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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE THIRD CABINET MEETING

of District 18-E, Lions Clubs International, held on March 9, 1991, at Thomaston, Georgia. Meeting was called to order at 2:00 F.M., by District Governor Charles E. McDaniels with 73 Lions, Lioness and guests in attendance.

Pledge of allegiance was led by LTG Robert W. King. Invocation was given by PDG Homer E. "Doc" Wright. Lion Bill Woodall, President of Thomaston Lions Club gave us a warm "WEECOME". All first time attendees to the Cabinet meeting were welcomed. PDG Doc Wright and Lion Hank Barks were thanked by DG McDaniels for conducting an informative orientation program (at 12:00 noon) for all new Lions. At the same time Lioness District Chairperson Doy Barks conducted the quarterly District Lioness Meeting. A positive approach and good planning for the future of the Lioness program in District 18-E was discussed and goals set.

DG McDaniels acknowledged all MELVIN JONES FELLOWS, stating that this is the highest honor a Lions club can bestowe upon a fellow Lion. All FDG's were acknowledged by DG McDaniels and thanked for their council and advice during the past nine months. New Lions were asked to stand and were welcomed. DG McDaniels stated that we all have an obligation to personally welcome the new Lions into our service organization and that they have made a great decision to be a part of lionism. All guests were also welcomed

CST Judy McDaniels provided a copy of the last cabinet meeting minutes to all in attendance. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written. Motion was passed unanamiously.

CST Judy McDaniels provided all in attendance with a copy of the financial statement covering the period of November 15, 1990 through March 1, 1991. A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial statement as written. Motion was passed unanamiously.

District Nominations and Election Chairperson Lion Gladys Wright read the slate of officers for 1991-1992 Lions year, which were properly nominated and endorsed by their home club. Nominations were as follows: LTG Robert W. King for District Governor, Lion Louie Holmes for Lt. Governor, Lion Homer E. "Doc" Wright for V.P. Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind and Lion Warren Beddingfield for District Historian. Lion Gladys moved they be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded and approved.

Each of the candidates extended some short remarks of their upcoming year.

DG McDaniels encouraged all Lions to give the incoming officers the same support that everyone extended to this years cabinet.

DG McDaniels commented on the District Theme this year, "LIONISM IS LOVE" He said "FOR IT IS WITH AND THROUGH LOVE THAT ALL THINGS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED". Our theme is not only known throughout the state but also in International Circles and we are admired for understanding that love is the answer. DG McDaniels asked that each Lion consider integrating this years theme into their daily lives, to carry it in our hearts, our thoughts, and our actions in everything we do. DG McDaniels again thanked everyone for their support this year.

DG McDaniels installed a new Lion with a candlelight induction service during the meeting. The newest Lion in District 18-E was Lion Carol Waters from the Barnesville Lions Club sponsored by Lion President Arthur Powell.

REGION I Chairman Lion Daniel Jackson introduced Zone Chairman Lion Dave Knight. ZC Knight gave a report on Region I, Zone I and acknowledged the Membership by club in his Zone. Also told of a teacher Jeri Foster who works with blind students in Carroll County. Jeri is diabetic and over a year ago lost the vision in one eye and two months ago had surgery on the good eye and now is totally blind. "We are hoping that the additional surgery will correct the problem. The lions clubs are willing to support her in cane training. Jeri is still planning to continue to teach her students. Please keep her in your prayers.

REGION II Chairman John Dickens reported a decrease in membership in his region and indicated a stong emphasis on increasing membership with persons in their 30's and 40's. This will be a priority in the remaining months of this year. RC Dickens expressed the importance of attendance in the clubs. ZC Lion Harvey Nelson gave a good report on club fund raisers going on in his Zone.

REGION III Chairman Lion Robert Parker was in the hospital for bypass surgery so in his absence ZC Lion Gladys Wright gave a report on Region III. She reported on the braile school, Washington DC trip for the children, barbeques and zone socials.

REGION IV Chairman Lion Joe Molony said "WE ARE PROUD OF OUR REGION". Lion Joe gave a report by club on membership and the different fund raisers that each club was having. Again emphasis on membership was highly stressed by Lion Joe even though he was roaring loudly that Zone I had a gain of nine new members and Zone II had an increase of eleven new members.

FDG Lion Don Norris spoke of the Macon Rutland Lions Club raising \$23,000.00 for a young childs medical bills.

DG McDaniels discussed the subject of MEMBERSHIP----there are alot of challenges for a persons time today. Family, job, church, even other organizations. Each of us has been blessed DG McDaniels said with good health, happiness and the understanding that lionism is the key to building better people and making this a better place in which to live, work and play. Also we are blessed in the sense that we have found the key to making it "all better" and alot of people have still not found that key. THE KEY TO GETTING TO THESE PEOPLE IS YOU!!!! There is nothing more blessed than giving back some of what you receive. We are 30 members behind last years ending membership figures. Last year under the leadership of PDG Don Norris at the end of the year we were a positive figure----just by a few-----but we had a positive increase for the year. This year, WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! We need new members! We need to "FILL DUR SHOES" today with a new member. We need more emphasis on the induction of new members, use your PDG's, PID's, and other club Presidents. Show the new member that being a Lion is important, make his induction into the club a memorable, important occassion.

 ${\tt DG}$ McDaniels mentioned that the Georgia State Pins are now available for purchase.

LCIF AND LITE PROJECT: Lion G. Eldon Elzworth and Lion William A.Tomlin gave us a report on LCIF. Making the world a better place in which to live. Some 16 million dollars has come out of clubs in Japan as major contributors. Your support is needed! SIGHT FIRST IS COMPLETELY FUNDED BY THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION. The District LITE project relates back to the teacher in Carroll County who has just lost the sight in her second eye, and continues to volunteer her help. Training consists of teaching the blind to be independant. The Lite project needs the support of all the clubs in the district. All are welcome to come by and visit with the students. Lite is worthy of all our efforts, our hard work and our money. The LITE project's goal is to generate monies to teach the blind to be self supportive.

LIONESS CLUBS--Lioness Chairperson Doy Barks reported that the Lioness are a small group in District 18-E but a very active group. Goals have been set for the upcoming months. Lioness Doy reports that Lioness are here to stay and need the help of Lions in forming new clubs. All Lions clubs were asked to please consider sponsoring a new Lioness club. Lioness Doy thanked DG McDaniels for all the support he has given the Lioness this year. Lioness Doy stated that the "Lioness are a compliment to our Lions clubs".

CAMP FOR THE BLIND--V.P.Robert W. (Bob) King reported that the camp, like all other Georgia projects NEEDS MONEY! Lion Bob also reported that the camp work weekends are scheduled for March 23-24 and April 27-28th. The work weekends save money for the camp as we the lions can prepare for the campers to come in for the camp sessions. V.P. Bob presented several banner patches for clubs contributing \$25.00 per member. The golf tournment date for the camp in scheduled for April 1, 1991, and lions are needed to help with the tournment. Last year the camp raised \$21,000.00.

LIGHTHOUSE--V.P. Ron Crooks reported on White Came Day and its importance to the Lighthouse. Lion Ron and Lion Becky Peterson, White Came Chairperson, asked all the clubs in the district to support WHITE CANE DAY--APRIL 13TH. Lion Ron also mentioned the Tom Bingham Fellow Award and the Ten Million Dollar Club as being key money raisers for the Lighthouse. Lions clubs are also helping the Lighthouse by paying for eye glasses at the club level when at all possible.

GEORGIA EYE BANK-DG McDaniels reported that at the last Council of Governors meeting in Macon, an express mail envelope was received from the Georgia Lions Eye Bank indicating their desire to take the name "Lions" out of the name of the Georgia Lions Eye Bank. There is alot of history involved, there are alot of reasons involved. But let me say—that because of a few Lions the word LIONS will be withdrawn from the GEORGIA LIONS EYE BANK and will be referred to as the GEORGIA EYE BANK, INC. There was a problem in convincing major corporations to donate large sums of money with the name of Lions attached and the Lions had only contributed \$21,000. This is not a request from the Eye Bank it has been dictated by their board of directors. The Eye Bank has done a terrific job. They have supplied over 20 thousand people with cornea transplants. We have asked the Eye Bank to leave the Lions Flaque in the lobby. WE WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE EYE BANK. I solicit your continued support.

MEMBERSHIP/DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION--Lion Hank Barks addressed the cabinet and thanked all the clubs and Lions who have brought in new members. Lion Hank provided a report reflecting District 18-E's membership as of 1/31/91 at a minus 53 members year to date.

TRAIN THE TRAINER--PDG Homer E. (Doc) Wright reported that we would be having incoming officers school for Presidents, 1st VP, Secretary Treasurer. This is a great class to learn what is expected of each Lion fulfilling these important positions in Columbus in June.

LEADER DOG--Lion Bill Craig accepted the position of Leader Dog Chairman mid year and has done a terrific job. Lion Bill reported contributions are down. Only 14 clubs in our district have contributed to Leader Dog. Last year we helped 313 blind people to have the independence of mobility with their new dog. A young man from Georgia has been accepted to Leader Dog and will be leaving April 7th. Lion Bill also stated he was more than willing to bring the Leader Dog program to any of our clubs.

DISTRICT HISTORIAN--Lion Warren Beddingfield reported that he has almost finished writing the history. What he has included is alot about th cabinet meetings with names, etc. What he is in need of are names of Lions who have won special prizes, been honored or have recieved awards.

LEO CHAIRMAN--Lion Otis Hand reported that we are in the process of organizing six new Leo Clubs in our District. Lion Otis feels that Leo Clubs are a "KEY TO SUCCESS OF OUR LIONISTIC EFFORTS NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

DG McDaniels **** SIGHT FIRST ** is our International Program. We must first take care of at home, second is our State projects and then our International programs. Sight first, reachout, join hands and have that endless chain around the world. To achieve that dream of helping the less fortunate world wide. In District 18-E we have met and exceeded all of our goals except for MEMBERSHIP----MEMBERSHIP----MEMBERSHIP. INVITE!!!!

PDG Bob Campen made a motion that the District Governors who follow will increase their budget by \$250.00 per year for the next two years, making the carry forward amount for the new administration a total of \$1500.00. After much discussion, a motion was made to table the motion and seconded, the motion to table taking president, was voted on and approved.

BENEDICTION Lion Warren Bedingfield

Meeting was adjourned at 4:44 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jµdith A. McDaniels

Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

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