

District 6-SE, First Cabinet Meeting, Olney Springs, 8/22/09

In attendance:

DG Wayne Babros, Fountain-Ft. Carson	Patsy Osburn, Olney Springs
D.Sec.-Mike LeMay, PDG, Security	Nancy Lodge, Nob Hill
D.Treasurer-Derinda David, Pueblo West	Jock Peters, Pueblo West
1 st VDG-Henry Cowell, LaJunta	Brian David, Pueblo West
Luann Babros, Fountain-Ft. Carson	Steve Lawson, CC Noon
Geof Clark, Fountain-Ft. Carson	Tom Tucker, PDG, Pueblo Charter
Chester Vetter, Wiley	Roger Maggart, PCC, Pueblo Charter
Sandra Smith, Canon City Noon	Chuck Larson, Zone Chair, Security
Ron Smith, CC, PDG, Canon City Noon	Fred Trimmer, Zone Chair, Flagler
Max Walt, Nob Hill	Monty Whitney, PDG, Calhan
Rex Hoobler, PCC, Canon City Sunrise	Larry Doyle, Calhan
Bill Kimball, Olney Springs	John Freyta, PDG, Florence
Max Walt, PDG, Nob Hill	

Minutes of the First Cabinet Meeting:

DG Wayne Babros opened the meeting at 9: a.m.

D. Secretary Mike LeMay gave the invocation.

Lion Brian David led the pledge of allegiance.

D. Secretary Mike LeMay read the roll call of the clubs.

Not having a copy of the minutes of the last cabinet meeting (at the District Convention of March, 2009), it was moved and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes of the prior cabinet meeting. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

DG's Report: District Governor Wayne read his report (typed copy attached to district file copy). He had an exciting time in Minneapolis at the DGs' School. He attended class time with District Governors from Kansas, New Mexico, Utah, Montana, Canada, Arizona, and Nevada. The instructor was from Brussels and imparted great knowledge, as well as that shared by each DG. Opening Day we marched in the parade and enjoyed a Beach Boys concert that evening. We had one-on-one time with the new IP, Eberhard Wirfs. His theme is "Move to Grow: and the ginkgo leaf is his logo. After ten days we returned to get down to work. Lions Luann and Wayne attended the 30th Anniversary of the International Hearing Dogs in Henderson, the 40th Anniversary of the Colorado Lions Camp, and the first Council Meeting in Lakewood. I will be attending the USA/Canada Forum in Memphis in September. I look forward to visiting the clubs in the months to come.

Report: 1VDG Henry Cowell: I attended the Council of Governors' Meeting in Lakewood and will attend the USA/Canada Forum in September. As District Membership Chair I need the names of the membership chair for each club and will contact them about membership growth plans for the year.

Treasurer's Report: We have not received as yet the roll-over monies from last year, but they are expected to be about \$4,000. Budget was approved.

Zone Chairs Reports:

Zone A Chair, Nancy Lodge reported that several clubs are working Bingo; Nob Hill LC will have their annual Christmas Tree fundraiser, Adopt a Highway, and hosted an eye clinic.

Zone B Chair, Chuck Larson noted that all clubs in the zone are working Bingo; the Security Lions Club serviced 99 kids at its annual Kidspreen service project (at \$75 per child).

Zone C Chair-Rick Calhoun, not present, so no report.

Zone D Chair-Joseph Schryver, not present, so no report.

Zones E and F, Fred Trimmer, read his report (typed copy attached to district file copy of the minutes). Highlights of his report include: Flagler now meeting at the I-70 Diner. The club support Sight First and tested 3-6yr olds, preschool to first grade, with Hugo Lions helping out. Flagler gave \$450 to 3 Flagler FFA members to attend the Washington DC Youth Leadership Conference. They provide Kit Carson County families with funding for eye exams, donated \$1,000 to the school swimming pool to pay for the free Family Night swim program; had successful "Back to School Registration" hot dog feed, and are busy with the Money Raffle fundraiser for the school homecoming September 26. Stratton membership is now at 6. They help with community activities such as homecoming pancake breakfast, collect eye-glasses, support a local scholarship, and a Pee Wee Wrestling Tournament.

Vona-club is struggling. They have not had a meeting since November and their secretary left. I have approached the subject of a joint club between Stratton and Vona.

Zone E. Arriba, membership hasn't changed. Support Sight First and help Flagler Club with homecoming.

Hugo, Active summer, worked concessions for 5 Gymkhanas; gave \$500 scholarship to the school (\$2,000 per year). The club is finalizing plans to paint and winterize needy senior citizen homes this fall.

Karval-new president reported that since their Springfest the club has been pretty inactive except for electing new officers. Planning a raffle during Karval homecoming.

Zone G & H Chair, Chester Vetter: membership loss in Springfield, other clubs holding steady. Zone clubs work mostly in their communities only. Lamar is changing its meeting place.

>Brag time/Happy Bucks had 7 or 8 Lions doing the bragging about their clubs.

Committee Reports:

Lions Camp- Lion Max Walt reported on the Camp (type copy attached to District File copy), including that 318 campers enjoyed the camp this season, thanks to all the clubs and Lions who recruited and sponsored campers. The camp celebrated its 40th Anniversary on August 1. PID Joe Preston from Arizona was the guest speaker, and many lions from all the district attended. The new 9-Hole golf course had a lot of play and some lions tried out the high ropes course. This was the first year for a youth exchange camp at which 17 campers from Japan, Germany, Poland, Mongolia, Canada, China, Argentina, Thailand and Austria attended. It was a great learning experience. These youth exchange campers were a lot different from the regular campers.

Convention Chair-IPDG Ron Smith read PDG Eileen Sanderson's report (typed copy attached to District file copy), which featured the theme "Let Us Entertain You." The International Guest was ID Maurice Kahawii and his wife, Lani. Clubs in attendance included: CC Noon, CC Sunrise and Parkdale branch, CC Royal Gorge; Colorado Springs Nob Hill and Security, Fountain-Ft. Carson, Flagler, Calhan, Cheraw, Pueblo Charter, Wiley, Olney Springs, LaJunta, Colorado City/Rye, Old Colorado City, Lamar, Windsor, Swink, Thornton, Loveland Sundown, Florence, Denver East, LC Pueblo West, Falcon, Ft. Collins, and Ft. Collins-Poudre Valley and Orchard Mesa. A total of 142 attended. Income was \$11,942; expenses were \$10,805, with income to the district of \$1,136.14. DG Ron Smith designed the pin. Special events included the golf tournament on Friday morning, at which 26 golfers participated. The Royal Gorge train ride was cancelled due to insufficient registrations. Friday evening's entertainment theme was South Pacific, with Hawaiian beach attire by Tom Munch. Saturday featured the flag ceremony by the American Legion, a welcome by Canon City Mayor, Lion Frank Jaquez, nominations and elections, a Q&A with ID Maurice and the speech contest. Saturday's attire was Great Movies. A Picnic lunch was enjoyed and the district peace poster presentation and results of the speech contest announced. The afternoon began with a Celebration of Life power-point presentation with pictures of Lions we lost this past year and a brief bio of each. Breakout sessions included sessions on Kidsight, Lions Camp, Fundraising, CO Lions Foundation, Club Secretary and President training, It's Fun to Serve, Rocky Mtn. Eye Bank, Rocky Mtn. Eye Foundation, CO Lions Foundation, How You Can Serve, and the LCI Foundation. Thanks to presenters: PCC Rex Hoobler and Don Rose, IPID Ken Schols, PDG's Monty Whitney, Mike LeMay, Joe Rall, John Freyta, and Max Walt, and Lions Amy Springer, Jim Pierie, Ed Jacobs, and Bobby Kenec. Saturday's banquet featured a High Society theme. The printed program included a movia trivia quiz. ID Lion Maurice was excellent. The results of the district convention elections were announced, and 1st timers winner was announced and the silent auction held. Special thanks to the 35 Lions who helped with 500 volunteer hours.

PCC Rex Hoobler reported on Ensign (State-wide project) and on the CO. **Eyebank**, which is in good financial condition, and which had a good July/August. They will be interviewing applicant finalists for the Kidsight Director position (13 total, 6 finalists, 4 to be interviewed). They expect to replace Lion Amy Springer by the end of September.

PCC Roger Maggart reported on Constitution and By-laws and Protocol. He thanked the Lions of 6-SE and handed out copies of the amended Constitution and By-Laws (copy attached) to District officers, zone chairs, and club representatives.

Campus Clubs and CSII-Lion Mike LeMay had no report to give. Continues to have problem of finding a faculty or administrative staff sponsor for a campus club. CSII winding down from its successful campaign. Clubs urged to complete their pledges.

Diabetes Awareness-Lion Carolyn Doyle, no report.

DG's Growth Contest, Lion Luann Babros reported the details on the contest (copy attached) and handed out copies of the contest flyers. Contest similar to last year's, but the prize is a week-end at Cripple Creek for two.

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Environmental Awareness, PDG Monty Whitney had no report on that committee, but did report on the **PDG's Association** and handed out copies of the future leadership questionnaire (copy attached to district file copy) and urged all to gauge awareness for future.

Leadership Institute, DG Wayne read PDG Eileen Sanderson's report regarding the Leadership Institute. Five to six are expected to attend this year's Institute.

Hearing Dogs, no report.

LCIF, PDG and CC Ron Smith, will do programs on LCIF for any clubs interested. Has an excellent video program.

Leader Dogs, Lion Luann Babros read report (typed copy attached to District file copy). She stressed the amazing support given by Lions Clubs despite the tough economy. She reported on DG Wayne and her visit to the Leader Dog facility in Michigan and how much they learned about the program and urged clubs to continue to support the program this coming year. She offered her assistance to clubs in this worthy cause.

Convention, Lion Luann read her report (typed copy attached to District file copy) which will be held March 19-20 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Colorado Springs. Committees to plan the district convention are under way, with details forthcoming at future cabinet meetings. "Fifties" will be the opening theme. CC Ron Smith will chair golf tournament.

Mint Chairman, Lion Patsy Osburn reported she has a dozen cases of mints and display cards available for any clubs interested in the project.

Newsletter Editor, Lion Sandy Smith gave oral report. She hopes committee chairs and clubs will send her information to include in the newsletter.

9th Health Faire, no report.

District Publicist/PR Chair, Lion Geof Clark reported they are working on PSA and articles for the newspapers.

Used Eyeglasses, DG Wayne mentioned the large supply of collected glasses. PDG Walt Max offered to get them to Sterling.

USA/Canada Forum, DG Wayne handed out broucher/flyer (copy attached to district file copy of minutes) and urged all to consider attending. As of now, about 6-7 are likely to attend. DG Wayne handed out the state pins, mentioned they should trade well at the Forum.

Flags for First Graders, no report.

Peace Poster/Speech Contest, DG Wayne mentioned that the district will increase the amount of the awards slightly this year. More details to follow next cabinet meeting.

New Business:

>Lion Nancy Lodge needs mentors.

>Lion Max Walt corrected some names in the Directory re: Lions Camp.

>Lion Henry Cowell suggested clubs might offer to help out members willing to attend the USA/Canada Forum.

>Lion Steve Lawson mentioned the Directory error listing him as District Rep to the Lions Camp. Lion Brian David is the 6-SE rep.

>Lion Sandy Smith asked for e-mail addresses to send the monthly district newsletter. Due date for items to be included is the 15th of the month.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lion Mike LeMay, PDG, District Secretary.