

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL – DISTRICT 23-C CONNECTICUT

Official Minutes: Cabinet Meeting, August 4, 2013
Putnam Congregational Church, Putnam, Connecticut
Hosted by: Putnam Lions Club

CALL TO ORDER: At 6:56pm by Immediate Past District Governor Steve Novic with thanks to the attendees and cabinet members for support last year

FOLLOWING WERE IN ATTENDANCE: DG Nanette; IPDG Steve Novic; 1st VDG Nancy Tucker; 2nd VDG George Salpietro; CS Denise Dudek; CT Diana Grisé

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS: PCC Ken Tucker; PDG Julie Shilosky; PDG Mary Krogh; PDG Fran Gregoire; PDG Bill Allen; PDG Frank Mauro; PDG Bob Tourville

REGION CHAIR PERSONS: Hilary Kumnick, Larry Updyke, John Bradshaw, Mary Krogh

ZONE CHAIR PERSONS: Linda Bradshaw; Tim Foreman; Ray Shinkiewicz; Jack Kinkler. Bill Martin, Rich Griswold, Frank Rowe

CABINET CHAIRS: Eileen Akers; Renee Anderson; Millie Burke; George Finlayson; Chris McCormack; Phyllis McCormack; Joel Zuckerbraun; Bill Burdick, Al Cormier, Pam LaFaille, Priscilla Lewis, Margaret Napier, Todd Pomazon, Mary Roberts, Marie Salpietro, Joe Walters, Ann Walters, Craig Woody, Michelle Wyatt and Deb Updyke;

OTHER LIONS/GUESTS: 2nd VDG 23B Kathy Randall

THE FOUR POINT OPENING was conducted as follows: The Pledge of Allegiance led by: DG Nanette Burdick; Verse of America led by: 1st VDG Nanette Burdick; Invocation given by 2nd VDG George Salpietro; Lion's Toast led by RC Hilary Kumnick. The thought for the day was given by RC Larry Updyke

BREAK FOR DINNER

IPDG Steve then turned over the Gavel and Bell to DG Nanette. He also presented him with the traditional survival kit (emergency DG Box) containing important items he may need during his year and added eye glass cleaning wipes to keep vision clear.

Governors Remarks: Governor thanked IPDG Steve and welcomed all the cabinet members, stating she looks forward to working for them and the district in this year. Putnam lions were thanked for their great dinner and presented with a check. DG Nanette reviewed IP Joe Preston's visions for his year as well as the Centennial Service Challenge.

Introductions: DG Nanette introduced the members of the cabinet. She also passed around get well cards for PDG Jan Miller, PDG Loren Otter and CC Art Mueller who were unable to join us this evening Introduction of 2nd VDG from 23B Kathy Randall.

Cabinet Secretary: Patches, ties, scarves and extra directories available for purchase.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Cabinet Secretary Denise Dudek stated that the minutes from the previous meeting (April 21, 2013) were emailed to all cabinet members, with additional copies available at the

meeting. A reminder of who the voting members of cabinet were. A motion was made by RC John Bradshaw seconded by RC Larry Updyke to accept minutes. Motion carried.

AUDIT REPORT: PDG Eric Jacobson reported on Saturday, August 2, 2014 Treasurer Diana Grisé and I met to Audit the District 23-C books for the Fiscal year 2013 – 2014 and from July 1, 2014 to the present. PCC Diane Bielski, the other member of the Audit Committee, was unable to attend due to family commitments. Lion Diana has done an outstanding job recording the income and expenditures during her term of office. Her understanding of the QuickBooks accounting system has continued to improve as she has performed her duties. Her administrative and activities checkbooks are in agreement with the system. She has been diligent in reconciling the books with the bank statements as soon as they are received from the bank. The Audit Committee will continue to work with Lion Diane through periodic audits prior to future cabinet meetings and prior to the Midwinter Conference and State Convention as well as being available for any questions she may have.

TREASURER'S REPORT: From CT Diana Grise. The figures were as follows:

Administrative Fund - \$36,750.84

Activities Account - \$72,853.09

(Check written after 7/1 to Camp Rising Sun \$36,802.29)

Cris Radio

\$3,020.00

Diabetes \$ 7,970.80

Hearing & Speech \$14,435.81

Interest \$ 37.11

Journey for Sight \$ 1,752.24

LEHP \$ 5,673.38

Sight Saver Day \$ 300.00

Youth Exchange \$ 1,269.15

Youth Outreach \$ 93.81

Motion was made to accept Treasurer's report by 1st VDG Nancy Tucker, seconded by IPDG Steve Novic. Motion carried. This was an audited report. It will be emailed by the Cabinet Secretary with these minutes.

BUDGET: CT Diana presented the proposed Lions District 23C Budget for Lions Year 2014-2015. She highlighted that Hearing and Speech had made request for \$4,000, having already received a couple of requests already for this quarter. The Finance Committee has made a recommendation to approve the \$5,000 request. It will be voted on under new business (Full budget attached)

CONVENTION REPORT: PDG Jan Miller reported ITC Frank has been doing a great job keeping everyone informed of the upcoming USA/Canada Forum scheduled for Sept. 11th - 13th of this year, and will be doing the same (thru our District Website), for both the 2015 Mid-Winter Conference & State Convention.

I will continue to be in contact with members of the Convention Committee from District A & B, and LCI on the 2015 International Convention next summer in Hawaii. I will keep ITC Frank informed so he can get this information out to our District.

I have been in contact with the Lions Convention Chair from Hawaii, and he has offered his help with any MD 23 needs we ask him for. I have spoken with PCC Sia (from District B), who was the Intl Convention Chair for the recent Intl Convention in Toronto, and will get the Flags needed to bring to Hawaii and discuss budget info with him. I have spoken to PCC Alan Daninhirsch (also Dist B), and will obtain Parade Shirts from him to have for sale to the MD.

There will be more to report at the next Cabinet Meeting in October --

Respectfully submitted --- PDG Jan Miller -- Convention Chair

GMT: PDG Fran reported Re: GMT

At the present time there is not much to report, however that will all change after the Multiple District GMT meeting on Wednesday evening. Within the next few weeks, somewhere around the 6th or 13th of August at a place to be determined, we will have a meeting off the GMT team. For those that are unaware of those that are on the team, it consists of Region and zone chairs GLT coordinator, 1st and 2nd VDGs and those that will be asked to "sign on". More information will be forth coming, please note that the whole committee will be involved one way or another.

The start of the Lions year is as follows;

June 30 Total members 1776

Drops July 31:15

Adds: 17

Total Members as of 7/31 1778 for a plus 2 for the month.

On a sadder note 42 of 53 clubs have submitted their MMRs for the month of July. Most clubs do not meet in the summer months, however, the reports must be sent in to International. Please contact your clubs early and ask them to do so.

I will be sending all of the pertinent information at the end of each month. While I am just the number cruncher, all that I am asking of you is to speak with your club secretaries as soon as possible, if they need help ask for it. The ITC will help them with what they need.

Respectfully submitted;

PDG Fran Gregoire GMT District coordinator

GLT: CC Marie Salpietro The Global Leadership Team committee has formed with PCC Diane Bielski, PDG Eric Jacobson, ZC Frank Rowe, and Lion Mary Jane Malavasi. PCC Diane has served as GLT Coordinator for the past 3 years and brings a wealth of knowledge to the committee. We are also fortunate to have the experience and expertise of PDG Eric and welcome ZC Frank Rowe to our committee, who will bring his attention to detail and technical experience to the committee. Mary Jane served on the committee last year and brings her energy and fresh ideas to round out the group. She has agreed to take on more responsibility each year of the 3 year term with the proposed plan for her to prepare to step into the role of GLT Coordinator at the end of my term. I am very excited about this team of leaders, and I am confident that with their help, we will provide quality training to the members of our district. On August 16th DG Nanette will meet with the Region Chairmen at my home to discuss her expectations and plans for the upcoming year. RCs Hilary Kumnick, Larry Updyke and John Bradshaw will provide Zone Chairman training for the zone chairmen at 9:00 a.m. following their meeting with DG Nanette and offer their expertise, advice, direction, and invaluable experience to the new zone chairmen, while seasoned zone chairmen will share their experience and tips with them to ensure a successful year. I will be meeting with MD23 GLT

Coordinator PCC Mark Lyon as well as GLT Coordinator Lyn Meyers and GLT Coordinator Ev Lyon tomorrow night in Middletown. PCC Mark is in the planning stages for an Emerging Lions Institute in March of 2015 and we will be discussing this at that time. As more information becomes available and plans are finalized, I will share that information with you. After the meeting with them, I will be scheduling a meeting of the District 23C committee. I look forward to working with this outstanding committee and welcome your ideas and suggestions for possible seminars. I plan to attend as many zone meetings as possible to promote the training and development of club members and future leaders. Zone chairmen, please let me know when your meetings are so I may have the opportunity to attend

.Respectfully, Lion Marie Salpietro
GLT Coordinator, District 23C

LCIF: District Governor Nanette, Vice District Governor Nancy, 2nd Vice District Governor George, Past District Governors, Region Chairs, Zone Chairs, Cabinet Chairs and Fellow Lions, It is with great pleasure that I submit the following report regarding the donation participation of District 23C to LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation) for Lion year 2013-2014. I want to thank everyone for supporting LCIF. Our district donated \$35,525, with 43 of the 53 Lions Clubs in our District making donations. This made District 23C the highest ranking LCIF supporter in Connecticut with an 81% club participation rate. Only 20 of the 12,193 USA and Affiliate Districts ranked over 80%, putting District 20C in the top 0.16%. Internationally 53 of the 45,644 Districts were over 80%, which placed District 23C at 0.11%. By building on the hard work of my predecessors and the help of everyone in District 23C, I believe we can become a 100% contributing District in this Lions year. There was one in the USA and five in the remaining International Districts in 2013-2014. When I did my LCIF training two years ago, they used the District 23C Leos as the example of a 100% contributor. I challenge District 23C to follow the example of our Leos and make 2014-2015 the year that District 23C becomes a 100% LCIF contributing District. Please contact me for a presentation to your club and or zone meetings. Again, thank you for your continued support. Respectfully submitted, Millie Burke

USA/CANADA FORUM: DG Nanette reported that it will be held in San Juan Puerto Rico on Sept. 11-13th. This is a great opportunity. Brochures and registrations are available at the head table.

LIONS TALE NEWSLETTER: Nanette spoke with Lion Shirley Annuziata. Prices has not been raised for advertisements for 11 years. Prices were raised. Please take a patron ad for \$20. See attached ad price sheet. Cabinet chairs will be assigned issues for which to write a report. Zone chairs will be expected to write a report for each issue.

CAMP RISING SUN: PDG Bill Allen reported: It is my pleasure to report that the Lions of District C have stepped up to the plate and donated the sum of \$37,000.00 to Camp Rising Sun this year. In addition to our donation the Yvette Enders Foundation will be matching our donation. This means we the Lions of District 23c are responsible for donating a total of \$74,000.00 this year. Coming up is Lions day at the camp Wednesday August 20th. Please let Keith or I know if and how many people are planning on going so that we can give the camp a heads up. I have directions if you need them. Looking forward to next year we have set the date for our next Gala. It is November 2nd a Sunday. We will have flyers out shortly so that you can make your plans. As we have in the past we are asking

that you as an individual or as a club project support it with a basket or donation. respectfully submitted, Bill And Keith Co-Chairmen.

LOW VISION CENTER: LLV Liaison, RC Hilary Kumnick for CC Art Mueller reported that that there has not been a meeting

DISTRICT DIRECTORIES: IT Frank discussed that in addition to the printed version that the directory would be online for designated individuals with log in access. Directories were passed out. All members of cabinet, books are with your club books.

Veterans Stand Down: Lion George Finlayson provided the report on behalf PCC Dave Burgess. He stated that contact information will soon be available if you would like to volunteer for this year's Connecticut Veterans Stand Down being held 7a.m. to 3p.m., Friday September 20th. Connecticut Lions will be providing both Eye and Hearing Screenings. 20-25 Lions total from all three districts are needed for the Eye Screening and 10 for the Hearing Screening. Lunch will be provided. Lion George asked about doctors for the Eye Screening. PDG Keith Lemire stated he and PDG Steve Polezonis will be there to support the Stand Down. Lion George added that they were seeking donations of reading glasses and hearing aids. Also, they were looking for an experienced eyeglass repair technician. DG Steve advised that Lion George was the State Stand Down Coordinator.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding new budget Motion made by ZC Frank Rowe, seconded by CT Diana Grise. CC George Finlayson requested that we buy additional flags. Noted will get discussed at a later time. Increase was made to clubs hosting meetings to \$550. Motion passed.

PDG Julie reported; Special Committee Report District wide Induction Day and Family Fun Day Mark your calendars and rally the troops. I have been asked to put together a family fun day and a District Wide Induction of new members on OCTOBER 19TH 2014... 12:00 – 4:00pm..to be held at the Hebron Fair Grounds and hosted by 23C's District Governor Nanette. I will need many sub committees and am looking for your help and input. I expect the induction will take place at 1:00 with the new inductees and their families as well as any Lion (especially their sponsors) and their families. We are strengthening our pride by passing along the pride of being a Lion and asking one NEW person to participate in what we do. This will be followed directly by an orientation about Lionism so we know everyone has heard what they need to know and they will be ready to SERVE. Around 2:00 we commence with the FUN part of this program. We will need food; games; bouncy houses; clowns; balloon artists; face painting; perhaps a handy craft that can be taken with.....set up; clean up; decorations; and a representative (probably the sponsor) to speak a few words about what is special to their club.....giving their new members a better view of their club and their community. Keep your eyes open and ears tuned in to get more details. We are planning lots of surprises! I will be available for your signups and comments. Our first meeting will be in about a week to get this ball rolling.....come along for the ride!! ITS GONNA BE A GREAT ONE! We need to build our membership back toward 2,000 members.....more info to come. Leos will be included as their annual picnic and doing Minute to Win It games. Leos will be inducted as well.

Veterans Stand Down: Lion George reported that he is still looking for help for Sept 12. We will be starting at 7am. He has a sign up sheet.

RC John Bradshaw stated that every club in Region 3 reported membership on time. Also serving at Pedivision chair. There will be a Pedivision link on the website with availability of machines and updated protocol

Lion Walt Keach reported on International Trading Pin association. Pin designed by Phil Dzornak, Ralph Dolan, Roger VanDyke and Walt won the International Award. Article will be submitted to the Lions Tale.

RC Hilary reported that there will be a Lions Quest Workshop Aug 22nd in Windsor. Educators for K-8 openings available. Please ask an educator that you know. They are finishing up the original grant. A new MD grant request is being considered. Our MD has become a leader and model for LCI. LCI is targeting CT for growth for Lions Quest initiative.

PDG Mary discussed making 23C shine with IP Joe Preston as we are having Humanitarian Dinner for Melvin Jones Birthday on Jan 17th at the Norwich Holiday Inn \$40pp. Please promote this with our club.

DG Nanette Oct 24-26th NELC weekend. Held here in Mystic. November 2nd Camp Rising Sun Gala and Dec 2nd Cabinet Christmas Party.

RC John Bradshaw made a motion to give \$4,000 to hearing and speech per recommendation of finance committee. 2nd by ZC Frank Rowe. Motion carried.

IPDG Steve Novic asked to make sure applications for Club Excellence Award are submitted.

CT Diana asked if Leo of the Year was announced at International. We are waiting for announcement. We may have another Leo of the Year.

THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

CC Millie stated the Eastern CT AAA Club was hosting a Steak Dinner Fundraiser on October 1 at Our Lady of Lourdes in Gales Ferry. The price is \$20 and proceeds will go to LCIF and other charities. Tickets available.

PDG Julie Shilosky reported: AUGUST 23RD, 2014 IT'S 5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE and that somewhere is the Salpietro's home. Event begins at 12:00. Adult donation is \$25 per couple \$15 per individual and \$5 for children over 5 years of age. Tickets are limited and we strongly encourage car-pooling for parking convenience. Tickets may be purchased in advance by notifying Lion Charlotte Turner at secrcharlotte@gmail.com She will send you a receipt upon payment and your tickets may be held at the door. We have a varied menu and appreciate any and all contributions to share. Please e-mail to Denise Turner at dtturner@gmail.com if you plan to bring something. (no need for potato salad and macaroni salad) Bring a folding chair to lounge your day away if you wish. Tables and chairs are provided for eating and socializing. We have fun and games planned as well as a best dressed JIMMY BUFFET theme. There will be raffles for your purchasing pleasure; teeki bar with

island drinks as well as punch. Can't wait to see you there.....any questions, please give me a call or e-mail. Yours in Lionism PDG Julie Shilosky Chairperson

Please submit all events to District Doings. Frank and Laura will be away from the 13th to 26th of August. Please submit early to get things in. Events through Oct 1. will be published. If you can please submit flyers in native document.

1st VDG Nancy asked everyone to support both the Lebanon Lions and Montville Mohegan Pequot Lions at the Lebanon Fair this weekend.

50/50 held to support the Lions Tale. Won by Jack Kinkler \$170

DG Nanette thanked everyone for coming and for their commitment to serve. Lions serve with all their hearts.

Benediction: by PDG Mary Krogh

Adjournment: Motion was made by IPDG Steve Novic, seconded by VDG Nancy to adjourn. Motion Passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:48.m.

Next Cabinet meeting will be held on October 13, 2014. Sponsored by the Hebron Lions Club.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Denise Dudek
Cabinet Secretary 2014-2015