

WINDER NOON  
LIONS CLUB



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INTERNATIONAL

DISTRICT 18 - D  
REGION III  
ZONE 2

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1996  
WINDER COMMUNITY CENTER

WINDER, GEORGIA

## PROGRAM

CALL TO ORDER .....	Master of Ceremonies Buddy Ouzts Past District Governor Council Advisor Lions of Georgia
FLAG SALUTE .....	Carol Ouzts Winder Noon Lions
AMERICA .....	Led by Millard Havener Past District Governor, District Song Leader
INVOCATION .....	George Mathews Chaplain, Winder Noon Lions
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS ..	Master of Ceremonies Buddy Ouzts Past District Governor Council Advisor Lions of Georgia
DINNER	
TAIL TWISTER .....	Ray Mattison Winder Noon Lions
INDUCTION OF MEMBERS	
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS .....	Dr. John Pearce Past International Director
CHARGE TO NEW OFFICERS .....	Clark Lamb Past District Governor Council Chairman Lions of Georgia
PRESENTATION OF CHARTER AND CLUB BANNER .....	Jim Panter District Governor 18-D
ACCEPTANCE .....	Bobby Reynolds President, Winder Noon Lions
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER .....	Myers Banister Past International Director
SPEAKER .....	Jim Ervin Past International Director Candidate for Third Vice-president of Lions International
RESPONSE .....	Donald Hardigree Past District Governor Secretary/Treasurer Winder Noon Lions Club
PRESENTATION OF GONG AND GAVEL .....	Hubert Briscoe President of Winder Lions Club - Sponsoring Club
CLOSING REMARKS .....	Master of Ceremonies Buddy Ouzts Past District Governor Council Advisor Lions of Georgia
BENEDICTION .....	Lion George Mathews Chaplain, Winder Noon Lions

## WINDER NOON LIONS CLUB

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### CHARTER OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President .....	Bobby Reynolds
1st Vice President .....	Ron Copeland
2nd Vice President .....	Colleen Williams
3rd Vice President .....	Vicki Smith
Secretary/Treasurer .....	Donald Hardigree
Tail Twister .....	Ray Mattison
Lion Tamer .....	Joe Royal
Membership .....	Beth Caldwell
Chaplain .....	George Mathews

### DIRECTORS

TWO YEAR:  
Buddy Ouzts  
Don Hix

ONE YEAR:  
Walter Appleby  
James Thompson

### CHARTER MEMBERS

Walter Appleby  
Virginia Barron  
Charles R. Beaty  
Bill Beshears  
Bethany Caldwell  
Janet Cape  
Ron Copeland  
Andrew Downs  
Lane Downs  
Karen Fowler  
Myles Godfrey  
Ernest G. Graham, Jr.  
Jimmy Griffith  
Sid Griffin  
Donald Hardigree  
Freida Harwell  
Gwen Hill  
Don Hix  
Gene Hopkins  
Kerry Lipscomb  
Gary Mathews  
George Mathews

Janet Mattison  
Raymond Mattison  
Cathy Morris  
Tommy O'Neal  
Buddy Ouzts  
Carol Ouzts  
Addison Pharr  
Deborah Pharr  
Bobby Reynolds  
Lamar Reynolds  
Joe Royal  
Robert Schuenemann  
Jane Skelton  
James Smith  
Jonathan Smith  
Vicki Smith  
John Stell  
Elaine Summerour  
James Thompson  
Bob Wagnon  
Shirley Wilbanks  
Colleen Williams

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS  
LIONS OF GEORGIA DISTRICT 18-D

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Minutes Of March 8, 1998

District Convention

District 18-D's 1998 Convention was held on Sunday, March 8, 1998 at the Snellville, Georgia American Legion Hall, hosted by the Snellville Lions and Lioness Clubs.

District Governor Dan Stuart called the Convention to order at 2:30 p. m. with 98 Lions in attendance.

The invocation was given by the District Chaplain, PDG Don Hardigree, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice District Governor Tom Sexton.

District Convention Chair, Lion Bill Mundy of the Dahlonega Lions Club, declared the Convention to be officially in session.

District Credentials Chair, Lion Bob Davis verified that 161 Delegate Cards were issued. Resolutions for District Governor, Vice District Governor, and Vice President, Georgia Lions Lighthouse were received in a timely manner and are in order.

No resolutions were received for District Librarian or Committee Member of the Georgia Children's Eye Care Center at Emory University. Nominations for these offices will be received from the floor. If there are two or more nominations for either of these positions, each nominee will be allowed 2 minutes to outline their qualifications.

Cabinet Secretary Bob Davis was designated as the Convention Secretary and Official Timekeeper. PDG Don Wagner was designated as the Convention Parliamentarian.

The Chair declared the resolutions for Lion Tom Sexton for District Governor, Lion Joe Hirsch for Vice District Governor, Lion Norman Masters for Vice President, Georgia Lions Lighthouse to be in order. There being no opposing candidates, he called for a motion that by acclamation, Lion Tom Sexton be elected District Governor, Lion Joe Hirsch be elected Vice District Governor, and Lion Norman Masters be elected Vice President, Georgia Lions Lighthouse.

Such motion was made by Lion Vic Hamberger, Towns County Lions Club, and seconded by Lion Bob Robinson, Athens Heritage Lions Club. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote of the delegates.

The Chair declared Lion Tom Sexton elected as District Governor, Lion Joe Hirsch elected as Vice Governor of District 18-D, and Lion Norman Masters elected as Vice President, Georgia Lions Lighthouse for Lions Year 1998-1999.

There being no resolutions for the offices of District Librarian and Committee Member, Lions of Georgia Children's Eye Care Center at Emory University, the Chair declared these to be open positions and would receive nomination from the floor. There being no nominations from the floor, the Chair declared these elections void and notified District Governor Stuart and District Governor Elect Sexton of these vacancies.

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Governor-Elect Tom Sexton, Vice Governor-Elect Joe Hirsch , and Norm Masters, Vice President-elect, Georgia Lions Lighthouse, made their acceptance speeches.

There being no further business to come before the Convention, the Chair declared the convention adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;

Bob Davis  
Convention Secretary

## LIONS OF GEORGIA, DISTRICT 18-D

### Cabinet Meeting

Minutes of May 3, 1998

Regular Meeting No.4

The fourth Cabinet Meeting of the Lions of Georgia, District 18-D was held on May 3, 1998, at the Oconee County Primary School, Watkinsville, Georgia, hosted by the Oconee Lions Club.

District Governor Dan Stuart called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with 63 Lions in attendance.

The invocation was led by the District Chaplain, Lion PDG Don Hardigree, and the Pledge of Allegiance by District Governor-Elect Tom Sexton.

Lion Don Truluck, President, Oconee Lions Club welcomed the meeting to Oconee County.

DG Stuart recognized all Past District Governors in attendance. He also welcomed Mr. Frank Koontz, who will speak later in the program.

DG Stuart gave some excerpts from the history of Lions in Georgia, highlighting several significant events.

Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Bob Davis called the roll of the District Officers.

Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Bob Davis presented the minutes of the District Convention and Third Cabinet Meeting of March 8, 1998. The minutes were accepted as published. The third financial report for the period July 1, 1997 through May 3, 1998 was presented for approval. The report was approved as presented.

#### REGION REPORTS

Region One Chair Lion Mac Lentz thanked his Zone Chairs, Margaret Ayers, Jimmy Johnson, and Dick Smith. He reported a net gain of 7 members in the region with 15 active clubs.

Region Two Chair Lion Joe Hirsch thanked his Zone Chairs, Lion Vic Hamberger and Lion Lee Sewell. He reported a net gain of 30 members in the region; 9 in Zone 1 and 21 in Zone 2; with an overall membership of 575 in the region.

Region Three Chair Lion Bud Gee recognized the efforts of his Zone Chairs, Lion Pete Stamsen, Lion Bill Heron and Lion Terry Overbey, commending them on their work in promoting Lionism in their respective zones. He reported a membership of 375 in the region, which is a net gain of 21 members; four in Zone 1, 2 in Zone 2, and 15 new members in Zone 3.

DG Stuart personally thanked all the zone and region chairs for their hard work on behalf of the District, and for their support of the District Governor.

#### REPORTS

- a. DGE Tom Sexton, in the absence of Lions Camp for the Blind Vice President Jim Schwartz, reported that the Camp has a new director, Ms. Sharon Nettles, who began work on April 1. The work weekends in March and April were reported to be the best ever.

- b. PDG Conny Shirley, Vice President, Georgia Lions Lighthouse reported that as he finishes his tenure, he feels that real progress has been made. He assured incoming Vice President, Norm Masters that much remained to be accomplished. He reported the Lighthouse budget for the coming year has been set at \$1,088,810.00. He thanked the clubs of the district for their gracious hospitality in welcoming him to their meetings as he visited them during the past two years. He thanked the district for the opportunity to serve.
- c. District White Cane Chair, Lion Beverly Shirley, thanked the district for allowing her to be White Cane Chair this past Lions Year. Although the Lighthouse has not yet provided an accounting of the receipts from this year's White Cane Day, it is expected that the amount will exceed last year's total.
- d. PDG Norm Masters, District LCIF and USA/Canada Forum Chair, thanked all the clubs for their contributions to LCIF. He is confident that we had a good year, since he has himself received over \$9,000. in contributions. He reported on LCIF grants to several Southeastern states, including Georgia, over the past several months. The USA/Canada Forum is fast approaching. He urged all those planning to attend to get their registrations in prior to June 1, when the registration increases by ten dollars. PDG Masters also reported on the efforts of the Snellville Lions Club to start a new Lions Club in the city of Grayson.
- e. PDG Buddy Ouzts, Board Member, Children's Eye Care Center, and Youth Exchange Chair, reported that 3 Youth Exchange students were still to be placed. He also reported that he has received over \$11,000.00 in contributions to the Children's Eye Care Center. He believes District 18-D contributions exceeds the total amount of contributions of the other four sub-districts. An amendment to the Constitution and bylaws will be offered at the State Convention in Savannah, to eliminate the election of the Children's Eye Care Center Committee. The committee and Chairman would be appointed by the President of the Lighthouse.
- f. Lion Colleen Williams, President, Winder Noon Lions Club, Chairman of the District 18-D Cookbook fund-raiser thanked the district for the overwhelming response in providing recipes for the cookbook. The first printing has been full committed and a second printing has been ordered. 500 copies will be taken to the State Convention to be sold.
- g. DG Stuart recognized the Winder Noon Lions Club for their efforts in making this fund-raiser such a success. It took the combined efforts of the entire club to make this happen..
- h. Lion Dr. J. B. Weaver, Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic Chair reported that a new booth, for the Recording for the Blind will be displayed at the State Convention. He urged all attendees to visit the booth. He reported that 43 donations from 34 Lions Clubs and one Lioness Club totaling \$9,332.00 have been received this Lions year.

# LIONS OF GEORGIA, DISTRICT 18-D

## Cabinet Meeting

Minutes of March 8, 1998

Regular Meeting No. 3

The third Cabinet Meeting of the Lions of Georgia, District 18-D was held on March 8, 1998, at the Snellville American Legion Hall in Snellville, Georgia, hosted by the Snellville Lions Club and the Snellville Lioness Club.

District Governor Dan Stuart called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. with 98 Lions in attendance.

Lion Bill Jarmon, President, Snellville Lions Club, and Alice Gee, President, Snellville Lioness Club, welcomed the meeting to Snellville.

DG Stuart recognized the accomplishments of Lion Ed Hashbarger in his serving as Group Coordinator for Sight First. In addition to his contributions of time and effort on behalf of Campaign Sight First, he also made a financial pledge. In recognition of his completing that pledge, DG Stuart presented him with the Melvin Jones Progressive Fellowship.

DG Stuart presented the 100 % District Governor Award to PDG Norm Masters.

Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Bob Davis presented the minutes of the Second Cabinet Meeting of November 15, 1997. The minutes were accepted as published. The second financial report for the period July 1, 1997 through March 7, 1998 was presented for approval. The report was approved as presented.

### REGION REPORTS

Region One Chair Lion Mac Lentz thanked his Zone Chairs, Margaret Ayers, Jimmy Johnson, and Dick Smith. He reported a net loss of 7 members in the region with 15 active clubs. He reported the establishment of a new Leo Club in Athens under the auspices of the Athens Heritage Lions Club.

Region Two Chair Lion Joe Hirsch thanked his Zone Chairs, Lion Vic Hamberger and Lion Lee Sewell. He reported a net gain of 28 members in the region; 6 in Zone 1 and 22 in Zone 2; with an overall membership of 571 in the region.

Region Three Chair Lion Bud Gee recognized the efforts of his Zone Chairs, Lion Pete Stensen, Lion Bill Heron and Lion Terry Overbey, commending them on their work in promoting Lionism in their respective zones. He also thanked all the club secretaries for the timely submission of their M & As. He summarized the activities of the various clubs and reported a membership of 337 in the region, which is a net gain of 15 members; two each in Zones 1 and 2, and 11 new members in Zone 3.

DG Stuart personally thanked all the zone and region chairs for their hard work on behalf of the District, and for their support of the District Governor.

DG Stuart introduced Lion Colleen Williams, President, Winder Noon Lions Club, who is heading up the District 18-D Cookbook fund-raising project. Lion Colleen announced that a goal of 500 recipes had been established. Currently, 354 recipes have been received. A deadline of March 15 for receiving recipes has been established.



REPORTS

- a. Leader Dogs Chair, Lion Ed Hashbarger commended the Lions of District 18-D for their continued support of the Leader Dog Program. He recognized the Snellville Lioness Club for their unwavering support over the years. To date, \$8300.00 in contributions have been received from the District. He urged 100% participation by clubs.
- b. Membership Chair, Governor-elect Tom Sexton reported a net membership gain of 24 within the district. He saluted several clubs for their continuing efforts to bring in new members.
- c. Extension Chair, Lion Margaret Battle reported that so far this Lions year, one new club has been chartered in the District. She is currently working with the Snellville Lions and Lioness Clubs in an effort to establish a new Lions Club in Grayson.
- d. Lions Camp for the Blind Vice President Jim Schwartz reported that the selection of a new Camp Director is imminent. The new director will be on board by March 15. A work weekend is scheduled next weekend. Two additional weekends are scheduled. He thanked the district for the outstanding support for the Camp.
- e. PDG Conny Shirley, Vice President, Georgia Lions Lighthouse reported on his activities on behalf of the Lighthouse. He reported that each month, 800 individuals are being served in some capacity by the Georgia Lions Lighthouse. He expressed his appreciation to the Lions of District 18-D for their support during the past year. Although the number of clubs in District 18-D has decreased due to the realignment of districts, 18-D remains right at the top in terms of contributions to the Lighthouse. The Lighthouse has entered into an agreement with Habitat for Humanity for the collection of used eyeglasses. The Lighthouse has received a trailer-truck load of used eyeglasses from Habitat. Also, a trailer-truck load of new safety glasses has been received. These safety glasses are available for distribution to Habitat volunteers, vocational and technical classes in the public schools and area technical institutes.  
He asked for the district's continued support for PDG Norm as he has received during his two-year tenure.
- f. District White Cane Chair, Lion Beverly Shirley announced that April 11 is White Cane Day. The Multiple District Goal is \$175,000. This is one-third of the financial support of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse. She announced that President Jimmy Carter will be the spokesperson for White Cane Day in Georgia. A & P, Kroger, Burger King, and WalMart stores will likely match all funds collected by Lions in front of their stores. It is a matter of asking the store manager.  
80% of all blindness is curable. Lack of insurance coverage and financial considerations prevent many people from seeking help. She read a letter from a mother expressing her gratitude for providing eyeglasses for her and her son.

- g. PDG Norm Masters, District LCIF and USA/Canada Forum Chair reminded that as Lions Clubs complete 81 years of service, LCIF celebrates 30 years service of service throughout the world. In its first year, the first grant by LCIF totaled \$98,000. After the recent tornadoes hit Florida, just the emergency grants exceeded that first years total grants. Each issue of Lions Magazine contains a lot of good information concerning LCIF. The Lions International Web Page on the Internet also has several articles on LCIF. Seven years into Sight First, over one million cataract surgeries have been performed throughout the world, and more than two and one-half persons have been cured of River Blindness. Sixty Sight First projects are currently in progress around the world.

Lion Norm thanked all the clubs for their contributions to LCIF. He reminded us that now is the time to make nominations for Melvin Jones Fellowships for presentation at the State convention in May.

Lion Norm reminded that the USA/Canada Forum will be held September 24 - 26, 1998 in Lexington, Kentucky. He urged all Lions to attend if at all possible. The General Chairman of this year's Forum is our own PID John Pearce.

PID John added his words of encouragement for Georgia Lions to be well represented at the Forum.

- h. PCC Buddy Ouzts, Board Member, Children's Eye Care Center, and Youth Exchange Chair, spoke briefly on the guidelines for nominations for the Past District Governor's Hall of Fame. Nominations are due no later than March 31.

The Multiple District has recently hosted five exchange students from Peru, 3 from Brazil. This program is moving along well. Over 50,000 people have been involved in this program since its inception in 1931. Hosts are needed for 3 students from Japan, and 3 from Finland. Applications are available from PCC Buddy.

PCC Ouzts reviewed the history of the Children's Eye Care Center. By vote of the 1994 State Convention, the then Eye Tissue Center funds were converted to the Children's Eye Care Center. Application was submitted for a \$50,000 grant from LCIF, which was approved. In the first year, that grant was matched by the Lions of Georgia, and \$115,000, was given to the Center. Last year, we only contributed \$45,000 of the \$100,000 pledged. To date, some \$20 - 25,000 has been contributed this year.

Only one district, 18-D, elected a member to the Children's Eye Care Center committee. It was therefore impossible to conduct meetings. The board of directors of the Lighthouse decided to disband this committee, and to make it a standing committee of the Lighthouse, with members being appointed as any other Lighthouse committee.

- i. Lion Dr. J. B. Weaver, Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic Chair, reiterated his willingness to present a program to any club. Since July 1, 1997, 32 donations from 28 clubs in District 18-D, totaling \$8,000.
- j. Lion Larry Smallwood, Youth Outreach Chair, congratulated the Athens Heritage Lions Club for their formation and sponsorship of the Athens Heritage Leo Club. He hopes to be in Dawsonville next for the formation of their new Leo Club. Upon the establishment of that club, the number of Leo Clubs in the district will be doubled. The youth of this district and this state have many problems. We need to continue to work with the young people of our district through tutoring, mentoring, etc. Any way we can get involved in with the young people in our communities will be greatly received and appreciated.

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- k. District Librarian, Lion Bob Robinson, reported that the new Leo Club has 33 members and going strong. He requested that all clubs in the district forward to him their club histories, covering the past two years.
- l. State Awards Chair, Lion Bryson Tanner, the final committee reporter on the agenda for twenty-three consecutive years, gave his report. He reminded all clubs that the time period for award consideration goes through April 30. Those clubs planning to apply for state awards, after receiving acknowledgment, may bring the applications to the May 3 cabinet meeting. The final date for submission of awards is Sunday, May 24. The awards will cover the period May 1, 1997 through April 30, 1998. Two Leo Club state awards are available. Clubs sponsoring Leo Clubs are encouraged to have their Leo Clubs vie for these awards. He summarized the requirements for several awards.

DG Stuart reminded all present of the necessity to have signed in with the Sergeant at Arms.

No old or new business having come before the Cabinet, DG Stuart made several announcements, listed on the reverse side of the Agenda, which is appended to these minutes.

There being no further business to be brought before the Cabinet, the Benediction was said by District Chaplain, FDG Don Hardigree.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

All written reports submitted to the cabinet secretary are appended and become a part of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Davis  
District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

# LIONS OF GEORGIA, DISTRICT 18-D

## Cabinet Meeting

Minutes of November 15, 1997

Regular Meeting, No. 2

The second Cabinet meeting of the Lions of Georgia, District 18-D was held on November 15, 1997 at the Jackson Gainesville Civic Center in Gainesville, Georgia; hosted by the Gainesville Lions Club.

District Governor Dan Stuart called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. with 86 Lions in attendance.

The invocation was led by the District Chaplain, Lion PDG Don Hardigree, and the Pledge of Allegiance by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Bob Davis.

Lion Charles Hewitt, President of the Gainesville Lions Club welcomed the meeting to Gainesville.

VDG Tom Sexton recognized guests, Past International Director George Crambley, PDG David Sargent, President, Georgia Lions Lighthouse.

Georgia Council of Governors Chair, PDG Larry Starr introduced council members in attendance: DG Gil Carter, District 18-A; DG Billy Marshall, District 18-D; and VDG Ann Stump, District 18-F.

DG Stuart also recognized Lions Bill and Peggy Owens for their many years of service to the District.

DG Stuart presented the minutes of the July 27, 1997 Cabinet meeting which was held in Jefferson. Minutes were accepted as published. The first financial report for the period July 1 through October 31, 1997 was presented for approval. The report was approved as presented.

### REPORTS

Region One Chair Lion Mac Lentz thanked his Zone Chairs, Margaret Ayers, Jimmy Johnson, and Dick Smith. He reported a net loss of 10 members in the region with 15 active clubs. He reported the establishment of a new club in the region: the Athens Heritage Lions Club, with Lion Bob Robinson as the Charter President. He also reported that the Oconee Lions Club is working to establish a new club in Bogart.

Region Two Chair Lion Joe Hirsch thanked his Zone Chairs, Lion Vic Hamburger and Lion Lee Sewell. Lion Hirsch reported on various activities of the region. He reported a net gain of 12 members in the region, evenly split between the two zones. Towns County reported a gain of 8 members; Clarksville 3 new members; Dahlonega 3 new members; and Clermont, 2 new members.

Region Three Chair Lion Bud Gee paid tribute to the late PDG Oscar Battle, who died on September 4. He then recognized his Zone Chairs, Lion Pete Stamsen, Lion Bill Heron and Lion Terry Overbey, commending them on their work in promoting Lionism in their respective Zones. The Region's 13 Lions Clubs had a gain of 7 members since July 1. The Snellville Lioness Club maintained its membership at 37. Lion Bud then summarized the various Fund Raising, Lions projects, and community service projects of the various clubs in his region.

DG Stuart recognized DG Robert Youchiak, District 18-F, upon his arrival at the meeting.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DG Stuart announced that International Extension Representative Larry Yon has resigned. Lions International should be announcing a replacement in the near future.

PDG Buddy Ouzts reported on the health of Lion Bobby Reynolds, who is recuperating from a second brain surgery. Lion Bobby was released from the hospital and returned home today.

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VDG Tom Sexton reported that as of September 30, District 18-D's membership stood at 1216. This is under the 1250 minimum required by Lions International. He urged all to take membership seriously. He did commend several clubs who brought in new members during the October Membership Growth Month.

VDG Tom then reported on the Camp for the Blind for Vice President Jim Schwartz, who is out of the country on business. The Camp Director, Robert Yuan resigned in August. A search committee has been formed and they hope to have a new director on board shortly. The camp recently observed "Send A Kid To Camp Day". It is hoped that each club in 18-D participated in this project. It is not too early to be thinking about a work weekend in the Spring, in March or April. Checks were received from Towns County Lions Club for \$1,000; Snellville Lions Club for \$1500; Athens Lions Club for \$800.; and Dawsonville Lions Club for \$500.

DG Stuart reported that Lion Margaret Battle, Extension Chair was unable to attend the meeting today. He reported that the Oconee Lions Club is holding an informational meeting in Bogart next week, looking toward establishing a new club in that area. He also reported that two other areas in the district are being looked at with an eye toward establishing Lions Clubs in those areas.

PDG Conny Shirley, Vice President, Georgia Lions Lighthouse, reported that so far this year, more than 64,000 pairs of eyeglasses have been dispensed to Operation Eye Care, various mission groups, etc. Lion Conny said that he knows of no other activity that touches so many people, and still makes money. \$3,340. Was received from the sale of precious metal in broken and irreparable eye glasses. Checks were received from Towns County Lions Club in the amount of \$3,500., Dawsonville Lions Club for \$500., and Athens Lions Club for \$800.

PDG David Sargent, President, Georgia Lions Lighthouse, said that the Lighthouse exists for two reasons: To ensure quality sight and hearing services to needy citizens that cannot be provided at the club level; and to administer contributions and donations, being good stewards of all moneys received. He reviewed the qualifications for the Tom Bingham Fellowship award, and the 10 Million Dollar Club. He summarized last years financial report. The Mobile Eye Clinic is back on the road. More persons were served at the Lighthouse than ever before. Club contributions increased last year. White Cane provides 27 percent of the Lighthouse cash operational funds. Only about 150 clubs in the state participate in White Cane Day. Each club in the state is being urged to participate in White Cane Day this year. The state-wide goal this year is \$175,000. The Lighthouse operated at a .095 administrative cost. Interest on the endowment was \$106,000. It is expected that the income from the Thompson Estate will be about \$10,000. per month.

Lion Beverly Shirley, District White Cane Day Chair, reported that the goal for White Cane Day this year is \$175,000. White Cane money must be turned in by April 30 in order to be counted. Start planning now for White Cane Day.

Lion Ed Hashbarger, District Leader Dog Chair reported that since 1976, 157 leader dogs have been sent to Georgia. It costs \$17,000 to train a Leader Dog. This year's goal is \$12,000. To date \$860. Has been received.

Lion Steve Hart, District Golden Chain Chair stated that the race for the Golden Chain is not a sprint, but a marathon. He urged all club presidents to make each member aware of the requirements for earning a Golden Chain. He is available to visit clubs to present a program on the Golden Chain.

PDG Buddy Ouzts, District Children's Eye Care Center Chair summarized the history of the Center. He noted that less than \$10,000 of the goal of \$100,000 has been raised statewide so far this year. We are swiftly falling behind. PDG Ouzts is available to come to clubs to present a program on the Eye Care Center. Checks should be drawn in favor of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse, designated for the Children's Eye Care Center. Upon his call for contributions, checks were presented in the amounts of \$2,000 by the Snellville Lions Club; \$2,000 by the Towns County Lions Club; and \$800.00 by the Athens Lions Club.

PDG Quits then reported on the Youth Exchange Program. Since 1961, more than 50,000 persons have participated in this program. The Lions of Georgia sponsored 17 students last year. District 18-D has committed to host two students this year. A girl from Peru will be arriving in December, and will be hosted by a family in Winder. He asked for interested prospective sponsors to contact him.

PDG Quits also reported that Jim Ervin shirts for the Birmingham, England International Convention should be ordered soon. Please let Lion Buddy know quantities and sizes. He would like to distribute shirts at our State Convention.

PDG Norm Masters reported on LCIF. LCIF celebrates 30 years of service this year. In 1970, our first contributions totaled \$6,000. Today, millions of dollars are contributed each year. In 1971, the first grant was awarded in the amount of \$98,000. This year 28 grants totaling \$1,277,000 were made. There are currently seven articles about LCIF on the Lions International Web Page on the Internet. Clubs are encouraged to download these articles and make them available to their members. November is Contributing Member Month. For a \$20 donation, members will receive a lapel pin. LCIF week will be celebrated in January 1998. This would be a good time to honor a member with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Checks were received in the amount of \$1000 from the Snellville Lions Club; \$800.00 from the Athens Lions Club, and \$500 from the Towns County Lions Club.

PDG Masters also reported on the USA-Canada Forum, held in Syracuse, NY in September. Only seven members from District 18-D attended. It was a great Forum, with many outstanding speakers. The 1998 Forum will be held in Lexington, Kentucky in September. Our own PID John Pearce will be the General Chairman. The district needs to have a good representation in attendance to support PID Pearce.

Lion Dr. J. B. Weaver, Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic Chair was not in attendance. DG Stuart reported that the Council of Governors are stressing that they will educate our Lions more thoroughly about the Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic this year. This is an attempt to garner more support for this Lions-supported program. Checks were received in the amount of \$5800 from the Athens Lions Club; \$500 from the Towns County Lions Club; \$350 from the Snellville Lioness Club; \$200 from the Snellville Lions Club; and \$200 from the Dawsonville Lions Club.

#### RESOLUTIONS

The Snellville Lions Club presented a resolution endorsing PDG Norm Masters as a candidate for District 18-D Vice President of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse for a two-year term of two years commencing July 1, 1998.

DG Stuart introduced our guest, International Director Giles Melancon from Quebec, Canada.

ID Melancon summarized the recent International Board actions. Regrettably, 145 Lions Club Charters were canceled. The 1998 Convention will be asked to add 1 additional International Director. Beginning in 1998, in order to be a 100% Governor, the district must show a net gain in membership. District Governors will be asked to appoint a Rebuilding Lion when a club has fewer than 15 members, or has lost 25% of its members in the past two years.

The International Membership will conduct a survey called "The Years After". Surveyed will be all "Past" officers from the club level to the district level. The purpose of the survey is to determine why many past office holders leave Lionism after serving in office, and how we can keep them active in order to utilize their experience.

The District Extension Chair will be paid up to \$500 per year for expensed incurred in performing duties in connection with forming new clubs. \$400 will be provided by Lions International and \$100 will be provided by the district.

A survey of all members will be conducted concerning the direction of Lionism through the year 2017, when we celebrate 100 years of service.

A dues increase will be asked for at the Birmingham convention in 1998, in the amount of \$6.00. This increase is sorely needed to improve the efficiency of International Headquarters. Last year, the dues increase was favored by 65.1% of the delegates. 66.7% was needed to pass.

ID Melancon stressed that membership is increased by recruiting in an organized manner. We must have a plan, and we must work on it. He stressed the importance of recruiting women. We must sell Lionism as something of which we are proud.

ID Melancon said that it was an honor for him to be with us at our district convention. He stressed the importance of supporting our District Governor, and to remember, "We are a team."

DG Stuart called attention to the announcements on the back of the agenda. The District Convention, followed by the Third Cabinet Meeting, will be held on March 8, 1998 at the American Legion Hall in Snellville, hosted by the Snellville Lions and Lionesses.

DG Stuart commended Lion Virgil Megill for the outstanding work on the District Newsletter. He reminded all to submit information to Lion Megill for inclusion in the bulletin.

He also thanked PDG Jim Panter for conducting the Public Relations Seminar prior to the cabinet meeting today.

Some clubs have not appointed Associate Directors for the Camp for the Blind and the Lighthouse. Please do so immediately.

The All-State Band will perform again at the State Convention in Savannah. District 18-D needs to contribute \$1,000 toward their expenses. Please ask your clubs to make a contribution toward that end.

A nominee for the Leadership Institute is needed. Clubs can nominate one person. It should be a Lion with less than 5 years of service, who has not held an office higher than Vice President.

Those persons planning to attend the International Convention must have a current passport and round-trip tickets. No visa is required.

District Governor's Contest standings as of this date are as follows:

SMALL CLUBS

1. Clermont
2. Peachtree Corners
3. Commerce

MEDIUM CLUBS

1. Dawsonville
2. Winder Noon
3. Oconee

LARGE CLUBS

1. Towns County
2. Union County
3. Snellville

The Commerce Lions Club has met the District Governor's Financial Goals. Checks will be forwarded to the respective Chairpersons.

DG Stuart recognized Lion Bill Owens, who has served as District 18-D Sergeant-at-Arms for twenty-five years.

There being no further business to be brought before the Cabinet, the Benediction was said by District Chaplain, PDG Don Hardigree.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

All written reports submitted to the CST are appended and become a part of this report.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Davis

District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

**THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
LIONS CLUBS**

**DISTRICT 18-D**

**OPERATING RESOLUTIONS FOR DISTRICT 18-D FOR  
LIONS YEAR 1997-98**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1      BANKING**

RESOLVED, that the District, through its District Governor or Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer be AUTHORIZED to continue the CHECKING ACCOUNT (only) with NATIONSBANK at one of its branches in the Athens, Georgia area, and further, the said representatives are authorized to execute any form required by said bank to carry out the intent of this resolution. *7/27*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2      DISCRETIONARY DUES**

RESOLVED that the District, through its District Governor and Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer be AUTHORIZED - in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of District 18, pursuant to the Notice, properly forwarded to each President and Secretary of each club in District 18-D, more than 10 days before this first Cabinet Meeting of July 27, 1997 - to levy and collect \$3.00 on each member of each Lions Club in this District for Lions year 1997-98, to be billed in two separate installments of \$1.50 each in July 1997 and January 1998. *7/27*

**RESOLUTIONS NO. 3      UTILIZATION OF SURPLUS ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS  
IN DISTRICT ACCOUNT**

RESOLVED that the District, through its District Governor and Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer be AUTHORIZED to utilize an amount in the District Administrative Account, carried over from prior administrations, to defray up to \$1.25 for each member of each club in paying the second (2nd) installment of dues scheduled for billing in January 1998, and related to the expense of our Second International Vice President. In the event the surplus will not pay the full amount of the second installment, the application of surplus funds shall be prorated toward dues to be collected as to each member in District 18-D. *7/27*



# LIONS OF GEORGIA, DISTRICT 18-D

## Cabinet Meeting

Minutes of July 27, 1997

Regular Meeting, No. 1

The first Cabinet meeting of the Lions of Georgia, District 18-D was held on July 27, 1997 at the Jackson EMC Headquarters Building in Jefferson, Georgia; hosted by the Jefferson Lions Club.

District Governor Dan Stuart called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with 115 Lions in attendance.

The invocation was led by the District Chaplain, Lion PDG Don Hardigree, and the Pledge of Allegiance by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Bob Davis.

Lion Dugar Strickland, President of the Jefferson Lions Club welcomed the meeting to Jefferson and announced that refreshments would be served following the meeting.

Roll call and installation of the district officers for Lions year 1997/1998 was conducted by District Leadership Chair, Lion Roberta Wagner.

DG Stuart presented PDG Norm Masters with the District Governor's Plaque, for his outstanding service as district governor in Lions Year 1996/1997.

PDG Masters reviewed the minutes of the May 4, 1997 Cabinet meeting which was held in Clermont. Minutes were accepted as published. The final financial report for the period July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997 was presented for approval. The report was approved as presented.

PDG Masters presented the District Youth Outreach Chairman's Award to Lion Don Painter.

Lion Painter presented the New Horizon Awards for Youth Activities to Lion Mark Sanders, Lawrenceville Lions Club, Lions Gary Vaughters and Joe Hirsch of the Dawsonville Lions Club, Lion Margaret Battle, Peachtree Corners Lions Club, Lion Virgil Megill, Toccoa Lions Club, Lion Tom Sexton, Gainesville Lions Club, and Lion Don Painter, Gainesville Lions Club.

DG Stuart appointed Lions Gary Vaughters, Dawsonville Club, Lion Don Hix, Winder Noon Club, and Lion Larry Smallwood, Forsyth Lions Club to audit district 18-D's 1996/1997 financial records. Lions Vaughters reported the Financial Report was in order, commending Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Bud Gee for his diligence in handling the district funds. He noted that the district ended the year with a net profit of \$333.40.

The following resolutions were presented for adoption by DG Stuart:

1. Banking
2. Discretionary Dues
3. Utilization of Surplus Administrative Funds in District Account.

The resolutions were unanimously accepted. A copy of these resolutions are appended to, and become a part of these minutes.

The 1997/1998 District Budget, in the amount of \$11,538.65 was presented by DG Stuart. The budget was approved unanimously approved as presented. A copy of the budget is appended to and become a part of these minutes.

DG Stuart presented the District Governor's Goals for 1997/1998, as published in the State and District directories, with the exception of Goal No. 2, which is modified to "have all clubs qualify for the International President's Five Star Club Program."

The Gainesville Lions Club presented a resolution endorsing Lion Tom Sexton as a candidate for the office of District Governor, District 18-D, for Lions year 1998/1999.

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The Dawsonville Lions Club presented a resolution endorsing Lion Joseph Hirsch as a candidate for the office of Vice District Governor, District 18-D, for Lions year 1998/1999.

DG Stuart presented a resolution by the Athens Lions Club and the Athens West Lions Club to merge the Athens West Lions Club into the Athens Lions Club. The resolution was unanimously approved.

#### REPORTS

VDG Tom Sexton reported on the 1997 International Convention in Philadelphia, PA.

The convention approved the "Affiliate Membership" category. This is for persons who cannot attend club meetings on a regular basis, but want to be affiliated with a Lions Club. These members will pay regular dues; will be able to vote when in attendance, but will not be eligible to hold office.

The convention also approved the "Qualifications for Vice District Governor". Also approved was the requirement that the District Governor be elected by secret ballot. Also approved was the requirement that two-thirds of the sub-districts must approve any re-districting plan.

The International Board of Directors recommended and supported a \$4.00 per annum increase in international dues. This recommendation was NOT APPROVED. Finally, approved a clarification that the Vice District Governor will preside at any District meeting from which the District Governor is absent.

PDG Conny Shirley, Vice President, Georgia Lions Lighthouse, urged all clubs to invite someone from the Lighthouse to come to their clubs to provide a program on the Lighthouse. He urged each club to appoint an Associate Director for the Lighthouse, in accordance with the State Constitution. He praised Lighthouse President Dr. David Sargent's efforts in restoring the financial health of the Lighthouse. The Lighthouse will hold a separate meeting February 15, since it is an election year. We need to be considering now candidates for President, Secretary and Treasurer for the Lighthouse.

Lion Jim Schwartz, Vice President of the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind announced that the February Camp for the Blind meeting will be held February 1, 1998, which is a joint meeting of the Lighthouse and the Camp, which will be held in Warner Robins. The camp started its sessions this year on June 15 and runs until August 15. Today starts the last session with campers ages 14-17. Next Saturday the camp will be holding its annual Lions Day at the Camp. Every Lion is invited to attend. Lion Schwartz said that he is available to present a program on the Camp to any club who invites him. He thanked each club for their support of the Camp and each member who has gone down to the Camp for the work weekends.

PDG Norm Masters reported that the 21<sup>st</sup> annual USA-Canada Forum will be held in Syracuse, New York, September 25-28. Thirty-two sessions, seminars and workshops will be held. All Lions are urged to attend. Next year's Forum will be held in Lexington, KY with Dr. John Pearce as Chairman.

DG Stuart called for contributions. Several clubs responded. The Lanier club presented checks which meet their club's District Governor's Goals for the year.

Peace Poster Chairman, Lion Dick Smith announced that the theme for this year's peace poster contest is "Imagine the Future-A World in Harmony". 300,000 children worldwide, ages 11-13 will create a peace poster this year. Each club is encouraged to sponsor a local contest in its community.

Lion Larry Smallwood, Youth Outreach Chair, presented a report on the myriad problems faced by the youth of District 18-D. Lions can help in many ways. Lion Smallwood invited each club to schedule a program for him to share ideas for clubs to get involved in the lives of the youth in our communities. (Written report appended).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lion Virgil Megill, District Bulletin Editor, asked each club to continue to send news of clubs activities in their respective communities. Reports of local activities that challenge the local community will also challenge other clubs to perform a similar activity in their community.

VDG Sexton recognized the fine work Lion Megill has performed in publishing the district bulletin. The District 18-D Bulletin was recognized as the best District bulletin in the State of Georgia at the last State Convention.

PDG Don Wagner announced that the District Rally will be held November 15, at the Gainesville Civic Center. The price will be reduced to approximately \$12.00. Members of the District Rally Committee will attend zone and club meetings during September and October with tickets available. This effort is being made to encourage increased attendance at the District Rally by individual Lions.

The Cabinet Meeting will be preceded with a District-wide Public Relations Seminar at 2:00 p.m., facilitated by PDG Jim Panter. The Cabinet Meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m., and the District Rally will begin at 6:30 p.m., concluding no later than 9:00 p.m. The speaker will be International Director Gilles Melancon from Canada.

DG Stuart reiterated the importance of appointing Associate Directors to state organizations. These associate directors are the interface between their clubs and the organizations which we all support. He urged attendance at the Public Relations Seminar.

DG Stuart announced Zone Meeting dates and locations.

Lion J.B. Weaver, State Chairman, Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, called attention to the State Directory, pg. 36, in which contains an informative article on the Georgia Unit.

GD Stuart reminded club secretaries that M & A's are due on time.

The Benediction was given by District Chaplain, PDG Don Hardgree. The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Davis  
District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer