

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF FIRST CABINET MEETING

August 15, 2010

District 14-W Lions Club International

Dupont VFW, Dupont, Pennsylvania

1. **Call to order:** Region 1 Zone A Chair, Lion Rich Kilvitis (Avoca) called the meeting to order at 1:10pm
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance and one verse of America led by Lion Steve Brezna (Twin Boro Lions)
 - b. Invocation was offered by Chaplain, PDG V. Rev. Joseph Martin (Wilkes Barre Lions)
 - c. Lions Toast was led by PSCC Rich Yurish (Plains Lions)
2. **Protocol:** Region 1 Zone B Chair, Lion Dennis Cook (Kingston Lions) established protocol and introduced the head table.
3. **Roll Call:** Cabinet Secretary Terry Milligan (JLW Mountain Laurel Lions) requested a motion that the sign-in sheets be used as the Official Roll Call. Motion to accept was made by Lion Tom Majors (Plains), and seconded by Lion Steve Brezna (Twin Boro Lions). Motion Carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Cabinet Secretary Terry Milligan requested a motion that the cabinet minutes be entered as the Official Minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Lion Dorothy Faymore (Wilkes Barre Township Lions) and seconded by Lion Fran Griffith (Plains Lions). Motion Carried.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Cabinet Treasurer PDG Ron Filippini (Plains Lions) gave the Treasurer's Report. The Balance for the Fair Share Fund and the Administrative Fund were as follows:
 - a. Fair Share Fund Balance for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 was \$18,642.42. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report of the Fair Share Balance for this period was made by PDG Pete Duda (Wilkes Barre Twp Lions) and seconded by Lion Earl Bisbing (Plains Lions). Motion Carried.
 - b. Administrative Fund Balance for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 was \$1,328.16. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report of the Administrative Account Balance was made by Lion Elsie Belmont (JLW Mountain Laurel Lions) and seconded by Lion Tom Mulhern (Plains Lions). Motion Carried.
 - c. Fair Share Fund Balance for the period July 1, 2010 through August 14, 2010 was \$18,130.22. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report of the Fair Share Fund Balance for this period was made by Lion Francis Griffith (Plains Lions) and seconded by Lion Betty Dantone (Jenkins Township Lions). Motion Carried.
 - d. Administrative Fund Balance for the period July 1, 2010 through August 14, 2010 was \$9.52. There was a question posed by Lion Dennis Cook (Kingston Lions) as to the low amount of this fund and Treasurer Ron explained that usually we start with a balance of \$1000 but because of the loss of a \$500 deposit for the Meal that was to be held for PIP Joe Wroblewski and a \$400 deposit on a bus for Beacon Lodge that was not filled, being two of the largest sums that we lost recently, this created a deficit in the treasury, but we do have proceeds coming from other sources that will help to add to our funds. A motion was made by Lion Earl Bisbing (Plains Lions) and seconded by Lion Steve Brezna (Twin Boro Lions). Motion carried.
6. **Approval of Bills for Payment:** PDG Ron Filippini (Plains Lions) requested approval of payment of dinner for today's Cabinet Meeting. A motion was made by PSCC Richard Yurish and seconded by Lion Dorothy Faymore (Wilkes Barre Twp. Lions) Motion Carried.
7. **Correspondence:** Cabinet Secretary Terry Milligan reported on the following correspondence: letter from the Audit Committee of PDG V. Rev. Joseph Martin (Wilkes Barre Lions) and PDG Bob Milligan (Plains Lions) stating that an audit of the books for the year 2005-2006 under Governor Richard S. Yurish were found to be in order, and also a note of thanks from Adam Hammon from Beacon Lodge for supplies that were delivered. Motion to accept correspondence was made by PSCC Richard Yurish and seconded by Lion Dorothy Faymore. Motion Carried.
8. **Guest Speaker Lion Tom Mulhern from Frontier Communications:** Lion Tom Mulhern of the Plains Lions Club works for Frontier Communications and as a Community Program they are interested in helping all communities and will help service organizations when they can by helping with volunteers, equipment, monetary donations. Contact Lion Tom and let him know in advance of your project what you are in need of and he will contact The Frontier Communications Partnership Program for help. They have been instrumental in helping many organizations throughout Pennsylvania and would like the opportunity to

serve District 14-W Lions. You can call Lion Tom at 570-631-3857 or contact him by email at dyscodog@comcast.com.

9. **Remarks:**

- a. **PIP Joseph Wroblewski could not attend.**
- b. **IPDG Patty Warwick** – It's great to be a Past District Governor and I have enjoyed my term in office. One thing I became aware of is the many great things that are available through Lions International and one of them is a booklet titled The Art of Recognition. It is a 42 page book and the item number is LDFP003 and you can call international toll free at 1-800-710-7822. Every club should have one and it's composed for Lions on behalf of Lions. It's important to recognize Lions on every club level, whether it is local, district, state or international people value being appreciated for their contributions. Recognition does not have to be elaborate just genuine. Sometimes a simple thank you is more than enough; sometimes awards, certificates, or a pin is called for. At the Leadership Conference IPDG Patty handed out Presidential Certificate Awards to the following people and would like them listed in the minutes. They are Lion Steve Brezna, Lion Marina Martin, Lion Keith Medash, Lion Paul Rose, VDG Mimi Tosh, DG Eileen Yurish, Lion Colleen Weiss, and today she is giving an award to PDG Ron Filippini, also before the start of the meeting IPDG Patty presented the Pennsylvania District Counselors Award to Lion Fred Pierantoni
- c. IPDG Patty also stated that it is not written anywhere that awards need to be given at a district meeting, they can be given anytime, anywhere and it's important to take the opportunity to thank them for their service.
- d. **First Vice District Governor Mimi Tosh:** We are still looking for someone who is interested in the 2nd Vice District Governor position. Three people on the District Governor's team is very helpful and it's not that hard of a position, you meet many interesting people and it is not expensive. If anyone is at all interested or knows of someone they think might be interested, please give me a call and I will be happy to talk to them. I recently returned from Leader Dog and was in contact with people from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri, Tennessee, Texas, and there was even a woman from Alaska who traveled 2 days each way to attend and that is real dedication. It was a very rewarding experience and I also attended the State Council Meeting and there you come in contact with so many people from clubs from all districts and it helps to get some new ideas.
- e. **District Governor Eileen Yurish:** Thank you to everyone who is here today and I am glad to see so many turn out for the special election for Harold Ott for Second International President Candidate. He is a good man and he has a lot of good ideas and he will work especially hard to do a great job for Pennsylvania and I'm sure he will go on to become International President if given the chance.

10. **Reports:**

- a. **Region 1 Zone A** Lion Rich Kilvitis gave the following report: There are 111 members. Avoca 19 members and they volunteered at the food bank, presently working on a \$25,000 Christmas Lighting Project in Avoca, monetary donations went to Beacon Lodge and the Blind Association. Dupont 27 members and they volunteered at a food bank, held a summer picnic, installation of officers, donated truckload of supplies to Beacon Lodge with coordinator Lion Janet Rooney and honored Lion Bill Riccetti Award winner. Hughestown 31 members held induction dinner and scholarship winner, and held a picnic in the park. Duryea 20 members attended Eagle Scout Dinner. Pittston Township 14 members, no report.
- b. **Region 1 Zone B** Lion Dennis Cook gave the following report: Exeter Club is on summer break, no report. Jenkins Township 40 members, 6 members to VA Hospital and 6 members to LCCC Leadership Conference. Pittston City 10 members with 12 members resigning, the president and secretary are stepping down and they will not meet again until September. West Pittston 25 members, they ordered club shirts, in June and July they played bingo at VA Hospital, they are preparing a grant application for a park project, donated an Italian Theme Basket to the West Pittston Library Fundraiser, held installation of officers. Wyoming/West Wyoming 7 members, collected 32 pairs of eyeglasses, gave \$209.00 to fund for pediatric surgery.
- c. **Region3 Zone A** Lion Colleen Weiss sent the following report. Total membership for three clubs reporting is 87 members. Edwardsville Lions held a meeting and are planning fall projects. Kingston Lions have 17 members and held induction of new officers, donated \$55.00 to the Blind Association for a Kingston resident, planning upcoming pasta dinner and White Cane Projects. Forty Fort Lions have 48 members and added 4 new members, purchased 5 tickets for Plains

Outback Dinner, held a summer meeting at a member's home. No report from Swoyersville or Larksville.

d. Region 3 Zone B no report.

e. Lottery Calendars and Rally by VDG Mimi Tosh reported that the lottery calendars are selling well due to the reduced rate of \$10.00 for two months and please get returns in by October 15 so preparations can be made for the start of the lottery on November 1. The District Rally is September 14 at the Plains Lions Pavilion with registration at 6:00 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. Reservations are needed so that preparations can be made for the dinner, please call or email VDG Mimi or DG Eileen. Speaker will be Paula DeJoseph who will be traveling with the Mission of Healing Eyes to Mexico to do eye screenings and pass out eye glasses to needy people and also they will be performing cataract surgeries and are in need of monetary donations.

f. Diabetes Awareness Betty Dantone (Jenkins Township Lions) is the Diabetes Awareness Chairperson and spoke about the 3rd Annual Step Out for Diabetes Walk to be held at the Dallas Middle School on October 2nd. Registration is at 9:00 am at the Lions Table and includes a free lunch from Applebees. Any club or club member can attend or make a donation made payable to the American Diabetes Association (ADA) and send to Betty Dantone at 122 S. Highland Dr., Pittston, PA 18640. It is a one or three mile walk, your choice and will be held rain or shine. Diabetes is becoming a worldwide epidemic and there are many needy people who will be helped by the funds raised at the Step Out for Diabetes Walk. The supplies that are needed to maintain this disease are very expensive and we are asking all clubs to help support this fundraiser. It is hoped that we will see at least one representative from each club attend.

g. USA/Canada Leadership Forum by PSCC Rich Yurish will be held from September 22 to 25 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and this is the 34th year for the Forum. There will be many seminars and workshops covering subjects such as The Art of Public Speaking, Women in Leadership, Lions and the Law, World Wide Ideas for Fundraising, Give Your Club a Face Lift, Attracting and Keeping Younger Members, Filling out Grant Applications, just to mention a few. There are seven hotels handling reservations and rates start at \$79.00 and go up to about \$225.00. Motivational speakers are also an added attraction and will include International President Sid Scruggs at Friday's Luncheon, Patricia Ann Murray, Rosco Bernstein, and Karen Taylor Goode who is a singer/songwriter and was a nominee for the best female vocalist will be the keynote speaker at the Saturday night dinner. They will also feature tours of the area and will include a tour of the Miller Beer, Harley Davidson Museum, a river cruise, just to name a few of the special features. Anyone who would like to attend can still make reservations and for more information see PSCC Rich.

h. Blood Drive/District Bowling: DG Eileen stated that District 14-W will again sponsor a blood drive on August 28 at the Nanticoke High School on Kosciusko St. in Nanticoke from 12 noon to 4:30 pm. Please try to make it there to donate blood or if you will be donating at another location around this time tell them that you are donating for Lions District 14-W and we will get credit for the donation. Back by popular demand is the night of Bowling and it will be held on October 15 at Stanton Lanes in Wilkes Barre from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Teams will consist of 4 members and or guest per team and cost is \$5.00 per bowler and \$5.00 for food. If you would like to go please contact Lions Dave or Joann Roberts our Fun and Fellowship Chairs and make checks payable to District 14-W.

i. Peace Poster/August Council Meeting/Blitz: Lion Fred Pierantoni (Hughestown Lions) was unable to stay for the meeting but gave this report previous to the start – The 34th Annual Peace Poster Contest is titled Vision of Peace and kits are now available through Lions International. Kits are under \$10 each and you must have a kit for each entrant. Kits are available thru the Club Supplies Department until October 1, 2010. If you need help call Lion Fred and he will be happy to assist you. August Council Meeting was held last week and DG Eileen and PSCC Rich attended. The Blitz will be sponsored this year and there will be more information in an upcoming newsletter. Volunteers are needed to canvas door to door in an area to be announced to obtain new members in some of our clubs, we feel some clubs need to get more involved in community projects.

11. Unfinished Business: IPDG Patty Warwick questioned a grant application for \$4500.00 and wanted to know the status of that application. Dennis Cook, Grants Opportunities Chairman, stated that we are waiting to hear back from State Representative Eddie Day on the status and state funding has been held up but they are hoping that the funds will be released soon. As an example, Dennis stated that Beacon Lodge had a grant application out that took almost 2 years to receive the funds. The grant is for the Blind Association who would like to purchase a machine for pediatric screening that will be used for Pre K

students who are not able to speak or respond to a traditional eye chart and the machine will be able to identify and diagnose at least six different eye problems in these children and they will be able to use this machine throughout all of Luzerne County. Marina Martin,(Wilkes Barre Lions), stated that there was a machine available that screened young children but the Polaroid film that was used is no longer available. Lion Dennis Cook, (Kingston Lions Club) asked about the status of the membership awards his club was awarded at the fourth cabinet meeting and when could they expect to receive the monetary portion of these awards. Cabinet Treasurer Ron Filippini stated that it may be an oversight on his part, but funds are low and he will get them in the mail as soon as possible.

12. **New Business:** Lion Dennis Cook, (Kingston Lions Club) asked that possibly there should be a committee to look into ways that the district could save money, due to the fact that funds are so low in the treasury. Cabinet Treasurer Ron Filippini stated that some of the problem lies with the reservations that are being made for district functions, as in the last cabinet meeting reservation were called in and then no one attended and the district had to pay for those reservations. DG Eileen asked that anyone who makes a reservation and then finds that they will be unable to attend, please notify the person taking reservations and please take this information back to your home clubs. Discussion about who is responsible for the making of reservations for district functions and who is responsible for payment of these reservations followed with Tom Majors,(Plains Lions Club), stating that he makes reservations for his club, as club secretary and he does not want to have to pay out of his pocket for someone that does not attend. He also stated that reservations need to be made on time, because too often reservations come in after the deadline. Discussion about the fact that an emergency arises and the person is not able to attend will be considered, but cancellations should be made at least 48 hours before the function. PCC Rich Yurish, (Plains Lions Club), made a motion that the person making a reservation for a district function is responsible to pay for their reservation if they do not cancel their reservation within 48 hours of the function with exception to an emergency. Earl Bisbing, Plains Lions Club, seconded the motion. Discussion followed as to what constitutes an emergency. An emergency will be considered an illness, death, called to work. Motion carried with 2 opposed to the motion. DG Eileen asked that the issue be taken back to their clubs and make an announcement at club meetings that the members will be charged for reservations that are made for district functions.

13. **Information for the good of Lionism:** IPDG Patty Warwick, (Swoyersville Lions Club,) questioned the fact that district charges only 80 cents per member and possibly the finance committee could look at raising dues, and also, what can we do better in relationship to the way projects are handled. Dennis Cook, (Kingston Lions), stated that we should also look at wasteful spending, as in money we never go after that is due the club. The situation with the money that was a deposit on the party for PIP Joseph Wroblewski, and the event did not materialize. That money was never recovered and it was never accounted for. When asked about the refund, PDG Ron Filippini, Cabinet Treasurer stated that he felt it was the responsibility of the chairman of that affair to go after the refund. The question of the newsletter and the amount of pages that it contains is another topic that was brought to attention. Suggestion was made that full page ads are not necessary and if a club wants a full page ad they should be charged for advertising, after all they will be making profit on this fundraiser. DG Eileen stated that she asked that the size of the newsletter be adjusted to no more than 15 pages, but this month it contained 20. Also there were 2 full page ads, one for the White Haven Lions Club Golf Tournament that was held the day the newsletter came out and The Outback Steak Dinner at Plains Lions that was held the next day and these ads should have been no more than quarter page ads. Also, the District Rally Ad was noticeably small and that was an ad that should have been given more space. Discussion about the fact that there are some members who receive paper copies and the cost to mail them is between 75 and 80 cents and the cost of printing is also a concern. Discussion about the size of the newsletter and the cost and the possibility of charging for a subscription followed and it was stated that as a member of the district all members are entitled to receive publications of the district that are available, whether it be by email or postal service. PDG George Barna, (White Haven Lions Club), stated that when he was district governor he was limited to 5 pages for a newsletter, because of the cost of paper and postage. Discussion returned to the money not refunded from the Woodlands and after discussion it was decided that the subject should be tabled until more information is available as whether or not the district could obtain a refund.

DG Eileen introduced PCC Mike Lelack and PDG Chris Kalmanowicz to the membership.

District 14-W Banner Exchange is Monday, August 23 at the Woodlands Inn and Resort.

Reservations are due to PDG Patty Warwick and make checks payable to District 14-W.

District Blood Drive is Saturday August 28th from noon to 4:30 pm at the Nanticoke High School on

Kosciusko St. in Nanticoke.

Bear Creek/Buck Twp. Lions Annual Pig Roast is Sunday, August 29 from noon to 5pm at the Recreation Field at the rear of the Municipal Bldg. Route 115. Contact Will Kresge, Carolyn Burke or Frank Jones for tickets.

District Fall Membership Rally at the Plains Lions Pavilion on September 14th, costs is \$7.00 per person or bring a prospective member and cost is 2 for \$10. Make reservations to either DG Eileen or VDG Mimi.

Forty Fort Lions Golf Tournament on September 19 at Wilkes Barre Municipal Golf Course. Time is 9 am. Cost is \$90 per golfer and dinner is at Theo's Metro on Mercer Ave., Kingston.

14. **2nd Cabinet Meeting Acceptance:** Region 2 Zone B Chair Tom Mulhern, Plains Lions Club announced that the Second Cabinet Meeting will be on November 7 at a place and time to be announced.

15. **Adjournment:** Lion Steve Brezna (Twin Boro Lions) made a motion to adjourn and second was by Lion Tom Majors (Plains Lions Club). Motion Carried.

16. **Additional Reports submitted:**

a. **Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation:** PDG Pete Duda sent the following report. The Lions of Pa Foundation met at the State Convention in Reading and also at the State office in Harrisburg on June 19th. The following was discussed and decided at these meetings. A matching grant of \$10,000 was approved for the Beacon Lodge to purchase a new dump truck for camp use. This grant was approved by all board members and a check was sent. A grant for \$4100.00 was awarded to the Bethel Park Lions for a new roof for their Lion's Community Park pavilion. The LOPF banquet this year will be held at the November council meeting in Harrisburg. The meal price will be \$27.00 per person and everyone is invited. Reservations sheet will be coming in the meal. The contributing member rockers for 2011 will be out in November. I still have rockers available and would like to see everyone purchase these. The money, as you know, goes back to aid Pennsylvania groups. The Foundation has 385 active members which is down from 600 three years ago. The top six districts in the sales of rockers are 14P, G, W, E, F and U. Thank you for the help in this. It was also stated that there were 17 PIP awards given out since January 1, 2010. There are still some districts that do not some districts that do not participate. The question was why? Thank you, District 14W, for NOT being one of those clubs.

b. **Sight Conservation and Eye Research:** Lion Dorothy Faymore Chairman sent the following report. Lions Clubs International Foundation, in conjunction with Johnson & Johnson Vision Care have collaborated to Develop Sight for Kids. This program provides vision screenings, eyeglasses and other treatments, and eye health for children worldwide. According to the U.S. National Eye Institute study, myopia (nearsightedness) causes significant vision loss in more than 15% of children under the age of 15 in some Asian countries. Refractive error (nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism) remain undetected and untreated in most cases. The leading cause of blindness in children and adolescents is uncorrected refraction error. This severely harms a child's development because learning is based on a child's visual ability.

c. **Region 2 Zone A report** submitted by Lion Tom Mulhern region chair.

Bear Creek/Buck Township Lions 60 members completed storage cabinet project, planning and conducting their Annual Pig Roast Dinner for August 29, 2010, Awarding Annual Scholarship at August Dinner Meeting

JLW Mountain Laurel Lions 35 members, 3 members went to VA Hospital to serve coffee and donuts, 7 members attended the Upper Valley Eye Bank Meeting, 7 members attended LCCC Leadership Conference, 6 members attended the District 14-W Lions Yankee Game, 1 member attended the Lions International Convention in Sydney, Australia, 8 members are on the district cabinet. 4 members attended Beacon Lodge Lions Appreciation Day, placed an ad in the district directory

Plains Lions 51 members, delivered walker and potty chair to area resident, paid international and state dues, held our 4th annual golf fundraiser and it was a great success, President and secretary and 7 members attended LCCC Leadership Conference, donated \$100 to Plains Police Golf Tournament.

Wilkes Barre Township 17 members. Published our monthly newsletter, purchased a \$500 Brick at Beacon Lodge in honor of Betty Duda's passing, one member attended Beacon Lodge Lions Appreciation Day, President, Secretary and Treasurer attended LCCC Leadership Conference, one member attended District 14-W Day with the Yankees.

Parsons Lions - 33 members. No business conducted for the month of July, the next meeting

Will be Sept 8 the next dinner meeting September 23.

Wilkes Barre Lions 17 members, a dinner meeting was held at the Ramada, a chicken and rib dinner fundraiser was held jointly with Holy Resurrection Orthodox Cathedral, members also participated in a work session prior to the bbq, received a thank you letter from NEPA Lions Eye bank for our donation, purchased an ad for the district directory, 4 members attended the LCCC Leadership Conference, 3 members conducted seminars, 1 member attended the Scranton Wilkes Barre Yankees Game, 2 members attended Beacon Lodge Lions Appreciation Day, 5 Duck Derby Tickets were purchased, held a 50-50 Lottery Fundraiser; Lion Mimi was appointed the District 14-W coordinator for the campaign for Harold Ott, VDG Mimi and Marina received President's Certificates of Appreciation Awards, Club sent letters to District 14-W clubs asking for donations for the Mission of Healing Eyes who Provide free eyeglasses and cataract surgeries to residents of Mexico.

Respectfully Submitted

Theresa Milligan

District 14 – W Pennsylvania Lions Clubs International

Taken from Sign-In Sheets August 15, 2010

Name	Club	Club Office	Cabinet Office Held
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Region 1

1. Richard Kilvitis	Avoca		Zone Chair
2. Mary Kilvitis	Avoca		
3. Roseanne Linko	Dupont	Secretary	Web Site
4. Tina MacDonald	Dupont	President	
5. Virginia Everett	Dupont		
6. Fred Pierantoni	Hughestown		Peace Poster
7. Mike Dantone	Jenkins Township		
8. Betty Dantone	Jenkins Township	Secretary	Diabetes Awareness
9. Nancy Pappas	Jenkins Township		
10. Mary Lou Bechtold	Jenkins Township		

Region 2

1. Theresa Milligan	Plains JLW	Secretary	Cabinet Secretary
2. Stephen Brezna	Twin Boro	Sec/Treas.	
3. Frank Jones	BC/BT	President	
4. Eileen Yurish	Plains JLW		DG
5. Mimi Tosh	W-B		1VDG
6. Leona Castor	Plains JLW		Grant Opps.
7. Nancy A. Baiera	Plains JLW		
8. Marina Martin	Wilkes-Barre	President	
9. Elsie Belmont	Plains JLW	President	
10. Mickie Stella	Wilkes Barre	Secretary	
11. Thomas Mulhern	Plains	Tail Twister	Zone Chair
12. Francis Griffith	Plains	President	
13. Al Faymore	Wilkes Barre Twp	Treasurer	
14. Dorothy Faymore	Wilkes Barre Twp	President	
15. Willard Kresge	Bear Creek	President	

Region 3

1. Charles warwick	Swoyersville		
2. Dennis Cook	Kingston	President	Zone Chair
3. Patrick Cannon	Swoyersville		

Region 4

1. Frank Molinaro	Hazleton		Zone Chair
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PDG's and Guests

1. Richard S. Yurish	Plains		PSCC
2. Ronald Filippini	Plains		PDG/ Cabinet Treasurer
3. George Barna	White Haven		PDG
4. Gilbert Gleco	Twin Cities		PDG
5. Christopher Kalmanowicz	Dupont		PDG
6. Peter Duda	Wilkes Barre Twp		PDG
7. V. Rev. Joseph Martin	Wilkes Barre		PDG
8. Michael Lelack	Duryea		PSCC
9. Victor D'Souza	Jenkins Township		PDG
10. Patty Warwick	Swoyersville		IPDG
11. Walter Bechtold	Jenkins Township		PD