

**DISTRICT CABINET MEETING MINUTES  
DISTRICT 6SE CABINET MEETING – APRIL 22, 2017  
GOOD PASTURES BARN—BUELAH, COLORADO  
HOST CLUB – PUEBLO CHARTER LIONS CLUB**

**OPENING:** District Governor Cathy Valenzuela called the meeting to order at 10:10 am, and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor PDG Rick Calhoun gave the invocation. District Cabinet Treasurer Steve Shirley led the Pledge of Allegiance. DG Cathy welcomed all Lions in attendance to the fourth District Cabinet Meeting of the Lions year. She thanked the Pueblo Charter Lions Club for hosting the meeting and providing the lunch. She announced that the meeting today would be a Celebration of 100 Years of Service to Southeastern Colorado by the Lions of District 6-SE.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** DG Cathy introduced all the Past Council Chairmen present as well as all the Past District Governors present. She read from a proclamation by the Pueblo City Council and the Board of Pueblo County Commissioners designating April 22, 2017 as “Lions Clubs of Southeastern Colorado 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.” DG Cathy announced that the Pueblo Charter Lions Club, as part of hosting the District Cabinet Meeting, has provided 100 Tree Seedlings to the meeting for all the clubs in attendance to take one or more and to have them planted so that the club has participated in LCI’s projects to protect the environment. DG Cathy noted that each table has a centennial celebration decorated potted plant that will serve as door prizes to be given away periodically during the meeting.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**Club Roll Call** – 51 District 6-SE Lions were present representing 14 clubs.

**Minutes of the last Cabinet Meeting** – Moved and seconded to accept the minutes from the cabinet meeting of 01/28/17 as submitted. Motion passed without objection. Minutes from the last cabinet meeting are on file, and copies of them are available to interested Lions.

**Treasurer’s Report** – District Cabinet Treasurer Steve Shirley presented his written report for the period July 2016 through March 31, 2017, along with a profit and loss statement for the period. He noted that January semiannual dues to the state have been paid; that six clubs have yet to pay their semiannual dues for January; and that the District is in good financial condition. It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion passed without objection. The written report is on file.

**District Governor’s Report** – DG Cathy began her report by introducing Lion Terry Milsom from the Colorado City/Rye Lions Club as the candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor for 2017-2018 and she thanked Lion Terry for agreeing to serve the District. DG Cathy reported that the district has a 16 member gain in membership; that more new members should be added so that the district can also have new members be Centennial Year Members; that the district is currently behind the other districts of MD-6 in State

Convention registrations; and that the district will have a display of service projects at the District and State Convention. She announced that a candidate is still needed for the district position on the RMLEIF Board of Directors and she asked District Cabinet Secretary Tom to review the ballot to be voted on at the District Convention. She concluded with encouragement for a good turnout of District Lions at the District and State Conventions on May 19, 2017 and May 20, 2017 respectively.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Report** – 1<sup>st</sup> VDG PDG Rick Calhoun reported that he has numerous positions in the district to fill and is working on doing so. He reported that he has formulated his goals for 2017-2018 that include continued growth in membership and the purchase of a KidSight Screener for the District that would be available to all the clubs that do not own their own screener. He thanked Lion Terry Milsom for agreeing to serve the District and noted that the first District Cabinet meeting next year will be in August and hosted by the Colorado City/Rye Lions Club. He encouraged all the club is attendance to take one or more of the 100 Tree Seedlings being made available to them.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Report** – 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Sharon Agun presented a verbal report that highlighted progress toward holding a Lions Day at the Colorado Springs Sky Sox baseball game over the Labor Day weekend on September 1, 2017; that the event would be an activity for fellowship among district lions other than a business meeting; that it would occur during a weekend that features fireworks at the ball park, and that the Lions in attendance would be recognized at the game. She distributed a flyer with information on how district Clubs can participate.

#### **PRESENTATION ON WATER AND SUSTAINABILITY IN COLORADO**

Lion Joe Kelley, President of the La Junta Lions Club made an interesting and informative presentation on the water issues facing Southeastern Colorado.

#### **BREAK IN THE PROCEEDINGS**

#### **PRESENTATION ON LIONS OF DISTRICT 6-SE HISTORY**

As representatives of the District's two charter member clubs of Lions Clubs International, PDG Rick Calhoun from the Pueblo Charter Lions Club and Lion Scott Hente, President of the Colorado Springs Downtown Lion Club made presentations about the history of their clubs in connection with being a LCI Charter Club.

#### **SPEECH CONTEST**

Speech Contest Coordinator Lion Dennis Blevins announced that this year would be his last year as Coordinator for the District Speech Contest. He highlighted the wonderful benefits he has received by being the Coordinator for seven years and he encouraged another District Lion to volunteer to be the next coordinator. He introduced the four contestants for today's competition, and he outlined the theme of the contest, the rules for the contestants to meet, the amount of prize money to be awarded and the next competition for the today's winner. There followed the competition with the contestant from the Cotopaxi Lions Club winning \$75.00 for a fourth place

finish; the contestant from , the Colorado City/Rye Lions Club winning \$100.00 for a third place finish; the contestant from the Flagler Lions Club winning \$150.00 for a second place finish, and the contestant (Emily Reynolds) from the Canon City Noon Lions Club winning \$250.00 for a first place finish.

### **BREAK IN THE PROCEEDINGS FOR LUNCH**

### **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

Before making presentation of Awards, DG Cathy announced that Lion Jeanette Trimmer volunteered to be a candidate for the RMLEIF Board of Directors. DG Cathy used the remaining time in the meeting to present several awards that included a LCI President's Certificate of Appreciation to Lion Dennis Blevins for his service as District Speech Contest Coordinator, LCI Centennial Coins and Pins to District Cabinet Secretary PDG Tom Tucker, District Cabinet Treasurer Lion Steve Shirley, GMT Chairman PDG Monty Whitney, Web Page Coordinator Lion Gerry Montgomery, Zone A Chairman Lion Dave Prejean, and Zone C Chairperson Lion Betsy Denny. She presented the KidSight Volunteer of the Year Award to Lion Dave Prejean. She also presented Membership Chevrons to eligible Lions in attendance. Finally she presented the District Lion of the Year Award to PCC Bob Selle who was nominated by PDG Monty Whitney. Before concluding the meeting District Cabinet Secretary Tom Tucker presented DG Cathy with a progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship as a gift from the District Clubs and thanked her for being an innovative and inspirational leader for the District.

There was no other business to come before the Cabinet.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Cabinet, DG Cathy adjourned the District Cabinet Meeting at 1:20 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted, PDG Tom Tucker, District Cabinet Secretary**