

DISTRICT 6SE CABINET MEETING, FEBRUARY 6, 2010  
CANON CITY, COLORADO, HOSTED BY CANON CITY NOON  
3<sup>RD</sup> CABINET MEETING MINUTES

**Welcome**—DG Wayne Babros opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. by welcoming all, thanking them for their attendance and the Canon City Noon club for hosting the meeting.

**Invocation:** was made by 1stVDG Henry Cowell

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by PDG Mike LeMay

**Introductions**—DG Wayne introduced CC, PDGs

**Announcements:** DG Wayne announced the next Cabinet Meeting will take place at the District Convention, on Friday, March 19, at 3:00 p.m. and that the next MD6 Council Meeting will be at the State Convention in Denver on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**General Business:**

Cabinet Secretary, PDG Mike LeMay read the roll of clubs. 13 clubs were present and 35 Lions. Present were: Calhan, with 4 members including its president; Canon City Royal Gorge, with 5 members present including its president; Canon City Sunrise with 4 members (including 2 from its branch club, and its president); Cheraw with 2, including its president; Colorado City-Rye, with one, its president; Colorado Springs-Nob Hill, with 1 present; Colorado Springs-Security with 3 present, including Zone Chair and two PDGs; Flagler with 2 including its president and secretary; Florence with 1, its president; Fountain-Fort Carson with 3, including its president and treasurer; La Junta with 2, the 1<sup>st</sup> VDG and his wife; Pueblo Charter with 3; Pueblo West with 2, including its president.

**Lions attending** were: Wayne Babros, DG; Derinda Bercher-David, 6SE Treasurer; PDG Mike LeMay, 6SE Secretary; Tom Coffield, Cheraw's president; Darlene Coffield, Cheraw's Treasurer; Mona Soland, Colorado City/Rye, treasurer and district chair; John Freta, Florence, PDG; Monty Whitney, Calhan, PDG; Henry Cowell, LaJunta, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG; Pat Cowell, LaJunta; Luann Babros, Fountain-Ft. Carson, club treasurer; Donna Selle, Calhan; Bob Selle, Calhan, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG; Auddie Cox, Fountain-Ft. Carson president; Nancy Lodge, CS-Nob Hill and Zone A Chair; Shirley Scofield, Security, PDG; Ron Smith, Canon City Noon and CC, MD6; Sandra Smith, Canon City Noon and district newsletter editor; Lorraine Kennec, Canon City Noon; Bob Kennec, Canon City Noon and 2yr Dir. RMEB; Fred Zimmer, Flagler, Zone Chair, and club president-secretary; Joe Schryver, Sunrise Branch-Parkdale and Zone D Chair; Mary Schryer, Sunrise Branch, Parkdale and club lion tamer; Steve Lawson, Canon City Noon, club president; Brian David, Pueblo West tail twister; Gene Meek, Colorado City/Rye, president; Carol Meek, Colorado City/Rye, Kidsight Chair; Rick Calhoun, Pueblo Charter, Zone C Chair; PDG Tom Tucker, Pueblo Charter, club secretary; PCC Roger Maggart, Pueblo Charter, Board Member and 6SE Chair; Larry Doyle, Calhan, president; Lotus Hoobler, Canon City Sunrise, club treasurer; Dave Hoobler, Canon City Sunrise, club president; Heather Zimmerman, Canon City Noon, District Speech Contest Chair; Chuck Larson, Security, Zone B Chair.

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Reading/Approval of 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting Minutes—minutes having been previously distributed, it was moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>ed, and approved by voice vote.

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District Governor Wayne Babros gave his report (typed copy attached to file copy). Highlights of his report include that we are working hard to get back to positive side for membership by rebuilding older clubs, and have scheduled on Feb 28<sup>th</sup> an extension meeting and Guiding Lions Training. Then we will canvass Burlington, Limon, and Manitou Springs with the LCI extension trainer. Plans for convention are progressing well; with a Fab 50s theme for Friday evening. We have the slate of candidates for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG, as well as Board Members for the Colorado Lions Foundation and the RMLEB. Clubs are busy with fundraisers and service projects. He reported on the New Member District contest. Lion Wayne participated in the webinar with LCI President Wirfs.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Report, Lion Henry Cowell. Lion Henry reported he attended the Council Meeting. He is leading an effort for Club Retention which is stressing FAMILY membership. He used La Junta club as an example where several club officers were former winners of their Student of the Month award and are now active Lions in the club. He unveiled a pin map of the district showing current and former clubs and the district's club history. He emphasized there is potential for new clubs in communities that had former clubs that have ceased.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Bob Selle gave his report (typed copy attached to file copy of these minutes). He mentioned his writing skills, and career as educator and school administrator and that he will retire in June and have more time to devote to district business. Lion Bob stressed what he termed the 3 Rs of Lionism: Relationships, Routing, and Resources. He attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> 6SE Cabinet meeting (in costume). He is working on getting new clubs into Lionism, and he and Lion Donna are going to Australia for the International Convention.

District Treasurer Lion Derinda Bercher-David presented her report (typed copy attached to the file copy of these minutes). Highlights include: Total income budget as \$27,884.55 and YTD income of \$19,348 with a balance of \$8,535.99. Expense total budgeted was \$21,679.55 with YTD of \$8,569.82 and a balance of \$13,109.74. Newsletter expenses were budgeted at \$600 and YTD expenses of \$160.02 with a balance of \$439.98; district convention expenses were budgeted at \$2,500 and YTD \$2,280.81 were spent with a balance of \$219.19.

#### Zone Reports:

Zone A, Chair Lion Nancy Lodge reported (typed copy attached to file copy of minutes) that Falcon held an exceptional charter night and had a wii tournament in conjunction with the event; Nob-Hill Lions club turned in nearly 3,000 pairs of glasses, has been working Bingo, assisted the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind Christmas party, performed Senior Eye Screening at the Otis Community Center, presented gift bags of

Zone A Report continued:

toiletries for the Ronald McDonald House, knit 22 premie hats in November and 33 in December for the Ronald McDonald House/Memorial Hospital; donated \$1,000 to Care and Share, and \$400 more to be sent in the Spring, planning their 58<sup>th</sup> Charter Night for Feb. 27; gave \$1,000 educational award for a Senior at Colorado School for Deaf and Blind; will do table decorations for the Convention, and donated to the Haiti LCI fund. CS T-Gap club worked bingo, are doing Kidsight screenings in area schools, will do Flags for 1<sup>st</sup> Graders; donated \$5,000 to the Eye Institute; turned in numerous eye glasses and held their 30<sup>th</sup> Charter Night celebration of Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>. The Calhan Lions club turned in 3,000 pairs of recycled eye glasses, screened 123 children in 8 public schools for Kidsight; hosted Community Children's Christmas Party and delivered 46 goodie bags to shut ins around town; provided 20 new eyeglasses through Lens Crafters donated to LCIF Haiti fund as individual Lions and as a club; had 1-3 articles with photos per month in the local paper re: club activities; and recycled 350 pairs of eyeglasses.

Zone B Chair Lion Chuck Larson reported (typed copy attached to file copy of minutes); all three clubs active in bingo; that the Fountain Ft-Carson club has been working bingo and doing well with this fundraiser, no new members yet, focusing on hosting the 6SE Convention;

Security Lions Club—inducted new member, working Bingo (most in the Zone) to support its normal activities; donated to LCIF Haiti fund;

Old Colorado City—club is down to 4 members and two are transferring out soon; need help to finding new members and welcome ideas. They helped a young man sponsoring part of his trip to Spain. They are preparing for Springspree for 3 week in June. JB is working on Lions District Balloon repair.

Zone C Chair, Lion Rich Calhoun (see typed copy attached to this file copy). Lion Rick visited all clubs in zone; most clubs in zone are small but very active and all well-motivated. Highlights include: Trinidad Club held Thanksgiving Dinner; Pueblo West host some creative potential member events; Pueblo Charter hosting 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>; Avondale-Vineland hosting its Pancake Supper Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>; Colorado City/Rye sponsors an active Leo Club at Rye HS and is offering 4 scholarships this year.

Zone D Chair, Lion Joseph Schryver reported all clubs active; no new Lions for Sunrise, whose 6 members remain faithfully active; and Cotopaxi active and seeking donations; the Parkdale branch club is busy preparing for the Health Fair at Deer Mountain, donated \$3,000 to Home Front Cares, raised money for Christmas presents for children in foster care which was a great success, and will host 19<sup>th</sup> Pot Luck/Red Shirts project.

Zone E and F, Chair Lion Fred Trimmer (typed copy attached to file copy of these minutes); reported for Zone E, Arriba currently at 12 members, have lost one member; activities included delivering Christmas Baskets in the community and a lighting contest for Arriba and plans to hold a Valentines Day Dinner with spouses or significant other.

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Hugo has 15 members and will sponsor a club in Limon if such a club can be re-formed. Conducted a Kidsight Screening; will hold Charter Anniversary dinner Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>; Karval recruited new member and are now up to 17, making it largest club in Zone E and F; visited by DG Wayne in November and December; planning Sweetheart Valentine's Day Dinner and a "Spring Fest" for March to raise money for HS scholarship.

Zone F—Stratton has 6 members and two prospective; Vona has 5 members and will host DG Wayne in Feb. who will advise them and they will make decision about combining with Stratton. Flagler club has 13 members (its President, Bill Willoughby passed away in October). It is still active. Enjoyed visit by DG Wayne. Hosted Christmas Party and gift exchange including hearing from a German exchange student who spoke about Christmas customs in Germany. Donated \$300 toward HS scholarship fund; \$200 to Flagler Community Development Committee; \$540 to Flagler Clinic for a new gurney; and \$250 to RMLI. Paid for 3 eye exams and currently planning for the Spring Reverse Raffle and dinner to be held April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Zone G & H—no report as Lion Chester Vetter was not present.

Lion Heather Zimmerman gave her report re: speech contest early as she had to leave (typed copy attached to file copy of these minutes). One club, Canon City, participating and Cotopaxi considering doing so. Mailed brochure template and sample letter to parents and "how-to" instructions to all club secretaries or presidents in December. Looking forward to District Convention schedule of events with speech contest winners from the local competitions.

Lions Brag Time/Happy Bucks conducted by Lion Tail Twister: participating were Lions--PDG Tom Tucker, CC Ron Smith, Zone Chair Fred Trimmer; Tom Coffield; PDG Monty Whitney, 1VDG Henry Cowell, Cabinet Secretary PDG Mike LeMay, Bob Kennech, Brian David, Zone Chair Rick Calhoun, Steve Larson, and Gene Meek. DG Wayne announced break from 9:50 a.m. to 10:05 a.m.

Meeting re-commenced at 10:05 with Committee/Project Reports.

**Colorado Lions Camp**—Lion Brian David reported on Camp. May 1<sup>st</sup> work day; Youth camp exchange flyer prepared (handed out copies, one attached to file copy of these minutes); promoting camperships. Camp needs host families and volunteers to assist staff as chaperons; CC Ron Smith stated MD 6 gave \$1,000 for banners and recommended that a line-item for Youth Exchange event at Lions Camp be included in next year's MD6 budget.

**Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank**—Secretary Mike LeMay read the typed report submitted by PDG Eileen Sanderson, District Rep, who was at Newcastle, WY for their Mid-winter conference meeting. Highlights of her report were a series of good news/bad

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news items such as cooperative effort with hospice care programs for cornea donations and noted a 14.4% increase in eye donors in 2009; increase in transplanted corneas of 10.3%; increase in income of 12.2%; collecting from service providers has become an increased problem; Colorado leads nation in percentage of registered donors (67%) and Wyoming is 5th with 58%; four years ago the Eye surgery fund provided \$14,000 worth of surgeries, but so far this year (7 months), paid for over \$67,000 and if full costs has been charged the cost would have been \$185,000 if standard fees had been paid. Eye bank has made 3 year commitment to Kidsight. Announced she would seek re-election as 6SE rep to the Board.

Cabinet Secretary PDG Mike LeMay also read PDG Eileen Sandersons report on the **Lions Leadership Institute** (typed copy attached to file copy of these minutes): highlights included what the Institute is all about; being held at the camp; each district in MD6 entitled to 4 attendees, CC Ron, DG Wayne, and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG all have applications; will take place September 17-019 at the camp; costs are minimal and food is good; programs are excellent!

**Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute-** Lions Bob and Lorraine Kennec reported (typed copy attached to the file copy of these minutes): some highlights from the typed report were: noting that the meeting in Wyoming was on-going; noted the Eye Institute building is being remodeled. Will need a rep. from 6SE to the Board as Lion Bob is term-limited as Trustee. Announced that Lion Fred Trimmer will be a candidate for that position. Announced club donations were down in 2009, asking clubs to hold KS fundraiser. Kidsight needs \$10-12K to survive and become a stand-alone project; noted grant-writing difficulties and application for 501.3 status so donors can deduct donations from their taxes. Director Elvira attended grant-writing class in Colorado Springs; Lions Bob and Lorraine appreciative for Elvira's husband, Greg, for his dedicated work and program writing skills. Thanked Lions Gene and Carol Meek who learned how to use screening device to set up screenings in Colorado City/Rye. He made a pitch to all clubs to become involved and stressed that the SureSight machines are easy to use and that KS is a great project that the district needs to keep afloat, and urged consideration of donations to KS at the Parade of Checks at the Convention. KS is desperate for donations at this time.

**Colorado Lions Foundation**—Lion Art Welsh not present, no report given.

**Ensign**—PCC Rex Hoobler was in Wyoming and therefore not present so no report given

**Campus Clubs**—Lion Mike LeMay had nothing to report at this time. Still seeking faculty or staff members to sponsor a campus chapter.

**Campaign Sight First II**—PDG Mike reported LCIF's stated amount of world-wide funds pledge was beyond even the stretch goal, came in at \$209 Million. Urged clubs who pledge to now make good and send in their pledged amounts. Clubs should be receiving notices from LCI as to amount outstanding of club pledge.

**Constitution and Protocol**—PCC Roger Maggart noted there were no changes for this year (typed copy of report attached to file copy of these minutes); that all clubs have received copies of the amended Constitution and By-Laws; noting that instructions to propose an amendment are found on page 7 of the copy.

**Diabetes Awareness**—Lion Carolyn Doyle was working Bingo but submitted written report to DG Wayne, which was read by Cabinet Secretary Mike LeMay. Report summarized warning signs of diabetes, and increased risks for those with Type 2 diabetes for developing cataracts and glaucoma or diabetic retinopathy; increased problems with retina, lens and trabecular mesh work. She gave her contact info for anyone wanting more information: e-mail [doyle-bc@yahoo.com](mailto:doyle-bc@yahoo.com) or (719) 510-4007.

**District Governor's Growth Contest**—Lion Luann Babros reported (typed copy attached to file copy of these minutes) that she has received information on sponsor and visiting or new prospective members from the following clubs to date: Calhan, Canon City Noon, Colorado Springs-Security, Fountain Ft. Carson, Manzanola, Olney Springs, and Pueblo Charter. She noted the details of the contest (names into ticket drawing of sponsor or of new member); drawing to be March 20<sup>th</sup> at district convention; club with highest net growth percentage will get their district dues rebated. E-mail address to report info: [lionbabros@yahoo.com](mailto:lionbabros@yahoo.com)

**Environmental Awareness, Limon Extension, and PDG Association**—PDG Monty Whitney reported (typed copy attached to file copy of these minutes). Nothing on Environmental Awareness; on Limon extension, event held after KS screening in Limon—no attendees for prospective new club. He reported on all the work they did in scheduling event, including contacting all businesses in Limon. Extension group made up of: DG Wayne, 2ndVDG Bob Selle, PDG Monty, Lion John Bandy, president of Hugo and Guiding Lion for Limon club if started, Lion Donna Selle, Lion Betty Whitney, and Lion Fred Trimmer, Zone E & F chair. On Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> Monty asked to be on agenda of Limon Town Council re: benefits of having a club in Limon. They agreed club was needed and that they would take the lead to contact persons and business owners in Limon. Lion Monty awaiting their contact and their taking the lead to get another event organized. Noted LCI Trainer coming end of February (28<sup>th</sup>).

**PDG Association report**—PDG Monty to lead meeting with CC Ron immediately after the cabinet meeting to discuss future leadership at district level; passed out survey of interest forms to all present at meeting who had not yet received or returned a form to him. Lion Monty asked for show of hands of all non-PDGs, DGs, etc. and handed out forms to them.

**Hearing Dogs**—Lion Mona Soland reported noting that the facility is located in Henderson Colorado (near Denver); that they get their dogs (all sizes, breeds) from animal shelters and that it costs about \$6-7,000 to train the dog. She noted a Lion (Sandra) from Colorado City/Rye has just received her dog and circulated a photo of Lion Sandra and her hearing dog. She noted that recipients receive the dogs at no cost; urged clubs to hold fundraising events dedicated to Hearing Dog project (suggested an ink recycling program), and that clubs could join a \$50 a month program and if so will receive photo of dogs and recipients.

**LCIF**—CC Ron Smith reported (typed copy attached to the file copy of these minutes); highlights included: presented LCIF program to Canon City Noon and Security Clubs; has an excellent informational DVD video; that his term is 3 years and he will be more proactive after his year as CC ends; urged clubs who pledged to CSFII to complete their commitments asap; addressed the Haiti earthquake relief fund at LCI and noted how to donate to that effort and that 100% of all funds donated actually go to relief, no administrative overhead. No other charity can guarantee that; and noted that LCI was the first organization “on the ground” with relief effort. Noted that Lions in Sweden donated tents.

CC Ron distributed flyer re: golf tournament at 6SE Convention for March 19; and spoke about the MD 6 Convention on 20-22<sup>nd</sup> of May and who the ID guest will be.

**Leader Dogs**—Lion Luann gave her report (typed copy attached to file copy of these minutes). Highlight, MD6 Leader Dog Chair Ken Quast reported MD6 has not yet given at our historic level to Leader Dogs. We need to continue our support to Leader Dog program. Any club donations will make a difference.

**6SE Convention Committee Report**—Lion Luann reported (typed copy attached to file copy of these minutes) that convention is only 6 weeks away; urged everyone to register, and special early registration rate ends March 1<sup>st</sup> for Convention and Friday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> for special room rate at the Crowne Plaza. Seeking items for silent auction. Urged all to “rock and roll” to the Fab 50s!

**Mint Chairman**—Lion Patsy Osburn was working bingo and could not attend but gave written report to DG Wayne, who read highlights that cases of mints available; that two cases have been given to Hugo LC, plus two cases to DG Wayne (for Fountain-Ft. Carson club).

**Newsletter Editor Lion Sandy Smith** reported on newsletter, which is going well. Need club or committee items for newsletter in by 12<sup>th</sup> of each month for that edition. Urged we give her our e-mail address so she can send e-mail attached e-copies of the newsletter to save the district money.

**9<sup>th</sup> Health Fair**—lion Bob Groves not present, no report.

**Publicity**—Governor Wayne reported for publicity chair Lion Geof Clark on publicity efforts.

**Used Eyeglasses**—DG Wayne reported that new collection boxes were placed at Wal-Marts and were bigger sized boxes; and at Colorado Springs fire department stations.

**USA/Canada Forum**—DG Wayne reported that it will be in Milwaukee (his home city) held Sept. 23-25<sup>th</sup>, 2010; that great speakers and events are planned and urged lions to attend, that opportunity to attend a Brewers baseball game was planned and that “beer and brats” would be featured at the Forum. Fun time for all and a great learning experience.

**Flags for 1<sup>st</sup> Graders**—Lion Tom Coffield reported that several clubs were participating and that those events were going well.

**Leo Clubs**—no report.

**Peace Poster Contest**—PDG Shirley Scofield, four posters (one for each subdistrict in MD6) were submitted (color copy of the four winning posters attached to the file copy of these minutes); and that the poster from 6-West was selected as the poster to submit to LCI. DG Wayne read CC Smith’s letter re: winners. Manzanola submitted 14 entries. DG Wayne congratulated all participants.

DG Wayne thanked the Canon City Lions for hosting the cabinet meeting. PDG Monty made pitch for DG/VDGs to attend PDGs association meeting to follow immediately. Announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG candidate for 2010-2011 would be Lion Rick Calhoun. The Tail twister reported \$48.55 raised from Happy Bucks and fines and that it would be donated to Kidsight.

DG Wayne adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted: Cabinet Secretary PDG Mike LeMay