

“United in Kindness and Diversity”

District Governor 14-P 2020-2021

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Saturday, April 10th, 2021 District 14-P District Convention Trinity Church in Boyertown Minutes

The convention was called to order at 8:45 A.M. by Convention Chair 1st VDG Gary Hilbert with one verse of America, the pledge to the flag and the invocation by District Chaplain Lion Rev. Doris Haley.

Protocol was established by PDG Philip Shoer.

The business session was recess until 1:30 P.M. by Convention Chair 1st VDG Gary Hilbert.

The Memorial Service was held in the Church Sanctuary for deceased Lions Club Members of PA Lions District 14-P from 2019 and 2020.

The General Session consisted of the following: PA Councilor's Award will be given at a later date because either recipient was present at the convention. The Awarding of the International Presidents Award was given to Leo Chairperson Lion Barry Marteny (who actually received his award at the Passing of the Banner), and Chester Co. Blind Assoc. Chair Lion Tracey Melia.

1st Vice District Governor Gary announced that the Memorial Service was recorded and will be available at a later date to interested Lion members and clubs. PDG Stephen Wagner presented Council Chairman Marilyn Wagner with her Past Council Chair pin.

We then had a 20-minute presentation via Zoom from Leader Dog for the Blind by Lion Beth. An information video about the history of Lions and Leader Dog. Leader Dog has served over 16,000 individuals with guide dogs. They serve over 17 countries and all 50 US States. There are 1.3 million people who are legal blind, and 75,000 more people will become legally blind this year. Only 10% of these people can travel independently.

There are three primary programs at Leader Dog: The Guide Dog program, Orientation and Mobility (White Cane) training and summer experience camp for teens. Leader Dog is 100% philanthropic funding.

In PA. there are currently 32 active Leader Dogs. 812 dogs have been placed in Pa since the beginning of the organization. There are 32 individual who have taken the mobility training and 3 have been to the summer camp.

Clubs can partner with Leader Dog by Spreading the Word, Connecting with local agencies and by posting and distributing brochures. For information or to order materials the website is leaderdog.org and you can call Rochester and ask for Lion Beth.

The district will be making a formal presentation for the Peace Poster winners at a later date possibly at Passing of the Banner. The recipients and their families were unable to attend due to illness. The winners were 1st place from the Amity Township Lions Club Daniel Boone Middle School and 2nd place presented from the Wernersville Lions Club. The theme for the 2021-22 Peace Poster is "We are all connected".

We next had a compost video about Leo Projects that was compiled by Leo Chair Lion Barry Marteny. The video had Leo discuss their projects and the reasons why they are a member of a Leo Club. The Leo Clubs who participated are Owen J. Roberts High School Leo Club, Twin Valley High School Leo Club, Avon Grove High School Leo Club, Wilson High School Leo Club, Coatesville High School Leo Club, Owen J. Roberts Middle School Leo Club, Great Valley Leo Club, Avon Grove Charter School Leo Club, and the Schuylkill Valley High School Leo Club. Lion Barry stated that the Leo Clubs need support from all the Lions Club in the district.

District Governor Art Pecht presented Presidential Awards to Past District Governors Dave Hunsberger and Walter Labs.

The keynote speaker for the convention was Lion Deb Burkholder who gave us an inspirational speech. Lion Deb is currently a member of the Baron Stiegel Lions Club in Denver; district 14-D, She is also currently Multiple District Global Leadership Team Coordinator.

Then the attendees of the convention had time to visit the Basket Raffle and Exhibitors before lunch. A boxed lunch was served.

After lunch, the caucus was called backed to order by Convention Chair 1st VDG Gary Hilbert. District Governor Art Pecht gave remarks to the convention. He also Thanks the committee for putting the convention together. The Rules of Procedure was announced by PDG Phil Shoer. The results from the 2020 election for District Governor and 1st VDG and

for the special election for the 2nd VDG was read by District Secretary Linda Long.

The registration report given by District Treasurer PDG Richard Taylor was as follows. There was 71 Lions registered for the convention with 61 Lions in attendance. Lion Susan Prutzman announced the Certification report. It was 36 Delegates and 4 alternates and 11 Past District Governor. There were no resolutions that needed to be voted on at the District Convention.

Nominations for District Governor were 1st Vice District Governor Gary Hilbert. His nomination speech was given by Boyertown Lion President and Zone Chairman Susan Prutzman and seconded by Past District Governor Charles Finney.

Nominations for 1st Vice District Governor were 2nd Vice District Governor Christina Smaltz. Her nomination speech was given by District Governor Arthur Pecht and seconded by 1st Vice District Governor Gary Hilbert.

There was no qualifying candidate for the office of 2nd Vice District Governor.

There was a motion by Past District Governor Philip Shober and seconded by Past District Governor Charles Finney to close the nominations. Motion Carried.

The Election was then held.

The caucus was then called back to order by District Governor Art Pecht. The results of the election of officers for the Lion Year 2021-2022. There were 24 Certified Lions and all 11 Past District Governor for a total of 35 votes cast in the time allowed.

Candidate for District Governor : Current First Vice District Governor Gary Hilbert of the Boyertown Lions Club.

Yes Votes: 34

No Votes: 1

Candidate for First Vice District Governor: Current Second Vice District Christina Smaltz of the Parkesburg Lions Club

Yes Votes: 35

No Votes: 0

There was no qualified candidate for the position of Second Vice District Governor at this time.

Respectfully Submitted Election Chair CC Marilyn Wagner of the Spring Township Lions Club. Committee Members: PDG Philip Shober of the Exeter Township Lions Club. Boyertown Club President and 14-P Zone Chair Lion Susan Prutzman, and Blandon Club Secretary Timothy Mills.

District Governor Elect Gary Hilbert then gave remarks accepting the election as did First Vice District Governor Chrissy Smaltz.

The winners of the Basket Raffle are as follows:

1. Geoff Littlefield
2. Evelyn Pecht
3. Len Crowther
4. Linda Sampson
5. Anthony Spero
6. Evelyn Pecht
7. Geoff Littlefield
8. Jim Mimm
9. Bob Moskel
10. Matt Hensinger
11. Marilyn and Steve Wagner
12. Anthony Spero

The 50/50 raffle was won by Duval Dollar.

The 14-P Pin Silent Auction was one by PDG Dave Sampson for the Hex signs and Lion Matt Hensinger for the Presidents Pins.

The Benediction was then given by District Chaplain Lion Doris Haley. The convention was adjourned.