



Official Minutes

Second District Meeting – District 4-A1

November 8 – 9, 2013

Waterford Community Center

Friday, November 8, 2013: Fall color and beautiful weather greeted all who attended the delicious Tri-Tip dinner at the Waterford Community Center put on by the Waterford Lions Club. There were about 35 people in attendance and we enjoyed Country Western music/singing by Scott Foster. A few people even got up and danced!

Saturday, November 9, 2013: about 75 people

0645 Continental Breakfast was served by Riverbank Lions Club – lots of great fresh fruit and muffins!

0715 Cabinet Meeting presided over by DG Tom Bauder in the Board Room. Members present: DG Tom Bauder, 2VDG Ron Raines, Cabinet Secretary Sue Carner, RC Kenny Ayers, RC Eileen Vaccarezza, ZC Carrie Guadagnolo, ZC Dee Heller, ZC John Sondeno. Others included PDG Pat Casey-Gillum, PDG Francis Bognuda and CMC chair Dave Bailey. Unfortunately this was the same weekend as the Leadership Institute in Sacramento, so 1 RC and 1 ZC were not available for our meeting.

a) DG Tom discussed the main goal of LCI this year is to increase membership.

b) He encouraged RCs and ZCs to get places and judges for Student Speaker Contests ASAP. Also RCs and ZCs should check with their clubs to make sure that if they are participating that they have gotten their packets. Where there is a lack of ZC, the packet was sent to the RC. RCs please keep in touch with each other so that the region contests are not the same day and the contest chair can attend each one.

c) Potential candidates for 2VDG: RC Marilyn Richardson. ZC Wendy Dart is a potential candidate in a couple of years when she has more requirements fulfilled. Cabinet is encouraged to talk it up with other potential candidates in the District. Unfortunately some of the better ones will not be able to do it until they retire (and a lot can happen by then), don't have the finances, or don't want to go through the 3 year commitment. It was brought up that PDGs should be working on searching out potential candidates earlier in the year.

d) PDG Pat CG covered the GMT/GLT meetings; one was held in October, and both PDG Pats are conducting whole group classes today: PDG Pat Dimond will give an intro to "Club Excellence Process" and PDG Pat CG will present how to do a "Proper Orientation of New Members". Next

GMT/GLT meeting will probably be the next District Meeting in Feb. due to the holidays.

e) Reports: ZC Carrie will have a Joint Zone Mtg (Zones 1 & 3) on 11/20 at UJ's in Stockton. ZC Dee Heller will have her zone meeting on 11/20 also, at Livingston – sweet potato contest. ZC John Sondeno will have his meeting on 11/18 at Jackson Lions meeting place – Mel & Fays. Also Jackson Lions will be having a Sep. Rodeo fundraiser for the first time. RC Kenny Ayers is attempting to get to all the Stanislaus visitations and checking the clubs to see how they are doing. 2VDG Ron reported on the sale of Rose Parade patches during his club visitations. CMC chair Dave announced that the April convention application/registration will be on the 4-A1 web site by 1 Dec (hopefully with PayPal). Also the hotel reservations can be made at Marriott's, San Ramon at 1-800-228-9290 with "link" Lions Cub District 4A1 2014. PDG Francis needs to make sure that clubs who have winning speakers for the convention competition let him know how many family members will be attending so that lunch is provided.

0805 Finance meeting was conducted by IPDG Jim Syvertsen in the Board room. PDG Pat Casey Gillum, District Treasurer, presented the district budget (July – Nov). Previous minutes were emailed to members. Minutes of this meeting will be provided by her.

0900 Introduction of the Head Table done by RC Kenny Ayers and DG Tom Bauder: 2VDG Ron Raines, Lion Barbara Raines and "Orianne" their CCI puppy in training; Lion Toni Dickerson (DG spouse), CS Sue Carner, along with CT Pat Casey-Gillum (GMT), and PDG Pat Dimond (GLT). Pledge was done by ZC Chuck Profito and song by Lion President Carol Shipley. Invocation was done by Chaplain Jill Loving and Honorary by PDG Russ Custer.

Organization Reports:

a) District Eyemobile: President Allen Hoek, OD reports that Lion Mel Carothers will not be moving after all, so for now the Eyemobile can continue to be stored at his home in Turlock. Club donations are down. By the end of 2017, the diesel engine will be illegal – emissions issue. Question was asked if there is some way to not have it illegal considering what its job is and the distance it is driven in a year. It would be costly to replace but it would also be costly to buy a new Eyemobile.

b) Disaster: PDG Tom Penhallegon gave a great report on the Sonora Rim Fire Disaster and how the Sonora Lions got involved with the Red Cross. Initially the Lions helped set up cots and tables at the Sonora fairgrounds. Then they determined that the greatest need would be to feed the evacuees, workers (volunteers), firepersons, and deputies. The first night they served 300 spaghetti dinners. Then the problem was the small donations of food – how to cook and serve (ended up using the local food bank). Fortunately major corporations kicked in with money and supplies of food and water. So for 16 days the club ran the kitchen with much help from our district as well as other CA districts and volunteers. DG Tom was able to get a \$10,000 grant from LCIF which we eventually gave back about \$9000 due to the many monetary donations. Total of 6340 meals were served with 3500 service hours and 42 clubs assisting. Many thanks to PDG Tom, his spouse Lion Wendy Dart, Lion Shirley Wonder, Lion Bob Bader and the rest of the Sonora Lions, and the local retired MSGT cook! Make that man a Lion!

c) District Convention: CMC chair Dave Bailey introduced the rest of the committee – Lions Jim

Weaver, Lon Hamburger, PDG Francis Bognuda, and PDG Pat Dimond. He also reported that a convention packet would be mailed to every club secretary. The registration packet will also be on the district web site, along with further information. Convention will be at Marriott's in San Ramon the last weekend of April, 2014. Deal was made for rooms and meals which requires that we will be there in 2015 also.

d) LCIF: PDG Don Allen introduced his "furry partner Olani" (sister of Orianne) who is his CCI puppy in training this year (#3 puppy – way to go PDG Don!). (I know, I know, CCI has nothing to do with LCIF except that PDG Don rarely goes anywhere without her so I had to introduce her to you.) \$12,000 have been donated by district clubs this year with \$9,300 for disaster relief. Clubs have donated \$29,000 over the years but have not designated recipients for MJFs. Clubs please check to see if you have a MJF (Melvin Jones Fellow) waiting to be presented to a deserving member or community supporter! If you have not got \$1000 donated, maybe this would be a good time to finish the donation and designate a recipient!

e) Parker's Prom: ZC Dee Heller reported that the prom will be held in Feb 2014 at Madera Children's Hospital. Please contact Liz Bockhop for further information C: 559-474-0478.

CS Sue presented Certified Guiding Lions Awards which were completed in IPDG Jim's year. Those members who were not present will have their RC or ZC present the awards to them at their meeting.

1010 Club Excellence Process by PDG Pat Dimond. Lion Jim Gormely of Sonora Lions spoke to us about having used this process to get his club excited enough to have won 2 top club awards and bring in 7 new members! Following the process the members were able to note strengths and weaknesses of the club. After completing the community needs assessment, and comparing the information obtained to current projects, also utilizing the goals of LCI and the current DG, they changed their projects. One they were very proud of was rebuilding the Lions' Community Park. President Lanae Rutherford of Modesto Sunset Lions found that after their assessment, they got together with the local Hospice unit and found out that patients still at home needed help with yard work and housework. The club has gotten together with a couple of families and spent a couple of hours each doing the yard work and house work that was badly needed and definitely a great accomplishment. What a great feeling with limited amount of expense and effort! PDG Pat D. then gave an introductory spiel about the process. During this presentation the Convention Management Committee (CMC) met outside.

f) Lion Connie O'Dea gave a presentation on the Rose Parade Float after thanking 2VDG Ron for having talked about the float at the DG visitations. 2VDG Ron stated he still has patches for sale to raise money for the float (\$100). He also talked about club web sites which he has been working on for 5 years. He has been updating the ones he works on but he needs the clubs to help out financially for their website maintenance, a \$20 charge per year. This is necessary as he does not receive any funds from the district budget.

PDG Tom Penhallegon ran an auction for a pair of pants and belt left at a motel in Groveland after a recent DG visitation. Bids went to \$41 for which Lion Toni Dickerson was able to get the DG's pants back! Donation was presented to PDG Don Allen for LCIF.

1115 How to Do a Proper Orientation of New Members by PDG Pat Casey-Gillum. (Now if we could clone her zeal and enthusiasm, we would have all kinds of new members!) PDG Pat CG spent about half an hour going over recommended procedures of an orientation (about a 4 hour process divided into small portions). Clubs need to have a "Cliff note" version of information for the club. The incoming member should have a needs assessment. Why is this person joining? Do they have special skills or interests? Need to have explained club projects/funds; visitations; zone meetings, District Meetings, and District Convention; club web sites; Proud Lion; "what can you do to help grow the club?" Unfortunately some clubs don't seem to think this is necessary and wonder why members are leaving faster than coming in. Or orientation is done after the members are inducted, like the cart before the horse. New members need to know what they are getting into BEFORE they are inducted! This is something the club membership team should be providing, as you can't expect all sponsors to be able to do an efficient orientation.

g) Lion Paul Wagner introduced himself as the Used Eyeglasses Chairman. He is requesting clubs box the glasses in apple boxes (will hold about 500 pairs of glasses). Please don't just leave them at the district meeting in plastic bags. Also label with club name so that he knows who to give credit to. Also please don't leave broken glasses and they prefer not to have loose lenses. If lenses are badly scratched they are not useable, that is probably why you are getting rid of them.

h) Addition to Organization Reports: Camp Pacifica/California Lions Camp

- PDG Russ Custer: LCIF grant used for completing the Challenge Course along with a matching grant from Chukchansi Casino. The Main House is mostly finished, need to finish painting. There are now 6 RV sites. The new caretakers (Roland and Kim from Lodi Mexican American Lions) will move in Jan 1, 2014. The Orchard House is being remodeled for them.

- ZC Dee Heller: announced some new renters – "Candle Lighters" from Madera Hospital; "Camp Hope" as part of the Family Justice Center by Pres. Carol Shipley; and they are working on a Blind Camp.

- PDG Steve Granlees: said that the Orchard House is in much better shape, especially with new heaters. At the Main House the office needs to be fixed over the next 1 ½ months. He announced that work days are scheduled for the next 2 weekends (sign up at the front table). They are hoping to get a work party from the local high school. Puncture vine has raised its ugly head at the lower end of camp and must be removed. Unfortunately the deer are rubbing their antlers on the Redwood trees so something has to be done to protect them.

- Lion Jill Loving: camp presentations (road show) can be scheduled for club meetings. Make reservations with PDG Jim Loving.

Noon Lunch by Oakdale Lions – hamburgers and salads. District Eyemobile open for tours. Peace Poster Contest judged. Won by Arnold Lions school student. Environmental Photo contest judged by attending Lions and won by CS Sue Carner. Both peace poster and photo were sent onto the Council Chair for further judging by the Multiple District. Drawing held.

Continuation of Reports:

- i) Golf Tournament: PDG Gene Weatherby is planning a tournament for the District Convention and hopes to have 32 players. Is looking at \$65 price which he is hoping will include lunch and does include a cart.
- j) Pull Tab collection: PDG Francis Bognuda spoke for Lion Bob Garibay. 621 pounds of pull tabs have been collected since the convention. Way to go District 4-A1! That is 62 nights provided for families at the Ronald McDonald House!
- k) Student Speakers Contest: PDG Francis announced the title again. Also wants RCs and ZCs to check and make sure all the clubs who are planning to have a contest have gotten their packets as they have been sent out by MD4.
- l) Top Club: no report and chair not present.
- m) Lions – MedicAlert Children’s Program: Chair Terry Anderson announced that the 3rd annual safety fair had been very successful with attendance. Merced Leos were very helpful. Attendance was promoted by children dressed in Super Hero costumes. Large promotion of safety with children’s car seats. At this time we have over 180 children covered by the program and hope to double that number over the coming year. Lion’s collectively have donated over \$24,000 to the program over the past few years. A program training will be held in January. We will invite all districts to attend closer to the event.
- n) Student Speaker Foundation: PDG Russ Custer, Trustee, announced potential awards for club members: (1) \$100 for patch; (2) \$200 Harry J Aslan Fellow; (3) \$300 Dwight D Stanford Fellow; (4) \$400 Don E Snyder Fellow; (5) \$500 Fred W. Smith Fellow. Please mail donation to Trustee. Money is used for the awards given to the winners of the Student Speakers Contest.

Thanks extended by DG Tom and RC Kenny and meeting closed at 1:30 PM.

Very Respectfully,

s/Sue Carner

Cabinet Secretary

