

## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF FIRST CABINET MEETING

August 16, 2009  
District 14-W, Lions Clubs International  
VFW, Plains, Pennsylvania, USA.

1. **Call to order:** Region 1 Zone A Chair Rich Kilvitis (Avoca Lions) called the meeting to order at 12:30PM
  - a. One verse of America and the Pledge to the Flag by the Assembly
  - b. Invocation was offered by Chaplain PDG V. Rev. Joseph Martin (Wilkes-Barre Lions)
  - c. Lions Toast was led by PSCC Richard Yurish
2. **Guest Speaker:** Mark Innocenzi from the Wyoming Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross spoke about programs and services, such as CPR courses, disaster relief and swimming and life saving instruction, provided by the local ARC.
3. **Protocol:** Region 1 Zone A Chair Rich Kilvitis established Protocol.
4. **Roll Call:** Immediate Past Cabinet Secretary Mary Lou Bechtold (Jenkins Twp Lions) made a motion that the Sign-In Sheets be used as the Official Roll Call. Motion to approved by Lion Jim Steer (Duryea Lions); seconded by IPDG Wally Bechtold (Jenkins Twp. Lions). Motion carried.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** IPCS Mary Lou Bechtold made a motion that the Cabinet minutes be entered as the Official Minutes. Motion to approve made by Lion Dorothy Faymore (Wilkes-Barre Twp. Lions); Seconded by Lion Tom Major (Plains Lions). Motion carried.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** IPDG Walter Bechtold read the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Cabinet Treasurer PDG Ron Filippini (Plains). The Treasurer's Report included balances for the Administrative Fund and the Fair Share Balances for the period of July 1, 2008 through August 14, 2009 and were as follows:
  - a. Fair Share Fund Balance was \$12,241.50. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report of the Fair Share Balances was made by Lion Marcia Steer (Plains Lions) and seconded by Lion Dave Roberts (Jenkins Twp. Lions). Motion carried.
  - b. Administrative Fund Balance was \$2,000.78. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report of the Administrative Fund was made by Lion Steve Brezna (Plains Lions) and seconded by Lion Roseanne Linko (Jenkins Twp. Lions). Motion carried.
7. **Approval of Bills for Payment:** IPDG Walter Bechtold requested a motion to pay the bill for the dinners for today's Cabinet meeting. A motion was made by Lion Tom Major (Plains Lions) and seconded by Colleen Weiss (Edwardsville Lions). Motion carried.
8. **Correspondence:** IPCS Mary Lou Bechtold had no correspondence. Reminded Lions to submit reports today or email to Cabinet Secretary Pat Kwetkauskie in order to be included in the minutes.
9. **Remarks:**
  - a. **IPDG Walter Bechtold presented awards to the following Lions:**
    - Proud Lion - Diane Lilly and Proud Sponsor – Colleen Weiss (Edwardsville Lions)
    - Proud Lion – Tammy Evans and Proud Sponsor – Linda Zaneski (Edwardsville Lions)

- 100% Secretary to Tom Major (Plains Lions), Betty Dantone (Jenkins Twp. Lions) and Colleen Weiss (Edwardsville Lions)

**b. Second Vice District Governor Mimi Tosh gave the following remarks:**

Good afternoon.

I have fastened my seat belt and I'm ready to go. It will be a busy year not just at the District level but the State and International levels, too. There are so many things coming up. I hope all of you in 14W are ready and willing but don't worry about able – we'll find you a chair and you can do something. Too often we complain about the same ole thing yet we don't get up and change it. Well, this is the year to jump in, because it's not going to be boring and it's not going to be the same ole routine. You may not have the time to join in on everything but please help somewhere. It will jump start your interest and motivation.

Can't give blood? Donate your time to help.

Can't make the rally? Sorry- you'll miss a good time with good food, fresh air, and a lot of laughs.

Can't bowl? Come out and cheer on a team.

Read your newsletter! There's a meal somewhere in the District and you won't have to cook. There's a night out somewhere in the District and you'll have a good time.

Wear your pin! Wear it with pride even on your t-shirt at the grocery store. You never know when you will meet someone who needs some help and sees the symbol that means you are there for them.

Support your Governor wherever she goes and whatever she does – she's working hard for you.

- c. First Vice District Governor Eileen Yurish** thanked the bakers for the desserts at the Cabinet Meeting and encouraged all Lions in District 14-W to support District 14-W activities. She noted she will visit clubs in the upcoming months.  
1VDG Eileen also commended Lion Patrick Hannon from Swoyersville Lions as a "Lion's Lion" who is always willing to help any club out.
- d. District Governor Patty Warwick** thanked the Lions of 14-W for their support and being enthusiastic. She encouraged all to embrace the LCI theme "Move to Grow" which takes "action and effort". DG Patty also announced that during the PA Lions State Council meeting in Altoona, the Jenkins Twp. Lions won second place in the Club Pin contest and District 14-W won second place in the District Pin Contest. The pin contest was sponsored by the Pin Traders Clubs of Pennsylvania.
- e. DG Patty Warwick reported on the following:**
- **MERL** - LCI has mandated that MERL leaders must attend State Council meetings. The next State council Meeting will be held in Scranton, November 6-8.
  - **International Director:** During the August State Council meeting, the feasibility of a running an International Director from Pennsylvania was discussed. At this time, 14-W is not eligible to submit a candidate because the District does not meet the membership requirement.
  - **Membership BLITZ:** In order to increase recruitment of new Lions and promote positive growth, DG Patty is seeking volunteers to join with other Lions in the Eastern District to attend training on Sunday, October 4 at the West Penn Township

Firehall. Following the training, volunteer Lions will then conduct a Membership BLITZ throughout District 14-W on October 5-7. The goal is for every 14-W Lions Club to have someone out walking the streets and finding new members.

- f. **Blood Drive:** 1VDG Eileen Yurish reported that the upcoming Blood Drive will be held on August 22 at the American Red Cross in the Hanover Industrial Park. District 14-W's goal is 50 pints 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes will be awarded to clubs with the most donors. Photo identification will be required to donate blood.
- g. **Bowl a Thon:** 1VDG Eileen Yurish reported that the District-wide Bowl-a-Thon will be held on October 16, from 6-9 p.m. at Stanton Lanes Wilkes-Barre. Cost for a team of 4 is \$20. There will be a buffet available for \$5.00 per person for spectators and bowlers. Please send checks to Lion Dave Roberts (Bear Creek/Bucks Township Lions).
- h. **Beacon Lodge:** Samantha Weiss (Edwardsville Leo's) reported on the trip to Beacon Lodge in July. The camp facilities are impressive and she encouraged all Lions in District 14-W to plan to visit the camp next year on July 18, 2010.
- i. **Lions Interaction:** Invite Prospective Members. DG Patty led the interactive role plays designed to assist Lions with recruitment. The goal of the interactive exercise was to describe to a perspective Lion "What Lions Do" in 60 seconds.

## 10. Region and Zone Reports

- a. **Region 1 Zone A** - Richard Kilvitis, Chair
  - **Members 112 total**
  - **Avoca:** 20 members, monthly food drive 24 volunteer hours, distributed two scholarships to Avoca High School Seniors; Brian Leffler and Rich Kilvitis attended Leadership Seminar at LCCC.
  - **Dupont:** 27 members; monthly food drive; planned annual club picnic; Roseanne Linko attended Leadership Seminar at LCCC
  - **Duryea:** 23 members, Jim Steer and Charles Thomas attended Leadership Seminar at LCCC.
  - **Hughestown:** 28 members, no report.
  - **Pittston Township:** 14 members, no report.
- b. **Region 1 Zone B** - Charles Thomas, Chair
  - No report
- c. **Region 2 Zone A** - Marina Martin, Chair
  - **Parson Lions Club:** 37 members, June 11, 2009 Business Meeting 18 Members Attending (Magda's Pizza) Discussed: Results of the Golf Tournament, end of year activities. Discussed Melvin Jones award and Bob Schuster. Library was discussed and what other input the Lions could give. Will participate in the Open House in July and will be making cash donation as well to the library. Last Business meeting will regroup in August for usual get together at a Lions member's house to discuss upcoming 09-10 Lions year. June 25, 2009 Dinner Meeting 33 Members Attended (Anthracite Café) Melvin Jones Award presented to Robert Schuster. This was the first Melvin Jones award that has been given by the Parsons Lions Club. President called for one more business meeting to discuss the Library Relocation and donation only. Will vote on donation amount, all members asked to attend. NO other business

will be discussed at this time. July had no activities. Next meeting will be September.

- **Plains Lions Club:** 53 members - this is a loss of one; 4 members attended Eye Bank meeting. Club Officers Inducted by PSCC Richard S. Yurish at the Ladies night held at the Woodlands. Donations of \$500 & \$ 250 to Plains Volunteer Ambulance and Osterhout Library. Club is on record to host the District 14W Rally on September 15, 2009, at the Plains Lions Pavilion. Donated \$ 100.00 to Polish American Veterans & \$50 to the Miners Mills Triangle Golf Tournaments. Plans well under way for Annual Plains Lions Golf Tournament, July 12th and Outback Dinner July 14<sup>th</sup>. - Delivered walker, potty chair to area resident. Club received International Cultural & Activities Award presented by PDG Walter Bechtold. Held our 3rd Golf Tournament fundraiser was a great success. As was our 1st annual "Outback" dinner. President, Secretary and 7 members attended District Leadership Seminar. Donate \$100. to American Legion. Club will take part in the National Nightout in town August 4th at the ambulance building sponsored by the Plains Police.
  - **Bear Creek Buck Twp. Lions Club:** 59 members. Our next planned project is our members only picnic. Following that, we will be planning for our Pig Roast. We held our picnic and had a good turnout. We are donating \$200 to our local vol. fire dept. picnic. Following that, we will be planning for our Scholarship dinner, Pig Roast and Fall Breakfast.
  - **Wilkes-Barre Lions Club:** 20 members, 2 dinner meetings held at the Ramada; Held a Lottery fundraiser; 3 members attended the Cabinet Mtg. Leo Club received the Int. Understanding & Cooperation & Int. Excellence Awards; Profit from Sing for Sight Night at McCarthy's Tavern on the Hill donated to Lions International towards our pledge for Sight First II. Held a Chicken/Rib barbecue fundraiser. Celebrated the 10th Anniv of our Charter Night & Installation of Officers for 2009-2010. In attendance DG Wally, 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Mary Lou, 1st VDG Patty Warwick & our Guiding Lion Ron Filippini. Award will be presented to Dr. Penugonda in honor of her generosity & service. Perfect attendance awards were presented to ten members. Lion Key Awards presented to Mimi Tosh & Gloria Martin. Justin McCarthy was presented the President's award for serving as the Leo Club Advisor for the past 3 years. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to 8 Charter Members for 10 years of service. Eight of the ten Past Presidents were in attendance.
  - **Wilkes-Barre Twp. Lions Club:** 18 members - loss of 1 death of Member. Held planning meeting for our club's Night at the Races on October 10th, 2009. Three members attended the fourth cabinet meeting in June. Two members attended the banner passing in June at the Woodlands; Published Club Newsletter; 2 Members attended Beacon Lodge appreciation day; 4 members attended LCCC training; 4 members attended the baseball game.
- c. **Region 2 Zone B** - Mike Wisnewski, Chair
- No report
- d. **Region 3 Zone A** - Tammy Evans, Chair
- No Report
- e. **Region 3 Zone B** - Atty. Dave Lipka, Chair
- No Report
- f. **Region 4 Zone A** - Keith Medash, Chair

- Lion Secretary Andy Piskel reported that the Hazleton Lions Club is selling “Fun Fest” tickets for Hazleton area’s annual street fair).

**g. Region 4 Zone B** - Tim Trently, Chair

- Lion President Dan Boehmer reported that the Twin County Lions presented their first ever Melvin Jones Fellowship to Edgar Morgan at the June meeting. Lion recently celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> year as a Lion.

## 11. Committee Reports

- **All State Band** – Daniel Truskowski (Exeter Lions) Nothing to Report
- **Beacon Lodge State Directors District Liaisons** - PDG Robert Milligan (Plains Lions), PDG Joan Milligan (Plains JLW). Two fundraisers will be held to benefit Beacon Lodge. Purchase a Bon Ton coupon book for \$5.00. Coupons will be honored at the Bon Ton, Wyoming Valley Mall on November 14, 2009. 100% of the price of each coupon book will go to the PA Beacon Lodge. Also, Lions who join the “500 Club” will receive an attractive pin and membership card. Clubs with all members participating in the 500 club will receive a 100% Certificate which is a great way for clubs to participate and get something back.. Also, PDG Joan and PDG Bob are available for meetings if you are interested or need a speaker.
- **Constitution and By Laws** - IPDG Walter Bechtold Nothing to report
- **2009 Convention, District** - 1VDG Eileen Yurish Nothing to Report
- **2009 Convention Promo, International** - IPDG Walter Bechtold  
You are cordially invited to join us in celebration of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lions Clubs International Convention from June 28-July 2 to be held in Sydney Australia. LCI’s annual convention is the foremost international event of the year, when Lions and their families from over 100 countries unite for a week of business, and fellowship and fun. Highlights of the many activities scheduled for the convention include our three inspiring plenary sessions, motivational guest speakers and workshops, the festive International Parade of Nations, and the exciting international show.

Lions from across the globe have gathered together annually since 1917 to celebrate the International convention. For many Lions and their families, attending the convention has become a yearly tradition, synonymous with the excitement of visiting new places and experiencing other cultures. The convention offers an ideal setting for reuniting acquaintances and making new friends. Lions also learn about other club and district projects, participate in the parade and elections, attend seminars, and make personal connections with international leaders and representatives from headquarters.

Only at the *International* Convention can Lions from over 100 countries and geographical areas with different languages and backgrounds march side-by-side down the streets of the host city. Only at the *International* Convention can Lions have a vote in the organization’s future. And only at the *International* Convention can 18,000 members come together to celebrate the true meaning of Lionism.

The 2010 Lions Club International Convention in Sydney Australia promises to be a very exciting convention venue. The gateway to Australia, Sydney is the world’s most dynamic and cosmopolitan cities, blessed with a mild Mediterranean climate, glamorous

beaches and deep, blue waterways. Sydney is famous for the World-Heritage listed Sydney Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Harbour. It is one of the world's favorite cities, voted "world's best cities" by readers of the US travel magazines, *Travel & Leisure* and *Conde Nast Traveller*. Sydney is an international city with an abundance of outstanding natural assets – national parks, botanic gardens, pristine waterways, plenty of green open space and a golden chain of easy-to-reach inner city beaches.

More information is available by going to the link: <http://www.lions2010.com/index.cfm>.

- **2009 Convention Promo, State** - PDG Peter Duda (W-B Twp. Lions)  
The 2010 Pennsylvania State Convention will be hosted this year by District 14P. The convention is set for May 13 through May 16, 2010. It will be held at the Sheraton Reading Hotel in Wyomissing, Pa. A parade will be held on Saturday, so bring your walking shoes and banner and enjoy the march. Further information will be in the next report.
- **Cultural & Community Activities/Alert** - Phil Falvo (Hughestown Lions) No Report
- **Diabetes Awareness** - Betty Dantone (Jenkins Twp. Lions)  
Lion Betty recognized the members of the Diabetes Awareness Committee and reported that the American Diabetes Association will hold a Step Out Walk to Fight Diabetes on October 3 at the Dallas Middle School. There will be a cash prize for the club who has a walker with the highest sponsor contribution. Please see the 14-W September Newsletter for more information.
- **Newsletter** - Betty Duda (W-B Twp. Lions) Nothing to Report
- **Environmental Topics** - Stan Kunigiel (Duryea Lions)  
A suggested Environmental Project for District 14-W during this Lion Year is for each Lions Club to plant a tree in memory of a deceased Lion of their Club.
- **Finance Committee** - IPDG Walter Bechtold  
Two members met with the District Governor and the First and Second Vice District Governors. Items reviewed were the previous year's finances, as well as the new year's budget.
- **Fun & Fellowship** - Dave Roberts (Bear Creek/Buck Twp. Lions)  
118 Lions and guests attended the SWB Yankees Baseball game on July 29<sup>th</sup>. The game was rained out and the tickets could have been used for any remaining game for the remainder of the season.
- **Grant Opportunities** – Dennis Cook (Kingston Lions)  
We received the check from the PA foundation for \$4,500.00 for the matching part of the grant for the Pedivision for the Association of the Blind.
- **Habitat for Humanity** - Richard Milligan (Plains Lions) No Report
- **Hearing and Speech Action/Hearing Aids** - Tom Major (Plains)  
I would like to thank Governor Pat for appointing me to the Chairmanship of the Hearing/Speech Action Committee. Hearing Aids with PDG Bill Kozerski, will be staying on as Senior Advisor. Just to inform the District and all members, this International

Program is still active and as of the beginning of this Lions' Year 2009-10, we have ordered 4 Hearing Aids, for individuals. Anyone needing assistance, please feel free to contact me.

- **Hearing Research Committee** – Betty Duda (W-B Twp. Lions)  
The Hearing Research Committee held its annual Dinner at the August 2009 council meeting in Altoona PA. Invited guests were the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors and their spouse. At the meeting there were 63 in attendance. The turnout was low due to the new format of the council meetings and lack of attendance. On Saturday morning the board met for their meeting.
- **Historian** – Mark Serafin (Forty Fort Lions) No Report
- **Honorary Chairman** - PIP Joseph L. Wroblewski could not attend the meeting.
- **International Relations** – Palma Gallo (Hanover Twp. Lions) No report
- **Leader Dog** - Joseph Sudo (Hunlock Creek Lions)  
I started the process of preparing a fall schedule for Grace Scullen's visit. I was going to have Grace and her Leader Dog *Balto* visit 4 Clubs in November. However, the Leader Dog Program in Rochester Michigan refused to approve her visit. The reason! No \$, in particular our District doesn't contribute enough money to the program. What's to be done? Lion DG Patty and IPDG Wally have been on the phone with Leader Dog trying to resolve the issue. As of now we are at a standstill. Pending the results, we'll move on in a way that is best for our District. During the past year, the Leader Dog Program cut their staff nationwide by 9%, the economy has hurt the program. They rely solely on contributions and they are down.
- **Leo Clubs** - PDG Joan Milligan (Plains JLW)  
Edwardsville Leo Club's Charter Night will be held on October 28. All Lions in District 14-w are encouraged to attend.
- Liaison Officer** - Don Bernadini (Duryea Lions) Nothing to Report
- **Lions Club International Foundation** - PVDG Paul Rose (Hanover Lions).  
Governor Patty, Members of the Cabinet, Lions and Guests:

As a Melvin Jones Fellow, I would like to recognize the Melvin Jones Fellows of our District by having them stand and be recognized. Thank you.  
The Melvin Jones Fellowship was established in 1973 and followed in 1986 with the establishment of the Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition. The sole purpose of this recognition was and continues to be for Lions to increase their financial support to LCIF, the charitable arm of our association. Melvin Jones Fellowships and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships are recognitions for humanitarian work. They are honors presented to people who make unrestricted donations of \$1,000.00 to LCIF or to those in whose name a donation is made by others.

The LCIF program has been a fantastic success. To date world-wide there are 287,703 Melvin Jones Fellows and 53,582 Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows.

As my personal goal this year and for the next three years of my term, I would like to see each Lion in our District become a Contributing Member, especially the Melvin Jones Fellows.

I have here my application and my check for \$20.00 for enrollment as a Contributing Member. Thank You Governor. That completes my report.

- **Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation** - PDG Peter Duda (W-B Twp. Lions)  
The board of directors of the LOPF met on August 15, 2009 at the state office in Harrisburg. There we discussed the upcoming year along with new grants and projects we have. At this meeting the grant for the Association of the Blind for District 14W for \$4,500.00 to purchase a Pedia Vision Eye Screening unit was approved and the check will be mailed out within a few weeks. Thank you Dennis Cook for the great effort put into this project. We also reviewed the PA Fellows and PIP Joe Wroblewski awards and as of the meeting there were 1,432 fellows and only 26 in District 14W. We also have only 5 PIP awards and are at the bottom of the list on these awards. Last year alone, 22 PIP awards were granted and none to 14W. This is PIP Joe's home district. The contributing member pins were also down this year. There are 472 total in the state. The 2010 and 10 year rockers will be available at the November council meeting and I will have them for sale. Also the board approved the Club Recognition Program patch and this will be ordered. The patch is a 3"x5" patch in the shape of the state. The 100 per cent clubs will receive them with the donations for \$2.00 for 100% club patch, \$5.00 for 100% Directors or \$10.00 per member for 100% LOPF Club. Each year your club is a member; you will receive a rocker with the year and club rank. On Friday night at the November Council meeting, we will hold the annual LOPF Dinner with the 1<sup>st</sup> VDG's and spouses as our guests. This will be held from 6:00PM till 8:30PM at the hotel. The cost for this meeting is \$25.00 per person and the entertainment will be Doug Smith and the Dixieland Band from the Poconos.  
Also: we have our web site up and running and if you want to pull and information from the LOPF you can go the [www.lionsofpafoundation.org/temphome](http://www.lionsofpafoundation.org/temphome). This is the Temp web site and if you need applications or info on the LOPF, please try this site on contact me.

- **NEPA Eye Bank Directors** - 1VDG Eileen Yurish  
The Eye Bank moved into their new location at 2346 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, Pa. on June 1st, 2009. The Eye Bank had a record year in 2008 with 1481 transplants and are sure they will surpass that number for 2009. Since signing a new agreement with GOLDP (Gift of life Donor Program) and raising the age from 60 to 75 for cornea donations, their referrals have risen,. They are projecting 2650 referrals, 1325 donors, and 1800 to 2000 transplants. Also in their projection is an increase in gratis cornea from 13 to 20 for this year. Hospital development personnel are continuing to campus 100% of the hospitals in their coverage areas, offering in-servicing educational opportunities, and continued support to update policy and understanding of eye donation in the hospitals. Nina Fehnel, Eye Bank Public Educator is busy traveling to Lions Clubs, Lioness Clubs, health fairs, job fairs, schools, and anywhere, anyone is interested in learning more about tissue donation, anyone interested in having Nina speak can reach her by calling the Eye Bank at 610-625-3800 or e-mail at [nfehneln@aol.com](mailto:nfehneln@aol.com).

- **Parliamentarian/Peace Poster Chairperson** – Fred Pierantoni (Hughestown Lions)  
On behalf of Peace Poster Contest Chair, DG Patty reminded all clubs to order Peace Poster Contest supplies from LCI by October 1, 2009. Questions about the Peace Poster contest should be directed to DG Patty or Lion Fred.
- **Information Technology Public Relations/Information:** Dennis Cook (Kingston Lions)  
Held a committee meeting with DG Patty, sent this list of questions out to the clubs:
  1. *Does your club have a designated public relations person? If so, please tell us his or her name.*
  2. *Does your club have contacts for the local media outlets?*
  3. *Does your club have a website? If so please tell us the address.*
  4. *Does your club submit information to any of the newsletters? If not tell us why.*
  5. *Would any member of your club have an interest in attending a district informational seminar?*
  6. *Would your club be interested in a multi-club project?*
  7. *What would you like to see at the district level to help with PR or club issues?*
  8. *Is there any other input or suggestions?*

Less than half of the clubs responded, please ask your club to respond. I have been working with various chairpersons on developing informational sheets about district, state and international programs. See examples in back of room. Met with Senior Vice president of Guard Insurance that is also on the Board of directors of the local United Way, a manager from The Times Leader and a Partner from Rosen, Jenkins and Greenwald law to see how to promote membership, corporate sponsorship, and see what public perception of what Lions do is. Follow-up meetings are planned to further these discussions.

Discussion followed concerning the feasibility of posting informational flyers on the District 14-W website. Also questions will be resent to clubs.

- **Sight Conservation & Eye Research Foundation** – Dorothy Faymore (W-B Twp. Lions)  
Sight conservation & eye research had its primary beginnings when Lions accepted the challenge from Helen Keller to become “Knights of the Blind”. That was in 1925 at the Lions International Convention at Cedar Point, Ohio. This Foundation is still thriving worldwide with countless programs assisting persons of all ages, races, & creeds. Lions working together collect & recycle thousands of pairs of used eyeglasses to distribute them to those in need of them. Lions support Lions eye banks which annually provide eye tissue for 30,000 sight saving surgeries, medical research and eye research. Lions raise donations through programs like Sightfirst and Campaign Sightfirst II. Programs range from childhood blindness & preschool vision screening to the prevention of river blindness (infections caused by black eye bites) and trachoma (bacterial infection which is spread by close contact).  
Today, sight programs remain one of our defining projects that we have gained recognition for.
- **USA/Canada Forum** – PSCC-PDG Richard S. Yurish (Plains Lions)  
Do you like to listen to Jazz music, eat good Bar-B-Que, be with friendly people and just have a good time? Let me invite you again to Memphis and the U.S.A. / Canada Lions

Leadership Forum. Plan now to spend a few days in Memphis to brush up on your Lion skills, gain new information from some terrific Lion presenters and meet new everyday heroes like you. Be one of those who will say "I was there" and not someone who regrettably will say "I wish I had gone." Bring a friend and share the Lion experience. Visit all the places I talked about in my previous message. It would be a great mini vacation. The dates again are September 24-26. Looking forward to seeing you there. For more information give me a call. 829-4151 or e-mail [forum@spe.midco.net](mailto:forum@spe.midco.net).

➤ **VA Liaison** – Ursula Burke (Plains J.L.W.)

The District 14-W Lions sponsor a service project in which all Lions Club members should participate. Recently I called many clubs and spoke to the Presidents., asked if they would have there embers volunteer to go to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center Nursing Home to serve coffee and donuts to the patients. They buy 7 dozen of donuts and will be reimbursed by the District. Also I told the President the donuts the patients like. They go VA the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month.

So far I have responses from 8 Clubs. In July –Jenkins Twp. Club members went and served the coffee and donuts to the patients. The patients are so appreciative. They just love seeing the Lions Club members come. Right now I'm covered up to February for the Clubs participation in this worthy service project. March, April, May and June are opened. So if any Club here today would like to volunteer to go to the VA on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month – see me after the meeting. Thanks for your cooperation.

Also the Plains J.L.W. Mountain Laurel Lions Club members go the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month. This is their service project. What a great Service Project.

➤ **Website** – Roseanne Linko (Dupont Lions)

I have changed to look of the web site, and I would like to include the Lions Clubs in the district web site. All they have to do is to give me their address of the web site.

➤ **White Cane** - Andy Walgo (Plains Lions) No Report

➤ **Lions Services for Children** - Colleen Weiss (Edwardsville Lions) No Report

➤ **Lions Opportunities for Youth** - Joseph Paprota (Twin Boro Lions) No Report

➤ **Youth Camp & Exchange** - Matthew Detwiler (Larksville Lions) No Report

➤ **Youth Outreach/Quest** - Daniel Truskowski – Nothing to Report

➤ **MERL** - IPDG Walter Bechtold reported on Extension

Complete the setup of Misericordia University Campus Club.

Begin the formation of a Hispanic club with help from 3 area clubs.

Begin work on West Pittston and continue working on Conyngham.

There will be a special meeting on Sunday October 4 of the Districts in the Eastern Region of the State. The Global Membership Team Extension Team will conduct training for as many Lions as we can get together. Ideally we need 6-12, willing Lions to spend Sunday in class and then take the lessons learned and go back home and apply them to specific geographic areas of our district. The goal is formation of several new clubs. Teams will spend Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday working the business communities for membership.

Discussion led by DG Patty Warwick and IPDG Walter Bechtold on the current activities underway to establish a Hispanic Club in the Hazleton Area. A Lions Information Night will be planned in conjunction with the local church that serves the Hispanic community in Hazleton.

➤ **Campus Clubs** - Theresa Milligan (Plains JLW)

Discussion and updates on the issues that have arisen with recruitment of students for the Misericordia University Campus Club was led by IPDG Walter Bechtold. A suggested strategy to ensure continuity when new students arrive is to recruit faculty from the University as Lions. There was also discussion concerning the funds available to support dues for Lion student members.

➤ **Family - Women's Membership Development** - Marcia Steer (Plains JLW ) No Report

**13. Unfinished Business:** There was no unfinished business.

**14. New Business:** IPCS Mary Lou Bechtold announced that committee reports should be emailed or mailed to Cabinet Secretary Pat Kwetkauskie - jorpket@epix.net.

**15. Information for the Good of Lionism:**

- 14-W Blood Collection, August 22, Photo I.D. required. Info call 1-800-GIVE LIFE
- Eye Bank Meeting/Picnic, September 3, St. John Baptist Church
- Training for BLITZ - October 4
- BLITZ – October 5-7
- W-B Twp. Lions night at the Races October 10, W-B Twp Fire Hall
- 14-W Bowl-a-Thon, October 16, Stanton Lanes W-B
- Wilkes-Barre Lions Club Membership Night, October 27, 5:30 p.m. Ramada Inn, W-B.
- Edwardsville Leo Club Charter Night, October 28.
- Peace Poster Contest – winning entries due November 14, call DG Patty or Lion Fred if participating.
- State Council meeting November 6-8, Scranton. MERL attendance mandated.
- Lions of PA Foundation Dinner @ State Council Meeting, November 6, \$25.00 p/p. Anyone can attend.

**16. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting Acceptance:** Region 2 accepted the 2nd Cabinet meeting to be held on November 15, 2009 at the Ramada Inn in center city Wilkes-Barre.

**17. Benediction:** PDG V. Rev Joseph Martin (Wilkes-Barre Lions)

**18. Adjournment:** Lion Don Bernardini (Duryea Lions) made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Lion Virginia Everett (Dupont Lions). Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pat Kwetkauskie*

Cabinet Secretary

2009-2010

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**Taken from Sign-In Sheets August 16, 2009**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Club Office</u>	<u>Cabinet Office Held</u>
<b>Region 1</b>			
1. Richard Kilvitis	Avoca		Chair, Zone A
2. James Steer	Duryea	President	Sergeant-at-Arms
3. Mary Lou Bechtold	Jenkins Twp.		IPCabinet Secretary
4. Roseanne Linko	Dupont	Secretary	Web-Site
5. Tom Mac Donald	Dupont		
6. Virginia Everett	Dupont		
7. Betty Dantone	Jenkins Twp.	Secretary	Diabetes Awareness
8. Danny Truskowski	Exeter		Quest
9. Donald M. Bernardini	Duryea	Treasurer	
10. Nancy Pappas	Jenkins Twp.		
11. Jill Stahl	Jenkins Twp.	President	
<b>Region 2</b>			
1. Michael Wisnewski	Nanticoke		Chair, Zone B
2. Frank Jones	BC/BT		
3. William Kresge	BC/BT	President	
4. Paul Rose	Hanover		LCIF
5. David Roberts	BC/BT		Fun & Fellowship
6. Mimi Tosh	Wilkes-Barre		2VDG
7. Dorothy Faymore	W-B Twp.	1 <sup>st</sup> V.P.	SC&ER Foundation
8. Al Faymore	W-B Twp.	Treasurer	
9. Carmella DiBonis	Plains JLW		
10. Elsie Belmont	Plains JLW	V.P.	
11. Betty Duda	W-B Twp.	Secretary	Newsletter
12. Eileen Yurish	Plains JLW		1VDG
13. Marina Martin	Wilkes-Barre	President	Chair, Zone A
14. Marcia Steer	Plains JLW	BOD	Family-Women's
15. Thomas Major	Plains	Secretary	Hearing Aids
16. Stephen Brezna	Twin Boro	Sec/Treasurer	
17. Stanley King, Jr.	Duryea		
<b>Region 3</b>			
1. Patrick Connor	Swoyersville	V.P.	
2. Patty Warwick	Swoyersville		DG
3. Joseph Sudo	Hunlock Creek		Leader Dog
4. Dennis Cook	Kingston	V.P.	Grants, IT/PR
5. Colleen Weiss	Edwardsville	Secretary	Lions Svcs. For Chldrn.
6. Cindy Wilson	Edwardsville		
7. Fred Wilson	Edwardsville		

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1. Samantha Weiss	Edwardsville	Secretary	
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**PDG's and Guests**

1. Walter Bechtold	Jenkins Twp.		IPDG
2. Richard S. Yurish	Plains		PDG/PCC
3. Bob Milligan	Plains		PDG
4. Peter Duda	W-B Twp.		PDG
5. V. Rev. Joseph Martin	Wilkes-Barre		PDG
6. Joan Milligan	Plains JLW		PDG
7. Angelo Costello	Swoyersville		PDG
8. Mark Innocenzi	Guest Am. Red Cross		

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