

**Cabinet Meeting  
October 25, 2014  
Marianna, Florida**

**District Governor Bob Melnick** called the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet meeting of the District to order at 9:05 a.m.

**Invocation was given** by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Chris Draughon

**Pledge to the flag** by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Larry Hopkins

**Lions Toast by** IPDG Jeffrey Heisler

**PDG Pat Hall introduced the head table** – 2<sup>st</sup> VDG Chris Draughon, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Larry Hopkins and wife Carol, District Secretary Joyce Cosson and DG Bob Melnick and wife Diane.

**DG Bob welcomed** everyone and we had a good attendance even though there a lot of activities during the month of October in District 35-L. **He welcomed first timer Lion Walker from the Tallahassee Campus Club.**

Roll call of the cabinet included the following present:

1. DG Bob Melnick
2. IPDG Jeffrey Heisler
3. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Larry Hopkins
4. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Chris Draughon
5. Cabinet Secretary Joyce Cosson
6. PDG Nell Simmons
7. PDG Pat Hall
8. Lion Bob Holton
9. Lion Mary Ogletree
10. Lion Tony Clum
11. Lion Ray Malloy
12. Martin Meder
13. Lion Carol Hopkins
14. Lion Bobby Wright
15. PDG Tony Stefanowicz
16. Lion Marge Holton

**Cabinet Secretary Lion Joyce Cosson reported a copy of Cabinet meeting** was emailed to Cabinet members and presidents of all clubs. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Larry Hopkins made the motion that the minutes be accepted per email copy. It was seconded by IPDG Jeffrey Heisler. Motion carried.

Following is the financial report as submitted.

**Report to the District 35-L Cabinet on Finances  
October 17, 2014**

**Status of Funds as of October 16, 2014**

This report is based on the District Treasurer's Income and Expense Statements. As of October 16, 2014, the district had \$50,120.77 on hand...\$49,199.22 in the bank and \$921.55 in un-deposited club dues checks. Below is the breakdown of restricted and unrestricted funds for cash on hand:

Unrestricted:		\$ 10,869.55
Restricted:		
Diabetes	\$ 1,014.00	
Disaster Relief	24,701.54	
KidSight	9,985.11	
Tail Twister	1,227.52	
FL Panhandle Used		
Eye Glasses Project	188.87	
Youth Exchange	2,134.18	
	Sub-total: Restricted	39,251.22
	Total Cash On Hand	\$ 50,120.77

### Comments

The income and expenses for the first quarter appear reasonable and consistent with the approved budgets.

Respectively Submitted,

PDG Jerry Skufe, Chair, Finance Committee

**The financial will be voted on at the next cabinet meeting in January 2015.**

**GMT Report – PDG Tony Stefanowics** thanked Region and Zone Chairs for their reports. I appreciate that and it really lets me know what happening over the District. The membership numbers are looking good. I see plus 1, plus 2, plus 3 so we are adding new members. A new Campus Club and Chipley is looking at starting a LEO Club. I haven't seen too many drops and my club, Turkey Creek, have added 3 members. We do have reports of new campus clubs to be added over the District. We have Lion Neil Spencer with us from the Tallahassee Campus Club. He is working with me and we want to get LCI Paul Baker to assist in establishing more Campus clubs over the District. Again, thank you for your reports.

**PDG Nell Simmons** reported she had contacted UWF again about starting another campus club there and it was decided not to start one just now.

**Lion Neil Spencer of the Tallahassee Campus** was recognized for his report of potential Campus Clubs. He shared there are some good colleges that have chartering campus clubs potential. Paul Baker with LCI is big into campus clubs and those he starts have good retention rates. Out of 25 he has started up only 1 has folded and other has had positive growth in the past couple of years. I'm looking at one in UF, Flagler in St. Augustine, University of North Florida in Jacksonville. We are also looking into starting LEO clubs that we can guide the members on into regular Lions or into Campus Clubs.

**Region Chair Zones 1, 2 & 3 – PDG Lion Nell** reports they have been busy. Just finished a golf tournament that all the clubs were involved. Panama City Club is involved in many things as we all are in the fall. We are trying to start a LEO club and other new projects and in the meantime we have to keep up the old “stuff”. Yes, Region 1 is busy.

**Region Chair Zones 4, 5 & 6 – PDG Pat Hall** encourages Presidents to send in their reports since she can't make reports without their reports. We had a great zone meeting with 23 present and all clubs were represented at the meeting. Lion Tony Clum has his report in and Zone 6 has been very busy.

**Region Chair Zones 7 & 8 – Lion Bob Holton reports** Zone 7 & 8 are doing just fine exception of 1 club in Zone 8. The club is getting some good support and there are good indications that the club will turn around and good things will happen. I will tell you that Zone 8 is doing an excellent good job and Zone chair **Lion Martin Meder** and he will verify that. Zone Chair 7 **Lion David Mullis** has been preoccupied with other issues. But the zone chair continues to work and I am happy to report that in Zone 7 there has been a plus of **11new members this year. McIntosh Club** has their 1890 Days October 25 which is always a big success and **Gainesville Club** has just completed our semi-annual BBQ October 22 and it was a huge success. We cooked 420 chicken halves. We had enough tickets sold for 412 of them. The LEO Club that we sponsored at East Side High School has 22 members and we are up to 42 members at the LEO club at Gainesville High School.

**Zone 9 Chair – Lion Carol Hopkins** reported in the absence of Region Chair Bob Chadwick, they have 2 projects: They are going to hold a vision screening for the entire Zone with the camera for KidSight. We have partnered with another non-profit. It is being piloted by Middleburg Black Creek and Orange Park takes place in November. We have another project we are going to do. Each club is going to sponsor 5 children from the Salvation Army Angel Tree program. We are using it as a fund raiser and publicity to increase membership. And, our zone 9 is up 3 members.

**Zone 11 Chair – Lion Bobby Wright** reports along with other projects he has been working with the Jacksonville Jaguars to give Lions a “Lions Night Out”. On December 7 and another night is December 18. Lion Bobby has a row of seats with good prices. We are going to get a flier out to Lion Joan Harrell to include in her “Did you knows”. If you are interested call Bobby at 904-477-7417 or Ericka Lauderdale at 904-477-0273.

**Zone 6 Chair – Lion Ray Malloy** has in his Zone Crawfordville, Jefferson County, Sopchoppy, Tallahassee Campus & Tallahassee. We just last week had our Zone meeting. PDG Pat told us about feeding the homeless. We have done this in the past and will probably do it again this year and we are participating in the St. Patrick Day Parade in Crawfordville in March. We have gained 2 or 3 members and dropped 2 from deaths. But we have Campus Club to bail us out with 22 new members. Fund raising – Sopchoppy does a calendar each year, Crawfordville does the St. Patrick Day Parade, and Campus Club is doing so many things we will have to get Lion Neil to report on them. We have our golf tournament and Lion June Campbell has tickets for the wagon. We are doing sight screening, diabetes screening. Lot of things going on and in the meantime we got to go to football games.

**Zone 5 chair – Lion Tony Clum** – Membership is pretty stable in all clubs. Zone 5 had its first Zone meeting on 10/21/14. We have three clubs. All Club Presidents have submitted Forms CP-1. **Bristol Lions Club** Bristol has 18 members. They are active in their community. Fund Raisers: Gun Raffle, Gum Ball Machine. Service Activities: Liberty Co. Senior Center, Food Bank, Project Graduate,

Angels for Liberty, Eyeglass recycling, Christmas gifts for needy. Donations: Most of Lions Entities including Conklin, FFFB, SEGD, NFEF. They have already filed their October MMR.

**Chattahoochee Lions Club** Chattahoochee has 9 members. They will be inducting two new members.

Fund Raisers: Fish Fry/ Gospel Sing: Service Activities: Grand Ridge Glaucoma Fundraiser, Belk Charity Sale, recycling 124 eyeglasses. They have filed their October MMR but may ask for assistance on this as they did not file for several months.

**Quincy Lions Club** the Quincy Lions Club has 11 members. Fund Raisers: Poinsettia sales, cartridge recycling, FSU license plate sales, broom/mop sales, Turkey Shoot. Service Activities: Subsidize eye care for needy, scholarships for FFA; Livestock Assn. sponsorship; recycling eyeglasses, post flags at courthouse square for holidays/remembrances. Up-to-date with MMRs.

**IPDG Jeffrey (Sticks) Heisler** in the absence of Region Chair and Zone chair and I am president of my club, Silver Springs Shores, for the ninth time. We have 5 members, 2 of which are my parents, and I am the healthiest one in the club. We are still very active in the community. This year we have given 4 pairs of eye glasses, 2 glaucoma surgeries are in the process checking another glaucoma surgery. For what my club does was based on a \$1,000 budget and that includes \$250 taken out of mine and my parents checking account. Last month we had our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Larry Hopkins attended. We had 6 people to show up (2 were by accident and when they saw our anniversary cake they decided to stay). I had some DVD clips on what Lions do internationally and was showing them. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Larry brought it to my attention that one of our accidental guests who we had given a brochure hadn't left but was sitting down watching the DVDs. We talked with him for about 30 or more minutes about Lions and he left the Anniversary party after filling out an application and paying 3 months dues. So thanks to 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Larry for noticing he was really interested in the DVD so let's go get him. And, we got him.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Christ Draughon** reported on ways we as a District can improve on our communication. Not only from leadership to the clubs and vice-versa and so that the clubs can communicate with each other through social media. We can see that all through our district there is a lot of good work going on and we need to have it available to other clubs in an easy and entertaining way to share. We shouldn't have to wait three months to hear of good things going on with other clubs. We looked in objectives, initiatives and group goals. What we need now is a vote to progress with this and we may include a request for a budget. First we need to define what our needs are within our budget that would be attractive, engaging, entertaining informative and accomplish our goal of effective media communication in our district. We could have a calendar of events so we are aware of events outside our Zone. We get good ideas from other peoples success. See budgets, minutes, awards of fellow Lions, opportunity for recruiting and we can share events and success with family and friends.

The way to support this would be self-funding, have up to date technology that is attractive, easy to use and there is an initial costs and on- going costs to maintain and keep it up date. And I think we should be prepared do what it takes to launch this program. I can't image it costing over \$5,000 to make this work there is an opportunity to have sponsorships to help or fund this project.

After much discussion on miscellaneous costs that would occur, out dated Web Sites, sponsorships, etc. DG Bob said he would take this information to the budget committee and report back to us.

### **Old business – none**

### **New Business**

**Florida Lions Conklin Center President Mary Pezzo gave detailed explanations of what The Conklin Center** is about. She explained the different stages of blindness and how the Conklin Center makes a difference of each stage of blindness and how some are trained to be employed. The Conklin Center continues to need our support. One of the ways of support is to award our members life members or a community leader. They presently have 1700 life members. There are different levels of life members and these can be members of the community as well. You can purchase car plates. We urge you to support and visit the Conklin Center to see the changes and updates in the facility.

**PDG Pat Hall spoke on the different entities** and how important it is for clubs to support them through donations.

**DG Bob announced The U. S. Canada Forum** is September 17<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup>, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We have forms up here for you to fill out. This one will be 2 ½ days instead of 2. There will be about 70 to 80 classes on anything from membership to fund raisings. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Lions and how to accomplish your goals. He and Lion Diane are already registered.

### **DG Bob presented the following Awards and Certificates:**

**IPDG Dr. Jeffrey Heisler received a Certificate** and letter of appreciation from Lion Barry Palmer, Immediate Past President LCI.

**Certified Guiding Lions Certificate** and letter from Joe Preston, International President were given to the following Lions: Lion Dewey Talbert, Lion Brenda Wood, PDG Ann Davis, PDG Bertha Smith & Lion Jonathan Ross.

**Years of Service Certificates were handed out to numerous Lions.** Lion Bernie Kemp has 55 years in Lions. Many others received deserved Certificates.

**Lion Marge Holden was appointed Tail Twister for today's meeting.**

**Lion Deloris Farris has asked that those participating in the Peace Poster contest** get the Poster to her by November 15, 2014

**Council of Governors Meeting in January 8-11, 2015 at Hilton Hotel in Ocala.** It where the business of Multi District takes place. **Theme is Cowboys and Indians** and there will more on this coming out in our State Magazine. All entities will be represented and a fun time for everyone.

District meeting January 17, 2015 – Tallahassee

There will be a PDG Meeting following lunch.

Break for Lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Prayer given by Lion Diane Melnick

Adjourned 1:15

Drawnings

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Cosson, District 35-L Secretary