

**LION DISTRICT 2-S3
Second Cabinet Meeting
Austin, TX
October 22, 2016**

The Second Cabinet Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Governor John Lyon with 73 Lions in attendance in Lake Travis.

Zone Chair Lion Norman Schaule led the pledges and Lion Dr. Kurt Tessnow gave the invocation. PDG J. P. Kirksey led the group in song.

Appointed PDG J. P. Kirksey as Parliamentarian for the meeting. PDG Len Heimer was appointed Sergeant at Arms.

Cabinet Secretary Lion Nancy Handrick was called up to present the First Cabinet Meeting Minutes. The minutes were approved as posted.

District Governor recognized the Past Council Chair and Past District Governors in attendance.

Cabinet Treasurer Lion Maureen Kinald – Lion Maureen reviewed the Executive Summary of the Treasurer's report. **See Attachment A.**

Lion Maureen then presented the financial summaries for the 2S3 Charities Account. So far there are three charities in the District Charities and they are Alert, KidSight and Community Service. Community Service was started by IPDG Mike Smith during his year as governor. **See Attachment B.**

The treasurer's report will be sent to audit.

Audit Report 2015-2016 – Lion Mike Zaydel - Lion Mike mentioned that he took a look at last fiscal year's July 2015 to June 2016. Stated that for the most part everything looked OK. There were some inconsistencies and he brought them to the Governor and IPDG Smith. He has mentioned them to Lion Maureen and will be working with her on some of the issues. Mentioned that there is a lot of work for the treasurer to handle for the District.

A motion was made and second to accept the Audit Report. Motion carried.

Awards – DG John Lyon – Governor Lyon presented Centennial Campaign Service 2015-2016 Awards and Club Excellence Awards to various clubs.

Governor John then presented IPDG Mike Smith a Presidential Certificate for his services last year.

The Governor then presented Clubs with service chevrons to be presented to their club members.

Governor Lyon thanked all the Clubs that he visited because they all treated him very kindly and all fed him well.

First Vice District Governor John Prewitt - VDG John mentioned that it has been a busy quarter, working with Global Membership Team Chair PDG Shirley Dillman and club rebuild in Bastrop, attended the USA Canada Forum in Omaha, he represented the Governor in Florence and Round Rock Noon and received a warm reception from both Clubs. The month of October was extremely busy – He and Lion Brenda went to Garden Ridge and attended their Fish Fry, BBQ and Auction. What an organization and what a Fund Raiser. Then that following Friday they went to Buda to what he believed was a football game. Mentioned the he and Lion Brenda worked in the concession stand and Lion Brenda wrapped sausages and hot dogs all night. VDG John worked a window waiting on customers, handing them food and making change. The reason he said he thought it was a football game because he never saw the football field, never saw the bands but heard them and never saw one football player. It was Fun! Lion Mike Jackson was to my right and they have six windows and Lion Mike said it will start picking up at 6:15 and it did but he said it will get heavier at halftime. VDG John said he had no idea when halftime occurred because from 6:15 to 10:00 when we started counting money I was serving leaded and unleaded nachos as fast as I could. Unleaded is nachos without Jalapenos. Quite an operation.

Mentioned that in the last newsletter he wrote an article on Guiding Lions. Today when we have the breakout sessions PDG Angie Nicholson will be talking about the Guiding Lions program. He would like to encourage Lions to become certified as a Guiding Lions and please go back to your Clubs and spread it around because we need a group of Certified Guiding Lions throughout the District that can be called on in times of new club establishment and to put a Guiding Lion in a rebuilt club.

Second Vice District Governor Linda Davis – VDG Linda mentioned that she wanted to welcome everyone to the Cabinet meeting and wanted to give the kitchen Lions a big thank you for preparing the breakfast.

VDG Linda then shared some information she learned a few weeks ago and read the following out of the Lions Magazine. There was this article in the Lions Magazine and it was talking the purpose of Lions, the meaning of Lionism and the value of Lions. It is all about a Business Man's Club dedicated to service, it was still a novel concept and it was as if the Lions had to continue or convince themselves that they were on the right track. The opportunity led the Lions to question whether Lions Clubs would even survive. During her lifetime she has seen organizations formed with high ideals and flourish for a time and then drop into imperative unimportance. This was from an article written by Governor A. Baker from Cheyenne, Wyoming in the year 1922. It reminds her of things we face today – are we going to survive this or that. She thinks that we have proven that 100 years of experience that we may have some bad patches but we will survive. She was moved by the article because we feel so proud of Lions Club and we reinforce what Lions Clubs can do in our community every day.

Speaking of that, she found this very interesting and all of this information came from our website but it is talking about a Legacy Project. She stated that there are three mentioned. You raise your community visibility, provide a community gift, or make a community impact. It tells you specifically for those three types of projects what it does and what you can do as minimal as putting up an emblem that says "Lions Club" on some donated park bench, park or some place for children to play. There are a lot of project that a Club can do. It is as easy as 1, 2, 3, pick one and make your community proud.

Resolutions

Lion Brenda Prewitt read a resolution nominating VDG John Prewitt for Governor. **See Attachment C.**

Zone Chair Reports

Lion Joanne Steinfeld – Zone Chair – Zone I-A – Clubs are Florence, Jarrell, Granger and the two Georgetown Clubs. She had her second Zone Meeting last Thursday and had all five clubs in attendance. They had a potluck meal and a great discussion on what the clubs are doing and Club Excellence Award criteria.

The Florence Lions Club is very busy and worked with the City and had a National Night Out community event. They are making their presence known and hope to get some new member.

The Georgetown Evening Club they had a Legacy Project of assisting the Pregnancy Crises Center in the Georgetown area.

The Georgetown Noon is working on weekly activities with senior citizens in two nursing homes. We have done a lot of screenings with the Spot Machine and 551 screened and 112 referrals so far this year.

The two Georgetown Clubs worked together on a program providing membership dues for school nurses for their National Organization which in turn gives them vouchers and children can receive eye care and glasses.

The Granger Lions are having a pancake supper on Monday and this is their big fundraiser for the year. Lion Paul and Lion Joanne met with the Granger Club and came up with 14 names of people in their community which they will be approaching to recruit their membership. Lion Paul helped they prepare a brochure to be passed out with a card to attend a meeting. The Granger has filed their report electronically to International.

The Jarrell Lions club assisted a high school registration which is a great project for them and they are having a Thanksgiving Dinner for their Senior Citizens at the American Legion in November. They lost their regular meeting place and now working on a new meeting location.

Lion Joanne also mentioned the Signs that Lago Vista Club has and that Granger bought 7 to put out in their community to promote their members and hopefully get more interest.

The Georgetown Club will be screening children at an event in Taylor on November 12.

Lion Mike Jackson – Zone Chair – Zone IV-A– Lion Mike mentioned he has Luling, Lockhart, Bastrop, Elgin and Buda. He has a report on the Buda Club but none from the others. Stated that a couple of his clubs in his zone are membership challenged. We have been working with the District Governor and his staff, Shirley Dillman the GMT the membership challenge clubs.

The Buda Lions hosted the new officer training in July.

The Buda Club handed out approximately 1000 flags in Buda on September 9 for Patriot's Day.

Buda has been conducting a lot of vision screening in the elementary schools in Buda and Kyle, plus two churches. So far we have screened about 1200 students with 155 referrals.

The Buda Club has also been operating the football concessions stands and just finished our 7th week and both Leo Clubs from Hays and Lehman have been tremendous help.

We collected 1100 pairs of eyeglasses and sent them to the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycle Center in Midland.

The Club also gave a \$1,000 scholarship to a counselor at the Lions Camp in July.

Lion David Almond - Zone Chair – Zone II-A – He mentioned that he has four clubs in his zone – Johnson City, Blanco, Dripping Springs and Spicewood-Highland Lakes. They had their first Zone meeting on September 15 and has 30 people in attendance. Lion David mentioned that they really did not follow the agenda but just had a good discussion on what each Club is doing and is involved in and how they can all get involved in projects.

One thing they will be doing is collecting eye glasses and taking boxes to the next zone meeting. So every two or three months the Zone will be collecting the eye glasses and then ship them out.

Second, all the clubs have Facebook pages and can start using that, so at the next meeting they will have a speaker on social media.

Third, Lion David mentioned that the Zone also decided to get involved in water conservation and following that suggestion Lion David had a meeting with one of the local Water Conservation Districts. They are talking about organizing meetings to educate people, particularly those moving out of the cities and into the rural areas.

Fourth they have decided to collect waste materials which will be organized with the County and the Water Conservation District. It already happens in some parts of our zone but not in all.

It is wonderful to have the entire zone working together. Also mentioned that the membership in the Zone is up.

Lion Norm Schaule – Zone Chair – Zone V-A – Lion Norm mentioned that he did not have much to report because October was very busy for the clubs in his zone. He represents the four New Braunfels Clubs and Canyon Lake. Three of the New Braunfels clubs were very involved in the Comal County Fair and did very well. Canyon Lake had their own Shrimp Fest and made 600 dinners and that was very good.

October was not a time to schedule a zone meeting, but he tried an experiment by trying to have a zone meeting on line, and got responses from two, so he is still working on his experiment.

Also mentioned that the New Braunfels Evening Club through the on-line meeting sent him their newsletter which was fantastic and hopes to get all the clubs in the Zone to start their own newsletter.

IPDG Mike Smith – Zone Chair – Zone V-B - IPDG Mike stated that he asked for reports from each club in his Zone for the first quarter. Some clubs have had very little action during the

summer but have now picked up with the vision screenings in schools. Mentioned that 50 percent of his clubs in the zone were experiencing some drop in membership and the other 50 percent gained membership. They are planning to pull together a physical zone meeting and will be slated for November, February and April. He will also asking a club that has not sponsored a Zone Meeting to step up and take one of these meetings.

PDG Gary Cocanhougher – Stand in Zone Chair for Zone III-B - They are still looking for a zone chair for that zone. The Clubs in the Zone are – Austin Capital City, Austin Capital City Evening, Austin Founder, Austin South Austin, Austin West Austin and University of Texas. He has spoken with the Presidents and a tentative date of a Zone Meeting is November 17 and maybe at the Carver Library. He also mentioned that he was given some names to contact for possible Zone Chair.

Lion Seth Brower – Secretary Austin Lake Travis – Lion Seth mentioned that since his club was not represented by a Zone Chair he wanted to report that their club has screened 2,500 kids with 260 referrals since September which was led by Lion Jan Johnson.

VDG Linda Davis - VDG Linda introduced the Featured Speaker Terry O. Browder who gave a great presentation on emergency management and how it affects the public during a catastrophic incident at the Lakeway Medical Center. He invited anyone to come visit his location to maybe help them in their areas.

Bio for Terry O. Browder - Terry O. Browder is a “born on the island” Galvestonian. He joined the armed forces at a young age and upon being discharged from his service, he worked in law enforcement in his local police department, before going on to a successful career in insurance working in the management of Allstate, and also serving as a lobbyist for the insurance business with the Texas legislature. After retiring from Allstate he worked a period as a consultant in the insurance business before devoting all his time to his passion of emergency management.

Terry has served on the Fire Commission on Lake Travis Fire and Rescue for twelve years, the last ten years as Fire Commission President. During his tenure the district grew from a one station volunteer fire department with only two paid firefighters to a professional outfit of 125 professionals and five stations with state of the art equipment.

For the last ten year Terry has been the Homeland Security Coordinator for the municipality of The Hills, TX. He has worked on several projects for improvement of inter-agency communication and coordination between agencies and municipalities in the greater Austin area. His latest project has been the establishment of a the emergency war room at the Lakeway Medical Center establishing a hub for the purpose of being able to effectively coordinate services between local agencies for catastrophic incidents.

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District Coordinator for the Global Leadership Team – PDG Frank Kinald – PDG Frank mentioned that his primary function is training. Stated that back on the table there is an email from Lions International regarding the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute. This is a school for those individuals that are not yet been a club president but has held an office in the club and are interested in moving up in leadership. He encouraged those interested to review the information and go on site for the information. Training dates are January 21-23, 2017 in Chicago. Attendees need to pay their travel expenses and once you are up there they will do everything else.

Centennial Celebration/Long Range Chair – PDG Charles Handrick – PDG Charles mentioned that we are in our Centennial period of Lionism. PDG Charles had some new numbers to report – as of October 2016, the original concept was for this Centennial Celebration that we serve 100 million people in this three year span, well as Lions are we have surpassed this number and as of October 16th we have served 112,393,766 individuals. Unfortunately that only involves 62 percent of the clubs in the world. The four categories are – youth, environment, vision and relieving hunger. The youth aspect of it has served 36,730,993, environment has helped 33.5 million approximate, vision has helped 17,634,000 and relieving hunger is 24,400,000. These are involving some 20,000 clubs around the world. We are continuing our challenge of assisting people for the centennial to reach the 200 million. The important thing is to keep reporting to international what you are doing. As the Second VDG has alluded to legacy projects are encouraged and keep reporting these to International also.

Within the State, on October 6 & 7, 2017 there is going to be a big Soiree in Dallas and PDG Charles was not sure of the hotel, but the Lions will have the entire hotel for this event.

Training – The following training sessions were held.

Global Leadership Team – PDG Frank Kinald

Spot Training – Lion Jan Johnson

Custodial Spot Club Discussion – IPDG Mike Smith & Lion Maureen Kinald

Guiding Lion Introduction – PDG Angie Nicholson

District Chair Reports/State & District Chairs

Texas Lions Camp Director – Lion Ann Ward – As Camp Director, Lion Ann represents the north part of the District, however she is open to visit any club. Lion Ann asked everyone to make a note of January 3 is the date people can start enrolling children in the camp for the summer. If you have potential campers, especially diabetic get them registered early because these camps fill up very quickly. The deadline for clubs to host special events is already passed, but you can still get involved in the Camp Work Days which are scheduled the first Saturday's in March, April & May. You can begin signing up on January 3 for to come out and work on one of these Saturdays.

Lion Ann mentioned she visited the Taylor Club and has signed up several more visits.

Texas Lions Foundation – PDG Gary Cocanhougher – PDG Gary recognized our State MD-2 Texas Lions Foundation Chairman, PDG Gil Burrell. PDG Gary mentioned that this is his second year to serve in this position. They are a group who does not want to get phone calls, because if you are calling them you are having a disaster. The Foundation gives out disaster funds when there is a problem. Last year they handed out 6 or 7 disaster checks and they are quick and have a check in someone's hand in three days.

The Foundation continues to raise funds to keep the program going and when you are honoring one of your members for excellent service, please remember the Foundation of you need an award. Mentioned that IPDG Mike Smith received the Ed Flood Award last year and they hope to give the current Governor the same.

Stated that he will come to give a program to clubs and has several already on the books.

Lone Star Lions Eye Bank – Lion Mike Jackson – Serena, our Technical Supervisor, recently attended her first EBAA conference. The scientific portion was mostly focused on DMEK which

is the newest, latest procedure for harvesting the single layer cells in front of the eye. Very educational. After the conference, Serena joined our United Sight partner with a wet lab demonstration at the exhibit hall of the American Association of Ophthalmology conference. Surgeons from all over could come and watch Serena prepare DMEK tissue, then practice inserting the processed tissue into a whole globe, Serena did a great job of representing LSLEB and promoting our program.

LSLEB was visited by the Executive Director and Quality Specialist from the Vancouver eye bank. They came to learn about how to set up a tissue processing room. Their eye bank is about the same size as ours and we were able to share operational details.

The annual financial audit begins next week. Sandra has been working diligently to have all the requested documents ready.

LSLEB has been invited along with United Tissue Resources to attend the Texas Organ Sharing Alliance's "Thanks for Giving" luncheon. This lunch recognizes those of us in the central Texas area who have worked to promote donations.

LSLEB has been selected as one of 4 non-profit finalists for the Austin Area Home Health Council's year end donation. We will be attending an Oktoberfest event on October 26. We will have the opportunity to present a short 10 minute presentation, provide brochures, and collect donations from the participants. At the end, if LSLEB is selected we will receive an additional donation.

The LSLEB currently have 15 full time employees and 4 or 5 scattered around the state. They serve 36 counties in three different Districts.

Youth Opportunities – PDG Larry Nicholson – PDG Angie Nicholson gave the report. The information about the Youth Contests; Drug Awareness Speech, Diabetes Essay Contest and Outstanding Youth Contest has been posted on the District Website. This includes the rules and all. There are three levels, the Club Level – which is up to the Club on what the prize money will be. The District Contest which will be held at the Mid-Winter conference and then the State Contest and they can win \$3,000. Which is a lot of money. If you have students who want to enter the application form is on the MD-2 State website. Let them know Lions pay the fees that they need. Local contest must be completed in time to return to the local Lions Club and then to the District Coordinator, PDG Larry Nicholson by January 18.

Peace Poster Contest – PDG Angie Nicholson – Time to wrap up the Peace Poster Contest. Be sure to check all the entries and have to be compliant with the rules. PDG Angie stated that she had to disqualify too many posters in the last three years because they were too small, or too big, had things pasted to them, words on the front or the student was too old. They would have never gotten past the state coordinator. So make sure you know what the rules are. These need to be post marked by November 15 so that they can get judged and to the State Coordinator by December 1.

Lions Clubs International Foundation – PDG Angie Nicholson – Mentioned that donations are coming in well. With the 100 percent donations that has been good and our District has the highest percentage participants in the state. We are not quite to the top monies coming in, close but not there yet. PDG Angie mentioned she always gets beat by another District. There are a lot of Melvin Jones recipients in our District and PDG Angie asked that all Melvin Jones Fellows stand to be recognized. Asked that all Progressive Melvin Jones recipients stand. Explained

what this award is- when someone has given another \$1,000 to LCIF whether they give it themselves as a donation or their clubs may donate more. This is a humanitarian award and give your money to the cause of LCIF which is disasters or sight related projects. This District got a grant for our Spot Machines from LCIF. We have several clubs and individuals who are close to the \$1,000 mark to present a Melvin Jones.

World Services for the Blind – Lion Oda Lisa Hernandez – Lion Oda Lisa is with the Wimberley Lions Club. World Services for the Blind was started by Lions in Arkansas. World Services for the Blind trains adults that are vision impaired for careers. They also do college prep courses and it is a really good school and doing a lot of progressive work. She brought some brochures if someone was interested in taking one.

Youth Exchange – Lion John Estep – Lion John stated that invitations are out and they will be collected in November to selecting a set of 5 grandfathered and maybe one or two sponsored ones.

International Understanding – PCC Dennis Heitkamp – Mentioned that the best thing Clubs can do is Twinning. You can Twin with clubs all over the world and just tell what you are doing. This information is on the website and if you need assistance, contact PCC Dennis.

Texas Lions Camp Endowment Chair – PCC Dennis Heitkamp – Mentioned that he handed out the Endowment forms at the last Cabinet Meeting and asked that they not be left on the tables, well they were picked up but now he needs them filled out. He stated that he is on the Harry Wickersham Hole Sponsorship Committee and 100 percent of these donations go directly to the camp's operating expenses. It costs \$100 to be a sponsor.

Public Relations – Lions John Craswell - Lion John stated this has been the easiest job he has held in Lionism. He has written three articles for the District Newsletter and he has not done much. It has been very enlightening to get feedback from some Lions. Lion John thinks Lion Jim Newbold does a great job about getting the message out on what clubs are doing. He also stated that he believes the Lions are the best kept secret in their city and community on what the clubs do and thinks that is where we need to reach out more. Lion John will be wearing his new badge to let people know he is a lion and that will help share information with others.

PDG Committee - PDG Frank Kinald – The PDG Committee is composed for the last three PDG's in the District. Their main function is to monitor the balances in the other District Accounts that is on the Executive Summary and any expenses from there that are reviewed by the PDG Committee are brought to the Cabinet before anything is dispersed.

Newsletter – Lion Jim Newbold – Lion Jim just had one thing which was brought to his attention. He asked if there is anyone who is NOT getting the Newsletter. Please pass on to your clubs to pass on the newsletter to the members. The Presidents and Secretaries each get the newsletter and they should pass it on to the Members.

Mid-Winter Conference – Lion Lee Gibson – Lion Lee let everyone know that the Mid-Winter Conference will be January 28, 2017 in Wimberley at the Wimberley High School. Please note this on your calendar and attend.

Lions Alert – IPDG Mike Smith – Mentioned that the District has been tasked by the State MD-2 for this district to come up with a committee. IPDG Mike said that he will serve on the

Committee for the Cabinet but will need nine other committee members from the 9 counties in the District so that the District can pull together and Alert Action Plan. Stated that this is a huge task and more than one person can handle.

LEOs – Lion Liz Bumguardner – Currently the District has 26 active Leo Clubs. New clubs can still be added. Lion Liz brought some **brochures** if a Club is interested in sponsoring a Leo Club.

Leo Katlyn – She serves as the Vice President for the State and the District. She presented some information on the Conference they have coming up on November 12 & 13 in Killeen.

Tail Twister – PDG Frank Kinald – PDG Frank did his usual. Collected \$125.00 for 2-S3 Charities.

Leader Dog for the Blind – Lion Greg Teggeman – Lion Greg thanked everyone for their donations to Leader Dog for the Blind. Our donations brought us up to 14.5 million goal for the Canine Development Center Project which is fully funded and completion is anticipated this month.

Special kudos to the Lubbock Lions Club who gave \$25,000 this year. The top 20 Texas Lions Clubs donors contributed over \$113,000 to Leader Dog.

From our District 49 Clubs contributed over \$12,000, the largest donors were Elgin, Lake Travis, Pflugerville, New Braunfels and Taylor.

Taylor received their 6th consecutive Top Dog Award for contributions in 2014-2015.

Our Lions Clubs' donations helped provide FREE Leader Dogs, training, and GPS's to the 7 blind clients in our district, and to 43 other blind clients across Texas.

KidSight Vision Screening – Lion Maureen Kinald – Lion Maureen thanked Lion Jan Johnson for coming and doing the training for Vision Screening. She mentioned that we now have two new trainers, one from the north and one from the south part of the District. Lion Brenda Pruett with the Milano Club will hand the North and Lion Harold Tannirhill of the Wimberley Club will be handling the southern part of the District. Mentioned that the KidSight will be doing a lot more things. There will be a new website and you can get to it through the District 2-S3 website. Will be trying to get another machine with a grant and will have a District machine for the north part of the District. We already have District machines in the South and in the middle. She is in the process of organizing a committee.

Information Technology- IPDG Mike Smith – IPEG Mike mentioned that the District has two websites. The current Lions District one, which is District2S3.org, which we have had for many years. The new e-district website is available to all our membership. Mentioned that a public website was developed that is lionsdistrict2s3.com and the district took over that domain and moved the district charities to that website as a public feature for our district. We will also have things about our community service and the biggest thing you will find on that website you can subscribe to the district newsletter and have already had three members subscribe.

Honorary Committee – IPDG Mike Smith – The Honorary Committee met today and as you can tell that some of us Past District Governors are filling in the holes and gaps on the cabinet

and attempting on filling these vacancies especially the zone chair area and also the Lions Alert. The group made one good decision about the KidSight Vision Screening.

Environmental Chair – Lion Jo Anne Smith – Lion Jo Anne mentioned she had two items in which she need everyone’s help on. First, is environmental projects and second, environmental photo contest.

The Environmental Photo Contest is now underway and mentioned that this is the last cabinet meeting before the contest is at the District level. Encouraged all clubs to get the word out and mentioned that the rules are in the October Newsletter. Needs to be submitted to Lion Jo Anne by December 1 or before and her address is on the entry form.

Lion Jo Anne mentioned that she had a display for our environmental efforts which shows the 2016 International Environmental Photo Contest winners of recycled projects, community cleanups, tree planting and care as well as educational programs. Secondly, secure an environmental projects in one of the four centennial project areas. Asked that everyone conduct one environmental project before June 30, 2017 and have your club secretary report that through MyLCI and be sure to check “Protecting our Environment Campaign” box for the Centennial Challenge Award.

Lion Jo Anne then presented certificates to Clubs who have already completed an environmental project for the first quarter.

District Convention – Lion Karen Walker Ratcliffe – Lion Karen mentioned that the District Convention is May 12 & 13, 2017 and will be at the Manor Lions Hall, the committee is in place and will have registrations available in January.

Diabetic Awareness – Lion Dr. Kurt Tessnow – Lion Kurt mentioned that he has had Diabetes for 17 years and his son has done a lot of research on the subject and has learned a lot about that disease. Lion Kurt asked that if clubs would like for him to come give them a program on Diabetic Awareness please let him know.

Constitution and By Laws – Lion Dr. Kurt Tessnow - Lion Kurt stated that he did not have much to report. He mentioned that he did find out that there may be a conflict between the District constitution and the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank. He will be checking into this situation.

Culture & Community Activities Committee Report – Lion Shirley Jensen – Mentioned that she hopes everyone knows that this Committee awards a banner patch to a club who does an exemplary job in their Community & Cultural report. Also publicity is one thing they look for so advertise what you are doing and what awards you give out. Lion Shirley stated that more detail is in here written report.

The Governor reminded that the Mid–Winter will be in Wimberley on January 28, 2017. See everyone there.

Meeting adjourned – 1:50 p.m.

Written Reports

The Cultural and Community Activities Committee Report - Lion Shirley Jenson, Chair -

The Cultural and Community Activities Committee has begun examining July, August, September, and October District 2-S3 newsletters for the 2016-2017 recipient of its annual banner patch award. The Committee adheres to LCI criteria for selecting the winner of this award.

Activities are selected from four (4) categories as established by LCI. The categories are:

- 1) Visual projects. Some examples are art projects and photography projects.
- 2) Dance projects. Some examples are organization of a local dance recital and arranging a dance contest.
- 3) Food projects. Some examples are arranging a food festival and creating a fundraiser meal.
- 4) Recreation projects. Some examples are supporting a local sports team and helping with Special Olympics events.

To select a Lions club for this award, LCI developed five (5) criteria. These criteria are: (1) Service to others, (2) Involvement, (3) Originality, (4) Outcomes - A Lions club's cultural and community activities shall be developed and organized to improve the quality of life in measureable ways; and (5) Public Relations.

When additional information is needed to select a winner, the Committee will look at the websites of Lions clubs.

District 2-S3 Environmental Chair Report #2 - Lion Jo Anne Smith

Hello, my name is Lion Jo Anne Smith and I am your 2015-2016 District 2-S3 Environmental Chair. I am here to assist your club over the next fiscal year on ways your club can plan, execute and publicize your environmental projects. Some areas I might be of assistance are:

1. Encourage club participation in the Lions Environmental Photo Contest.

Your club deadline is December 1, 2016.

LIONS CLUBS and LEO CLUBS are invited to submit one photo

- Only one 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photo entry per Lions club.
- Mail your club printed photo entry AND entry form to me at 20609 Oak Ridge, Lago Vista, TX 78645 by December 1, 2016.

Be thinking about photos that has been taken or could be taken in the following four areas:

- Animal life
- Plant life
- Urban or natural landscape
- Weather phenomenon

More info at: <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/serve/contests/environmental-photo-contest/index.php#sthash.c1CVa2Fe.dpuf>

2. Encourage your club to conduct hands-on environmental service projects

A Focus on Recycling -- Lions can fulfill the "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" environmental message by reducing landfill debris through reuse or recycling. -Lion's environmental efforts occur at Lions club, district and multiple district activities as well as in the homes of environmentally-conscious Lions. Items to be recycled can include:

- Eyeglasses (Lions recycle millions of pairs each year)
- Hearing aids
- Electronics (Batteries, cell phones, computers)
- Books, magazines, telephone books
- Plastics
- Paint
- Inkjet or toner cartridges
- Shoes
- Clothing
- Medical equipment such as wheelchairs and crutches
- Organize a recycling program by working with local recycling organizations.

See more at: <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/serve/environment/recycling-projects.php#sthash.08dE17B3.dpuf>

Global Membership Team Report – PDG Shirley Dillman - Great news! Our District has a positive 46 members, which varies day by day as secretaries enter their club's adds and drops. Our Lion's Clubs have added 104 members and dropped 58. The great news is that we've had a positive net gain this entire fiscal year.

DG John Lyon's goal was originally to re-build the Marble Falls Lions Club and to start a Lions Club in the Oak Hill area of West Austin. Those goals were changed due to unknown promises.

Out of our 52 Lions Clubs we have 14 with fewer than 20 members. We have been canvassing several of those communities accompanied by their club members to recruit. It is impressive to hear the positive comments about Lionism in those communities. This process is just as important as building new clubs. MD2 only has 4 Districts showing growth and we have the greatest net increase. That does not indicate we should slow down. We can and will keep the positive momentum going.

At this time several Zone Chairpersons are diligently working with DG John Lyon and GMT coordinator, Shirley Dillman, doing community surveys to determine needs to build new Lions Clubs, plus rebuilding smaller clubs in our District.

Many thanks to VDG John Pruett for his consistent participation and support.

District 2S3 Leo Report- Lion Liz Bumguardner, District Leo Chair - The focus this year for the district will be to be sure all Leo Clubs in the district are posting membership and activity reports using the MyLCI system and to be current with MD2 Leo dues. The October meeting will offer training for the Leo officers and advisors on how to use MyLCI and the importance of the data. They will also have time to share ideas with the Leo Clubs present concerning successful community service projects and fundraisers. The theme for this meeting is Literacy. All Leos and Lions are asked to bring books that will be donated to Dell Children's Hospital (new books) and Ronald McDonald House (gently used books). The District Leo officers will also have a raffle to raise funds for awards at the end of the year. They want to acknowledge the hard work that the clubs are doing throughout the district. The Texas Leo Council has a new Leo pin that will be available at the meeting for those interested. The cost per pin will be \$3.00 and the raffle tickets will be \$1.00.

The district and state Leo officers are preparing for a Leo Leadership Conference to be held on November 12-13 in Killeen at Bellaire Elementary School starting at 10:00 a.m. The morning

speakers will be the Mayor of Killeen and our Lions International Director, Sam Lindsey. Following the opening ceremony and morning speakers the Leos will participate in three service projects in the morning. The first is to build 50 food boxes with items donated by the Leos around the state. The boxes will be picked up on November 12 by families in Killeen. The second service project is to host a lunch with a group of soldiers from Fort Hood. This will give the Leos an opportunity to thank the troops for their service to our country in honor of Veterans Day. The lunch speaker will talk about the importance of honoring our Veterans. The third project will be collection shoes. The three shoes will benefit the Rainbow Room at CPS, the Texas Lions Camp and a Veteran support group. Donations will be made throughout the conference with proceeds sent to the various charities after the conference. The afternoon will have break-out sessions for the Leos on Leadership activities, project planning and officer training. The Leo Advisors will participate in a separate break out session on MyLCI and other Leo news plus a time to share experiences. The Leos and Lions will also participate in a round table session where various Lions charities, projects and activities will be presented in a 3-5 minute time frame. The Leos will then rotate around the room so that they visit each table. The purpose of this activity is for the Leos to get a snapshot of Lions supported charities, projects and activities in the hope that they will return to their club and plan a project or activity in their community to support one of the projects, activities or charities. Dinner will be Italian food from Olive Garden served by the Leo Advisors. The dinner speaker will be a team of Lions from the UT Campus Lions Club who will talk to the Leos about the use of technology, campus clubs and the Leo to Lion Transition. Following the presentation the Leos will leave the Elementary school and join up at the Killeen Lions Den for an ice cream social and Murder Mystery game. On Sunday the Leos will meet at the Killeen Den for club power point and club display contests and forums on service activities and fundraising. The conference will be a great opportunity for Leos in the district to meet other Leos from around the state. The total conference was planned by the Texas Leo Council so that it is a student planned and led conference. Invitations and registration information was sent to all clubs and sponsoring Lions clubs in early September. If anyone is needing additional information, please contact me.

We have lost a couple of Leo clubs in the district so our number of active Leo clubs is now 26. Our goal is to have 30 active clubs this year and will work with those Lions Clubs wishing to sponsor a Leo Club. We would like to welcome the Smithson Valley Leo Club which is sponsored by the New Braunfels Evening Lions Club. The club received their Certificate of Organization on August 8, 2016.

Thanks for your continued support of the Leo Program in District 2S3.

2017 Lions Youth Contests - Information Summary- PDG Larry Nicholson - The Lions of Texas (Multiple District Two) sponsor three contests for high school age students. They are the Diabetes Awareness Essay contest, the Drug Awareness Speech contest, and the Outstanding Youth contest. The Lions of Texas believe in the young people in our schools and want to encourage students in their pursuit of excellence while learning to be of service to others. District 2S3 Lions Clubs are encouraged to contact local high school counselors and Leo clubs with printed information about the contests and to support participation in this important outreach.

Summary of information:

Entrants must be juniors or seniors in high school.

There are three levels to the competition, local Lions Club, Lions District, and MD-2 Lions Clubs (Texas). Each level of competition carries scholarship awards. The awards are:

Local Lions Club – Determined by the local Lions Club

District 2-S3 - \$500.00 for first place in each of the contests, and \$250.00 for second place in each of the contests

MD-2(Texas) - \$3000.00 for first place in each of the contests, and \$1000.00 for second place in each of the contests

Students enter the local contest with the understanding that the winner (first place) in each contest is committing to compete in the District contest on **January 28, 2017** in Wimberley and if successful there, to compete in the MD-2 contest in held in San Antonio **May 19-20 2017**. Expenses will be paid by the Lions. Financial awards are given to the winner only when she/he competes at the next level.

Expanded information for the Youth Contests is available online at the Lions District 2-S3 website, www.lionsdistrict2s3.org. Entry forms are on the MD2 website, www.texaslions.org

Any application fees will be paid by the Lions of 2S3.

Local contests must be completed in time for entries to be returned to the local Lions Club and postmarked to the District Coordinator by **January 18, 2017**.

Please contact 2S3 District Coordinator, PDG Larry Nicholson (larrynick1943@gmail.com) or 512-470-1326), for help with questions that arise.

Resolution – Lone Star Lions Eye Bank Director –The Manor Lions Club submitted the attached Resolution as a written report however it was not read at the Cabinet Meeting. **See Attachment D.**



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
07/01/2016 to 9/30/2016

Operating Income

Dues	\$31,973
Contributions	\$57,041
Other	\$2,559

Total **\$91,573**

Operating Expenses

Dues Payable	\$26,035
Contributions Payable	\$53,457
District Operating Expenses	\$1,203
Awards	\$0

Total **\$80,695**

Income Minus Expenses **\$10,878**

Other District Account Balances

District 2-S3 Charities Inc.	\$34,236
International Convention Fund	\$20,562
Emergency Contingency Fund	\$19,695
State Convention Fund	\$11,737
District Convention Fund	\$7,509
Youth Opportunities Fund	\$15,920

Clubs 7/1/2016	52
New Clubs Added	0
Clubs Dropped	0
Clubs Status Quo	0
Clubs 9/30/16	52
Membership 7/1/2016	1957
Members Added	104
Members Dropped	58
Membership 9/30/16	2003



Lion's International District 2-S3 Charities, Inc.

Financial Summary for the period July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016

Income:

100% Contributions - Alert	1,194.50
100% Contributions - KidSight	2,389.00
100% Contributions - Community Service	1,194.50
Other Contributions - Donation for District 8-N (flood assistance)	1,000.00

TOTAL DEPOSITS **5,778.00**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Surety Bond	86.47
Operating Exp (postage/website)	98.95
KidSight Screening/Training Exp	117.46
Donation to District 8-N (flood assistance)	2,000.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **2,302.88**

Opening balance 07/01/2016 **\$ 30,760.40**

Total Deposits	\$ 5,778.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 2,302.88

Bank Balance as of 09/30/16 **\$ 34,235.52**



MILANO EVENING LIONS

Meets 1st Thursday Each Month

P.O. Box 379

Milano, TX 76556

Resolution to Nominate Lion Dr. John Pruett as District Governor, to be elected at the District 2-S3 Convention 2017.

Where as; Lion John has served the Milano Evening Lions Club in an exemplary manner for the past six (6) years, serving as Membership Chair, Director, 2nd Vice President, and President.

Where as; Lion John has chaired his club's KidSight Project and has participated in several KidSight screenings. Lion John also chairs the Milano Evening Lions Reading Action Project, and is the club's LEO advisor for the Milano ISD LEO Club.

Where as; Lion John has served Lions District 2-S3 as Zone 3B Chairperson, as a member of the District Alert and 2-S3 Charities committees, and as 2nd Vice District Governor, and 1st Vice District Governor.

Where as; Lion John is a Melvin Jones Fellow and has attended the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, the USA/Canada Forum, and supports the Texas Lions Camp as a Key Holder through the Century Club Program, and the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank through the 20-20 Visionary Program.

And where as; Lion John has continually demonstrated exemplary organizational and leadership skills.

We the Lions of the Milano Evening Lions Club proudly place the name of Lion Dr. John Pruett before the Lions of the District 2-S3 Convention for election as District Governor for 2017-2018.

Attested to:

**Brenda K. Pruett
President**

Date: 10-22-2016

**Brenda K. Pruett
Secretary**



Manor Lions Club
PO Box 68
Manor, Texas 78653

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Lion Karen Walker Ratcliffe is a member in good standing of the Manor Lions Club and has been a member of Lions International for 21 years, and

WHEREAS, Lion Karen Walker Ratcliffe has participated in all activities of this club during her membership and is currently serving as Secretary and has served as a Secretary, Tail Twister, Vice President and President of a Lions Club, and,

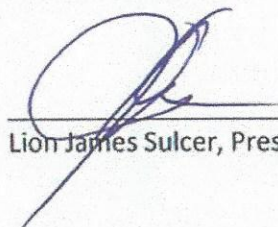
WHEREAS, Lion Karen Walker Ratcliffe is a Melvin Jones Fellow and a Texas Lions Foundation Fellow, and is a Life Member and 20/20 Member of the Lone Star Eye Bank, and a Life Member of the Texas Lions Camp. Lion Karen has served on the District S-S3 Cabinet as Newsletter Editor/Publisher, District 2-S3 Cabinet Treasurer, PR Director, and a member of the Kid Sight Vision Committee. Lion Karen received a Golden Spur Award, an International President's Certificate of Appreciation, and a Certificate of Appreciation District 2-S3 2000-2001 for Invaluable Service as Newsletter Editor/Publisher, Lion of the Year (Manor Lions,) and

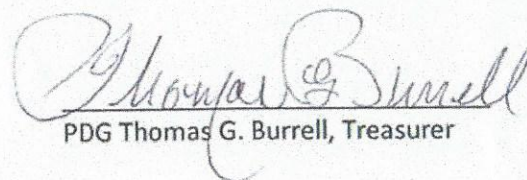
WHEREAS, Lion Karen Walker Ratcliffe is currently or has served numerous civic, religious and professional organizations for over 45 years for the betterment of her community,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manor Lions Club unanimously endorse Lion Karen Walker Ratcliffe to be re-elected for the 3-year term as Lone Star Lions Eye Bank Director at Large, and that the Manor Lions Club wholeheartedly support her for candidacy and election in 2017, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded to District 2-S3 for action at their District Convention.

Adopted unanimously on this 10th day of October, 2016.


Lion James Sulcer, President


PDG Thomas G. Burrell, Treasurer