



DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2016-2017
MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14P
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August 20, 2016 Cabinet Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9AM by District Governor Gus Meyer.
Salute to Flag of the United States, First Verse America, Invocation Lion Doris Haley

Parliamentarian Lion PDG Phil Shober

Good Morning Fellow Lions,
First-order business is, if you have a cell phone, please turn it off or put it on silent so not to disturb the business and affairs of this cabinet meet
The business and affairs of this 14 P Cabinet meeting will be held in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws and Policy Manual of District 14 P and the Lions International Constitution and Bylaws. Nothing in our manual shall supersede the Lions International Constitution and Bylaws. Anything not covered in their manuals will be covered by the Roberts rules of order.
Only members of the District Cabinet have the right to vote on any subject comes before this meeting; we ask that you state your name when you're making a motion. The chair can recognize someone in the audience if he so wishes, if there is a question.

Introduction of Guests Lion DG Gus Meyer

District Governor Gus asked all in attendance to introduce themselves so that we know each other.
Guests present included the following:

- Scott Elliott - Mohnton Cumru Lions Club
- Chuck Frank – Lionville Lions Club
- Brian Haag – Rehrersburg Lions Club
- Louis Brown –Rehrersburg Lions Club
- Bob Milliken – Coatesville Lions Club

District Governor Report Lion DG Gus Meyer

District Governor Gus said that it was an interesting journey for him to get to this position. He left on July 19th for a 27 hour flight to Fukuoka Japan for his installation as District Governor. He said that it

rained every day that he was there. He said that he found Fukuoka to be a drab city with no green, grass, or trees, and unsmiling people and little English spoken.

However, he said there was a superior program at the international convention and that he gained a lot of respect for the Lions International leadership. He said that the international officers spared no expense to make this an excellent convention.

When he got back home, he immediately had problems communicating with LCI because of computer problems due to there being two names and passwords caused by his change of Lions Clubs. It took time but was eventually corrected.

He started club visitations with the Amity Lioness Club and is pleased with those Lions who have accepted positions on the Cabinet.

He has his pins with his theme of "Honor our Legacy- Embrace our Future".

District Governor Gus plans to visit Leo Clubs also because they are our future.

Had a sample directory which he asked those in attendance to review for corrections.

He asked Lions to feel free to contact him with problems or concerns.

Secretary Report Lion David Hunsberger

The minutes of the June 11, 2016 Cabinet meeting were e-mailed by former secretary PDG Richard Stump and re e-mailed last week.

The minutes of the June 11th meeting were accepted on a motion by PDG Carl Gundrum Jr. and seconded by Lion Leonard Crowther.

Treasurers Report -Lion PDG Richard Taylor

District Treasurer PDG Richard Taylor presented the financial reports and proposed district budget as shown on the following pages.

PDG Richard explained some items on the reports as follows:

Financial reports were accurate through August 19, 2016.

All funds from Fleetwood Bank were transferred to BB&T Bank.

The funds in the certificate of deposit is from when we hosted the state convention and must be saved until we host the convention again.

There is an \$8 credit from an incorrect dues statement.

Former treasurer PDG Rich Stump used Quicken to do the books.

PDG Rich Taylor uses Quick Books Premier edition which is made for non-profits.

There was \$675 due to the Eye Bank from the previous year and was paid.

Bern Township Lions made a \$200 donation which was undesignated.

We will ask them how they want it designated.

We have \$20,811.49 in the checking account.

At the request of our treasurer, the Cabinet considered the following items:

On a motion by IPDG Ken Snyder and seconded by Lion Gary Hilbert, the Cabinet agreed to move the \$145 in the baseball account to the administrative fund.

PDG Taylor suggested that under the charities list, since we are not currently spending the funds, we remove Diabetes Awareness so that no additional money would be collected until further notice. The current funds would be preserved and diabetes awareness would remain on the financial report. PDG Rich also suggested changing Lions Quest to Lions Quest/youth services in order to be able to support

other youth programs. Third, as requested by the Delaware Valley Eye Bank, PDG Rich suggested we add two columns under the eye bank. These sub-lines would be the “gratis tissue fund” and the “Gene Polgar Fellowship”. Also he suggested adding policy number 511A to the charities list. The Cabinet was agreeable to the above items without dissent. However, parliamentarian PDG Phil Shoher pointed out that changes to the charities list need to be made with 14 days prior notice. We could send this out electronically for final approval.

On a motion by PDG Robert Argot and seconded by Rev. Doris Haley, the Cabinet approved the proposed budget for this year. District Governor Gus said that we are trying to come up with additional funding for the budget.

Finally, on a motion by PDG Phil Shoher and seconded by Lion Marilyn Wagner, the Cabinet accepted the treasurer’s reports.

LCI District 14P Budget for 2016-2017

State Stipent (Return of dues)	\$3,200
District per capita	\$5,000
Convention (Basket)	\$5,000
Rallies	\$1,000
Appreciation Night	\$2,000
Pins	\$400
Total Income	\$16,600
Directory expense	\$900
DG expense	\$1,200
1st VDG	\$800
2nd VDG expense	\$500
Name badges	\$200
Postage	\$100
Supplies	\$900
Lion Eyes	\$0
Meetings/Leadership/Training	\$2,000
Convention	\$5,000
Appreciation Night	\$2,000
Rallies	\$1,000
Awards	\$1,200
Pins	\$800
Total Expense	\$16,600

District Financial Report August 19, 2016

Administration	Turn/over	Received	Paid Out	Total
State Dues		\$843.75		
District Dues		\$648.00		
Administration	\$1,152.35	\$1,491.75		\$2,644.10
Administration				
Directory				
Governor Expense		\$135.40		
1st VDG Expense				

2nd VDG Expense				
Meetings				
Office Supplies/Postage			\$160.98	
Total Paid Out		\$296.38		\$2,347.72
Lion Eyes		\$45.60		\$45.60
Campus Club		\$2,209.00		\$2,209.00
Pin Acct	-\$1,455.00		\$2,277.00	(\$3,732.00)
Leos	\$2,383.35		\$200.00	\$2,583.35
Appreciation Night		\$286.90		\$286.90
Pass Banner		\$45.15		\$45.15
Convention	\$1,175.97		\$35.00	\$1,140.97
Centennial 100	\$95.00	\$90.00	\$60.48	\$124.52
Base Ball		\$145.00		\$145.00
Advance Credit		\$773.20		\$773.20
Total Admin	\$6,856.52	\$1,781.75	\$2,668.86	\$5,969.41
Advance Administration		\$4,306.53		\$4,306.53
Charities	Turn/over	Received	Paid Out	Total
Beacon Lodge			\$0.00	
Operating	\$800.00		\$800.00	\$0.00
Campership	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$0.00
Maintenance	\$700.00		\$700.00	\$0.00
Special Projects	\$550.00		\$550.00	\$0.00
Berks Deaf Hard Hearing	\$800.00		\$800.00	\$0.00
Bing Miller	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$0.00
Canine Partners	\$400.00		\$400.00	\$0.00
Chester Co Blind		\$600.00		\$600.00
DG Project - Bing Miller CF			\$0.00	
Diabetes		\$6,225.00		\$6,225.00
International Understanding		\$1,794.00		\$1,794.00
KidSight	\$950.00		\$950.00	\$0.00
LCIF	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$0.00
Leader Dog	\$1,400.00		\$1,400.00	\$0.00
Lions Eye Bank	\$675.00	\$1,450.00	\$2,125.00	\$0.00
Lions of PA			\$0.00	
Pa Guide Dogs	\$75.00		\$75.00	\$0.00
Pa Hearing Research	\$1,025.00		\$1,025.00	\$0.00
Pa Sight Research	\$1,275.00		\$1,275.00	\$0.00
Vision Resource	\$900.00		\$900.00	\$0.00
Center BC				
Youth Exchange		\$559.05		\$559.05
Youth Quest		\$1,157.50		\$1,157.50
Undesignated Donation		\$200.00		\$200.00
Total	\$11,285.55	\$11,550.00	\$12,300.00	\$10,535.55
Balance	\$22,448.60	\$13,331.75	\$14,968.86	\$20,811.49

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LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 14 P
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2017

	Jun 30, 17	Jun 30, 16
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Transfer/Bank	0.00	6,330.85
1000 · Fleetwood Bank 1390005911490	0.00	2,189.15
1010 · BB&T Banking 1390005911490	20,811.49	13,920.60
1050 · CD 2012	1,413.37	1,413.37
Total Checking/Savings	22,224.86	23,853.97
Accounts Receivable		
1200 · Accounts Receivable (Unpaid or unapplied customer invoices and credits)	-8.00	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	-8.00	0.00
Total Current Assets	22,216.86	23,853.97
TOTAL ASSETS	22,216.86	23,853.97
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
2000 · Opening Balance Equity (Opening balances during setup post to this account. The balan...	1,400.00	1,400.00
2100 · Retained Earnings (Undistributed earnings of the corporation)	22,453.97	43,346.64
Net Income	-1,637.11	-20,892.67
Total Equity	22,216.86	23,853.97
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	22,216.86	23,853.97

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LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 14 P
Profit & Loss
 July 2016 through June 2017

	Jul '16 - Jun 17
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
2500 · CHARITY	
Beacon Lodge	
Campership	500.00
Maintenance	700.00
New Hope	550.00
Operations	800.00
Total Beacon Lodge	2,550.00
Berks Deaf & Hard of Hearing	800.00
Bing Miller Foundation	300.00
Canine Partners for Life	400.00
KidSight	950.00
LCIF	500.00
Leader Dog For The Blind	1,400.00
Lions Eye Bank Delaware Valley	1,450.00
Pa Llons Hearing Research	1,025.00
Pa Lions Sight Research	1,275.00
Vision Resource Center of Berks	
Vision Resources Capital Campgn	200.00
Vision Resource Center of Berks - Other	700.00
Total Vision Resource Center of Berks	900.00
Total 2500 · CHARITY	11,550.00
3000 · ADMINISTRATIVE INCOME	
Centennial 100 Account	90.00
District Dues	648.00
LEOS	200.00
State Account	843.75
Total 3000 · ADMINISTRATIVE INCOME	1,781.75
Total Income	13,331.75
Gross Profit	13,331.75
Expense	
Beacon Lodge	
Campership	500.00
Maintenance	700.00
New Hope	550.00
Operations	800.00
Total Beacon Lodge	2,550.00
Berks Deaf & Hard of Hearing	800.00
Bing Miller Foundation	300.00
Canine Partners for Life	400.00
KidSight	950.00
LCIF	500.00
Leader Dog for the Blind	1,400.00
Lions Eye Bank of the Del Val	2,125.00
Pa Lions for Guide Dogs	75.00
Pa Lions Hearing Research	2,300.00
Vision Resource Center of Berks	
Vision Resources Capital Campgn	200.00
Vision Resource Center of Berks - Other	700.00
Total Vision Resource Center of Berks	900.00

1st Vice District Governor Lion 1VDG Steve Wagner

First, I would like to thank everyone for your support and confidence in electing me as your First Vice District Governor for our District.

I see my responsibilities for the year to include but not be limited to:

- First and foremost to support our District Governor Gus
- Work with the Global Leadership and Global Membership teams, to develop and implement a district wide plan for leadership development
- Work with our Zone Chairs to help them encourage our clubs to become more involved in District Events and Training opportunities.
- Promote the Chartering of new clubs in areas where we have lost one.
- Be available and open to help with any questions from any club, club officer or Lion.

I am happy to say our GLT and GMT are already at work and plans are already underway to hold a number of Workshops in the very near future. These will be heavily featured in our monthly Lion Eyes magazine in addition to the invitations made to the clubs via our GLT/GMT and Zone Chair Teams. It is becoming clear that we need to take a good look around our District members to both identify and offer the opportunity to develop the skills of leadership in our organization a little better if we are to survive beyond our Centennial year.

The year started strong with the two Centennial Open House Events in Paoli and Blandon, events that we could perhaps replicate on a smaller scale at the club level to publicize who we are and what we do – I know my home club is planning a repeat of it's Give Back Day in the Spring to accommodate the inflow of new people to our town who might not yet know about Lions. Time to stop being the best kept secret there is. At the recent State Council, I attended a special session with members of the Development Team of LCI and I was encouraged to hear of the plans they are implementing to help us move into the next century of Lionism. I also enjoyed a memorable and eventful trip to the Leader Dog School in Michigan.

Immediate Past District Governor Ken Snyder

At the district convention the people from Moment of Peace Adventures got to meet Josh and his mother. It was decided at the convention that MOPA would take Josh and his mother on a fishing trip. On the weekend of August 6, 2016, MOPA took Josh and his mother to Delaware for the weekend of fishing and crabbing. On the way they stopped at a game preserve and Josh was able to feed and touch a whitetail deer. Josh caught 3 sharks, 2 flounder, and numerous crabs. Before the trip Josh was taken to Cabelas and outfitted with the proper equipment. He looked really cool with his new "shades" I will be receiving a photo disc and a video of his trip. A chance meeting at the convention gave Josh a truly moment to remember that he will cherish forever.

I want to thank all the clubs and individuals that donated to my project either monetary or the donations of I-phone 4 to be used. The total donated amounted to \$11,501.00.

Zone 1A Lion PDG Robert Argot

All clubs in the zone have been contacted by phone and e/mail and have gotten their M&As in for July. Provided hands-on help for one club on how to use the prescribed M&A form.

Zone 1B Lion Gwen Burgis

No report.

Zone 2A Lion Leonard Crowther

He e-mailed a letter of introduction to all of the clubs in the zone.

Zone 2B Lion Robert Jackson Jr.

No report.

Zone 3A Lion Gary Hilbert

Lion Gary had no official report, but spoke of the pain of having put his dog down after a stroke. He spoke of how dogs appreciate their masters and look up to them. He wants to serve like his dog thought of him.

Zone 3B Lion Joe Cutolo

No report

Zone 4A Lion Mark Luckowski

No report.

Lion Mark has a problem with transportation and District Governor Gus said that he will pick up Lion Mark for visitations.

Zone 4B Lion Thomas Walsh

No report.

Lioness Representative Lioness Linda Mc Cue

No report. She was unable to attend this meeting due to illness.

Protocol Lion PDG Carl Gundrum

PDG Carl provided levity saying that we were all sitting in our proper seats, but that District Governor Gus needed a green shirt.

District Governor Gus was wearing an official purple State Council of Lions shirt and said that he was told that men needed color.

GMT Coordinator Lion Marilyn Wagner

Lion Marilyn reported than Lions Clubs International is changing the constitution and bylaws to no longer require attendance at meetings to keep membership. Some Lions Clubs have still been removing

members if they missed three consecutive meetings. Lion Marilyn said that other changes are being discussed and will report further.

She said that we have the support of LCI and she has submitted a request for an LCI coordinator to help us with a recruitment and retention workshop.

GLT Coordinator Lion PDG Carl Gundrum Jr

Part of my duties as the GLT chair is to not only keep my eyes glued for any unlikely suspects in our District that might look like future Lion leaders, but to also coordinate and plan any kind of training for such individuals. Whether you are a new Lion or you are the DG and all in between, there is training for every position and I'm supposed to provide it. We seemed to have lost this concept and I take part of the blame for not encouraging it more.

With DG Gus' approval and 1st VDG Steve's help, along with GMT partner Marilyn we're going to do some much needed training.

Starting with our most valuable assets in the Cabinet: the Zone Chairs. Take out your planning instruments and let's find a date in Sept for a little 3 hour session right here.

Next is officer training: when and where?

Also we have some Lions who want to do the Guiding Lions training. We had a good group up in Berks and now we want to take care of anyone in Chester Co and anyone who couldn't make it to the Berks training. We should plan this for a nice brisk Sat morning with coffee and donuts. Should only take 3 hours. When and where?

Next item of importance. Thanks to 1st VDG Steve, he forwarded me the application for the up and coming RLLI, Regional Lions Leadership Institute, to be held at the hotel directly across from the State office in Harrisburg from Nov 11-13. That's Friday through Sunday. (read who benefits). \$150 each includes meals and hotel. Only 2 participants from each District may attend! See me after the meeting. You know who you are!

Finally I accidentally, yet purposely, committed our District to host a Regional GLT/GMT training right here on Sat Oct 15, from 9:30-2. All Lions are invited especially ZCs and up and coming Lions leaders and club members. Cost is \$7. State GLT chair PCC Dan begged me to take it because we do one hell of a job hosting these things. His words not mine. At this time I would like to know if it's OK with DG Gus would give us his blessing to carry on with this event?

Nominating Lion PDG Dave Smith

PDG Dave said that it has been frustrating not finding a Lion for the 2nd Vice District Governor position. There is one potential Lion in mind and the committee will keep looking.

The requirements for the position are that it must be a Lion in good standing in a Lions Club in good standing that supports the nominee. The nominee needs to have served as a club president. We now have some latitude with the previous requirement to have served as a zone chairperson.

The cabinet was asked to keep our eyes open for a candidate.

PDG Phil Shoher commented that at this point it can be a Lion from either Chester or Berks County.

Constitution/Bylaws Lion PDG Phil Shober

Good morning fellow Lions,

The committee is continuing to update the district constitution and bylaws and add new policies to our policy manual. The committee is currently reviewing polices 107,450,268,510,511 and 511A.

Honorary Lion IPDG Kenneth Snyder

This committee is to be an advisor to the District Governor and includes all active PDGs in the district. The IPDG is the chairman of the committee.

Long Range Planning

District Governor Gus said that our district is at an important point and this committee needs to become viable again. He has looked into what he needs to do and will start contacting Lions about this committee.

Sunshine Committee Lion PDG Nancy Gauthier

Ruth and Linda Long will also be on this committee. Its purpose according to District Governor Gus will include giving respect to Lions who are ill, need support, or families of Lions who pass away. PDG Nancy wants to know if there is money in the budget.

Lions Information/Technology Lion PDG Richard Stump

I try to update as needed

If anyone has a suggestion on content please let me know.

Lion Eyes Newsletter Lion PDG Richard Stump

I continue to email the Lion Eyes to the Cabinet, Secretaries, Presidents, PDGs and some misc. lions I'm thankful to everyone who sends me articles, pictures and ads.

Pin Trading Lion PDG Richard Stump

I have lots of pins to sell

Stamps & Tabs & Caps Lion Barry Yerger

Lion Barry said that he received information from IPDG Ken Snyder on where to take these items and will get them delivered.

Eye Glass Collections Lion Linda Sampson

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone for a job well-done. Thank you to all the Clubs in our District who make the effort every day to collect and count the many pairs of eyeglasses. With your help, on July 13th, PDG Dave and I took about **62,000** pairs of used eyeglasses and sunglasses, to the New Jersey Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Trenton, NJ., along with many frames and separated lenses.

Since the President of the Center (Lion Al Brewer) was in Florida most of July, I was not able to schedule a tour of the facility this time for those of you who wanted to go with us. Lion Al is the person who shows visitors around the center.

I look forward to serving again as your Eyeglass Recycling chairperson for this upcoming year. After the

Summer Fests in Paoli and Blandon, we are well on our way to another successful year **SERVING** those less fortunate.

Thank you to PDG Rich Taylor for sending pictures to the Pride magazine editor for me. Hopefully, we will see them in the next issue of the Pride.

Also, a special thank you to Lion Doris and her son Greg for bringing the glasses from Paoli to my house last weekend.

Again, thanks to all who help me **SERVE**.

Environmental Lion Oscar Smith

Lion Oscar said that he will be looking for pictures. The criteria was published in the August Lion Eyes.

Reading Action Program Lion Gwen Burgis

No report.

White Cane Lion Linda Mellinger

FREE WHITE CANE

The long white cane is used by people who are blind or visually impaired as a tool for safe and reliable navigation. The white cane is a symbol of the user's skills and talents, mobility and independence. It also allows the sighted person to recognize that the user is visually impaired. International White Cane Safety Day is October 15 and gives Lions an opportunity to increase awareness of the white cane traffic safety laws. White Cane Day is observed worldwide to recognize the movement of blind or visually impaired people from dependency to full participation in society. For a club program arrange for a blind or visually impaired person to demonstrate the use of the white cane and its benefits, and share his or her accomplishments and aspirations with the club.

The National Federation of the Blind is giving free of charge to the user, rigid fiberglass canes. Visit the web site of the National Federation of the Blind to request a free white cane. There is an on-line application, or a paper application may be downloaded. This application will show available cane sizes. Completed applications are then mailed to the National Federation of the Blind. Requests may be made as often as every 6 months. This is an opportunity for your club to help your community and the blind or visually impaired citizens.

Centennial Committee Lion Dave Hunsberger

Thanks to all who helped with the two Lions Centennial Summer Fest picnics that we held in July. We had two very successful events demonstrating what we do as Lions to both current members and the public. We collected a box of donated food at each of the events, a lot of eyeglasses, and some school supplies at the Maier's Grove event.

We had good coverage from the Reading Eagle at the Maier's Grove event and have a few prospective members from these picnics.

According to the Centennial Dashboard as of yesterday, nine of our District 14-P Lions Clubs completed service projects in all four focus areas last year. Two of our clubs have already completed projects in three of the four areas this year. Thank you for your continued service. Internationally we will go well beyond the original goal of 100 million people served by 2018.

We have completed the years focused on service and membership and are now in the year of celebration which will conclude with the 100th annual convention in Chicago.

In early July, our District Governor sent out a list of challenges to our district clubs. Several of these challenges relate to the goals of the Centennial project and the suggested legacy projects. Please refer to these challenges and consider them.

I submitted a budget request to our multiple district coordinator, Elizabeth Moffett and she said she would forward it to international. I included some pictures from our Centennial Summer Fest picnics. District Governor Gus had two banners. The first is a "Celebrating 100 Years" banner which is available to Lions Clubs to use at their events. The second is a banner that will be carried by each district in the Chicago parade. The Cabinet was asked to sign this banner and each club will be asked to sign it at the District Governor Visitations.

USA Canada Lion Cindy Gundrum

No report.

Charities

Beacon Lodge Lion Melissa Hinkle

It has been an active year at Beacon Lodge which started with difficulties. The camp coordinator resigned on short notice. Also some camp counselors were hired, but either did not show up or did not stay. There was a concern that the camp may have needed to close for a week, but everyone stepped up and kept the camp running for a successful summer.

Attendance at the Lions Appreciation Day was very low. The campers are passionate about Beacon Lodge and are very appreciative of the camp and Lions Clubs.

A \$20,000 grant was received from military affairs for Project New Hope. Project New Hope was reduced from 3 weekends to 2 weekends because of low registration. We need to work harder on getting the information to veterans.

The adult camp was strong, but attendance in children's village was way down. This indicates that we are not getting the word out and we are encouraged to talk about Beacon Lodge.

Berks Deaf/Hard Hearing Lion IPDG Kenneth Snyder

BDHHS is happy to announce that we have expanded our service into Lancaster county. we have opened a satellite office in Lancaster to service the needs in that area.

BDHHS wishes to thank the Berks and Chester clubs for their donations of used hearing aids. also for the batteries that we can distribute to people.

as always BDHHS has programs available for your club meetings. an exceptional program that is available is BDHHS president Kandy Reyes and her mother and father. her parents are both deaf, and her mother is also blind. to listen to their life story and how they continue to flourish is a worthy program for your club. please contact IPDG Ken Snyder to schedule a program.

thank you to all the clubs for their continued support of BDHHS. with this support we can continue to provide service to the deaf and hard of hearing community.

Diabetes Lion PDG David Smith

PDG Dave said that he is available to speak at Lions Club meetings and has plenty to present on this topic.

Leader Dog Chester Co. Lion Mark Luckowski

No report.

Leader Dog Berks Co.

We are looking for someone to lead this committee since PDG Rich Gehris's illness. VDG Steve Wagner is willing to do it.

VDG Steve Wagner and other VDGs visited Leader Dogs last weekend. He reported that they train 400 dogs per year and have a 12 million dollar budget of which 4.2 million dollars come from Lions. Our district 14-P is fourth in funding Leader Dogs and Pennsylvania is second in funding Leader Dogs.

A building project at Leader Dogs is due to be completed this fall.

VDG Steve has a CD on Leader Dogs available for use by Lions Clubs.

Lions Eye Bank Lion PDG Phil Shober

I would like to thank all the clubs that donated money to Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley. The clubs from district 14 P donated \$20K this past year to Gratis Tissue Fund. The Eye Bank was able supply 58 corneas the needy recipients at a value of 150K dollars.

Vision Resource Center Lion Dennis Hafer

General :

The Vision Resource Center continues to serve the citizens of Berks County who have sight impairment issues and blindness. Formerly the Berks Co. Assoc. for the Blind, VRC is a non profit agency who provides support groups, educational forums, home visits, social gatherings, and counseling sessions . Thru the Kidsight Program, VRC assists with the screening of pre-school children. We also have a workshop that provides jobs for blind, visually impaired and challenged individuals.

Work Shop Report: We recently received a small order from Bizini Candy Co.

We continue a job from East Penn Manufacturing DEKA sorting and packing 50,000 pieces of hardware, Harley Davidson stuffing instruction envelopes, Uasua for hardware and Intersys electronic terminals.

Kids Sight Screenings Report- VRC assisted with several preschool screenings and continues to perform Adult screening at events.

Lunch Bunch and Lunch & Learns were held in June and July are scheduled for August

Site Loss Support Group and Caregiver support Groups were also held in June, July and August

Mark Levengood continued to conduct Individual Counseling Sessions in June, July & August

VRC was present at a Health Fair on August 9 and 13 where they performed Adult Eye Screenings.

Fundraisers-

Our next fundraiser will be Harvest Fest set for Oct. 1st at VRC. A 5k run for sight and a color fun run will be held.

Upcoming Activities – Adult Activity Week was held week of June 27 at VRC .

Kids Camp week was held week of July 11 at VRC.

On Aug. 8 a Social / Rec Activity will be taken to "Timbers" in Mt. Gretna for lunch and a musical show

New Programs – A " Writers Club " has been formed for clients to express themselves through writing stories and essays.

Also, a Bowling Club has been formed for clients who wish to try their hand at bowling.

Facility Window Replacement- Replacement of the original 1959 windows in the VRC facility is near completion. A large Thank You to Alcon Industries, Sinking Spring, for their help during their annual day of service.

Club / Other Visitations

- VRC CEO Lori Shermerhorn visited PROSTAT on 6/8 and gave a presentation
- BCTV Monthly TV show

Lion Dennis also sent Cabinet Secretary David a wish for a zero turn mower for use on their 1 acre property. This request was forwarded to our club secretaries and a response was received from a Lion in the Coatesville Lions Club who has contact with a company that provides mowers at cost to non-profit organizations. This information was sent to Lion Dennis and the Vision Resource center will look into it.

Foundations

Bing Miller Foundation Lion PID Eugene Polgar

PID Eugene ran the June meeting of the Foundation.

PDG Walt Labs is preparing the lottery calendars for next year. We were successful in recruiting three new Lions Clubs to sell calendars next year, but this is not enough to go to 2000 calendars. Hopefully we can do this in the following year. We received one new advertising sponsor for next year's calendar. The foundation has \$140,956 of which \$123,141 is invested in an account with Charles Schwab through Hoover Investments.

There were 4 new fellowships and 1 new knight since the last Cabinet meeting. No grants have been awarded since the last Cabinet meeting.

LCIF Coordinator Lion PDG David Brant

No report. PDG David would be willing to be replaced.

Lions of PA Foundation – PDG Richard Taylor

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 and Training Session on Saturday, July 16, 2016 at the State Office in Harrisburg. There were 25 in attendance which included several 1st VDG.

Treasurer Lion Mark Tomco reported that as of June 30, 2016 there is \$19,412.90 available in the grant account. This will be increased shortly with the addition of funds for the year 2016-2017. We should have over \$80,000 available.

Lion Ed Wagoner reported on our invested funds. We currently have \$1,287,532.80 with Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley and American Funds. For the year 7/1/2015 to 6/30/2016 we had, as a result of the stock market, a slight decrease of 2.37%.

The following grants were reviewed and acted on:

The Board reviewed 4 Grant Requests and approved 3 and tabled 1. Another one that had been submitted was removed at the request of the Board member since it did not meet all the requirements. Those approved were from 14-E and PDG Lance Remic for a digital audiometer and printer for \$2,300.00. 14-E and PDG Lance Remic also requested and it was approved a grant for \$3,240.00 for shredding equipment. The third request came from 14-M and PDG Ed Gurskey for \$8,812.00 to help pay for an elevator system for disabled individuals in the Bentworth Community Center. This was approved and

PDG Ed will determine when the funds will be needed. The request from 14-F and PDG Bob Blake for playground equipment was tabled for more information.

Election of officers for 2016-2017 was held with the following member being elected:

PDG Ed Tustin – President

PDG Kerry Drake – Vice President

PDG Sarah Clark – Secretary

Lion Mark Tomco – Treasurer

Following the closing of the Board meeting, a training session was held for all Board members and invited 1st Vice Dist. Governors.

I have **nine** 2016 Contributing Member rockers at \$10.00 each and I also have **nine** of the 25th Anniversary pin for \$5.00 each.

The 25th Anniversary celebration will be held at the November Council meeting. Friday, October 28th, at a cost of \$30.00 per person.

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

LOPF Chairperson

All grant funds distributed by the Foundation are used to support needy people only in PA

Due to his duties as treasurer of the Bing Miller Foundation and now our district treasurer, PDG Rich would like to be replaced as our representative to the PA Lions Foundation.

Pa Eye Research Lions PDG Dave /Linda Sampson

No report.

Pa Hearing Research Lions IPDG Ken Snyder/Linda Mellinger

On Friday August 5, 2016, the VDG Banquet was held at the Red Lion Inn. This was an opportunity for the board of the Pa. Hearing Research Foundation to meet and spend some time with the 1st VDG's of the district. The following grants were reported. Western Pennsylvania Hearing Foundation for the purchase of hearing aids \$6000.00. Grants of \$2000.00 each for 14A-14C-14M-14N and 14U to be used for eye screening. \$8000.00 grant was awarded for handicap accessibility for Dover Public Library 14C. There is only 1 grant application this year. Central Brain Circuits Supporting Discrimination of Signals on noise. University of Pennsylvania for \$20,000. The purpose of this study is to determine how the brain is able to separate our spoken speech from noise. If successful, the results could have significant impact on the programming methodologies in Cochlear Implants, Baha Implants and possibly hearing aids. This is a 3 year program, but future funding is contingent upon available funds. Grant for \$20,000 was approved.

KidSight Lion PDG Phil Shober

KidSight has completed its Third full year of screening. We have screened 5002 children (increase of 739) in Berks and Chester County with a referral of 416 children for complete eye exam by professional. The officers for coming year is as follows:

Chairman/CEO.....PDG Philip Shober

President/COO.....Marilyn Wagner

Vice President.....Patrice Crammer

Secretary.....Dean Focht
Treasurer.....John Stasulli

We look forward to another successful year working with the Lions Club's and the Vision Resource Center of Berks County.

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Leo Representative Lion Marilyn Wagner

Lion Marilyn would like to be replaced in this position and may have someone who is interested.

Services for Children Lion Rev. Doris Haley

I thank you for being in your Cabinet 2016-17. I am very appreciative.

For our tenure of our School of Learning from June 20, 2016 – September 1, 2016, our registration was 335 children. We opened with a debt of insurance as well as materials for our curriculum. Insurance had to be met within a deadline in order to operate. Teaching materials was paid on an installment plan. Our thanks are extended to Honey Brook Lions Club as well as donations from individuals of the club. Thanks also to PBM Lions Club, PDG Dave Smith and Lion Barbara, ad to many Lions from various clubs who reached out to us by providing food and clothing. We are thankful to the farmers (Southern Chester County) who provided vegetables and fruits weekly for the children.

There were three women inmates released from Muncy Prison for Women and I was asked if they could be hired for employment. However our staff is all volunteers. We were able to use them for our School providing meals for them as well as allowing them to take home leftover food at the end of the day.

Finally, I was able to get employment for them, with many thanks and gratefulness from them to Lion Leo Representative Marilyn Wagner and Lion Cindy Gundrum for providing clothing for them to look appropriate.

We are looking forward to the fall semester, plans for the holidays for the children, and updating our learning curriculum.

Lion Marilyn Wagner reported that Lion Rev. Doris Haley will be honored by the Chester County Commissioners on Sept. 13th and other Lions can attend.

Peace Poster Lion Linda Sampson

With school getting ready to start, it is time to be thinking about the 2016-2017 Peace Poster Contest. If you haven't already done so, you need to order your poster kits (one for each sponsored school). Kits must be ordered before October 1, 2016. I will need the posters no later than 9:00 am at the November Cabinet meeting for the District judging.

Complete contest rules are included in each packet, but please stress to your school contact that the rules of the contest must be followed or the entries are disqualified. Last year, one poster was too small and another was much too large, so both were disqualified at the District judging. The posters must be at least 13" x 20", but no larger than 20" x 24". The contest is open to students who will be 11, 12, or 13 years of age by Nov. 15, 2016. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the poster. No lettering or numbering is allowed on the front of the poster.

Please have the artist's name legibly written on the back of the poster with their age and date of birth, parents' names, phone number, school name and sponsoring Lions Club contact information. This information helps me in making contact with the artist, if necessary.

Also, please remember that there is an Essay Contest for visually impaired students. Information for

the Essay Contest is also included in the Peace Poster kit.
Good luck to all of our aspiring artists this year.

Old Business

Lions Centennial Summer Fest

District Governor Gus called our recent "Lions Centennial Summer Fest" picnics a labor of concentration which was started back in the winter of last year.

Lion Barbara Smith reported that the picnic at Royer Greaves School for the blind had 80 in attendance. There were booths on disaster relief, Beacon Lodge, Lions information, games, Kids Sight, face painting, crafts, and an eye glass truck which collected over 4000 eyeglasses. There was a 50/50 raffle, gift baskets, a falcon demonstration, a tour of the Royer Greaves facility, and piano music by Ron Curry. There was plenty of food and drinks including hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, and cake and cookies for dessert.

See also the Centennial Committee report above.

International Convention and Swearing in of District Governors

See the District Governor report above.

District Governor Gus said that he is proud to be a Lion and was very impressed with the unbelievable training and dedication at the international convention.

New Business:

State Council of Governors meeting report

District Governor Gus attended the first meeting of the PA Council of Governors and said that these meetings are always interesting.

One of the best and biggest conventions is being planned for next summer, ending on July 4th.

A possible change in the official summer pants color from white to gray is being discussed in committee.

District Governor Visitation Procedure

Lion Barbara Smith and another Lion from the PBM club will be making phone calls to clubs ahead of the district governor visit. They will be seeking out long term members and District Governor Gus will present awards to Lions with 25 years of experience in Lions at his club visitations.

Passing of the Banner

The passing of the banner was set for Tuesday, October 11th at Royer Greaves School for the Blind in Paoli. It is to be a free event with spaghetti and meat balls, salad, and dessert. Lions can arrive as early as 5:00PM and the meal will be around 6:00 to 6:15.

IPDG Ken Snyder expressed a conflict with him attending and said that many of the Central Berks Lions work and could not attend that early. District Governor Gus said that he would take it under advisement.

Bing Miller Foundation annual meeting and dinner

Lion Barbara Smith reported that the dinner and meeting is set for Sunday November 13th at the Keystone Fire Company in Boyertown. The social hour begins at 2PM and the dinner is at 3PM. The cost is \$25 per person for a family style dinner.

Long Range Planning Committee Report

See above- District Governor Gus will work on getting this committee restarted.

Audit Report – PDG Robert Argot

On August 16, 2016 the Audit Committee met to audit the financial books of District 14P for the Lions year 2015-2016.

The following Lions were in attendance: 2015-2016 Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer PDG Richard Stump, PDG Richard Taylor, PDG Phil Shober, and PDG Robert Argot.

Both the Administration Account and the Charity Account were reviewed and found to be in accordance with the income and expenditures for the Lions year 2015-2016.

The guidelines that are issued by Lions International (policy #104 and 104A) were followed to audit the District 14P financial records.

Having completed the audit, the committee has found the records to be in good order and has approved the audit for the Lions year 2015-2016.

Volunteer Organization Protection Act – Lion Marilyn Wagner

Lion Marilyn Wagner relayed information from Lions Clubs International asking us to contact our legislators in support of the Volunteer Organization Protection Act which is now under consideration in the House of Representatives.

Current legislation protects individual volunteers from tort suits, but not the volunteer organizations. There was a case in Ohio in which the volunteer organization was sued due to deaths in a plane crash even though the organization had not given its consent to the plane rides that were being given. An information letter on the proposed Volunteer Protection Act Amendment was handed out.

PA Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation

A letter was received and read inviting Lions to attend an eye research seminar to be held Saturday September 24, 2016 at Salus University PA College of Optometry, Elkins Park Campus.

Chester County Association for the Blind

Lion Robert L. Milliken, Interim Executive Director of the Chester County Association for the Blind and other members of their board were present to discuss the resolution at our June 11, 2016 Cabinet meeting removing this organization from our approved District Charities until such time as they show us their organization and goals.

Lion Milliken reported that the Chester County Blind Association is alive and well providing free services with minimal donations. Executive Director Milliken and his assistant are full time volunteers and the organization is operating with no administrative costs.

Lion Milliken said that their workshop is operating at full strength although transportation to get the workers there is a problem. They ordered \$28,000 worth of materials from Pakistan and produce things such as ironing board covers, mitts, and dish cloths with visually impaired individuals operating sewing machines.

PDG Phil Shober said that we need a list of their board of directors and financial statements. Executive director Milliken said that because of the sudden loss of their previous Executive Director and a change in their CPA auditing firm, they have not filed 2015 taxes and have filed for an extension, so the last report at this time is for 2014.

PDG Phil Shober said that if we reinstate them on our charities list, we should send a letter to our Lions Clubs stating that we support the Chester County Blind Association and not Vision Corp.

It was generally felt that we should give the money in the budget from last year in good faith while we wait for the information we seek.

On a motion by IPDG Ken Snyder and seconded by Lion Len Crowther the Cabinet agreed to reinstate the Chester County Blind Association to our approved District Charities list.

Other Business – Lion Marilyn Wager

Lions have a focus on youth and living with diabetes. Lion Marilyn wants to set up a workshop at our next district convention by a young man who is living with type 1 diabetes. The Cabinet was in agreement.

Lion Marilyn also suggested that at our November 12th Cabinet meeting, we include a donation of mitts or toys for the children in Rev. Doris Haley's program. The Cabinet agreed.

Adjournment

There being no further business the Cabinet meeting was adjourned on a motion by PDG Phil Shober and seconded by Lion Robert Jackson Jr.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Hunsberger

Cabinet Secretary