

**International Association of Lions
District 14-B
3rd Cabinet Meeting
February 11, 2006
Center for Hearing and Deaf**

The meeting was called to order by District Governor Jim Brubaker at 9:07 A.M. After one verse of America and the Pledge of Allegiance the Invocation was given by PDG Bob Johnson Jr. DG Jim Brubaker then established protocol and welcomed everyone to the third cabinet of this Lion year. DG Jim asked PID Carl to introduce our special quest PDG H. Turner Frost. PID Carl introduced Lion H. Turner Frost who was the DG in 1955-56 Lion year and the State Council Chairman the following year and at 93 he is still active in Lionism.

DG Jim also thanked the Chairperson's Lion Barb Schimmel, PDG Pauline Waide and the host committee. 14-B hosted a great meeting. From the preliminaries, spirit of Broadway and DJ on Friday thru the seminars, baskets, council meeting and Banquet on Saturday everything was great. 11 clubs were represented at the banquet and three more helped out on Friday and Saturday.

Lion Barb thanked her Co Chair PDG Pauline Waide and the others on her committee including Lion Jim Engel, Lion Maryann Dayton who did the baskets, Lion Maxine Lang, PID Carl Battistone, PDG's Harold Fletcher, Ken Lloyd, Bob Johnson, IPDG Dennis McCarthy and our Treasurer Lion Roy Smith. Thanks to all.

DG Jim read a letter from International Director Sam Milliken thanking Lion Barb and her committee for the excellent job they did putting together everything for the state council weekend. DG Jim also read a letter from DG Dave Smith who is our State Council Chaplin, thanking us for a great weekend.

State Council Weekend report Lion Barb Schimmel.

Lion Barb referred any financial questions to the treasurer's report. We had a nice turnout of around 250 people, a combination of PDG's and Lions. It was a beautiful hotel with excellent service. For those who attended the banquet, you have to agree that the meal was better than a banquet meal. As a result of the excellent service 14-N has contracted them for the 2012 State Convention in that area. They gave them a deal of \$99.00 a night for the 2012 Convention. We made \$1,765.00 on the baskets. Thanks to all the committee for there hard work.

DG Jim commented that the revised goals will be published in the Cauldron but he wants to remind you that the membership goal is now a Plus 10% increase for each club, we can do it. DG asked Cabinet Secretary to take attendance as we go.

Secretaries Report Cabinet Secretary Lion Greg Borichevsky

Approval of the minutes of the November 12, 2005 Cabinet meeting was requested. Motion to accept the minutes as written made by IPDG Dennis McCarthy and second by Lion Barb Schimmel. Motion Passed.

Lion Greg commented that he is the process of getting the Districts Per Capita statements mailed out to the clubs. Also Lion Greg informed the Cabinet that we need to reorder more Per Capita statement forms. Last time we ordered them was under PDG Ken Lloyds tenure.

Treasurers Report Cabinet Treasurer Lion Roy Smith (written report)

Administrative Account

Beginning Balance July 1, 2005.....	\$ 2,597.91
Total Receipts.....	\$ 1,631.98
Total Cash Available.....	\$ 4,229.89
Disbursements.....	\$ 1,712.37
Ending Balance January 31, 2006.....	\$ 2,517.52

Vice District Governor's Fund

Beginning Balance July 1, 2005	\$ 267.98
Receipts (per Capita)	\$ 388.00
Total Cash Available	\$ 655.98
Disbursements	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance February 11, 2006	\$ 655.98

Blind Activities Account

Beginning Balance July 1, 2005	\$ 10,231.96
Total Receipts	\$ 3,576.47
Total Disbursements	\$ 548.97
Ending Balance February 11, 2006	\$ 13,259.46

State Council Meeting Preliminary Income Statement February 2006

Income	\$ 11,426.25
Expenses	\$ 9,697.37
Profit	\$ 1,728.88

Details upon request

Motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented by PDG Ken Lloyd and second by Lion Michele Matuch. Motion Passed

Long Range Planning IPDG Dennis McCarthy

With the help of PDG Rich Keller we were able to secure a VDG. What we need to do today is to finalize it. We have sent them a report that stated that we had a meeting of our PDG's and that the cabinet was invited and that those who could attend were there and we submitted all the sign in sheets and all the paper work. As of today Lion Jim Hartman will be the VDG for the remainder of the year. The only thing we need to do is the DG needs to pull him out as a Zone Chairperson. He cannot serve as a Club President VDG and Zone Chair. He needs to be taken off as a zone chair. Lion Jim Hartman will serve as a VDG for the remainder of the year and we will appoint him as the DG for next year. What we will be doing is coming in with Lion Michele, who was recommended by her club, and we recommended to International as VDG next year.

We finally got a Vice District Governor and a almost possible Vice District Governor for next year. Lion's Jim Hartman and Michele Matuch have agreed to serve as our officers for the next two years. We will in long range planning still line up other candidates for the position of VDG for the next few years so that we do not have the problems we have had this year. Also we will be working with DG Jim this year and DG Jim Hartman next year with long range planning in rebuilding the district as a part of what we are doing. In a discussion with 14-E they were one member short of getting out of transition. They convinced a Lioness Club to convert to a Lions Club so they then were plus seven members and will be able to get out of transition. When I was DG 14-E was down sixty-five members and has grown in the last eighteen months to be out of transition. It can be done.

We will need a sign in sheet and we can use Lion Greg's attendance sheet as proof that we approve VDG Jim and Lion Michele for the next two years. Everything is approved by the International; they just need Cabinet Secretary Greg's attendance sheet for some final paper work. We will need a recommendation by the voting members of the cabinet. Motion by PDG Rich Keller for Lion Jim Hartman of the West Mifflin Lions Club for Vice District Governor for the remainder of this year and second by Lion Geoffrey Temple. Motion Passed.

Recommendation by Lion Geoffrey Temple for VDG Jim Hartman for District Governor in 2006-2007 and second by Lion Michele Matuch. Recommendation Passed.

That will take care of Lion Jim as VDG this year and our recommendation to International that we want him to continue on as Governor next year. Lion Jim and Lion Michele will be on the ballot at the state convention. We go through the motions that we recommend them but it is up to the International to rubber stamp them.

Lion Michele Matuch has been approved by the PDG's in long range planning and by the International and now we need her approval by the district cabinet. Her approval is already in the minutes of long range planning and has to be in the cabinet minutes, and then it goes to International. PDG H. Turner Frost read a letter of recommendation by her club:

Dear District Governor Jim:

The board of directors and membership of the McKeesport Lions Club are honored to endorse King Lion Michele Matuch as a candidate for the office of Vice Governor of District 14-B for the Lion year 2006-2007.

Lion Michele Matuch is currently serving a consecutive term as President of the McKeesport Lions Club and currently Zone Chair for District 14-B, Region 2, Zone B in 2005-2006. As an active member since September 2000, Lion Michele previously held as 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents and has been a leader in forming the first Leo Club at McKeesport High School in 2005.

Prior to her membership in the McKeesport Lions, Lion Michele was part of the original team in 1992 who were responsible for seeking the funds at the district and international levels of the Lions organization for the establishment of the Lions Diabetes Treatment and Educational Center at UPMC McKeesport. Lion Michele is also the treasurer of the board for the Lions Diabetes Center.

Lion Michele truly represents the Lions' motto of "we serve". In her position as executive director of the McKeesport Hospital Foundation, Lion Michele has served the UPMC communities in the Mon Valley by sponsoring a number of programs and services for those in at-risk communities seeking medical care and support services. She also serves as the president of the Womansplace board of directors and chair of the Regional Business Alliance Foundation. Her affiliation with over 100 members in the McKeesport Healthier Communities PartnerSHIP is indicative of her unselfish commitment and devotion to serving others.

Lion Michele exemplifies leadership, commitment and dedication to serving others. The McKeesport Lions Club is proud to endorse King Lion Michele Matuch for the candidacy as Vice District Governor of District 14-B for 2006-2007. Signed by PDG H. Turner Frost and Lion Patrick Mercurio 2nd Vice President.

PDG Harold Fletcher seconds the nomination of Lion Michele Matuch for VDG for 2006-2007.

Zone Chair Reports

Region 1 Zone A Chair Lion Jason Altmire

Absent no report

Region 1 Zone B Chair Lion Jim Kelley(written report)

Excused

Sto-Ken-Rocs Visitation Report

After much procrastination and other interruptions (I don't know how I ever found time to work) I made my first visitation last night. It was to Sto-Ken-Rox. Guy Dille (long time Northside Lion and current Northern Allegheny Lion and Secretary) went with me.

We found the club long on membership, short on attendance but long on enthusiasm. We had a good discussion of the Grow, Serve, Lead, Promote, Perform objectives and how they translate into practical activities at the local level. King

Lion Frank Artinger is a spry old bird at age 88 with a good deal of enthusiasm that seemed to be shared by the other members.

Their long time treasurer apparently left the club and has yet to return most of their records. So their current secretary and treasurer, Wayne Roberts, has had difficulty getting necessary reports made. Guy was able to offer suggestions that should result in up to date reports. I'll follow up on this.

There were three new prospective members present (two wives of current members and one lone male). Fortunately Guy had some membership applications with him. All three prospects were completing them as we left.

My future visitation schedule is as follows:

Coraopolis-2/13, Imperial-2/14, North Boroughs-2/15 all confirmed.

Robinson-3/7, North Suburban-4/5, Moon-4/27 all planned, but unconfirmed.

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

All visitations to clubs in the zone have been completed or are scheduled to be completed by the end of this month.

Attended State Council meeting on 2/4.

Clairton: Pancake breakfast 11/12/2005. Selling strip tickets

Glassport: Hosted the fall rally in conjunction with their annual Rigatoni Night. Will be having an envelope stuffing event for sight seals on 2/28/2006. Two new members have been inducted.

Jefferson Hills: Held Pancake breakfast on 11/5/2005, Inducted new member, on going pull tab and aluminum can project for Ronald McDonald House, Held white cane fund raiser, Sweetheart Breakfast to be held on 2/12/06, Ran \$25 a square super bowl pool, Distributed fruit baskets to shut-ins at Xmas time, hosted a zone social on 2/2/06 the Hoss' restaurant speaker from Soldiers and Sailors Hall who spoke on the Civil War.

Liberty Boro: Sight seal campaign.

McKeesport: Bike for sight fund raiser, Pancake breakfast 10/30, agreed to be model club for SightFirst II project, all you can eat spaghetti supper 3/4/2006.

Pleasant Hills: Sold coupon tickets for Macy's and Kaufman's, sold fruit and nuts, conducted white cane fund raiser, hosted annual Boro Halloween Parade which was rained out- candy was distributed through out the community, Spaghetti dinner 3/5/2006, great give away in April, broom and bag sale in May.

West Mifflin: Inducted 4 new members, cash bash 10/9/2005, conducted white cane fund raiser, spaghetti dinner and dance 2/11/2006.

Region 2 Zone B Chair Lion Michele Matuch (written report)

Zones 2A and 2B's Joint Zone meeting on November 15, 2005 at UPMC McKeesport was attended by 50 Lions and Leos. Quest speakers included IPDG Dennis McCarthy on the SightFirst II campaign and Lion Meghan Nelson on changes at the Blind and Vision Rehabilitation Services. In addition, 23 new Leos were inducted into the McKeesport Leo Club.

The District Governor has sent a letter to Lions International regarding the status of the proposed Duquesne Community Lions Club. McKeesport, as its original sponsor, has decided to reorganize Duquesne into a Branch Club. We thank PDG Mike Vudragovich for providing all the details we needed to proceed forward with a branch club and for the branch club membership kits. Our first new branch member attended this past week's meeting.

In Zone 2B, there are two Clubs which seem to always be on either the delinquent membership report or delinquent dues list. Boston-Greenock-Mt. Vernon Secretary Bernie Machesky has assured me that their reports will be completed and submitted to the district. Currently, Boston-Greenock-Mt. Vernon has 17 members and 3 new members recruited this year. On the other end, there is Elizabeth. They are not only behind on their membership reports, but are in the rears for paying their dues. I talked to Allen Barton, the club's president, several times; and he assured me that past dues were paid within the last month. Elizabeth had 20 members and lost 2, leaving 18 active members.

The McKeesport and Duquesne Leos participated in the November 19 Salute to Santa Parade in McKeesport, and also served as hosts and hostesses for a free luncheon that day that was provided to over 800 children. Santa was a Duquesne Leo. In addition, the children received a free pass for skating parties on January 12 and 19, 2006. The McKeesport Leos served as Chaperones on both dates and did an excellent job. The McKeesport Leos have scheduled a

diabetes prevention workshop for February 21, and the youth workshop will be part of the District 14-E Youth Conference.

Working with Lion Chair Mary Jane Keller and 14-B and 14-E on the May 6 Lions Auction for Diabetes.

Schedule for Zone 2B Chair Visits

1/5 and 1/25/06	McKeesport Leo Club	1/25/06	Irwin Lions Club-Presentation on Diabetes
2/6/06	Central Elizabeth Lions Club	2/16/06	Versailles Lions Club
2/28/06	Duquesne Leo Club	3/4/06	Working w/McKeesport on Spaghetti Dinner- SightII
3/6/06	Boston-Greenock-Mt. Vernon Lions	3/8/06	Hosting Irwin lions to Dinner/Tour of Lions Center
3/20/06	White Oak Lions Club	TBA	Elizabeth Lions Club (new location/not yet confirmed)
TBA	Zone 2B Meeting (hopefully will be scheduled at the end of March)		

Region 3 Zone A Chair Lion barb Schimmel (written report)

All the clubs in Region 3, Zone A are currently up to date with their M reports and financial obligations to District, State and International. I will start my second round of visits for Lions year.

One club, the Oakland Lions Club, is in membership distress. They have been meeting with the Bloomfield Lawrenceville Lions Club for the past year on a possible merge, however, no commitment has been made by either club. I intend to attend their next joint meeting to see what the situation is at that time. We don't want to lose a club of 50 plus years.

Also, DG Jim has asked me to help the Upper St. Clair Club with their delinquent M reports. That is my goal for the coming week.

Also the 1st Joint Region 3 Zone meeting was held. I'll relinquish the rest of my time to ZC Lion John Aiken to give that portion of the report. And I thank him for taking charge of that meeting.

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

A Region 3 (Joint Zone) meeting was held January 26, 2006 at the Wilkins Elks Club. Bob Johnson spoke about State and International conventions and Pauline Waide made a presentation on women's membership. There were about 35 in attendance.

Pitcairn: The 5K "Run for Sight" returned in 2005 as a joint fund raiser with the Monroeville club. It raised about \$2,000 for the Blind & Vision Rehab. Services. They are continuing with fundraisers of selling Entertainment books, garbage bags, and holding a Bingo three times a year.

Wilmerding: They have a "Night at the Races" coming up March 4th. Membership increased by three members transferring from the Turtle Creek club now that it has shut down. The club also recently completed a Sight Seals campaign.

Oakmont: They had another successful Lion show in November, and participated in the community Light-up Night Parade. They also sold Hubs peanuts during the Holiday period.

Monroeville: Recently completed fundraisers of selling Koeze nuts, Enjoy books, and had a successful Sight Seals campaign.

Monroeville Leo: A letter was written and printed to aid in recruiting a faculty member at Gateway High School to be a club advisor. Copies were given to an older faculty member to present to some of the younger teachers.

Region 4 Zone A Chair IPDG Dennis McCarthy / VDG Jim Hartman (written report)

Bethel Park – Visited club on January 3, 2006 and presented on District and Campaign SightFirst II. Club is active in fundraising and will be doing a Prize Party night on March 11, 2006. Past projects: Nut sales and entertainment coupon books.

Sunset Hills- Visited club on February 1, 2006 presented on District and Campaign SightFirst II. Sunset Hills is doing well except their secretary is very ill and have been behind in getting reports sent out to International and District.

Whitehall Communities- the vice District Governor, Jim visited this club on February 8, 2006. He reported that their was no problems with the club and that they have agreed to host the zone on March 8, 2006. The time will be from

6:00-9:30. The cost will be \$12.95 each for a buffet diner. Current projects: Monte Carlo/Night at the Races fund raiser on March 11.

South Park- Visited club and introduced VDG Candidate and explained District and International. Bingo fundraiser in February.

The other clubs are scheduled for the next two months to be visited.

Region 4 Zone B Chair Lion Alex Parrish

Excused no report

Dg Jim Brubaker thanked IPDG Dennis for his help in filling in for VDG and also helping fill in for Zone Chair Region 4A.

DG Jim announced that there is a MERLOW meeting after this cabinet meeting. The State is forming a new MERLOW team. Anyone interested in the state MERLOW team, VDG Jim has the forms for the appointments. Also anyone interested in serving on the cabinet VDG Jim passed out a form to be filled out if interested.

Membership & Region Chairperson report PDG Ken Lloyd

In discussion with members of the cabinet that maybe we are not doing enough to bring in new members. The Tarentum club recently has increased their membership by three members. We need to recruit more women into Lions clubs. If you bring your spouse into Lionism by June 30 then the \$25.00 Fee is waived.

I think that we maybe we need a MERLOW seminar and bring in the State MERLOW.

We have 1,118 members in this District today. When PDG Harold Fletcher was DG in 1983 there were 2468 members. When H. Turner Frost was DG in 1955 there were 81 Lions Clubs. You in this cabinet are leaders. As of now I am appointing everybody in this cabinet a member of the membership committee in the District. We are all going to have to go out and recruit members. If our clubs are not going to do it then we are going to have to do it. Think about what you are doing to bring in a new member. Reminder to VDG Jim Hartman that as VDG you are the chair of the MERLOW team.

LCIF Chair IPDG Dennis McCarthy

The main trust of LCIF right now is the SightFirst II Campaign. SightFirst II western region training is at the end of February in Indiana, Pa for the District and Group Coordinators. We are looking at when this program is over to have 8,000 Lions trained world wide, to go out and start raising the \$150 million to \$200 million stretch that we are looking to bring on board. We just had our International training a month ago in Oakbrook. Our directive here we are looking at raising about \$5.5 million here in PA. So we will be looking at some massive recruiting around the area for SightFirst II campaign.

Also under LCIF is that a lot of people are unaware of LEHP program which is the Lions Eye Health Program. The Lions Eye Health Program is a community based educational program that allows Lions clubs, other community organizations and individuals to promote healthy vision in the United States. Did you know that 2/3 of all people with vision loss are women? LEPH and Eli Lilly have launched a new public awareness of diabetic eye disease. We have one of the best Laser surgery divisions right now in our own area. There is a simple eye exam, need to start with children on up to adult. Laser surgery has helped me. Keep supporting research on Diabetic Retinopathy, which will also be part of campaign SightFirst II. The \$50 million stretch will be grants that will be given out to look at Diabetic Retinopathy, laser surgery and equipment.

PID Carl mentioned that the Laser center in Pittsburgh was started by the Lions of Pa. They contributed \$500,000 to buy 3 lasers for that organization in 1983.

DG Jim comments that he has been in contact with Lions in Connecticut about a company that wants to team up with the Lions to come into Pittsburgh to do eye screening at a labor convention. More to follow.

“WE SERVE” Committee Reports

Beacon Lodge Chair Lion Tom Hurrell (written Report)

Excused

In my absence at the 3rd cabinet meeting on February 11, be advised that Beacon Lodge Camp Director, Melanie McAleer, phoned asking, “If I would represent Beacon Lodge at a Camp Fair February 11th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Kaufmanns Court, Monroeville”. It is my understanding the Camp Fair is being promoted for caregivers with interest in selecting a camp for those with disabilities. Hopefully I can recruit some campers for the upcoming camp season.

Donations to date for Beacon Lodge have been soft. About 1/3 of the clubs that normally participates in the “365 Club” are in. Nothing so far has crossed my desk for administration, sponsoring a camper or capital improvements (such as the ongoing renovation of 14-B Dorm). We still have about 4 ½ months to go and I feel confident donations will increase as many clubs download their treasury for donations near years end.

Hopefully, a “Work Week-end” will be scheduled in either April or May as weekends for both months are packed with holidays as well as district and state events. Possible weekends are April 28, 29 and 30 or, May 12, 13 and 14. Projects under consideration is; painting the outside, back wall of the dorm, painting the handrail surrounding the dorm, installing exhaust fans in 4 bathrooms as well as installing a suspended ceiling with appropriate lighting in room 1 of 4. A second miracle is in the making if we are able to accomplish as much this spring as we did last fall.

Lions of PA Foundation Chair PDG Sylvan Lang

The minutes from the last Lions of PA Foundation are available upon request. Additional comments; The Joe Wroblewski Award is \$1,000.00, if you don’t have the Lions of PA Foundation award. If you do its only \$500.00. This is going to go International not just in PA. Those in Pennsylvania, when you donate to this award you will receive the Lions of PA Foundation plus the Joe Wroblewski award. They think this is going to be a big thing. To get this award you cannot buy it, all the other awards you can buy. The way you get this award is 1.your club or 2. Your district can get it. The money of course comes back to PA for grants. Unfortunately this past year this district has not given out any PA foundation awards. I would like you to go out to your clubs and push these awards. Grants are matching grants.

PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation Chair Lion Maxine Lang

Not much going on, we do have a few clubs who donate.

Blind Bowlers Chair PDG Rich Keller (written Report)

This year the tournament will be held on February 17, 18, 19, 2006. The bowling will be held at the Noble Manor Lanes in Greentree. The Greentree Holiday Inn will be the site for the banquet.

This year, District 14-B asked that each club donate \$25.00 to help in the financial support of the tournament. To date I have received donations from 24 clubs for a total of \$710.00. Also, as in the past each Region has the responsible for supplying the man power (Lions, Lioness, Leos or volunteers from the community) for providing assistance with scoring and pin spotting on the assigned dates and times as picked at the August Cabinet meeting. Those assignments are as follows:

Friday afternoon Feb. 17 NOON to 3:30 pm.....	Region IV
Saturday morning Feb. 18 8:00 am to 11:30 am	Region II
Saturday afternoon Feb. 18 Noon to 3:30 pm	Region I
Sunday morning Feb. 19 8:00 am to 11:30 am	Region III
Sunday afternoon Feb. 19 Noon to 3:30 pm	Cabinet Members

A letter with these assignments and information about the tournament has been sent to all the clubs in the District. I hope to see everyone at the tournament next weekend.

Blind and Visual Rehabilitation Services Chair Lion Meghan Nelson

Absent no Report

Leader Dog Chair Lion Jim Engel (written report)

At the State Council meeting hosted by 14-B, we were informed that we had 2 replacement dogs and 1 new dog. It was also brought to our attention that there could be a serious problem in the near future for the blind. And you ask, "What is this problem?" It is the new hybrid cars! They run so quietly that the blind cannot hear them coming. This article was written in a magazine and when I get it, I will give it to the Governor for the newsletter.

Checks are slowly coming in from the clubs. I also have a club visit this month.

Diabetes Awareness/ Research Chair PDG Joe Donkin (written report)

Excused

The Christmas Around the World was a huge success in which we raised around \$6,000. for our medication fund for indigent people who cannot afford their medicines. The Auction for Diabetes is set for May 6, 2006, at the White Oak American Legion and I am urging all clubs to participate by either donating a basket for the Chinese Auction or Items to be auctioned off. There is to be a Lions Walk for Diabetes and when I get more information I will get it out. I am available to visit clubs.

Additional comments by Lion Michele Matuch; we are working on a grant (Districts 14-B and 14-E) to Lions International for Diabetes. Looking to expand what we are doing at the Lions Diabetes Center in McKeesport to other centers. Have to have grant application in by May 4 to International, more to follow.

PA Sight Conservation Chair Lion Linda Rowley

Absent no report

Eye Prothesis Chair PDG Bob Johnson Jr. (written report)

District Governor Jim, Cabinet Secretary Greg, fellow Lions, and Guest.

As of Wednesday I had not received any request for the two free Eye-Prothesis offered by Dr. Tillman through the Lions clubs in Districts 14-B, E, F, J, M and N.

To make sure districts E, F, J, M and N had not by passed the chain of request, on Wed. 05 Feb. I called Dr. Tillman's office and was told by his secretary that they had received no request for the services of our program, which means we have two prothesis available.

Radio Information Services Chair Lion Samuel DePiero (written report)

I have asked Lions to donate money to buy radios for Radio Information Service to replace old ones that have been repaired many times. Over five hundred new radios have been purchased and sent out to listeners. I have brought one for you to see how superior they are over the ones we have had in the past. They have features that make them more useful- complete radio band, cassette recorder and they are portable.

Another important goal for RIS is an outreach program to find more listeners that could use this service. It has been estimated that there are thousands of persons that could use our service but do not know about it. I would like to urge all Cabinet Members to urge all Lions to tell all the old persons, and other print handicapped persons about RIS. The office has a Speakers Bureau that can be contacted at 412-488-3944.

I cannot give you a report of any donations that RIS has received because of the new arrangement with WDUQ-FM that Duquesne University keeps RIS books. I have not received any donations addressed to me in the last three months. I will research this and report in the next newsletter.

Toddlers Program at WPSBC Chair Lion Bob Cass

Absent no report

White Cane and used eye glasses Chair Lion Jason Altmire

Absent no report

DG Jim comments; there were 1,427,696 pairs of used glasses collected in MD-14. I am not clear on the time period. PDG Ken Lloyd comments; that the clubs need to communicate to the DG on the number of glasses they collect.

Discussion held.

Under hearing aids there were 23,000 hearing aids collected in MD- 14.

Center for Hearing and Deaf Services Lion Alison Weber

No report

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

The Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation last met on 15 January 2006 at the Eye and Ear Institute. The next meeting will occur on April 2006.

The Lions Low-Cost Hearing Aids were tested by our audiologists and found to be wanting. Since District 14-G has issued approximately 20 of these aids with no complaints from the clients, Lion Tom Roberts, President of our Foundation, was put in touch with Lion Art Girio who runs the 14-G program. Lion Art will provide all the information concerning their program to Lion Tom. It is my suggestion that our audiologists meet with 14-G's audiologists to compare notes and determine whether we should start issuing the low cost aids.

The requests for assistance continue to increase at a high rate with Allegheny County leading the other 23 counties in Western Pennsylvania. With our decreasing assets, it is urgent that we use the low-cost hearing aid if it is suitable.

The Foundation thanks all the Clubs for their generous donations. We are not overloaded with money, but with the support of our clubs, we are able to keep our head above water.

Youth Outreach Coordinator /Peace Poster Chair Lion Mary Jane Keller (written report)

The McKeesport/Duquesne Leo Club has sponsored several new activities for area youth. They were successful with back-to-back skating parties at Eden Park Roller Rink in McKeesport. The first one was held on January 12 for children under 12 years old. Ten Leos volunteered to help the children with their skates, refreshments, and joined right in with the music and fun. The second one was held on January 19 for the children 12 and over. Fifteen Leos participated in this session. A total of 220 children enjoyed the fun and fellowship of our hard-working young adults. We are very proud of this club.

Several of the members plan to attend this year's Blind Bowlers Tournament, and will extend their help wherever it is needed.

Environmental/International Understanding CO-OP Chair Lion Matthew Borichevsky (written report)

I have emailed the clubs on their environmental projects and a few responded they were:

Pleasant Hills: teams up with Pleasant Borough and does spring time clean up.

Monroeville: has nothing to report

West Mifflin: has nothing to report

McKeesport: has nothing to report

Tarentum: Is involved with the "Friends of Harrison Hills Park" (a volunteer association working to upgrade and maintain the Allegheny County Park located in Natrona Heights) in creating a handicap-accessible trail in the park. The trail will be approximately one half mile long and will feature special provisions for people with low vision or who are blind. It will also be wheelchair accessible for those with physical impairment. The planning will be done in conjunction with a park naturalist, Allegheny County Park Officials, and the Friends of Harrison Hills. We also plan to provide manpower in the near future in order to assist with trailblazing and bridge-building efforts on park trails.

As far as our adopt a highway project in the District, planning a spring road cleanup (April-May) opposite Beacon Lodge work weekend.

International CO-OP: Still in contact with a student from the Ivory Coast. He is still trying to get into a Lions Club over there. He is also busy trying to get into a University.

IT/Website/Newsletter Editor VDG Jim Hartman

The website is getting more and more hits on it. Recently I started up two new sites one for Homestead and one for McKeesport. The website is a great PR tool. It gets the word out on Lions Clubs and Lions. I am going to put an insert in the next Cauldron for the club secretaries. I want the secretaries to fill out the form and email or mail it back to me. I want to start rounding up all the email address of their members, this way I can send out the Cauldron to the masses. I am going to put a last updated date on the clubs websites; it may give them incentive to keep their information current. Discussion held.

Historian PDG Harold Fletcher

No report

Tail twister Lion Jim Emery

No report

Directory Chair Lion Barb Schimmel

No report

International Convention PDG Pauline Waide

No report

Coordinator of District Activities Lion Alison Weber (written report)

The Governor's Spring Party will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2006 at the Buffalo Inn at South Park. The time is 4 pm – 9 pm. The theme will be country/western. We will have a buffet dinner, square dance demonstration, DJ, as well as Melvin Jones recognition. Country/western dress is optional but encouraged.

Order forms will be out shortly-look in upcoming newsletters.

Any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call me at (412) 281-1375 or email me at aweber@hdscenter.org.

DG Jim comments that maybe we can have a training secession before the spring party. MERLOW team to discuss after this meeting, more to follow.

Dates to Remember

Feb. 17-19	Blind Bowlers Tournament	Green Tree
April 22	Club Officer Training	South Park
April 22	Spring Party& MJF Recognition	South Park
April 23	W. PA Hearing Foundation Mtg.	Oakland
May 6	Auction for Lions Diabetes Center	White Oak
May 18-22	PA Lions State Convention	Altoona
June 30-July 4	International Convention	Boston
July 15	Lion Appreciation Day	Beacon Lodge

Old Business

DG Jim brought up for discussion;

Change money for VDG vs. DG to USA/Canada Forum? Long range planning did not address this yet but will look into it in the future.

Standardize club names needs to be looked at. Some clubs have a different name at the District, State, and International levels. You will be looking at a lot of different names.

MTI Photo Screener is not officially a done deal. The District has not yet received the money from Dr. Corbin. IPDG Dennis will contact Dr. Corbin.

New Business

DG Jim solicited a \$3,000. Donation from W. PA Eye Bank Foundation for a special sight conservation project to help an 8 year old girl, named Alexandria, from the Glassport, Liberty Boro area, complete her eye therapy. The total cost is \$4,000. The family paid \$2,000 and ran out of money. They would have stopped the therapy but Lion John McCombs raised \$1,000 when the family could not afford to continue with her treatments. She still is one session short; there are 10 therapy treatments to a session, so 40 all together. Her school, her mother and the Optometrist say she has shown significant improvement. Her doctor owes me another letter on this. I talked to her father last night and he says her concentration and her school work have improved. I believe we can continue this relationship with the W. Pa Eye Bank Foundation to support Lions Sight Conservation and Research and help people like Alexandria. I would like a motion to approve up to \$1,500 to complete the treatments subject to the Doctor's letter being favorable. Discussion held. Lion Michele Matuch made the motion to approve up to \$1,500 to complete the treatments subject to the Doctors letter being favorable, second by Lion John Aiken. Motion Passed.

IPDG Dennis McCarthy comments under the District Phone. We received 70 calls between cabinet meetings. One in particular is a 69 year old woman from Plum who wants to get a piece of equipment, so that she is able to read mail with, you put the letter in the machine and voice over and scans mail. The machine costs \$3,000. Because there is no club in Plum we are looking at other clubs in the surrounding area for help. The sales rep. said they have a Demo model they would sell us for \$1,500 with a six month warranty. Discussion held on funding or do we want to take it on as a District project. This will be tabled until next meeting to let IPDG Dennis investigate other foundations for possible funding sources.

District Cabinet Treasurer reminds everyone to use his home address for District Treasurer correspondence:

5831 Dublin Road
Bethel Park, PA 15102

PDG Rich Keller made a motion that we take the balance of what's left after all the bills are done from the State Council Fund and put it into a CD and label it future State Council/State Convention Fund, second by PDG Ken Lloyd. Motion Passed.

Good of Lionism

PDG Ken Lloyd has reservations on the Eye Therapy. He would like to see more information on this Eye Therapy. DG Jim will share the letter when he receives it from the Doctor.

PDG Harold recommends for the financial report the money that will be earmarked for the future State council/State convention fund be listed as a separate line item similar to what the VDG fund is so we don't over spend.

Discussion held on fundraising at the District level. PDG Rich Keller states that the reason that it needs to go to long range planning is that the District has no policy for fundraising. The long range planning committee is working on this.

Lion Andy Zivinsky states that we are going to be in the parade at the State Convention in Altoona and could use help.

Lion Barb comments that PDG Mike Vudragovich and PDG Pauline Waide have a contact for the new Southside club. We will be working on a new club for the Southside.

Additional comments on Beacon Lodge by IPDG Dennis, who reports that they are planning a cruise to the Western Caribbean in 2007, more to follow. We were also told that the 14-B cabins need 4 hot water tanks and PDG Rich Keller is working up some prices. We are also looking at possibly putting vinyl siding on the cabin so we won't have to re paint it every so many years.

Benediction by PDG Robert Johnson Jr. Meeting Adjourned at 12 noon

Respectfully submitted: Lion Greg Borichevsky,
Cabinet Secretary District 14-B

District Cabinet 14 -B	Attendance Sheet 2005-2006	Aug	Nov.	Feb.	June	
	Voting Members					
James Brubaker	District Governor	P	P	P		
Dennis McCarthy	IPDG/LCIF/Long Range Planning / Beacon Lodge Board/ Region 4 Chairperson / District Phone Chair	P	P	P		
Jim Hartman	Vice District Governor/ Information Technology/ Newsletter Editor	P	E	P		
Greg Borichevsky	District Cabinet Secretary	P	P	P		
Mic Wrbas	District Cabinet Treasurer Resigned 11/12/2005	E	P			
Roy Smith	District Cabinet Treasurer 11/12/2005		P	P		
Jason Altmire	Region 1 Zone A Chair / White Cane Chair	E	E	A		
Jim Kelley	Region 1 Zone B Chair		E	E		
Geoffrey Temple	Region 2 Zone A Chair	E	P	P		
Michele Matuch	Region 2 Zone B Chair	P	P	P		
Barbara Schimmel	Region 3 Zone A Chair/District Directory Coordinator/ Women's Development Co chair/Convention	E	P	P		
John E. Aiken	Region 3 Zone B Chair	P	P	P		
	Region 4 Zone A Chair					
Alex Parrish	Region 4 Zone B Chair	P	P	A		
Kenneth Lloyd PDG	Region 1 Chairperson /Membership Chair	A	P	P		
Richard Keller PDG	Region 2 Chairperson / Retention & Leadership /Blind Bowlers	E	P	P		
Michael Vudragovich PDG	Region 3 Chairperson /Extension Chair / Beacon Lodge Board Member	P	P	E		
	Non Voting Members					
Thomas Hurrell	Beacon Lodge/Chaplain	P	P	E		
Robert Johnson PDG	Eye Prothesis	P	E	P		
Harold Fletcher PDG	Historian	P	P	P		
Matthew Borichevsky	Environmental / International Understanding CO-OP	P	P	P		
Alison Weber	Coordinator District Activities/ Center for Hearing and Deaf Services	P	E	P		
Joseph Donkin PDG	Diabetes Awareness / Research	P	P	E		
Carl Battistone PID	Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation	P	P	P		
Pauline Waide PDG	Women's Membership Development	E	P	P		
James Engel	Leader Dog	P	P	P		
Sylvan Lang PDG	PA Lions Foundation	A	A	P		
Maxine Lang	PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation	A	A	P		
Jack Schimmel PDG	Parliamentarian	P	P	E		
Linda Rowley	PA Lions Sight Conservation	E	A	A		
Meghan Nelson	Blind & Visual Rehabilitation Services	P	E	A		
Samuel DePiero	Radio Information Services	E	P	P		
Robert Cass	Toddlers Program at W. PA School for Blind Children	P	E	A		
James Emery	Tail Twister/Time Keeper	P	A	P		
Mary Jane Keller	Youth Outreach Coordinator /Peace Poster	E	P	P		