

**Cabinet Meeting
December 7, 2013
Tallahassee Lions Club
Tallahassee, Florida**

President of Tallahassee Lions Club, Lion Jonathan Ross, called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m EST: Lion Jon introduced the head table: Lions Treasurer Carl Plesner & Wife Cynthia had left but he gave his treasurers report at the pre-cabinet meeting, Lion Secretary Joyce Cosson and husband John; 2nd VDG Larry Hopkins and wife Carol: 1VDG Bob Melnick and wife Diane; DG Dr. Jeffrey Heisler who will receive a formal introduction later. **Recognizing our past District Governors: IPDG Pat Hall, PDGs Ann and Joe Davis, PDGs Jessie and Norm Carpenter, PDG Howard Young, PDG Estelle Clark and PDG Tony Stephanowicz.** I personally thank these PDGs for their services and what they have done for Lions and their communities over the many years. They are still working hard for Lionism.

DG Dr. Jeffrey Heisler introduced 1VDG Bob Melnick who lead the invocation. Pledge led by 2VDG Larry Hopkins. Lions toast by 1VDG Bob Melnick.

1VDG Bob Melnick introduced DG Dr. Jeffrey. He has been a Lion since 2005. He belongs to the Silver Springs Shores Lions Club, his parents Lions Jean and Roger Agamaite are longtime members of the Silver Springs Shores Lions Club. DG Dr. Jeffrey is also an associate member of the Silver Springs Lions Club. He is currently president of the Silver Spring Shores Club and has held that position 5 times, vice president 3 times, served on the board for 7 years and is immediate past president of the a member of the Marion County Lions Charitable Trust. He has received numerous awards and citations including Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, the highest award in Lionism, Lion of the year, International certificate of Achievement and other achievements which he prefers not to mention since he is not in the Lions Club for recognition of awards. He is in Lionism to serve those who are less fortunate than himself. Please welcome our District Governor Dr. Jeffrey Heisler.

Governor Dr. Jeffrey thanked everyone including Tallahassee Lions Club for hosting our 2nd District Governor's meeting. I will be high lighting some of International President Palmer goals and couple of my own. As most of you know International President Barry Palmer has sent out his desires and goals for the year. As always membership growth is a priority. At the meeting in Hamburg, Germany he gave everyone a sticker and asked them to write a number on the sticker and that was our promise (contract to him) on how many members our district could get during the year. He did that to put responsibility on everyone to not only recruit new members

but to retain them. We hear this over and over. We don't have a membership problem – we have a retention problem. We have people leaving because of health and deaths but the main reason is from dissatisfaction. President Palmer is asking 100% participation in the Club Excellence Process. We all need to check to see if our club is meeting the present needs of the community. We need to analyze our local club. Are we meeting the needs of our members and community? We need to have that positive and happy attitude that Lions are known (for). Our primary function is to serve the community and those who are less fortunate than us. We understand the small clubs can be pretty much stuck – my club seems to be stuck with 10 members – we gain and lose. A challenge was given from International President Barry on recruiting new members. I would like Lion Neil Spencer II, to please stand and give the number he pledged to get. President Palmer is watching District 35L –he is watching us and is impressed with what we are doing. When he heard the number Lion Neil gave him he said, “My eyes are on you Florida Lions”. Lion Neil pledged 50 new members. I see that happening right before my eyes with the hard work their doing in chartering the Tallahassee Campus Club right here in Tallahassee. President Barry has asked for a lot of things throughout the year, one being increase in women. In the next 5 to 7 years he would like to see 50% men and 50% women. He is very family oriented and understands that women bring different aspects to a club then men. He is very focused on the youth throughout the world and would like to see an increase in LEOs and Campus clubs. My promise to him for this year was 4 new clubs. Hopefully 2 of those will be Campus or LEO Clubs and 2 would be regular new chartered clubs. In addition I promised a positive 126 in membership. As of this a.m. we are at a negative 26. The anti- bullying and Lions Quest program are very dear to President Barry and his hopes for this year. Our Lions Quest team who is headed by Lion Martin Meder. He has asked me to visit a school and speak to their assembly on anti-bullying. That would be a perfect time for me to promote Lions Quest in that school. I will request brochures, etc. from LCI to take to the school and maybe Lion Martin can follow-up and recruit a facility member to head the program. I understand I will be contacted to visit other schools in that area. As DG this will give me an opportunity to promote Lions Quest and promote anti-bullying.

(See following insert for info and much more on LCI Website)

(All three Lions Quest programs - ***Skills for Growing (K-5)***, ***Skills for Adolescence (6-8)***, and ***Skills for Action (9-12)*** - help foster in young people important life skills, healthy attitudes, strong character, positive relationships, and active citizenship, through easy-to-use classroom materials, superior professional development, and important community partnerships. Our workshops are conducted by certified trainers who represent the highest standards of professionalism in training, education, and commitment to youth. Lions Quest research-based programs support school-community partnerships by linking local schools with the largest service organization in the world - Lions Clubs International.)

We covered our secretary's and treasurer's report in the pre-cab meeting and they were accepted.

We like giving awards and I like receiving them. I like them as they remind us that we make a difference. Due to Health problems I could not attend the USA/Canada Forum in Kansas and I was honored to learn that I was to receive President Barry's "District Governor's Dream Achiever Award". That award was something he created for this year because he also likes receiving awards and to giving awards. He came to our District Governor's class in Hamburg and made the statement that DGs weren't that important that club presidents, region chairs and zone chairs received that recognition, that anyone can be District Governor. The District Governor's Dream Achiever Award has certain criteria needed to receive that award. He gave out 112 awards out of 777 District Governors world-wide. There were 2 given in Multi-District 35. In addition to my award District Governor Dudley Bent from District N also received the award. It is an award that the District Governor receives with the help of his team and I have the honor to present my team with a pin: One to 2VDG Larry Hopkins for all his work in membership, 1VDG Bob Melnick and a big part of my team is a person that has re-focused on a lot of things and, that pin goes to PDG Tony Stefanowicz. This is the District Governor Team Award and I am glad to share the awards with the people who helped me get the award.

Parade of Checks – Lion Shirley Shuler This is a day for us to enjoy as it may never happen again. I want to give Lion Marge Holton a big hand as she was the magic touch today in having the checks ready for presentation. I have the checks her but none of the drive directors are present. The Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind, Drive Direction is here standing in front of you and I want to thank you for all the contributions you have so generously given. If you want someone to talk to your club to talk on the Florida Lions Foundation please give me a call or email me and I will see if I can get someone in your area that I could get to give a presentation. Our website is www.floridalionsfoundation.org for information. I wanted remind you that the Multi-District Chair, PDG Doris Hollins, District 35 Coordinator, do a Melvin Jones awards from District 35L at the end of May. Many clubs have the \$1,000 on hand bring held by LCIF. All you need to do is go line and you can find the information to fill in and honor an individual with the Melvin Jones Award. Some Clubs have more than 1 Melvin Jones available. Total entity contributions for 2nd quarter is \$11,012.50. Year to end is \$25,603.00. Thank you for your contributions.

PDG Ann Davis was in charge of the Tallahassee Rifle and a lot of great prizes were received by winners. Fun was had by all.

1VDG Larry Hopkins - LCI has passed a veterans initiative which waves the \$25.00 entrance fee for an existing club and \$30.00 for a chartering club. So any veteran who signs up retroactive to July 2013 thru June 30, 2015 is able to have that fee waived. You must go on to LCI, print out the veteran's waiver and within the first 60 days. This can be any Veteran honorably discharged. This includes all those people in the National Guards and Reserves.

PDG Estelle Clark – How many PDGs have their Pilot Award?

Dr. Walter H. Campbell Pilot Award

"The Dr. Walter H. Campbell Pilot Award is designed to recognize a Past District Governor in each of the Districts and a Past District Governor in the Multiple District, with this prestigious award for their outstanding efforts, dedication and contributions during the preceding calendar year on behalf of Lionism. We need to have someone from District 35-L. How many are going to USA/Forum in San Juan, Puerto Rico September 11-13, 2014? You want to have a lot of fun? You will meet people from all over the world.

I am also the tail twister. Question: How many people here have on shoes? Discussions on what qualified as shoes were heard. Final call was for everyone to put a dollar in the tail twister's kitty. Something about today was "national barefoot day". Tallahassee's 9 year old mascot & sweet heart (President Jon Ross's daughter) only had to put in \$.50 since she's a half-pint and that's all she had.

Cabinet meeting adjourned 12:00 noon EST

PDG Ann Davis invited everyone to start making their plates that tea was presently being served.

Respectfully submitted

Joyce Blalock Cosson
District 35-L Secretary