

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THIRD CABINET MEETING

February 21, 2010

District 14-W, Lions Clubs International
Checkerboard Inn, Trucksville, Pennsylvania, USA

1. **Call to order:** Region 3 Zone A Chair Kevin Winton (Forty Fort Lions) called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance and one verse of America by the assembly.
 - b. Invocation was offered by Lion Charles Warwick (Swoyersville Lions)
 - c. Lions Toast was led by Region 3 Zone B Chair Lion Dave Lipka (Lake Silkworth Lions).
2. **Protocol:** Region 3 Zone B Chair Dave Lipka established Protocol.
3. **Introductions:** Region 3 Zone A Chair Kevin Winton introduced the head table.
4. **Roll Call:** Cabinet Secretary Pat Kwetkauskie (Drums Lioness/Lions) requested a motion that the Sign-In Sheets be used as the Official Roll Call. Motion to accept was made by Lion Andy Walgo (Plains Lions); seconded by Lion Jan Kelly (Drums Lioness/Lions). Motion carried.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** Cabinet Secretary Pat Kwetkauskie noted a correction to the Minutes from the Second Cabinet Meeting. The correction was the name of Lion Roseanne Linko's Club. It was noted that Lion Roseanne Linko who received the 100% Secretary Award is Secretary for the Dupont Lions Club. Cabinet Secretary Pat requested a motion that the Cabinet Minutes be entered as the Official Minutes. A motion to accept the minutes with the correction was made by Lion Diane Lilly (Edwardsville Lions); Seconded by Lion Steve Brezna (Twin Boro Lions). Motion carried.
6. **Treasurer's Report: Cabinet Treasurer PDG Ron Filippini** (Plains) gave the Treasurer's Report. The Balances for Fair Share Fund and the Administrative Fund for the period of July 1, 2009 through February 20, 2010 were as follows:
 - a. Fair Share Fund Balance was \$18,926.35. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report of the Fair Share Balances was made by Lion Andy Walgo (Plains Lions) and seconded by Lion Mike Wisniewski (Nanticoke Lions). Motion carried.
 - b. Administrative Fund Balance was \$5,303.81. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report of the Administrative Fund was made by Lion Fred Pierantoni (Hughestown Lions) and seconded by Lion Steve Brezna (Twin Boro Lions). Motion carried.
7. **Approval of Bills for Payment: PDG Ron Filippini** (Plains Lions) requested payment of Dinner for today's Cabinet meeting and payment of the monetary prizes for the Peace Poster Contest winners. A motion was made by Lion Colleen Weiss (Edwardsville Lions) and seconded by Lion Andy Walgo (Plains Lions). Motion carried.
8. **Correspondence: Cabinet Secretary Pat Kwetkauskie** reported on the following correspondence:
 - a. Letter of Intent received from 1VDG Eileen Yurish (Plains J.L.W. Mountain Laurel Lions Club) to seek the office of District Governor;
 - b. Letter of Intent received from 2VDG Marylin J. Tosh (Wilkes-Barre Lions Club) to seek the office of 1VDG.
 - c. Letter from the Wilkes-Barre Lions Club endorsing and supporting Marylin J. Tosh for 1VDG.
 - d. Designation of Club Delegates and Alternates forms received from two Clubs: Dupont Lions and the Wyoming/West Wyoming Lions
9. **Peace Poster Awards/Plaques/Checks - Lion Fred Pierantoni, Chair (Duryea Lions Club) and DG Patty Warwick**

What a great day to be a Lion in District 14-W. I've had the honor of being Peace Poster Chairman for probably over a decade now and I have to tell you that it always warms me to see the power that our young people have in District 14-W. These Peace Posters are prepared by people in 6th, 7th, 8th grade. Our three entries this year were prepared by students for all of the 6th grade. The theme for this International Peace Poster was the "Power of Peace". As you recall each year - the students are not allowed to use any wording on their posters. The theme of the International competition must be communicated in a non-verbal manner. So keep in mind the "Power of Peace". We have three exceptional posters, artwork prepared this year. The first poster I am going to display was presented by Julia Stella, a 6th grader at the Pittston Area Middle School, and Julia was sponsored by the Jenkins Township Lions Club and their President, Jill Stahl. Julia could not be with us today and 1VDG Eileen is going to accept her artwork and also her award. (Applause)

Our next poster - I'll give you a moment to view this artwork - was prepared by Mackenzie Janneh. Mackenzie is with us today. She is a 6th grader at Wyoming Valley West. Mackenzie's poster was sponsored by the Kingston Lions Club and their President Mark Mizenko. Would you please come up? (Applause)

DG Patty: On behalf of the District, Mackenzie, not only do you receive a plaque for your second place finish in the District 14-W Power of Peace Poster Contest, and also the most important part a check for \$75.00. Congratulations! Julia was asked to describe the meaning of her poster.

Lastly, Governor Patty selected as her entry for Multiple District 14 a poster that was prepared by Emma Hazleton. Emma is here with us today. Emma was sponsored by the Drums Lioness/Lions Club and their President Janice Kelly. She is a 6th grade student at Valley Elementary. Emma's poster was advanced to very far in the District of Pennsylvania. Governor would you like to tell us?

DG Patty: The first place winner in our District goes on to our Multiple District, which is our state of Pennsylvania. The state of Pennsylvania picked out three winners plus three honorable mentions and Emma's Peace Poster won second place in the state. So not only will she receive an award from the District, she will also receive an award from the State. (Applause)

A first place plaque and also probably the most important part for all the children, the \$100.00 check. And from the state, from the Multiple District in Pennsylvania a plaque that says "Peace Poster Contest Emma Hazleton, Second Place, District 14-W sponsored by the Drums Lioness/Lions Club in recognition of your artistic talent and devotion to peoples of the world 2009-2010". (Applause) And now the best part, she also won a \$200 Savings Bond from the state. Emma was asked to describe the meaning of her poster. She responded "I used as many symbols of peace as I could to show how important peace is in the world."

Governor Patty, the last thing I want remind our members that Peace Poster kits for 2010 -2011 are now available through International Supplies. We encourage everyone to participate. Thank you Governor Patty.

DG Patty: And remember, the Peace Poster Contest kits are only \$9.00 plus postage. So the kit is not an expense. It is an opportunity to get out there and get your youth involved in your community. It doesn't have to go through the school district. It can be used in the general public in your town; it can be used in the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Youth Groups. So if you've never done a Peace Poster Contest, try it. You going to find out you are going to get a lot of wonderful things happen from it. Thank you

10. Remarks:

- a. **PIP Joseph L. Wroblewski** could not attend.
- b. **IPDG Walter Bechtold** could not attend.

- c. **2nd Vice District Governor Mimi Tosh gave the following remarks:** I want to thank all of the hardworking secretaries of 14W. You were asked to step up your game – by using the computer to report your club’s M&A’s and MMR’s. I am happy to report that most of the clubs have sent in their reports for the month of January. The ones that did not report have contacted me with the valid reason why and that it will be corrected soon. Getting the M&A’s in on time is not about the reports or getting me off your backs every month. It’s about cooperation and communication between the clubs and the District and between the District and International. We all have busy lives but just a few minutes of your time each month let’s the District and LCI know what your doing, how many members you have and how your club is serving your community. This is part of the growing that International President Wirfs is looking for. It’s all part of the process of growing and strengthening our “Wonderful” District.

Remember to wear your pin wherever you go and wear it with pride!

Support your Governor wherever she goes and whatever she does – she’s working hard for you. And don’t forget to have fun!

The Governor would like me to talk about: Secretaries, we need you to go on line and check at LCI and make sure that all of your membership addresses are correct. We are having a problem with addresses and people not getting things. We need to make sure that all of your members’ addresses are correct.

Also I want to remind the Clubs that the deadline for your Nominating Committee to be appointed is March 15th for your elections. The elections need to be held by April 15th. The next deadline is to immediately report after that date and try and get your PU101’s, which is your Lions Officers Nominating forms, in by May 15th. That is when they have to be in to International - by May 15th. That will include State and District as well. We really need to know who your officers. The sooner you let us know the better off. Thank you.

DG Patty: Just to elaborate on two points that 2VDG Mimi stated. What had happened at State Council meeting, which if you hadn’t heard by now we were in 25 inches of snow and two days with no power. We survived and we camped very well. At the meeting it was brought up about the cost of items being returned and not getting to Lions members, such as your *PRIDE* magazine from the state and your *LIONS* magazine from International or any correspondence that you as a Lion should be getting. The problem is, if as Secretaries you do not have the exact address in your electronic reporting on line, you are not getting it. I do have a list of, 2VDG Mimi has a list of who from certain Clubs there is a problem with the address. So all we are asking and it will be in the Newsletter next month, to please go in occasionally - maybe every three months - and check and confirm because in today’s society we are very mobile. The cost is staggering and \$3,000 was spent with the state because magazines and things weren’t getting to people like they should. So please be aware of that and we appreciate your efforts to try to do the best you can with that.

The other thing was with the reporting. Once your elections are finished and you know who your officers are, please don’t wait until May 15th! Last year it was a bear to get the District Directory done. Our DG elect to be would appreciate it very much if you had your reports in who the officers are for 2010-2011 A.S.A.P. A directory has to be printed and done before she leaves for the International Convention in Sydney. And she would like to be a happy camper before she leaves.

Peace Poster winners: If you would like to stay for our entire meeting, you may. We’ll be done at about 3. If you would like to leave, you may. We appreciate you coming. We thank you. I think we should give our Peace Poster winners and their families another round of applause. (*Applause*) Thank you so much for coming

- d. **1st Vice District Governor Eileen Yurish gave the following remarks:**

Yes I have a few remarks. The first remark is about our Blood Drive coming up next Saturday (February 27th) at the Red Cross Center in the Hanover Township Industrial Park. At the last blood drive we were at about 23 pints. We are a little bit down for this blood drive coming up now. If there is anyone interesting in donating blood, please see me after the meeting. I have a sign up sheet. You all know the importance of blood donation, so please think about it, let me know after the meeting. We are trying to surpass those 23 pints. Also, are looking for the Club's to donate either doughnuts, muffins, bagels, Campbell's chicken noodle soup, crackers, orange juice, things of that nature because we do have to feed the people who donate blood. So if there is any clubs that are interested in donating any of these goodies, please see 2VDG Mimi after the meeting.

On your tables you have some brochures about the Road to Milwaukee - USA/Canada Lions Leadership in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I've been to six Forums and I'll tell you I am not sorry that we attended a one. They are the most fantastic things you could ever go to. There's over 60 seminars, the motivational speakers are fantastic. You meet Lions from all over the country. Usually there's around 3,000 Lions there; International directors; International Presidents and they are learning, learning forum, group. It's just wonderful. So, if anyone is interesting in going there, all the information is in the brochure, hotel, costs, there is a registration fee, you get four meals, and entrance to all the seminars. It's really worth it if you have a couple days off that you can use towards your vacation. It is a nice little getaway. You won't be sorry, it's a fantastic thing. We were registered from last year's Forum. You won't have any snow and you'll have power too!

Also, on the table are these little brochures from the Northeast Eye Bank. What they are about is the importance of cornea donation. I have a lot of them in the back. If anyone is interested, please take some and if you have a dentist appointment, a doctor's appointment, if you want to stick one in your local drug store, or market. Please take some, take them back to your Clubs, tell your Club members about them and tell them to do the same thing – pass them out at doctor's appointments or dentist appointments, or what have you. We have to get the word out about the importance of cornea donations. So take what is on the table. I have some more, I'll see you after the meeting. You can take what you want, but please take these back to your Clubs and try to get your Clubs to pass these on. It's very important. Thank you.

e. District Governor Patty Warwick gave the following remarks:

Thank you 1VDG Eileen. You have to understand the "Vices" and I were out partying last night so if want to know what a District Governor does - you get to go to Clubs and have a good time. We were out quite late last night so I thank the ladies for coming today and they dance very well. Can't wait til we get to the District Convention part.

My remarks will be brief. The best thing and most important thing I'd like to say is thank you - thank you for being Lions. It is so important - everything you do, the dedication I who you help and how you serve in your community. I appreciate it; all those people that benefit from your help, and what you did, and how you provide for those families, individuals in your communities. They truly appreciate it and I thank you for that.

For the most part, I have lots of certificates, gifts, awards, things to give out. I'd like to start first with back in October we had 12 Lions who went down to New Ringold PA, actually it was the outskirts of my hometown, for a seminar for our first Extension Blitz. As you all know we had a Club from that which is called the West Pittston Lions Club. The folks that went to the meeting - the Lions that went to the meeting became Certified Guiding Lions. So when I call you name quickly come forward, get your certificate and we'll clap at the very end. First person - Lion Steve Brezna, Lion Pat Kwetkauskie, Lion PDG Joan Milligan, Lion 2VDG Mimi, there is one for myself, Lion Mike Wisniewski, Lion 1VDG Eileen, Lion PSCC Richard Yurish. (Applause)

In case you are wondering what this is about. If you would like to help out our newest and most upcoming Clubs and help some of our weaker Clubs, we are looking for Lions in the District who are willing to dedicate two years of your time – it does not mean not two years of their meetings but two years of encouraging them, supporting them, and helping them, guiding them to grow and become a great, wonderful Club in their community. So we have more Certified Guiding Lions kits. We have some other folks who will become certified from our second Extension Blitz we did in January. So if you are interested, see me later and we'll get a packet to you. A lot of it you can do on-line. You don't have to go to a course somewhere; you can check things out and become a Certified Guiding Lion.

Next award: Oh My Goodness - Lion Tom Mulhern please come forward. Tom and his son did a wonderful job at our Winter Carnival and he was our DJ and a fabulous job. I forgot to bring his award to that, so this is a great way to get him out to a Cabinet meeting. In October we had a bowling event and it was a lot of fun. I know LEO Samantha can tell you how much fun it was. After the bowling event, our fun event, we gave out lovely medals, for the highest male, the highest female, First, Second and Third for the LEO's and the highest team. This gentleman here did a fabulous job bowling and he won First Place with the highest score of a male. Congratulations, Tom. He is also privileged to be part of the team that had the highest cumulative score. And of course there wasn't any cheating - we're all Lions. And that would be the Plains Lions Club. They were the Team Champions. A round of applause for the Plains Lions Club. (Applause)

Lion Tom: Just so you know if you weren't there last year, go this year. It was a blast by everybody! We had a great time. We really enjoyed it.

DG Patty resumed her remarks: Moving on to the next awards. I would like Lions Fred and Cindy Wilson to come forward and Lion Colleen Weiss. The reason these three wonderful Lions are forward is: if you bring a new member into your Club and you are the Sponsor, we ask through this yellow and white cards to take them to a District event, take them to a Club meeting, do a project, do a fundraiser, and then have them bring somebody to a meeting or an event that you are doing. Today I have received for our Lions, the Proud Lion Award, and a lovely pin for Lion Cindy and Lion Fred. Congratulations. And certificates each of you.

And congratulations to Lion Colleen for taking the time to nurture these new Lions to become wonderful, exciting Lions in Edwardsville and in our District. Congratulations Colleen. (Applause)

At this time I also have pins and danglers for other Lions who have sponsored new members into their Clubs. Let's see who is here. We have Lion Colleen Weiss, Lion Fred Pierantoni, (who had to leave early), Mark Mizenko, and Mark will accept for Diane. As you noticed on my jacket, we have our #1 pin which was started in PDG Pete's year, and Wally continued it last year and I am continuing it this year and First and Second Vices will continue it the following two years. So each time you bring in a new member, you can add a dangler to your list. We do have a sponsorship contest for new members. We are giving out a prize for the most women members at the end of the fiscal year and the most members in general. We will also give them a Proud Lion and Proud Sponsor cards so that way they can encourage their newest Lions to become active and a Proud Sponsor also. How about a round of applause for these Lions. (Applause)

At this time I am going to turn the floor over to Lions Steve Brezna and Mike Wisniewski.

11. Reports/Remarks

a. New Clubs - Lions Visit remarks by Lions Steve Brezna and Mike Wisniewski

Lion Steve: Thank you for those people who applauded for me, even though you were supposed to wait until the end. My end is on the new Clubs. I had the honor of going to the

West Pittston Club as an extended family member. I have attended a lot of other Clubs' meeting but this one was my first official one as an extended family.

I'll tell you what. At first when you put your name down on there, you say to yourself "oh yeah, here it is another meeting – just what I need." But when I got there, to see the enthusiasm of the new Club, and all the different activities that they are involved in was pretty rewarding. When you go there in this capacity, what you do, you can make a presentation, but I basically sat back and when they had questions I answered them. It was great. I'd like to see more of you get involved with such a thing. What I have here is a schedule for the Pittston City Lions Club. They're meeting on the First and the Third Tuesdays of the month. I have it here and I'd like to pass it around. Anybody that would like to sign up I need your name, your phone number, your email address and you will be informed as to where the meeting is going to be. You don't have to be a Cabinet member or anything else, just somebody that wants to go there and sit and listen to what they have to say and maybe you can put your two cents worth in at the end. That's all that's necessary.

Question from the floor – Are they Dinner Meetings? Lion Steve responded that mine was a dinner meeting. I know Paul Rose had been at the West Pittston Lions Club business meeting

DG Patty: The Mountain Top Lions Club and Pittston Lions Club meetings will more than likely not be dinner meetings. They are finalizing locations, that is why we don't have a place yet. They are in the process of looking at the Y and the Library, so I would say no they won't be dinner meetings.

Lion Steve: Like I said Paul Rose, PVDG Paul went to the business meeting and I got lucky enough to go to the dinner meeting. Good planning on my part – I haven't met a meal I haven't liked yet. Today was very good by the way Dave. I am going to start this with Fred here and if you would, pass it around, if you want sign up and we'd be happy to have your name on there. Okay Mike.

Lion Mike: Hi, My name is Mike Wisniewski; I am the Zone Chairman and also a member of Nanticoke Lions. I had the pleasure of doing a membership drive up in the Mountain Top area with Governor Patty Warwick. We had our first meeting and got two members to join. I think it was very successful. I guess there are other members still pending as far as membership goes up in Mountain Top area. So we had our first meeting and Governor Patty asked about projects they could do to let the people in the Mountain Top area know that there's a Lions Club. They are looking for places to meet and I suggested the municipal building. I suggested they should try that. They agreed to a fundraiser and I took it upon myself to buy the first dozen brooms for them and also Twin Boro Lions Club, that's Lion Steve's Club. I understand they have sold most or all of them - 16 out of 24 brooms. They made a profit already – they made something for their treasury already. It's a good thing and we are going to do ours in March again, we are going to run a big broom sale. You know Spring Clean-up and everything else and they sell well. We get them from Phillips Supply in Hanover Township. Any questions?

Also, like Lion Steve said, Mountain Top Area - visiting the Club, showing your support. They meet on the first Tuesday and third Thursday.

DG Patty: The first Tuesday is at the Kirby Library and the third Thursday; we are waiting for confirmation from the church because of the snow last week.

Lion Mike: So if you are interested in attending one of these meetings, like Lion Steve said, just put your name, phone number and email on the list.

DG Patty: Thank you Lion Steve and Lion Mike. (Applause)

b. LOPF - PDG Pete Duda (Wilkes-Barre Twp. Lions)

First of all I want to ask everybody: Does everyone know what the PA Foundation is? Okay that's good. Then I won't have to come to one of your meetings and explain it.

We had a meeting on the 6th of February and we had one right before that down at Council. There were 14 in attendance. 2 Grants were presented for approval.

1. District 14P is seeking \$3,456 for Camp Lily for electrical items and equipment for the camp redevelopment. It meets all the criteria necessary, and was approved for payment.
2. District 14T is seeking \$20,000 payable over 2 years for the Tri-County Association for the Blind. This grant will help to increase their services and expand one already in place. This request also met all the proper criteria and was approved for payment.
3. Note: District 14W is not seeking any grants. Why? I talked to a few clubs and they have projects going on. There is \$50,000 out there in unallocated grant money waiting for someone to apply. Why not us???

The Fellowship report was sent in and it showed that 32 new members were added so far this year making the total 1459.

The Contributing Member Program had 10 new members added so far this year making the total 614. I have the new pins and rockers available and any Lion can call me and I will send you a pin for the \$10.00 fee.

The board approved the design and ordering of club patches for the new club recognition Program. The program will be going out to all district governors and board members in the very near future. Please try to have your club participate in this program and earn the new patch for your banner.

Remember all money stays in Pennsylvania. Please note that any club interested in learning about the LOPF, please feel free to call me at 824-3929 and I will gladly attend one of your meetings and talk on the LOPF.

Yours in Lionism, PDG Pete Duda - LOPF Board member

c. LCIF - PVDG Paul Rose (Hanover Twp. Lions)

Governor Patty, Members of the Cabinet:

It's been over a month since the earthquake in Haiti and the Lions were one of the first service organizations to respond by donating a \$50,000 grant.

Chairman Al asked that we support LCIF Disaster Relief efforts in Haiti by making a contribution. A designated fund, "LCIF Haiti Earthquake Relief" has been established for donations for this disaster. It is our Lions' commitment to serving those in need.

We asked Past International Director Harold Ott about the possibility of those donations being credited as Melvin Jones Fellowship funds toward MJF recognition.

The response he received from Lions International was that "restricted" funds do not qualify for MJF recognition. When the board meets as scheduled in April, this decision may change.

As of now we have collected more than two million dollars in relief funds during the past month. Contributions of \$25 will provide food and water and clothing, \$100 will provide first aid and medicine, and \$500 to \$1000 donations go toward rebuilding.

Together we continue to serve those in the greatest need.

Now I would like to welcome the two newest Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows of our District. Past District Governors Joan and Bob Milligan. *(Applause)*

I also talked to PDG Jeff and he has money in the Progressive Melvin Jones and as soon as I give him the amount he has in, he is going to put the rest in and he'll become a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

I have brought with me today a Beacon Lodge donation collected from a container at Claire's Tavern, Newtown. Claire is the wife of President Bill Jones from my home club of Hanover Township Lions. Joan will you come up and get my lunch bag? *(Applause)* Thank you, Paul Rose, District LCIF Coordinator

d. Grants Opportunities – Dennis Cook (Kingston Lions)

I'll keep mine short. One of the things I've asked to let everyone know when we talk about grants – grants aren't as easy as a lot of people would like. We have a grant that PDG Pete helped us out with for a Pedivision scanner for the Association for the Blind. The other half of that grant was a matching grant. So we got a letter most recently from State Representative Eddy Day who committed to helping us out and getting us the second part of that matching grant. Obviously, with the State's budget woes and everything else, that's what's going on there with the grant Foundation.

We just put a grant in with Philips Lighting to help Beacon Lodge to get a bunch of light bulbs that they need so we can light the place up a little bit. Once again, as PDG Pete said, if anybody wants any information, just let us know. In addition, Kingston Club has a member going to Africa. We just had Intermetro Industries commit to about \$50,000 worth of product to send Dr. McLaughlin back to Africa. So the second part of that is we'll be talking to LCIF and we'll be seeking some of the International grants for some of the international type projects are a little bit bigger – they can get into tens of thousand of dollars. So that is pretty much where we are at. (Applause)

DG Patty: Thank you Lion Dennis. At this time, with so much fun - we are having a District Convention. Are you excited yet? Tropical Paradise theme Friday night, April 30th and our seminars, Necrology Service, our Business session, and our banquet will be Saturday May 1st. At this time I'd like to start with Friday night – getting ready for our Hospitality Night, Tropical Paradise theme with Cabinet Secretary Pat. Would you tell us about Friday night?

- e. **District Convention April 30 & May 1, 2010** remarks by Lion Pat Kwetkauskie (Drums Lioness/Lions Club, PDG Joan Milligan Plains JLW Lions Club), 1VDG Eileen Yurish, 2VDG Mimi Tosh and Lion Roseanne Linko (Dupont Lions)

Lion Pat K.: A couple of things for Friday night. When we had our planning meeting DG Patty had said she wanted to try to figure out a way to get the LEO's involved in Convention activities. So what I've done is invited the LEO's to assist me as the Decorating Committee for Tropical Paradise. I've heard from a range of LEO's and they can't wait to get started and figure out what we are going to do. The goal for Friday night, as had been in the past is to have fun, using a theme and what DG Patty had thought was in order to make the LEOs' experience more phenomenal than the adults is their Hospitality Night will be poolside. Their food will be served in the East Mountain pool area. We will need to make sure they have music, etc. At the same time there will be some education opportunities. We had talked about the representative from Leader Dog and/or the International Director taking some time with the LEO's as well as with the adults as kind of a warm up for Saturday.

I am asking now, and I will put something in the newsletter – in order to keep the costs down to nothing or no charge. – if anybody can line up a moderately sized plastic sand box for me that would be great, as well as a small wading pool. If so, you can email me that you've got one. If you could help me out with that it would be great!

PDG Joan: Basically we are going to have a pool party. I know we have a few excited people here. We are going to contact the other LEO Clubs – Hanover Area School District LEO Club and the Wilkes-Barre Academy LEO Club. Also any potential LEO's – if anyone knows of anyone who would like to look into joining a LEO Club or starting a LEO Club, we can also invite them. Cost will be \$10.00 for LEO's. We know the LEO's will need supervision so we are trying to work on a schedule so that they are chaperoned at all times. Again, it will be part business and part pleasure. I think they will have a good time – we'll all have a good time.

1VDG Eileen: When we wake up at the crack of dawn at 8:00 and my Club - JLW Mountain Laurel Lions are going to be serving breakfast. All you could eat pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs – no I'm sorry not quite. We are going to have some bagels, Danish, coffee, tea, juice, things of that nature at 8:00 in the morning. So anyone at the Convention at that time of the

morning, please come up to the Hospitality Room, our ladies will be waiting for you. At lunch time and we haven't quite discussed all the menu yet, but as far as I know its going to be cold cut, sandwiches, and the condiments, also some sausage and peppers from what I hear, and some desserts, cakes and so forth. So if you are at the Convention at noon, please stop by the Hospitality Room. The ladies will be waiting again to serve you. I hope we have a good turn out at the Convention. Friday night is always great. Saturday night is a little *hmm hmm hmm*. Hope we can get you there Saturday and Sunday. It's going to be very interesting during the day with our Necrology Service, with our Leader Dog representative, things for the LEO's. It hopes to be a real great Convention this year. So I hope you all come out and make it, come to the Hospitality Room after the Convention and the Banquet Saturday night. We are going to have the Hospitality Room open again after the Banquet with some libations and some food, leftover goodies and what not. So please try to make the Convention this year. I think it's going to be a great Convention this year and you won't be sorry that you came out. Thanks.

2VDG Mimi Tosh: The Necrology Service this year is going to be before lunch. This is a really beautiful service and it is a way to honor the deceased Lions from the past year. Club Presidents who have a deceased Lion should make sure to ask the family - a lot of times this isn't done – ask the family to attend the Necrology. It's a way to show the family that their deceased loved one mattered to the District and that we haven't forgotten them. It shows that they were valued and that we cared about them. Also, the family should be invited to attend the lunch afterwards as part of coming to the memorial service. It's really nice to have family members there. If family can't be there, as long as a Club member is there when the person's name is read you'll come up and accept a token of appreciation for that Lion and usually the program as well. That can be given to the family as well. It's much nicer if you have the family there because they appreciate seeing that their loved one was cared about. That he was valued by the District. So please make an effort to contact the families of your deceased member and ask them, *invite them* to the Necrology Service and to the lunch afterwards. Thank you.

1VDG Eileen: I have one more thing to add. As you know it does cost money to run a Hospitality Room and my ladies are going to do a fantastic job I have no doubts about that. I know your Clubs have received letters looking for donations of \$25.00 or whatever your Club can afford. If you can, please try to get this money into my Club so we can start purchasing things. Whatever you can do to help with, I'm sure we are going to appreciate greatly. We already received a few checks from some of the Clubs but they seem to be coming in a little bit slow. So hopefully your Club can send a donation to our Club so we can use this money to have a good Hospitality Room for you.

Lion Roseanne: The Chinese Auction - I've got all the tickets already printed up and numbered. But I need help with the baskets. I'm there Friday 9:00 in the morning until Sunday with these baskets. I somebody can help me during the day, I'd appreciate it. And if every Lion donated a basket we'd have one heck of a turnout and the District could probably use the money. One of the things I was thinking with my Club was going to the businesses in Dupont and asking them if they would donate something. Instead of your Club going through a big financial thing with making a basket, maybe you can get something from one of these businesses to put into a basket.

DG Patty: Please let Lion Roseanne know now, not April 29th that you are bringing a basket. It helps with the set up in the room for the Chinese Auction. One of the things about the District Convention – yes it costs money and we try to keep the costs down. That's why the LEO's evening will only be \$10.00. Friday night's Tropical Paradise theme is \$21.00 in advance. There will be games. Our Decorating Chairperson has some interesting things lined up for us. You are supposed come dressed in costume which means fun, festive summer stuff. Hopefully it will be much warmer than now.

This year coming to our District Convention is Carroll Jackson from Leader Dog. He is from – I forget if it's Michigan, Minnesota, which state he is from. He's coming with his canine Dog Guide Hunter and he'll be doing a special presentation for the LEO's Friday night, a little preview on Friday night at the adults' Tropical paradise theme and will have a special seminar on Saturday and also be at the banquet and all the functions. Our International speaker is Anne Smarsh and her husband Lion Tom. Her husband will be doing a *Lions Alert* seminar. If you don't know what Lions Alert is, well guess what – in Greensburg, Kansas, when they had the tornado and it completely wiped out the town, the Lions were first on scene to help that town get back on its feet. So they'll be a seminar on that. International Director Anne will be doing a Question and Answer time on Saturday. The sessions for the seminars will be in the afternoon. There will be a little bit of change in times to accommodate those that are coming to the Convention. So it'll be a nice time and there will be other seminars that will be put on by the District. Keeping with coming to the District Convention, if you want to vote and be a delegate, you must have your forms into Cabinet Secretary Pat by March 30th. Also, getting your form in doesn't mean you are going to be allowed to vote if you show up on April 30th or May 1st.and register. If your Club's dues are not paid for State, District and International, you can't vote. That's very important because it's important to vote for your incoming officers, for any resolutions, or any questions on the ballot. So please talk to your Club officers and make sure your dues are paid and they are current. To offset some costs, I have eight different individuals, two from each region, working on getting some prizes for Friday night, so everybody should go home with something besides the goodie bag that we always provide. So it'll be a fun time. Come out to the Convention, have a good time, enjoy being a Lion, have fun with others. Bring your friends and family. Invite a prospective member.

f. State Convention May 13 - 16, 2010 - DG Patty

The State Convention happens May 13th to 16th. It will be in Wyomissing PA, right outside of Reading, so if there's any Lions member interested, the information is already in the District Newsletter. See more next month. At our last Cabinet meeting, we had a candidate for International Director come and speak to us. His name was Sam Wagner -I just brought his brochure – and his wife Mary, if you were at that meeting.

The House of Delegates voted at the State Council meeting in the beginning of February and he was elected as a candidate for International Director for the Multiple District of Pennsylvania, District 14. The alternate is James Cavallero. There'll be voting at the State Convention for our possible International Director candidate. So hopefully he will be elected to International Director at the Sydney Convention in June.

At this time with the State, under the feasibility of possibly having someone from the State of Pennsylvania run for Second Vice-President – we're talking International Second Vice-President. If that goes through, there will be a special convention held in August. What that means is we are not allowed to run two people at the same time for an International position. It doesn't matter if they are different positions, you can not run two candidates from the same Multiple at the same time. So, after the Convention happens in Sydney, if things continue and progress forward, we will have a candidate for International Second Vice-President to be running in the future, and a special election in August.

Also I got in the mail a thing about Pin Traders. If your Club does pins, they are with the State. You can enter your pins, State, District, individual, and become part of that and possibly win an award.

Other reports are in the works. Is there anyone elsewhere from the Cabinet that would like to give a report or mention anything that we have not written down? PDG Bob?

g. Beacon Lodge - PDG Bob Milligan (Plains Lions Club)

Remember Beacon Lodge in your Clubs. Right now we are selling coupons for Bon Ton - \$5.00 a piece. Last time we had this, I bought a suit, pair of pants, three shirts, four ties and a package of underwear.

h. 2009 Lottery Calendar Winners - PDG Ron Phillipini (Plains Lions Club)

If anyone wants to see a list of the winners from the Lottery Calendars from last year, please see me after the meeting.

12. Lions Interaction: Lions Clubs International Needs ME Because

DG Patty: We have five minutes for Lions Interaction today. So flip your paper over and on the back of your paper are a couple of items. At the top is about Purina and Pet Supplies Plus. This month if you buy something from Purina up to \$25,000 will be donated to Leader Dog. So, that would help pay for the person coming to the District Convention.

Also, with eyeglasses and recycling, we as Lions do a great job of collecting eyeglasses. But then, guess what, they land into somebody's garage or basement and they get stuck there until we're all ready to head on to a better place. Something that has gone on that's new with the eyeglass recycling is that Wal-Mart and Sam's has collaborated with Lions Club International to do eyeglass recycling. They're supposed to be having boxes and containers at their Vision Centers at the Sam's Club and at the Wal-Mart Vision Centers. I don't know if there are any in Pittston, Wilkes-Barre, and Dickson City. I haven't checked. Does anybody know if they are out? A suggestion would be. I've tried and haven't been successful yet to get the van to come up from New Jersey which is the recycling center where they are processed and reused to be sent out to help others. If you don't have a lot of eyeglasses, possibly you might be able to take them to Wal-Mart and drop them off there. But if you have a truckload – I don't think they are going to appreciate it. Do we have a volunteer to see if we can possibly get the van to come up from NJ so we as a District can get rid of our eyeglasses? Anybody interested in wanting to get them out of their home? No? Okay we'll keep them until the next Cabinet meeting.

Information about the District Blood Drive is on there too.

At the bottom of the page is question - *Lions Club International needs ME because....*

Think of three reasons why Lions Clubs International needs me or how I can contribute to the association, state, district or club. We have 3 minutes to talk amongst ourselves and we'll have 2 minutes to discuss it so we get out of here by 3:00. Go!

DG Patty: Who is Lions International? Response: We are! DG Patty: Thank you. Who said that? Response: Ronny DG Patty: You didn't say it loud enough. The International Director Anne is coming in. Everybody here is Lions International. So we say 'I don't want to send money to LCIF because it is going outside' it's not because WE ARE Lions and WE ARE Lions International! Why does LCI need me?

Responses from the assembly included: To help others; Support and promote various civic activities; to help out community organizations and to help our LEO Clubs learn about community services, Provide service to the community; financial responsibility to the community and by putting our name out there is important in helping the community because our motto is "We Serve"; To support District activities, such as the District Blood Drive.

DG Patty: So why does Lions Clubs International need us? Because if it wasn't for us there wouldn't be Lions Clubs International.

13. Unfinished Business:

- **Pins Available** from Lion Andy Walgo (Plains Lions): I was cleaning house and I have about 65 pins, so if anybody is interested I have pins for sale. PIP Joe Wroblewski sold his pins – a Lions form India purchased his pins. So if anybody is interested I have pins. Suggestion: Bring the pins to the Convention.

- **Questions - Treasurer's Report:** - Dennis Cook: (Kingston Lions) I didn't want to bring this up because of our guests earlier. About the Treasurer's Report. I looked back in an old Treasurer's Report and a deposit was put out to the Woodlands, Check # 2759 for \$500.00. Do we have a status on that? That kind of evaporated.

DT Lion Ron: That was for the dinner for Joe Wroblewski. I'm not sure. I wasn't in charge of that – I just gave the deposit. The deposit was to hold the room and we lost it because the dinner wasn't held.

Lion Dennis: On our most current Treasurer's Report, we have a disbursement to the PA Foundation for \$1,000.

DT Lion Ron: That was for 2 PA Fellows, PA Fellowships. I don't know who they went to.

Question from the floor: Shouldn't that go through the chairman? We have a District representative on the Board. Shouldn't that be his responsibility to deliver the check and to let us know when they can pick up the awards?

DG Patty: I'd have to look into it. I don't have the answer and I wasn't involved in any of this. So I don't know. I could find out and see the best protocol to follow for this.

PDG Pete Duda: The protocol is it is supposed to come through me. In fact I was contacted and it was two awards I didn't know about. Sara Clark called me and asked me where did I want them sent and I said I don't know anything about them. Whatever is on the paperwork – send them there. I didn't know who they were for. I thought maybe they were for a Club who didn't send through me. I am the Chairman. I should have at least been contacted. I'm pushing awards, pushing awards that are already out. It would be nice to know what awards are already out there.

Question from the floor to DG Patty: Did you send the money in?

DG Patty: I didn't do anything with this. No.

DT Ron: No it was IPDG Wally. He had money left from his year, and he said he authorized it through to send the awards out.

DG Patty: I don't know about monies that are not involved during my year. That was last year's money. Any other questions about under Unfinished Business?

- **Newsletter** - DG Patty: One or two items, actually one item. Newsletter Item. Let's keep Betty in our prayers, Pete's wife, Lion Betty. She's back in the hospital today and hopefully she'll get a transplant very soon. In the meantime, while she's in there, and let's keep both Pete and Betty in our prayers, if you have items for the newsletter, for example, Twin Boro has a Fish Fry coming up and it's not in the Newsletter yet. We need the items now. Send them to IPDG Wally, email them to him so we get the Newsletter for March finished. We don't want to miss any events and there are a lot of events coming up.
- **Lion Mike Kravablolski** - From the floor: I don't know if you know it or not but PDG Donna Kravablolski's brother Mike had a heart attack. We just got it because we were mailing out for the Northeast Eye Bank meeting and she responded with that.

DG Patty: Let's keep Lion Mike and his family in our prayers.

14. New Business:

- **1VDG Eileen Yurish:** I know there's always a problem with the calendars every year. We have Clubs who don't participate in selling the calendars, and of course that's the only District fundraiser that we have. If it's not the problem with not selling the calendars, then there's a problem well we sold them for two months, now at the end we're selling them for one month. A

lot of people think that's unfair. So we are trying to think of something different to do – possibly. Lion Tom Mulhern from the Plains Club approached me the other day about an entertainment booklet that he's involved with. So I asked him to come here today and speak a little bit about this program – booklet. Will you please take it back to your Clubs before we make a decision? Another decision we were thinking about, instead of selling the calendars once a year for \$20, maybe twice a year for \$10 each. Sometimes its easier to get \$10 from someone rather than \$20. So I'd like to bring Lion Tom up and explain a little bit about the entertainment book. He's been involved in this for a year already so he knows more about it than I do.

Lion Tom Mulhern: Thank you very much. This has been a fundraiser for the Plains Lions club for the past several years. In a past life I've come across several things that work and some that don't. I understand that some of the people were concerned about the lottery tickets. I've come across something that you may have seen or not seen. I'm going to leave it at the front table. Take a look and pass it among yourselves. If you see something in there you like, please help yourself and take it with you. Some of you may have seen this through a school project or other type of fundraising event or activity.

Let me tell you my personal experience with it and then we'll tell you how it works. I came across this book, it was given to me as a gift, and so far I have using coupons out of that book about \$280 dollars in savings. If I would have paid for the book it would have been \$20 I would have netted \$260 in savings just for myself and my family alone. That's all within the town of Plains. Every Club is represented in this booklet. Out of the 40 or 42 Clubs in the District, some are more represented than others. The reason some Clubs aren't highly represented because you are not as industrialized as some other areas - Back Mountain, of course Twin Cities, Warrior Run Borough. You just need to go outside the town and you've got access to all of the businesses of that nature also. I don't think anybody can purchase a book like that and not recapture their money many times over. I saved \$32 in dry cleaning; I still have more to go. I saved \$64 in pizza. My grandson is a picky eater but he'll eat pizza, that's good. I get it for just about free. So I'm making a savings there -\$64. I saved \$45 in car repairs. The kids next door – both the mom and dad recently lost their jobs. Their both in high school athletics and they're traveling all the time. I gave them a whole page. My newspaper boy got a page. I have several technicians that I work with at Frontier Communications, they cover Stroudsburg, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton, York, all over the place. I sent them envelopes with coupons to stop for their sandwiches for lunch - by one get one free, stop for their coffee and doughnut in the morning. They are very easy to sell – very easy to sell.

A good friend of mine was getting married; I gave him coupons for tuxedo rentals. So if you lovely ladies would like to enjoy 30% off of fashionable items locally, they are in there also. As a marketing tool it is very easy to sell. Everybody here has been selling for years, probably longer than I have. It's not a difficult book to market at all.

I have some information here if you want to come up and look at it; I'll give you a copy to take with you. Basically what it outlines is: if you sell each book for \$20.00, for the first 350 books, you get to keep \$8.00 per book. I you sell 351+ then you get to keep \$10.00. As a District fundraiser, there would be no problem generating 351 books. For every 5 books you sell, you get one free. So that makes a nice gift. If you are a business man that's supporting your organization throughout the years, give him one. Christmas presents, ideal for anybody - \$20.00. It is risk free, it's on consignment. If you don't sell it, you don't buy it. I think when you look through that, take the opportunity, also look at it on-line; it might be a viable substitute to your current fundraiser. Any questions please stop by and see me. Thank you very much for your time.

From the floor: The Edwardsville Lions Club sells these every September. One of our fall fundraisers and we've always been doing this for years. Last year we made almost \$300.

DG Patty: So something to think about and talk with 1VDG Eileen in the next couple of weeks and see Lion Tom, he has some information. Technically as a District we are not allowed to have a fundraiser. We are not supposed to have one, and we really don't have a fundraiser, we have donations. Our dues for the District are 80 cents a member per year. So the choice is to find something we can do to supplement our expenses or raise dues. Nobody wants to hear about raising dues. So 1VDG Eileen is looking at the things we can try to do differently next year. Whatever decisions are made for next year should be supportive of it.

1VDG Eileen: I know a lot of you buy the tickets religiously every year. And I know some of you probably have never won. Maybe you're buying the tickets for 10 -15 years. And with this at least you are getting your \$20 back. You're getting something. Like Tom had said, for McDonalds, or Burger King, or a restaurant, or on an oil change, a car wash, something like that. I looked through the book when Tom brought it over. There's so much in that book. At first I thought, it's only McDonald's or Burger King and they're always having coupons. But there is so much more, from car washes to oil changes to clothing, to what not. To me, I look at it that at you are getting your money back at least. You're not putting the \$20 in and hoping that you're going to win. Me, I've been very fortunate. I've been buying the tickets for nine years and last year I won twice. So I'm ahead of the game, thank God. I know some of you have never won. So think about it, go back to your Clubs, and mention it to your Clubs. This is just a feeler to see what you think about this. Let me know, call me, email me, let District Treasurer know about it. Give us your thoughts on it, what you think about it. We're just trying to do something different, maybe to bring more funds into the Cabinet, to get you involved in this donation project that we have. So we're just trying to do something different if possible. So please let us know, take it back to your Clubs, and let us know how they feel about this. Thank you.

- **Next Fun Event** - DG Patty: I just have one item. We had three fun events so far. We went to the baseball game - even though it rained we still had fun. We went bowling; we had a Winter Carnival because there is no indoor Arena football. Guess what, we are going to do mini golf, maybe some driving at a driving range either at Mickey's in Drums or Richard's in Wyoming. That will be decided once I get a hold of these people because they are closed and the one place he was suppose to be golfing in North Carolina and he had three inches of snow.

15. Information for the Good of Lionism:

- **Twin Boro Lions Fish Fry** - Lion Steve Brezna: March 26 is the Twin Boro Lions Club's Lenten Fish Fry. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Anybody that's been there -the food is good. I have no tickets - they were not printed yet. That will be in the March Newsletter.
- **Swoyersville Lions Palm Sunday Breakfast** - Lion Angelo Costello: The Swoyersville Lions Club annual Pam Sunday Breakfast. There is a nice variety of food. It's at the American Legion on Shoemaker Street in Swoyersville.
- **Plains JLW Mountain Laurel & Kingston Lions Night the Races** - 1VDG Eileen Yurish: We are having their Night at the Races this coming Saturday. If anybody is interested in buying a horse, see anyone here from the JLW Mountain Laurel Lions Club. This is in conjunction with the Kingston Lions. Sorry guys! If you want a horse, see someone from either Club.
- **Barnes & Noble Coupons** - 1VDG Eileen: There are coupons at your tables for Barnes & Noble. If you are going up there to purchase books or have a coffee, take this coupon give it to them and we get a percentage of whatever you spend. You're not getting a discount, they won't give you a discount but our Club will get a couple dollars by you handing in that certificate on anything that you purchase.
- **Forty Fort Night at the Races** - Lion Kevin Winton: Forty Fort Lions Club is having a night at the Races on April 10 at the American Legion, Shoemaker Street, Swoyersville. Horses are

\$10.00 and all Lions get in for free. There's also going to be a raffle with three prizes – a \$200 gift certificate from Turkey Hill, a \$100 and a \$50 certificate and the raffles are \$1.00 a piece.

16. **4th Cabinet Meeting Acceptance:** Lion Dan Boehmer (Twin County) accepted the 4th Cabinet Meeting on behalf of Region 4. The 4th Cabinet meeting will be held on June 6, 2010.
17. **Benediction:** Lion Charles Warwick (Swoyersville Lions) gave the benediction.
18. **Adjournment:** Lion Andy Walgo (Duryea Lions) made the motion to adjourn and second was by Diane Lilly (Edwardsville Lions). Motion carried.

19. Region and Zone Reports

a. Region 1 Zone A - Richard Kilvitis, Chair

- **Total members** Region 1 Zone A: 114
- **Avoca Lions Club:** 19 members. Activities included: Monthly Food Bank; Installed Christmas Lighting in town and decorated American Legion Building; Held Santa Claus comes to town parade and handed out presents to children.
- **Dupont Lions Club:** 28 members. Activities included: Monthly Food Drive; , Christmas Lighting in town, Governor's meeting; Scranton Times wrote a story about the Dupont Lions Eyeglass recycling program; Secretary Rose set up Web site " We are the Lions of 14 W " .
- **Duryea Lions Club:** 22 members. Activities included: Christmas Lighting in town, Christmas party for children, Governor's Meeting; Donated to Duryea Little League, Holy Rosary Church for computers, Eye Bank.
- **Hughestown Lions Club:** 31 members. Activities included: Decorated St. Joseph's and had a Christmas party there; Governor's Meeting; Rang Bell for Salvation Army
- **Pittston Township Lions Club:** 14 members. Activities included: White Cane Coin Drop; Volunteered at VA Hospital; held Governor's Dinner in October.

b. Region 1 Zone B - Charles Thomas, Chair

- No Report

c. Region 2 Zone A - Marina Martin, Chair

- No Zone Report
- **Plains Lions Club** by Secretary Tom Major: 50 members. Activities included: Held annual Santa Parade and prepared 400 Candy Stockings for township children; Erected and decorated Christmas tree in town center for holiday season; tree donated by Lion and Mrs. Tom Fagula (Hudson), District Cabinet meeting, with 5 in attendance; Purchased and installed Phase 3 Christmas Lighting in center of Plains; Delivered wheelchair 2 to residents; Mailed out Stockings to our Troops overseas; Held Christmas Party/Ladies night; Donated \$ 250.00 to each of 2 Food banks in the township for Christmas - Total \$500; Made up and delivered over 140 Shut-In baskets to our area residents for the Holiday season - Costs over \$ 1200.00; Delivered wheelchair and hospital equipment to area residents; Picked up hospital equipment and re-delivered same to area residents; Donated \$ 50.00 to the New West Pittston Lions Club Charter Night booklet, and sent President & Secretary to dinner. Also in attendance 3 PDG's, PSC, and 5 Lions - total 10 members; Held work session to take down Holiday Lights and Tree from center of town, all done for the year with 16 members.

d. Region 2 Zone B - Mike Wisniewski, Chair

- **Total members** Region 2 Zone B: 101
- **Ashley Lions Club:** 40 members including 17 At Large, 9 Life members. Activities included removing Christmas Wreaths; Planning Dinner Dance to be held 2/20/20.
- **Hanover Township Lions Club:** 33 members including 1 Honorary, 11 Life, 2 Affiliate. Activity included taking down Christmas signs.
- **Mountain Top Lions Club:** In process of reorganization; new member canvas underway.

- **Nanticoke Lions Club:** 11 members including 1 Life. Activity included discussion of recruitment strategies; planning Broom Sale to be held in March.
 - **Newport Lions Club:** 17 members including 3 Affiliate. Activities included adding an inscribed brick in honor of deceased Lion Al Noss; Discussion of new projects for the community.
 - **Twin Boro Lions Club:** 13 members. Activities included prep and serve dinner for 48 men housed by V.I.S.I.O.N.; Annual Fish Fry March 26th; Annual Children's Easter Party March 27th.
- e. **Region 3 Zone A** – Kevin Winton, Chair
- **Total members** Region 3 Zone A: 87 (plus Edwardsville)
 - **Edwardsville Lions Club:** Activities since July 2009- LEO Samantha Weiss and Lion Colleen Weiss went to Beacon Lodge; Eight attended LCCC Leadership Conference. 18 attended Yankees Baseball Game; Four members and LEO Samantha attended First Cabinet Meeting. Three members and LEO Samantha attended Pauly Friedman walk. Participated in Blood Drive; Served coffee and donuts to Veterans. Leo Meeting held at Bernarods Pizza. Six members and 1 Leo attended District Rally; Four Lions and 2 Leos participated in Diabetes Walk; Four Lions and 3 Leos participated in 14-W Bowling Night; Charter Night held at Senior Citizens Center. Halloween Party held at Senior Citizens Center; Rang bell for Salvation Army along with Leo's. Held annual Christmas Party at Norm's Pizza. Added two new members: Kayla Lengel sponsored by David Souchick and Lisa Boback sponsored by Colleen Weiss.
 - **Forty Fort Lions Club:** 44 Members. Activities since July 2009: Donated to the Boy Scouts of America; Purchased one radio for the Kingston/Forty Fort Fire Dept. Purchased six tickets for the Plains Lions Benefit; Co-sponsored Health Care Screening with Kingston and Swoyersville Lions. Donated to Gift of Life and Assoc for the Blind. Welcomed guests Tom Corchasee and wife from Seattle, Washington; Held annual golf tournament. Repaired Lions welcome to Forty Fort sign on Wyoming Ave; Purchased ten horses for South Wilkes-Barre Alliance; Purchased five horses for Wilkes-Barre Twp Lions. Donated to Diabetes Walk; Collected for White Cane; Six members attended Teener's Banquet, Lion Mark Serafin recognized for his continued service to Teener League Baseball; Purchased District Lottery tkts; Donated to Swoyersville American Legion for Forty Fort Lions sign at baseball field; Two members attended Eye Bank Meeting; Donated to Camp Kresge. (NOV): Distributed 55 food baskets for Thanksgiving, Cub Scout Pack 123 assisted. Discussed plans for hosting Eye Bank Meeting in Jan. Bell ringing for Salvation Army; Distributed 55 Christmas Food Baskets. Cub Scout Pack 123 assisted. Two members attended Eye Bank Meeting; Donated to Assoc for the Blind and Wyoming Valley Children's Assoc. Discussed plans for soup kitchen scheduled for Super Bowl Sunday. Added two new members: John Davies sponsored by Kevin Winton and Joshua Weale sponsored by Paul Weale.
 - **Kingston Lions Club:** 18 Members. Activities since July 2009 include: Donated to Assoc for the Blind, donated to the Kingston Fire Co and the Boy Scouts. Presented Items collected in the scavenger hunt to Beacon Lodge and Domestic Violence. Co-sponsored Health Care Screening with Forty Fort and Swoyersville Clubs. Donated to the Kingston Fire Dept to purchase new radio. Purchased 100 backpacks and materials for the incoming Kingston Kindergarten class. Distributed 130 backpacks to Kindergarten children at 3 schools in Kingston. Finalized plans for the annual spaghetti dinner. Met with the superintendent of WVV School District to discuss plans for the Peace Poster and the Bob Greene Achievement Award. Held annual spaghetti dinner. Served coffee and donuts to the Veterans. Collected money for White Cane. Met with a rep from Cintas and received a proposal for AEDs and First Responder Kits. Met with members of Edwardsville, Swoyersville and Forty Fort Clubs to discuss joint fundraising to furnish AEDs to the WVV School District; Delivered Peace Poster kits to WVV Middle School; Approved contribution

to the Beacon Lodge Camp 500 club; Finalized plans for the fundraising kickoff for the West Side Lions Clubs AED project; Club committed to donate to the Pa Foundation for a PA Fellow; Peace Poster winners were selected on 11/9 at the Van Gogh Gallery in Kingston; Donation for eyeglasses was sent to the Assoc for the Blind; AED Fundraising campaign kickoff held at the Hoyt Library; Committee met with JLW committee to begin planning for the Night at the Races; Letters were mailed to members of the community for Goat Insurance. Purchased 120 gift cards to benefit Meals on Wheels. Purchased ad for the West Pittston Charter Night program; Purchased and presented a gavel and bell for the newly formed Edwardsville Leo Club; Discussed plans for a multi-club scavenger hunt to benefit Beacon Lodge; Discussed the status of the goat insurance fundraising campaign; Distributed sponsor and horse forms for the Night at the Races in February. Added 6 new members: Gerry DeBoice sponsored by Mark Mizenko, Christopher & Lisa Keska sponsored by Mark & Diane Mizenko, Patricia Curley sponsored by Rosalia Strasser, Eric and Ariane Marsico sponsored by Rosalia Strasser.

- **Larksville Lions Club:** 13 Members. Activities since July 2009: Attended Leadership Conference; Continued our service at Shupp's Cemetery mowing and cleaning up the cemetery; Made plans for Lions Night Out fund raiser which was cancelled due to poor results in selling tickets. Planned Holiday Fruit Basket event; Packed and distributed fruit baskets for shut-ins around town; Held monthly dinner meeting, joined by DG Patty Warwick and Zone Chairman Kevin Winton. Planning a spaghetti dinner to be held Sunday April 18th. Planning annual Easter egg hunt to be held Saturday Apr 3rd.
- **Swoyersville Lions Club:** 12 Members. Activities since July 2009: Co-sponsored Health Care Screening with Kingston and Forty Fort Clubs; Several members donated blood and/or volunteered at the Hanover Red Cross Blood Drive; Attended District Rally at Plains Pavilion; Collected for White Cane at local back and churches; Prepared and delivered 21 Christmas food baskets to the Senior Citizen Housing in Swoyersville; Sent checks to the local blind residents in Swoyersville - from the White Cane collections.

f. **Region 3 Zone B** - Atty. Dave Lipka, Chair

- No Report

g. **Region 4 Zone A** - Keith Medash, Chair

- No Zone Report
- **Hazleton Lions Club** by Secretary Andy Piskel: 27 members. Activities included: Planning Rose & John Weidick Christmas Feed A Family Project; donated \$500.00 to the Catholic Social Services in the name of Lion John Weidick Feed a Family Project – named for deceased Lion John Weidick who used to oversee the monetary distribution. Gloves, scarves and hats were also donated. Donated \$500.00 to the Joseph Maddon coats for kids project; held Annual Christmas Party; Planned for Valentine's Dinner.

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

- **Total members** Region 4 Zone B: 73
- **Mountain City Lions Club:** 18 members. Activities included: Participated in the new Lions Sign project with Hazleton Lions Club to erect a new Hazleton Service Organization sign in conjunction with Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs. Sign is erected at corner of Chestnut and South Church Streets in Hazleton; Successful Christmas candy sale that netted a profit of \$617.
- **Twin County Lions Club:** 22 members. No activity reported.
- **Twin Cities Lions Club:** 11 members. Activities included: Collected food items for Shickshinny Food Pantry; Planning for Health Fair in March 2010.
- **West Hazleton Lions Club:** 22 members. Activity included: Annual Christmas tree Lighting.

20. Additional Committee Reports (only those submitting reports)

- **2010 State Convention** - PDG Pete Duda (Wilkes-Barre Twp. Lions)

The 2010 Pa Lions State Convention is fast approaching. The dates for this event are May 13 thru 16 and will be held at the reading Crowne Plaza in Wyomissing, Pa. This years host committee District 14P have planned a special weekend for all lions attending. Special guest speaker will be International President Eberhard Werfs of Germany. Come out and meet the IP and have an opportunity to talk to him and discuss Lionism all over the world. On Saturday morning, there will be a parade featuring the MD 14 Lions and the Veterans Memorial Parade. On Saturday night we will also hold the annual banquet and awards night. District 14P has worked very hard on this year convention, so try to attend even if it for only a day. Reading is just over an hour from the heart of 14W, so if you can't stay the weekend, plan a day trip. Remember, the Dutch Country and Vanity Fair is just around the corner. The newsletter has all of the information in for you to make your reservations, so don't wait. If you wait till next year to go, you will be traveling to western Pa. See you at this year's convention. Yours in Lionism, PDG Pete Duda
- **Hearing and Speech Action/Hearing Aids** - Tom Major (Plains)

District Governor Pat, Officers, Cabinet members, and Lions of District 14-W. Since the my last report there have been four Hearing Aids ordered, two have been received and given out to the respective patients, two are in transit as of this date. I would like to thank PDG Bill Kozerski for his invaluable assistance in my adjusting to this new committee, Ron Filippini for his help in procuring the hearing aids, and Wally Bechtold for his help with the new forms. We all work better together. Yours in Lionism, Lion Tom Major
- **NEPA Eye Bank Directors** – 1st VDG Eileen Yurish

The Northeast Lions Eye Bank Board of Directors meeting at the Lions State office in Harrisburg on March 24th has been cancelled. Board members have been invited to the new facility in Bethlehem. Upon arrival we will be given a tour of the facility followed by a luncheon and an update on the happenings at the Eye Bank. Further details will be given for next Cabinet meeting. Respectfully submitted, Eileen 1VDG.
- **Parliamentarian/ Peace Poster** – Fred Pierantoni (Hughestown Lions)

The Lions of District 14-W successfully competed in the annual International Peace Poster Competition entitled "THE POWER OF PEACE". Governor Patty chose the entry submitted by the Drums Lions/Lioness Club, prepared by Emma Hazleton of Valley Elementary as our first place entry. Emma Hazleton's artwork garnered high recognition by multi-District 14. The second place poster was prepared by MacKenzie Janneh, a WWV student sponsored by the Kingston Lions Club. Third place was awarded to the Jenkins Twp. Lions entry prepared by Pittston Area Middle School student Julia Stella. Governor Patty will present awards to the students at the February Cabinet meeting. Clubs may now purchase Peace Poster kits from International Club Supplies for the 2010-2011 competition.
- **USA/Canada Forum** – PSCC-PDG Richard S. Yurish (Plains Lions)

Lions, the place to be is Milwaukee, Wisconsin September 23-25, 2010. Make plans now to experience Lionism, fun, leadership and fellowship at its best. No matter your age or years in Lionism, you will benefit from attending the USA/ CANADA Lions Leadership Forum:

 - Including - 60 + seminars on all aspects of Leadership training and club management.
 - Professional motivational speakers that will entertain and open your eyes to your potential.
 - The opportunity to interact with and learn from nearly 3000 Lions from all over the world.
 If you have never attended a Forum, I urge you to give some serious thought to make this the year to attend. As I get more information I will be passing it on to you; but for now, please at least make a mental note of the dates. You won't be sorry. Respectfully Submitted, Richard S. Yurish, PSCC-PDG

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

Being in charge of the District's Web Site is a fun job, because not only do I pour my heart and soul in it, but it also give me the skills I have learned as a Lion. Just take for instance when the District Governor told me the place for the winter carnival was changed, and could I put it on the web site. I had to sit down and try to figure out what to call the web page with the new info on it, being a Lion it wasn't as hard as I thought. I've attended enough lion functions to know that the page should be called "For The Good Of Lionism" so That how that page got its name. Now when the newsletter goes out and a Lion Club's Function was forgotten or missed the Newsletter. You can e mail me the detail and I'll put it on the web site. Respectfully Submitted, Lion Rosanne Linko

➤ **White Cane** - Andy Walgo (Plains Lions)

Of the 40 Lions Clubs In District 14-W, 13 Clubs reported White Cane activities including 353.5 man hours on White Cane projects. The total dollar amount raised was \$8, 2460.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Kwetkowskie

Cabinet Secretary

2009-2010

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Taken from Sign-In Sheets February 21, 2010**

Name	Club	Club Office	Cabinet Office Held
Region 1			
1. Roseanne Linko	Dupont	Secretary	Web-Site
2. Tina Mac Donald	Dupont		
3. Richard Kilvitis	Avoca		Chair, Zone A
4. Fred Pierantoni	Hughestown		Peace Poster Chair
Region 2			
1. Eileen Yurish	Plains JLW		1VDG
2. Andrew Walgo	Plains		White Cane
3. Tom Mulhern	Plains		
4. Leona Castor	Plains JLW		Grants
5. Mike Wisniewski	Nanticoke		Chair Zone B
6. Nancy A. Baiera	Plains JLW	President	
7. Stephen Brezna	Twin Boro	Sec/Treas.	
8. Mimi Tosh	Wilkes-Barre		2VDG
9. Paul Rose	Hanover		LCIF
Region 3			
1. Kevin Winton	Forty Fort		Chair, Zone A
2. Mark Mizenko	Kingston	President	
3. Dennis Cook	Kingston	Vice-President	Grants/Technology
4. Patty Warwick	Swoyersville		DG
5. Charles Warwick	Swoyersville		
6. Linda Zaneski	Edwardsville		
7. Colleen Weiss	Edwardsville	Secretary	
8. Diane Lilly	Edwardsville		
9. Cindy Wilson	Edwardsville		
10. Fred Wilson	Edwardsville		
11. David R. Lipka	Lake Silkworth		Chair Zone B
Region 4			
1. Janice Kelly	Drums Lioness	President	
2. Pat Kwetkauskie	Drums Lioness	Treasurer	Cab. Sec.
3. Dan Boehmer	Twin County		
LEO's			
1. Rebecca Zaneski	Edwardsville	President	
2. Samantha Weiss	Edwardsville	Secretary	

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PDG's and Guests

1. Richard S. Yurish	Plains		PSCC
2. Angelo Costello	Swoyersville		PDG
3. Peter Duda	W-B Twp.		PA Foundation
4. Joan Milligan	Plains JLW		LEO/Beacon Lodge
5. Jeff Katra	Newport		PDG
6. Ronald Filippini	Plains		Treasurer
7. Robert Milligan	Plains		Beacon Lodge
8. Pete Storaska	Guest		
9. Maureen Storaska	Guest		
10. Emma Hazleton	Guest		
11. Frank Carey	Guest		
12. Jennifer Carey	Guest		
13. Mackenzie Janneh	Guest		

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