

**Lions District 26-M2  
Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
June 4, 2018**

House Springs Lions Club Hall, House Springs MO

DG Lion Joe Detter (DeSoto) called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 7:06pm.

Pledge: PDG Lion Roger Scheidt (Maplewood)

Song: PDG Lion Elmer Weinrich (Chesterfield)

Invocation: PDG Lion Eugene Taylor (DeSoto)

DG Lion Joe Detter (DeSoto) welcomed everyone for attending. PDG Night. Introduced all of the PDG's and PCC's.

Appointment of Tail Twister: Lion Shirley Re (Kirkwood). Motion was made by Lion Pam Manuel (Pacific), second by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG-E Lion Sandee Marshall (Wildwood Area).

**Secretary Report:** Lion Kelly Rackovan (Rock Community) Copies of the minutes were emailed out and provided copies at the Cabinet Meeting for anyone that didn't receive them. Lion Kelly Rackovan (Rock Community) asked for any questions or discussion; there was none. Motion was made by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG-E Lion Sandee Marshall (Wildwood Area) to accept the minutes, which was seconded by Lion Jeff Rackovan (Rock Community); motion passed. DG Lion Joe Detter thank you for letting me serve.

**Treasurer Report:** Lion Steve Davis (DeSoto) passed out reports on every table. May 1, 2018 thru June 4, 2018: The Administrative Account total income is \$4,099.50 and total expenses are \$1,610.55, ending balance was not given. The Service Activity Account total income is \$6,344.00 and total expenses are \$4,937.80, ending balance was not given. Cash Reserve Account balance is \$15,348.05. Lion Steve Davis (DeSoto) asked for any questions or discussion; there were none. Copy of report given is on file. Motion was made by Lion Pam Manuel (Pacific) to accept the report, which was seconded by Lion Kelly Rackovan (Rock Community); motion passed. All clubs have paid their dues, but one (SLU). Thank you for all the Zone Chairs for helping out.

**Zone Chairperson Reports: 1<sup>st</sup> VDG-E Lion George Winkeler, Jr. (House Springs):**

Zone 1: No Report

Zone 2: Lion Jeff Rackovan (Rock Community): Report was given. Thank you DG Lion Joe Detter.

Zone 3: No Report

Zone 4: Lion Leon Hove (Washington): Report was given. Thank you DG Lion Joe Detter.

Zone 5: No Report

Zone 6: No Report

Zone 7: Lion Sue Templeton (Maplewood): Report was given. Thank you DG Lion Joe Detter.

Zone 8: No Report

Zone 9: 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG-E Sandee Marshall (Wildwood Area): Report was given. DG Lion Joe Detter, thank you for allowing me to serve.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG-E Lion George Winkeler (House Springs) commented to DG Lion Joe Detter, thank you for letting me be a part of your team. Also thank you to all the House Springs Lions for supporting us this year with the meals at all of our Cabinet Meetings.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: DG-E Lion Joe Foster (Beaufort):**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Centennial (2<sup>nd</sup> VDG-E Lion Sandee Marshall/Wildwood Area): Well, this is the last Centennial Celebration report, the end of a 4-year campaign. As of today, 10 of our 39 clubs have earned the 4-diamond patch and the new "Halting Diabetes" patch. Usually, I read those names but tonight I's going to mention those who are close. These 8 clubs have reported in 3 areas and are close to receiving diamond status: Fenton, Gray Summit, Mehlville, Pevely, Richwoods, Rock Community, SLU and South Side. But every club still has a chance. We still have until June 30<sup>th</sup> to give service, including Legacy projects and until July 15<sup>th</sup> to report it on myLCI. I'm very sorry to say that our District reporting percentage has not changed since our May meeting; we are still at 54%. Worldwide, the reporting percentage is 71%. No more clubs have reported but additional service projects by the reporting clubs added 5,000 people served in May, giving service to almost 39,000 people so far this Lionistic year and that's what really counts. Remember that the Centennial Campaign was just one way of celebrating our first century. Challenge your clubs to continue giving service in these areas and always remember why we joined this organization: We Serve and "Where there's a need, there's a Lion".

District Bulletin (Lion Sue Templeton/Maplewood): Lion Joyce Neikirk will be doing the bulletin from now on. She is the editor.

District Convention (PCC Lion Gina Boettcher/Beaufort): Our 26-M2 Convention was held on March 23-25, 2018 at the Double Tree Hotel-Westport. Our International guest for the weekend was International Director Tom Gordon and his lovely wife Gillian from Ontario, Canada. We started off the visit with a small dinner with the Governor, Vice-Governors, Convention Committee and our International Director Don Noland and Lion Betty. On Friday started the convention with a lot of FUN and Fellowship during the hospitality night. 15 Clubs participated. On Saturday, 10 organizations came out to promote their cause. During the business session we listed to some of the organizations giving updates on what they are doing to help individuals. We listed to our club Presidents giving an update on what their club is doing in their communities. Lunch we had 95 registered and heard from PDG Debbie Blumenberg on what's going on with Lions Clubs International Foundation. Banquet we had 107 registered and listened to International Director Tom Gordon regarding Lions Clubs International. ID Tom and DG Joe presented some Presidential Certificates, Melvin Jones Fellowships, Lion of the Year and various other awards. On Sunday we had 57 registered for breakfast, then we paid our respects to those we have lost over the past year. The convention broke even again this year. I would like to thank: South Side Lions club for participating in the service march, Eureka Lions Club for the donuts on Saturday morning, House Springs Lions Club and PDG Debbie Blumenberg for the use of the Lion Heads on the front tables, Jay B. Smith for the use of the Town Car to pick up the International guest at the airport, Brentwood Lions Club and PDG Eugene/PCC Kimberly Taylor for the use of the spotlight, Lion Eugene Morse with St. Louis Downtown Lions Club for the memorial service. In conclusion, this convention was exciting, fun and informative. I would like to thank the following 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Joe Foster and PCC Kimberly Taylor.

State and International Convention (PCC Lion Gina Boettcher/Beaufort): The MD 26 State Convention was held on April 26-29 at the Double Tree Hotel-Westport. We had 199 full registrations, 26 registration only, 16 lunch and registrations and 12 banquet and registrations. The Host committee worked tirelessly to make this convention a success. I would like to personal thank you for your hard work! It was a lot of work but it was exciting to show the Lions of Missouri that M2 has FUN in everything we do and we are the "Gateway to Vegas". The International Convention will be held on June 29-July 3, in Las Vegas, Nevada at the MGM Grand Conference Center. You can register for the convention online at lionsclubs.org. Registration cost is \$225. The Missouri Delegation hotel is the Luxor. The International Parade will step off on June 30 at 8:30 am. If you plan on participating in the International Parade, the parade uniform is Missouri blue polo shirt with outline of the State of Missouri on the back, black pants, black socks and black shoes. Next year's State Convention will be hosted by M4 at Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center in St. Joseph on May 2-5, 2019. The hotel rate is \$99 plus tax, just mention your with the MO Lions State Convention. The cost for full registration is \$85. Their theme is "Wine and Dine by the Missouri River". DG Joe it's been a pleasure serving on the State and International convention Committee's this year.

### **GLOBAL ACTION TEAM:**

District GLT Coordinator (Lion Devin Struttman/Union): College of Knowledge, wanted to thank everyone who participated. We had 3 sessions in May, 77 Lions who attended, if you missed the sessions and would like information let me know. I welcome any feedback and I would like to thank the clubs that hosted us (Bonhomme Lions Club, Union Lions Club and House Springs Lions Club). Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, July 27-29, we have scholarships available, we have only one Lion that has expressed interest in going so far. She is blind and needing transportation, she was hoping to get a ride from someone else that was going. Reach out to those in your club to see if they want to go. USA/Canada Forum, September 22, 2018, over 80 seminars, great motivational speakers, 6 ½ hours from STL, join us for fun and Lions comradery. District Directory report: Information is slowly coming in, need two clubs info (SLU and St. Clair), have all the other clubs info. If your meeting date, place or time have changed let me know. DG Lion Joe Detter thank you for the opportunity to serve on your cabinet this year. DG-E Lion Joe Foster replied about the Lion needing assistance getting up to Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute. If no one signs up, he would see to that she gets up to the Institute.

District GMT Coordinator (Lion Pam Manuel/Pacific): To close out our incredible Centennial Celebration in style, we're waiving entrance fees for new members who join between June 7 and June 30! For more than 100 years, we've delivered hope and change to the world. Now, as we prepare for an innovative second century of service, there has never been a more exciting time to become a Lion, and we want to make it as easy as possible for new members to join us. Sign up a member between June 7 and June 30 and your name will be entered into a drawing to win \$750, receive a pin, report your new member to Lions International by June 30. This is a limited offer. Invite your family and friends to join. DG Lion Joe Detter thank you for allowing me to serve this year.

District GST Coordinator (2<sup>nd</sup> VDG-E Lion Sandee Marshall/Wildwood Area): I think that the new Global Action Team concept has been successful for us this year, the threesome worked well together and I'm sure that next year will be even better. By now most Clubs are aware that the District exists to help them be more successful and meet the goals that they have set for themselves. I hope that you have planned to take advantage of the new service chairperson position in the clubs for next year. This new position will increase our emphasis on service and remove responsibility for reporting from the secretary. And as we move forward, remember that we will now be talking about five SERVICE PLATFORMS as part of the LCI Forward plan and they are: **Environment, Vision, Hunger, Diabetes and Childhood Cancer**. Please rethink what service means in your club. Perhaps you can plan a hands-on project to take the place of writing some of those checks to other service groups? Lastly, in the next few months you will be hearing about MyLion. Some of you may have downloaded a mobile app to your phone while you were in Chicago but a new website version is coming in July and includes many more user-friendly features for creating, reporting and sharing service projects. Stay tuned for more info. DG Lion Joe Detter, thank you for allowing me to serve in this challenging new position.

### **LIONS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH**

Leo Clubs (Lion Toni Mahoney/Richwoods): Please think about forming a Leo Club in your Club or supporting the Leo Club. We have one going really well, that's with Washington Lions. It's hard with Leo's, there are so many other clubs for them to join like, boys scouts, girl scouts. Please support the Leo's.

Peace Poster (Lion Toni Mahoney/Richwoods): Please think about sponsoring an organization to do the peace poster. The theme this year is "Kindness Matters".

Youth Exchange (Lion Toni Mahoney/Richwoods): 11 youths coming. 2 that will start arriving June 30, (one my air and one by train). The other 9 will be arriving on July 1. We have 5 girls and 6 boys. Everyone has been placed. I sent out an email to every club and would like for you to share that with your club members, family, neighbors. We need Leo's. When the youth arrive they will be with their first host family until July 11. That is our exchange day. Meet that day at Six Flags, there for the day, then go to Pacific Lions and have dinner there, then the second host family takes their child at that time. They stay with them until July 22. Then on July 22 they will bring them to St. James to camp for a week. They are going to be taking them to the capital, Fort Leonard Wood, visit other Lions Clubs, and having dinner at the Washington Lions Club with their Leo's. The Youth are going to be at House Springs Lions Club on Sunday July 29 at 4 pm for a meet and greet with the District. Please bring a dish that represents your family. Then they will be picked up by their first host family and they will take them to the airport the next day to return home. The Youth are from Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Turkey. Thank you DG Lion Joe Detter for letting me serve.

State Athletics (Lion Michelle Foster/Beaufort): Football, Football, Football July 20<sup>th</sup> in Warrensburg, MO. We have 2 players from Festus, MO that are playing in the game. You can still get an ad, \$60. Any donations (\$5, \$2) are appreciated to help support these kids. Pins are available for \$3 apiece. Thank you DG Lion Joe Detter for letting me serve.

State Band (PCC Joe Foster/Beaufort): We had the opportunity to go up to Jefferson City, Lion Jeff Rackovan and myself on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Positive meeting, we hired a band in Las Vegas, \$2,500, 100 person band going to out there and meet us. Contracts are going back and forth, sashes are getting ready to be shipped. We are going to have a band in Las Vegas. The parade route is only 6/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile long. Two songs. Next year Lion Jeff Rackovan will be your state band representative. Invite your band chair into your club to give updates.

### **SIGHT AND HEARING**

Diabetes Awareness (Ruth Boyer/Beaufort): Being diagnosed with diabetes is a challenge, but unfortunately for some people, diabetes is not the only health concern they have to confront. A new study indicates that prediabetes or diabetes occurs more often in patients who have pancreatic cancer than it does in the general population. The researchers looked at three groups of people. The first group, consisting of 60 adults with a mean age of 67, had both pancreatic cancer and diabetes. The second group, consisting of 34 adults with a mean age of 63, had Type 2 diabetes but no cancer. The third group included 30 healthy controls with a mean age of 63. Among the study subjects with pancreatic cancer, 44 had new-onset diabetes and 16 had long-term diabetes, suggesting to the researchers that there is a stronger association between new-onset diabetes and pancreatic cancer than there is for long-term diabetes. Thank you DG Lion Joe Detter for allowing me to be his diabetes chairperson this year.

Sight/Hotline (PCC Lion Joe Foster/Beaufort): The hotline has been a topic of discussion. Thank you Lion Kim Fanter, Lion Kelly Rackovan and Lion Eugene Taylor for stepping up and designing the new hotline (LAS – Lions Assistance and Services). More to following in the months to come.

LBOMB (1<sup>st</sup> VDG-E Lion George Winkeler/House Springs): We just came back from a wonderful weekend at Lake of the Ozarks with the Blind Vendors from the state of Missouri. Good news is that the Bill has been canned that was trying to privatize all the rest areas. There wasn't enough support for it. All the letters received from the District were wonderful. Thank you!! I got the opportunity to speak and I turned it into an hour and 20 minute about all the good things about Lions and Blind Vendors, why we need each other. We probably picked up 6 members after our question and answer period. There is a new product out there, in the beginning stages of. A pair of eyeglasses that have an ear piece in it. You pay for it by the minute like you do your cell phone. It runs about \$400 a month for an unlimited plan right now. This pair of eyeglasses will tell you everything that you are looking at. Colors, distances, money and they explain it to you in your ear with the ear piece. That is on the horizon right now. Looking into getting a couple of those hopefully. Next year Lion Bunny/Maplewood will be our representative for LBOMB. Thank you DG Lion Joe Detter for allowing me serve on this committee and all the PDG's that allowed me to serve.

Lions Eye Foundation (PCC Charlie Hartmann/Lemay/JB): Last year we tried to have our Annual Meeting here prior to a Cabinet Meeting and didn't go well, so are going back to Delta Gamma this year. The Annual Delegate Meeting will be on July 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Delta Gamma Facility. All Lions are welcome. At the last Cabinet Meeting we discussed about Orc Am a pair of glasses, that you will be able to read and facial recognition for an individual. We discussed purchasing one of these along with the Concord Village Lions Club. Your Eye Foundation has come up with \$1500 for that. There will be a demonstration of the Orc Am. There will be a representative from St. Louis Society for the Blind. Hopefully the young lady will have hers by that time and be there also. We hope to have a good representation from all the clubs there.

Midwestern Braille (PDG Lion Eugene Taylor/Brentwood): We had a very extensive meeting at our quarterly meeting. I just want you to keep Midwestern Braille volunteer awareness with your clubs. Technology is running fast and we are doing our best to keep up with it. We are going to have to replace most of our brailers at the center. Please remind your clubs that this is a very useful organization doing a lot of good things. We are helping our own Lions. We are looking for Board Members. If you don't know a lot about Braille, I have a very good presentation that I could present at your clubs.

Saving Sight (Pat Martchink/House Springs): The budget for Saving Sight is on track for this fiscal year. International placement of tissue is up. Two different groups have shown interest in the Columbia property. But right now there is no movement on it. Officer elections for Saving Sight will take place at the June 16<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting in Kansas City. A nominating committee was formed to develop a slate of officers for the Boards approval in June for those 4 officers.

Used Eye Glasses (PDG Lion Elmer Weinrich/Chesterfield): On Saturday, May 19 the House Springs Lions hosted an Eye Wrap. We sorted approximately 29,000 pair of used eyeglasses and had one box of junk. There were 38 Lions in attendance representing 15 Clubs. We would like to thank the House Springs Lions Club for the use of their hall and their help in taking care of food and drinks. On Tuesday, May 22 PDG Lion Elmer and Lion Janet Weinrich delivered 39,273 pair of used eyeglasses to KidSight in Columbia, MO. When PDG Lion Jim receives used eyeglasses, he gives them to PDG Lion Elmer at his office. Lion Elmer sorts them and puts them in boxes along with glasses collected by the Chesterfield Lions. We have previously delivered approximately 23,444 pair to Kidsight. For the year 2017-2018, we collected a total of 62,717 pair of glasses. The box of junk was sent to Re-Specs. The committee would like to thank John Adams Boy Scout Troop 319 from Webster Groves. They have been collecting used eyeglasses and brought them to the Eye Wrap. They helped box the glasses. There were 7 scouts and 3 mothers. Thank you DG Lion Joe Detter for allowing us to serve for you.

Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation (Lion Leon Hove/Washington): We served 804 people in Mexico in April and we have a second mission trip September 1-9 to Panama. We need at least one more technician for this trip. Doctors are a major problem, we had one for the Panama trip, but has dropped out now. We need Doctors, please promote them. If you need myself or Lion Devin Struttman to talk to them, let us know. We will have two mission trips next year. Please promote the need for technicians and doctors to your clubs, neighbors, family, everyone. Thank you for the donation of \$1,500 that was received this last year.

Old Business: None reported at this time.

New Business: None reported at this time.

**1<sup>st</sup> VDG-E Closing Remarks:** Lion George Winkeler/House Springs, It's been a wonderful year and it's going to be great next year also. We will see you soon.

**DG-E Closing Remarks:** Lion Joe Foster/Beaufort, The next Cabinet Meeting will be held August 6<sup>th</sup> at The Timbers of Eureka, 1 Coffey Park Lane, Eureka, MO 63025. 2nd Floor Meeting Room at 6:00 pm and adjourn by 9:00 pm. We will have screens, video, audio, etc. Dinner is \$13.00, adult refreshments are available. We are getting a really good deal on the room rate. The Mayor of Eureka is a Lion and we are getting it at his cost. I plan on budgeting some meeting expense. There is no minimum on the food, we are going to RSVP, like we have in the past. Also, the GAT Meetings will be held at The Timbers of Eureka as well. I would like to thank 1<sup>st</sup> VDG George Winkeler, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Sandee Marshall and DG Lion Joe Detter for working with me. Thank you for the team work. Introduce the incoming Cabinet Treasurer, Lion Dennis Hemseth (Washington) and incoming Cabinet Secretary Michelle Foster (Beaufort).

**DG Closing Remarks:** Lion Joe Detter/DeSoto, I would like to thank my committee that worked for me this year. They did a tremendous job. The Zones did a really good job, everyone has done a really good job this year. I can't say enough how proud I am of you. I think we are going to finish in a plus in membership this year. It's a pleasure to serve this District. We are the best District in the state. Would like to thank the convention committees, we all had a lot of fun. Thanks to the GAT team that did a great job this year, Thank you!! Would like to thank House Springs for hosting the Cabinet Meetings this year.

**50/50:** \$157.00 collected and \$78.00 went to our winner Lion Fran Detter.

**Tail Twister:** \$61.00 was collected and donated to Midwestern Braille. A motion was made by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion George Winkeler/House Springs, second by Lion Kelly Rackovan (Rock Community).

The next Cabinet Meeting will be held August 6<sup>th</sup> at The Timbers of Eureka, 1 Coffey Park Lane, Eureka, MO 63025. 2nd Floor Meeting Room at 6:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm. A motion was made by Lion Leon Hove (Washington), second by Lion Pam Manuel (Pacific). Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

**Lion Kelly Rackovan**

District 26-M2 Cabinet Secretary

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