



Minutes from the Convention
 Saturday November 3, 2018
 Lions District 20-W
 Holiday Inn
 232 Broadway
 Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

In attendance:

PDG Beach, Paula	DG O'Hare, Michele
Lion Bently, Barbara	Lion O'Mara, Bill
Lion Brisee, Florence	Lion Pandori, Bob
Lion Brisee, Rick	Lion Pike, Ed
Lion Bullock, Sue	Lion Rager, Karen
Lion Chanowsky, Devin	Lion Rager, Scott
Lion Chanowsky, Diane	Lion Ramsdill, Dione
Lion Clark, Jim	PDG Ramsey, Dave
Lion Darling, Pricilla	PDG Rhinehart, Linda
Lion Edwards, Jim	Lion Ronayne, Kevin
Lion Flanagan, Tom	PDG Scott, Joan
Lion Flisnik, Paula	PDG Shaw, Jim
Lion Gordon, Jerry	Lion Smith, Jeff
Lion Griffin, John	Lion Smith, Jill
Lion Hanson, Russell	Lion Sole, Joanne
Lion Hanson, Susan	PDG Stano, Ed
Lion Hennessy, Gail	Lion Stano, Elizabeth
PDG Keene, John	Lion Sutton, John
Lion Lange, Diane	Lion Tedisco, Tina
Lion Latimer, Diane	Lion Theisen, Michelle
Lion Latimer, Joe	Lion Tougher, Bob
Lion Lemanski, Nicole	Lion Townsend, Bob
PID Libin, Bob	Lion Valianti, Frank

Lion Libin, Michelle	Lion Ware, Rita
Lion Maxon, Bob	Lion Washbourne, Kay
Lion Mayhew, Michelle	PCC Whitney. Mark
PDG McDonald, John	Lion Winkler, Jim
PDG Nason, Richard	PID Wright, Rod
Lion Nevins, Nancy	
Lion Noakes, Mary Claire	

Meeting was called to order at 9:40

OPENING OF CONVENTION - DG Lion Michele O'Hare

National Anthems of Canada and the United States
Pledge of Allegiance / Lions Prayer / Lions Toast
Welcome - Saratoga Springs Lions Club

PROGRAM - IPDG Lion John McDonald

"Prediabetes and Diabetes"

This session will cover the basics of this chronic disease and set you on a path to successful self-management. Presenters for this session:

Lisa Hodgson, RD, CDN, CDE; American Association of Diabetes Educators, National Board Member and Member Affiliates Liaison; Clinical Nutrition Manager at Saratoga Hospital.

Judy Carr, MS, RD, CDE, CDN; Diabetes Services Quality Coordinator, Saratoga Hospital

"Dining with Diabetes"

This session will share program opportunities where you can learn how to plan delicious meals including desserts, understand food labels, and choose healthy meals when eating out.

Presented by Diane Whitten, MS Nutrition Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County

"Diabetes & Eye Disease"

This session will cover the effects of Diabetes on vision loss and the importance of a comprehensive dilated eye exam at least once a year. Diabetes is the leading cause of new-onset blindness in many countries and all people with diabetes - both Type 1 and Type 2 - are at risk.

Presented by Dr. Nicole Lemanski, Ophthalmologist, specializing in cornea and refractive surgery.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS - Past International Director Lion Rod Wright

Lion Rod, from New Brunswick, Canada, was elected to serve a two-year term as director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 98th International Convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii. He served from 2015 - 2017. A member of the Barkers Point Northside Lions Club since 2006, and a Lion since 1984, he has held many offices within the association. He has also presented at the 2009 International Convention leadership exchange and was moderator at the USA/Canada Forum in Alaska. In addition to his Lions activities, PID Rod is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including Portage Atlantic and REvia. He has one son, two daughters and two granddaughters.

Presentation - New Voices Certificates

Presented by PID Lion Rod and DG Lion Michele

Recipients were,
Lion Karen Rager
Lion Michelle Theisen
Lion Dione Ramsdill
Lion Katrina Plummer

International President Certificates of Appreciation
Presented by PID Lion Rod and DG Lion Michele

Recipient's were;
Lion Jerry Gordon
Lion Diane Chanowsky

DISTRICT BUSINESS - DG Lion Michele

Redistricting Grant

NYS & Bermuda Lions Foundation Grant - Camp Abilities Saratoga

PCC Mark Whitney presented information for the use of the redistricting grant. The grant request is for \$2880 from LCI

PDG Jim Shaw made a motion to apply for the grant, Lion Diane Chanowsky 2nd the motion. DG Michele called for a vote, everyone was in favor, and motion was carried.

IPDG John McDonald presented information to request a grant from the NYS & Bermuda Lions Foundation. The grant would be used for Camp Abilities to help fund camper expenses for the camp. The request is for a matching funds grant of \$5,000.

Foundation Trustee PDG Jim Shaw spoke up and said that there needs to be 2 years in between receiving grants from the Foundation. He was under the impression that Camp Abilities received a grant in consecutive years before being rejected a year ago. He felt that there may be a need to wait another year before CAS can apply again. Upon discussion the determination was made that the grant application would be approved conditionally for CAS to move forward upon PDG Jim determining CAS's eligibility with Foundation President Rich Steger. If ineligible to proceed on their own, CAS would proceed through the support of the District.

PDG Paula Flisnik made a motion that District 20 W support the proposal as presented for a grant from the NYS & Bermuda Lions Foundation to support Camp Abilities, Lion Bob Pandori 2nd the motion. DG Michele called for a vote, everyone was in favor, and motion was passed.

Peace Poster Contest Winner

The peace poster voting selected the poster created by 12 year old Abigail Becker from Schuylerville

Respectfully submitted
Rita Ware
Cabinet Secretary