

District 26-M2

Cabinet meeting

August 3, 2020 @ 6:30pm

Overland Lions Hall

Meeting called to order by IPDG CC Lion George Winkeler (House Springs Lions)

Passing of the gavel from IPDG CC Lion George Winkeler to Governor Lion Sandee Marshall (Wildwood Area Lions)

Pledge by 2VDG Lion Jeff Rackovan (Rock Community Lions)

Song "My Country Tis of Thee" led by Lion Toni Mahoney (Hillsboro Lions)

Invocation by 1VDG Lion Devin Struttmann (Union Lions)

Moment of Silence

Appointed Lion Geoff Mees (Mehlville Lions) as Tail Twister Funds collected for LCIF

First time attendee: Lion Greg Stamer (Wildwood Area Lions)

Governor Lion Sandee opening remarks:

If life gives you lemons, make lemonade! Two years ago, when I chose my theme, if I had known what 2020 would be like, I might have chosen the lemon slogan. Most DG terms begin with pomp and ceremony in a distant place but not 2020. What we need to concentrate on is the business, and pleasure, of Lions. We know that we need to re-visualize what a Lions Club is. One year ago, if someone mentioned a cyber club, many could not imagine such a thing-no meeting together or dinner or

drinks. That is not Lionism. And now, although some clubs are not Zoom meetings, many of us have become cyber clubs. And we have learned that we need companionship in whatever form we can get. And Lions are not valued members *only* if they can attend every meeting.

My theme for this year is “A 20/20 Vision of Service”. It also turns out to be very appropriate for our times. For now, most of our fundraisers and service projects must be revisited. My hope when I was GST Coordinator and before that as Centennial Service Coordinator, has always been that we think more about hands-on service. This pandemic is forcing us to do so. We will not have the money that we had before to write checks to fund the projects of other groups. But that is okay because **WE SERVE**. This is a time to take a closer look at the skills, talents and contacts of each Lion and put them to use in new ways.

We are aware that each DG is required to set District goals for the year. In 2020, with the way things are constantly changing, that almost seems funny to me. But let me share some with you. Once we have completed our club officer training we will begin to talk more about NAMI (North American Membership Initiative). Together we will develop a comprehensive M2 plan to increase membership and membership satisfaction. I have set our membership goal at +10 with 1228 regular and 30 campus members for a total of 1258-just above the minimum for a district. Since we have a large underserved area north of Ferguson, I am already working to start a new club in the Florissant area. More than ever, we need each of you to search hard for new members. Many people may now realize the importance of volunteering and may be ready to join. **The \$35 entrance has been waived thru the end of 2020.**

Other steps toward a stronger District include:

Monthly tips from your GAT on membership, leadership, and service

Introducing resources available to help your club

An updated Member Manual and a District-wide Zoom Orientation

All-District service projects and a mini training on using MyLion

In short, we have many dedicated and knowledgeable Lions who have agreed to help us all to step our game and I intend to use them. We all have had the benefit of some strong mentors on our Lions journey. Most other DG's have more business experience than I. My experience is with volunteers. While I value input from the DG team and the cabinet, rest assured that when necessary and I feel strongly about something, I will make a unilateral decision. When I am flexible on timing or topic, I will ask for input out of courtesy to my fellow volunteers.

The course of this Lions' year was first altered last December when 1st VP Judge Haynes Townsend unexpectedly died. His theme for this year was to be "Kindness Matters". With the cancellation of the International Convention and without an election, the Constitution and Bylaws state that IP Jung-Yul Choi will remain as IP this year. His theme last year was "We Serve Through Diversity". Incorporating Judge Townsend's plans, the theme this year is "United in Kindness and Diversity".

I am counting on each one of you to make it happen!

Break for dinner

Introduction of front table:

Cabinet Secretary-Lion Toni Mahoney (Hillsboro Lions)

1VDG Lion Devin Struttman (Union Lions)

2VDG Lion Jeff Rackovan (Rock Community Lions)

Cabinet Treasurer – Lion Dennis Hemsath (Washington Lions)

Secretary report: Last minutes taken were at District Convention February 2020 (due to Pandemic Covid-19) Motion by CC Lion George Winkler and 2nd by 1VDG Lion Devin Struttman, motion carried.

Treasurer Report: 2019-2020 year end treasurer report was given.

Motion to accept by Lion Leon Hove and 2nd by 2VDG Jeff Rackovan, Motion carried.

Zone Chairperson Reports: 2nd VDG jeff Rackovan (Rock Community Lions)

Zone 2 – Lion Geoff Mees (Mehlville Lions)

Mehlville Lions – Governors visit scheduled Sept. 12th, service project Diaper Drive, and fall raffle fundraiser.

Zone 3 – Lion Paul Carr (House Springs Lions)

House Springs – 3 fundraiser events planned for Aug. & Sept.

Fenton – fundraiser planned for Aug. & thanks for Meramec Hts. Help

Rock Community – Doing fine

Valley Park – No report

Meramec Heights – No report

Zone 4 – Lion Leon Hove (Washington Lions)

Beaufort – Holding regular meetings & bingo has returned, 40 members

Gerald – Holding fundraisers again, 15 members

New Haven – No meetings yet, 21 members

St. Clair – Holding regular meetings & fundraiser rescheduled for Aug.

32 members

Washington – Holding regular meetings, lost in fundraiser of fair but

gun raffle successful, 179 members

Zone 7 – Lion Sue Templeton (Maplewood Lions)

Ferguson, Maplewood, Creve Coeur, Overland and St. Louis Mid-Town

Not much to report Xmas Zone 7 meeting will be hosted by

Maplewood & Overland

Committee Reports: 1st VDG Lion Devin Struttman (Union Lions)

Eye Foundation-Lion Leon Hove (Washington Lions)

Annual meeting Monday August 31st, 7pm Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 765 Lemay Ferry Rd. Letters were sent to clubs. Each club is entitled to one vote. Changes in Eye Foundation bylaws are proposed to rectify some issues with elections and related articles.

Please attend in person or by zoom. Zoom details will be sent to Sec.

Mo. Lions Eye Mission Foundation-Lion Leon Hove (Washington Lions)

Nothing transpiring due to Covid-19

District Directory-1stVDG Lion Devin Strutmann (Union Lions)

Directories have been given to Zone Chairs to be delivered to their clubs and additional books can be purchased at \$3.00 each. Please send any corrections or additions to devin@admr.com

District GLT-Lion Michelle Foster (Beaufort Lions)

Started off the year with Zone training and coming training “I’m a Lions Leader. What Now?” Wed. Aug. 5, Thurs. Aug. 13 & Sun. Aug. 16

6:30-8:30pm @ Wildwood Community Park Pavilion

Other dates to mark your calendar.

Mid-Winter Forum – Feb. 19th-20th Camden on the Lake, 9 seminars

District Convention – Feb. 26th-28th DoubleTree Westport

State Convention – April 30th-May 2nd Hilton Garden Inn, Independence

Youth Programs – Lion Toni Mahoney (Hillsboro Lions)

Leos- I have not had any correspondence with DeSoto Leos, Tri-County Leos have not been able to have their Charter meeting but are hoping to by this October and Washington Leos folded as of June 2020.

Not sure of the status for Peace Poster Contest and YCE due to Covid.

Band – 2nd VDG Lion Jeff Rackovan (Rock Community Lions)

Chosen winner of band for this 2020 International Convention declined due to Covid-19. Committee will be meeting in September & revamping of program will discussed.

Delta Gamma – Lion Nikki Hull (Fenton Lions)

Thank you to all the Lions Clubs who contributed to the Delta Gamma Center for Children's "Run for Sight". They raised over \$130,000.

MindsEye- Lion Kathy Pusateri (Fenton Lions)

MindsEye continues to step up to the plate with their services utilizing technology. MindsEye has been and for the next three Thursday's, they will be audio describing the Muny's virtual performances via UTube.

The Gateway Archers Beep Ball team competed this past weekend in a tournament in Indianapolis, In. While they realize now that they need to practice more, they had a great time! The fall Beep Ball Tournament has been rescheduled for October 10, which will take place at the Sunset Hills ball fields. Thanks for your support to MindsEye.

LAS (Sight Assistance) – Lion Kelly Rackovan (Rock Community Lions)

Have received 17 mailed in requests and other received requests have been passed on to clubs. Please keep me posted on assistances completed via clubs to update information for the Governors report.

Leader Dog – Lion Devon Marshall (Wildwood Area Lions)

The Mo. Lions bus trip to Leader Dog in Sept. has been cancelled.

The St. Louis Midtown Lions have graciously volunteered to prepare lunch for a Regional Training for puppy raisers in Oct. As of now, Leader Dog staff is not permitted to travel, so the event is still pending.

Leader Dog just recently graduated 6 new clients and Leader Dogs which is the first guide dog organization to do so since pandemic started.

Leader Dog moved their Summer Experience Camp online this year and had 43 campers aged (14-17) participate in activities like trivia nights,

art and crafts, and learning about life with a guide dog and leadership skills.

FLD Louie was supposed to be back to Leader Dog for formal guide dog training but due to Covid-19 will be staying with me and Lion Greg until January.

If you would like more info about becoming a puppy raiser, club visit (virtual or in person), or donating to Leader Dog please contact me.

LCIF – CC Lion George Winkeler (House Springs Lions)

2019-20 \$26,860.00 donated 2019-20 100% of the 39 clubs donated

Club balances range from \$50 to \$41,000 Total M2 \$142,252.68

I have the totals for Lions, Clubs and the District, contact me for a program or info **“Let’s Make an Impact this Year”**

Campaign 100

Empowering Service and Increasing Lions Impact \$300 million. ½ way to goal; campaign extended to 2022

Increase Impact in...Vision, Youth, Disaster Relief, Humanitarian Causes, Diabetes, Hunger, Childhood Cancer & the Environment

District/Clubs Grants Available Worldwide 336 grants

\$5,365,789 to fight Covid-19 Donate to Campaign 100

\$100 per year about .27 a day, if everyone donated, we could increase our impact by \$150,000,000 per year

Increasing Service Projects, Increase Public Knowledge of Lions work
“Contact Me, Let Us Make an Impact!”

Saving Sight – Patrick Martchink (House Springs Lions)

The next meeting of the Saving Sight Board of Directors is Friday, August 28 at 6:00pm via Zoom.

The Finance Committee will be reviewing the financials at their meeting this Wed., Aug. 5. The numbers are looking good to where Saving Sight will end their fiscal year on the positive side. Saving Sight's fiscal year is July 1-June 30.

There was a big concern during March and April that the numbers were not looking good. Things started turning around in May. June was extremely strong for cornea and Vital Tears replacement.

Money from the PPP loan is not figured into the revenue because our auditors have recommended that it be placed in a liability account until we know the loan is forgiven.

The staff began to return to their offices in June but due to the recent spikes in St. Louis and Kansas City that has been altered. All work is being completed in a timely manner whether it is in the office or at individuals' homes. Saving Sight is functioning well due to the plan implemented by the management staff.

We have several open Board seats for Community Members. The Executive Committee has been discussing potential members for several months and will be meeting with several individuals to discuss their interest in serving on the Saving Sight Board. Community Board Members can NOT be a member of the Lions according to the by-laws.

The Executive Committee will bring any recommendations to the full Board for discussion and approval.

2020 marks the 60th anniversary of Saving Sight. There will be several stories and interviews from donor families and recipients as well the history on Saving Sight's website.

There will be several articles in the next district newsletter. One article is about the make-up of the Saving Sight Board and new member Scott Sattler and the other article is about the number of corneas placed.

Used Eyeglasses- PDG Lion Elmer Weinrich (Chesterfield Lions)

On Saturday, July 25, 2020, District 26-M2 held its annual Eye Wrap at the House Springs Lions Hall. There were 22 Lions in attendance, representing 15 clubs. 5 Lions dropped off glasses. We had 92 boxes of glasses, 3 Big boxes of glasses and 2 Big boxes of junk. We collected approximately 32,000 pr. of used eyeglasses.

I would like to thank the House Spring Lions for the use of their hall and thank all the Lions who attended.

District Calendar – Lion Becky Speeler (Webster Groves Lions)

Please send items for calendar to bspeeler10@gmail.com

District Service Projects – Lion Teddi Speeler (Webster Groves Lions)

“Pediatric Comfort Bag” There has been a flier in the District newsletter and on District website. Please note a few changes from last year. All items need to be new with tags and in original packaging. Please place liquid items in plastic bags in case of leakage. Please do not seal bags with the multiple items and designate if for what age group and sex.

Contact Lion Teddi with any questions.

New Voices – Lion Sandy Halama (Webster Groves Lions)

Please send in your nominations for future Monthly Spotlight Lions,

halamas@sbcglobal.net

Mid-South Lions – PCC Lion Terry Boettcher (Brentwood Lions)

Thank you for your generous donations for Lions Year 201902020, District 26 M2 Clubs, and our Foundation \$12,675.

Mid-South helped over 413 sight patients over the 4-state area. We do have a waiting list of 106 patients.

It is Auction Time!

How many times have heard this since March due to the Covid-19 Virus? Well because of circumstances beyond our control, this year's Mid-South Lions Dinner & Auction will be an ONLINE ONLY AUCTION.

Please go online and bid, there are going to be two auctions. The first one ends August 9th. BID BID BID

Our next meeting will be held via Zoom on August 22nd @ 9am, everyone is invited to attend. Unfortunately, our Lions Leaders Weekend 2020 had to be cancelled. We will be putting together a virtual tour and presentations. We hope to have it available soon.

District Service Project – Lion Teddi Speeler (Webster Groves Lions)

2019-2020 Food Pantry Project, Lions 1st VDG Devin Struttmann, Kathy Pusateri, Nikki Hull, and I collected food items along with \$8,000 and served 13 different food pantries.

Old Business:

Quality Lions Awards, Governor Sandee has blank ones available and looks forward to receiving completed forms.

Forms available for Club Excellence Award for 2020-2021 and still time to file for 2019-2020 until end of August.

New Business:

Motion to approval of 2020-2021 Budget by PDG Lion Missy Maune and second by Lion Paul Carr, with one correction, will be using Mo. State Lions Zoom account, Motion carried.

Reiterated about Officers training @ Wildwood Community Park Pavilion, Wed. Aug. 5th, Thurs. Aug. 13th & Sun. Aug 16th.

1stVDG Closing Remarks:

IPDG Lion George ending of his year was not as he planned and the beginning of Governor Sandee's has not gone as planned. We are here to support you Governor. Just let us know what we can do to help.

2ndVDG Closing Remarks:

When putting your elevator speech together, include when, not the date but the feeling when you became a Lion.

DG Closing Remarks:

Thank you, Overland Lions ROAR deadline August 12th,

Thank you, Lion Taylors 29 Lions in attendance great job!

50/50 winner Lion Ruth Boyer \$39

Tail Twister: \$78

Next Cabinet Meeting will be October 5th @ The Timbers?

GAT Meeting September 14th @ The Timbers?

Adjourn meeting: 8:30 Motion to adjourn by Lion Leon Hove and 2nd by PDG Lion Missy Maune, motion carried.