

**International Association of Lions Clubs
District 14-B
3rd Cabinet Meeting
February 10, 2007
Center for Hearing and Deaf Services**

Meeting was called to order @ 9:10 AM by DG Jim Hartman with one verse of America, the Pledge of Allegiance, and Invocation by VDG Jay Wells. DG Jim called for a moment of Silence for PDG William Fox. District Governor Jim Hartman welcomed all Lions to the third Cabinet Meeting of this Lion year.

Secretary’s report Cabinet Secretary Greg Borichevsky

Roll call taken

Secretary Greg requested approval of the minutes for the last cabinet meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes from the November cabinet meeting by Lion Maryann Dayton and second by Lion Mary Jane Keller. Motion passed.

Treasurers report Cabinet Treasurer Roy Smith (written report)

Lion Roy followed up on the question of the Flood Relief Fund brought up at the last cabinet meeting. A report was filed with Lions International and there was a check for \$1,007.49 sent to the International, so everything is cleared up with that item.

Also the question of \$70 in the Diabetes research account. To be addressed under new business.

Treasurer report July 1, 2006 through February 10, 2007

Administrative Account

Beginning Balance July 1, 2006.....	\$1,504.12
Total Receipts.....	\$5,569.78
Total Cash Available.....	\$7,073.90
Total Disbursements.....	\$4,052.62
Ending Balance 2/10/2007.....	\$3,021.28

Vice District Governor Fund

Beginning Balance July 1, 2006.....	\$1,033.58
Receipts.....	\$ 461.60
Disbursements.....	\$0.00
Ending Balance 2/10/2007.....	\$1,495.18

Blind Activity Fund

Beginning Balance July 1, 2006.....	\$12,617.63
Receipts.....	\$ 801.30
Disbursements.....	\$105.00
Ending Balance February 10, 2007.....	\$13,313.93

District dues are starting to come in for this half of the Lions year. All dues just about 100% were paid for the first half of the year only one club is outstanding.

Motion to accept the Treasurers report by Lion Maryann Dayton and second by Lion Jim Engel. Motion passed

Details on the Treasurers report available upon request.

District Governors Remarks

DG Jim Hartman comments on membership. We are in the black and moving back up. We are still one of two districts showing a plus. We are number one in the state in new Women Lions. I think that we are going to show a plus for this year.

Some things under the State Council this year:

The committee endorsed PDG Harold Ott to run for International Director.

PDG Rich Keller comments on the meeting of the House of Delegates. District 14-B has three delegates in the House of Delegates: PDG Rich Keller, PDG Ken Lloyd and PDG Pauline Waide. There are three candidates running for endorsement by the House of Delegates to be recommended to the State at the State Convention for all Lions to vote on. They are PDG Bill Green from 14-F, PDG Jim Cavallaro from 14-A, and PDG Harold Ott from 14-G. The House of Delegates had a good turnout 46 of 54 delegates made it to state council weekend. The House of Delegates only meets when there is more than one candidate running for International Director. In the end we are recommending to the State at the State Convention, PDG Harold Ott for all Lion's to vote on.

Long Range Planning IPDG Jim Brubaker (written report)

The Long range Planning Committee met with District Governor and voting members of the cabinet on Monday evening, January 29, at the Steel Center Area Vo-Tech School in West Mifflin. This was a special meeting conducted in accordance with the International Constitution and By-Laws Article III, Section 9, Paragraph © to recommend candidates for District Governor and Vice District Governor for the 2007-2008 Lion year.

Lion Jay Wells II of the Bethel Park Lions Club was selected as our candidate for District Governor.

Lion John Frombach of the Whitehall Community Lions Club was selected as our candidate for Vice District Governor.

Since 14-B is a transition district, these recommendations along with the special meeting notice, the minutes and attendance record, and the candidate's biography must be formally submitted to LCI for approval. This has been done so the International Board of Directors can act on these recommendations at their next meeting.

I believe we have selected two fine Lions to lead our district for the next two years. Let's give them our wholehearted support and assistance. Gentlemen, thank you for stepping up to these challenging positions.

DG Jim Hartman presents VDG pin to Lion Jay Wells, and welcomes him aboard.

VDG Jay Wells comments:

VDG Jay briefly explained how he became involved in Lions. VDG Jay thanked everyone for their help and support.

ZONE CHAIR REPORTS

Region 1 Chair Lion John Frombach no report

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

Second club visitations have been made to the Jefferson Hills & McKeesport clubs thus far. Also attended the state council meeting for Sight First II. Four out of the six clubs are in the top of the Governors Challenge cup competition. Joint zone meeting to be held on 3/13 at the White Oak Legion

Clairton:

Fund raising projects: pancake breakfast 3/24/2007. They just celebrated their 85th anniversary. There was a three page article in the McKeesport paper with numerous colored photos. They completed a holiday nut sale and continue to sell brooms. Membership for 2007 is (+1).

Glassport:

Fund raising: eye seal mailing to take place on 2/27: membership for 2007 (-1).

Jefferson Hills:

Fund Raising events: white cane collection: Service project distributed fruit baskets to needy families during holiday season. Membership gain for 2007 +4

Liberty Boro closed lost 9 Lions.

McKeesport:

Fund Raising: Pancake dinner is scheduled for 3/25/2007: have raised \$4600 for Sight First II: membership to date +8 and counting

Pleasant Hills:

Fund raising: enjoy books: eye seals; Macy coupon sales; white cane; spaghetti dinner 2/25/07 great giveaway in April and broom and trash bag sales in May
Service projects: blood screening; Community Halloween Parade: Peace poster project
Membership +5(including 3 transfers from Irwin Lions) will be inducting 4 or five new Lions soon.

WEST Mifflin:

Fund raising: white cane; trash bag Liners. Spaghetti dinner 2/10
Membership +6.

Also there is an up coming meeting with members of Jefferson Hills, Pleasant Hills, and Lion Michelle Matuch from the McKeesport club will be meeting with people from Thomas Jefferson High School in hopes of starting a Leo club at Thomas Jefferson High School.

Region 2 Zone B Chair Lion Mary Jane Keller (written report)

All clubs are continuing their activities.

Versailles Club does not meet in January or February. They submitted the M&A reports.

Elizabeth club meets in various places and dates. I will be informed of meetings.

White Oak Club has a pancake breakfast in March. They meet the First Tuesday and third Monday of each month at Twins Oaks Restaurant. They have pledged \$3,000.00 to Campaign Sight First II over the next three years.

Central Elizabeth Club and Boston/Greenock/Mt.Vernon Clubs are doing well.

I will be visiting the McKeesport Leos in February or March. I visited the Duquesne Leos in November.

Region 3 Zone A Chair Lion Barb Schimmel

Our weakest link in 3 A is the Bloomfield Club. The Squirrel Hill club is coming up; they are working hard to improve. The clubs are sending me their reports.

Region 3 Zone B Chair Lion Patrick Lorinc (written report)

Region III, Zone B has been busy.

I have started my second club visits. I should be completed by the end of April. My goal is for all III B clubs to have Websites on the 14-B site. Three clubs have sites and one club is almost ready to submit info. I am working with the other clubs to complete my goal. Zone B has started a bimonthly Newsletter. It has been met with much enthusiasm.

Anyone interested in getting the Zone 3 B newsletter and /or Pitcairn Club Newsletter let me know and I will put you on the email list. All the clubs in my zone will be on the district website in the future.

Region 4 Zone A Chair Lion Maryann Dayton

All clubs are active in trying to increase their membership. Only three out of seven clubs were at the last joint zone meeting. We are in the process of setting up our next joint zone meeting sometime in March. I am still visiting the clubs. The Brentwood club has found a new home finally, Michaels Restaurant on Church View Ave. in Baldwin. Region 4A is in Second place for the current membership.

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

Only 2 out of the 5 clubs showed up for the joint zone meeting. Our next joint zone meeting will be planned on March 8 and one of the clubs that didn't show will be hosting it, Pittsburgh Hilltop Lions. All the clubs have the same interest in mind- to get new people! All clubs are active.

Committee Reports

MERLOW

Membership PDG Ken Lloyd no report

DG Jim comments that he has a couple of membership drives coming up. I am trying to get the clubs that are down in members to have a membership drive in their clubs.

Extension PDG Mike Vudragovich no report

Retention Lion Alice Jones no report

Leadership/ Orientation Lion Barb Schimmel (written report)

MERLOW team has presented their program in 3 of 4 regions in the district, zones 2 thru 4. Lion John Frombach is working on a joint zone meeting sometime in March. We will probably be presenting the Merlow program then.

The MERLOW team is inviting you to attend the Lions Orientation Seminar.
Saturday, March 3, 2006; Durant's Restaurant (Oakland-128 N. Craig St.)
9:00 am until 12 noon. A continental breakfast will be served. Price is \$10.00.

This seminar will include the 'stuff' that you sat through at your meetings and did not understand what the heck they were talking about. And if we don't cover it, just ask and we will have an answer for you.

The presenters include:
Lion George Burgess.....Lions, Soup to Nuts
PDG Pauline WaideSo, You Want to be the Governor
PDG Jack Schimmel.....Who/what makes the PA Lions Tick
PID Carl Battistone.....Lions make the world go around- LCI

We guarantee that you will leave with a renewed understanding of this great organization. Information will be shared about our club, District, State and International that will make common sense to you and me. The presenters are those Lions who have been there and done that.

The MERLOW team is eager to help you become a better informed Lion. This is necessary in order to retain and build the Lions organization.

Share this orientation program invitation with all the members of your club and encourage attendance...This includes new members and the so called 'seasoned' Lion. It is never too late to learn something new.

Please make your reservation with Lion Barb Schimmel, not later than February 25th.

Also we are hoping that VDG Jay has this as a scheduled event on the district calendar.

Women's Membership PDG Pauline Waide (written report)

I was part of the MERL (O) (W) presentation at the Region IV Zone Meeting.

It was a well- attended meeting and there was great interaction.

Reminder-2007 is the celebration of 20 years of women in Lionism. So let's celebrate us- ladies!

Committee Reports

Campaign Sight First II PDG Dennis McCarthy (written report)

A recent meeting was held at the State Council Meeting on February 3, 2007 with the Sectors Coordinators, District Governors, Vice District Governors, District Coordinators and Group Coordinators. The meeting was facilitated by Past International Director Bob Miller. Training was conducted for the group coordinators to help coordinate the campaign efforts to raise 150 million / 200 million dollars. The goals are for Pennsylvania is to raise 2.5 million dollars. Currently we have collected \$998,000.00 Training will need to continue through the next year. Group coordinators need to get into the clubs to get a pledge of how much money they will raise towards this campaign. The goal is to have raised 90 million dollars by the 90th convention in Chicago this summer.

PDG Dennis presented King Lion Louis Horvath and Lion Manny Skammangus of the McKeesport Lions Club patches for their banner. One patch is for being a Model club (the only model club in 14-B) and the other is for reaching the Ruby level of money being raised. They are raising over \$499. Per member and have exceeded what they originally had pledged they would give to Sight First II.

Beacon Lodge report PDG Dennis McCarthy

The new camp brochure is printed, new sewer and pipe brochure and Brick campaign- walk way on Governors green, (\$100 a brick) at the end of the walk way will be a wall with a Plaque of Shoemaker who is the founder of Beacon Lodge. These are the 3 projects that I have been working on. All projects are completed and will be presented to the board on the 17th for approval. Once they are approved then they will be sent out.

PA Lions Foundation PDG Dennis McCarthy (written report)

I was unable to attend the meeting at State Council due to a schedule conflict. I still have the rockers for sale at \$10.00 if anyone is interested in joining the foundation. Several grants will be issued this year as soon as the members have finished voting on them. The Joseph Wroblewski Award is doing well people from all over the world want to have this prestigious fellow. If anyone is interested in joining Pa Lions foundation or if you want to continue your membership please contact me. The 2007 rockers are not in as of yet. It will be announced in the Cauldron when they are in.

Blind Bowlers PDG Richard Keller (written report)

This year the tournament will be held on February 16, 17, 18, 2007. 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 27 clubs for a total of \$850.00. Also, as in the past each Region has the responsibility 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. 16 Noon to 3:30 pm _____ Region II
 Saturday morning Feb. 17 8:00 am to 11:30 am _____ Region III
 Saturday afternoon Feb. 17 Noon to 3:30 pm _____ Region I
 Sunday morning Feb. 18 8:00 am to 11:30 am _____ Region IV
 Sunday afternoon Feb. 18 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.

Due to a smaller number of bowlers this year the cabinet will be off the hook for Sunday afternoon. I need a motion as per district policy to release a check for the tournament. Motion to release check for \$1,500. for the Blind Bowlers tournament by Lion Geoffrey Temple and second by Lion Pat Lorinc, Motion Passed

Diabetes Awareness PDG Joseph Donkin no report

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

HDS will be holding a fundraiser in the fall. I will keep all Lions aware of the details when they become available.

The District Fund at HDS was able to provide another person with a reconditioned hearing aid. A thank you letter was given to District Governor Jim.

DG Jim read the letter from Sandy Harrison thanking all the Lions clubs for there help in getting her a hearing aid.

District Activities Coordinator Lion Alison Weber (written report)

The District Governor's Spring Party will be held on Friday April 13, 2007 at the Westwood Golf Club. A social hour will begin the evening, followed by a buffet dinner. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Please assign one member per club to RSVP and please note the deadline date. Reservations must be in by the deadline.

Environmental/ International Understanding CO-OP Lion Karen Hamerski (written report)

Since the time we last gathered, I've attempted to contact several institutions to fund trees for our conservation project. Among those listed are Duquesne Light Co., Penn State, Home Depot, Pennsylvania Dept of Forestry, and Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. Unfortunately these attempts have been unsuccessful as phone calls haven't been returned to me or grants are depleted, or necessary contacts are at lunch or out of town. I plan to try other avenues such as the Arbor Society and Wal-Mart or any other source others may suggest.

I will allow till this months end to find a financial backer. If still unsuccessful then I'll approach each club individually to determine if there is project interest and if their budget can absorb the cost.

Home Depot did quote some prices as trees are from \$15 - \$20.00, readily available and a delivery cost of \$60.00 to the tree planting site. Thus each club would need to contribute a maximum fee of \$22.00 per tree.

Eye Prothesis Lion John Aiken (written report)

There has been no official activity for this period.

Lions Quest Lion John Aiken (written report)

A brief synopsis of the Lions Quest program was presented to familiarize those present at the cabinet meeting with the program.

Lions Quest is a "tool box" or sorts for teachers from K through 12, but made available only to those certified teachers who attend the 3-day workshop. There are three main segments of the program: Skills for Growing, Skills for Adolescence, and Skills for Action. These help students gain positive attitudes and important life skills through easy- to -use classroom materials, solid teacher in-service experiences, and important community links.

Some focus arrears are:

Drug & violence Prevention

Life Skills

Character Education

Service-Learning & Citizenship

School Climate

The costs for the training sessions are shared between LCIF and local Lions Clubs. Clubs sponsor as many as they can afford and recruit.

Leader Dog Lion Jim Engel (written report)

I received a letter from Leader Dog School accepting a student from our area. She will be arriving at Leader Dog School on February 11 and coming home March 8th. As usual, Leader Dog will be providing travel arrangements.

I got a call from Leader Dog rep, Grace Scullin, to come into our district the week of March 12-16. I am looking for clubs to have her as a speaker that week. I need your help. She is also looking for other organizations to visit during the day. Please let me know if you are interested.

DG Jim comments that District 14-B came in second last year for Leader Dog contributions.

McKeesport Lions Club had the top prize for the Peace Poster contest. (Reported in the District Newsletter)

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

The Western Pennsylvania lions Hearing Foundation last met on 14 January 2007 at the Eye and Ear Institute.

No further information has been received from International about the Lions Low-Cost Hearing Aids Program. However, we are now purchasing hearing aids at a lower cost than previously, but not as low as that promised by the Low-Cost Program.

As you may know, our Foundation provides hearing aids for the six Lions Districts of Western Pennsylvania, but more clients are from 14-B than the other 5 Districts combined. For example, at the last meeting, Dr. Hirsch reported that 15 hearing aids were approved, 11 of which were for 14-B. As you can see our District benefits greatly from the Foundation. Normally about 15 of our Clubs and the Lioness Club are regular donors, for which we are grateful. Without your help we would be unable to continue. Thank you very much.

PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation Lion Maxine Lang, PDG Sylvan Lang (written report)

Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Research Foundation met of February 3, 2007 at the Four Points Hotel in Greensburg, Pa. 15601. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Crone at 8:00 A.M. in the Keystone III Room.

Maxine Lang has been appointed to help prepare on the creating the new brochures for next year.

The Vice District Governor dinner will be in 14-F. All incoming Vice District Governors will be invited to this dinner.

Grants: Applications for grants were down this year. Many reasons were discussed and a few suggestions were made.

Additional comments; Pleasant Hills received an award for their donations. There were 5 or 6 clubs that donated in the last year.

PA Lions Sight Conservation IPDG Jim Brubaker (no report)

Parliamentarian PDG Jack Schimmel (no report)

Radio Information Services Lion Samuel DePiero (written report)

District Governor, Cabinet Members and Guests:

Radio Information Service has listeners in twelve counties in Western Pennsylvania. In areas such as Oakland where large buildings and other obstructions interfere with the signal, reception is difficult. To overcome this we have made arrangement with WQED-FM to broadcast our programming over their sideband as we do with WDUQ-FM. This means that we must modify our radios for that area with a new crystal that will receive WQED's signal.

To broaden our service, RIS has made arrangement with Comcast Cable to carry our programming. This means that the radio must be connected to the cable. Although cable connection is relatively new, there have already been over 110 cable connections made.

Our service also reaches almost 1000 listeners in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and hospitals. We also have over 100 listeners registered to use the dial in telephone service.

I would like to report that the CD made by listeners of RIS brought in \$4,500 for the service.

Western PA School For Blind Children Lion Robert Cass (written report)

Since our last meeting I presented the Toddlers program to the West Jefferson club. I spoke at their regular meeting.

I have also received one check for \$100.00 which was sent to the school.

In addition Lions Club of Pittsburgh held their annual Christmas tree sale at the school. The sum of \$17,000. Will be presented to the school.

Janet Simon Principal of the school will retire in the summer after this school year.

The Lions Club of Pittsburgh is going to hold an open meeting on Feb28 at WPSFBC at 7:00 PM. Dinner at 7:30 PM. Speaker will be Mr. Craig McFarland of Edward Jones investment firm. He is a nationally known speaker. This meeting is open to all Lions.

Historian PDG Harold Fletcher (no report)

Information Technology/Newsletter DG Jim Hartman

There are 200 unique visitors a month on our website. People are visiting our Districts website.

Tail twister Lion Jim Emery (no report)

Old Business

Question on Eye Bank Funds. Will bring up at the next cabinet meeting, when PDG Harold Fletcher is in attendance.

New Business

A Motion to release \$70 In Diabetes Research to American Diabetes Association by Lion Geoffrey Temple and second by Lion Barb Schimmel. Motion Passed.

Reminder of the Lions Diabetes Auction on May 4th @ YCC.

Discussion held on retention, before a club drops a member, club should talk to member. Zone Chairs should be involved along with the retention chair or the MERLOW team. It all starts with the zone chairs. Zone chairs are the front line. Don't drop some one without a try, contact the MERLOW team and get them involved. You need to talk to the member. Just because a member wants to quit maybe they don't want to quit Lionism but want to go to another club.

PID Carl comments that the Club President is responsible for membership.

Congratulations to the Pittsburgh Host Lions Club which brought in one new member.

Benediction by VDG Jay Wells.

Motion to adjourn by Lion Pat Lorinc and second by Lion Jim Engel.

Meeting Adjourn @ 11:15 AM.

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

District Cabinet 14 -B	Attendance Sheet 2006-2007	Aug	Nov.	Feb.	June	
	Voting Members					
James Hartman	District Governor / Information chair/Newsletter Editor	P	P	P		
Jim Brubaker	IPDG/LCIF/Long Range Planning PA Lions Sight Conservation	E	P	P		
Jay Wells	Vice District Governor/MERL Chair			P		
Greg Borichevsky	District Cabinet Secretary	P	P	P		
Roy Smith	District Cabinet Treasurer	P	P	P		
John Frombach	Region 1 Zone A & B Chair			E		
Geoffrey Temple	Region 2 Zone A Chair	E	P	P		
Mary Jane Keller	Region 2 Zone B Chair/ Youth Outreach/ Peace Poster	P	P	P		
Barbara Schimmel	Region 3 Zone A Chair/MERL Leadership & Orientation	P	P	P		
Patrick Lorinc	Region 3 Zone B Chair	E	P	P		
Maryann Dayton	Region 4 Zone A Chair	E	P	P		
Jim Engel	Region 4 Zone B Chair/Leader Dog	P	P	P		
	Non Voting Members					
Ken Lloyd PDG	MERL Membership Chair	A	E	E		
Dennis McCarthy PDG	PA Lions Foundation/ Beacon Lodge Board Member	P	E	P		
Richard Keller PDG	Blind Bowlers	P	P	P		
Michael Vudragovich PDG	Extension Chair / Beacon Lodge Board Member	E	P	E		
Alice Jones	MERL –Retention Chair	P	A	A		
Thomas Hurrell	Beacon Lodge Liaison/Chaplain	P	P	E		
John Aiken	Eye Prothesis	P	P	P		
Harold Fletcher PDG	Historian	P	P	E		
Alison Weber	Coordinator District Activities/ Center for Hearing and Deaf Services	E	P	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	P	P	P		
Sylvan Lang PDG &Maxine Lang	PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation	P	E	P		
Jack Schimmel PDG	Parliamentarian	P	P	E		
Karen Hamerski	Environmental / International Understanding CO-OP	A	P	P		
	Blind & Visual Rehabilitation Services					
Samuel DePiero	Radio Information Services	A	P	P		
Robert Cass	Toddlers Program at W. PA School for Blind Children	P	P	P		
James Emery	Tail Twister/Time Keeper	E	P	P		
	White Cane					