

DISTRICT 9SW CABINET MEETING REPORT

UPTOWN CAFÉ-AUDUBON, IOWA

2:00PM

MARCH 6, 2010

The third cabinet meeting of Iowa Lions District 9SW for 2009-2010 was held at the Uptown Café in Audubon, Iowa Saturday March 6, 2010. The cabinet meeting was called to order at 2:00PM by DG Jerry Farley. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DG Elect Ardie Klemish and the invocation by PDG Dale Shenefelt.

Cabinet members and Lions Officers in attendance:

DG Jerry Farley

DG Elect Ardie Klemish

Chris Anderson Secretary/Treasure

PDG Martin Bishop MERL Chair/Extension

PDG Dale Shenefelt MERL Retention

PDG Reba Reed Women's Membership

Diana Benzing Public Relations/Zone

Darrell Whitehead Zone Chair

Deloris Collins Zone Chair

Dean Brant Zone Chair

Darwin Williams Region Chair

Carol Sheldahl Zone Chair

Sharon Johnson Zone Chair

Barb Farley Diabetes/Convention Co-Chair

Maude Bishop Diabetes Co-Chair

Clarissa Terpstra Historian Co-Chair

Beverly Fletcher Historian Co-Chair

Kevin Juhnke IT Chair

Sheila Haidsiak Iowa Kidsight Chair

Ken Klemish Leader Dog Co-Chair

PDG Gail Reed Alert Chair

PDG Virgil Lundy Pin Chair

Pat Parker Panora President

Alan Ladd Atlantic President

PDG Ed Angell Atlantic Treasure

Ted Johnson Shenandoah Vice President

Stella Baker Shenandoah Tail Twister

Laverne Deist Audubon President

Wayne Collins Indianola Eve Treasure

-Agenda approved as written, 1st Diana Benzing, 2nd Ken Klemish

-Minutes from Cabinet meeting November 7, 2009 approved as written, 1st Darwin Williams, 2nd Diana Benzing

-2009-2010 budget report as of March 1, 2010 passed out for review. 09-10 started with \$10,103.22, income so far is \$33,977.50 less expenses of \$26,533.25. Balance in bank account of \$17,547.47 with all bills paid. Three clubs have not paid 2nd ½ State and District dues: Harlan, Lorimor and Malvern Area. Budget report approved as written. 1st Beverly Fletcher, 2nd PDG Reba Reed.

-Welcome by DG Jerry Farley to all including the club officers in attendance. DG Jerry introduced the new District 9SW Information Technology Chair Kevin Juhnke from the Adel club.

-DG Jerry discussed his recent attendance at the Lions Faculty Development Institute Utah. This is held once a year. It was attended by 30 Lions from the US, Canada, Puerto Rico and Trinidad. It was a 4 day intense training program about Lionism with the final exam a 20-25 minute program conducted by each Lion in attendance.

-PDG Martin Bishop, District MERL Extension Chair, reported on efforts to start a new club in Dallas Center. They are working on another information meeting soon.

-PDG Martin Bishop updated us regarding the State Convention June 3-6 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines. PDG Martin needs help for Tail twister, Hospitality, Greeters, Information booth and ticket sales.

-DG Jerry mentioned the new Extension program, Club Excellence, found in the March Iowa Lion magazine. He would like to look into a developing new club in the Carter Lake area and would need Guiding Lions to help.

-DG Jerry discussed the District Care and Share program. This would include a Cabinet position and be part of our budget. 1st motion by Diana Benzing to include this project as part of our District with 2nd by Barb Farley; motion passed. Clubs are encouraged to donate to this new fund. The Neola, Council Bluffs and Shenandoah clubs committed to contribute. DG Jerry mentioned the need by two residents in our District that need financial assistance. The first is a 9 year old girl from Council Bluffs that needs a new prosthetic eye. She still needs \$805 to finish paying for \$3000 in medical expenses. Her dad is on medical disability. The 2nd is lady from the Lewis area that needs \$7500 for treatment to have a tumor removed from her right eye. This would also include radiation and follow-up treatment. Her treatment can be only done by a specialist in Ohio and insurance will not cover the expenses. The Atlantic club is already helping.

-Sheila Haidsiak District Kidsight Chair is donating the \$500 in the Kidsight budget to go to the new District Care and Share program. The budget will now show \$500 for this new item and Kidsight budget line to \$0..

-DG Jerry discussed the need for funds to Iowa Kidsight. This is a need because the State of Iowa has cut \$20,000 from its budget for this program. It is up to the district to make up the deficit. The Save Kidsight program will divide the District 9SW into 4 areas by alphabetical order, with a District coordinator calling each club for a donation. It is suggested that clubs donate \$10 for each member. The 4 coordinators are: DG Elect Ardie Klemish, PCC Ben Neideigh, Zone Chair Carol Sheldahl, and Kidsight Chair Sheila Haidsiak. The Audubon club is sending in \$500. The checks are to be sent to: **Iowa Kidsight Director Lori Short @ U of I Hospital and Clinic, Dept of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, 200 Hawkins Dr. 11206PFP. Iowa City, Iowa 52242-1091.**

-DG Jerry mentioned that nominations for the Klise & Whitten Leadership awards are due before March 30. Application forms can be found on the Iowa Lions website.

-DG Jerry mentioned four recent District appointments and need for one more appointment. DG Dale Shenefelt will be the new trustee starting July. PCC Ben Neideigh will be the next Youth & Leo Chair. The State Convention Hosts will be PDG Martin & Maude Bishop. Beverly Fletcher will be on the Constitution/ by Laws committee. The District still needs someone for the Rules committee a three year term.

-DG Elect Ardie Klemish mentioned there will be club and cabinet officer training at the State Convention Friday June 4 at 2:00PM. Officers will not pay for the convention registration if attending the officer training only. Training will be provided by the MERL team.

-IT Chair Kevin Juhnke mentioned he is available to answer questions and help clubs with their website. His email is kevin@juhnke.net.

-PDG Gail Reed discussed the Lions ALERT program, Next year he will be the State Chair for ALERT. The objective of ALERT is to develop a plan in case of natural disaster, a man-made disaster or public healthcare crisis. There are three levels: Level 1 affects a few people; Level 2 affects a community; Level 3 affects hundreds or thousands of people in a region. Darwin Williams and Ken Klemish volunteered to assist PDG Gail in case of community disasters in the District. Help will include such needs for food, clothing, communications, transportation and clinics.

-DG Elect Ardie wants clubs to hold officer elections and report to her and Lions International by April 1. DG elect Ardie will update the District Who's Who from 2010-2011.

-DG E Ardie reported on the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute July 17-18. It will be in Storm Lake at Buena Vista College. The District has one registered and will pay for 3 more Lions to attend. The District will pay the registration fee of \$110. This will be the last year of the GPLLI to be this close to our District. Contact DG Elect Ardie to register. This is a great training tool for community leader.

-DG Elect Ardie reported on the USA Canada Forum to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 23-25. Please contact DG Elect Ardie to register or answer questions.

-DG Jerry reported on the Spring Fling, May 1 in Neola. This will be a fun event for Lions and family members young and old. It will include wine tasting by a local winery. A local entertainer, "Elvis" will be there. More information will be coming.

-DG Jerry mentioned an interesting program to support local food pantries. It is called CANTastic. Clubs will collect donated cans of food. The clubs will take cans of food to form an art sculpture such as a car, robot and etc. Take a picture of the sculpture and send it to DG Jerry and donate the food to a local pantry.

-DG Jerry reported there are several Zone meetings scheduled for March and April. Zone Chair Sharon Johnson has one scheduled in Greenfield March 18, Nodaway Diner at 6:00PM.

-DG Jerry set a date for the last Cabinet meeting, Saturday, June 12, 2:00 PM in Adel. Tentatively location is at the Adel Library, with more information to come.

-PDG Reba Reed reported that the Women's Symposium will be held October 2 in Des Moines at the Family Directions of Iowa. Seminars will be on hearing, speech and Autism.

-PDG Virgil Lundy requested the \$150 in the budget for Iowa Lions Foreign Exchange Youth Camp. He also turned in \$62 of State and District Pin Money.

-Historian Clarissa Terpstra showed an example of a blanket the District is making. She is hoping to have at least 24 blankets to present the Ronald McDonald House at the Women's Symposium.

-PDG Martin Bishop and DG Jerry surprised Maude Bishop with a Melvin Jones Fellowship award. PDG Martin and Maude have been making personal donations..

Meeting adjourned at 3:34PM by DG Jerry Farley

Respectfully submitted by

Chris Anderson 9SW secretary/treasure