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DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2018-2019

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14P

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DG David called the Cabinet meeting to order at 9:10. Lions in attendance were: DG David Hunsberger, Vice District Governor Marilyn Wagner, Treasurer PDG Richard Taylor, DS Gwen Burgis, District Chaplain Doris Haley, PDG's Phil Shoher, David Smith, Ken Snyder, Fran Griffin, Robert Argot, Carl Gundrum, Jr., Walter Labs, Steve Wagner, Charles Finney. Lions Linda McCue, Gary Hilbert, Cindy Gundrum, Nelson Moeller, Carol Heilner, Barb Smith, Anne Ostrowski, Linda Long, Ruth Long, John Day, Madison, Linda Sampson, Barbara Smith, Barry Yerger, Linda Long, and Adele Argot.

Chaplain Doris led the Cabinet in the Pledge to the Flag, the first verse of American and the invocation.

Parliamentarian: PDG Phil Shoher gave the spiel for the rules of the day.

Introduction of Guests: Lion Albert Piasecki, Shillington Lions Club; Christina Smultz, Coastesville Lions Club; Jean Thomas, Eagle-Glenmoore Lions Club; Tracy, West Chester Lions Club.

District Governor's Report: To date I have visited 29 of our 41 Lions Clubs and all three Lioness Clubs in our District 14P. Our Lions Clubs are in a variety of conditions. There are large clubs with many pages of service activities listed on mylci in the past year. There are also a number of smaller clubs with few if any service activities listed although some of the small clubs are doing ok with what they have. There are also medium sized clubs with no hands on service activities that have fundraisers and write checks to Lions and community organizations. At each of my visits, I tell the club that our local Lions Clubs are the most important part of Lions Clubs International. We are willing to help our District 14P Lions Clubs grow. On Saturday October 6 th , I attended the Fall Symposium at our PA Lions Clubs state office in Harrisburg. These symposiums are open to all of our Lions members and cover a variety of topics. This year's Fall Symposium covered use of social media, working in teams, service reporting, how to run a diabetes screening event, and the PA Lions Care for Kids project of our State Council of Lions Clubs which is raising funds for the Four Diamonds Foundation. So far, we have raised only about \$5000 of the \$100,000 goal for the PA Lions Care for Kids project, but many clubs will give in the spring. As I visit our District 14P Lions Clubs they have been giving me checks which are deposited in our district account and will be distributed twice during the year. The spring symposium is scheduled for Saturday March 16 th in Harrisburg and Sunday March 17 th is western PA. I understand that this spring symposium will cover reporting in the new My Lion web-based system that should be available early in 2019. On Saturday October 20 th I attended the annual research seminar of the PA Lions Eye Research Foundation. I reported on the seminar in this month's issue of Lion Eyes. During this weekend meeting, a total of \$87,700 in grants for pilot research projects were approved and six researchers discussed their projects that were funded through our PA Lions Eye Research Foundation. On the weekend of November 2 nd to 4 th , I attended our State Council of Governors meeting at the Hilton Garden Hotel, Indiana University of PA. The Council officially accepted the resignation of PDG Eric Dolfi from Lions District M as Council Chairman, and District Governor William Morgan from Lions District N was officially named as Acting Council Chairman. PID Eugene Spease from South Carolina spoke about the membership challenges in our Constitutional Area 1. CA1 is the United States and islands of the Caribbean. Back in 1983 CA1 had 623,843 members in 17,000 Lions Clubs. Today we have 311,000 members in about 11,000 Lions Clubs. Since 2006 Lions Clubs International has been growing in numbers, while our CA1 continues to decline. CA1 has not had a single year of growth in membership since 1983. We have declined each year. Our Multiple District 14 (PA) is the 4 th largest in the United States with 18,766 members in 694 Lions Clubs. We have a goal of increasing membership by 417 and Lions Clubs by 23 this year. Stretch goals would be an increase in membership of 694 individuals and 34 clubs. Our District 14P has 1175 members, up slightly from 1169 members at the beginning of this Lions year.

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Secretary's Report: nothing to report

Approval of minutes from 6/2/2018: A motion was made by PDG Gus Myer. PDG Dave Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: DT/PDG Rich Taylor gave the financial reports for the District. Lion Linda Sampson made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report and PDG Steve Wagner seconded the motion. The motion was carried. PDG Gus Meyer had been contacted that the district was being shorted funds that were intended to be provided to PDG Gus Meyer and others that did not submit for reimbursement. He felt that the district was being penalized for not submitting these reports. He contacted PID Cindy Gregg and she agreed with his suggestion as did someone at International. The district should be receiving the funds that were not used for Past District Governors reimbursement of expenses. ****Please see these reports as attachments to the minutes.****

1st VDG Report: I have had a busy few months since taking on the role of District 14-P's Vice District Governor - but each of them have offered a new learning opportunity - the first was to attend Leader Dog's open house weekend and there I discovered yet another passion - I would recommend any Lion traveling in the area to call ahead and book a tour - they will heartedly welcome you. A few weeks later I attended this year's USA Canada Leadership Forum in Columbus OH in September - one of the best real learning opportunity events offered by Lions International. Once again there was an abundance of seminars and Lions University Courses on offer and I was especially proud to join a number of our Multiple District Lions and have the privilege of receiving my Lions University Bachelors Certificate from International President Gudrun Yngvadottir. I think we are all discovering that there are many new initiatives that our District will be challenged with over the course of the next 12 months as LCI and LCIF continue to roll out new programs for us to adopt:

1 Most of you I hope, will have noticed the new look of Lions International's website and coming very soon will be a new desktop version MyLion - the reporting system that will replace MyLCI. We need to prepare ourselves NOW for this change and I would like to get together with our District Global Action Team members to discuss our holding Training Workshops within our District so our Secretaries and Lions are ready and prepared for the change!

2 I am happy to report we have increased the level of our reporting - but timetables of when to or even who to report to is still a struggle for some of our Clubs - these new systems should help since there will be broader Club Member access and it will no longer be the sole responsibility of the Club Secretary to maintain Service reporting. We can also apply for a working budget so as to not put additional strain on our District Funds.

3 Since we currently do not have an LCIF Coordinator I also attended the Campaign 100 Training in Philadelphia recently - a very passionate PIP Joe Preston and PIP Clem Kusiak leading a lively 2 day event - an outline of which I included in the November Lion Eyes but would love the opportunity to expand on at a Club Meeting. It is even more ambitious a campaign than Sight First I or Sight First II, but the rewards of a successful outcome will benefit more people than ever before.

4 At the recent Council Meeting #2 our Multiple District House of Delegates endorsed Past Council Chairperson Larry L Edwards for the Office of International Director, Lions International. The State Lions members will have the opportunity to vote at the State Convention in May of 2019. If elected he will then move on for election to LCI at the International Convention in Milan in July 2019.

5 Next month I will be attending the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor Retreat in Harrisburg for further training and preparedness to take on the role of District 14-P's Governor for 2019 - 2020 - but it remains worrying that as of today there is no candidate to follow my term and I have not heard of a potential candidate willing to take on the challenge.

6 February 2019 I will be attending DGE/1st VDG "School" in St. Charles, Illinois at the Q Center. This is a change implemented by LCI. They are no longer holding this training at an International Convention - the newly adopted training schedule is that all of the worlds DGE's/1 st VDG's will be brought to and trained in Chicago for 3 days and for only 1 day at the International Convention. A huge saving on the part of LCI, since there are a series of off shores International Conventions coming up.

I am offering my services to the Global Action Team to work on Chartering New Clubs to our District and on one that will bring a Charter back to existence and to any Club needing assistance with the new systems and initiatives. In Service and Friendship 1st VDG Marilyn Wagner

Zone 1A: nothing to report Position is currently vacant.

Zone 1B: nothing to report Position is currently vacant.

Zone 2A: no report

Zone 2B: no report

Zone 3A: no report

Zone 3B: I accompanied DG David to all the clubs in zone 3B, which include Honey Brook, Elverson/Morgantown, Eagle- Glenmoore, Coventry and Kimberton. I was able to chat with the officers and members at each of the meetings, and to get a better understanding of their service activities and fundraisers. My plan is to have a zone meeting in early 2019 since the months of November and December are usually very busy with holiday activities. I am hopeful for good attendance.

Zone 4A: Since the beginning of our Lions year, I have attended Coatesville, West Chester, and West Goshen Lions Clubs with DG Dave Hunsberger. I will be attending PBM on Nov. 13 and West Chester Daybreak on Dec. 5. Zone 4-A will have our zone meeting on Sat. Dec. 8 along with Zone 4-B at 9:00 am at West Chester Senior Center, 530 E. Union Street, West Chester, PA. 19382 Highlights of Zone 4-A Clubs - COATESVILLE AREA LIONS CLUB Boscov's Friends Helping Friends - \$710.00 & Halloween Bash Pumpkin Roll Sale Marched in Veteran's Parade Community Activities - Meals on Wheels, Driving, Reading Program, Senior Center Selling Lottery Calendars PBM Booth about Diabetes Awareness at 2 local Health Fairs - 250 people Boscov's Friends Helping Friends - \$650.00 Selling Diabetes Friendly Cookbooks - 300 sold Selling Poinsettia Plants White Cane - -\$2,431.00 Selling Lottery Calendars 2 new members WEST CHESTER, WEST GOSHEN, WEST CHESTER DAYBREAK White Cane - \$5,175.67 Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Selling Fruit Selling Lottery Calendars Pancake Breakfast & Pictures with Santa - Dec. 8

Zone 4B: Introduction of the District Governor on the following dates: Oct. 4, Oxford Lions Club; Oct. 11, Parkesburg Lions Club; Oct. 16, Avon Grove Lions Club; Oct. 18, Kennett Lions Clubs (both clubs). Report on club activities and fundraisers: Oxford Lions Pig Roast held on Sept. 16th as a fundraiser with moderate success. Expected to become an annual event with higher fundraising potential. White cane day held throughout the community on October 13th. Food truck set up at the annual Oxford Car Show also on the 13th, relatively successful due to threat of rain. October 26th, vision testing in cooperation with Avon Grove Lions Club. Kennett Square Lions Clubs (both evening and morning branches) held their Fright Feast at the Oakbourne Mansion on October 20th with 95 attendees. There were two raffles with the proceeds going to Camp Dreamcatcher. Gross income was approx. \$19,000. On October 13 both clubs participated in the Flapjack Feast at Applebees. The clubs took part in a food collection on October 28th to benefit the Kennett Area Food Cupboard. Avon Grove Lions Club members donated supplies to the Elkins Senior Center on October 5th. ON the 13th of October club members picked up, repaired and distributed hospital equipment. On the 16th of October the club held a special meeting to determine the distribution of funds to local organizations. In cooperation with the Oxford Lions, the Avon Grove Lions Club held a vision screening of children at the Jordan Banks School in Oxford. During the screening 300 children's books were distributed to a very thankful and eager group of students. The club held a book collection for their book barn which opened on the 28th for sales. Childrens books are distributed monthly to schools in the Avon Grove area. Te Lions Club also has 2 very active Leo Clubs who also serve their community. The Parkesburg Lions Club did not provide information for this report due to missed contacts on the telephone.

Lioness Report: All clubs are going strong and have been holding fundraisers.

GMT Coordinator: Activities and involvement since our last meeting: Preliminary discussions and meetings have been held with both Avon Grove and Oxford Lions Clubs to co-sponsor a Campus Club at Lincoln University. Oxford Lions Club is still in discussions over their involvement; however if they decide not to partner on this new Club then Avon Grove are still intent on moving forward after the Christmas Recess. Marking progress with another Campus Club at Penn State-Berks Campus. We have student involvement but still need a Club to sponsor the club as well as a school liaison from the faculty in order to move forward. Meeting with members of the Coatesville Lions Club on Thursday, November 15th to follow up and investigate an accusation of racial discrimination and lack of support for the Club Officers from its members. There are opportunities to obtain grant monies from LCI to assist with membership drives and symposiums to educate our district on some of the new initiatives and focus areas.

GLT Coordinator: no report

GST Coordinator: District Governor Dave has set a goal that we have two successful District service projects this year! I had a blast last year working with all of you on the disaster relief project and clothing collection. So, I am excited to do two projects as a district this year! November is Diabetes Awareness Month. So, I think it is right that we wrap our arms around this for our first district service project of the year. DG Dave and I are challenging EVERY SINGLE ONE of our clubs to donate a diabetes magazine subscription to your local community libraries for inclusion in their periodicals. If each of our clubs donates a subscription to just one library, that's 46 libraries with a new magazine accessible to the community. If just one different library patron reads that magazine each day of the week- that's 322 people served in just one week. Let's just say the momentum continues, that's over 10,000 served from now until only June! There's a few steps you need to take to meet this challenge. Step One: Talk to your club & your library Make sure you address the appropriate steps your club typically takes before embarking on a donation like this. Remember to get accurate prices and keep in mind that magazine subscriptions will need to be renewed (annually, semi-annually, whatever the magazine requires). This will not be a one-time donation, it will require some maintenance! Don't forget to talk to your library BEFORE SUBSCRIBING. Some libraries may have specific rules about periodicals they accept, or maybe they already have a diabetes magazine! Remember- service is about the

community, not about us. So- talk to your library and find out what they really need as well as what the best process is for them to make this donation a success. Step Two: Follow through! Once you work out all of the logistics... do them! Make sure you follow through on all of the promises you made! Get that magazine subscription! Step Three: Make a Moment Do something with your library to acknowledge your donation. No matter what that is- make sure I get a picture of it! o (This could mean taking a picture shaking your library director's hand, taking a picture of the first magazine donated, whatever works!) Step Four: TELL ME! Send me anything that comes out of this donation. I want numbers, I want names of magazines, and I want pictures! I plan to put out a large press release where I can make the claim that ALL PUBLIC LIBRARIES in Berks and Chester Counties received a Diabetes Magazine Subscription from their local lions club. How cool will that be?? But I can't do this without your reports, your pictures, and your stories! Step Five: That's it! There is no step five! That's how easy this challenge is! (Although, maintaining your subscription for years to come could be a step five). Other Notes & Tips Remember that this is about the community. Some of your libraries may not need a magazine subscription. So talk to them about what you can do. Maybe you could sponsor a diabetes information program. In many cases, the library will set it all up- they just need someone to pay for it! Other libraries may be more in need of books relating to diabetes, if that's the case then do that! Talk to them about what works best for them! (Don't forget PDG Dave Smith, our Diabetes chairperson- I am sure he'd be happy to help!) Some suggestions for subscriptions: feel free to choose the magazine that you think is best. Do some research! A few recommendations I have are "Diabetes Forecast", "Diabetic Living", "Diabetes Self-Management" Remember some of you have multiple libraries in your area. If you're able to take care of all of them- do it! Also remember some of you share a public library between multiple clubs. Work together!

Nominating: PDG Carl Gundrum, Jr. said that this district is still looking to fill the positions of 2nd & 3rd Vice District Governors.

Constitution and Bylaws: no report

Honorary: no report (waiting for Honorary outcome)

Long Range Planning: no report

Environment: no report

Lions IT: Please use this site it contains much information about the district and clubs. It is being updated as much as possible. Any suggestions on content let me know.

Lion Eyes Newsletter: Thank you to all the clubs who have sent articles and pictures for publication I encourage more clubs to do the same. I also encourage Cabinet chairpersons to send articles about their position.

PR/Social Media: No major report at this time. My goal for this year is that all clubs will have a Facebook page and be actively posting. I recommend at least one post per week for those already on Facebook. This is free advertising and a way to keep your clubs name out there and connect with your local community.

Print Media: Lions Clubs of 14P continue to promote their service activity and fundraisers through their local papers.

District Convention: no report

Stamps, Caps & Tabs: Lions Barry Yerger and Sue Prutzman got together to come up with a pamphlet that explains what the Stamps, Caps, & Tabs program is about. A digital copy is available. It was suggested that the pamphlet be send to PDG Richard Stump to be placed on the website.

Eye Glass Collection: We are continuing to collect eyeglasses, sunglasses, lenses, frames, and broken pieces of glasses.

Women and Family: This position is currently vacant.

Reading Action Program: The District's Reading Action Program is underway. In October, I sent emails to all Lions Club presidents and secretaries outlining the ways that Clubs can participate in the program and help us to achieve our goals. They are: [?] Supporting "Bringing Up A Bookworm," a non-profit developed with the aim of encouraging parents to read to children from their very first days, with a financial donation. We are hoping to fund up to \$5,000 of the amount needed for this worthy cause. [?] Sponsoring a classroom pizza party for the Literacy Council of Reading-Berks' annual "Readers Win" campaign (\$30 - \$50 donation). [?] Contributing to Chester County's Volunteer English Program, which is establishing a partnership with the Federation of the Blind

to provide English as a second language sessions for sight-impaired individuals, with a financial donation. [?] Building a Little Free Library in your community. It is very important that each Lions Club let me know about their club's Reading Action Program activities. We want to publicize the great work that your clubs are doing around this initiative. To date, we have the following participation: [?] The Avon Grove Lions Club distributed 600 children's books and sent 2,700 books to Texas for Hurricane Harvey relief. [?] The Central Berks Lions Club has pledged a significant financial donation to Bringing Up A Bookworm and will have its creator present a program on November 28. [?] The Frystown Lions Club is considering building a Little Free Library. [?] The Muhlenberg Lions Club donated \$1000 to the Muhlenberg Community Library. [?] The West Chester Lions Club replied to my email and is interested in having a program from Bringing Up A Bookworm. Just a note: If you invite an officer to present a program at your club, you will earn points toward the District's points competition for this year. I am grateful for the contributions of the Lions Clubs listed above, and very hopeful that ALL of our clubs will seriously consider the ways that they can contribute to helping with our Reading Action Initiative, which will continue throughout the Lions year.

White Cane Chester County: ELVERSON-MORGANTOWN - Rained out on Oct. 27 Will do in spring KIMBERTON - No White Cane COATESVILLE - White Cane in spring EAGLE-GLENMOORE - NOV. 3 , 8-4, 16 Lions, 31.5 man hours, \$825.00 HONEY BROOK - SEPT. 28, 3-6:30. 6 Lions, 21 man hours, \$1,410.69 SEPT.29, 9-NOON. 4 Lions - 12 man hours, \$2,449.82 WEST GOSHEN Two weekends 21 Lions,138 man hours, \$5,175.59 WEST CHESTER WEST CHESTER DAYBREAK AVON GROVE - SEPT. 15, 2 Lions, 10 man hours, \$540.00 PBM - SEPT.24-29, 4-8pm, 16 Lions, 32 man hours, \$2,431.00 KENNETT SQUARE - White Cane in spring COVENTRY - White Cane in spring OXFORD - no report PARKSBURG - no report TOTAL WHITE CANE COLLECTIONS FOR CHESTER COUNTY \$12,832.18

White Cane Berks County: no report

USA/Canada Forum: The USA/Canada Forum was held in Columbus, Ohio in September. Unfortunately due to a family commitment, I was unable to attend. According to all the reports that I have heard, it was a success. The 2019 Forum will be held in Spokane, Washington.

Beacon Lodge: Meeting was opened by Pres. PDG Charles Finney at 1:00 PM. Pledge and Invocation lead by Pres. Charlie. No guest attending. Board members all introduced. Minutes approved. No communication. Pres. Charlie must have his report in to Council and will give remarks at the end of meeting. Camp Report – Ellen Miller and Ron Kreps, Ellen introduced the new Camp Coordinator ron Kreps. Campers for 2018 season was 428. 23 new children including family camp. 38 new adult campers. We had a camper from Texas and several from Virginia. With off season campers total was 670. We had 2 Project New Hope with 35 campers. 2 sessions for next year June 29th and August 8th. Thanks to all who helped. We had 4 off season rentals and the game commission had to cancel due to flooding. Thanks for all the wish list donations they really help. The Leo Rally will be held April 26-29, 2019. Jack Kleckner resigned on August 10th and interviews were held. Ron Kreps started October 1. Annual audit started in October with Barlow & Co. If your club receives a confirmation, please return to auditor asap. Camp calendar for 2019 must be approved. 1st Jimmie McElwee, 2nd Grady McMullen and approved. Finance – Lion Steve DeKramer, Need to approve 2019 capital project budget. 1st John Weave, 2nd Lion rick Eshelman and approved. Districts are paying for repairs to their buildings. Long Range Planning – PCC Brian McCarl, need ideas on increasing funds. We need to find better ways to raise money. Also, must increase campers in children's village. By-Laws and Policy – PDG Jimmie McElwee, A policy change Page f-2 fundraising outside organization. 6. No outside fundraising on Lions Appreciation Day at Beacon Lodge by campers, Lis districts or any outside vendor. This day for Beacon Lodge fundraising only. Children village 4 roofs, kitchen AC unit. 1st Berneadette Holzer, 2nd Dennis Butz approved. Property – Lion Ed Harry, Completed to date; cooling system in Infirmary, repairs to camp truck, 4 roofs in children's village and kitche AC unit. To be done adult campefire suppression system, double convention oven, climbing tower maintenance, pjhone system upgrade and 02-metter. This will be paid out o MS regular account. Markets – PDG Joan Milligan, Looking for grants please let her now if you find any. Would like to have a meeting at the camp with IU reps to show off the camp. Nominating – PDG Cliff Martin, Class of 2021 include Elizabth McElwee, Dennis Butz, Steve DeKramer, Larry Frankenfield, Chris Tognarine, Eugen tognarine, chathy Metschulat, Dale High, John Griffie, Michael Kasmarski. 1st Louanna Bare, 2nd Grandy McMullen approved. Not returning James Foose and John Weave. Resigned Renaldo Angelini and Melissa Hinkel. New members Richard Eshleman and Jan Adams. 1st John Griffie, 2nd Deniss Butz approved. All executive officers will continue all approved. PLAD – PDG Jimmie McElwee thanked all who helped make this event success. Personnel – PDG James Crawley, Interviews were held for the Camp Coordinator position both candidates had great qualifications. Ron Krepps was selected because o his experience at the camp. Some salaries were discussed. Fundraising – PCC Brian McCarl, \$10,329.83 was made on the golf tournament. We must have more help in funding from the districts. Ech district should have at least 10 sponsors. 500 club

donations are down we need the clubs to donation this is big help to the camp. Basket raffle was \$1265. We only had 29 baskets which was way down each board members along with each outgoing Gov. should give a basket. Camp Store and Duck Race PDG Carol Richardson, items will be ordered as needed and Duck tickets will be reading for next meeting. Brick walk way - Dennis Hall, they have received 16 bricks and 14 blocks to date. Project New Hope - PDG Charlie Finney, a family brought guilty their dog into the pool area. There are to be no animals at the pool. Sign will be up and people told. This year 3 families did not show up. That cost money for food. A motion was made to charge \$100 registration fee which will be returned to vet if they attend or cancel before 10 days. 1st John Griffin, 2nd Rebecca Leeper approved. Leo Rally to be held at camp 1st. John Weaver, 2nd Joan Milligan, approved. Ellen read a letter from a camper who wanted to return to camp. This camper was found guilty of a felony. The board voted to not let camper return. Donations were received from Districts. A moment of silence was held for past board member Lion William Laughner.

Berks Deaf/Hard of Hearing: no report

Childhood Cancer: I have written a series of articles about childhood cancer for the "Lions Eye:", one for each issue through June. I am promoting Alex's Lemonade Stands at 14P events to raise more money for research. I am asking all Lions in 14P to let me know if there is a childhood cancer child in their community that needs any kind of support that Lions can give. I asked that childhood cancer be put on the 14P Charity Contribution List. I am available for club presentations.

Diabetes: Highlights of our Diabetes Awareness Program for this year include participation in two Health Fairs, one sponsored by Representative Warren Kampf where we distributed over 200 packets to attendees and the other sponsored by Representative Duane Milne where we talked to an additional 100 attendees. The packets we distributed included information on Diabetes and Pre-Diabetes as well as packets of "Healthy Nuts". Lion Barb and I were unable to attend a Diabetes Awareness Presentation at the Boyertown Lions Club, but were very well represented by Lisa Lakeman, Diabetes Education Coordinator with Tower Health, who also attended and participated in last year's District Convention. Just a reminder that November is Diabetes Awareness Month and an excellent time to conduct a club project designed to increase knowledge about the dangers of Diabetes and ways to avoid the development of this dreaded disease. This hand out gives some useful information to share with your clubs.

Leader Dog: I was invited to present to a group of Puppy Raisers in Berks County. They raise puppies for the first 14 months of so (on average) for the Seeing Eye nonprofit in New Jersey, however, they are also interested in the programs that Leader Dog are working on – particularly their Deaf Blind Guide Dog Program and the Summer Experience Camp for 16 and 17 year olds. I regularly receive updates from Leader Dog and our MD Coordinator and share them in our Lion Eyes, but so far have not presented a program to one of our Clubs. As of the end of the 1st Quarter the following Clubs have made donations directly to Leader Dog: [?] Amity Township Lions Club [?] Shillington Lions Club [?] Wernersville Lions Club I expect that to rise as the year progresses since many Clubs make their donations during the Holiday Season or towards the end of the Lions Year.

Lions Eye Bank: The cornea tissue processing program continues to grow. In addition to the three other techniques already in use (PKP, DSAEK, & DMEK) the Eye Bank is now able to prepare and preloaded DMEK grafts. These patient ready grafts are being piloted by Dr. Hannush at Wills Eye Hospital. Also, the Eye Bank has increased tissue processing fees for the first time in over five years. This is in sync with other organizations across the country. Lions Art Pecht (Honey Brook) and Nelson Moeller (Exeter Twp.) are LEBVD trustees. They are looking into putting together a "Sight Night" event for District 14-P to raise awareness of Eye Bank functions and accomplishments. It would provide a district wide event to celebrate the tremendous support that LEBDV receives every year from the clubs in 14-P and keep everyone up to date regarding the latest achievements of our Eye Bank. Potential locations and timeframes for the Sight Night even are being considered. District cabinet input and approval will be sought on recommendations as they develop.

Vision Resource Center: Workshop: Has been rather slow. Continuing to look for new local businesses to partner with. Preschool Vision Screenings: Have increased with the start of the new school year. Continuing to find new screening sites throughout the year. Lunch Bunch: Continuing on a monthly basis. Social Recreational Activities: Attended the Timbers for a lunch and musical show. Support Groups/Lunch n Learn: Support groups are continuing on a monthly basis. Lunch n learns are every quarter and are on a variety of topics including managing and organizing clutter. Fundraisers: Dine In the Dark was held on Thursday, September 27th at Crowne Plaza. Ted and Lisa Lavender of Berks Fire Water Restorations were the honorary co-chairs. WFMZ is the event sponsor. Had over 220 people register to attend the event. Definitely our most successful event to date. Had our first 80s Dance in October. Facilities: Two trees in the front of the building have been removed. The soffits are being replaced. Once this is completed, then the roof will be replaced. Will also begin to get quotes for the front of the building to add signage. Intakes: Have had numerous intake appointments over the past 3 months.

Community Events: Have attended health fairs at Berks Community Health Center as well as a health fair at Frieden's Lutheran Church in Shartlesville. Attended awareness events at First Energy as well as Penn State Berks. Attended public speaking presentations at Alvernia University. Additional Items: Have been interviewed on WFMZ prior to Dine In the Dark to discuss the services that we perform. Have created a TV commercial that has appeared on WFMZ to promote Dine In the Dark and has now been changed to a generic agency commercial. Alcon completed a variety of projects around VRC during their Work Day in September. President/CEO attended the PAB Conference.

Bing Miller Foundation: *Our mission is to actively serve the people of Berks County and Chester County, Pennsylvania, by building permanent charitable capital, making philanthropic grants to needy individuals and families, and providing those services through our Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs, that contribute to the health and vitality of their local community.* There have been 2 foundation meetings since the last cabinet meeting. A significant action was taken in September to unanimously vote the approval of PDG Cluch and Janet Earnshaw to the status of honorary members of the foundation board of directors for their diligent and outstanding effort in starting this foundation. Lion Scott Mayberry from the Hamburg Lions Club was elected to the foundation board with the pleasure of a unanimous vote. Our annual meeting and dinner will be held on November 11th at the Boyertown Fire Hall starting at 2 pm. Lion Gary Hilbert with the Master of Ceremonies. Three video shorts have been produced to present to clubs to further define and educate District 14-P clubs and members about the foundation's purpose and how we can help District 14-P clubs in their effort to make a greater impact on their community. As of November 1, 2018, our current corpus total (that is not worth) is \$174,209.65. Our calendar program is being expertly run by PDG Walter Labs and PDG Rich Taylor. We have plenty of calendars for sale with nearly at \$15 return to the seller per calendar sold.

LCIF Coordinator: This position is vacant.

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, October 13th, 2018, at the Best Western Central Hotel in Harrisburg, PA. There were 16 in attendance and 2 guests. Treasurer Lion Mark Tomco reported that as of September 30, 2018, there was \$74,798.15 available in the grant account. We currently have \$1,732,736.00 in the Foundation corpus. Prior to a review of the grants presented, a discussion was held as to how the Foundation should act regarding requests for funding of the Brady Buggy Wagon. It was decided that this year we will accept one request of \$500 per District toward a purchase of the Wagon. The District can then work with a Club in their District to receive this Grant. Check, however, will be made out to the District. We would also want a letter from the hospital that is to receive this wagon indicating their acceptance. The following grants were reviewed and acted on: District 14-A request from the Warrington Lions Club for their Kids Mountain Project. We approved \$10,000 to be applied to the construction of the Blind Trail. District 14-F and the Meadville Lions Club requested \$4,886.12 for the Braille Vision Program. This was approved District 14-F and the Sight Center of NW PA requested \$3,500 for a Spot Vision Screener. Since we have a cap of \$2,000, this was approved with the provision that the check will go to the District to be applied to the purchase and the District can show us where the matching funds coming from. We will only provide this funded to a District and not to a club. What the District does with the Screener is entirely up to them. District 14-K and the Emmaus Lions/Lioness Club for \$2,115.20 to purchase table and chairs for the new Children's Wing Project at the Emmaus Public Library. This was approved. District 14-L request for \$500 to assist in the purchase of a Brady Buggy Wagon for a local hospital. This was approved with the request that a letter be received from the hospital indicating their acceptance of the item. District 14-U and the St. Clair Lions Club requested \$1,560.00 toward the purchase of a Lion Drinking Fountain to be installed in local park. This was approved. District 14-U and the Ringtown Lions Club asked for \$500 for the purchase of a Brady Buggy Wagon. Since we decided that requests must come from the District, this was tabled and returned to the Board member from that District and to reissue the Grant request so that it is coming from the District. They can then provide the funds from the District to the club. The total of Grants disbursed was \$21,061.32. Old Business The search for an Executive Director was discussed. This position is open to any qualified individual. New Business: PDG Kathy Fouse from District 14-T was appointed to our Board of Directors. She has the approval of District Governor Keldeen Zellers Stambaugh. PDG Kathy is replacing PDG Sarah Clark The Foundation was asked by the State Convention Committee and our State Administrator, Lion Bob McComas, to be the sponsor of the State Convention luncheon on May 18, 2019. We have accepted that request and will provide \$500 toward that event. Next LOPF meeting will be at the same place on Saturday, January 12th at 10 am. I am available to give a program to the Clubs on the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation. 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.

PA Eye Research: During the last year from August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018, there were 17 districts in PA that donated to the PA Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation. We were among the 5 highest donators. 22 clubs from District 14P donated. The highest were Amity Township, Honeybrook, Avon Grove and Coventry. \$6450 from District 14P.

PA Hearing Research: This position is vacant.

KidSight: no report

Leo's: Leo of the Year Award is coming up, waiting for nominees.

Services for Children: School of Learning: The School of Learning was very successful; with attendance of 335 children. Some had special needs but all enjoyed each other. Some of our activities aside from education were: hiking, swimming and an animal zoo that came to the school where the children enjoyed pony rides. Unfortunately, three of our activities were cancelled due to the hot weather. We are now awaiting the report period ending to see how the children benefited. School Scheduling: Now that public school is in session, we have returned to our Monday, Wednesday and Friday hours of 3-6 pm and Saturdays 9 am to 1 pm. Back to School Supplies: 177 backpacks filled with supplies were given to each child as well as 75 lunch boxes. New Events: We are still motivated by collecting cans. We are sharing the tabs with the Lions but more happy that we sell the cans to the Coatesville Scrap Iron for money. The money enables us to be able to do more things with the children. Birthday Greetings: We now enjoy observing birthdays where each kid goes to McDonald's for dinner. There are times where we have quite a few going because of the number of children involved. Halloween Party: 220 children registered for the Halloween Party. The menu included: hotdogs, sodas, chips and pretzels. We had many different costumes from scary to beautiful. Thanksgiving: We are again anticipating to help 150 inmates families with food. Christmas: We need help in the preparation to make all of the children happy for the holiday season.

Peace Poster: no report

Old Business: According to PDG Phil Shober, Larry Edwards was recommended as a candidate for International Director.

A Regional Lions Institute is scheduled for York PA on February 22nd to 24th. We need to look for two or three Lions from our district to attend that training.

New Business:

The Lionsville Lions Club is trying to be rejuvenated.

The winners of the 50/50 drawing were PDG/DT Rich Taylor, Lioness Linda McCue and Lion Carol Heilner..

There being nothing further for the cause of Lionism, a motion to adjourn was made by Lion John Day and seconded by PDG Ken Snyder. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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