

**District 26–M2
Cabinet Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2017**

Hosted by the Webster Groves Lions Club at the Hawkins House

- **Call To Order:** at 7:00 p.m. by District Governor Jack Lenk (Webster Groves Lions Club)
- **Pledge:** lead by 1st VDG Joe Detter
- **Song:** lead by Lion Vicky Swederska (Webster Groves Lions Club)
- **Invocation:** lead by 2nd VDG Duane DeClue
- **Moment of Silence**
- **Appointment of Tail Twister:** The District Cabinet Members appointed Lion Becky Speeler (Webster Groves Lions Club). Lion Becky directed that the funds collected to be donated to Leader Dogs.
- **Introduction of Guests/First Time Attendees:** none

- **Adjourned for Dinner/Reconvened @ 7:45 pm**

- **Secretary Report:** Lion Kathy Pusateri (Fenton Lions Club) reported that the minutes of the December 5, 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 Pam Manuel (Pacific Lions Club) to accept the minutes, which was seconded by Lion Sandee Marshall (Wildwood Area Lions Club). Motion passed.

- **Treasurer Report:** Lion Vicky Swederska read and provided copies of the report. The report reflects account activities for December 2016 and January 2017. From the District Service Account, District Sight paid out \$225 for exams, lenses and frames. There is a balance of \$18,380.25. From the Administrative Account, there was income of \$433.97 for dues, District Pins, 50/50 and interest. The current balance is \$43,265.09. A motion was made by Lion Kathy Pusateri to accept the Treasurer Report, which was seconded by Lion Robert Ell (Bonhomme Lions Club). Motion passed.

- **Zone Chairperson Reports {lead by 2nd VDG Duane DeClue (DeSoto Lions Club)}:**

- **Zone 1: Lion Larry Bridges (DeSoto Lions Club):** The DeSoto Lions Club has 55 members, which includes 8 new members. During the DeSoto Lions Club's District Governor's Visit, Lion Clarence Struempf was honored for his 46 years of service. The DeSoto Lions Club made donations to the DeSoto Elks for food baskets, DeSoto Food Pantry and Amvets Post 48 to purchase food for Special Olympics participants. They also provided vision care for 15 individuals, donated 300 pair of reading glasses to Guatemala. A Zone Meeting was held on 2/2. The Hillsboro Lions Club has 40 members, which is a -4. They made donations to the library, provided vision care for 4 individuals, built a retaining wall in the Hillsboro City Park, donated food to the food pantry and for the back pack program. The Potosi Lions Club has 31 members, which is a -1. The Potosi Lions Club hosted the District Governor's Visit for their club, as well as the Richwoods and the Valley Lions Clubs. The Richwoods Lions Club has 26 members, which is a -1. They had a recycling day, in which used eye glasses were collected; purchased Christmas gifts for 33 families and 105 children in December. The Richwoods Lions Club hosted an eye screening in collaboration with Saving Sight, in which 49 preschoolers and kindergartens were screened. The Valley Lions Club has 28 members, which includes 6 new and 1 dropped member. They collected 120 pair of used eye glasses. Zone 1 currently has 179 Lions, which is a +7!!!

- **Zone 2: Lion Jeff Rackovan (Mehlville Lions Club):** The Concord Village Lions Club has 99 members, with the potential of 2 new members. They hosted a Poker Tournament, which consisted of 100 players (the largest attended thus far); will be hosting Fish for Sight on 5/20 as well as their Annual Big Bass Bash, 5/23 – 5/24; have made many generous donations. The Mehlville Lions Club hosted a Zone Meeting 12/13, in which 5 new Lions were installed by Lion George Winkeler, Jr. and Lion Sandee Marshall displayed the Centennial Cake. The club will host a Trivia Night sometime in the spring. They have 23 members, with the potential of 2 new ones. There is nothing to report for the Pevely Lions Club. Lion Jackie Hartmann, a member of the Lemay J.B. Lions Club, spouse of PCC Charlie Hartmann recently passed away and will be greatly missed! She was a very dedicated Lion!

- **Zone 3: Lion Lynda Heald (Fenton Lions Club):** The House Springs Lions Club sponsored a successful Mouse Race in January. They welcomed a local Boy Scout Troop for their Pinewood Derby and they have 3 new members. The Fenton Lions Club had a Rifle Raffle and will be hosting a Pub Crawl in March. The Meramec Heights hosted a Texas Hold-um and a Trivia fundraiser. They provided Bingo at a skilled nursing facility as a Service Project in January and will do so again in February.

- **Zone 4: Lion Tom Lagemann (New Haven Lions Club):** With the exception of one, all of the clubs in Zone 4 have hosted their District Governor's Visit. The clubs are in the process of selecting their club officers for the upcoming Lionistic year. A combined

Zone 4 and 5 Meeting is scheduled for 2/20, which will be hosted by the Union Lions Club. The New Haven Lions Club will be hosting a Pancake Supper February 28 and will be visiting local schools, distributing tree saplings for Arbor Day. The Washington Lions Club hosted their Super Bowl BBQ yesterday and will have a Poker Tournament in March. The St. Clair Lions Club are providing assistance for Meals on Wheels and are planning a Golf Tournament. The Gerald Lions Club host a Karaoke every month, which is posted on their Facebook page. Their Christmas Tree project was successful. They will be repairing the shooting match building, hosting a Sip and Paint Party 2/24, selling Krispy Crème doughnuts 4/28, a rabies clinic 4/28 and a Total Eclipse Party 8/24. The Beaufort Lions Club hosted their District Governor's Visit 1/17.

- **Zone 5: Lion Pam Manuel (Pacific Lions Club):** The Eureka Lions Club hosted their District Governor's Visit and are preparing for their upcoming BBQ's. The Gray Summit Lions Club will be hosting their annual picnic 8/19, which happens to be on the same day of their club's anniversary. The Pacific Lions Club will be hosting their 65th Annual Pancake Breakfast. They are selling bike raffle tickets (proceeds will be used to offset the cost of the Hospitality Room during the District Convention), they are selling TJ's Pizzas (proceeds will be used to offset the maintenance costs for their hall and they will participate in the Pacific St. Patrick's Parade, 3/11. The Union Lions Club is hosting the upcoming combined Zone 4 & 5 Meeting, 2/13. They are assisting a Union High School student with a project, "A Day in the Life of a Homeless Person" and will have Candy Days in April. The Cuba Lions Club are hosting a chicken dinner 2/19, in addition to a community dinner on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The Lions invite various church and civic groups to provide the food for the free community meal. They will participate in a city wide clean-up and beautification 5/6.
- **Zone 6: Lion Teddi Speeler (Webster Groves Lions Club):** The St. Louis Downtown Lions Club hosted their Governor's Visit. They are providing services to Kingdom House; will be providing a bench there to commemorate their 100 years of service to the community; collected 80 pair of used eye glasses and will be assisting the SLU Lions Club during their Health Fair, 4/9. The St. Louis Southside Lions Club have 74 members; will be hosting their 78th Lions That Roar Show, 3/18. The Webster Groves Lions Club have 71 members; preparing for their BBQ season, beginning 3/10; will be serving fish on Fridays during Lent; hosting an Easter Egg Hunt 4/8 at the Hawkins House; preparing for their 4th of July Carnival. Lion Solis Winters, President of the SLU Lions Club reported that they will be hosting a Health Fair, 4/1, at Tegler Hall. Lion Solis encouraged everyone to attend. Last semester the SLU Lions Club completed 679 hours of service.
- **Zone 7: Lion Sue Templeton (Maplewood Lions Club):** The Ferguson Lion Club are hosting a Zone Meeting 2/22, in which Lion Toni Mahoney will complete a presentation regarding the Youth Exchange Program. The St. Louis Mid Town Lions Club are preparing for their upcoming BBQ's; 4/8 will host the Mo Association of Blind Athletes Trivia. The Maplewood Lions Club is active in the WOW program at the Maplewood/Richmond Heights H.S., collecting food for local food pantries and monetary donations for Immaculate Conception Church; participated in collecting socks, at Pietro's, for the Gateway 180 Homeless Shelter; will be hosting the VIP Got Talent Show, 3/11, at the Mo School for the Blind; will be hosting an ice cream social, 2/12, for the residents at Mary Culver Home; will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt, 4/15, at Deer Creek Park. Lion Sue had a discussion with Lion Bob Sundermeyer, Treasurer for the St. Ferdinand Lions Club regarding concerns for the future of the club, such as low membership and the fact that the average age of the members is in the high 70's.
- **Zone 8: Lion Robert Ell (Bonhomme Lions Club):** Membership in Zone 8 is at a +2. The Bonhomme Lions Club participated in the City of Manchester's "Shop with a Cop". The Brentwood Lions Club participated in the Winter Wonderland at Tilles Park; delivered a pickup truck full of toys to the Brentwood Fire Department for their Toys for Tots program. The Ellisville Lions Club donated \$500 to Circle of Concern Food Pantry and \$1,000 to Back-Stoppers. The Kirkwood Lions Club hosted a Trivia Night 1/21. The Bonhomme Lions Club will be hosting a Zone Meeting 2/23. The focus for the meeting will be on Leadership Development and Incoming Officers.
- **Zone 9: Lion Sandee Marshall (Wildwood Area Lions Club):** The Chesterfield Lions Club hosted their Annual Christmas Tree Lot. The Creve Coeur Lions Club are discussing plans for a District wide Day of Service in October. The Overland Lions Club will be hosting their District Governor's Visit 2/7. The Wildwood Area Lions Club will be hosting their 8th Annual Run for the Cheese Mouse Races 2/18. Lion George Winkeler, Jr. will be inducting 3 new Lions 2/22.
- **Committee Reports: {lead by 1st VDG Joe Detter (DeSoto Lions Club)}:**
- **Centennial; Lion Sandee Marshall:** Lion Sandee has Centennial reports available for the Zone Chairpersons at any time, which reflects the clubs who have reported via the LCI website regarding their Centennial Service Campaigns and Legacy Projects. Thank you to Lion Pam Manuel who calls Lion Sandee prior to meeting with the clubs in her zone to obtain this information. Thanks to everyone who helped to get our reporting percentage up to 38%. 1,227 Lions have participated in 350 activities and 12,065 total service hours have been reported as of today. The following Lions Clubs have earned a 4-diamond patch for this year: Hillsboro, DeSoto, Richwoods and Washington. The commemorative Centennial coin is now available through LCI and from the US Mint.

\$10 from the sale of each coin goes to LCIF. The application for the District 26-M2 float for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, which will take place 3/11, has been approved. Lastly, **"Where there's a need, there's a Lion"** and we hope to prove that during our District wide Day of Service, 10/7. Our goal is for each club to complete a service activity in their community on 10/7, preferably for vision, youth, hunger or the environment.

- **Constitution and By-Laws; PCC Kimberly Taylor (Brentwood Lions Club):** Lions will be voting for the offices of District Governor, 1st VDG, 2nd VDG and a Board Member for the Lions Eye Foundation during the District Convention 3/25. There will be no changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. The Delegate Forms will be sent to each of the Lions Clubs as soon as the membership information is received from LCI. These completed forms need to be completed and sent to Cabinet Secretary, Lion Kathy Pusateri.
- **District Newsletter "Lions That Roar"; Lion Sue Templeton:** Articles and photos are needed by 2/5 for the next edition.
- **District Convention; CC Joe Foster (Beaufort Lions Club):** 12 clubs have registered for hospitality booths.
- **District Directory; Lion Devin Struttman (Union Lions Club):** It is not too early for clubs to update the information regarding the place, address, days of the month and the time of their club's meetings.
- **MO Lions State Convention; PCC Gina Boettcher (Beaufort Lions Club):** The Convention will be 5/4 – 5/7 in Osage Beach at the Tan-Tar-A Resort. The fees are as follows: \$30 registration, \$15 luncheon and \$30 banquet. The fee for the hotel room for 1 king or 2 queen beds is \$92, plus a tax and resort fee of \$5. Room reservation must be made by calling the resort directly at (573) 348-3131; the group discount code is "Lion". Additional information can be obtained via the following website: <http://www.molionsstateconvention.org/index.html> The LCI Convention will be 6/30 – 7/4, in Chicago, IL. Registration can be made via the following website: www.lionsclubs.org click on the LCICON tab. The registration fee is \$180 until 3/31, after that the fee increases to \$200. The hotel room rate is \$190/night, plus tax. The code for discounted rate for Amtrak is X97C-959 however, it is necessary to contact Amtrak directly to receive the discounted rate. The parade will be 7/1. Mo Delegates who will be participating in the parade must wear a uniform, which consists of a blue Mo Lions shirt, which can be purchased at the State Convention, black pants, black socks and black shoes. The 2018 Mo State Convention will be hosted by District 26-M2. The theme is "Gateway to Vegas". The Convention Committee is actively working to organize this and will be meeting 2/15 at the House Springs Lions Club Hall. More information will be forthcoming.
- **Betty Mae Mahoney Blind Bowlers Tournament; Lion John Tumbleson (Beaufort Lions Club):** Lion John was unable to be in attendance therefore, CC Joe Foster read the report on his behalf. The Tournament will be 2/22 at Du Bowl Lanes, 2711 Lemay Ferry Road. The fee is \$12/bowler. The application, along with a check made payable to District 26-M2 (memo to state "Betty Mae Mahoney Blind Bowlers Tournament"). The deadline to submit applications to Lion John Tumbleson is 4/8. The registration begins at 11:00 and the bowling begins at 12:00. Everyone is welcome; you do not have to be a league bowler. It would be great to see a lot of Lions come and support this great event! DG Jack will be rolling the first frame.
- **Environmental Photo Contest; Lion Barb Kurkowski (Maplewood Lions Club):** The winner of the District photo contest was Lion Pam Manuel. CC Joe Foster forwarded her photo to the Multiple District. If her photo is chosen at the Multiple District, it will then be forwarded on LCI. CC Joe Foster informed Lion Barb that going forward, the voting for the District Environmental Photo Contest will need to take place during the October Cabinet Meeting, in order to allow more time to submit the winning photo to the Multiple District.
- **Delta Gamma Center; Lion Barb Kurkowski:** The new Executive Director, Jan Huneke, was welcomed by the center. Hopefully, you were able to participate in the Ameren Mo and St. Louis Blues Power Play Goals for Kids Contest. You could vote daily until 3/31 for the Delta Gamma Center's students. The winner will be announced at the end of the hockey season in April. The center has several fund-raising events coming up; a trivia night, 3/4, the cost is \$20/person; the 25th Annual run for Sight will be Sunday, 5/7, at Ballpark Village. Visit their website at www.dgcrunforsight.org to register or to make a donation to sponsor a team.
- **GLT; PCC Kimberly Taylor:** The USA/Canada Forum will be 9/21 – 9/23, in Portland, OR. The Great Plains Lions Leadership Forum will be 7/21 – 7/23. Four scholarships are available.
- **GMT; Lion George Winkeler, Jr. (House Springs Lions Club):** As of 1/31/17, according to LCI, there are 990 new Lions Clubs, 17,880 new Lions, lost 68,098 Lions and there are currently a total of 1,399,369 Lions worldwide. Overall, the number of members for the District is at a -11, due primarily to the 24 members that were lost when the Maryland Heights Lions Club turned in their Charter. Each Lion, world-wide, helps 70 people. If we could increase each of our clubs by 1 member, we could help more than 2,800 people in our communities and around the world. An idea for increasing membership is to consult with employers and large

corporations. Wells Fargo requires their employees to complete volunteer hours. Lowes provides assistance for assisting the community and organization by providing grant money for community projects. As of 7/1/2017, the new LCI membership fee will increase to \$35.00, which is the first increase since 1993. The increase will support development of enhanced new membership kits, upgrade the LCI website, providing mobile apps and a revised digital magazine.

- **LBOMB; Lion George Winkeler, Jr.:** The Annual Board Meeting was 1/7/2017, which was well attended by 6 District Board Members, 2 of the LBOMB staff, 2 from the Division of the BEP, 1 member from the CPA firm and 1 guest Lion. The latest LBOMB statistics are as follows: there are 35 facilities, with 8 being operated under temporary management and 1 is closed for remodeling. There are 7 (level 1 vending), 6 (level 2 C-stores), 9 (level 2.5 vending routes), 5 (level 3 snack bars) and 8 (level 4 extend the contract at the Fort Leonard Wood Army Base for years. There are over 35,000 meals served on a daily basis at that facility. However, there are indications that the contract will not be renewed. Thank you to the Lions of MO for supporting the LBOMB organization. More than \$38,000 in donations and matching funds have been received for the year.
- **Opportunity for Youth; Lion Toni Mahoney (Richwoods Lions Club):** The Washington Lions Club has 32 Leos, the Wildwood Area Lions Club has 2 Leos and the DeSoto Lions Club has several Leos. Lion Pam Manuel has been a host family for the Youth Exchange Program for 3+ years. The House Springs Lions Club will host the Youth Exchange meet and great, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., 7/9/17. All Lions are welcome. So far, 4 youths have been accepted; 2 young ladies from Germany and 1 young man and 1 young lady from Brazil. Youth, the future of Lionism! Let Lion Becky Speeler or Lion Toni Mahoney help you share more information about the youth programs for your club and community.
- **All Star Football Game; Lion Michelle Foster (Beaufort Lions Club):** The All Star Football Game Banquet will be Friday, 7/21 and the game is Saturday, 7/22 at University Center MO in Warrensburg. There are 4 players selected from District 26-M2; 2 from Westminster Christian Academy, 1 from Potosi and 1 from Hazelwood Central. The week for the players has been shortened, in order to save money on accommodations and meals. Therefore, more of the proceeds will benefit Saving Sight and Kids Sight. Program ads are available, starting at \$60, up to a full page ad for \$750 or, any monetary donations are welcome.
- **Diabetes; Lion Ruth Boyer (Beaufort Lions Club):** Understanding how diabetes affects your body can help you identify problems and learn how to solve them. Problem-solving skills can help you prepare for the unexpected and are an important part of your diabetes care. Your diabetes educator and doctor can help you develop these skills.
- **District Sight Hotline; Lion Mike Swederska (Webster Groves Lions Club):** During December and January, 50 phone calls were received and applications were sent out. The following bills to the University of MO St. Louis Optometric Center were paid: October \$230, November \$355 and December \$225. The answering machine cost \$82 - \$85 for 2 months. 2 phone calls for hearing were sent to the Hearing Committee and 2 calls for surgeries went to the Sight Committee. There were 5 more requests from other sources other than the hotline, 1 request was from the district website and 1 from the St. Charles Lions Club. The St. Louis Downtown Lions Club donated \$200 and the Beaufort Lions Club donated \$500 to the District Eye Care Committee.
- **Leader Dogs; CC Joe Foster:** CC Joe reported about the tour of the Leader Dogs facility, located in Jackson, MI, 9/29 – 9/31. The cost is \$90/person, which includes the bus transportation and lunch. The hotel room is \$100/night plus tax. There is a maximum of 100 people allowed. One bus is already full.
- **Old Business:** none
- **New Business:** DG Jack nominated Lion Sandee Marshall as a Board Member for the Lions Eye Foundation. Lion Gary Bougeno (House Springs Lions Club) nominated Lion George Winkeler, Jr. for 2nd VDG for 2017 – 2018. Lion Larry Bridges nominated 2nd VDG Duane DeClue for 1st VDG for 2017 -2018. DG Jack presented 2nd VDG Duane DeClue with a State Leadership award. Lion Kathy Pusateri nominated 1st VDG Joe Detter for District Governor for 2017 – 2018. PCC Kimberly Taylor, PDG Debbie Blumenberg and PCC Gina Boettcher are serving as the Nominating Committee for the nominees for 2017 – 2018.
- **VDG Closing Remarks:** 2nd VDG Duane DeClue thanked DG Jack Lenk for the award he was presented with and that he is looking forward to serving during the next several years. 1st VDG Joe Detter stated that he had fun during the past few years and has learned a lot about Lions. Additionally, we are the best District in Missouri!
- **DG Closing Remarks:** DG Jack Lenk stated that he is impressed with the Zone Chairperson's Reports, recognized the clubs for their service, as well as the service from the GLT and GMT Chairpersons. DG Jack is looking forward to the District Convention.
- **50/50:** Lion Pam Manuel won \$92, which she donated to Leader Dogs.

- **Cabinet has Gas:** PDG Eugene Taylor awarded gift cards to 9 winners.
- **Tail Twister:** Lion Becky Speeler (Webster Groves Lions Club) served as the Tail Twister, in which \$159.20 was collected. Lion Becky requested that the proceeds be donated to Leader Dogs.
- **Next Cabinet Meeting** will be 5/1 @ the House Springs Lions Club Hall, registration begins at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7:00
- **Next GLT/GMT Meeting** will be 3/6 @ Mike Duffy's, beginning @ 6:00 p.m.
- **Adjourn Meeting:** A motion was made by Lion Kathy Pusateri, which was seconded by Lion Vicky Swederska. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Kathy Pusateri

District 26-M2 Cabinet Secretary