



4-C6 FIRST CABINET MEETING MINUTES Santa Cruz Elks Lodge, 160 Jewell Str. Santa Cruz, CA July 26, 2009



The meeting was opened by Governor Joe Pugliese at 9:00am who introduced the meeting MC, Region 5 Chair Shay Adams. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Region 4 Chair Maureen Moore, the invocation by District Chaplain PDG Tom Scanlon and the song led by PZC Sheila Doyle-Rickenbacker. PDG Larry Hidalgo introduced the visiting guests PID Dr. Bill Iannaccone and District Governor Marty Van Zandt from 4-C2, PCC's and PDG's, protocol was established.

District Tailtwister Jim Goodheart was introduced and he established "the rules of his game".

Governor Joe introduced the seminars to be presented and all Lions were excused to attend the seminar of their choice: Presidents Training by PDG Steve Brown, Region & Zone Training by Region Two Chair Hugh Donagher, Secretary/Treasurer Training by PCST Tim Musselman and White Cane Training by PCT Lila Johnson.

The meeting was reconvened by Governor Pugliese and the video from International President Eberhard Wirf "Move to Grow" was shown and his theme song "Open Heart" was sung.

District Governor Joe gave his Governor's report where he discussed the goals of the new International President as presented at the International Convention.

First Vice District Governor Ray Maglalang impressed on clubs the importance of Membership and his support of Governor Joe's goals of growth for our District. He also discussed retention, which is vital to the success of clubs.

Second Vice District Governor Liz Crooke reported that the goals Governor Joe has identified for his team this year are two that complement each other and offer a new opportunity for outreach to our communities. The first is the Lions ALERT program and the second being the new LCIF Development Program. We will be hearing more from her regarding both of these exciting programs.

Immediate Past District Governor Marlene Duffin gave a brief recap of our District growth status last year. IPDG Marlene also presented Greg Snow with a Leadership Shirt, which was originally presented to him by MD-4 Leadership Development Chair PDG Bill Newyear.

Having just taken over as **District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer** Jean Westcott had little to report however she did impress upon the Club Secretaries the importance of accurate information on the PU101's since that is the information used in the formation of the District Directory. CST Jean looks forward to working with the Club Secretaries and Treasurers and offers her service if she can be of help.

The Region Chairs introduced their Zone Chairs for the year as follows:

Region One, Chair Eric Childs	Zone One, TBD	Zone Two, Robert Ferber
Region Two, Hugh Donagher	Zone One, Joselito Abelardo	Zone Two, John Acosta
Region Three, Annie Black	Zone One, Gerry Stasko	Zone Two, Jeanine Healy
Region Four, Maureen Moore	Zone One, Barbara Chamberlain	Zone Two, LeeRoy Bowles
Region Five, Shay Adams	Zone One, Maria Suber	Zone Two, Bud Westcott
Region Six, Judy Nunes	Zone One, Jan Miller	Zone Two, Mark Washburn

PDG Don Simpson, **2009 4-C6 Convention** Chair, reported that all specified goals were accomplished at the 2009 Convention held at the Red Lion Hotel in Sacramento, CA for the purpose of electing a district governor and entertaining an International guest. The Committee consisted of PDG Don Simpson, General Chair; PDG Chris Morris, Housing Chair; PDG Bob DeUnger, Program Chair. There were 122 rooms purchased, 338 room nights used, 195 attendees, 10 first timers and 13 Presidents were in attendance.

Leadership Chair Karen Fillmore stressed the importance of communication in her report. Karen shared information on leadership resources, the MD-4 Leadership Training at Harris Ranch, the Senior Leadership Institute and our district and the LCI web sites. The Leadership Committee will be focusing on helping clubs that are struggling. Of course this committee will be working with the newly formed clubs to insure their success. Karen will be available if clubs have specific training requests.

Membership Chair Jim Goodheart reported on the Districts' membership goals for the year. He also reported That the paperwork for the Mountain View/Silicon Valley Club is on the Governors' desk and the Mountain View Club will submit their application by August 2009.

PDG Bob DeUnger reported that he and PRC John Costere our **District Orientation** team are available for training. This year training sessions will be done by combined regions and the dates will be announced. All new and prospective members as well as experienced Lions are encouraged to attend. New club members will be recognized at each Cabinet Meeting.

Women's Development Chair Leticia Acosta will be presenting a program early in February at the San Martin Lions Hall, more information to follow.

Committee Reports: (2 minutes max.)

A.J. Robinson Testing Unit President PDG Chris Morris reports that the "AJ" is doing well and have several health screenings and health fairs scheduled between now and October. We are scheduled to do health screenings for cities, farm workers, veteran groups and schools. PDG Chris also reviewed the rules for reserving and using the AJ unit.

Lions in Sight trustee Chris Morris reported that twelve clinics scheduled this year in Mexico and one in Africa. Training for those going to Mexico in September and October will be held in August at the San Martin Lions Hall. There are a couple of openings for Lions to go the Mexico in October and if you are interested or would like to have a program at the club level on Lions in Sight, please give Lion Chris a call.

Lions Eye Foundation trustee Liz Crooke reminded everyone that this organization will be 50 years old next Year, and a celebration is being planned for September 10 & 11, 2010 in San Francisco. Last quarter has been the busiest in the clinics history with 89 referrals from Lions Clubs. Statistics show that there were 10 referrals which resulted in 4 surgeries. The patients ranged in age from 7 to 81 years. Total surgeries for the quarter for all referred patients resulted in \$862,000.00 worth of care provided by California Pacific Medical center at no cost to the patients. If clubs would like a more in depth report on the amazing service being provided by the partnership between the Lions Eye Foundation and California Pacific Medical Center contact her or any Trustee or Advisor from our District.

White Cane District Chair Lila Johnson will be available to help clubs with planning or present a club program.

San Jose Holiday Parade Co-Chair Peter Herrera announced that December 6th, 2009 will be the date for this great PR project. District Lions will be tethering a new balloon this year and as usual monetary donations are needed and they are asking for all clubs to help with this worthy project.

USA/Canada Forum is in Memphis, Tennessee, September 24-26, 2009 and registration forms are available on line at www.usacanadalionsforum.org. PDG Bob DeUnger also announced the four guest speakers for this event: Thursday evening will be Dr. Charles Petty, Friday lunch will be LaDonna Gatlin, Saturday lunch will be International President Eberhard Wirfs and Saturday evening will be Craig MacFarlane. Everyone is encouraged to attend,.

Eyeglass Collection Chair John Costere announced that last year was a banner year with 36,000 pairs of glasses being submitted for recycling into the Lions in Sight Program. The warehouse in Vallejo is expanding due to the increase in volume. Besides recycling glasses, they will take computer cartridges, cell phones and all glasses. They have found outlets for all recyclables that will be itemized in a packet that will be available at the next Cabinet Meeting in November. Remember, only eyeglasses that are OK to be worn and not repaired will be counted for the District Contest.

Constitution & ByLaws Chair Dennis Miller introduced the members of the committee. The committee has discussed the recommendation of removing the AJ Robinson Committee from Standing Committees as written in Section 13, article IX, and moving it to Other Committees since they are a Foundation and have their own By-Laws. Further information on this matter will be available at the next Cabinet Meeting. For any and all suggestions pertaining to the Constitution and By-Laws please contact a committee member before the next meeting.

Peace Poster Contest Co-Chairs Medy Melate and June Fauson encouraged clubs to order their kits from LCI. The judging of the posters will take place at the November Cabinet Meeting. Contact either of them for further information or clarification.

Leo Club & District Music Coordinator Irene Whiteside asked district members to add the James Lick Leo Club to the District Directory as it was inadvertently omitted. Also, please contact her for further information regarding the Violin Music Competition.

Governor Joe Pugliese **introduced PID Dr. Bill Iannaccone** from District 4-C3 who updated us on the new Lions in Site programs for eyeglass collection and the changes taking place. Dr. Iannaccone also spoke further on the new LCIF Development Program using Melvin Jones Fellow awards as a means to raise funds.

Governor Joe introduced his guest **District Governor Marty Van Zandt** from District 4-C2 who complimented District 4-C6 for our vision.

Clubs were given 30 seconds for announcements.,

The meeting was closed by Governor Joe with him wishing everyone a safe trip home.

Special thanks to Santa Cruz Lions for setting up and providing the wonderful snacks during breaks and everyone who helped make this Cabinet Meeting a success.

The next Cabinet meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2009 at the Prunedale Grange.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Westcott
Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer