

**District 26-M2  
Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
December 5, 2016  
Hosted by the House Springs Lions Club**

- **Call to order** at 7:00 p.m. by District Governor Jack Lenk (Webster Groves Lions Club)
- **Pledge** was led by 2nd VDG Duane DeClue (DeSoto Lions Club)
- **Song** was led by Lion Vicky Swederska (Webster Groves Lions Club)
- **Invocation** was led by Lion Kathy Pusateri (Fenton Lions Club)
- **Moment** of Silence
- **Appointment of Tail Twister:** Lion Kathy Pusateri made a motion to appoint Lion Toni Mahoney (Richwoods Lions Club) as the Tail Twister, of which the proceeds are to be given to the House Springs Lions Club. 1st VDG Joe Detter (DeSoto Lions Club) which seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Introduction of Guests/First Time Attendees:** Jeannie Jayco (upcoming member of the Maplewood Lions Club)
  
- **Secretary Report:** Lion Kathy Pusateri reported that the minutes of the October 3, 2016 Cabinet Meeting had been emailed to the addresses available and copies provided at the information table. Lion Kathy asked for any corrections or additions; none were made. A motion was made by Lion 1st VDG Joe Detter (DeSoto Lions Club) to accept the minutes as presented, which was seconded 2nd VDG Duane DeClue (DeSoto Lions Club). Motion passed.
  
- **Treasurer Report:** Lion Vicky Swederska read the report. The balance of the Service Activities account, as of 12/5/2016, is \$18,580.25. The balance of the Administration account is \$42,788.44. The Maryland Heights Lions Club owes dues. Money for DG Jack's district pins needs to be given to Lion Vicky. Lion Vicky asked for any questions; there were none. A motion was made by Lion Kathy Pusateri, which was seconded by 1st VDG Joe Detter. Motion passed.
  
- **Zone Chairpersons Reports {led by 2nd VDG Duane DeClue (DeSoto Lions Club)}:**
  - **Zone 1:** Lion Larry Bridges (DeSoto Lions Club): The DeSoto Lions Club participated in the annual Veterans Day Parade and provided free reading glasses to the Veterans during a luncheon. The DeSoto Lions Club currently has 55 members, which is a +8. They also participated in the DeSoto Christmas Parade. The Hillsboro Lions Club currently have 40 members however, is at a -4. They made donations to Jefferson Franklin Community Action for the Head Start Program, a donation to the Hillsboro Halloween program, as well as to the Hillsboro food pantry. The Potosi Lions Club have 30 members, which is down from 31. They hosted a Road Rally. The Richwoods Lions Club have 26 members, which is down from 27. They gave out prizes for the Peace Poster/Essay Contest, sponsored a Halloween Trunk or Treat, made donations to a local food pantry and they completed a beautification and clean-up throughout the town. The Valley Lions have 24 members, which is a +1. As of 12/1/2016, Zone 1 is at a +3 in membership. A Zone Meeting was held at the Potosi Lions Club hall 10/17. Four out of five clubs were represent.
  
  - **Zone 2:** Lion Jeff Rackovan (Mehlville Lions Club): In October, the Concord Village Lions Club sponsored a golf tournament, which raised \$20,000 to \$25,000 and they hosted a Trivia Night in November, which raised \$10,000 to \$12,000. The final report for both if these events is forthcoming. The Concord Village Lions Club have 100 members, with 2 new applications in the process. The Mehlville Lions Club recently completed their community service project in November by preparing and serving 40 Thanksgiving meals to needy families in the community. Thank you to the DeSoto and Southside Lions Clubs for donating turkeys. The Mehlville Lions Club will be hosting a Zone 2 Meeting 12/13, at which time, 5 new members will be installed. Since October, the Mehlville Lions Club is at a +1 in membership. The Lemay J.B. Lions Club provided Thanksgiving dinner and will be providing Christmas gifts for two families, of which, one family has a child with cancer and the other one has a child with cerebral palsy. Candy Days is going well. The Lemay J.B. Lions Club has 18 members.
  
  - **Zone 3:** Lion Lynda Heald (Fenton Lions Club): no report
  
  - **Zone 4:** Lion Tom Lagemann (New Haven Lions Club): no report

• **Zone 5:** Lion Pam Manuel (Pacific Lions Club): The Cuba Lion Clubs prepared 22 turkeys with all of the trimmings, which they served to anyone in the community free of charge. An elderly woman, in which her, and her husband have been regular attendees at the Thursday Community Bowl Meals, came to the Cuba Lions Club hall before they were ready to serve the Thanksgiving Day dinner. She asked if she could come in a little early. She said that it was awfully lonely at her home that Thanksgiving Day morning, since she had just put her husband in a nursing home the day before. They welcomed her in with a cup of coffee. By 1:00 p.m., over 245 dinners were served. The Pacific Lions Club is hosting a Trivia Night 12/9, to support Cleta Null and the Adopt a Family program, in which they have adopted 6 families with 9 kids, they will have a float in the Parade of Lights Christmas Parade, they have adopted 2 seniors at the Pacific Care Center, they spent 6 hours clipping coupons for soldiers and had their annual Christmas party. The Gray Summit Lions Club had a bake sale at a craft show, they adopted and are providing food for 6 families, which consists of 22 children for Adopt-a-Family and they are adopting residents from the Pacific Care Center. They will have Candy Days 12/17. The Eureka Lions Club have been busy with their annual Christmas shopping spree for the students of the Missouri School for the Blind and they also provided \$2,000 in scholarship money to the students. They had their first sports themed Trivia Night, which was a great success! They will begin their bbq's in April.

• **Zone 6:** Lion Teddi Speeler (Webster Groves Lions Club): The St. Louis Downtown Lions Club continue to collect used eyeglasses. The St. Louis Southside Lions Club will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army 12/10 – 12/17. They continue to provide transportation for the blind bowlers and collect used eyeglasses. They donated \$1,000 to the USO for phone cards. They assisted the Mehlville Lions Club with preparing and distributing Thanksgiving meals. The St. Louis University Lions Club are planning another health fair, they continue to provide eye screenings and assist with Kingdom House. The Webster Groves Lions Club have filled 15 Christmas boxes, filled with goodies, for children all over the world. They provided 4 families with Thanksgiving meals, they will be hosting Breakfast with Santa 12/18, they will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army 12/22 & 12/23. The Webster Groves Lions Club hosted a Zone 6 Meeting, in which 60 Lions, from 8 clubs were in attendance. They participated in the Peace Poster Contest, will be hosting the District Cabinet Meeting 2/6.

The District will once again have a Lions Fellowship Night, Saturday, 2/11 beginning at 4:00 p.m., poolside, at the Holiday Inn at Six Flags. Contact the hotel at (636) 938-6661, mention that you are a Lion, to reserve a room, which is \$92.95 for a regular room or \$102.95 for a pool-side room.

• **Zone 7:** Lion Sue Templeton (Maplewood Lion Club): Lion Cliff Chappie, Jr., a member of the St. Ferdinand Lions Club passed away on 9/29. He was 83 and was a member for 50 years. The club continues to struggle with membership. The Maplewood Lions Club will be hosting a Zone Christmas Party at the VFW Hall 12/6, members will be singing Christmas carols at the Mary Culver Home 12/18, they will participate in the MSB Giving Tree Party 12/22 and they will host an ice cream social at the Mary Culver Home in February. The Ferguson Lions Club will be hosting a Zone Meeting in the spring.

• **Zone 8:** Lion Robert El (Bonhomme Lions Club): The Bonhomme Lions Club is in the midst of its largest fund-raiser, selling nuts and candy. They will be installing a new member. The Ellisville Lions Club held its Annual Trivia Night 11/5. The Kirkwood Lions Club participated in the Kirkwood 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fair, the Greentree Festival in September and Old Newsboy Day in November. They will be hosting a Trivia Night in January and an Easter Egg Hunt the Saturday before Easter. They installed two new members. I have had the opportunity to visit all of the clubs within my Zone during the previous six months and look forward to visiting them again during the latter half of this Lionistic year.

• **Zone 9:** Lion Sandee Marshall (Wildwood Area): The Chesterfield Lions 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas tree sale will end 12/16. They collected 1,361 pair of used eyeglasses during November. The Creve Coeur Lions Club hosted a Zone Meeting, in which there was a BrainPort Presentation, 10/20. Along with Fred Bird and Santa, the Creve Coeur Lions Club will be handing out Christmas gifts to children who are patients at Mercy Hospital and Rankin Jordan. The Overland Lions Club will be hosting a Breakfast with Santa, this Saturday at their hall. The Wildwood Area Lions Club will be having their District Governor's Visit combined with their Holiday Party, Thursday night. All Lions are welcome. SC Home is providing their store for this event and they will be making a donation to LCIF. Wildwood Area Lions will be hosting a mouse race, in conjunction with the National Association of Professional Mortgage Women, 2/10 and they will also be hosting their own mouse race 2/18.

The meeting was adjourned for dinner and reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

#### **Committee Reports (led by 1st VDG Joe Detter (DeSoto Lions Club)):**

• **Centennial:** Lion Sandee Marshall: 8,043 service hours have been reported as of noon today, 3 clubs have reported service in all 4 Centennial campaigns and earned their 4-diamond patch for this year: DeSoto, Richwoods and Washington, 3 clubs have completed Legacy projects; Cuba, Fenton and Hillsboro! Now, the not-so-good news: only 30% of clubs are

reporting, 12 clubs have not reported any service activities this year and one of our most active clubs have never reported any service activities during the 2 ½ year of the Centennial Service Challenge. The application for the District to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, 3/11/17, has been submitted and will hopefully, be approved. If anyone has experience with decorating floats and is willing to assist, please contact Lion Sandee Marshall. The District Day of Service is scheduled for 10/7. New members who become Lions during the Centennial program receive a limited edition membership pin and certificate. Sponsors also receive special Centennial pins, based on how long the new member remains active. Each Lion impacts 70 people. The Centennial slogan is, "Where there's a need, there's a Lion"!

- **District Newsletter:** Lion Sue Templeton: The deadline to submit articles and photos for the next edition is 12/9.
- **District Convention:** PCC Gina Boettcher (Beaufort Lions Club): The District Convention, including Hospitality Night, will take place at the Doubletree Hotel in Westport, 3/24 – 3/26. There is a block of rooms available for \$89/night plus tax, under the code "CLB". Please make your reservations early for your meals and hotel room. The District Convention Committee will be having a 50/50 and a liquor basket to be raffled off, in order to offset the cost of the convention. Your participation is appreciated. Registration forms for the District Convention meals, as well as Hospitality Booths are available via the District website: [www.lions26m2.org](http://www.lions26m2.org).
- **State Convention:** PCC Gina Boettcher: The first meeting regarding the 2018 Lions State Convention was held 11/16. There were 16 Lions in attendance. We elected officers and assigned sub-committees. We will be presenting our bid offer to the State and International Convention Committee, 1/7. If they approve it, then it will be voted on during the Council of Governors Meeting 1/21. The next meeting will be 1/18, at the House Springs Lions Club Hall, at 7:00. If anyone would like to help with the 2018 State Convention, please contact myself, CC Joe Foster, PDG Debbie Blumenberg or Lion Sandee Marshall.
- **GLT:** PCC Kimberly Taylor (Brentwood Lions Club): A meeting was held with 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Joe Detter and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Duane DeClue to discuss leadership goals and plans for the next couple of years.
- **Environmental Photo Contest:** Lion Barb Kurkowski (Maplewood Lions Club): Based on the voting, the winner for District 26-M2 is Lion Pam Manuel (Pacific Lions Club).
- **GMT:** Lion George Winkeler, Jr. (House Springs Lions Club): Statistics from LCI, as of 11/30 are as follows: 706 new Lions Clubs chartered, 93,966 new members, 68,098 dropped members; 1,405,268 total members. The Maryland Heights Lions Club is no longer a club, which has resulted in a loss of 24 members. Each Lion, worldwide, helps 70 people. It is important that each club completes their Membership Report each month. As of last month, Lions helped 3.75 million people worldwide. If we could increase each of our clubs by 1 member, we could help more than 2,800 people in our community and worldwide. District 26-M2 has been provided a \$250 membership grant from LCI. This could be utilized for new member orientation, officer responsibilities training, etc. Contact Lion George if you have any suggestions or would like for him to provide a presentation for your club.
- **LBOMB:** Lion George Winkeler, Jr.: LBOMB is needing to fill an Account Clerk II position in the Jefferson City area. The job starts at \$1043 twice a month with free (medical only) health insurance and a retirement plan after one year of service. Lion George read correspondence from LBOMB, thanking Lions District 26-M2 for their donation of \$1,000.
- **Youth Camp and Exchange:** Lion Toni Mahoney (Richwoods Lions Club): We will have 12 youths attending camp, to be held in Missouri, needing a host family in July. Our Missouri youths are encouraged to participate in one of the 118 camps in 42 countries. Our Missouri youth, ages 16-21 could find a camp they would like to attend, which could be sponsored by a Lions Club. We would like to have a meet and greet with Lions of 26-M2. If your club would be interested in hosting this, please contact Lion Toni Mahoney. Monetary donations are always appreciated. Your club has up to 5 years to make a \$500 donation to Opportunity for Youth through the Mo Lions state office. Your club can then present the C. Wayne Henderson Award to someone in the community, for their support of youths at your discretion. Toni Mahoney is available to discuss further details of this program with your club.
- **Peace Poster:** Lion Beck Speeler (Webster Groves Lions Club): Lion Becky displayed the winner of the Peace Poster Contest, which was submitted by the Webster Groves Lions Club.
- **Delta Gamma Center:** Lion Barb Kurkowski: Delta Gamma Center's shining light tree lot is in full swing. Volunteers are still need to assist. There will be new leadership at the center at the beginning of next year. Director, Debbie Naucke is

retiring at the end of this year. The center is rebranding itself and will be known as Delta Gamma Center Kids but, the original name will be kept intact.

• **District Hotline:** Lion Mike Swederska (Webster Groves Lions Club): The hotline received 46 phone calls during October and November, of which 44 applications were sent out. The bill from the University Of Missouri St. Louis Optometric Center for October was \$230 and for November was \$355. The bill for the answering machine was \$82.85. The Lemay J.B. Lions Club donated \$1,000 to the District Eye Care Committee. There were 2 phone calls for assistance with hearing, which were forwarded to the Hearing Committee.

• **Lions Eye Foundation:** PCC Charlie Hartmann (Lemay J.B. Lions Club): There has been very poor attendance for the past two Annual Lions Eye Foundation Meetings. The next meeting will be 1/16.

• **District Hearing:** PCC John Yount (Richwoods Lions Club): Please do not provide PCC John's phone number to anyone inquiring about assistance for hearing-aides. Provide them with the District Hotline phone number: (314) 645-3500. The number of request for service has decreased slightly. There are 3 requests in process at this time. The Hearing Sweepstakes in an important fundraiser for State Hearing, of which tickets are currently available. The hearing van and portable audiometers are available for use. Please remember State Hearing in your donation plans.

**Old Business: none**

**New Business: none**

**2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Closing Remarks:** 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Duane DeClue wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**VDG Closing Remarks:** 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Joe reminded everyone of the Zone 7 Christmas Party, which will be tomorrow. It is being hosted by the Maplewood Lions Club and every Lion is welcome. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Joe thanked the House Springs Lions Club for hosting the District Cabinet Meeting.

**DG Closing Remarks:** Seasons Greetings to everyone. This is the best District in the state.

**50/50:** \$86 was won by DG Jack Lenk.

**Cabinet Has Gas:** Winners were: CC Joe Foster, PCC Gina Boettcher, PCC Kimberly Taylor (2x), Lion Vicky Swederska, Jeannie Jayco, Lion Eddie Pilla

**Tail Twister:** \$1 was collected from everyone in attendance and donated to the House Springs Lions Club.

**Next Cabinet Meeting** will be 2/6/17, hosted by the Webster Groves Lions Club, at the Hawkins House, 1155 S. Rock Hill Road, Webster Groves, 63119. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

**Next GLT/GMT Meeting** will be 1/2/17 at Mike Duffy's Restaurant, Kirkwood, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjourn Meeting:** A motion was made by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Joe Detter to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Lion Kathy Pusateri. Motion passed.