

Lion Nancy L Pace, member of the Jones Co Lions club was awarded the Citizen of the Year award by the Jones County-Gray Chamber of Commerce.

The Thomson Lions club celebrated their 50th anniversary on May 13, 1997 at the Belle Meade Country club.

President Samuel Atkins opened the meeting, and Lion Wilton Hinton served as Master of Ceremonies. Salute to the flag was given by Robert Warr, and the invocation was given by Miller Milford.

Tailtwisting was done by past DG Olin Newby. The welcome was given by Bob Knox Jr, Mayor of Thomson. Gerald Bross, State of GA Lion Tamer introduced the guest, with Chip Athins giving the History of the club. The speaker International 3rd Vice President Jim Erwin was introduced by past Int Director Myers Banister.

Dr John F Pearce, past Int Director gave the response. Lion Wilton Hinton was the only charter member remaining after 50 years.

The District 18F convention was held in Thomson on March 27-28, 1998 at Belle Meade Country club. The meeting was called to order on March 28, 1998 by DG Robert J Yonchak. Pledge was given by DG Elect Anne Stump, invocation was given by Lion Gerald Foreman. Richard Brown, Region I chair, led the singing.

The welcome was given by Mayor Robert E Knox Jr of Thomson. Tailtwisting was done by Bill Craig of the Centerville club. Introduction of the speaker was given by past International Director Myers Banister. The address was given by Donald K McGee, past International Director from Davenport, Iowa. The response was given by Council chairman Larry Starr.

Lion Bill Bross, PDG and Jon Winters, PDG handled the drawing for the district raffle.

Leo club member Jennifer Lee, Atlanta Chinese American Leo club was congratulated for being selected Leo of the year for multiple district 18 and for appearing in the listing of Leo of the Year, Award Recipients in Leo World publication Vol 11, No 2, 1997-98.

The clubs in 18F contributed the following amounts to send a kid to camp in 1997-98: Centerville \$150; Hephzibah \$345; Houston Peaches \$406; Nth DeKalb \$500; Oxford \$325; Peachtree \$25; Swainsboro

\$356.71; Warner Robins \$200; Warner Robins Noon \$500; and Wrens \$50, for a total in district F of \$2857.71.

A total of \$1055 as of March 21, 1998 had been contributed to the Georgia Lions All State band. District contributors are Warner Robins \$20; Warner Robins Noon \$20; Centerville Lions \$20; Louisville \$50; Jones County \$20; Centerville Lioness \$20; Hephzibah \$ 500; Sparta \$20; Conyers \$20; Houston Peaches \$25; Nth Decatur \$20; and Nth DeKalb \$300.

A total of \$9021.72 was collected for Leader Dog for the District 18F from July 1997 through June 30, 1998.

The following clubs donated Augusta Forest Hills \$275; Centerville \$150; Covington \$270; Decatur \$320; Decatur Lioness \$75; DeKalb Central \$75; Harlem \$200; Hephzibah \$2250; Houston Peaches, Jones County \$100; Laurel Ridge \$100; Louisville \$100; Monroe \$500; National Hills \$2500; Nth Decatur \$125; Nth DeKalb \$300; Oxford \$250; Social Circle \$50; Soperton \$200; Tocher \$500; Twin City \$100; Wadley \$20; Warner Robins Noon \$200/ Wrens \$30.

The District 18F awardees from the State convention were the Miller Plaque, Grovetown; the Augusta Dr Dameron Plaque, past Council Chair Beverly Roberts; the Washington Plaque, The Washington Lions club; the Madison Plaque, Social Circle; the Clyde Raburn Plaque, Centerville Lions.

100% Presidents awardees were Frank Spinney, Hephzibah Lions club; Joe Green, Centerville Lions club.

100% Secretaries awardees were Beverly Roberts, Hephzibah Lions club and Lloyd Britt, Centerville Lions club.

Region chairman contest for Region I, Covington club; Region II, Louisville; Region III, Thomson Camellia City; Region IV, Centerville.

The district rally attendance awards were small club, Nth Atlanta Peachtree; the medium club was Nth DeKalb and large club, none.

Recognition plaques for distinguished service and dedication, past DG Joseph Malony and DG Elect Ann Stump.

The Lioness clubs recognized for dedication and donations were the Centerville Lioness club and the Decatur Lioness club.

The winner of the DG contest was the Hephzibah Lions club.

The following Lions were recognized as being the newest Melvin Jones Fellows, Jon M Winters of the Hephzibah Lions club; Eileen Parker of Houston Peaches Lions club and Robert Yonchak of the Louisville Lions club.

District 18F was 100% in Participation to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Lion past DG William Gerald Bross of the Thomson club was elected State Lion Tamer at the convention. Lion past DG Olin C Newby of the Washington club was elected State Historian.

Contributions to the GA Lions Camp for the Blind in 18F for the year 1997-98 was \$35,511.69.

Lion James Neal of the Milledgeville club was appointed Vice President for 18F to the GA Lions Camp for the Blind.

Georgia Lions day at the Camp for the Blind was held August 1, 1998.

Lions Ralph Parrish, DeKalb Central Lions club and Lion Bob Willis of the DeKalb Central Lions club, and Dela Silvan of Grovetown were presented with a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Lion Sui Ping Hong of the Atlanta Chinese American Lions club received a Melvin Jones Fellow.

The November cabinet meeting was held at Louisville clubhouse on November 15, 1998.

Mike Bircraft of the Warner Robins Noon club, Jay Ritchie and Hicks Ashmore of the DeKalb Central Lions club received Melvin Jones Fellows.

District 18F nominees for the 1999 Georgia Lions Allstate Band are Crystal Hardemon, Jay Shirah and Robert Cumbie from Newton; Alicia Denton, Jason Shelton, Lauren Mason, Matthew Layson, Michele Jones, Randy Whiddon, Susan St Charles, and William Strong from Perry High School; Chondra Blackman, Isha Acree, Jessica Porter, Jillon Wells, Keith Tiller, Triston Perry, and William Dyson of Washington-Luther High school; Jason Tolbert and Michael Wymne of Dublin High school.

Others were Sabrina Self, Alex Andrews, Tanya Short and Kenya Hickman of Hephzibah High school.

Several members of the District 28F attended a March 1999 meeting of the Alpharetta Lions club featuring Lions International President Kajit Habanananda and International 1st Vice President Jim Erwin.

The Georgia Lions Lighthouse foundation celebrated 50 years of service at the Atlanta Airport Hilton on April 17, 1999. Frank Moore past International Director was the guest speaker.

Gary L Furlong, multiple District Leo club chair reported that there were 21 active Leo clubs in Georgia. On January 27, 1999 members and officers of the Lipson-Lee High school Leo club which was sponsored by the Thomaston Lions club, Thomaston, GA. Also on January 29, 1999 a Certificate of organization was presented to the Dawsonville High school Leo club. In April of 1999 the officers of Adairsville Leo club will be installed.

The District 18F convention and rally was held March 26-27 in Covington, GA. The district convention and election of officers for 1999-2000 Lions year will take place.

International Director Burrell Harden spoke at the banquet. Those elected at the cabinet meeting were Lion Jon Winters, DG Lion Richard Brown, Vice DG past DG Olin C Newby, District Librarian and candidate for State multiple District 18 Historian.

The Dublin Lions club celebrated their 75th anniversary at the Dublin Country club during the 1998-1999 Lions year.

District 18F has a home page on the internet, thanks to Pete and Sheree LeGro of the Centerville club located in Centerville, GA.

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THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE FIRST CABINET MEETING OF
DISTRICT 18-F
SUNDAY, JULY 27, 1997
CHAMBLEE CIVIC CENTER. CHAMBLEE, GEORGIA

The meeting was called to order at 2:35PM
by DG Robert Yonchak.

The pledge of allegiance was led by VDG Ann Stump.
Invocation by Cabinet Treasurer Jon Winters.
Lion Richard Brown led the group in singing "God Bless
America."

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.
Treasurer's reports was approved as written (See
Attachment A.)

Old Business none

Lion Bill Craig Extension leader, from Leadership and
Membership reported on the seminar. It was attended by
Lion Beverly Roberts PDG, Lion Stan Bazemore PDG and Lion
Bill Craig in Alabama along with 19 other multiple
Districts. There will be a there will be a training
seminar for leadership, membership and extension on
August 31, 1997 in Warner Robins. with the location to be
announced. This will be a luncheon followed by an 3-4
hour meeting. Written invitations will be going out to
all for participation.

The 5Star program was discussed (See Attachment B).
Introduction and a welcome

DG Gil Carter, District A, PDG, and Cabinet.

Installation of Cabinet Officers was presented by
Cabinet Treasurer Jon Winters with the theme "Scales of
Service" (See Attachment C)

NEW BUSINESS

The new budget for 1997-1998 was presented and approved
Proposal for continuation of \$3.00 discretionary fund
was approved. (See Attachment D)

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REGION REPORTS

Region I Chairman Richard Brown

Gave a report on the school on instructions that was held in Wasington, Ga., July 12, 1997 There were 40-45 in attendance. (See Attachment E)

Region II Lion John Lewis The Louisville club is working on an new club in Waynesboro..

Region III Lion George Rachels No report

Region IV Chairman L.Loyd Britt- Oct 4th -Perry, Ga., Georgia Agricultural Fair.(See Attachment F)

Lioness Judy Britt reported

Golden Chair Award Lion Olin Newby PDG Stated this is the 7th for this award. You can look for the criteria in the directory. It can be copied for the members of the club and help give them some incentives.

He announced the steak dinner in Washington, Ga., on Friday, August 8 at 8:00PM. Tickets are \$30.00 for the drawing and \$10.00 for spouse for friend. This money is being raised to assist in Jim Ervin campaign.

Break

Refreshments were provided by the North DeKalb Lions club.They were thanked by the DG Robert Yonchak. A question was brought forward about the District bills being sent out before July 1. The membership for District dues is taken from the June M&A and the December M&A.

PDG Carolyn Irvin presented the plaques to the clubs for the 1996 - 1997 year.

Receiving plaques were Cabinet members, the 100% Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurer. and Editor.

Region Award

Region I North DeKalb Lion Club

Region III Hephzibah Lion Club

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Region IV Centerville

District Governor Award Centerville Lion Club
Washington Plaque Dublin Lion Club
Millen Plaque Centerville Lion Club
Madison Plaque North DeKalb Lion Club
Martinez-Evans Plaque Jim Hunt North DeKalb Lion Club
Clyde Rayburn Memorial Plaque North DeKalb Lion Club
PDG Carolyn Irvin was presented a plaque from the
District for her year of service.

REPORTS

Georgia Lions Lighthouse J.C.Coeffield

5 Associate Directors present

Checks from Hephzibah \$750 for Lighthouse
\$750 for Children Eye Center

Announced White Cane for April 11,1998

Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind VP Roger Vonland

6 Associate Directors present

September 13,1997 Send A Kid to Camp
project

Lions Day August 2,1997

Check from Hephzibah Lion Club for \$1,500

Leader Dog. Lion Ed Menger State Leader Dog Chairman

He praised Lion Bill Craig for his excellent work
he has done in the past years.

He introduced District 18-F chairman Lion John
Lewis

Lion Ed announced there would be a State meeting
with all of the District Chairpersons on August 23,
Milledgeville time to be announced later.

Check received from the Hephzibah Lion Club \$1,500

State Newspaper Lion Joseph Molony announced deadlines
for the paper were on Pages 8-11-14-17 of the State
Directory.

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USA/Canada Forum in Syracuse, N.Y was discussed
Congratulating! Warner Robins for their 50th Anniversary
DG Robert stated for the clubs to get with him as soon
as possible to set up his visits.

DG Robert announced that Lion Beverly Roberts and Lion
Jon Winters would be doing the bulletin for him.

Proposed to do a project by selling raffle tickets for
\$5.00 for a golf cart with selling only 600 tickets.

This proceeds will go for the Jim Ervin campaign fund
from the District it was moved and approved.

Lion John Lewis presented a motion to buy a TV, VCR
combination for the District use. A discussion followed
and Lion Bill Bross PDG had presented quotes for the
unit of \$374.95 for a 19". The question was called and
passed with one discending vote cast.

All State Band was mentioned will be at State Convention
and hope to take them to England. Lion Clarke Lamb is
chairman this year.

Lion Gerald Foreman asked clubs to send checks to the
other project than MCG.

He brought to the attention of the members that various
individuals are asked to bring invocations and
benedictions to the various meetings. These should be
non-secretarian as not all Lion members are not of the
Christian faith. At conventions it should be provided
for other dietary needs.

Lion Bill Bross PDG is having a raffle to go toward all
State projects. The prizes will be a 20" Zenith TV, VCR,
G.E. Phone system and G.E. Microwave.

Meeting called at 5:10PM.

BANNERS Hephzibah, North Atlanta Peachtree, N. DeKalb
Covington