

**Second Cabinet Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2016
McKinney, Texas**

Call to Order:

The second cabinet meeting for 2016-2017 District 2E2 was called to order by District Governor Tom Hayford at 2:16 pm.

Invocation: Lion Joe Crews

Pledge to the Flags: 1st VDG Charlie Bethards

Welcome and Comments: District Governor Tom Hayford

1st VDG Charlie I believe Protocol was established at lunch. Thank you to everyone for coming. I hope you enjoyed the morning and I hope you enjoyed lunch time.

Resolutions: PDG Jeanne Adkison

The following resolutions were submitted for approval by the Cabinet.

Resolution #1: The Holiday Inn and Suites served as the Host Venue for the Conference Meeting and the staff of the Holiday Inn and Suites extended their assistance and hospitality to the Lions of District 2E2 for this conference meeting.

Resolution #2: The McKinney Lions Club served as Co-Host for this meeting and the members of this McKinney Lions Club extended a great amount of time and energy seeing to the arrangements of this Meeting. President Ben D. Pignatano has demonstrated admirable traits of leadership in supervising the members of the McKinney Lions Club.

Resolution #3: The McKinney Morning Pride Lions Club served as Co-Host for this meeting and the members of the McKinney Morning Pride extended a great amount of time and energy seeing to the arrangements of this meeting. President Katrinia Rowell has demonstrated admirable traits of Leadership in supervising the members of the McKinney Morning Pride Lions Club.

Motion to accept all three resolutions made by PDG Jack Adkison, second by PDG Tom Westerman. Motion Passed.

Cabinet Minutes of Prior Meeting: PCS Shirley Coleman

Motion to accept the minutes of the first cabinet meeting made by Lion Juneria Berges, second by PID Beverly Stebbins. Motion Passed.

Treasurers Report: Lion Don Noblit

Motion to accept the treasurer/budget report made by PDG Suzi Schneider, second by Lion Juneria Berges. Motion Passed.

Constitution and By-Laws: PDG Tom Westerman and PDG Jeanne Adkison

The constitution and by-laws committee met at the beginning of October and to the best of their ability merged the constitution and by-laws mandated by Lions International to 2E2's constitution and by-laws.

The following three resolutions were presented to the Cabinet for approval prior to being voted on individually at the District Convention.

1. Resolution to amend the current District Constitution and By-Laws to be revised with the mandatory provisions pursuant to the Lions Club International Constitution and By-Laws and Board Policy revisions effective July 2016.

Motion to accept: PDG Dave Gramm, second by Lion Juneria Berges
Motion passed.

2. Resolution to reduce the District Student Dues to half of the Regular Dues to conform with Lions Clubs International and MD2 Student dues.

Motion to accept: Lion Lane Holcomb, second by PDG Carolyn Gramm
Motion passed.

3. Resolution to increase District Dues annually by \$1.25 per member to replace the District Conference and Convention Registration Fee.

Motion to accept: Lion Don Noblit, second by PDG Carolyn Gramm
Motion passed.

GMT: 1st VDG Charlie Bethards - We are presently down 100 in membership.

GMT District Coordinator: PDG Jon Paul Burnet

Presently Lion Charlie and I are meeting with a member of the House of Representatives in our community to build a new club in Southlake. The Denton Hi-Noon club is in negotiations with LCI to possibly bring in a team to help develop a campus club at UNT. The TCU campus club is up to 31 members now and they are figuring out what they want to do for their Charter Night. The Governor is working on a program in the Sherman area (Austin College). It is very important that you remember that this is not a one man show or a one woman show it is our show. Don't be shy, ask someone to come to your club. If you have some substance to your meeting they will come back.

GLT: 2nd VDG Pete Koschelew:

GLT District Coordinator: PDG Suzi Schneider

It is important that we be looking for leaders in our clubs. Let them know we have training for them. It's up to every one of us to look at our members and see if they would be willing to have a leadership position. We had about 67 members at the last training in September. The coolest thing I told the governor this morning (not that I don't want everyone there) it was really cool that we had new faces at that meeting. We will be doing training in April. Really stress the forum we will have the last weekend in Austin, it is good leadership training. The first 100 who sign up and register will get their hotel room and 4 meals for \$50. I would love to come to any of your clubs to do new member training or any other training you need to have done.

Zone Reports

Zone 1 Chair: Lion Lane Holcomb

We had a really good zone meeting and our governor came out and we did a vision test for using the spot. Our zone is still down 2 lions and all clubs are very active.

Zone 2 Chair: Lion Susan Curry-Langston - No Report

Zone 3 Chair: Report given by DG Tom

Azle, Decatur, Boyd, Bridgeport, Springtown – I visited three of those 5 clubs. We have assigned the Springtown club as a priority club which means that we tell LCI that we give them a little more attention. Jim Byrom has been assigned as a guiding lion. All the clubs are very positive and very committed and are working toward the District Goals.

Zone 4 Chair: Lion Elayne Matson

Howe, McKinney, McKinney Morning Pride, Princeton, Prosper. Our meeting for Zone 4 was held on Sept. 12 at El Chico. Presidents of McKinney Morning Pride, McKinney Noon & Howe were in attendance, as were DG Tom and Karri Hayford. DG Tom reported on the various goals for the New Year.

On September 21 I visited with the Princeton Club to let them know of plans for our Zone and find out a little bit about what they were doing. They meet at Citizen's Bank and we discussed options for more space as they are growing. They have a huge annual project: the Farmersville Onion Festival in October.

The Prosper Club had a great meeting with Don Graves on September 17.

At this point, McKinney Morning Pride has 2 members signing on as Century Club Members and 1 member registered for the Leadership Forum in February

In August McKinney Morning Pride staged a pancake breakfast at Applebee's to raise awareness of Lionism and raised about \$750 in the process.

Several members of the Noon Club and Morning Pride participated in a Community Partnership Blindness Awareness Day at Collin College to raise awareness of Lions Club in our community.

We staged our final eye screening of the year this week. McKinney Morning Pride is launching the pecan sales at the District 2E2 Fall Conference. They are \$15/package and can be purchased at the conference or later by calling me at 213-878-0364. The money from the pecan sales will go to purchase eye glasses for adults in our community.

Zone 5 Chair: Lion Vince Rosen

Zone 5 includes Bartonville, Highland Village, Lake Cities, Lewisville, Little Elm and The Colony. Right now we are minus 12 started the year at 135. I was at a Little Elm meeting a few weeks ago and they have a new member. They've had some fundraisers (fish fry, night at the races) and vision screening. They have two members signed up for the TLLF, 2 members signed up for Century Club and one member signed up for Texas Lions Camp license plate.

Zone 6 Chair: Lion Matt Morin - No Report

Zone 7 Chair: Lion Ken Sapp – No Report

Zone 8 Chair: Report given by DG Tom

FW Founder, FW Northside, FW Southwest, NW Tarrant, River Oaks and TCU. I have visited 4 of those 6 clubs, so far they are working outstanding. I was at FW Southwest when they made a donation to the ARC organization. They are all committed to the district goals. Just like IPDG Bob still trying to determine how to meet a bunch of college kids at TCU, it may be when we have their charter night.

PDG Jeanne Adkison: NW Tarrant had a rodeo last weekend. It was a success, I think we made between \$5,000- \$7,000. Today our club is sponsoring a fishing tournament for special needs children and we continue to sponsor movie night once a month for special needs children.

Lion Jim Byrom: River Oaks, NW Tarrant and Bridgeport all worked together on Red River Week (?).

Zone 9 Chair: Lion Paul Swartz

Zone 9 consists of FW Handley Meadowbrook, FW Riverside, FW Trinity, Greater Arlington, Haltom City and Pantego.

We are only down about 8% but we are getting new members in from time to time. FW Riverside has found a new meeting place. They are donating the money from their rummage sale to the schools in the local area.

Handley Meadowbrook had two members attend USA Canada Forum in September.

FW Trinity has been very quiet. Donated eyeglasses, Sponsored 2 young people to Texas Lions Camp.

Haltom City has found their niche – they have attended three eye screenings since August.

Greater Arlington, donated to Lions Camp Life Membership to the tune of \$6,000 all members are now Life Members. They are also 500% to the entities. Donated \$13,000 to several different groups. Planning on doing a golf tournament.

Pantego continues the pledge to be 600% to the entities, completed 3 of the 4 projects for Outstanding Lions Clubs Designation, Peace Poster Contest kits distributed to local schools, donated \$22K on National Day of Giving to be matched, Made donations to Hill Elementary, South Davis Elementary, Bailey Junior High, Arlington Life Shelter, Eyeglass Recycling Center, Organ and Eye Bank, Texas Lion Camp, LCIF, Leader Dog. Collecting Computers for the Blind. Collected over 500 pairs of used eyeglasses, Vision Clinic held for AISD school children providing exams and glasses, Support Vet Center with refreshments, White Cane Day donation, Continuing support for Meals on Wheels as a distribution center, Provided hot dog dinner for So. Davis Elementary teachers and guests and Financial aid to Arlington High and Gunn Elementary.

Zone 10 Chair: Lion Doug Martin

Unable to attend but following was received via email. I have visited all my clubs, 3 with DGG Tom and I am excited for all of them. All have great activities planned and I may even be able to get Everman reporting activities for the first time in 2 years. My goal is to all of my clubs to 4 Diamond status for the Centennial Service Challenge. One Member from Crowley upgraded their plates to TLC version, three members signed up as organ donors and one member applied to be at least a bronze level Century Club member.

Zone 11 Chair: Lion Raymond Vasquez

Unable to attend but received the following information regarding Zone 11 clubs. Granbury and Joshua going through changes in meeting times and membership. Cleburne discussing incentives and contests to bring in new members. Cleburne, Glen Rose, and Godley contributing to LCIF and holding regular meetings.

Zone 12 Chair: Lion Catherine Duncan

Aledo, Benbrook, FW Southeast, Weatherford Evening, Weatherford Noon and White Settlement. FW Southeast, 4 members very ill, one member has passed away. We have only lost 2 members in this Zone. We have picked up 3 members in the Benbrook Club. We have made some inroads into the Benbrook School District. All our clubs are up to date as far as their contributions.

Entity Reports:

LCIF Chair PDG Jack Adkison

District 2E2 has been number 1 in the State of Texas for the last five years. That means you are doing something. Everybody is donating something to LCI. As of the end of September 100% Donations and Pin sales amounted to \$7,442. We have 35 clubs that are 100%, 1 – 600% club Pantego and 1-500% club Greater Arlington. Also, if you or your club have small amounts in your LICF account you may donate them to the district. LCIF Club credits were received from canceled clubs Dennison Texoma and Frisco Noon.

TLF Chair: Lion Bob Pederson - No Report

Leader Dog Chair: Tammy Freeman - No Report

WSB Chair: PDG G. Polanco

I have been in this district now for almost a year, came from T3. I want to ask you how many of you thought the program today at lunchtime was great. Great speaker. I want to tell you a little story and when I visit your club I will tell you the story again. When I was a young guy about two weeks ago, early 50's, my father was the manager of this old beat up hotel in downtown El Paso and all these ranchers from Mexico use to come and stay at this hotel and trade their horses and cattle at the hotel. This one rancher that my dad knew was very wealthy. On the corner was a blind man with a tin cup and pencils in that tin cup. Well this rancher came by with a silver dollar, now silver dollars in 1952 were not worth much and he puts that silver dollar in the tin cup and takes a pencil. The rancher walks around the corner and my dad said to him you have plenty of money why did you take the pencil. He said that guy is selling, he has a business and I took the pencil and gave him his dignity. That's what World Services does, it excites people to give them dignity by putting them to work and giving them a trade to go to work.

Sports Extravaganza Chair: PDG Tom Westerman

Next Friday the 28th is the goal ball tournament at Grand Prairie High School. Don't really need volunteers but there will be pizza and you are welcome to come and watch. The Colleyville Leo club will be there. On Saturday we will start at 9:00 am and will need volunteers at the South Awards area.

2E2 ERC President Lion Roman Figuero

The eyeglass recycling center - I think most of you know what it is and what we need is your help in making people more aware.

This year the district governor has asked that we get about 60% participation, about 40-42 clubs for the district, thus far we had 10. We have another one signed up. We need your help in volunteer members. I'd like to see more people know where the center is and what we do. What do I do with these glasses that I've been carrying around for weeks in my car or are stashed away in the garage? Think about all the benefits we do across the world. We are not talking about a lot of money but a few service hours.

TLC Directors:

Lion Lane Holcomb – As everyone knows one of Governor's Tom's initiatives is to have at least one member of each club be a century club member. You know we have been a 100% club for years, but this year we are a 200% club. It's an excellent way to honor your members because you're not directly asking for money from them.

Lion Jerome Davis – I'd like to take just a moment and go back to our zone. The NE Tarrant Lions Club just completed our big annual fundraiser and raised about \$16,000.

We lost one of our most dedicated members this last month who was 97 years old. This member had been a lion for 64 years.

On the Lions camp run, we have made about a dozen presentations so far. We have another ten lined up. We have some clubs that have not had presentations in a number of years.

Rick went with me over to the Weatherford Evening Lions club Tuesday night (great bunch of people) and I made a presentation. When I left they gave me a check for \$500 and signed up 2 century club members.

PCC Rick Storza: First of all I would like to complement our elected Directors on doing an excellent job. I've challenged each of them to be 100% directors and they are working on that already.

Would also like to mention that we have a golf tournament and haven't had a great number of golfers going down. It is held the first Thursday in August. You and/or your club can also be a hole sponsor, this money goes directly to the camp. Golfers pay their own way.

You can also purchase License plates which cost an additional \$30 which goes to the camp. Again I liked to compliment the directors on doing a bang up job.

1st VDG Charlie, I agree wholeheartedly, Lion Lane and Lion Jerome are doing a bang up job.

TLC Bus Chair: Tony Blauvelt

The easiest way to see the camp is to take the bus tour which has been provided by Dan Dipert for last 16 years. Keep two weekends in mind, the first weekend in June and the first weekend in July. We take them down June 4th and bring them back the next Saturday. Does not cost them a penny. We especially would like to thank the Pantego, Greater Arlington and Colleyville clubs for their contributions which makes it possible for us to take the kids down and if you want to go with us, you are welcome. Almost 40% of the kids we send to Kerrville every year throughout the District go on the Dan Dipert tour bus.

DAC President: Lion Jim Byrom

Drug Awareness Council has already received 100% donations from 37 of the clubs, 500% from Pantego and 600% from Greater Arlington. The Drug Awareness Speech contest and Poster contests are on the District Website and will be judged in January. We meet at the River Oaks Lions club building every Thursday.

Organ & Eye Bank President Lion Temple Cottle – Lion Tod on behalf of Lion Temple

The diabetic essay contest is currently underway, documentation is available on the LOEB website. We have celebration days coming toward the end of the year, basically organ donor and transplant recognition and they will be on the website and in the newsletter. I would personally like to thank Lion David Schneider for his work on the White Cane Project.

PDG David – I visited 14 clubs all over the district last year and gave them white canes but the other day my club found out you cannot get the money out of them. So now we have a new and improved white cane.

I promised to give the club that collected the most money for white cane a life membership to the LOEB. We have two clubs that tied. The two clubs that tied and raised \$262 are Sanger and FW Southeast.

Julien C. Hyer: Lion Jim Woodall

We are kind of in our resting period. We had 36 campers from 21 countries. They had a wonderful 5-6 weeks in the state of Texas. The Wimberly Club sponsored a full week in the Austin area for all campers. The Lubbock club covered most of the expenses for their visit to Lubbock/Amarillo area. There are two things I need from you and your club (our budget is about \$100,000) as you know your dues and 100% might cover about 30% of that amount. The second thing we need is host families (about 20 every year) for about 12-14 days.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter/Information: PDG Carolyn Gramm

The last several months we have sent out emails for about 1500 newsletters and again there are only about 400-500 people read them and about 100-150 that actually click through to the actual newsletter.

Something else I would like to talk about though is the Governor was asking the entities to submit info for the newsletter. The ERC has done a great job.

If any entity presidents would like to submit an article, would be happy to publish it.

Convention Chair: PDG Jon Paul Burnett

We are rapping this one up rapidly and it is turning out to be a pretty good show. The next one will be in Decatur January 21 – this is primarily for the kids youth contest. There will be no registration fee but there will be lunch so bring a ten dollar bill.

The final one will be April 21-22 at the Holiday Inn Bedford. I suggest you get your reservations in early as this is a very busy hotel. We are going to have our 100th anniversary celebration and I'm proud to say that the FW Founder club is going to host our Friday night event.

Elections Chair: PDG Dave Gramm

Not much has changed since my last report. Nobody has turned in any forms yet for running. Remember all the entities will have open board seats, get your feet wet by being a board member. I also want to remind the 1VDG and 2VDG that in order to advance your club will need to send a letter in endorsing you.

LEO Chair: PDG Tom Westerman

We are down to 5 Leo clubs. One of things they are supposed to do is submit a form 72 so their officers can go on-line to make their reports. Once they have the Form 72 on file with LCI the Leo officer, advisers can get on online. There are only 2 online right now.

Lions Quest: Lion Juneria Berges

Lion Secretary Shirley distributed the 2E2 District Lions Quest Core 4 Grant Second Report. Due to LCIF procedures the cabinet must approve the report. The second report has been approved by the 2E2 Executive Board. This report has pictures of the lions participating, everything and also the financials. Motion to approve the LCIF Lions Quest Core 4 Grant Second Report and Core 4 Grant Financial Report was made by PDG Jon Paul Burnett and second by PDG Jack Adkison. Motion Passed.

In addition, Lion Shirley distributed the deviation of funds report for approval and the initial proposal and estimates of the sub groups. In order for our grant to have enough funds for the Lions Quest teacher kits for another school district - an elementary feeding into a middle school and this will be in a new district, I needed to move some funds around and so there is a deviation and I have talked to LCIF about it and they have no problem with it because they want it in the hands of the teachers teaching. The Executive board has approved it but it also has to be approved by the cabinet. Motion to approve The Future Project and Proposed Budget Deviation was made by Lion Juneria Berges, second by PDG Jon Paul Burnett. Motion Passed. Use it all because if we don't they will take it back.

Our asking of the core 4 grant was done in May of 2015 and in 2014-15 LCI year there were only 35 youth services grants that were funded across the entire world and we have one of them. Also, the Novo foundation is a partnership with Lions Club International Foundation and (Novo foundation) we have one of those too. We have a Novo foundation grant that came thru Lions Quest for Eagle Mountain Saginaw and was for \$150,000 - \$250,000 to put lions quest in their school district for coaching and observation by trained people for two years. Yes 2E2 is making great steps forward, however, we must start keeping going forward to raise the next \$35,000 for LCIF to match with \$75,000 so we can keep this moving forward. \$110,000 can change our world for our children's, teachers and our parents and tomorrow's world. So let's do it.

DG Tom: I must make an Official reporting as that in visiting the Lions USA Canada Forum I attended the Lions Quest representative and Juneria Berges is considered one of the premier facilitator and is recognized at LCIF as being one of the premier leaders of the Lions quest program in the entire world.

Opportunities for Youth: PDG Bob Carlson

I'm the Opportunities for Youth coordinator this year for the district. I urge you to be in contact with your schools and ask students to compete and be a part of the Diabetic Awareness Essay contest, the Drug Awareness Speech Contest and the Outstanding Youth Contest. These are three great things for our organization.

In conjunction to the Peace Poster contest, be aware of the fact that for those visually impaired there is an essay contest that takes place at the same time.

USA/Canada Forum Chair: 2nd VDG Pete Koschelew

I have not received any information yet for the next forum. I understand the forum in Omaha was a success. We had 10 lions attend. The next forum will be in Portland on September 21, 2017.

White Cane Chair: Lion Troy Dale

White Cane Safety day event happened on October 13 at the Stockyards in Fort Worth. We served almost 300 impaired participants including their supervisors, caretakers and escorts.

We had about 15 lions present to help and assist in this process. There was an interesting innovation during the scavenger hunt. Certain lions were asked to portray historic figures based on their significance in that area and who were instrumental in white cane and vision impaired. They were given a script to read. DG Tom was the mayor who established the first white cane safety laws in Illinois and our 1VDG Charlie portrayed LBJ. It was a great event.

Long Range Planning: PDG Bob Mitchell - No Report

International Liaison/Centennial Coordinator: PID Beverly Stebbins

I was very excited when we walked in here to see the banner patch centennial indicating that more than 50% of our clubs in the year 2014-2015 got credit for at least 2 of the 4 categories.

There's going to be another one this coming weekend (and Tom should get it) in Waco because we, you, all of us had more than 50% do at least 2 of the 4 categories.

As of yesterday's report, we had 2 clubs with credit for all 4 categories, 8 clubs that had credit for 3, 13 clubs for 2, 18 clubs with credit for 1, and 29 clubs not counting TCU and Howe that had 0. Please ask the secretary of your club if they are doing the service activity reports. I understand that we are only 4 months into the year but we have a long way to get there and if two looks good on the banner, 3 would look better. I have to tell you Pantego did not get 4 diamonds last year. But I guarantee you we will have 4 diamonds this year. We have 3 right now. We have eight clubs that have 3. The only two that show 4 are Greater Arlington and Pottsboro.

This kind of thing is not going to come around again in our lifetime. We still have two-thirds of this year and all of the next Lions year, not only on our centennial challenge but remember membership is a challenge too.

We don't go to our clubs and we don't tell our clubs we need to get better numbers in our clubs. We've got to increase our membership, but we have to sell it to our club members. Remember Centennial membership - we have until June 2018 to get members.

Another thing in the centennial is the Legacy Project. Go on the Lions website and there are 3 categories of what you can do.

Public Relations Chair/Lions Information Chair: PCS Karri Hayford

DG Tom: We made a new enhancement to the website so that the latest information is readily available.

Also, the latest newsletter if you go to the home page you can read it and don't have to print it. It is more visible. If there is anything else we can do to improve the website please let us know.

Trading Pin Chair: Lion David Bailey - No Report

Alert Chair: Lion Mike Johnston - No Report

Cultural & Community Chair: PDG Suzanne Henderson - No Report

Photographer/Environmental Chair: Lion Deborah Cottle - No Report

Hearing Preservation Chair: Lion Jim Woodall

DG Tom has contacted Miracle Ear Foundation and there is a program we are investigating and will hopefully soon come to pass. We also know that LCI has become involved with Miracle Ear. If you know someone who needs a hearing aid, your club can sponsor them and pay for it. The charge will be \$150/ear. There will be more information forthcoming. Compare it to helping someone with a pair of eyeglasses - we can also help someone with a hearing aid.

Old Business DG Tom Hayford - No Report

Treasurer Don: There is a new format under IRS.gov for the 990. You have to fill out a one-time form before you can do the 990 which is due by November 15th and if you miss that date and you haven't filed for an extension there will be a \$2,300 fine. If you file a paper form 990 or 990EZ they will promptly lose it, because they do not want you to file a paper form, they want you filing electronically.

Parade of Checks: The NW Tarrant Lions Club of District 2E2 wants to pay all of their 100% donations.

TLERC: President Clayton Meissner

I want to thank Colleyville for their \$1,000 last year. Right now we are helping Chihuahua with an LCIF grant and putting together a new clinic in Mexico and asking LCIF for another grant. We are fixing to have a group of Lions from Bangladesh come in for training so they can do mission work. We just sent 10 spots to California. We are buying spots for cheaper the price. We are changing our bylaws so that our annual meeting will not be in May or June.

New Business: DG Tom Hayford - None

Closing Remarks: DG Tom Hayford

I'd like to bring to the cabinet's attention a program we are trying to move forward with and it is the Remembrance Bereavement proclamation. If you have a member which has passed away we would like to honor them with a proclamation. Lion Joe has the templates. They are very impactful to the families and we have already presented two.

Benediction: Lion Joe Crews

Meeting was adjourned by DG Tom Hayford at 4:17 pm