

LION DISTRICT 2-S3  
First Cabinet Meeting  
Manor, Texas  
July 8, 2017

The First Cabinet Meeting was called to order at 8:44 a.m. by Governor John Pruett with 79 Lions in attendance.

Governor Pruett welcomed everyone to Manor and thanked the Manor Lions Club for hosting the First Cabinet Meeting.

Lion Rev. James Sulcer from the Manor Lions Club gave the invocation. The Governor then recognized the Veterans in attendance. Second Vice District Governor Larkin Smith led the pledges. PDG J. P. Kirksey led the group in song. Introductions of Past Council Chair and Past District Governors were made by Governor Pruett.

District Governor Pruett then appointed PDG J. P. Kirksey as the parliamentarian and PDG Len Heimer as the Sergeant at Arms.

District Governor Pruett installed the 2017-2018 Cabinet Members.

A motion was made by Lion Brenda Pruett to extend voting rights to all Lions in attendance at this Cabinet Meeting. Motion was second by Lion Karen Ratcliffe. The motion was amended to the following by Lion Brenda – To extend voting rights to all Lions in attendance at all Cabinet Meetings. Lion Karen second the amendment. Motion passed.

Cabinet Secretary Lion Nancy Handrick was called upon to present the Fourth Cabinet Meeting Minutes and the District Convention Business Meeting Minutes. The minutes were approved as posted.

Cabinet Treasurer Lion Maureen Kinald – Lion Maureen mentioned that she still has some bills out so she was not able to close out the books before this meeting and will report that at the next meeting and then have the audit done. She stated that we had a good year because all clubs paid their dues and we only had four clubs who did not pay their 100 percent's. Copy of the report is attached. **(Attachment A)**

Lion Maureen Kinald gave the Charities Budget Report – Lion Maureen mentioned that there are four projects in the Charities. Lion Maureen reviewed the attached District 2-S3 Charities Budget. **(Attachment B)**

**District Governor Remarks** – Greetings from International President Naresh Aggarwal of India. Namaste is a respectable form of greeting in the Hindu custom, it means “I bow to the divine in you” or “the divine in me recognizes the divine in you”. I arrived home on Wednesday of this week from 11 days in Chicago attending the DGE Seminar and the Lions International Convention. It being the Centennial Celebration it was quite a large international meeting.

Our International Theme for the next year is “We Serve” with a special emphasis on the power of “We”. We come together in service and combine that with power of action we can do even greater things in this century of Lionism.

Governor John mentioned that we have a new service framework, we are adding diabetes and pediatric cancer to our other areas such as youth, hunger, vision and environment. We will probably end up with 5 as the year rolls out. Youth will probably be folding into pediatric cancer and all the other projects as well.

Diabetes is to be a big part of what we do as much as vision. Diabetes affects us to a great extent. DG John is looking forward in years to come to be a big part of promoting prevention treatment of Type 1 & 2 diabetes.

In addition Lions Clubs International has introduced the new Global Action Teams to include the Global Leadership Team (GLT), Global Membership Team (GMT), and the new Global Service Team (GST). In our framework for service, that one has been left out. In this new LCI forward, this new century, we are adding that component to the global action team framework, with the idea being to promoting clubs to increase their service activity and increase their reporting of their service activities. There is more to come as these roles unfold and we will publish information about this in the newsletter and will also be talking about it at the future cabinet meeting and break-out sessions at the Mid-Winter Conference.

Within the District, the District Governor's Team is working hard to improve communication and training and you can see this in our 'GoToMeeting platforms'. PDG Mike the GLT will talk more about this when he speaks.

The Governor mentioned that he only has one Club visit in July and that is Wimberley, since he hopes to meet with Zone Chairs, Global Action Team and key committee chairs to prepare and finalize plans for 2017-2018.

The Governor hopes that everyone will download the MyLions application on their smart phones and begin using it and to connect with each other and promote their service activities.

Governor John said it is an honor for him to serve us as District Governor in District 2-S3.

**First Vice District Governor – Lion Linda Davis** – VDG Linda mentioned that the last 57 days have been a whirl wind and she wanted to bring it to a level of importance so everyone can understand what is going on. We started with the District Convention on May 12 and since then it has been a meeting, phone call, discussion one right after another about leadership to our centennial. The International Convention was held in our own country but it was populated by hundreds and hundreds and thousands – almost 40 thousand people attended the convention. You have to have an enormous city to have that many hotels to house so many visitors and make sure someone is not out on the street.

That brings me to today, so she mentioned that if she cut out these 57 days she would probably grow in her knowledge tenfold, so she recommended to everyone that this time next year everyone go to Las Vegas for the International Convention where she will be inducted and she would just love it if everyone would plan to attend and witness what she just did in Chicago.

The leadership of this District and the Clubs depends on the Lions and depends on Lions being knowledgeable about what is going on but Lions are actually steering it to some extent.

So cut these 60 days out and move it forward and go to as many meetings, discussions, etc. you can.

**Second Vice District Governor – Lion Larkin Smith** – VDG Larkin showed off his new red jacket that his Council chose. Everyone approved.

VDG Larkin then put on his cap he had made and told everyone he wants everyone to think Lionism 24-7-365 and thanked VDG Linda for the Segway into his presentation because he was thinking the same thing. He mentioned he is very happy to be here and happy to serve the District and please let him know how he can help your club grow.

**Immediate Past District Governor John Lyon** - IPDG John thanked PDG J. P. Kirksey for helping him with the parade issue at the International Convention. Parade went well and Texas had good attendance and had about 30,000 in the parade and was about a mile long. He mentioned that they are looking for more with the elite attire which is chaps and they march in the front of the Texas delegation.

Reminded clubs that there is a Club Excellence Award and IPDG John has had only one club fill one out. It is available on the website, if you qualify, please get them filled out and sent in.

IPDG John mentioned that last year he gave out pins and he still had some left if a club needed some they are available. They were the re-Member Texas Pins that were given to members who sponsored a new member.

**Unfinished Business** – There was no unfinished business that needs to be addressed.

**Banking Signatures** – A motion is required to change the signatures on the bank accounts – The signers on the district accounts will be – the District Operating it will be District Governor John Pruett and Lion Maureen Kinald, on the Contingency – Convention Account it will be District Governor John Pruett and Lion Maureen Kinald, and on the District Charities Operating Account it will be District Governor John Pruett and Lion Maureen Kinald. Motion was made by PDG Mike Smith and second by IPDG John Lyon. Motion carried.

A motion was made was made to transfer \$2,000 which is an unbudgeted transfer to the Operating Budget for this year. Motion was made by PDG Len Heimer and second by IPDG John Lyon. Motion carried.

**Proposed Budget** – District Governor Pruett stated that he made some significant changes to the 2017-2018 budget for the GMT, GLT and GST. In addition, we are providing \$1,000 for scholarships to the GLT, which will be 10-\$100 scholarships to attend the Texas Forum and Regional Leadership Institute. This is to encourage grass roots lions to pursue leadership opportunities. These funding changes have been made possible in part by our decision not to print

the District Directory. Mentioned that we are moving into a more digital age and you can find the directory on the Website and it will be updated when someone sends changes to Lion Jim Newbold.

DG John mentioned that they have increased Youth Opportunities Scholarships to \$1,000 for the first place winner and \$500 for the second place. For the Peace Poster winner \$250 and the runner up \$150. In order to provide for this increase we require a draw on the Youth Opportunities account of \$2,075. As reported by Lion Maureen it is quite wealthy. Currently we have \$17,000 and we bring in about \$4,000. The funding is there to increase these scholarships. Promote that within your clubs and see if we can get more students to participate. Question was raised on who controls the Contingency for youth opportunities by PDG Mike Smith. His thinking was that the PDG Committee does however the Governor did not think so. This issue will be researched.

A motion was made to accept the 2017-2018 budget as presented. PDG Shirley Dillman made that motion and PDG Mike Smith second. Motion passed. **(See Attachment C).**

**Nomination Report Procedure** – Governor John mentioned that before the October 14<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting he will appoint a nominating committee and all resolutions will be due prior to the Mid-Winter Conference so the nominating committee has an opportunity to review those resolutions. These will be sent through the Cabinet Secretary to the Chair of the nominating committee. Our old practice was to read a resolution at District Cabinet Meetings. What we are doing now is routing them through the Cabinet Secretary to the nominating committee and they will be reviewed and evaluated by the nominating committee and at the District Convention the resolutions will be read. Reason for having them by the Mid-Winter is because Lions Clubs International required forms to be filled out to validate the candidates.

**District 2-S3 Historical Committee** – Governor mentioned that District 2-S3 does not have a Historical Committee or an archivist. The Texas Centennial Celebration is celebrating our 100 years and is being held in the Dallas area in October and we have been asked to prepare a table to display the History of District 2-S3, so what he was looking for are people who are interested in history archiving and designing a display. Please contact DG John if you are interested.

**Banking Issue** – Governor mentioned that we approved the banking resolution regarding signatures, however we failed to mention at what bank. A motion was made by PDG Mike Smith that the bank we use is Bank of America and PDG Len Heimer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **Reports – Zone Chairs**

**Zone IA – PDG Gary Cocanhougher** – PDG Gary was not present at the meeting however the Governor wanted to recognize all the committee members since time was available. His clubs are Florence, Georgetown Noon, Georgetown Evening, Granger and Jarrell.

**Zone IB – Lion Brenda Pruett** – Her clubs are Buckholts, Cameron, Milano Evening and Rockdale Noon. Lion Brenda had nothing to report at this time.

**Zone IIA – Lion David Almond** – His clubs include Blanco, Dripping Springs, Johnson City and Spicewood/Highland Lakes. Lion David had nothing to report and his first meeting will be in September.

**Zone IIB – Lion Ed Landry** – The Governor mentioned he was not in attendance and his clubs are Austin Lake Travis, Burnet Area, Cedar Park Longhorn, Lago Vista, Liberty Hill and Point Venture.

**Zone IIIA – Lion Gayle Collins** - Her clubs include Austin North Austin, Hutto, Manor, Pflugerville, Round Rock Noon and Taylor. Lion Gayle had nothing to report.

**Zone IIIB – Lion Jerry Williams** – His clubs are Austin Capital City, Austin Capital City Evening, Austin Founder, Austin South Austin, Austin West Austin and University of Texas. Lion Jerry just thanked the Governor for giving him to opportunity to achieve the goals the governor has set out and look forward to working with his zone.

**Zone IVA – Vacant** – The governor mentioned that this Zone Chair is vacant at this time. The clubs in the zone are Bastrop Evening, Buda, Elgin Evening, Lockhart and Luling. If anyone is interested, please contact the Governor.

**Zone IVB – VDG Larkin Smith** – Larkin's clubs are Kyle, San Marcos (Noon), San Marcos Bluebonnet, Texas State and Wimberley. VDG Larkin had no report at this meeting.

**Zone VA – Lion Lee Ambroisino** – Her clubs are Canyon Lake Noon, New Braunfels (Noon), New Braunfels Breakfast, New Braunfels Evening and New Braunfels New Century. Lion Lee thanked the Governor for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Lion Lee also mentioned that she is the Chairman of the Mid-Winter Conference and would welcome any volunteers who would like to help with that event.

**Zone VB – Lion Carmen McCaw** - Her clubs are Bulverde, Garden Ridge, Marion, McQueeney, Shertz Cibolo and Spring Branch-Bulverde. Lion Carmen was not in attendance.

**Global Membership Team Chair – PDG Shirley Dillman** – PDG Shirley reported that the District was a positive 8 members this week. The District has 27 clubs with a positive membership growth. She mentioned that there were 2 clubs in the District who ended up with a 45 percent growth and those clubs were Blanco and Round Rock Noon.

There are 9 clubs who need help with their clubs because membership is down. Clubs can get other organizations to help, such as, Rotary, Kiwanis or others to assist in their fund raisers. Those clubs are Austin South, Burnet, Cedar Park Longhorns, Elgin, Florence, Georgetown Evening, Granger, Kyle and New Braunfels New Century are all less than 15 members. PDG Shirley mentioned that if anyone can please help these clubs.

**Global Leadership Team Chair – PDG Mike Smith** – PDG Mike mentioned that he has been busy since May to complete the Club Officer Training which is now complete. There will be recorded trainings on the website for President, Secretary, Treasurer and Club Membership for those who did not attend a training but would like to get credit for training. You will have to sign up and go on line to listen to the recording.

PDG Mike also mentioned that he has started in the month of July with the June training that is required for Zone Chairs. It is 2 phase training program. The first phase is all on-line for Zone Chairs. We would like for Zone Chairs to complete the on-line course and then in August we will start Phase 2 which is a series of webinars covering different areas. There are four webinars for Zone Chairs after they have completed the on-line course.

Our Second VDG also has a two part course – one on-line and 10 to 11 sessions – one on one which will be conducted in PDG Mike Smith's office.

Need Guiding Lion Training and will start with those who need recertification. That training will be in September and then we will be looking for those who want to take the Guiding Lion Training and hopefully there will be a break-out session at the second cabinet meeting.

PDG Mike also mentioned that we have other interesting trainings which we can send Lions to at Lions Clubs International. The first being the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute on November 11-13, in Denver, Colorado. Deadline for registration submission is August 28. Those applications will be on the website. To be eligible you have to have been a Club President and have not yet attained the position of First Vice Governor. The cost of the class is \$125 plus travel while you are there everything is paid by Lions Clubs International. The other class is Emerging Lions Leadership Institute, mentioned this is the one he needs help on, we need to send several people to this class. You are eligible, if you have not served as a club president. If you have club members wanting to become club president this is a good training for prospective club presidents. It is also November 11-13 in Denver, Colorado and the cost is \$125 plus flight. Deadline for this class is also August 28.

**Website** – PDG Mike mentioned that we have had two website addresses in the past and lionsdistrict2s3.org is going away this month. He just renewed the lionsdistrict2s3.com domain and that will become our website address. The .org web address is our e-district site and it will be linked with our new district .com site.

**Governor Pruett** mentioned that he thought it important to recognize all cabinet members at the first meeting for taking on a role in the cabinet.

**Global Service Team Chair – IPDG John Lyon** – The Governor mentioned that he feels IPDG John is very comfortable with this position because right now it has no job description. This is a new position and the way the Governor sees it, it will be to oversee clubs and help mentor their service projects and make sure those being served are being reported properly. Mentioned to the secretaries that not only do we have a position for an LCIF person but also a GST position and a marketing person for the club. These will have to be looked at and added to your list of officers. This is part of what IPDG John will be doing.

IPDG John mentioned that we elected two new officers to each club, the LCIF person and the Global Service Team member which is a service. That member of your club should be doing a club assessment or needs assessment for the community. Some clubs have had the same service project, which is not bad, but as communities grow the community may have different needs. He will be attending the Zone Meeting and will be interested in what service projects each club is doing.

**Centennial Chair – PDG Charles Handrick** - PDG Charles mentioned that the Texas Lions History Books everyone ordered has been printed and he will pick them up at the Council Meeting in Kerrville in August and he will then get them to everyone.

**Centennial Celebration** – Texas will have a Centennial Celebration on October 6&7 in Richardson, Texas. Dallas was where the first International Convention was held. Texas wanted to host the International Convention this year however Chicago won out, therefore, Texas will have our own celebration. Encouraged everyone to get their registrations in because we noticed that some in this District have a hotel room but no registrations have been submitted. If you are staying with friends, you still need to send in the registration form and the fee. Registration information can be found on the MD2 website.

PDG Charles mentioned that as far as the Centennial goes, this year 2017-2018 we are still focusing on the Youth, the Vision, the Hunger and the Environment. We have been doing that for the past three years and clubs have been receiving banner patches for the items completed in these fields. Many have all four and he commended them on that and to make sure this all gets reported to LCI by your secretary.

This year the goal has been an increase in membership by 3 per club. That was the original but back when they started this centennial. If you have a legacy project, it is time to get these completed and wrapped up.

The biggest thing is for you to align your club with the future direction of the association because for the last 100 years we have done very well so let's do that for the next 100 years.

**Lions Clubs International Foundation Chairperson – PDG Angie Nicholson** – Governor Pruett read PDG Angie's report into the minutes.

LCIF is doing well and I appreciate all of your 100% donations in the past and all of the Melvin Jones Fellow and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow contributions you have made. Please keep that up.

A new thing for this year is having a Club Coordinator for LCIF. This person will be the Lion who will contact me for a program, and will be the person I contact for any news from LCIF to the clubs. Please elect or nominate a person for this position and have your secretary put those into MyLCI. Please send their contact information to me at [angienick1945@gmail.com](mailto:angienick1945@gmail.com) so that I can keep in touch with them.

**Peace Poster – PDG Angie Nicholson** – Information on this year's contest is on our website. Please consider this contest for your club and let me know if you have any questions.

**Youth Opportunities – PDG Larry Nicholson** – The Governor mentioned that in the budget the increase in the scholarship amounts for participants, so get students involved. The District's contest is at the Mid-Winter so Clubs need to have theirs done prior to that time. You can find all this information about the Youth Opportunities Contest on the MD2 website.

**Texas Lions Camp** – The Governor mentioned that we have two very good representatives for the camp and they have and will be doing great things for the District.

**North Camp Director - Lion Ann Ward** – Lion Ann mentioned that the Texas Lions Camp comes alive during the summer. Lion Ann emphasized that this is the time to make your visits to the camp especially on a Friday night graduation. The enthusiasm by the counselors and campers is outstanding. Lion Ann stated that while she was there a motorcycle group presented the Camp with a \$55,000 contribution. Make those visits.

The Camp has the Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament coming up on August 3 and still need hole sponsors. It's \$100 for the hole sponsorship.

Lion Ann mentioned that she is thankful for all the 100 percent's being paid and more in some cases, however there is more an individual person can do and that is become a Century Club Member. You can join for as little as \$10.00 per month. You can also make a one-time contribution and become a lifetime member.

She is available to come visit clubs, so just give her a call.

**South Camp Director – Lion Tony Doyle** – Governor Pruet mentioned that Lion SGT Richard Tony Doyle the South Camp Director, is newly elected and he has tried to contact all of his clubs, but lacks a few since he had incorrect emails and he apologized for not being able to attend today. If some of you don't know, Tony is a disabled Vet, he lost a leg in Iraq and today he is getting his keys to his new custom designed home that is provided by the organization, Homes for Our Troops. SGT Doyle had a very good reason to miss this meeting.

**Texas Lions Eye Glass Recycling Chair – Lion Dolly Williams** – The Governor mentioned that we have a new member to the Eye Glass Recycling Committee and that is Lion Dolly Williams.

Lion Dolly mentioned that she did have an opportunity to go to Midland and visit the Recycling Center. Basically what happens is they collect used eye glasses and recycles them. They also do eye screening for children there and make their glasses at low cost. Currently they have one employee and in need on one more. She mentioned that they have 550,000 usable eyeglasses to send to the third world countries. Lion Dolly also mentioned that legislation just passed to begin using the photo screening machines in schools in September. Encouraged everyone to continue to collect those used eye glasses. You may reach Lion Dolly at [dolly.williams@frostbank.com](mailto:dolly.williams@frostbank.com).

**Lone Star Lions Eye Bank - Lion Karen Ratcliffe** – Lion Karen mentioned that the Lone Star Lions Eye Banks is only supported by three Districts. It started in 1974 and the districts are 2-S3, 2-S5 and 2-X3. Last year the Eye Bank recovered over 1100 corneas with about 800 being transplanted and much of the remainder going for research. Recovery fees are collected from hospitals and surgeons. Tissues are not sold. The funds that Lions provide allow the Eye Bank to cover all their costs and to acquire the latest technology – equipment, itransplant software - and call center costs, employee benefits so that we are able to keep quality employees and the mortgage on the building. The funds also allow for donated corneas in the few cases where there are no funds to cover recovery costs.

The Lone Star Lions Eye Banks is closing the fiscal year with a substantial gain in revenue over the prior year.

The Eye Bank is fully staffed, with Erica Garcia, CEBT as the Executive Director, Jennifer Lopez, Director of Hospital Development, Esteban Rangel, CEBT, Transplant Services Manager, Angel Grandados, Technical Supervisor, Daniel Mercado, Director of Quality Assurance and Sarah Singleton Coordinates the Family Services. Two more employees with get their CEBT certification this fall.

In March, the Eye Bank passed its Eye Bank Association of America inspection with a 3 year approval. This is the best you can receive.

On July 22, here at the Manor Lions Hall, the Eye Bank will have its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Eye Banking Seminar and 43<sup>rd</sup> Board of Directors installation starting at 10:00 a.m. Registration is \$5 (which includes coffee and donuts) or \$20.00 (which includes lunch). The Eye Bank Staff will be giving 4 break-out sessions and tours of the Eye Bank will be available in the afternoon. Following the installation of the Board of Directors and officers by International Director Sam Lindsey, there will be a session on the responsibilities of the Directors to all Lions. Each Director will receive a Memory Stick with information to use in giving talks at Lions Clubs, as well as materials for display at meetings.

The Eye bank is planning on reducing its debt on the building and lab and on an automobile, as well acquired the latest technology equipment available. All contributions – life memberships, 20/20's, honorarium and memorials are welcome. The budget is about \$1.5 million a year and this district gave almost \$27,000 for your voluntary money and contributions. Still a big gap in there but they also receive monies from insurance companies.

They are currently working on updating the website.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS – Governor Pruet mentioned he will recognize each Committee chair, if present they can give their report if they have one.**

**Audit Committee – PDG Angie Nicholson – Liberty Hill Lions**

**Campus Coordinator – Vacant** – The Governor mentioned that this is something he wanted to get started this year. Lion Whitney Pyle, the first president for the Texas State Campus Club, was going to take this on, however she graduated and got a job with Halliburton and it took her to Odessa. This position is vacant so if anyone wants the challenge let him know.

**Centennial Challenge – PDG Charles Handrick – Buda Lions Club**

**Constitution and By Laws – PDG Len Heimer** –PDG Len mentioned that if there are changes to the constitution after the International Convention, he will report those to the District at the next Cabinet Meeting.

**Cultural & Community Activity – Lion Shirley Jensen – Austin Capital City Evening Lions**

**Diabetic Awareness Chair – Lion Anne Weir – Manor Lions** - Lion Anne mentioned that she is new to this position and is looking forward to working on the committee.

**District Convention – PDG J. P. Kirksey** – PDG JP asked “why do we have District Conventions?” One, because we are required to hold one and two, for club members to get outside of their clubs to see what other Lions are doing. It is to meet up with Lions, gain information, conduct the business and elect new leadership. The District Convention will be in Round Rock on the weekend of May 5. Planning sessions will begin around October.

**District Chaplin – Lion Rev. James Sulcer – Manor Lions**

**District Directory and Newsletter Editor– Lion Jim Newbold** – Lion Jim mentioned that this will be his last year to be the Newsletter Editor. He said he already has someone to replace his and that is Lion Dwayne Lueders from the Lago Vista Club. He recently was in charge of our website and won honorable mention at International. Currently he is doing the newsletter for the Lago Vista Club.

If you have any changes to the on-line directory, please send to Lion Jim. You can find his email on the front cover of the Newsletter. Lions Jims email is [jimnewbold@satx.rr.com](mailto:jimnewbold@satx.rr.com).

**Environmental Chair - Lion Jo Anne Smith** – Lion Jo Anne stated that she had three points to cover.

The **Annual Environmental Photo Contest** that Lions Clubs International hosted is no more unfortunately. However, since our District over the past several years has been participating with increases entries, I would like District 2-S3 to host our own photo contest for our clubs. The same rules and themes will apply, Animal Life, Weather Phenomenon, Landscape and Plant Life. Entry forms will be available soon in the District Newsletter and website with the help of PDG Mike Smith and Lion Jim Newbold. The deadline will remain as December 1, 2017. The winner will be announced at the District 2-S3 Mid-Winter Conference on January 13, 2018 at New Braunfels. Entries will go no further.

**Getting the Word out to your Clubs** – The Environmental portion is one of the Centennial Award Patch requirements. Since we serve our communities in the Great State of Texas, let’s continue the theme “Don’t Mess with Texas”.

**Report your results using MyLCI** – Be sure and check the Environmental Centennial Challenge box. Your club needs just one environmental project reported before June 30, 2018. Two years ago we had 23 Lions clubs (43%) from our District that submitted Environmental Service Reports; the 2016-2017 term we had 18 clubs (35%) submit projects. Please track your “Environmental” service projects and hours, turn that report in to your club secretary. Club Presidents, please login into MyLCI from time to time and monitor that your club is getting credit with LCI for your efforts “We Do Make a Difference!” Have a GREAT year.

- GLT Coordinator – PDG Mike Smith – New Braunfels Breakfast**
- GMT Coordinator – PDG Shirley Dillman – Round Rock Noon**
- GST Coordinator – IPDG John Lyon – Wimberley Lions**
- Honorary Committee – IPDG John Lyon – Wimberley Lions**
- Information Technology – PDG Mike Smith – New Braunfels Breakfast**

**International Understanding – PCC Dennis Heitkamp** – The best we can do with International Understanding is to set up Twinning with a foreign club, most speak English. What you do is get that set up and then you tell them what your club is doing and they do the same. Contact PCC Dennis if your club is interested.

**KidSight Vision Screening – Lion Maureen Kinald** – Lion Maureen mentioned that one thing we are going to try to do this year is to get clubs who are not doing screenings to start doing screening from their areas. What she would like to do is have one of the 15 custodians hook up with one of the clubs not doing screening and show them how to do a screening. They can come work with the custodian and then go back to their club and they will know what to do and that way we will get more children screened. On September 1<sup>st</sup> the new bill goes in effect for vision screening in the public schools, however the Lions are waiting on the Department of State Health Services to provide new guidelines on the school screenings. The only thing the bill does is allow the machines to be used in the schools. That does not affect KidSight that much because what we are looking for are the little ones. I am sure that it will affect us because we will have clubs going into the schools to help out at their risk. If you want a program, please invite me to your Club and I will discuss KidSight with your Club.

#### **LCIF District Coordinator – PDG Angie Nicholson – Liberty Hill Lions**

**Leader Dog for the Blind – Lion Greg Teggeman** – Lion Greg mentioned that this was a great year for Leader Dog. The Capital building project is complete that includes a new kennel for the dogs, which is more comfortable before they get sent out for service. Thanked all the Clubs in the District for supporting Leader Dog. This year our contribution is somewhere close to \$15,000 which is fantastic and about half of the cost of a dog. Last report was that there are about 7 dogs in our area and 50 dogs in Texas overall. The average dog lasts about seven years in service. If you need a program, please contact Lion Greg.

**Leo Chair - Lion Liz Bumguardner** –The Governor mentioned that Lion Liz has been the State Chair and stepped down from that position this year and stayed on as the District Chair. Lion Liz does a great job.

**Lion Liz Bumguardner** – Lion Liz mentioned that the Leos did meet at the District Convention to get their schedule organized. Lion Liz is a bit concerned with the Clubs because when she looked on MyLCI out of our 26 Leo Clubs only 6 have listed Advisors. She mentioned that we need to get this done very quickly because at the end of July will be dropped and will not have access to MyLCI.

**Lions Alert Chair & Taitwister – PDG Frank Kinald** – PDG Frank mentioned that Lions Alert is a new position for him and that next week he will be meeting with the Williamson County Disaster Relief Administrator. He understands that each County has different requirements and he will be trying to learn all that and get that information out to the clubs.

Important thing to remember – Lions Clubs in the face of a disaster recovery are not immediate responders and not first responders. We are the clean-up crew. This happened with the Wimberley Club when they handed out gift cards so people could purchase emergency supplies. The biggest thing here is that unless your Club has an Alert Contact the Club will not be able to participate in the technical part of the recovery. More to come in the future.

#### **Lions Information Newsletter – Lion Jim Newbold – Garden Ridge Lions**

**MD-2 Long Range Planning – PDG Charles Handrick** – PDG Charles mentioned that the Long Range Planning and Centennial is all combined at this time.

#### **Mid-Winter Conference – Lion Lee Ambrisino – New Braunfels Noon**

**Past District Governors’ – PDG Len Heimer** – PDG Len mentioned that the PDG Committee is made up of the last three Governors. Currently it is PDG Len, PDG Mike Smith and IPDG John Lyon. Stated that they are the ones who control some of the funding in the District.

#### **Peace Poster Contest – PDG Angie Nicholson – Liberty Hill Lions** **Public Relations – Lion Ann Ward – Austin Founder Lions**

**Sight Preservation and Awareness & Action – Lion John Giorgini – Manor Club** – Lion Giorgini mentioned that he just took on the position and will learn more as the year goes on.



**Texas Lions Foundation Coordinator – PDG Gary Cocanougher – Georgetown Noon Club.**

**Texas Lions Camp Endowment Campaign – PCC Dennis Heitkamp** – PCC Dennis mentioned that he started the Endowment Campaign when he was President of the Camp. The idea was to raise \$10 million and currently we are at \$5 Million. He was concerned at the time if the Camp would stay alive because at that time we had 4,600 Lions when the dues were set at \$20 per Lion to help operate the Camp. Currently we are at 2,100 members. The \$20 has not changed since the drop in members. The challenge is to have enough Lions to support the camp. Your club can go on line to get an endowment form if you want to pledge monies. Contact PCC Dennis if you need assistance.

**Texas Lions Eye Glass Recycling Chair – Lion Dolly Williams – New Braunfels Noon**

**USA/Canada Forum – Lion Leonor Marques – Austin Founder Club** – The USA/Canada Forum is September 21-23 at Portland, Oregon. This is a good time to hear the International President speak and attend great sessions to learn more about Lions.

**Women’s Member Development – Lion Carol Ann Weed – Austin Lake Travis Club**

**World Services for the Blind – Lion Oda Lisa Roberts – Wimberley Club**

**Youth Camps & Exchange – Lion Bill Hull - Wimberley Club**

**Youth Opportunities – PDG Larry Nicholson – Liberty Hill Club**

**Announcements –**

Lone Star Lions Eye Bank Seminar in Manor – July 22

Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament to support the Texas Lions Camp – August 3

Council of Governors Meeting – August 3-5 – Kerrville, TX

Capital City Lion Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – August 12 – Austin

USA/Canada Form – September 21-23 in Portland, Oregon

Texas Centennial Celebration, October 6-7, Dallas, TX

Second Cabinet Meeting hosted by McQueeney Lions – October 14

Advanced and Emerging Lions Leadership – November 11-13 in Denver, Colorado

**Twitter for the Governor - # #DG2S3**

**Featured Speaker – Erica Garcia, Executive Director of the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank** – Mrs. Garcia gave the group an overview of the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank and its operation.

**Erica Garcia’s Bio** - Erica Garcia started with our Eye Bank in 2002. She became a Certified Eye Bank Technician (CEBT) in 2003 and worked as a technician under Executive Director Bess Beliveaux “Bev a new”. In March of 2005 she became the Director of Quality Assurance and Quality Control. It is due to her excellent attention to detail as Quality Director that the Eye Bank was able to get certified over and over during the years under Executive Directors Bess and Butters. She insured compliance with Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) Medical Standards and FDA regulations along with overseeing the maintenance and the lab supplies and equipment. She assisted in the initial training and continuing education of the staff. She was responsible for the day-to-day operations and was familiar with the policies and procedures of the LSLEB Board of Directors over the years when Bess was not doing well, as well as taking up the slack under Butters.

Erica became the interim executive director last summer. Under her leadership during the Blood and Tissue Center contract negotiations last fall, the Eye Bank was able to have a contract for the first time in over 10 years for tissue recovery. Her willingness to learn the new requirements of AATB requirements and to see that the Family Services Director was properly updated in order to train the Family Services Coordinators in those requirements made a big difference in what could have been a difficult contract negotiation.

Erica Garcia was selected as the new Executive Director in January of 2017.

Outside of the Eye Bank, Erica played softball on a championship team for the Austin Parks & Recreation League. She enjoys swimming, reading and needlepoint. Erica lives in Leander with her husband and 3 children (including very active twins).

**Lunch**

**Tailtwister – PDG Frank Kinald** – The Tailtwister collected \$215 for KidSight.

**Cabinet Adjourned at 12:37 p.m.**

### **Written Reports**

**Global Member Team – PDG Shirley Dillman** - A shout out to 27 Clubs with net increases last fiscal year. Despite growth in over half of our Clubs it appears our District squeaked by with only a net increase of 9.

Visitations and canvassing was conducted by four zone chairs as well as our new Immediate Past District Governor, John Lyon, then Vice District Governors John Pruet and Linda Davis as they walked streets with Club members to recruit. Hands on recruiting assistance proved successful for these clubs as they all showed net increases. Special recognition to Blanco and Round Rock's net increase from 11 to 17 and 20 respectfully. Round Rock showed the greatest percentage of growth at 45%.

GMT is a team effort lead by our District Governor with GMT Chairperson. Vice District Governors, Zone Chairs and **every** club membership chairperson. Teamwork proved successful last year and will improve this year as **every** club membership chairperson will receive greater communication from all levels providing information regarding training and tools available.

**Recruit and engage** members will equal **retention**.

Needed: 1. Guiding Lions to support new Clubs as well as strengthen struggling Clubs plus Lions, not necessarily cabinet members, but Lions ready and willing to assist.

GLT: Global Leadership Team is a vital part of this membership team providing critical assistance to orient new members on how to survey community needs plus know talents of their membership to provide visible services to fight hunger, vision, environment, diabetes and juvenile cancer.

In addition, Lions International has added GAT and GST. Stay tuned for those resources to build Leadership, Membership and Service.

Why extra leadership roles? We have 9 clubs with fewer than 15 members. Lions Clubs International reported that every member averages 70 hours of service to their community and beyond. Do the math to determine service that can be provided with 6, 8, 20 or more members. I'm asking dedicated Lions to please visit with DG John, Vice District Governors, or myself to voluntarily **adopt** a struggling Lions Club near their home to assist with visible community service which will attract new members. Perhaps a strong club could adopt a struggling Club to provide needed leadership and helping hands.

### **District 2-S3 Leo Report – Lion Liz Bumguardner –**

Goals for the District Leo program include:

1. strengthen participation of Leos at district Leo events and meetings
2. help Leo clubs that seek assistance with membership so that all clubs in the district are healthy, active and have good communication with their sponsoring Lions club.
3. 100% of Leo clubs in the district recording advisors, Leo officers, monthly membership and activity reports using MyLCI
4. 100% of Leo Clubs in the district current with state Leo dues
5. Add 4 new Leo clubs in the district so that the number of Leo clubs in the district equals 30.

We have 26 active Leo clubs in the district. Last year ended with 15 of the 26 or 58% of the district Leo clubs being current with state Leo dues (\$.75 per Leo) and with 17 of the 26 or 65% of the Leo clubs in the district recording Leo advisors, Leo officers, membership and activities. The district can do much better. If your club is needing help using MyLCI, please contact me so that we can work this out. The Leo Advisor, the Leo President and the Leo Secretary are to have access to MyLCI once they are put into the system. Also the Lions Club President and Lions Club Secretary have the ability to check to be sure the Leo Club is recording membership and activities monthly. Now we are into a new year and the information is quiet alarming. When I checked yesterday (July 6) only 5 of the 26 (19%) Leo clubs in the district have advisors listed on MyLCI. The advisors should be put into the system in May when Lion Club officers

are recorded. This should be done by the Lions Club secretary each year even if the same person is the Leo Club advisor for several years. At this point the Leo Advisor may not be able to access MyLCI and begin recording membership and activity reports monthly. They will have to wait for access once the information is recorded in MyLCI which then puts the job of recording monthly membership and activities on the Lions Club secretary or President until access is regained. Our district leads the state in the number of active Leo clubs and we can do much better with our numbers. The focus this year will be to get 100% of the Leo Clubs recording membership and activities monthly and to get and stay current with state dues. If you are sponsoring a Leo Club that is having trouble and are not active currently but you do not want to close the club, please contact me so that I can help. If your Leo club is inactive and you wish to close the club there is a process that needs to be done and deadlines to meet in order to have the club removed from International records. Until these steps are taken the sponsoring Lions Club will still be assessed the Leo Levy from International of \$100 in August. Invoices are sent each fall for the state Leo dues based on the listing of the club at LCI. It is a local decision whether the sponsoring Lions club or the Leo Club is responsible for paying the state Leo dues. My suggestion is for the sponsoring Lions club to help get the Leo club current and then decide who should pay the current dues. It is my understanding that the state Leo dues will remain at \$.75 per Leo member for the 2017-18 year. (that means the total due for state for 30 Leo members would only be \$22.50)

There is a new MD2 state Leo Chair this year. His name is Lion Darie McCleaves from district 2X3. He is from Killeen. The first meeting for the 2017-18 Texas Leo Council will be August 5 in Kerrville. The Leo Council has been busy planning for the Leadership conference and the awards program as well as determining any changes that will take place this year. The fall Leo Leadership Conference will take place on October 7-8, 2017. The location will be at the Hyatt Regency, North Dallas which is located in Richardson, Texas. I hope that some of the Leo Clubs can send a delegation to the conference. The conference is planned and led by the Texas Leo Council officers and Board of Directors. Final plans will be announced in Kerrville and invitations should go out shortly after the meeting to inform all Leo clubs of the event. Leos are celebrating 60 years this year. The conference in October coincides with the Texas Lions 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration. I do not know the cost or other details yet but I will keep everyone informed as soon as I know.

In May, those present at the District Convention in Manor elected the following to represent the district as officers in the District Leo Cabinet.

President: Leo Jacquelyn Emery -- Lago Vista Community Leo Club

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Nayely Cruz -- Hutto HS Leo Club

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Kadija Balde – Hutto HS Leo Club

Secretary: Amerika Torres – Hutto HS Leo Club

Treasurer: Ben Slenczka – Hutto HS Leo Club

Tail Twister: Lindsey Coleman – Lago Vista Community Leo Club

Leo Tamer: Open                                    Historian: Open

Public Relations: Open                    Photographer: Open

We also have several Leos from the district that represent the district at the state by serving as officers for the Texas Leo Council. Officers from District 2S3 include Myia Madden (Secretary), Joey Brewster (Historian), Sydney Smith (photographer) from Lago Vista Leo Club and Nayely Cruz from Hutto HS Leo Club.

The District Leo officers and the Leos present at the district cabinet meeting July 8, will be determining the district representatives for the Texas Leo Council, completing the slate of district officers and planning a calendar of activities for the district for the 2017-18 year. Any Leo club wishing to host an event or meeting for the district may contact either myself or the district President. The cabinet would love to travel around the district in order to get more participation. Contact information is listed below for myself and Leo Jacquelyn.

Thank You for your continued support for the District Leo program. I appreciate your help as we strive to meet our goals for the year.