

DISTRICT-35 O -2015/2016 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
July 18, 2015
MD 35 Office - Orlando, Florida

The District 35-O 2015/2015 Organizational Meeting for 2015-2016 was held on July 18, 2015 in Orlando, Fl. by District Governor Jacqueline "Jacquie" Tripp. DG Jacquie called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The invocation was given by District Chaplin Ruth Levins. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 2nd VDG Irving "Tito" Navarro. PID Neil Spencer familiarized everyone with the building (fire exits, etc) and introduced 2nd VDG Irving "Tito" Navarro. 2nd VDG Navarro thanked everyone for attending and for welcoming him as the new 2nd VDG followed by an introduction of 1st VDG Steve Hilaire. 1st VDG Steve Hilarie welcomed everyone for attending and made a few remarks about the upcoming year. 1st VDG Hilaire introduced District Governor Jacquie Tripp.

DG Jacquie shared experiences from the International Convention in Hawaii with the group. including International President Yamada's theme for the year.

Dignity-Harmony-Humanity.

Next she introduced the PID, PCC, IPDG, PDG's, GLT, GMT, Region & Zone Chairs and her cabinet officers in attendance . While Club Presidents were standing for introduction DG Jacquie advised "*YOU are the HEART of Lions*". DG Jacquie recognized the newest member to Lions, Lion Micki Cove-Lake Alfred Lions, and presented her with the DG's "*Get on the Bus*" pin .

DG Jacquie showed two videos. The first video featured inspiring stories of how Lions are making a difference in communities around the world. The second video was a biography for the new Lions International President, Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, including his childhood, his marriage, his family and his career as a neurosurgeon.-- "*Doctors should not only cure, but care,*" says IP Dr. Yamada, how he became involved with Lions and has helped save lives.

Note: The videos are available on the International website. See links at the end of the meeting minutes.

DG Tripp discussed the difference between fundraising and service. President Yamada wants this year to include more service projects.

DG Tripp covered the following topics and provided handouts for each.

Note: The handouts are available on the International website. See links at the end of the meeting minutes

1. Club Quality Programs: "Your Club, Your Way", Blueprint for a Stronger Club", & Club Quality Initiative (CEP)
2. Club Excellence Award
3. Zone and Region Chairpersons Award
4. Club President Award - 7 Keys To Success

DG Jacquie reminded everyone that August 1-September 4, 2015 is *Children's Dignity Week* and asked all clubs to plan an activity for this week that serves children or adds children to a project you are doing.

DG Jacquie's theme for this year is "*Get On The Bus and Serve*". Her governor's pin design is a yellow bus. Her goals for this year are:

1. Increase Membership: An 88 member increase (22 per quarter). Remember "Just Ask One" - it really works.
2. Business Partnership: Secure a business partner by Sept. 1, 2015.
Suggestions: School, Fire Department, or a business. Send the DG the name of your club's business partner and she will send you a sticker to send to them.
3. Service: Two community service projects per club.
4. Social Media: Develop Social Media (Facebook, etc). Send your clubs project info, pictures, events, etc. for posting online. Follow the DG on Facebook!
5. eClubhouse: If your club doesn't have a website, please set-up an eClubhouse for your club. If you need help, just ask!

DG Jacquie recognized the Spring Hill Lions Club as being the only 100% Club in our district.

DG Jacquie has implemented the "Traveling Trophy" award for 2015-2016. The trophies are awarded to clubs for attendance at District Meetings. There are two trophies. One is for clubs with twenty (20) members or more. The other is for clubs with less than twenty (20) members. There will also be a webmaster award this year.

DG Jacquie presented pins to various attendees which included hibiscus flower pins from Hawaii, President Yamada's pin, officer pins, and her DG pin.

DG Jacquie advised her cabinet that there will be monthly conversations this year. Details about how this will be done will be announced at a later date.

DG Jacquie introduced the group to "Wordles" aka "word clouds". A wordle is created by inputting words into a computer program that arranging them into a graphic. She gave examples of words. Her word is "On-Purpose". Lion Neil's word is "Commitment". Each club is asked to send the DG a word that will be meaningful to them this year.

Multiple District Social Media Chairperson, ZC Donna Waag, Lake Alfred Lions Club, discussed the value of social media, in particular Facebook, as a means of immediate and sustained communication within clubs, between clubs, and between clubs and the District, etc. The criteria for the Facebook contest will be posted on the District website.

DG Jacquie concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and invited all to enjoy a buffet lunch following the meeting. She announced the training sessions that would be held after lunch and the location of each. She reminded everyone of the MD

Summer Conference (July 31-Aug 2) and 1st 35-O District Meeting in Daytona Beach on Sunday Aug. 2nd.

The benediction was given by District Chaplin Ruth Levins.

DG Jacquie adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon.

LINKS

VIDEOS:

Lions Around The World

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-media/videos/lq.php>

Meet President Yamada

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-media/videos/videos.php?id=gBiLcx>

HANDOUTS:

"Your Club, Your Way"

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/DA-YCYW.pdf>

"Blueprint for a Stronger Club"

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/strengthen-membership/blueprint-for-stronger-club.php>

Club Quality Initiative (CEP)

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/strengthen-membership/club-excellence-process/index.php>

Club Excellence Award.

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/awards/excellence-awards/club-excellence.php>

Zone and Region Chairpersons Award

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/awards/zone-region-awards/region-2015-16.php>

Club President Award - 7 Keys To Success

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/awards/club-president-awards.php>