



Arkansas Lions MD-7

Council of Governors Meeting

October 8, 2021

Meeting Summary

Participants: Jeremy Kimble, Council Chair
Rene Roberts District Governor 7-L
Carol Allen, District Governor 7-I
Roy Patterson, District Governor 7-O
Don Young, District Governor 7-N

Guests: 1st VDG Travis Burton, 1st VDG Dean Rowland, 1st VDG Bill Johnson, 2nd VDG Toni Shockey, PCC Bill Heaston, PDG Mike Benefield, PCC Myrna McGee, PDG Pat Snodgrass, Bec Dwyer-Coop, PDG Jeff Davis, Bonda Moyer, PDG Phyliss Fry, Carla Mosley, Sharon Giovinazzo and PDG Wanda Green, State Secretary.

The second MD-7 Council Meeting for fiscal year 2021-2022 was held on October 8, 2021, via virtual meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council Chair Jeremy Kimble. The invocation was given by DG Rene Roberts and pledge led by DG Roy Patterson.

CC Jeremy Kimble welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The minutes from the Council Meeting, July 10, 2021, were reviewed and approved. A motion was made by DG Rene Roberts seconded by DG Roy Patterson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

DG Don Young, Council Treasurer, provided a Financial Statement as of August 31, 2021. A motion made by DG Carol Allen and seconded by DG Rene Roberts to accept the report as presented. Motion approved. A copy will be filed for audit.

Old Business: PCC Bill Heaston received a bid to purchase 4,000 brochures for the Retinal Screening. This will close the UAMS/Lion's grant.

New Business:

A brief discussion was held regarding the Special Events Planning Committee. It was decided that this committee would not be needed, the events for 2022 have already been planned. A motion was made by Rene Roberts and seconded by DG Roy Patterson to disband this committee. Motion approved.

A brief discussion was held regarding the 2022 Mid-Winter Leadership Forum. PDG Phyliss Fry, Chair and Conway Noon Lions Clubs will host the 2022 Mid-Winter

Leadership Forum. Save the date - Saturday, **January 8, 2022**, "*Service from the Heart.*" The event will be held at Central Baptist College, 1501 College Ave, Conway, Arkansas. A discussion was held regarding having an auction and a 50/50 pot.

Exciting New presenters and great breakout sessions. Membership (PCC Tracy Price) Service Activities (PDG Jeff Davis) Guiding Lion (PCC Myrna McGee) Vice District Governors (PDG Leanna Rich) Club Officers- President (PCC Bill Heaston) Secretary (Lion Rita Price) Treasurer (DG Rene Roberts) Lions of Arkansas Foundation (President Carla Mosley) and LCIF (PDG Mike Benefield).

A discussion was held on the 104th Annual Lions State Convention. PDG Pat Snodgrass, presented an update regarding the 2022 Arkansas Lions State Convention. This year theme is "*IT' S GREAT TO BE A LION*". This event will be held May 13 & 14, 2022, at the Embassy Suites-Jonesboro. Your time will be well spent-informative and fun!

PDG Wanda reminded us that a motion was made stating the auction fund would be deposited in the State general funds and the 50/50 be donated to the Past District Governor's Association. (Minutes July 7,2021)

A motion was made by DG Rene Roberts and seconded by DG Roy Patterson to add two members to the Information Technology committee. PCC Myrna McGee to help with zoom meeting and PDG Wanda Green to assist on updates on the Arkansas Lions web site.

Lion Bec Dwyer-Coop presented the need of a group home to be housed at World Service for the Blind. WSB will undertake the remodeling of the Pinkerton and Fowler buildings in order to convert into single use accessible rooms, with common areas, classrooms and staff offices. A motion was made by DG Don Young and seconded by DG Roy Patterson to support the grant application to Lions Clubs International Foundation for a group home project, at World Service for the Blind. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports/District Governor's Report - attached

All the reports were reviews and each chair is available to assist the districts' leadership when asked. A motion was made by DG Roy Patterson and seconded by DG Rene Roberts to accept the written reports as presented. Motion passed.

PDG Phyllis Fry reported that a memorial was sent to the Fayetteville Lions Club for PDG Jane Treat. She also asked if the DGs know of the passing of Past District Governor to please inform the PDG's Association

Lion Bonda Moyer reported that this is the 60th Anniversary of Youth Exchange and Lions Club International has a video of past events is available to view on line.

PCC Myrna McGee reminded the District Governors of the election to be held for a Lions of Arkansas Trustee. Please send the representative information to Lion Carla Mosley.

A discussion was held on our State Pins. PDG Carolyn Marlin has resigned from Lions Clubs International Pin Trader Association. We were informed that only 2 pin trader vendors were at the 2021 USA/Canada Forum. Several of the Pin Trader representative have recently left the group due to death, age or decline of interest. Lion Wanda reported that a representative from Missouri said that he thought in a few years this organization will cease to exist. A recommendation to address this issue at the next council meeting.

Toni Shockey, VDG reported she attended a seminar at USA/Canada Forum on Childhood Cancer. She suggestion that we could sell T-shirts for a fund raising for this. It was recommended to address this issue at the next council meeting.

District Governors Reports are attached.

Dates for Council Meeting: Mid-Winter Leadership Forum, January 8, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DG Carol Allen, Council Secretary

PDG Wanda Green, State Secretary

Action Items:

1. PCC Bill Heaston to close the grant account.
2. Review the State Pins
3. Review fundraiser of T-shirts for Childhood cancer.

District 7-L - Rene Roberts, District Governor

Number of Clubs to Date:
Number of Lions to Date: 672
Status Quo Clubs: 0
Problem Clubs: 2
Net Gain in Members to Date: 33
Net Loss to Date: 20
Number of Official Visits to Date: 2
Dates to Remember in the District: April 16, 2022 District Convention

District 7-I - Carol Allen, District Governor

Number of Clubs to Date: 31
Number of Lions to Date: 634
Status Quo Clubs: 0
Problem Clubs: Atkins and Rogers
Net Gain in Members to Date: 13
Net Loss to Date: 17
Number of Official Visits to Date: 2
Dates to Remember in the District: Cabinet Meeting October 19, 9:00 am, District Convention - March 25th & 26th, 2022

District 7-N - Don Young, District Governor

Number of Clubs to Date: 27
Number of Lions to Date: 496
Status Quo Clubs: 0
Problem Clubs: Rison, Clarendon, McGhee, El Dorado
Net Gain in Members to Date: 6
Net Loss to Date: 38
Number of Official Visits to Date: 6
Dates to Remember in the District: 19 March 2022, District Convention

District 7-O - Roy Patterson, District Governor

Number of Clubs to Date: 26
Number of Lions to Date: 577
Status Quo Clubs: 0
Problem Clubs: West Memphis, Fairfield Bay, Jonesboro, Melbourne, Cherry Valley, Wynne
Net Gain in Membership to Date: 19
Net Loss to Date: 10
Number of Official Visits Made to Date: 5
Dates to Remember in Your District:
Cabinet Meeting To be set up before end of Oct.
Feb 19, 2022, District 7-0 Convention

Comments: General Health & Welfare of District:

Have 4 clubs needing membership Drives. Couple clubs haven't met now going into 2+ years now. Talking to clubs about membership Reports. Still

have 3 members that need to be added to a club they are slow about adding them.

Committee Reports for Council Meeting

October 8, 2021

Newsletter / Public Relations: Jeff Davis, PDG

Once again, thanks to all club reporter as well as club and district leaders for your continued contributions towards the success of our newsletter. All members are encouraged to send in anything Lions related you feel others would be interested in.

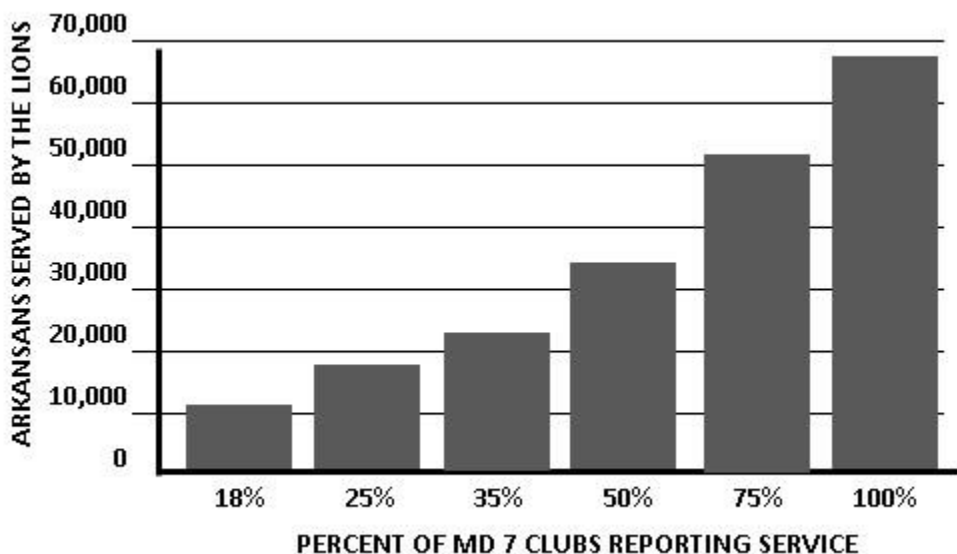
Next newsletter is scheduled for the first week of November.

GAT Service: Jeff Davis, PDG

Congratulations to District 7-L for besting the multi-district's percentage of clubs reporting service. With one third of their clubs reporting service so far this FY, they have nearly doubled the overall state percentage of clubs reporting activity.

First quarter efforts have been directed towards training club presidents, secretaries and services chairs on using MyLion to report their clubs' activities. What I called "A Quick Start Guide" for reporting service was sent out. Some responded with success while other reported difficulties. Lion leaders, please encourage your clubs to report their activities on MyLion.

What would our service record look like if?



Global Leadership Coordinator: PDG Leanna Rich

We are very excited to get our new year of training started with our Vice District Governors. We had a "meet and greet" (via zoom) with both the first and second vice district governors on Sept. 14 @ 8PM. We will host our 1st Vice District Governors on the 2nd Thursday of the next three months and we will host training on the 3rd Thursday of the next three months with the 2nd Vice District Governors. The curriculum has remained unchanged since last year, so we will follow a similar schedule as we did last year. The 1st Vice District Governors are already receiving training from LCI starting in September. We believe they are training on the last Sunday of the month. We have been asked to set up some vice district governor training at Mid-Winter but we are waiting to find out how much time we will have which will designate how many sessions we can have so that we can determine the sessions and apply for a GLT grant to help pay for the cost of the training. As soon as we hear back from CC Jeremy Kimble, we will begin to work on those sessions as well. PCC Matt Webber and myself PDG Leanna Rich will be leading most of the training and will occasionally be assisted by PCC Brad Baker. Next Quarter we may expand our presenters but at present, it is only the three of us.

Global Membership Coordinator: PCC Tracy Price

I regret that I will not be able to attend the Zoom meeting this Friday evening. I will be handling the scoreboard duties at our homecoming ballgame.

I am happy to report that we are ONLY down 9 members through September. This is great news. We still have many opportunities to increase our membership to the positive level. Even though many clubs are still not meeting, there is a lot of service being done in our communities. PLEASE publicize your service projects and encourage others to join us. Remember, the more members we have, the more people we can serve.

I went to an area location to do a vision screen a few weeks ago and ask the Director of the facility if she had ever considered joining the Lions Club. She told me that no one had asked her. I pulled out my membership application and she filled it out and thanked me for the opportunity to serve with us.

Our local club has changed meeting locations and I approached the coordinator of the facility about becoming a member and she was thrilled that we would give her the opportunity to become a member. Again, I pulled out a membership application and she filled it out and thanked me for the honor to be a Lion.

I told these two stories to let you know that we MUST ASK if we want to grow our organization. Yes, we are traveling down unfamiliar roads but people still want to serve their communities and we need to take advantage of that.

I refer to God's word which says "the fields are white unto harvest, but the laborers are few". The same goes for the Lions club. There are many out there that would join if we just ask. PLEASE encourage each member to carry a membership application with them and seize the opportunity to to GAIN 1 IN 21.

State Office: PDG Wanda Barnett Green

District Convention Reports

As you have most likely have heard, due to potential travel and safety challenges associated with the uncertainty of the Delta variant, the 2021 District Conventions have been canceled and rescheduled to Spring 2022.

We normally elect our officers (DG's) and send to LCI - District Convention Reports to LCI. (DA-20) LCI needs this report before I can order the District Governors 2022-23 crest. That being said we might look at voting differently so that the DGs could receive the crest before International Convention.

MD7 Annual State Awards

Please honor someone in your district for the MD7 Awards. These are due by March 1, 2022. John H. Barnett, Jim Fowler and Ed Barry. These applications are in web site.

Dues

All district dues are paid.

Strategic Plan: PDG Rich Fischer

No state level Strategic Plan report at this time other than to encourage all Lions to recruit new members and revitalize their clubs as COVID begins to wind down.

Internet Technology: PCC Jennifer Carey

The MD7 Arkansas Lions web page is up to date. The directory has been updated. Thank you to the council for the new committee members added, PDG Myrna McGee for assist in Zoom meeting and PDG Wanda Barnett Green and assist with IT.

LCIF: PDG Mike Benefield



District Health Assessment for Multiple District 7 through September 2021

District Number Status/ Name of Months in Status *	Clubs							Membership							Member Strength			Cancellation			Reports		Finance	Leadership		
	Active Clubs	Clubs In Status Quo	Total Clubs	% Status Quo In Financial Suspension	New Clubs	Cancelled Clubs	YTD Net Club Gain/Loss	Current Members In Clubs	Current Members In Status Quo	Current Total Members Count	YTD Add	YTD Drop	YTD Net Growth (Includes Active and Status Quo)	YTD Net Growth (Includes Active and Status Quo)	Member Count Months Ago	Average Member Count Per Club	% of Clubs with less than 20 members	Average Club Age	Members Last Cancelled Due to Non-Financial	% of Clubs Cancelled for 3 Months	% No Officer Report in 12 months	% of Clubs with balance 90+ days	Number of Zone Chairs Recorded	Number of Region Chairs Recorded	District Officers Vacancies **	
7L T(24)	26	0	26	0%	0	0	0	672	0	672	33	20	13	1.37%	732	26	42%	0	0	0%	23%	0%	23%	5	0	
7I T(24)	31	0	31	0%	0	0	0	634	0	634	22	21	1	0.16%	635	20	58%	0	0	0%	32%	0%	13%	8	0	
7O T(24)	26	0	26	0%	0	0	0	577	0	577	19	10	9	1.58%	593	22	65%	0	0	0%	42%	12%	8%	5	0	1st VDG, 2nd VDG
7N T(24)	27	0	27	0%	0	1	-1	496	0	496	6	38	-32	-6.06%	585	18	52%	74	9	0%	48%	0%	19%	7	0	
	110	0	110	0%	0	1	-1	2379	0	2379	80	89	-9	-0.38%	2,605	22	55%	74	9	0%	36%	3%	15%	25	0	

* - District Status: P - Provisional, T - Transitional.

** - District Officers Vacancies: DG - District Governor, 1st VDG - First Vice District Governor, 2nd VDG - Second Vice District Governor.