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Vice Council Chair MD14 2019 - 2020

District Governor 14-P 2019 - 2020

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District Governor Marilyn Wagner called the meeting to order on November 9th, 2019 at 9:30 A.M. To honor our veterans the National Anthem was played and then a Salute to the flag. The invocation was made by Lion Chaplain Doris Haley. Lions in attendance were: DG Marilyn Wagner, 1st VDG Art Pecht, IPDG David Hunsberger, ZC Patrice Crammer, ZC John Day, Lion Chaplain Doris Haley, Lion Barry Marteny, PDG Gus Meyer, Lion Bob Moskel, ZC Anne Ostrowski, ZC Susan Prutzman, ZC Linda Sampson, PDG Phil Shober, Lion Barbara Smith, PDG David Smith, Lion Terry Stamm, PDG DT Richard Taylor, PDG Stephen Wagner, Lion Barry Yeager, and DS Linda Long.

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

DG Marilyn introduced the following guests: PDG Bob Argot, Lion Adele Argot, PDG Charles Finney, Lion Lathea Moskel and Lion Toby Gelman.

District Governor Report: Our second Cabinet Meeting of the 2019 – 2020 Lions Year and still so much we do need to work on if we are to meet the goals, we discussed at our Organizational Meeting last July!

As of today, I have had the opportunity to visit with 24 of our Lions Clubs and 2 of our Lioness Clubs and have been truly impressed with the work those Lions have undertaken since the beginning of this Lions Year – sadly not all of it reported in MyLion as yet.....however, since our recent Training Session in Boyertown, led by our Multiple GST Tom Gregg, I have high hopes of achieving our goal of 90% of our Clubs reporting at least one Service Project on the system by our year end of June 30 2020.

At the end of September only 13 of our Clubs had reported Service on MyLion and only 23 were current on MyLCI – though I did get a heads up this week that we have increased in our Multiple District from an overall average of 21% at the end of September to a much improved 40% at the end of October.....but I have not seen our District Health Assessment for October yet – but it will be mentioned in Lion Eyes for sure. On my visitations I am offering one on one Training for those who did not attend the Boyertown event and I know that FVDG Art and a couple of our Zone Chairs are doing the same – so I remain optimistic that we can continue to improve our numbers.

There is going to be a Certified Guiding Lion Workshop at the Good Life Financial Building on Lancaster Pike in Shillington on Saturday November 23 2019 at 9:30 am thru 12:30 pm – interested Lions taking part in this training have the potential to be assigned for a two year term to assist clubs that are either newly chartered, established or determined as priority designation and their goal is to assist a club to:

- Be successful in its first two years of operation
- Orient and train club officers and members
- Motivate and support club growth and development
- Locate resources available to assist the club

If our District is to grow, then we need a strong team to help us Charter New Clubs and help with those Clubs who are struggling – and I am offering this opportunity to every Club I go to.

There is also a need to add some Zone Chair Training to implement the changes to the recently issued District Advisory Team Manual....once we have discussed and agreed a mutually agreeable schedule with our Team we can then apply to LCI for a District Development Grant of \$500 to cover any expenses for these Trainings.

One Grant I have applied for already is the GAT District Funding Grant – the amount available is up

to \$500 and the application was simply to write a story of a 'success' we have had in our District since July of 2017 and how the Global Action Team helped to create that success.....the story I told was of the successful return to health of the Parkesburg Lions Club – from Priority Club to Club Excellence! – it really did make my day to receive their Award yesterday in the mail – the only Club in 14-P that were successful in applying for the year 2018 – 2019.....hopefully my story passes muster at LCI and our Treasurer receives the funding for us to use to help Clubs moving forward.

I attended the State Council Meeting #2 last weekend, along with our Vice District Governors and our LCIF Coordinator and would like to share a few items that were shared with Council and Lions at the meeting:

Dates to keep in mind:

- December 1, 2019 – District Peace Poster received by Council Chair William Morgan
- January 31, 2020 – District Leo of the Year submission to Council Chair William Morgan
- February 24, 2020 – Last date for applications for the Regional Lions Leadership Institute must be with State GLT Deb Burkholder
- March 31, 2020 – Last date to submit our application for District 14-P Lioness of the Year – and I will be seeking assistance from our Lioness Coordinator Linda McCue on that one.

Apart from the Peace Poster – further details on the remaining items are available either directly from LCI or details will be arriving shortly addressed to the relevant Cabinet Chair.

- The task force for the PA Lions new website have made great progress and a completed site should be launched July 2020.
- International Director Larry Edwards gave us a few updates from his attendance at the recent LCI Board Meeting
 - The development of the North American Membership Initiative (NAMI – since we love acronyms as an organization) is well under way and he indicated that FVDG Art will be hearing much more about that at his DGE Seminar in February – so we will look to him for an update on his return.
 - There is an International Dues Increase on the table for a vote at the International Convention – the initial increase of \$3 per annum with an inflation-based increase annually after that. He also noted that there has not been an increase in our International dues since 2012.
 - There is also a move to stop the recycling of District Governors to encourage new people to serve in the position – that too would be a ballot question.
- The Philadelphia Convention Bid to host an International Convention is not progressing the bid to host in 2027, but instead are going to try for the Convention in 2028.
- The Multiple District of Pennsylvania endorsed a candidate for 3rd International Vice President – he is PID Fabricio Oliveira of Brazil and he was introduced for endorsement by non-other than our Past International President Joe Wroblewski.
- The Lions of Pennsylvania are intending to bid for the 2024 USA Canada Forum at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center. Respectfully submitted: District Governor Marilyn

District Secretary requested that everyone in attendance initial the sign in sheet (red folder) and that there was a folder to place cabinet report after the presentation (blue folder). There are extra agendas (green folder) in case you forgot to bring yours. Everyone is requested to come to the front to make your report in order that the tape recorder pick the report and if you are making or seconding a motion you tell us who you are first.

We had a motion by Lion Barbara Smith and a second by PDG Phil Shober to approve the Cabinet Meeting Minutes of August 10th, 2019. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Report: On the close of business on November 7, 2019, the PA Lions District 14 P, had a checking balance of \$20,068.79. All Club Dues were paid for the first half of this Lions year.

The following transactions occurred from my last report to the Cabinet on August 10, 2019.

Administrative

Income:

\$1,698.00 District Dues

\$1,348.96 Passing of the Banner (Meals 1,100.00, Donation drinks \$33.96, 50/50 \$215.00)

\$1,347.50 PA State Dues Stipend

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\$4,394.46 total income

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Expenses:

\$43.20 Postage, Supplies (DG Ink Cartridge)

\$70.00 Cabinet Meetings (2 @ Henrietta Hankin Branch Library)

\$161.25 Campus Club LCI Dues

\$41.08 LCI Grant GMT (MyLion Training Refreshments)

\$1,391.03 Passing of the Banner (Meals \$1,069.16, Gifts \$71.87, Hall Rental \$250.00. **\$400.00** total rent)

Passing of the Banner total income \$1,623.96 total cost \$1,541.03 = \$82.93 profit

\$270.13 1st VDG Expenses

\$125.00 2nd VDG Expenses (have not received 2nd VDG Gary expenses for last week-ends council meeting).

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\$2,101.69 Total Expenses.

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\$2,292.77 difference in the Black

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Charities:

Income

\$1,350.00 Beacon Lodge Total

\$401.73 Bing Miller Foundation (final donation from the old Lionville Lions Club)

\$750.00 Canine Partners for Life

\$500.00 Diabetes Awareness/Research

\$25.00 DG Marilyn Project PA Lions Care for Kids, 4 Diamonds

\$250.00 KidSight

\$1,250.00 Leader Dogs for the Blind

\$1,850.00 Lions Eye Bank of the Delaware Valley

\$400.00 PA Lions Sight Research Foundation

\$500.00 Youth Services

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\$7,276.73 Total

-\$500.00 Diabetes Awareness/Research funds remain in account

-\$25.00 DG Project remain in account

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\$6,751.73 Charities payout

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\$12,701.73 **Total Charities Expenses** 7/1/2019 to 11/7/2019

All charities collected were distributed on behalf of the donating clubs.

Respectively Submitted,



PDG Richard T Taylor, Treasurer

We had a motion by Lion Barry Marteny and a second by Lion Doris Haley to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion Carried.

First Vice District Governor Report: I have attended all meetings on the District level and State level. I have attended the Avon Grove Lions Club with DG Marilyn Wagner. My online courses for my visit to Chicago are up to date as are my travel arrangements. I am making lot of new friends and the fellowship is awesome.

I am starting to set up my cabinet for next year. We as district believe that change is a good thing. So, if you would like to continue or would like to try something different please see me so we can get you what you want.

If you have been a ZC we are looking for a 2ND VDG. I sat out there and heard many times how great it is to climb the ladder in Lions. As I am starting out, I can only say that it is true. It does take a certain amount of time and effort, but I am really enjoying myself.

I would like all veterans to stand and let's say THANK YOU to them. Since this is our last meeting for 2019, I would like to wish all Lions, Lioness and Leos a Merry Christmas and Healthy and Happy New Year. Art Pecht VDG #1

PDG Phil Shober states that many people thank him for his service, but he would like to pass on to everybody that the veterans from Vietnam and Korea never really received a good welcome home. He experienced nastiness from people he thought was his friends but that is history. One on the thing we do when we see fellow veterans, we say "Welcome Home". So, when you see someone with a Korean of Vietnam hat on; the first thing you should say is welcome home and then thank them for their service because it means a lot to them to hear that.

Second Vice District Governor Report: Happy Holidays to my fellow Lions in District 14P. I just returned home from my trip to Wilkes Barre. Host city for Pa State Council meeting #2. What a time I'm having getting to know Lions from all over MD-14. Especially my Class VDG's of 2021-2022.

I do apologize for my absence today due to my attending the ALLI in Chicago. I will share my experience with all when I return. In the meanwhile, there is good news to share within our District. Today will be the first time our cabinet meeting will be held in a new location. (at least in the last 5 years) Our membership is holding steady and the reporting percentages on MyLion are increasing. Thanks to all for your hard work and dedication. It is not taken for granted. Maybe the 2nd half of our Lions year will be even better.

In this season of Thanksgiving, I would like to publicly give "THANKS" to DG Marilyn and FVDG Art for their guidance and support. I cherish our friendship. Sincerely, SVDG Gary Glh40@comcast.net

IPDG Report: I have been visiting our District 14P Lions Clubs in order to talk about LCIF. I will give more information under the LCIF report.

I installed new members at a few of the clubs that I visited.

I attended the State Council of Governors meeting in Wilkes Barre from November 1st to 3rd. One big item of concern that I heard was that the United States is in danger of falling to number 2 in membership behind India in the next year or two. Lions started in the United States and we are being encouraged to strengthen it here. IPDG David Hunsberger

GLT Coordinator: - No Report.

GMT Coordinator: As of November 1, District 14P membership totals 1,117. We are holding steady. For every member loss, we gain a new member. A big Thank You to all clubs who have added at least 1 member since July 1. Keep up the good work. For those who are still searching, continue to pound the pavement. Your new member could be just around the corner.

During my time as GMT, I've followed up with Lions for reasons they dropped members. You can call it an impromptu survey. In spite of our best efforts sometimes good people leave our association. It's not always because the new member was ignored, or their ideas were not implemented, or club service projects were not meaningful. Family life, jobs, finances and relocating are just a few reasons why they leave.

To assist you in your membership drive, did you know there is an LCI YouTube Channel? This channel shares inspiring videos how Lions are making a difference. For more resources, contact me 610-468-4788 or email glh40@comcast.net How can I be of service to you? In Service and friendship, SVDG Gary, GMT Chair

GST Coordinator: I am happy to see that the number of clubs reporting on MyLion is increasing. We saw our number of service activities and hours almost double from September to October. And, our number of clubs NOT reporting decreased by 10 clubs.

Please continue to be patient as we work through MyLion and the new functioning of this reporting service. We will get there and do all that we can to help you. We appreciate your patience and help as we continue to receive feedback and more information from above.

My goals for the 2019 for each club still continue.

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

ZONE CHAIR

Zone Chair 1A: The following activities were reported:

Frystown: Translation of PA Dutch pieces, volunteered at Mt Aetna Fire Company Event, inscribed dictionaries for 3rd grade students of two Mennonite Schools, and participated in annual Peace Poster program, participated in program to destroy lantern fly eggs and recycled eyeglasses. Prospecting for a new Leo Club.

Hamburg: Held annual Fall Dance raising approximately \$1,200, donated \$1,000 to Riley Rejniak, ("Bing" Miller Grant recipient), built float to enter in King Frost Parade and two members delivered Meals on Wheels.

Charlottesville: 2 Line dances held that raised \$295. One member served Meals-on-Wheels. Four Bingo Events raised \$669. Prepared market basket.

Shoemakersville: Donated \$350 to Virginville Fire Company and \$350 to Shoemakersville Fire Company

Strausstown: The club held their 48th annual antique auto show and flea market on September 8 with approximately 450 antique autos and 275 flea market spaces.

The club donated \$75 to the Rehrersburg Fire Company to post an ad in their ad booklet. The following donations were made: Strausstown Community Campus, \$200; Beacon Lodge, \$150; Pennsylvania Eye Research, \$100; Vision Resource Center, \$100; Leader Dog School, \$100; Delaware Valley Eye Bank, \$100; Bethel Ambulance, \$200; Bernville Community Library, \$50; Bethel Community Library, \$50; Zion Blue Mountain UCC roof repair fund, \$100; Strausstown Fire Company Engine tanker Fund, \$500; Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation fund for camper with disability improvement, \$100; and a donation to Tilden Elementary Center Education Pavilion project.

Respectfully, Lion Alice Moyer Zone Chair 1 A; Wernersville Lions Club

Zone Chair 1B: A zone meeting was held on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at my home. Eleven (11) lions attended.

To date, I have visited 6 of the 8 clubs in my zone. I will be visiting with Conrad Weiser next week for their regular meeting.

Exeter Lions: August 21, 2019 annual picnic; Exeter is a strong diverse club with many different activities. The officers appear to work well together to accomplish goals and keep energy high. The club has a strong core group of members. President John Magee is enthusiastic and brings good energy to the club. Club Secretary Linda Long is well organized and doing an impressive job. The club recently held a pancake breakfast fundraiser that was well attended.

Reading Pagoda Lions: September 18, 2019 regular meeting;

The Reading Pagoda Lions club is a smaller club with 11 members. The club secretary Anna Mae Hoffman attended the MyLion training and is now able to confidently utilize the new format. This club is strong in fellowship and a great group of lions. They need our help to grow in membership and service.

The club is open and more than happy to do service with other clubs and programs. President Robert Jackson is enthusiastic, and the club would welcome new ideas.

Shillington Lions: (Associate Member) October 3, 2019 regular meeting

I have spent many occasions with this club being an associate member. They are a very active club and not opposed to working with other clubs. They have a strong group of members that are very service oriented. These members in particular exude a kind of excitement about their service and are always willing to share their ideas and projects with others. The one thing I really like about this club is that beyond service to the community, they also enjoy doing things together that helps to promote comradery among the members such as the fantasy football league. It makes for good conversation and something fun to share in friendship together. The members in this club that are impressive lions, are very impressive. The officers in this club appear cohesive and work well together. Recent activities include a creek cleanup and rubber duck race at the Mohnton Playground and a collection for Mary's shelter. They maintain a very strong presence in the community and on social media.

Wernersville Lions: October 2, 2019 regular meeting

This club meets once per month and holds a regular meeting. They report 16 members. At this regular meeting, 6 members were present. The meeting was to discuss the Halloween Parade. At this particular meeting, it was announced the treasurer had resigned. The co treasurer, Paul Leshner agreed to stand in as treasurer. No service is being reported by this club on MyLion or in the M&A that I could find. As a club they know one another well and are passionate about service within the club. I would like to get to know this club and its members better, but the fact they meet only once per month and not every month and the fact they are not reporting service is making it difficult to be of service to them. My goal is to continue to reach out to this club and get to know the members better at a pace that makes them feel comfortable.

Mohnton Cumru Lions: October 17, 2019 regular meeting

Mohnton Cumru reports 38 members and at this meeting 23 were present. The club is diverse in age and everyone appears to have a place of value within the club. They have 2 new members that they anticipate to be added at the next meeting. President Karl Stamm impressed me as a lion wanting to learn more and do more. He was very open in conversation about ideas he has for the club. I believe he would benefit from leadership training and so would his club. He has the enthusiasm that you want to see in your club president.

This club is celebrating lion John Rowe's 70th year as a lion and they are very excited about it. The club is supportive of new ideas. Some service is being reported on MyLion. I am still not receiving M&A reports from Secretary Gwen Burgis. Gwen does an excellent job during the meetings, follow-up with MyLion needs work. Membership is being reported to LCI. This appears to be a strong group with big ideas and the bodies and resourcefulness to make them happen.

Recent service has been the Halloween parade and cleanup. The parade was well attended.

Spring Township Lions: (Member) November 5, 2019 regular meeting

The club reports 31 members, 12 were present at our last meeting. Lion Terry Stamm had the Peace Posters for judging. As a whole, this club does very well with fundraising and supporting the community in a financial capacity via scholarships, youth sports, community projects, etc. Some members express a lack in service vs. writing checks. New service activities are being adopted under the leadership of President Greg Crammer.

The club at its core is well meaning, community oriented and very willing to financially support people or organizations in need. Fellowship has become a challenge within the club as members age and do not embrace technology or new ideas.

Club Secretary Joe Duchynski attended the MyLion training and has been diligent in reporting activities. Lion Joe is a very valuable asset to the club.

Recent activities include KidSight vision screenings, Peace poster and the annual Halloween parade. The club has a strong presence on social media.

A more detailed report has been provided to the cabinet secretary Linda Long.

Yours in Lionism; Patrice Crammer, Zone Chair 1B

DG Marilyn stated that if we are going to grow our clubs, we need the above level of detail from the Zone Chairs. It brings to the cabinet the ideas of future leaders and clubs that need help.

Zone Chair 2A – no report. ZC Mike Babb and Rosemary Freeman did have a conversation with DG Marilyn and they need training for the zone chairs. They are both new to the role.

Zone Chair 2B The Zone 2-B region includes the following clubs: Bern Township, Blandon, Blandon Lioness, Central Berks and Muhlenberg.

The Central Berks Lions Club voted in October to give \$1,000 in a combination of cash, gas cards and Redner's grocery cards to the Rejniak family of Leesport, which has a 7-year-old, Riley, who has been fighting stage 4 neuroblastoma cancer since he was five. He recently experienced a recurrence and is undergoing treatment at Hershey Medical Center's Children's Hospital. In addition, the club applied for, and received, a \$3,000 Bing Miller Foundation grant for the family. This check will be presented to the family by Bing Miller Foundation Knight, PDG Ken Snyder, at the club's meeting this Tuesday, November 12. The club celebrated its 71st Charter Night with a visit from DG Marilyn Wagner and PDG Stephen Wagner on October 22.

The club also recently donated toiletries to the homeless men housed at the Hope Rescue Mission in Reading. Two representatives from the mission presented a program at the club's regular October meeting. The club also supported the Schuylkill Valley Community Library's American Girl Bingo by sponsoring a prize level. Today, the Club holds its annual White Cane collection with help from the Schuylkill Valley High School Leo Club at Redner's Warehouse Market in Leesport.

Bern Township – No report sent to ZC

Blandon – The Blandon Lions Club reported 36 active members and seven completed service activities, including loaning out medical equipment, holding an annual Halloween Frolic parade which featured over 100 costumed marchers and a donation of \$1,000 for food and prizes for the event, and holding their semi-annual sandwich sale with a total profit of \$1,251. They will host the District Governor at their November 11 meeting and will hold their annual Christmas party at Janelle Hall in Bowers on December 9.

Blandon Lioness – No report sent to ZC

Muhlenberg – The Muhlenberg Lions Club reported 33 active members with one new member included. The club held their annual sausage and pancake breakfast with help from fifteen Lions and five Leo Club members from the Muhlenberg High School. They also sell Lions mints and collect eyeglasses, pull tabs and stamps. Respectfully submitted, Lion Anne Ostrowski Zone Chair, Zone 2-B

Zone Chair 3A: Visited Bally Lions, Amity Lions and Amity Lioness with DG Marilyn.

Attended Bally Lions Breakfast. Attended Long Range Planning Meetings. Attending Zone Chairperson training with DG Marilyn at Collegeville Wegmans. Attend My Lion Training.

All clubs are active with not increase or decrease in membership.

Amity Lions sponsored the Kids Sight Trailer at the Amity Township 300th Anniversary. 60 youth were scanned.

- held Annual Quest Diagnostic Health Scan at Paul's

- assisted with overflow parking at St Paul's Apple Festival.

- assisted Daniel Boone Optimist Club in erecting new playground equipment at the community park.

Bally Lions took a blind resident to Vision Resource Center for a social event,

- sponsored Halloween Parade

- partnership with Boy Scout Eagle project building for Lions Hospital Equipment now under roof.

- held pancake breakfast

Boyertown Lions held hoagie fundraiser

- had stand at Pick Fest

- sold brooms and had lollypop tent for children to draw families in to talk about Lionism

- held Chicken BBQ with 14 Leo assists.

- sponsored Kids Sight trailer at chicken BBQ - screened 8 children

Amity Lioness had table at Boscov's Friends Helping Friends

- holding Ham and Cheese Sandwiches for fund raiser on November 13

Will be holding Zone meeting in next few weeks. ZC Sue Prutzman

Zone Chair 3B: I accompanied DG Marilyn on her visits to 4 of the clubs in 3B. Lionville Cyber Club has not set a date yet. On those visits I saw that each club has its own style and method of conducting a meeting. It was rewarding to see familiar faces again.

Some of the clubs do a great job of reporting their activities and service hours. Others don't do it at all. On our visits both DG Marilyn and I stressed the importance of reporting and offered assistance.

Coventry Lions Club told us at the meeting about the many things in which they are involved within their community. The LEO club is active. They donate back packs to students in need. KidSight is active in their club. They assist with Meals on Wheels and a Food Pantry. The club had a date set to build wooden eyeglass collection boxes since one of their members has a woodshop. They have arranged the entertainment for the Blues Festival which is their biggest fund raiser.

Eagle Glenmoore Lions continues to collect eyeglasses from over 20 locations, as well as tabs, hats and stamps. Their annual flea market was held on a sunny Saturday where almost \$800.00 was raised for Pediatric Cancer Research and Care. Work continues for the 22nd Golf Outing. The club is collecting new gifts for Lion Doris Haley's Christmas party. There was work done at the Chester County Food Bank. White Cane Day was postponed because of a scheduling problem at their location. There was road clean up done. A NEW MEMBER was inducted.

Honey Brook Lions sold chicken potpie at the Hay Creek Festival and had a successful White Cane Day. They took their food wagon to Music in the Park and Harmony Day with profits. They held a chicken corn soup and chicken salad sale at the Center for a profit. The Lions organized and ran the Honey Brook Halloween Parade. They donated to Beacon Lodge in memory of PDG Charlie and Joanne Finney's son.

Kimberton Lions do not have any service activities to report.

No Communication with Elverson Morgantown Club

Lionville Cyber Club reported being involved with KidSight. Head Start, collection of glasses, stamps, and tabs. They gather and deliver food for the Lord's Pantry. They have delivered 2 boxes of hats for the Coatesville Senior Center. They assist with wheelchair and transport chair on loan. Respectfully submitted by ZC Carol Heilner

DG Marilyn stated that there was a meeting at the Elverson – Morgantown Club. Their membership is very low. They are staying together for the sake of the Leo Club, which they want to support. DG Marilyn did offer them the opportunity to become a priority club, which they are considering. We will need to appoint a guiding Lion similarly to what we did in Parkesburg. They had a disaster in the area which Lion Jim Graeff assisted at which was a missed opportunity. There is an opportunity to grow.

Zone Chair 4A -- no report

Zone Chair 4B:

Oxford Lions Club in August parked cars for the car show at Herrs, had a \$500 profit; 2nd annual pig roast was held in September, had approximately 150 takeout meals serviced. Had Food Truck at Dilworthtown Auction and made approximately \$800. Had Food Truck at Trunkapalooza, annual visit, profit from 3-hour sale with 6 Lions participating, White Cane Day, October 12th, Parking for Herrs Halloween Festivities, profit \$500.

Avon Grove Lions: Activities for August, September and October. The Avon Grove Lions continue to collect repair and loan hospital equipment to people in need. Over 250 families have been helped. The Book Barn Fundraiser was a great success for the year. Lions continue to deliver meals on wheels and work at food pantries. We conducted 3 eye screening events, over 600 children screened. Lions conducted a highway cleanup along Old Baltimore Pike. Recognized four students with certificates and checks through the Senior Student of the Month Program. Members continue to volunteer at difference organizations they are interested in. Continue to work with the two Leo Clubs we sponsor. Donated books to teachers. Participated in the Kennett Mushroom Parade with Leos. Sponsored the Peace Poster Contest at two schools. The Avon Grove Lions have served over 8,500 people through 56 activities and almost 1,700 hours.

Kennett Square: Evening Branch and Morning: August PDG Richard Taylor attended passing of the Banner in Boyertown, September: 9/5 Fright Feast Committee Meeting, Eyeglass collection boxes distributed to local doctors' offices, 9/27 cooked for Family Promise dinner at Church of the Advent, 9/28 Set up and manned booth at Kennett Brewfest for Kennett Run Charities, October 10/2 through 10/6 Lion

Dera Swayne involved in numerous activities for the Unionville Community Fair, Applebee's Flapjack Breakfast, 8 members included for a total of 16 hours, 10/26 set up and hosted Fright Feast 2019 in West Chester.

All 5 clubs in 4B were notified of the District Cabinet Meeting, Parkesburg Lion did not respond to this request but ZC John attended the meeting and was impressed with them. Respectfully submitted Lion John Day, Zone Chair 4B.

COMMITTEE CHAIR

Childhood Cancer – no report. Lion Kathleen Fritch has received no instruction on her duties and the council had to rescind the policy.

Constitution/Bylaws: Fellow Lions:

The Constitution and Bylaws of District 14P was updated in accordance with Article X, Section 2. **AUTOMATIC UPDATE.**

When amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws are passed at the International Convention, any amendments that would have an effect on this District Constitution and By-Laws shall automatically be updated in this district constitution and by-laws at the close of the convention.

Automatic updates do not require two thirds vote by the members of District 14 P to be enacted. Philip Shober, PDG

District Convention: The first to know is the date has changed to April 25, 2020. This was due to a conflict with the Church. The location will be the same as last year. The Trinity Church of Boyertown, at 250 Sweinhart Road in Boyertown. The setup will have to take place in the morning because the church is rented the night before.

The committee is made up of the following; VDG #2 Gary Hilbert, Lion Paula Hilbert, DS Lion Linda Long, DT PDG Rich Taylor, Lion Evelyn Pecht, PDG Stephen Wagner, PDG Carl Gundrum, Lion Cindy Gundrum, Lion Doris Haley, ZC Patrice Crammer, ZC Carol Heilner, PDG Dave Smith, Lion Barbara Smith, PDG Walt Labs, ZC Sue Prutzman, Lion Tim Mills, and Lioness Debbie Mills,

All ZC were sent an email but only several replied that they could help. We probably will need more help in set as this will have to be done the day of. Also, I would like the voting to take less time so that we can get done in a timely fashion.

We have a meeting schedule for January 11 .at 11:00 A. M. at St. Thomas Church. Art Pecht VDG #1

Disaster Relief Chair: The hurricane season is basically over for the United States this year and we have been very lucky. The Southeastern Coast of the United States suffered some damage, but it could have been much worse. Texas got hit again with flooding and hasn't fully recovered from hurricane Harvey. In PA it has been quiet this fall so far. The Bahamas were hit by Dorian and received major damage. MD 14 Disaster Relief Coordinator, Lion Jim Groff, has been in contact with LCIF and other disaster organizations to see how we can help them. There is a Lions Club in Freeport, Bahamas that sustained major damage. In talking to LCIF about the Bahamas, they stated that it is a huge problem shipping supplies to other countries. Everything is required to go through customs which can be a nightmare on its own, but then actually getting those supplies to the ones in need is challenging at most. This is why LCIF decided years ago to send monetary funds directly to the Lions located within the affected country so they can purchase the items that are needed. We as Lions must remember that 100% of all the funds donated to LCIF is what is being used – no donation money is used for administration fees.

The Disaster Team has been attending many meetings at PEMA headquarters in Harrisburg this fall to help with the flood recovery from August 31, 2018 in our state. Lion Jim Groff has also been visiting Lions Clubs and giving programs to help promote disaster relief throughout the state. If your Lions Club is interested in having a program, please let me know and I see if it can be arranged. We are still searching for a tractor-trailer company to wrap a 53-foot trailer.

FUTURE GOALS FOR MD 14 DISASTER RELIEF:

1. Working on an LCI MD grant to wrap a 53-foot tractor trailer in order to promote Lionism.

2. Have an appointed Disaster Relief Chairperson in each of the MD-14 Districts (at this time we have only 7 Districts that have assigned a Disaster Chairperson, 14-P is one of the 7).

3. Have an annual meeting in the PA Lions State office to discuss how we can better serve in Disaster Relief within PA. This will happen once we have more District Disaster Coordinators appointed.

4. Have a Disaster financial account in each individual District to help with the cost of supplies when needed.

5. Establish temporary warehouses throughout PA to facilitate shipping disaster supplies.

Respectfully Submitted, PDG Nancy Gauthier District 14-P Disaster Relief

Honorary: There has been two meetings since the beginning of the year. The minutes of the two meeting will be the report. Topics included concerns and information that is important to the District Governor Marilyn, and Vice District Governor Art and Gary.; MyLion reporting program; Concern about some of the clubs; resignation of PDG Richard Stump as Lion Eye editor and our webmaster; Guiding Lion Training; candidates for 2nd Vice District Governor; and the Lioness conversion.

Long Term Planning: The long-range planning committee met on October 26, 2019.

The committee reviewed membership data. At that point we were ahead 1 member this year. We added 22 new members and dropped 21 members. Since the report the numbers were flipped where we are down one.

PDG Richard Stump has notified DG Marilyn that he will retire as our webmaster and newsletter editor as of the end of this Lions year. We need someone to take over these positions and hopefully will find someone soon so that the new Lion can "shadow" PDG Richard for a little while.

Concerning service projects and reporting in MyLion, fundraising projects are not service, but when the funds are given away it is service. Clubs should invite the recipients to a club meeting and present the check there and then report it as service.

The committee discussed two possible fundraising projects for the District.

The first is that our James E. Bing Miller Foundation is willing to forgo their spring 50/50 raffle if the District is willing to take it over for this year. In this raffle, 100 tickets are printed and sold for \$20 a piece so there is a better chance of winning. The Bing Miller Foundation has been giving seven prizes which total 50% of the money raised. Assuming all of the tickets are sold, this would be a \$1,000 profit. With the number of clubs in the district, it should not be hard to sell 100 tickets. The long-range planning committee passed a motion to recommend to the District 14P Cabinet that we try this raffle this coming spring.

The second possible fundraiser came from 1st VDG Arthur Pecht and involves the sale of a \$5 "challenge" coin with the Lions emblem on it. 1st VDG Art will present this at the Cabinet meeting. IPDG David Hunsberger. Next meeting Jan. 11th.

Lioness Representative – no report.

Lion Eyes Newsletter: Lion Eyes is being sent to the Cabinet, Secretaries, President, Treasures, PDG, State Governors and others. After much thought I have decided to end 7 years as editor of Lion Eyes. I have enjoyed very much being editor, but it is time to retire. As my age is catching up with me. This will take effect on **June 30th, 2020**. This provides the District time to find a replacement. I am more than willing to assist the new editor if they want to keep the same format.
PDG Richard Stump

Nominating Chair: no report.

PR/Lions Information Technology: The web site is being updated on a regular basis. After much thought I have decided also to end my time as webmaster. This will take effect on **June 30th, 2020**. This provides the District time to find a replacement. I am more than willing to assist. PDG Richard Stump

Stamps & Tabs & Caps: Chair Barry Yerger received the following letter from Hatboro PA Branch, NGA-Needlework Guild of America for the donation of caps.

On behalf of the members of the Hatboro PA Branch, NGA-Needlework Guild of America and the needy clients service by our distributing agencies. I want to THANK YOU and the members of Lions

District 14-P for your recent donation of 107 New hats, and your 2018 donation of 179 new hat. My apology for not acknowledging your donations sooner. You can be assured these have been distributed to those in need.

I am very happy to tell you our registered agencies provide are for the disabled, abused, homeless, abandoned, institutionalized, ill and other victims of poverty within our communities. I am happy to tell you our branch collected and distributed 14,263 items of NEW clothes, linens and personal care toiletries to 20 agencies in 2018. We know there is an ever-increasing number of individuals and families who have fallen below the poverty level in recent years. Thank you for your ongoing support.

NGA-Needlework Guild of America is a national non-profit agency providing "New Clothes for New Tomorrows". Thanks again Rudy Tellmann, Secretary.
There are more stamps going out. He has 50 pounds of stamps going out.

USA/ Canada Forum.: next forum is in Kentucky.

White Cane

Berks Co – No Report. Lion Sue will be sending a request out to all of the Berks County Clubs for information.

Chester Co:

Avon Grove - Acme – Avon Grove, Starbucks – Jennersville, 5 Lions - 19 Hours for \$781.50

Coatesville Area: Collects in Spring.

Coventry - Collects at Blues Festival in June.

Eagle-Glenmoore - Collects in Spring

Elverson - Morgantown - No White Cane in Fall

Honey Brook - Sat. 9/14/19 – 9am-Noon 5 Lions - 18 Hours -- \$1,872.50

Kennett Square - White Cane in Spring.

Kennett Square Morning Branch - White Cane in Spring

Kimberton – No White Cane.

Oxford – Oct. 12 - 3 Locations, 8 Lions - 16 Hours -- \$1,400.00

Paoli-Berwyn -Malvern - Oct. 1-5 23 Lions, 5 Leos, - 47 Hours -- \$2,358.00

Parkesburg - Cancelled Fall White Cane; Have one in Spring.

West Chester - Sept. 28 & Oct. 5; - 5 Lions - 20 Hours -- \$ 809.71

West Goshen - Sept. 28 & OCT. 5; 20 Lions - 112 Hours -- \$4,534.93

TOTAL: \$11,756.64 Respectfully submitted, Lion Barb Smith, Chair White Cane Chester County

District Charities Projects:

Beacon Lodge: Mission Statement: Our Mission is to provide all individuals with special needs, the opportunity to enjoy a camping experience encompassing recreational, educational and personal adjustment.

Operating Budget: for the year 2019 \$567,700.

Income received: \$533,901.33

FYI the proposed budget for year 2020 \$586,000.

Property Maintenance: 2019

1. Replaced a new epoxy floor in children's village arts & craft building.
2. Put automatic switch at Lift Station.
3. Work down on Adult Camp Gazebo

Marketing: Apply to LOPF for new or used 15 passenger Van. Also Apply to LCIF for matching Grant.

DG. Will Kresge from 14W has applied to Kresge Family foundation for grant to cover the cost of the new Telephone System. Which will be finished by March 2020.

Fund Raising: 2020

1. Duck Race
2. Brick Walkway 17 new bricks added in 2019
3. Golf Tournament
4. 500 Club

Project New Hope: Two Sessions were held in 2019

It was approved to add a Welcome Sign with Logos of each branch of Service to be used for the Project "New Hope Sessions"

Leo Conference: MD-14 will be held at the camp April 24,25,26 / 2020

Applications will go out to District Leo Club chairperson

Work Weekend: April 24,25 /2020

Date to remember: Vice District/ New Board Members June 6th, 2020

Lions Appreciation Day July 19th, 2020

Thank You: PDG Charles Finney for his service to Beacon Lodge as President
And 14P for their support at the Golf Tournament and the 500 Club.

Berks Deaf & Hard Hearing- no report

Chester Co. Association for the Blind – no report

Diabetes Awareness Report - Since November is Diabetes Awareness Month, there was an article published in November Lion Eyes about Prediabetes and the Signs of Diabetes.

Our District participated in a Senior Expo on Oct. 10 at Exton Square Mall having a table about Lions and Diabetes Awareness.

The "Recipes to Beat Diabetes" Cookbook is a good buy at the special reduced holiday price of \$10.00 for gifts to healthy eaters on your lists. They make an excellent Christmas gift.

Sharing programs and experiences is an excellent way to spread knowledge and new ideas about Diabetes. Please inform our committee of any club function that you have had about this disease, so we can share successes with the whole district.

Respectfully Submitted, PDG Dave Smith, Diabetes Awareness Chair.

Eye Glass Collections – Lion Linda Sampson stated that they are continuing to collect the eyeglasses. Lion Patrice is collecting the hard-shell cases that are in good condition. She is doing a project with them for the homeless.

Leader Dogs for the Blind: I will be making my first visit to the Blandon Lions Club on Nov 25 for Leader Dog program. I would like to encourage other clubs to call me at 484-680-4315 for a club program. Art Pecht VDG #1 PDG Steve Wagner asked VDG Art if he heard of the snowflake gala in January.

Lions Eye Bank: The Eye Bank board meeting is next week, and I hope to have a "Sight Night" date approved that day. Nothing else to report at this time for our district.

Vision Resource Center: Workshop: Continuing work for local businesses. Looking to hire a part time sales/marketing person for the workshop.

Preschool Vision Screenings: Continuing. We screened 978 kids and referred 127. Will be screening at 3 new sites.

Lunch Bunch: Continuing on a monthly basis.

Social Recreational Activities: Celebrated an Everybody's Birthday Party in August.

Support Groups/Lunch n Learn: Support groups are continuing on a monthly basis. Lunch n learns were in September and October with Kalejta Financial and Senior Life Reading presenting.

Fundraisers: Dine In the Dark was held on Thursday, September 26th at Crowne Plaza. We had the most attendees to date.

Facilities: Are currently getting quotes for outdoor signage.

Intakes: Have had numerous intake appointments over the past 3 months.

Community Events: Attended public speaking presentations at Alvernia University to undergraduate students in the Occupational Therapy program. Attended health fairs at Reading Middle School and Berks Community Health Centers.

Additional Items: President/CEO and workshop director attended the PAB Conference in State College. Bowling Club is continuing on a monthly basis. More clients have signed up for specialized services, which include transportation and reading of mail. Have a staff member attending the quarterly

meeting for BARTA to discuss issues with the local transportation system. Will be holding an open house on *March 26, 2020*.

Foundations

Bing Miller Foundation: The Bing Miller Foundation is celebrating our 20th year. We have given out over \$100,000 to the clubs over those years. It is a challenge to explain what we do; we have visited every club at least once. The foundation supported the need for Royer Graves School for the Blind with a matching grant for a generator for off site housing. Their first quote was \$90,000 but received a quote for \$30,000. They received a grant for \$15,000 and PBM donated the other \$15,000. The school is exastic and elated.

Our foundation is performing at an exceptional level. Our current rate of return on investment is 5.1% Our investment choices are made by the board of directors from options provided by the Hoover Investment Company and or recommendation from other board members.

Since our inception, our board has been able to be the sole discretely decision maker of all our investment choices. To date we have never lost any money, in any of our investment choices. As of Nov. 1, 2019, our corpus is \$197,527. We have available now \$10,365, for grants.

Our most recent grant was given to Central Berks Lions Club for \$3,000 to help a family with a child suffering from cancer. Our Treasurer PDG Richard Taylor has filed all financial requirements for 2018 to the state and federal government.

On Nov. 17th.our annual meeting and banquet celebrating our 20th year will be held at the Honey Brook Lions Den at 2:00P.M. Prior to the meeting a buffet dinner will be provided. Ticket prices is \$30.00. Election of officers for 2020-21 will conclude the business meeting. All are invited. \$1,000 in price money will be awarded from sale of our 50/50 tickets. Respectfully submitted Gus Meyers.

Kidsight: Screening totals for the fiscal year are as follows: 1,828 screened 204 were referrals

A webinar was held on October 22, 2019 for the Changing Life Through Lenses program. This program provides free or low-cost glasses to people in need. To learn more about this program, visit <https://lionskidsightusa.org/ctl/> and register to view the webinar recording. Yours in Lionism Patrice Crammer President KidSight Board District 14-P

LCIF Coordinator: Since our August Cabinet meeting, I attended the August 23rd to 25th LCIF training in Boston MA that I mentioned in our August Cabinet meeting. It was a very good session led by PIP Joe Preston, who is the Chairperson for Campaign 100 in CA1. Anne Schullo is our regional specialist at Chicago headquarters and also provided good information and resources including a memory stick which I have been using in my club presentations.

On the following Tuesday, September 3rd, I visited the Avon Grove Lions Club to make a presentation and have visited 14 clubs so far. Response is varied with some clubs doing what they can. At one Lions Club I was told that we would lose members with this type of program. I have not received any commitments for either a model club or a 100/100 club. District Governor Marilyn has a goal to get one model club (donates an average of \$500 per member) and one 100/100 club (where all club members donate \$100 per year for three years).

Our district donations to LCIF so far have been running ahead of last year, but significantly below the monthly goals presented to me in Boston to reach our total goal of over \$56,000.

Our District 14P has been notified that we are eligible for one of the new District and Club Community Impact grants which can be used for any humanitarian service project. Under this new program, clubs which donate \$5,000 to LCIF in a fiscal year, or districts which donate \$10,000 are eligible to receive 15% back to use for a humanitarian project. The project must be submitted to LCIF 90 days in advance for approval. District 14P has \$4,500 available from donations made last Lions year. These funds can be rolled over for 15 years and can be used toward matching funds needed for a larger grant application. We have begun talking about possible project for which we can use this grant. Any donation you do make is credit towards a Melvin Jones Fellow. David Hunsberger; IPDG and LCIF Coordinator

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 12, 2019, at the Best Western Central Hotel in Harrisburg, PA.

Treasurer's report, by Lion Mark Tomco, reported that on October 1st, 2019, \$81,912.00 is available for 2019-2020 Grants. From our investment counsellor we were informed that the corpus account has a value of \$1,657,884.00

The new website was discussed and, as a result, we will be adding a list of all the Fellows and PIP awardees. LionsofPAFellow.org.

The following grants were reviewed and acted on:

- District 14-C and the Dallastown Lions Club requested \$11,916 for playground equipment. This was tabled and the club is being asked to remove a contingency amount and then we will review it again. We recognize it as meeting our criteria.
- District 14-F and the Fredonia Lions Club requested \$1,000 to purchase a captioning and amplification system for people with hearing loss. This was approved.
- District 14-N and the Ambridge Lions Club asked for \$2,455 for a Lion shaped drinking fountain for a community park. This was approved. However, in the future, a similar Lion drinking fountain we will cap at \$2,000
- District 14-P and the Bally Lions Club asked for \$5,000 to erect a building shed to house medical equipment that is loaned to the community. This was approved.
- District 14-W requested a grant of \$5,000 for purchase of KidSight Vision Screening equipment. We have established a cap of \$2,000 for such a request. Therefore, we approved the grant at \$2,000.

A discussion was held re the granting of funds for vans. It was voted on and decided that when an organization requests a second or more grant for assistance, we will refer them to LCIF. If turned down, we will review it again. If it is a first-time request, and the cap is \$10,000, and it meets our criteria, we will review it and vote for approval.

New Board member PDG Robert Neumoyer 14 U replaced PDG Ken Mims who will be wintering in Florida.

Our annual banquet was held on November 1st at the Woodlands Experience at Wilkes - Barre. All 1st Vice District Governor's and their partners were guests of the Foundation. 2nd VDG Gary and Lion Paula Hilbert also attended.

LOPF has agreed to sponsor the Friday night May 15, 2020, Governors Honors / Counselors Banquet at the State Convention. If the Foundation is asked in the future the sponsorship will be capped at \$1,000.00.

The Foundation is still in search of an Executive Director. If you are interested, please contact me.

I will be visiting the Bally Lions Club on November 11th, to present their Grant check for the Medical Equipment Shed and to offer a presentation on the Lions of PA Foundation.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned, and the next meeting date was set for Saturday, January 11th, 2020, in Harrisburg.

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

Lion Richard Taylor had clubs that donate to the 100% clubs and directors fund. Frystown Lions received a 100% directors award for their donation. The Avon Grove Lions Club received is a 100% club. The Bern Township Lions Club received patches for 16-17, 17-18, and 18-19.

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. All grant funds distributed by the Foundation are used to support needy residence in PA only. All Disaster/Emergency funds are distributed

as per donor's discretion, Respectively Submitted,
District 14 P LOPF Chairperson



PDG Richard T Taylor; PA Lions

Pa Hearing Research - We are one of the smallest foundations. They normally get 5 to 15 requests for research projects; not the big dollars but enough to get them started. We are going to change the structure. This is strictly a research foundation. Some of the results we see at the end of the tunnel are

amazing. DG Marilyn has certificates from 4 clubs in the district that supports the PA Hearing Research Foundation.

YOUTH

Leo Chair: I have met with the Liaison from the Octorara High School. At this time there is not a formal Club at the School. They are working on trying to have the school officially recognize the Club. I have communicated with the Christiana and Parkesburg Lions Club on this. They partnered on the Leo Club. This is an ongoing process. The Liaison is going to have the students work on projects with Parkesburg and Christiana Lions Clubs

October 13th Todd Orner. "To date I have discussed reorganizing the Leos with the Parkesburg Club and responded to an email from Steve Shivery at the Christiana Club asking for the opportunity to speak with them. Octorara's Leo Club is chartered for both clubs, so it is important that all have a voice moving forward. In the meantime, the student council advisor and I continue to offer the services of our student council students to both groups. I have also asked National Honor Society to help this year, too. To date, students are helping at Parkesburg's Halloween Parade and Community Day and the Christiana Lions Club Christmas event".

I remain committed bringing back the Leo Club as a stand-alone club and will keep you posted as I make progress toward that goal".

Recently I met with the Great Valley Leo Club. I shared some information with them about applying for a grant. What other Leo Clubs are doing? Also, to make sure that their Lions Club, gets their information in MyLci. Once that is done, they can then report in MyLion. I shared the email about MyLion with them.

I have managed to get 10 more clubs to enter information in MyLci. Hopefully next month the Leo Clubs will start reporting on MyLion and also updating their membership.

I will continue to work on getting all the clubs to report their service and membership. I could use some help from the Zone Chairs to get the Sponsoring Clubs to enter their Liaisons and Leo Club Officers in MyLci. The following Lions Clubs still have not done so- Exeter Township Sr. H, sponsored by Exeter Lions Club, Twin Valley Middle School Sponsored by Elverson-Morgantown. And the West Goshen Lions Club still has not dropped the West Chester East Leo Club.

I was told that some Liaisons were reluctant to enter Leo information in MyLci because of Privacy issues. I sent out an email explaining that the information was covered under the Lions International Privacy Policy and was restricted to a few Lions and Leos. I also informed them that the Parental consent on the application allows that information to be entered. Hopefully this will solve this issue. Thank you, Lion Barry Marteny.

DG Marilyn stated that Lion Barry has done a sterling job so far and he is my new voices nominee for his work with the Leo Club.

PDG Robert Argot has finally contacted the faculty advisor for the Tulpenhocken Leo Club after many tries.

Peace Poster – Lion Terry Stamm wishes to thank all of the club who participated in the Peace Poster Contest. Only one will move forward to the Council. The theme is "Journey of Peace". Lion Terry states that working with the school this was a very difficult poster to do. The judging is on the theme, convey a message, originality should show imagination, and artistic merit which is color, visual balance and harmony. Lion Terry will help with the Peace Poster. In the spring the new theme will be announced so that the children can work on the poster.

Third Place: Boyertown Middle School West. – Boyertown Lions Club

Second Place: Wilson West Middle School – Spring Twp. Lions Club

First Place: Daniel Boone Middle School – Amity Twp. Lions Club.

Services for Children –

The School of Learning: We had and enjoyed a wonderful summer both with our students and faculty. I am confident that their teachers see a difference in their learning ability. Our Summer consisted of 335 students and now returning to the fall schedule with 185 students.

Can Drive Collection: We are still collecting cans and saving the tabs for District 14-P Lions and selling the cans to the Coatesville Scrap Iron Company to provide monies for an emergency fund in whatever manner is needed.

Halloween Party: We enjoyed a Halloween party on October 26th with plenty of goodies enjoyed by all attending, which was about 100 children in attendance.

School Supplies: From the Bible Evangelical Church, Kennett Square we received approximately 400 book bags for boys and girls and richly packed with supplies, which was greatly appreciated.

Youth Center: The services are still rendered at the Chester County Youth Center, West Chester, PA. I am always witnessing an enjoyable time with Mrs. Carey Avery, Program Coordinator. Whatever the children would like to have she lets me know in advance. For Halloween their choice was Chicken Tenders, French Fries, Chips and Sodas and pumpkin pies. We are there on Wednesday evenings.

Prison Work: Our Prison Work continues successfully on Sunday mornings with two services for Medium and Minimum-security woman and the fourth Sunday afternoon for Males on various units.

New Addition to the Ministry: With pleasure we announce the starting of music division lessons in Keyboard and Guitar. We were provided with 4 keyboards and 2 guitars.

Holiday: We are busy now preparing for wish lists for the Inmates children.

Donations: Donations were made from the following:

Lions Club Honey Brook - \$500

Lions Club Paoli Berwyn Malvern - \$500

Clothing articles from Lion Jennie Berks County Lions

See you soon. Thanks for all you do! Lion Doris Haley.

Youth Programs – no report.

Old Business:

Chester County Assoc. for the Blind and Visual Impaired. Update on ad hoc committee. PDG Steve Wagner; Chair – The committee consisted of PDG Steve Wagner, Lion Toby Gelhman and PDG Gus Meyers. We have reviewed all the of financial information of last year and it was all submitted and reviewed. They need to be placed on our charities list. It is the committee recommendation. We will ask that they show us their financial statements and tax returns for the next 3 years.

The motion is that we reinstate the Chester County Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired to the Lions District 14-P Charity List with the caveat that for the next 3 years they should produce their financial statements and tax return made by a Certified Public Accountant was made by PDG Steve Wagner and seconded by PDG Phil Shober. Motion carried.

PDG Treasurer Richard Taylor will update the district charities list and distribute to the clubs.

District Pins Policy Review: PDG Phil Shober recommends scrapping the pin policy. This would only be the district pin. The individual pin for the district governor is supposedly being paid by the district governor. PDG Gus Meyers thinks this is an outdated expense. 1st VDG Art thinks that pin trading and pins are going by the wayside. PDG Gus Meyer made a motion that we cancel the pin policy, 1st VDG Art seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

1st VDG Art has a form to fill out for people who get their label pins. If anyone has any old label pins that they are no longer needed you can donate them to 1st VDG Art. He needs to send them in by January.

District Symposium – There is a meeting following the cabinet meeting.

RLLI Candidates – PDG Carl Gundrum is approaching candidates to attend the institute. We hope to be able to send two candidates from our district.

Donation to St. Thomas Church is Morgantown for the use of their facility for 2018-19. The proposed amount is \$500. The motion was made by Lion Susan Prutzman and seconded by Lion Patrice Crammer. Motion Carried.

New Business

Bing Miller Raffle: IPDG Dave Hunsberger made a motion that the district take over the spring raffle from the Bing Miller Foundation. We will sell 100 tickets for \$20. The motion was seconded by Lion Susan Prutzman. Lion Barbara Smith will organize the raffle.

Challenge Coin: Has to do with the military for drinking and pay. Lions could use this for the tail twister could use the coin to generate fun. The antique brass is 15 cents more and the Lion on the back is 3D which is a one-time charge. It could be up to 4 different colors. We could get the coin in gold or silver which would not cost us any extra. For 50 the cost is \$5.15; for 100 - \$3.75; for 150 - \$3.25; for 200 - \$3.00 and 300 - \$2.75. We could sell them at \$5.00 apiece. There was confusion of what to do with the coins. The tail twister could use them at the club level. The district will buy them. We will send them out to the clubs to see if what the interest is in them and send them to the zone chairman. PDG Gus Meyer states that this might be a way to financial support the governor.

DG Marilyn does have the district and community grant application. She would like members to give their input. She has met with VDG Art and Gary for their input. We need to think about a humanitarian project we can operate as a district. Let her know your suggestions so that she can apply for the grant.

Anything Items for the Good of the Order.

PDG Charlie Finney wanted to know the status of the PA Counselor Awards. DG Marilyn has one application so far. She has not sent them out to all the clubs because the PA Counselors are changing the criteria of the award. The award should be turned in by February.

PDG Steve presented IPDG Dave Hunsberger with a token of last year's cabinets appreciation. IPDG Dave thanks everyone who helped him last year.

The benediction was given by Lion Chaplain Doris Haley.

Adjournment

Next Meeting Feb. 15th, 2020 at 9:00 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Morgantown.