operations for 50-100 where VOSH is charging \$209. DG reminds us that there are clubs in our District that support VOSH.

Motion by IPDG Rich Keller to send letter from the DG to the student thanking her for her participation in helping those who are visually impaired in other countries. But to follow the by-laws and procedures of the International that we do not reimburse for something that has already happened. Second by VDG Jim Brubaker. Motion Passed.

Congratulations to VDG Jim Brubaker for receiving a leadership award from the District for his outstanding work that he has done this year and what he has done in supporting me this year. It was presented to him by International President Clem at the State Council Convention.

Recommendation by PDG Harold Fletcher to reimburse Lion Jim Emery for the expense for items he handed out at the State Convention. He has a budget of \$25.00 each year but he has never put a claim on it. Motion to reimburse Lion Jim Emery \$25.00 by IPDG Rich Keller and second by Lion Andy Zivinsky. Motion passed.

PDG Harold Fletcher comments that he is still going to remain in District 14-B. He also congratulated DG Dennis for a fantastic job he has done this year.

Motions for PDG Harold Fletcher to serve on the audit committee in the District by IPDG Rich Keller 2nd by DG elect Jim Brubaker. Motion passed

DG Dennis thanked everyone for their help and for serving the District.

Dates to Remember

- 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.....US/Canada Forum Peoria, Illinois
- November 3-5, 2005.....State Council Meeting Wyndham 14-T
- February 3-5, 2006.....State Council Meeting Marriott, Pittsburgh 14-B
- May 18-21, 2006.....State Council Convention Altoona, PA 14-L

Good of Lionism

Gavel returned to DG Dennis by Lion Barb Schimmel.

Picnic will follow this meeting compliments of our DG Dennis.

Benediction by PDG Bob Johnson Jr.

Adjourned at 11:58 am.

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

