

# 'We Serve through Diversity'

Vice Council Chair MD14 2019 - 2020 District Governor 14-P 2019 - 2020 Marilyn Wagner

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District Governor Marilyn Wagner called the meeting to order on August 10, 2019 at 9:10 A.M. with a Salute to the flag, first verse of America and the invocation by PDG Robert Argot. Lions in attendance were: DG Marilyn Wagner, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Gary Hilbert, IPDG David Hunsberger, ZC Patrice Crammer, PDG Carl Gundrum Jr., ZC Carol Heilner, Lioness Linda McCue, PDG Gus Meyer, ZC Alice Moyer, Z Anne Ostrowski, ZC Susan Prutzman, ZC Linda Sampson, PDG Phil Shober, Lion Barbara Smith, PDG David Smith, PDG DT Richard Taylor, PDG Stephen Wagner, Lion Barry Yeager, and DS Linda Long.

Past District Governor Phillip Shober read the parliamentarian procedures and ask that all cell phones by put on silent.

DG Marilyn Wagner installed the Cabinet Officers for the 2019-2020 year.

DG Marilyn Wagner Introduced the Guests: PDG Bob Argot from Shartlesville, Lion Adele Argot from Frystown, Lion Ruth Long from Exeter Twp. and Lion President Toby Gelman from West Goshen Lions Club.

**District Governor Report** - - Lions of District 14-P - Welcome to this 2019 – 2020 Lions Year and a year where we are being tasked by newly installed International President Dr. Yung-Yul Choi to continue our Service in our Communities through Diversity.

He believes our world faces many challenges – natural disasters, famine and disease, conflict, prejudice and greed are more in the public arena than ever before but as Lions we still have the ability to engineer solutions on our own doorstep and that by working together despite our many differences we should be able to come together as Lions to help where we are needed.

He has set the following 5 Global priorities to encourage and expand on the many ways in which we Serve:

- Specialty Clubs these Clubs allow people to join a community that is focused on common pursuit's and interest.
- Members of All Ages our current membership represent every culture, background and generation and perhaps this year we can invite both young and seniors to join us in Service.
- Global Causes our new global causes give all Lions opportunities to unite so we can show the world that we do address some of the most pressing issues currently facing humanity.
- Service Journey Learn, Discover, Act and Celebrate the four phases of our Service Journey
- Supporting our Foundation the three-year Campaign 100 has an ambitious goal of raising \$300 million over its course and we must not forget that this is our own Foundation formed by Lions and for the most part funded by Lions.

In order to enable us to grow there are many new initiatives that have recently been approved by the International Board of Directors to streamline efforts, many of which are still not quite documented or issued to put into action – both the Global Action Teams and Zone Chair Teams are the first to be addressed – and I received the Global Action Team Field Guide just before the State Council Meeting and the Model District Governor's Advisory Committee Meeting Guide just this week – the first seminar discussing the GAT changes was held at State Council Meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup> – we in turn will detail them during a series of still to be determined September Zone Chair and MyLion Training Workshop(s).

Other news and updates are as follows:

- An organizational meeting was held on Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup> 2019 where our New Advisory Team members met to discuss the some of the Goals for our District which included Leadership Development, District Wide Projects, MyLion Training and a series of Workshops Ideas to encourage growth in our membership – details of those will be distributed when confirmed.
- At the State Council a number of issues were raised that we need to keep in mind:
  - Creation of a Task Force to review bids for the new PA Lions website and it is tasked to propose one of the companies to develop the new website at the November 2019 Council.
  - The Council of Governors granted approval to PID James Cavallaro of District 14-A to move forward and respond to an inquiry from the City of Philadelphia Convention Center who have asked for permission to prepare a bid on behalf of the Multiple District of Pennsylvania to hold the Lions International Convention of 2027 in Philadelphia. This letter of intent to be presented to the Lions International Board at the April 2020 executive meeting for review along with any other Cities or Countries who are also bidding for the 2027 Convention.
  - Dates for the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute and Faculty Developments were given, and candidates need to have the Application and necessary Endorsements ready as soon as possible.
  - The Fees for the Regional Lions Leadership Institute have increased from \$125.00 per candidate to \$175.00. These fees are normally funded by the District. A list of candidates is in progress and it is hoped that we can send 2 Candidates from District 14-P.
  - Save the Date for the MD 14 Leo Rally was presented April 24 thru 26 2020 at Beacon Lodge Camp, Mount Union PA.
  - Constitution and By-laws proposed Policies for the Childhood Cancer Coordinator and KidSight Coordinator were returned to the CB&L Committee for amendments along with the directive to standardize all Coordinator roles at the State level – this will impact on our District Policy Manual for those and other Cabinet roles once approved.
- The Passing of the Banner is due to be held Sunday August 18th, 2019 at the Boyertown Historic Vehicle Museum
- All Cabinet and Club Officers have been issued with a Digital Copy of the District Directory the
  final version will be issued at the end of August 2019, since most corrections should have been
  received by that date the Printed version included corrections received up to Thursday August 1
  2019 and I do have enough copies available for Cabinet and Club Officers here today.

Respectfully submitted DG Marilyn Wagner

<u>District Secretary</u> requested that everyone in attendance initial the sign in sheet and that there was a folder to place cabinet report after the presentation.

The <u>minutes of the June 1<sup>st</sup> cabinet meeting</u> were forwarded to all cabinet members from the 2018-19 year. We had a motion by Past District Governor Steve Wagner and a second by Lion Alice Moyer to accept the minutes. Motion approved.

**Treasurer Report** - On the close of business on August 8, 2019, the PA Lions District 14 P, had a checking balance of \$17,341.02. All Club Dues invoices were sent to the Clubs on August 4, 2019. The following transactions occurred from my last report to the Cabinet on June 1, 2019.

# **INCOME:**

\$605.00 DG Rally/Appreciation Day Meals (meals \$540.00 Raffle \$65.00);

\$508.00 District Dues:

\$25.00 Pin Account DG Marilyn collected at Beacon Lodge Day;

\$365.00 Passing of the Banner;

\$100.00 LEOS;

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\$1,603.00 TOTAL INCOME

## **EXPENSES**:

\$103.20 Postage & Supplies (ExpressPostage4Diamonds\$25.50, Treas. paper \$8.99, DG paper/lnk \$68.71)

\$581.25 DG Rally/Appreciation Day (\$431.25meals, \$150.00 Entertainment, plus \$500 venue pre-paid)

\$347.50 Cabinet Name Badges 2019-2020;

\$570.00 Pin Account;

\$225.00 District Directories 30 color copies 8 1/2 x 11 inches covers color only;

\$150.00 Passing of the Banner (hall rental deposit);

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\$1,976.95

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\$372.95. Difference in the Red

# **CHARITIES: Income**

\$5,425.00 Beacon Lodge Total

\$850.00 Berks Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

\$675.00 Bing Miller Foundation

\$1,400.00 Diabetes Awareness/Research

\$5,145.00 DG Dave Project PA Lions Care for Kids, 4 Diamonds

\$1,200.00 KidSight

\$525.00 LCIF

\$3,025.00 Leader Dogs for the Blind

\$2,925.00 Lions Eye Bank of the Delaware Valley

\$205.00 Lions of PA Foundation (105.00 - 2 clubs 100% Directors Clubs, \$100.00 LOPF State Disaster Fund)

\$1,600.00 PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation

\$1,900.00 PA Lions Sight Research Foundation

\$1,400.00 Vision Resource Center of Berks County

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\$26,275.00 Total

-\$1,400.00 Diabetes Awareness/Research funds remain in account

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24,875.00 Charities payout

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\$45,765.50 Total Charities Expenses 6/1/2019 to 8/8/2020

(includes \$15,000.00 DG Wagner Project & \$11,035.50 DG Hunsberger Project) (charities still retain \$5,002.14 DG Wagner Project). All charities collected were distributed on behalf of the donating

clubs. Respectively Submitted,

PDG Richard T Taylor

There was a motion made to accept the Treasurer's report by Lion Linda Sampson and a second by Lion Barry Yerger; Motion Carried

**Audit Report:** The Audit Committee for District 14-P met on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The following members of the audit committee have audited the financial reports and records for the 2018-19 year and found them to be in order. PDG Ken Snyder; PDG Richard Stump and Lion Nancy Wilson. Copy of the Audit report will be on file with the DG. There was a motion made by PDG Gus Meyers, and a second by PDG Dave Smith to accept the Audit report. Motion Carried.

## **Budget & Finance Report:**

District Budget for 2019-2020.

Income:

State Stipend (Return of Dues) (1,117 x \$2.50)	\$2,793.		
District per capita (1,117 x \$4.00)	\$4,468		
Convention (Basket; Per Cap)			
Total Income:	\$9,621		
Expenses:			
Directory Expense	\$ 200		
DG Expense	\$1,326		
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Exp	\$ 446		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Exp.	\$ 446		
Name Badges	\$ 300		
Supplies	\$ 500		
Lion Eyes	\$ 0		
Cabinet Meetings	\$1,500		
Convention/Appreciation Day	\$2,200		
Misc.	\$1,743		
Pins	\$ 600		
Total Expenses	\$9,261		

There was a motion to accept the Budget by Lion/Lioness Susan Prutzman and a second by Immediate Past District Governor David Hunsberger. Motion Carried.

Going forward any members who wishes to attend the budget meeting can do so. The 1st VDG (DGE) and the District Treasurer and three Past District Governor are the only voting members of the committee. They will recommend the budget to the full cabinet at the 4th cabinet meeting of the year. PDG Gus Meyers wants an AD Hoc committee to support the budget which should include Past District Governor and future District Governors. It was decided to address this proposal in the Long-Term Planning Committee Meeting. We had a motion from PDG Gus Meyers and a second from PDG Dave Smith to recommend this proposal. Motion Carried.

District Treasurer Rich Taylor states that the district is currently below the 1,100 members which at \$2.00 per member (State Stipend) we are not getting enough funds in to run the district. We need to either have a district wide fund raiser or increase the dues. If we need to consider a dues increase, it will have to be voted on at the next district convention and will need a 2/3 vote to pass. We could get around this by initiating a convention tax that does not need to be voted on. We will need to address this at the November Cabinet Meeting.

District Treasurer Rich Taylor also had the 2019-20 Charities List available for review. We had a motion by Immediate Past District Governor David Hunsberger and a second by Lion / Lioness Susan Prutzman to accept the Charities List. Motion Carried.

We will need to revise the policy for the Vice District Governor Expenses to have them more in line with the policy at International especially the amount of payment for mileage and food. We will table this for the Long-Term Planning Meeting.

<u>See forwarded copies</u>: 14P Financial Report July 1, 2019; 14P Financial Report Aug. 10, 2019; Charity Form 2019-2020.; 14P Financial Report June 30, 2019 B&WA and 14P Financial Report June 30, 2019 B&W Adj.

**First Vice District Governor Report:** - - I am sorry to miss this meeting as I am at leader dog this weekend. I have attended my first council of governor's meetings and was instructed on do's and don'ts of being a DG. We also were given a course on my Lion. While we may struggle with it now it certainly is the wave of future.

**Second Vice District Governor Report** -- Greetings Fellow Lions, I attended my first MD14 State Council meeting at Harrisburg Red Lion Hotel this past Friday and Saturday, Aug. 2 & 3. It was a fantastic experience for me as I was accompanied by my partner in service Lion Paula. I also had the chance to be reacquainted with many PA Lions who attended the Harrisburg RLLI back in 2016. It was amazing to see how many of those "students" are now DG's or FVDG serving their respective Districts.

Friday's training session brought the 2021-2022 class together for the first time as we were introduced by our instructor MD14 GLT Deb Burkholder. Saturday was a full day consisting of training sessions and meetings. The highlight of my day was the lunchbreak sponsored by Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation. DG Marilyn, FVDG Art, myself and our spouses took time out from the business of the day to fellowship and lay a foundation for what I hope becomes a successful year for ALL Lions of our great District 14P. Respectfully submitted, 2VDG Gary Hilbert

**IPDG Report** -- Our District Treasurer's final report for my District Governor project showed that our District 14P Lions Clubs donated \$13,790.50 to the Four Diamonds Foundation for childhood cancer research and payment of medical bills. Our MD 14 Service Coordinator, PDG Tom Gregg reported that we donated a total of \$68,709.07 from all the 17 districts in Pennsylvania to the Lions Care for Kids project.

A special "shout out" to the Eagle Glenmoore Lions Club which was number one in the State of Pennsylvania for donation to Lion Care for Kids. After the Eagle Glenmoore Lions donated the profit from their golf tournament, their total donation to the Four Diamonds Foundation amounted to about \$164 per member of their club. They also donated a "Brady Buggy" to Saint Christopher Hospital in Philadelphia with the help of the Lions of PA Foundation.

Thank you to all our District Lions Clubs for supporting this project. Our State Council of Governors will continue to raise funds for the Four Diamonds Foundation this year.

Since our June Cabinet meeting, I installed the officers for several of our District Lions Clubs. I also attended the "Love your Lioness Day" and we had a successful Spring Rally. Thank you all for your support during my year as District Governor. IPDG David Hunsberger.

**GLT Coordinator** - - The Advance Lions Leadership Institute is to identify future leaders. Every district is encouraged to have 2 candidates attend the institute. The next one will be on November 9 through the 11. The District is looking for qualified candidates. VDG#2 Gary Hilbert has already filled out the application. Each candidate will need to pay for the \$125 registration fee plus travel expenses. Lion Carl Gundrum states he has been on the cabinet for 20 years and will need to find someone who can take over as coordination in the future.

**GMT Coordinator** - - Greeting Fellow Lions, During the first month of our new Lions year, I spent much time learning about the role of a GMT Chair (Global Membership Team). I was amazed at how much each part of the Global Action Team including GLT and GST work together to form a team.

There is only one goal and that is to make our clubs and districts strong and healthy so we can have a greater impact in our communities we serve. We are not alone. No Lion is an island. It takes a village to raise up good Lions.

Our Global Action Team wants to be that village. There is an abundance of resources to assist us. Use the training courses and guides at Lionclubs.org. Watch for training sessions coming soon hosted by our District 14P leadership team. Respectfully Submitted,2VDG Gary Hilbert, GMT Chair

**GST Coordinator**-- For this 2019 year it is my aim to promote service and service reporting within 14P. Among those things I am challenging our clubs to do the following:

- 1. Continue to regularly report service activities year-round, each month
- 2. Support the ongoing partnership with Four Diamonds
- 3. Participate in district-wide service activities as they present themselves (hint: keep an eye on emails and Lion Eyes)
- 4. Add at least one additional hands-on service activity this year that your club hasn't tried before!
- 5. Ask for help when needed- let me know how your service journey is going and where you need support.

6. Make sure you have a service chairperson at your club- someone that will be the advocate and manager of service in your club

I'm looking forward to a great year of upping out service projects and enhancing what we do in our district. Keep eyes on your emails from me and let's serve! GST Report- Madison Kaley- 14P Cabinet- August 2019

## **ZONE CHAIR**

Zone Chair 1A - - no report

**Zone Chair 1B** -- I emailed all club presidents and secretaries in my zone to invite them to a gathering at my home on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm for an informal meeting to get to know one another. Included in the invite were DG Marilyn Wagner, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Art Pecht, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Gary Hilbert, GST Madison Kaley, GLT PDG Carl Gundrum, PDG Steve Wagner, PDG Ken Snyder, IPDG Dave Hunsberger.

Zone Chair 2A - - no report

Zone Chair 2B - - The following activities were reported by Lions Clubs in the Zone 2B area:

Bern Township Lions Club sponsored four money grants for Schuylkill Valley High School seniors and sponsored one student for the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership program for summer, 2019. The club also manages the Bern Township Lions Club Community Pool and swim team and held its annual Beer and Wine POOLooza on August 2, 2019 at the Bern Township Pool. The event featured local breweries, wineries and BBQ food trucks.

The <u>Blandon Lions Club</u> will hold its annual Kauffman's Chicken BBQ at Maier's Grove in Blandon on Sunday, August 25, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dinner includes half a baked chicken, corn on the cob, baked potato, applesauce, roll and butter for \$9.00. For tickets call 610-944-1830.

The Blandon Lioness Club – no report.

The <u>Central Berks Lions Club</u> sponsored two Leo Club scholarships in the amount of \$500 each for seniors graduating from Schuylkill Valley High School this past June. They also conducted a road clean-up in April and served breakfast to the veterans at the Paul Gordon Veterans Center in Reading in March. The held their annual Kauffman's Chicken BBQ on August 4 and donated nearly 100 unsold chicken dinners to the Hope Rescue Mission.

The <u>Muhlenberg Lions Club</u> will host its annual Wine and Dine on Saturday, August 17, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Jim Dietrich Park in Muhlenberg. A joint fundraising effort with the Muhlenberg Rotary Club, the event features music by the Uptown Band. Tickets are \$10 if purchased prior to the 17<sup>th</sup> or \$15 at the door. The club will also hold a pancake breakfast on October 19 at the Muhlenberg High School. Respectfully submitted, Lion Anne Ostrowski; Zone Chair, 2B

**Zone Chair 3A** - - I sent out an introduction letter out to the clubs of my zone with the information of the DG visitation and information and registration information for the Passing of the Banner. I also sent out a letter with the registration form for the Eye Screening Seminar. I will be scheduling a zone meeting within the next few weeks.

Boyertown Lions; Put up American Flags for Independence Day for the Fly the Flag Program; Installed new Pickle Ball screens at the Pickle Ball court; Hoagie Sale Fundraiser - September 28; Chicken BBQ-October 19; club will be sponsoring students for peace poster contest

<u>Bally Lions:</u> Took 2 blind residents to the Vision Resource Center for a social event; Delivered hospital bed to area resident; Did maintenance work on hospital equipment;

<u>Amity Lions;</u> Assisted Daniel Boone Optimist Club in erection of new playground equipment at Locust Grove.

<u>Amity Lioness;</u> Taking a break for the summer. Will be hosting District Governor Marilyn at their August Picnic meeting. -- In service, ZC Sue Prutzman

**Zone Chair 3B** - - Zone 3B includes the clubs of Elverson/Morgantown, Honey Brook, Coventry, Eagle/Glenmoore, Kimberton and Lionville Cyber.

The secretary of <u>Elverson/Morgantown's</u> club, Lion Erin Mountz reported that they have been helping with the monthly local food bank's distribution. They were involved with the clean up efforts of the recent area tornado. No new members were added.

Honey Brook Lions Club took their food wagon to the Honey Brook Music in the Park in July and August. The last event will be in September. There was a Kid Sight screening at the local food bank where 16 children participated. They donated money for a hole sponsorship for both the Beacon Lodge's and Delaware Valley Eye Bank's golf outings. September will be busy with they Hay Creek Festival, where chicken pot pie will be sold, White Cane Days and the foot wagon at a car show.

Coventry Lions did not respond to me.

Kimberton Lions did not respond to me.

<u>Lionville Cyber Club</u> report service involving Head Start, an organization which helps low income children and their families. They continue to collect soda can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House as well as stamps for Wounded Warriors. They are involved with the Lord's Pantry and the Chester County Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. They continue to collect eyeglasses.

Eagle Glenmoore Lions hosted their annual picnic in June when donations in the amount of \$1,500 each were presented to 3 local volunteer fire companies. A scholarship in the amount of \$500 was presented to a graduating STEM student. With the help from a grant, the club sent 2 special needs children to a camp. They have collected over 800 pairs of glasses since last reported and continue to collect tabs and stamps. Donations were distributed to the Lord's Pantry and the Downingtown Area Senior Center. The annual flea market will be in October. ZC Carol Heilner

It was reported that the new secretary from Coventry Lions will like training the position.

Zone Chair 4A - -

Zone Chair 4B - - No Report.

COMMITTEE CHAIR
Childhood Cancer - - no report

Constitution/Bylaws - -

**District Convention** – no report

**Disaster Relief Chair** - - Our state has had 22 tornados touchdown so far this year. The average for tornados in PA is 17 per year. The MD Disaster Team worked on a tornado that hit West Cocalico Township (District 14-D) on May 21, 2019. There was an F-1 tornado that hit our District 14-P in Morgantown on May 28, 2019. While there were many properties damaged, there were thankfully no loss of life or notable injuries. The State Disaster Coordinator, Lion Jim Groff, and his Team coordinated several teams to come over a 3+ week period and assist in the clean-up and provide support to the residents affected. We also worked with Home Depot and several local agencies to provide assistance to the residents affected. There was support from Lions of 14-D and 14-P in the clean-up efforts. A great working relationship with Home Depot has been developed in Morgantown and is being perused on a State and National level.

The MD Disaster Team is working with the Lions of PA Foundation (LOPF) and hoping to get LOPF involved with the Disaster Team. We have also been meeting with PEMA, PA VOAD and Lancaster VOAD. The MD Disaster Coordinator, Lion Jim Groff, and I are working on an LCI MD grant to wrap a 53 ft. tractor trailer in order to promote Lionism. The prototype was presented to the Council of Governor's last weekend at State Council.

We are working to have an annual meeting in the PA Lions State office to discuss how we can better serve in Disaster Relief within PA. We are also working to establish temporary warehouses throughout PA to facilitate shipping disaster supplies.

The MD Disaster Coordinator is asking that each District set-up a Disaster financial account in each individual District to help with the cost of supplies when needed.

I personally have attended several meetings with Lion Jim Groff concerning Disaster Relief throughout the State and I assisted in the efforts at the Morgantown Disaster site and the West Cocalico site. Respectfully Submitted, PDG Nancy E. Gauthier, 14-P Disaster Relief Coordinator

**Honorary/Long Term Planning** - - The next meeting for the Honorary/Long Term Planning Committee will on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Morgantown. The Honorary Meeting will start at 9

A.M. and the Long-Term Planning Meeting will be from 10 A.M. till Noon. The second meeting for this committee will be on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Lioness Representative - -** The Amity Township Lioness Club and the Blandon Lioness Club held their 7<sup>th</sup> annual "Love Your Lioness Day" On June 15<sup>th</sup>. There were twenty Lionesses and Lions in attendance. District Governor Dave Hunsberger was the guest speaker. PDG Gus Meyer and PDG Rich Taylor did an excellent presentation explaining the Bing Miller Charitable Foundation. It was a day of exchanging information, good food, great camaraderie plus learning new crafts.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Lioness Donna Burns from the Blandon Lioness Club for being selected as District 14-P's "Lioness of the Year" for 2018-9. Respectfully Submitted Lioness Linda McCue.

**Lion Eyes Newsletter** - - Lion Eyes is being issued by email every month to Cabinet Members, Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Treasurers, PDGs, State Council members and some other misc. members that includes Pres. of Vision Resources and Pres. of Berks Deaf. Again, at no cost to the District.

If there are some others that should be getting it let me know. Again, I need to thank those who contribute articles and ads. I will hopefully be adding club activities soon. Lion Eyes Editor PDG Rich Stump

Nominating Chair - - No Report.

**PR/Lions Information Technology** - - The web site is being updated on a timely basis. If there is anything that needs to be added please let me know. This too is at no cost to the District. Webmaster PDG Rich Stump

Stamps & Tabs & Caps- - I received a letter from the Ronald McDonald House: which reads as follows: Thank you for collecting aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Pennsylvania. This fundraiser started quietly but has grown through the generosity of many friends beyond what anyone thought possible. Over \$254,000 has been raised since 1996! That equals 283 tons or 566,000 pounds or over 793 million tabs. Because of your support through our recycling programs, we help thousands of families stay near their sick child while receiving treatment at the Penn State Children's Hospital. Thank you for supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central PA. The aluminum tabs are sold to Consolidated Scrap Resources Inc in Lebanon PA; Proceeds help with the daily operating expenses at the House. We raised an amazing average of \$1,000/ month – that over 3 million tabs collected each month. I have taken over 600 pounds of tabs. This year. Keep collecting the tabs, I like to increase the amount to 800 pounds this year. Lion Barry Yerger

**USA/ Canada Forum**. - - 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be held in Spokane, Washington on Sept. 19-21, 2019.

#### **White Cane**

Berks Co- - No Report

Chester Co - - The Lions Clubs in Chester County will be doing their White Cane Fundraising Events in September and October. The Lions Clubs included in Chester County will be Avon Grove, Coatesville Area, Coventry, Eagle-Glenmoore, Elverson-Morgantown, Honey Brook, Kennett Square, Kennett Square Morning Branch, Kimberton Area, Oxford, Paoli-Berwyn-Malvern, Parkesburg, West Goshen and West Chester. Respectfully submitted, Lion Barb Smith, White Cane - Chester County

# **District Charities Projects:**

**Beacon Lodge** - - Project New Hope is this weekend and the Beacon Lodge Golf Tournament will be next weekend.

## Berks Deaf & Hard Hearing - - No Report

**Diabetes** - - Lion Barbara and I will be available to arrange programs and speakers for any clubs interested in a presentation on Diabetes Awareness. We will also be arranging participation in Health Fairs wherever appropriate, so let us know of upcoming events in your area for consideration.

Diabetes Awareness remains a priority for LCI, so please take advantage of the resources that have been made available. Respectfully submitted, PDG Dave Smith

Eye Glass Collections

**Leader Dogs for the Blind** - - I am at Leader dog this weekend and will have update at the next cabinet meeting. Any club wishing for a speaker I would be more the happy to visit. Thanks VDE#1 Art

Lions Eye Bank - - No Report

Vision Resource Center - - No Report

# **Foundations**

**Bing Miller Foundation** - -Since the last cabinet meeting, all grants that were active at that time have been awarded and completed. Currently, there are no active applications.

The board though, has been active. We invested and reinvested \$57,371 into investment instruments that will provide at least one-half percent increase in our investment portfolio dividend returns.

As of July 31, 2019, our total investment accounts total \$177,084. Our total corpus assets are \$199,798 which includes all calendar monies for future winner payouts and club distribution in January. Our Foundation club presentation program has been received with fine praise. Any club that would like to receive this program should contact myself, treasurer PDG Rich Taylor or any board members with a date.

The annual meeting will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Honey Brook Community Center. Among the important items on the agenda are the Treasurer report on the fiscal condition of the Foundation and the election of the 2020-2021 officers and appointment of board members. All are invited.

The next board meeting will be on September 13<sup>th</sup> at Claire's Restaurant in Morgantown at 6:30 P.M. Dinner at 5:30 in interested. All are invited. Respectfully submitted PDG Gus Meyer, III, President.

PDG Gus Meyers stated that the amount of financial support for the District which still is a function of any business that requires money. The Bing Miller Foundation will consider providing \$1,000 to the district for financial support from their spring fund raiser. This will of course require approval from the foundations board.

**Kidsight** - - Fellow Lions: The 2019-2020 trustees and officers remain the same with the only exception being the loss of Melissa Hinkle from the trustees:

# Officers:

PDG Phil Shober
Lion Patrice Crammer
Lion Terry Stouffer
PDG Kenneth Snyder
Lion Terry Stamm
CEO
President/COO
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

Trustees:

PDG Carl Gundrum Lion Cindy Gundrum

DG Marilyn Wagner

Lion Candice Shober Lion David Priebe Lion Robert Jackson PDG Stephen Wagner

Lion Martin Kozlowski Lion Ken Swart

Vision Resource Center President Lori Schermerhorn

Screening reports provided to PDG Phillip Shober show that we have screened 4,729 children in 2018-2019 with 407 of them being referrals for vision problems. A KidSight board meeting will take place in September. Date TBA. The meeting will be open to new members wishing to serve on the board. The Boyertown Lions Club are holding their first screening event on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at their chicken barbecue. Yours in Lionism Patrice Crammer President KidSight Board District 14-P

Kidsight needs to make sure that anyone providing screening fills out and submits the reports for this event as soon as possible. There are looking at doing another training session in the future. Date to be determined.

**LCIF Coordinator** -- There is a weekend training session for LCIF Coordinators of the eastern U.S. to be held in Boston at the end of August. I plan on attending this training and hopefully will have more information after that.

I attended the State Council of Governors meeting in Harrisburg on the first weekend of August in order to hear PIP Joe Preston talk about Campaign 100, which is now in its second year. PIP Preston is the Constitutional Area Leader for Campaign 100 in our Constitutional Area #1(CA1). He said that LCIF regards MD14 as one of two districts in the U.S. with high potential and we need Pennsylvania to make a successful campaign.

Since its founding in 1968, LCIF has given out over 1 billion dollars in grants including 128 million dollars for disaster relief. There have been 15,000 projects funded and Pennsylvania has received \$300,000 since 2015.

Campaign 100 is the first LCIF capital campaign in 14 years since the second Sight First campaign. The purpose of Campaign 100 is to expand our service to our new global causes other than vision and to serve 200 million people per year.

PIP Preston asked every Lion Club member to donate, advocate, and volunteer for LCIF and Campaign 100.

I e-mailed a PowerPoint training for club LCIF coordinators to each of our District 14P Lions Clubs. The following clubs have LCIF coordinators listed in mylci: Amity Township, Avon Grove, Bern Township, Boyertown, Conrad Weiser, Eagle Glenmoore, Honey Brook, Kennett Square, Kimberton, Kutztown, Mohnton Cumru, Oxford, PBM, Parkesburg, Rehersburg, Shartlesville, Spring Township, Strausstown, and Topton. For others, I sent the e-mail to the immediate past president, who is considered the coordinator by LCI. For two clubs, I did not have e-mail addresses for the past president and sent it to the secretary.

I have visits scheduled for at least seven of our District 14P Lions Clubs and will schedule others. David Hunsberger; IPDG and LCIF Coordinator

Model clubs are clubs that will donate \$500 / member to LCIF over 3 years.

A \$100 donation will provide:

- Provide immediate relief to 4 people in wake on a natural disaster
- Provide the measles vaccine to 100 children
- Provide diabetes Screening for 18 at risk individuals.
- Give access to clean water for 18 people
- Feeds 14 disabled, elderly or low-income people
- Funds 2 cataract surgeries

**Lions of PA Foundation** - - The Vision of the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation is to have a permanent vehicle to provide financial, social support, and resources for the visually, hearing and physically challenged residents of Pennsylvania.

The Lions of PA Foundation held a Board Meeting on Saturday, July 20, 2019, at the Best Western Central Hotel in Harrisburg, PA. Treasurer's report, by Lion Mark Tomco, reported that on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, \$100,000.00 was transferred for the year 2019-2020 Grants. Two carryover Grant were paid from 2018-2019 in the amount of \$14,000.00. From our investment counsellor we were informed that the year to date rate of return in the American Funds is 14.02%. The annualized rate since the initial investment on 8/2005 is 6.57%.

Alyse Mitten of Interlace Communications, Shoemakersville, PA, presented our new website, which will go live on August 1, 2019. The login will remain the same, lionsofpafoundation.org.

The Board discussed the formation of a Disaster Committee and making it part of LOPF. With the assistance of Attorney Lion Ashley Grimm, PID Cindy Gregg's daughter, a few changes to the

Foundation Mission Statement and Grant Criteria there will be new regulations for the LOPF Disaster/Emergency Grants. Lion Jim Groff will Chair the Committee on the State level and is requesting each District to appoint a Disaster Coordinator, PDG Nancy Gauthier is our District Coordinator. Once established, Disaster Grants will currently be capped at \$2,000.00. Contributions to the Disaster/Emergency Fund are separate from the Fellowship/PIP and any other fundraisers associated with LOPF and will be a standalone account. Donations can be made designating Funds for PA only or for anywhere outside the State.

The following grants were reviewed and acted on: District 14 C & Mechanicsburg Lions Club for \$2,500 for a handicap ramp at an historic tavern. <u>Approved</u>. District 14 D for a Brady Buggy Wagon at \$500.00. Submitted in June 2019. <u>Approved</u>. District 14 E & the Yukon Lions Club for \$16,850 for roof repairs. <u>Denied as repairs not additions or new projects</u>. District 14 F & the Keystone Blind Association for \$10,000.00 for a new van. <u>Denied for District to apply to LCIF for funding</u>. District 14 L & the Ridgway Lions Club for \$1,824.50 for a thermal imaging camera and charger for the local fire company. <u>Approved</u> The total Grant funds disbursed was \$4,824.50. This along with the \$14,000.00 second part checks from last year brings the total first quarter to \$18,824.50.

New Board member PDG Richard Hautz 14 J replaced PDG Lester Good who asked to step down. Our annual banquet will be coming up on November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Woodlands Experience at Wilkes-Barre. All 1st Vice District Governor's and their partners will be guests of the Foundation. Information to be coming out soon.

I attended the LOPF website reveal and review meeting at Interlace Communications, Shoemakersville, PA on June 18, 2019. I visited the Blandon Lions Club on Monday, July 22, 2019, an presented a PowerPoint on the LOPF Planned Giving and Legacy Program.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned, and the next meeting date was set for Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> in Harrisburg.

I am available to give a program to the Clubs on the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation.

All grant funds distributed by the Foundation are used to support needy residence in PA only. All Disaster/Emergency funds are distributed as per donor's discretion.

The Foundation receives the majority of its funds through three (3) sources: The Fellow program, the PIP Joseph Wroblewski Award and the Contributing Member program. Respectively Submitted,

PDG Richard T Taylor PA Lions District 14 P LOPF Chairperson PDG Rich stated that he had contributing rocker for sale.

**Pa Hearing Research:** -- The PA Hearing Research has \$60,000 seed money to be used for hearing research.

#### YOUTH

**Leo Chair**: I am the 14P District Leo Representative. If you would send me anything you wish the Leo Clubs to get, I will forward it. Most Clubs won't meet until school starts. Please send me an email with your position and the challenge for the Leo Clubs and I will forward it. Thank you, Lion Barry Marteny

**Peace Poster** - - I have sent an email out to all the Presidents in District 14-P asking them to let me know if they are participating in the Peace Poster Contest for 2019-2020; The following 6 clubs have confirm their participation: Amity; Avon Grove; Boyertown; Central Berks; Spring Township; & Wernersville. Also, other responses were: 2 Undecided- Paoli Berwyn Malvern; Shartlesville & Frystown. 1 Considering - Exeter (need to find a school); 1 not this year - Eagle Glenmore. I will continue to keep the ones participating updated and encourage and work with and encourage those undecided, considering and no this year. Regards, Lion Terry L. Stamm

Lion Secretary Adele Argot stated that the Frystown Lions Club will be participating in the Peace Poster Contest.

**Services for Children**: To all our friends and supporters: Thank you so much for all you do for our Ministry! Your kindness is greatly appreciated! Let's begin with Easter just a few weeks ago. We had four Easter Egg Hunts scheduled and in spite of the rain they were held in Kennett Square, Parkesburg,

Coatesville and Downingtown. There were 2,500 plastic eggs filled with candy and some with coins, which thrilled the children. There were approximately 300 in attendance.

<u>Can Collection</u>: Our collection of soda cans is very much in progress. It gives the children something to do as well as being helpful. With the tops off the cans we give to the Lions, District 14-P and we sell the cans to the scrap metal company where the monies go into an established fund for emergencies.

<u>Library:</u> We have established a wonderful library with many books given to us through mutual friends. They all meet the needs of all children in learning to read and progress in reading.

School of Learning: The School of learning will be opening in June full time. Our staff is ready to start. Our curriculum will be shared a little later due to some subjects which were deleted, however others of importance added. As well as education purpose, we plan outings and entertainment as well for the children. Thank you so much Lion Doris Haley.

**Youth Programs:** DG Marilyn Wagner has someone in mind to take on this position. We need to discuss youth programs and to encourage youth to appear in service.

# **Old Business:**

PDG Steve Wagner has received the <u>Chester County Assoc. for the Blind and Visual Impaired</u> the financial statements ending 2018 and the preliminary financial statements from 2019. PDG Steve also stated that the organization was granted an extension to file their 990 report. There will be a decision on whether to include them on the charities list at the November cabinet meeting.

<u>District Pins Policy Review</u>: The district will initiate a policy for what is wanted. The people creating the policy needs to know in what direction the district is headed. Currently there is no pin chair. There is currently a \$300 budget for pins. DG Marilyn wants to clean up all policies. It was decided to more this topic to the Honorary Meeting. It was mentioned that the Eye Bank takes pins for a fund raiser.

Long Range Planning Updates on program plan. - - No Report

# **New Business**

District Constitutional & Bi-Laws Review/Update to reflect changes made at the state level.

Report on the Kidsight meeting at the State Council Meeting. - - Past District Governor Philip Shober says he helped write the State Kidsight Policy. The district is not doing the correct thing according to the state. We need to develop a follow up procedure in place to make sure all reporting is completed. The problems are arising with the school district. PA Blind Association wants the State Lions to put someone on their board of directors.

My Lion Training – Dates and Place: will be addressed at the long-term meeting. Dates and place to be determined.

<u>District Symposium</u> - - We need to spread word about Lionism. We will be holding a symposium on elder abuse. Lion President Toby Gelman will take the initiate on this project.

In Chester Co. from 2016 to 2018 there were 1,812 report of elder abuse; this being a 15% increase over the preceding period. The County Department of aging handles people from 60 on up. Complaints include both financial abuse and misuse of Power of Attorney and Guardianships (POA).

Lion Pres Toby has two members from her club that will assist in the project. This will be an educational symposium which will probably not happen until spring.

The District Governor wants to ask the cabinet if we should move forward with this project; we are thinking it will be better if we had one in Berks and one in Chester County.

GAT Restructure - - New guild lines came out just this week from International. DG will review.

ALLI & RLLI Candidates - - see GLT report.

The benediction was given up Past District Governor Robert Argot.

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