



**Multiple District 22
The International Association
of Lions Clubs
Council of Governors
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Council of Governor's Meeting
December 2, 2007,
Sheraton Dover Hotel
1570 North Dupont Highway
Dover, Delaware

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair John Lawrence at 9:00 a.m. CC John welcomed all to the Multiple District Council Meeting and would like to thank DG Bob Jones, his wife Cheryl and the entire Social Committee for the wonderful evening last night. Distinguished guests were introduced: Director Dave "Santa" Stoufer and wife PDG Rachel Nicola, ID Joe Gaffigan, PIP Clem Kusiak, and PID Darley Travers. The pledge was led by DG Barbara McKenney and the first verse of American led by DG Bob Jones and DG Bill Stark had the invocation.

Comments from our International guest Dave thanked everyone for the wonderful time in Delaware and at the Social. He asked us to dot our I's and cross our T's. In our Lionistic Leadership Careers, not to worry about how straight our cross is and how precisely that little dot is above the I. That we think instead about the Lion, the individual lion that we are impacting and sometimes negatively by our infighting and sometimes by the way we choose to do our business. We are a service organization and we are a compassionate organization, we do things that other people don't do. How we get there should be as important to us as what we do.

Council Secretary's report by DG Barbara McKenney - Minutes of the Council Meeting on October 7, 2007 at Rocky Gap Resort, Flintstone, Maryland were sent electronically. I hope you all received them. Are there any corrections. PIP Clem noted that in these minutes it was not noted that PDG Joe Woods was not in attendance and his report was given by the Council Secretary. So noted. Motion to accept the minutes were made by DG Dick Bloomquist. Second by DG Bob Jones. Motion passed.

Council Treasurer's report by DG Bob Jones - There was very little activity for the past few months. Copies have been provided for you. Are there any questions. Motion to accept treasurer's report made by DG Ted Ladd and second by DG Bill Stark. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

International Convention Committee – Vice Chairman, Charlene Travers:

We are working on pin designs. Two (2) designs have been submitted, one from the pin company, the other from DG Dick Bloomquist. We need to talk up the convention for attendance.

Campaign Sight First II - ID Joe Gaffigan:

The worldwide goal is \$200 million. As of 11/28/07, worldwide pledges and donations totaled \$123,039,863. This amount includes only documented pledges and donations. Including the Undocumented Worldwide Day Report totals, the number is \$128,376,955. The following table shows the latest information for MD22 from LCIF.

Campaign Sight First II 2005-2008 (as of 10/05/07)				
District	Campaign Sight First 1991-1994	LCIF-Suggested Goal	Total Funds Raised (Cash and Pledges)*	Total Cash Received
22-A	\$146,172	\$138,933	\$74,158.00	\$47,004.00
22-B	\$75,000	\$180,094	\$133,005.00	\$51,082.00
22-C	\$416,055	\$228,981	\$279,981.74	\$166,157.05
22-D	\$263,113	\$177,439	\$78,400.79	\$48,574.12
22-W	\$152,141	\$229,343	\$164,107.37	\$92,936.37
MD 22	\$2,000			
Total	\$1,054,481	\$954,790	\$730,152.90	\$405,753.54

* Does not include pledges of clubs that have not submitted to LCIF a Club Record of Contribution RC-1 Form

MD22 has surpassed 76% of its goal compared to 41% for the US as a whole, and 62% for the world as a whole.

There are still 51 clubs in Multiple District 22 that have not yet joined the crusade. So far 78% of our clubs have pledged and/or donated to CSF II, compared to 53% for the US as a whole and 51% for the world as a whole. In Campaign Sight First in 1991-1994, 85% of the clubs in MD 22 participated. Some of the clubs that are not reported as participating have indicated they will participate and in some cases have announced a goal. However, their goal will not be included in the records until they send a Club Record of Contribution RC-1 Form to LCIF.

This is a global assault on enemies of sight. CSFII will reach into every community everywhere in the world. We ask everyone to encourage all clubs to participate. It will be a challenge to have the participation of 100% of the clubs, but with our combined effort it can be achieved.

The next major world wide report day is set for February 20, 2008. All information regarding this report day from MD22 is due to me by February 15, 2008.

LCIF - PDG Rowe Haywood:

The information contained in this report has been compiled from various electronic messages, publications, material used at the various training institutes, and the LCIF Website. District LCIF Chairpersons may find this material useful in their efforts to encourage Clubs in their Districts to continue to support this outstanding Foundation through their contributions.

MISSION OF LCIF. The foundation's mission is to support the efforts of Lions Clubs around the world in serving their local and global communities by funding humanitarian service projects. This support is provided through the LCIF Grants Program. These Grants include:

- **SIGHT FIRST GRANTS.** Grants awarded to fight preventable and reversible blindness
- **STANDARD GRANTS.** Provide matching funds of up to US\$75,00.00 for humanitarian projects
- **CORE 4 GRANTS.** Target urgent needs in 4 areas: preserving sight, combating disability, promoting health, and serving youth

- INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS. Fund partnership projects between clubs in a least 2 countries
- EMERGENCY GRANTS. Up to US\$10,00.00 for natural disaster relief
- MAJOR CATASTROPHE GRANTS. US\$50,000.00 and above to fund long-term reconstruction projects following a major catastrophe
- DESIGNATED GRANTS. Funds donated to LCIF that are restricted to specific projects

REASONS WHY WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT LCIF:

- EFFECTIVE. Every dollar donated goes to projects. Administrative expenses are paid from interest income
- EFFICIENT. LCIF's administrative costs over the last 10 years average 13.7 percent, a very good ratio.
- NEED. Grants now exceed donations. Interest on the foundation's investments has enabled grants to grow despite the decrease in donations.

LVRF – PDG Ted Reiver

20 years ago the Lions of MD 22 decided to start the Lions Vision Research Foundation at the Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute. In order to do this we raised funds and we committed to raise \$4,000,000.00 to endow this foundation. As of last week in our Lions endowment at Johns Hopkins we had \$4,086,000.00. I think we should give ourselves a round of applause. As of January we will be deciding where we go from here, The Long Range Planning committee is bringing 5 recommendations. I would like to ask if anyone here has any further recommendation for the LVRF.

Research and Long Range Planning – PDG Joe Wood

I am still working on the changes suggested by the Multiple District Convention Committee to the Rotation Schedule in the Policy and Procedure Manual and the addition of the Guidelines for International Officer Candidate as requested by PIP Clement Kusiak. I still need guidance on what you want to name the last Luncheon of the Convention.

I am also still working on the responsibility of the USA/Canada Forum Coordinator responsibilities.

If there is anything else the Council would like me to work on please let me know.

MD 22 Convention Committee – PDG Marbara Marros

The hotel brochures have been mailed. Unfortunately, the local phone number for Dover Downs is wrong - it should be 302 and not 301. I have the codes you will need to make online reservations and phone calls. The 800 number code is GMD08 and the online code is GMD22, you will need those. When calling or going on-line to make reservations some people have had problems with the system but it should be corrected by now.

At the council meeting in October, Long Range Planning Chairman, PDG Joe Wood raised the question of what to call the luncheon held on the last day. Last year the Convention Committee changed the name to Victory Luncheon because we decided it had nothing to do with leadership but rather to celebrate the victories of the candidates running for office. PDG Joe made a proposal to change the name of this luncheon to New Officer Celebration Luncheon. A comment from PCS Cheryl Jones at this same meeting suggested that naming it New Officer Celebration made it sound like it was only for the new officers and no one else. A good point! The committee discussed this issue after the meeting and our recommendation for this year is leave it as it is due to the fact that the 50/50 tickets were already printed with the final drawing to be held at the Victory Luncheon. During the remainder of this year, maybe more ideas will come forward and perhaps it can be changed next year.

One of the highlights at last year's convention was the wonderful food at Dover Downs. We have been planning the menus for this year and even though their prices have gone up \$2.00 on everything, we are able to hold our prices to you at the same rate as the last 2 years.

We will again have a Melvin Jones Luncheon rather than a breakfast since changing the timing was so well received this past year.

At the Turnover Meeting all of the District Governor's were given forms to provide the committee with names for chairmen and members for the convention sub-committees. Since we have been in your shoes and know this is not an easy job but it is very important that we have this information as soon as

possible, no later than EARLY January. If you have any of the information today, I will take it and you can give me the rest EARLY next month.

I requested pictures and bios from District Governors and Vice-District Governors and pictures from Cabinet Secretaries and Cabinet Treasurers. Most of you have sent them and I thank you for that. I am only lacking just a few so please try to get them to me shortly.

At the Mid-Winter Conference in January it is very important that all Cabinet Secretaries and Cabinet Treasurers attend since it is an informational meeting for convention registration. The Registration Committee consists of all Cabinet Secretaries and there will be a special instruction meeting for this purpose after the Council Meeting and Cabinet Treasurers will be invited as well. Last January the Council Meeting was shortened to allow the Convention Committee to present the Power Point and as a result the entire meeting was over by noon so boxed lunches were not provided as in the past. I am recommending that we do the same this year. There are restaurants near by to get something to eat.

On the subject of the money in the Convention Committee Account. It is no secret that I am not happy that the money left over after all convention expenses are paid - that money has to be turned over to the Council of Governors to go into a big hole never to be seen from again. And to make matters worse, according to our constitution and by-laws, the only way you can use that money is if the committee goes in the red which makes the committee look bad. I would like to propose a change to the constitution to allow future convention committees the use of that money without having to purposefully go in the red in order to use it.

I am not an expert on the constitution and by-laws but we have a MD Chairman and I would like to see a change for the better for the MD 22 Convention Committee.

I have an idea for this year's convention that can use some of that money. In the surveys from last year, some people complained that on the last day there wasn't anything to do between the end of the seminars and the beginning of the Candidate Hospitality Rooms. One suggestion was to start that party earlier. Instead I would like to have a very casual barbeque during that time frame and have the Convention Committee subsidize it. Charge a small fee to attend and have the Convention Committee pay the rest. I would like to use some of that excess money in the bank, if necessary, and give it back to the convention attendees but I may have to go in the red to do it. In my opinion this is not a very good way of doing business but the way the constitution is written at the present time that is how it may have to be done if I get the approval to go ahead with this dinner. I am aware I can only use 20% of those funds.

Currently we give out cards for club delegates and alternates and most of those alternate cards never get used. I have not seen anything that says we have to have alternate cards so I am asking for approval to eliminate these cards. We will still need a list of alternates from each club so if it is necessary for an alternate to step up and take the place of an absent delegate, each Cabinet Secretary will have that official list and can issue the proper replacement card.

Call on Vice-Chairman PDG Jack Brinckmeyer and Convention Treasurer PDG Rodney Welch.

PDG Jack Brinckmeyer – Vice Chairman: Lion Dick Waughtall from 22-D was the photographer last night and everything went very smoothly. That's because all of you arrived on time and we thank you for that. The Golf Tournament will be held at the Eagle Creek Golf Course, Dover Air Force Base at Dover Delaware. Lion Larry Gicker will be the Chairman of the tournament. The area for exhibitors has been reviewed and some changes will be made to provide better space. Letters will go out in January to previous exhibitors and t some additional exhibitors that have expressed an interest in coming to our convention.

PDG Rodney Welch – Treasurer: There are copies of the approved budget on the tables, this was approved at the October Council Meeting. I would like to amend that as to one line, there is nothing on there for interest income under revenue, going over back statements there is some interest and I had to include that for about \$5.77. Other than that everything is in black and white.

I will ask the Council of Governors to act on the following items:

1. Leave the name of the Victory Luncheon as is for this year or change the name to New Officer Celebration Luncheon.
2. Agree to have no boxed lunches after the Mid-Winter Conference
3. Consider a change to the constitution and by-laws to make it a little easier for the MD 22 Convention Committee the use of the excess money, if necessary.
4. Approve the barbeque and possible use of excess funds.
5. To eliminate the use of alternate cards.

Council addressed the following items:

1. Leave the name of the Victory Luncheon as is for this year or change the name to New Officer Celebration Luncheon. The Council previously referred this back to the convention committee for a decision.
2. Agree to having no boxed bunches after the Mid-Winter Conference. Motion made by DG Bill Stark, second by DG Dick Bloomquist, motion passed.
4. Approve the barbeque and possible use of excess funds. Motion made by DG Ted Ladd and second by DG Bill Stark, motion passed. Motion revised to approve barbeque and look into the appropriate funding after referring this to constitution and by-laws chair. Motion by DG Ted Ladd and second by DG Bill Stark, motion passed.
5. To eliminate the use of alternate cards. Motion by DG Bob Jones, second by DG Ted Ladd, motion passed.
3. Consider a change to the constitution and by-laws to make it a little easier for the MD 22 Convention Committee to use excess money if necessary. CC John stated that right now when we have carry over money we cannot plan to spend it. If we go over we can use 20% of the carryover money at the discretion of the council. Under new business we will discuss request for a finance committee meeting where this will be discussed.

MERL Team – PDG Thomas Baine

The MD-22 MERL Team met on October 14th at Edgewood with 18 Lions attending from districts A, B and C. Reports were given by all chairs followed by a review of goals and roles of the Council of Governors, the Council Chair, the MERL Team, the 20K Coordinator and the LCI Staff .Discussion of ways of improving communication and cooperation among all entities with the Council Chair acting as the clearing house for all groups. Discussion also centered on the MERL workshops within the district s scheduled for the Nov-Dec timeframe.

The MD-22 MERL Team has offered to conduct membership, extension and retention seminars to all districts and as of this date, District 22-C is alone in taking advantage of this opportunity. The MERL Seminar will be held there after the holidays. The MERL Team will be meeting in early December to regroup and discuss future plans and meetings to encourage membership development throughout the multiple and to assist all district governors meet their 20K Goals.

Membership – PDG Dal Mann

I have some good news and some bad news. The good news is that we have 7, 942 Lions in MD 22 that are working and doing a great job. The bad news is that is 68 Lions less than we had at the beginning of the fiscal Lions year. That is the bad news. Also have some more good news. We have been looking at the November numbers and there is hope there. One sub district has a positive and some others are near even. Go back to your clubs and work on membership.

Extension – PDG Gary Burdette

The momentum has slowed this year in our Multiple District club extension efforts. By this time last year we had chartered 2 new clubs and established 2 new club branches. So far this year, we have not chartered any new clubs, nor have we established any new club branches. That's not to say that our District Extension teams are not doing their jobs. New extension initiatives are underway though out our Multiple.

In District 22-A, the Extension team is targeting the Homewood area of Baltimore City for a new club. Charles Village has been selected as the focus area. The second area being considered is the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore.

The 22-B Extension team is concentrating their efforts on helping the Ocean Pines Club Branch and the Elkton Guardian Club Branch expand their membership. Their goal is to have them chartered by the end of the Lion year.

The 22-C Extension team is working to establish new Club Branches in the Beltsville and Largo areas, and at the Walter Reed Army Hospital. They are also working with the sponsoring clubs of the existing Club Branches to promote membership.

District 22-D is working on establishing a new Club Branch in Wilmington area.

District 22-W is working to establish a Club Branch in Accident which is located in western Maryland.

Last year, for the first time in many years, MD 22 finished the year on the plus side in membership. This was due primarily to our club extension efforts. If we are to meet the membership goals that each of you have established for your districts, we must place greater emphasis on extension. There are still many areas in our Multiple that need the services that only a Lions Club can provide.

Retention - Scott Shipe

I am pleased to provide the following report regarding retention for Lions Club International Multiple District 22 for the 2007-2008 year. That includes data for the first three months including July, August, September 2007 lion's year from Lions Club International Membership Register Report.

I had the opportunity to observe District 22-W Retention Chair Richard Hosfeld present at the Region Meeting last week in Clear Spring. Lion Richard presentation was superb. The talk was follow up with a retention skit that was performed by Lion Region Chair Chris Bennett, Diabetes Chair Lion Donna Jackman and Lion Norris Belt, Post President of the Clear Spring Lions Club. The purpose of the skit was to make the attendees aware of how easy it was for a Lion to stop attending meetings, and how east it was to convince a non attending member to return to the club by a simple two minute phone call and ask the member "WE MISS YOU". This is what retention is all about.

Lion Bill Bicknell, Retention Chair from District 22-B reports that many programs have been implemented regarding retention the Eastern Shore District and he continues working hard presenting programs across the district to reduce drops.

LCI MD 22 Retention Report 2007-2008 **November 2007**

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL

Year Two of Three

MERL Retention Report

Multiple District 22 – July 1, 2007 – September 30, 2007

<i>District</i>	<i>Clubs</i>	<i>Beginning</i>	<i>New</i>	<i>Reinst</i>	<i>Transfer</i>	<i>Dropped</i>	<i>Net Gain</i>	<i>End</i>	
<i>Ranking</i>									
A	35	1213	21	0	0	-21	4	1217	1st
B	48	1487	19	3	2	-39	-15	1462	3rd
C / MD	50	1725	23	5	1	-89	-60	1665	6th
C / DC	7	169	3	0	0	-10	-7	162	5th
D	37	1408	17	5	4	-41	-15	1393	4th
W	59	2009	32	1	4	-36	1	2010	2nd
Total	236	8011	115	14	11	-236	-100	7909	

Year to Date or the first three months of the 2007-2008 year 236 members have dropped out of MD 22 membership.

Drop Member Totals For Multiple District 22 For 2004-2007

	<i>2004-2005</i>	<i>2005-2006</i>	<i>2006-2007</i>	<i>2007-2008</i>
<i>District A</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>-21</i>
<i>District B</i>	<i>201</i>	<i>201</i>	<i>165</i>	<i>-39</i>
<i>District C</i>	<i>296</i>	<i>201</i>	<i>265</i>	<i>-99</i>
<i>District D</i>	<i>207</i>	<i>246</i>	<i>192</i>	<i>-41</i>
<i>District W</i>	<i>210</i>	<i>210</i>	<i>176</i>	<i>-36</i>
	<i>-1,062</i>	<i>-974</i>	<i>-908</i>	<i>-236</i>

Information was obtained from LCI Register Report / MERL Administration / Oak Brook, Ill

Note: 2007-2008 Totals are for the Months of July, August, September 2007 Only

Leadership Report - PDG Thomas Baine

The planning for the 7th Annual MD-22 Regional Leadership Institute is under way. Curricula is being developed and modified. Faculty and staff is being recruited and briefed. Logistical plans are being made. Financing for both the Basic and Advanced courses has been obtained from LCI. Fliers, applications and recruiting strategies have been developed and distributed to all districts. All these plans will come together for another Leadership Institute to be held February 15th- 17th at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Md.

The Leadership Team has and can accomplish the development and implementation of both the Basic and Advanced Institutes. However, the only thing that we cannot do is to recruit participants for the Institutes. **This is the sole responsibility of the District Governors.** Each district is allotted 20 slots in the Basic Institute and 6 slots in the Advanced Institute. It is up to the District Governor and the district team to find the potential Lion leaders to fill those slots. All participants must be recommended by the respective District Governor. The deadline for applications is Jan. 25th, 2008.

This is a nationally recognized opportunity for developing leadership traits, networking, and sharing ideas to meet the “challenge to change.”

As of 12-2-07 eight MD committees or programs have requested to present seminars at the MD 22 Convention in May. A change in seminar format is being considered to accommodate the increased number of seminars.

Preschool Vision Screening – Dale Strait – report given by CC John Lawrence

MD 22 clubs and sub-Districts have acquired seven Welch Allyn SureSight Vision Screeners and Random Dot Stereo Butterfly (Titmus Test) Kits as replacements for MTI Photoscreeners currently in use for preschool vision testing for amblyopia. The Welch Allyn SureSight has been indorsed by LCIF as an alternative to the Photoscreener. It will detect most but not all amblyopic factors since it tests each eye separately, not together. This could miss some children with strabismus (loss of stereo vision.) The Titmus Test has been added, upon the recommendation of our medical advisor, to test children for stereo vision. Use of the two devices will allow us to continue to claim we are screening for amblyopic factors.

The MD22 program will transition to use of the SureSight Vision Screener and Random Dot Stereo Butterfly (Titmus) Test as funding and training permit. No further purchases of Photoscreener cameras will be funded. Funding to purchase the SureSight and Titmus Test is not available from LCIF nor can it be supported by the current MD22 PSVSP budget. Each sub-District/Lions club will have to determine how best to acquire the new equipment. For SureSight devices that are made available for District preschool vision screening programs conducted in accordance with MD22 PSVSP guidelines, the MD22 PSVSP will continue to provide the following services: Loss/damage insurance, periodic recalibration as required by the SureSight, repairs to the extent not otherwise covered by product warranties.

As long as the following products and services remain available at a reasonable price, the MD22 PSVSP will continue to provide them for Lions clubs using Photoscreener cameras that are made available for District preschool vision screening programs conducted in accordance with MD22 PSVSP guidelines: loss/damage insurance, instant film, photo interpretation, Repairs to existing Photoscreener cameras will not be paid for by the MD22 PSVSP.

For both types of screenings, the MD22 PSVSP will continue to maintain the statistical data base and permanent records, and provide follow up to see that referred children are seen by an eye care professional.

Hearing and Speech – PDG Bob Kidner

I have good news and more good news.

District 22-A

Lion Dale Strait – The Executive Committee of LASH has decided to resume the policy of making the two channel, digitally programmable, analog hearing aids, available to Lions and their immediate family members and requests from other MD-22 Sub-Districts. LASH has an inventory of over

100 of these "Lions Ear" aids available and will continue to use them in our program as long as supplies last.

District 22-B

PDG Walt West, Jr. – At the 11/11/07 Cabinet meeting, PDG Bob Kidner received from the following Lions Clubs: Easton Lions Club (12 hearing aids) , Elkton Lions Club (12 hearing aids) , Ocean City Lions Club (24 hearing aids) , Ocean City Lioness Club (15 hearing aids) , Perryville Lions Club (15 hearing aids) , Rising Sun Lions Club (8 hearing aids).

District 22-C

Lion Walter Schleutermann – To date District 22-C has provided eight LCI hearing aids to five clients. The Silver Hills Lions Club provided 2 hearing aids and the Calvert County Lions Club provided 6 hearing aids.

District 22-D North

Lion Fred Williamson – Has received a booklet from the Federal Government about hearing loss among the elderly. The booklet is a great source of information about age-related hearing loss. While reprints of this booklet are no longer available from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, "The text of this publication may be republished, reprinted, and otherwise used without permission. Credit to the U.S. Food & Drug Administration as the source is appreciated but not required." We have six copies at this time.

District 22-D South

Lion Ken Pyle – Has received information from Starkey Industries concerning their "low Cost" hearing aids. There are two models, both are digital, behind-the-ear hearing aids. The BX 13 is \$150 and the DP 7 is \$200.00. **They can be ordered for Lions is the good news!** If a club wished to order, they should call Bridgett Redifer of Starkey industries at 1-800-328-8602, extension 2482 to order and make arrangements to pay for the aids and shipping. They would be shipped to the audiologist who will have decided which aid should be ordered by the club, based on the audiologist's exam and what they found the need for. The Audiologist fees would need to be negotiated the same as if this were the new LAHAP program with Rexicon.

District 22-W

Lion Brooks Widder – Two more LAHAP hearing aids have been ordered, bringing the total ordered this year to six. The first four aids have been received by the audiologist and fittings made.

USA/Canada Forum - PDG Joe Wood

I was not able to attend the last Council Meeting but I sent a report with the information I had at the time about the USA/Canada Forum to be held in Saskatoon, Canada. I have not received any new information about the Forum. I will get any information I receive to the Clubs of the Multiple District.

Any one who wants to attend the USA/Canada Forum will need to obtain a passport before leaving the USA.

I would like for the Council to promote this Forum in their Districts. This is the best Leadership Training available to the Lions of our Multiple District.

Following written committee reports were given by CC John Lawrence

Diabetes Awareness – Lion Donna Jackman

I regret that I cannot attend this Council Meeting, but I cannot drive with my right leg in a full cast, and my husband is not able to drive that distance as he is not safe to drive locally.

Writing this report is one of the most difficult tasks I have ever had to do. My heart is extremely heavy with the heartbreaks that have occurred since our last Council Meeting. Our Diabetes Chairmen each extend our heartfelt sympathy to Vice District Governor John Andrews and his family on the loss of Lion Sharon, one of our faithful Diabetes Chairmen. We will all miss her contributions to District 22-A and the Multiple District 22 Diabetes Programs. We are hoping to have a seminar Multiple District 22 Convention in May in her memory.

District A – Thanks to Lion Al Whitlock for stepping up to the plate and trying to fill a huge pair of shoes left empty with the tragic death of Lion Sharon Andrews. We know he will do a fabulous job and each of the chairmen of the other Districts will help him in any way we can. We welcome him to our family

of Diabetes Awareness Chairmen. I have nothing to report from him at this time as he has just taken over this position.

District B – Lion Carlos Mir did not send a report for District B for this Council Meeting.

District C – Lion Rosann Seibel has presented a very well received program to one of the clubs in her District and has several more scheduled. She has received outstanding literature from d-Life and encourages others to request information from the. She encourages all of us to watch CNBC at 7 P.M. on Sundays for outstanding programs on diabetes. They give a wealth of information and give receives and other valuable meal planning ideas for diabetics. (you can check your local TV schedule for this program.)

District D – I received another heart break when I talked to Lion Jim Hartman. He informed me That he is resigning his position as District D Diabetes Chairman and is resigning from Dover Lions Club as of December 1, 2007. He has done an outstanding job promoting diabetes programs and diabetes training in his District. He is to have 4 additional surgeries starting December 14, and I ask all our Lions to keep him in your prayers. We are losing a dedicated Lions and a very dedicated Diabetes Chairman with his resignation. I feel this is a tremendous loss to our Multiple District Diabetes Program and a disastrous loss to the Lions in District D.

District W – I have presented several programs at combined Regional and Zone meetings and numerous club presentations on diabetes. We are actively selling our furry animals to raise funds to send diabetic children to Camp Merrick next summer. Our Kiss-A-Pig Contest for 2008 is underway. We have 10 contestants vying for the honor of kissing the pig's nose. The contestant who raises the least amount of money will kiss the other end of the pig. The winner and loser will be announced at our February 10, 2008 Cabinet Meeting. Our goal for this year's contest is \$14,000.00. All money raised at this event will go to research to find a cure for diabetes. If we reach our goal, I will also kiss the pig's backside. The Lions of our District raised over \$5,000 at the Frederick Diabetes Walk on October 14 and all this money went to research to find a cure for diabetes. I am scheduled to present programs to several clubs in January plus present a program at one of the Zone Meetings in February. All clubs in 22W are being encouraged to send donations to our Chairman to send diabetic children to Camp Merrick during the 2008 summer sessions.

Leader Dog – Lion Connie Burick

All is going well with the leader Dog Program in MD 22. The sub district chairs are working hard and things are moving smooth. We would like to wish the Council a very Happy and safe Holiday Season.

Women's Membership Development – Lion Joy Spicer – This report was given to council secretary at the end of the council meeting and was not given orally.

Plans for a Women's Symposium are slowly coming together. I was planning to hold this in either January or April (considering the weather aspect). I have been in contact with Maureen Stenson at LCI concerning the process of getting a grant for this type of event. She has given me some names of other individuals that have held successful symposium's in the past and I await their input. Things are moving along and I hope to have a date set soon.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – We have a Peace Poster winner from each District and the Council will meet after this meeting to choose a winner that will be sent to LCI.

The Council of Governors has looked at some of the various things that are facing us, particularly the financial issues that have been discussed today, particularly, both of the convention committees. The Council of Governors has issued a call to convene the finance committee. The Finance Committee is composed of two Past District Governors from each District that are elected by the Honorary Committee of each District for a two year term on alternating basis. For the record the Finance Committee members are:
District 22-A - PDG Bill Malampy and PDG Ed Mello
District 22-B – PID Darley Travers and PDG Joe Wood
District 22-C – PDG Charlie Kears and PDG Dick West
District 22-D – PDG Red Reiver and PDG Dave Jones
District 22-W - PDG John Hopkins and PDG Gary "Buck" Fisher

We have asked for this committee to look at two items in particular, one of more immediate nature and the other more long term basis. In terms of immediate nature, the International Convention Committee budget for this year coming up. As you know 75 cents per member of our dues goes for the International

Convention Committee. In our case right now that is about \$6000.00, by selling pins we are about to come up with a little more money, however given the cost of going to Bangkok and looking at the Policy and Procedure Manual and the obligations that we have and going to have a nice presence at the convention there simply are not enough funds available. In general they get the same amount of dues if we are going to Bangkok or Detroit, you can imagine that the expenses are different going to different places. We are asking the finance committee to address this issue and look at how we can properly finance the convention for 2008 and second to make it equitable for each year. The second issue which is a longer term issue. At the present time we have somewhere in the neighborhood of \$70,000.00 carryover from year to year in several spots. This has been referred to by PDG Barbara Marros for example there is over \$30,000 right now in the Multiple District Fund. As PDG Darley has pointed out, we are restricted to having a budget that includes the current income. This means that the overage or carryover is a one way streak. In the case of the general fund there is about \$28,000.00. We have an Auto Tag fund, where you buy your auto tag for so much, and money goes into the Auto Tag Fund, right now that amounts to about \$2700.00. And as far as we know there is no way to spend that money except getting the booklet with the names of the tag holders published. The issue that we would like the Finance Committee to look at is - how do we go about managing this carryover money. It seems there is a large amount of money sitting there that can best be used for our Lions. A meeting will be called and a date and time will be determined for sometime early in January with the idea that we can get some information back by the next council meeting. Part of this would also mean some recommendations from the committee for the Constitution and By-Laws changes in order to address these issues. Constitution and By-Laws and Research and Long Range Planning will certainly have to be involved. This should help to address No. 3 of the Multiple District Convention Committee report and also help the International Committee with their budget.

COMMENTS FROM ADVISORS

ID Joe Gaffigan - Outstanding meeting and you make MD 22 proud by your commitment, I congratulate you for that and you have some work to do with this finance committee. As one of your advisors, we are an email or a phone call away at any time. We are here to not tell you but to assist you in doing your job.

PIP Clem Kusiak – I want to congratulate the Council of Governors for accepting the input from the advisors, it shows us you are not only listening to your advisors but also the Vice-District Governors. On behalf of the International Family, Joe, Darley and I, the input we are giving you is advise. I want to continue to do that. My schedule will lighten up after the convention in Thailand this year. Congratulation MD 22 on Sight First II, through the efforts of ID Joe Gaffigan and all sight coordinators you are doing a great job. We are being recognized by many, many areas of the world and that is because of the reports that come out. Lions Quest, there is a full Lions Quest committee which is a United States committee. We are looking to do a pilot in 4 cities in the United States. The pilot will be on bullying and violence prevention. I just came from a Pan American Association of Optometry of Islam and was appointed on their foundation. I went to that meeting and the whole area of the 34 Americas were so fragmented in what they can do in the area of health care programs in general. Our Chairman, Jimmy Ross had me go to a function in Washington D.C. for five days and listen to all of the problems they have and how they can try and solve them in the America's. At the foundation meeting I was just at in New Orleans they are going to do an eye banking program. They ask if they could model their eye banking program after ours. They are in touch with LCIF and you should feel very good that they want to model after us. One thing I would like for you as a body to consider. Director Dave made the comment earlier about the person behind that Lion pin that we need to consider. At your leadership level, when you are looking at foundations, we have one in Baltimore City, Federation for the Blind. People are asking me why we don't have representation on the board. Think seriously about Foundations that you as a Lion leader can become involved in. Our foundation, LCIF, is making a point that as past presidents to be on various foundations so we have a presence there. We can share what we have done and they can share what they have done. Think about programs that you can become involved in that identify you as a leader and as a Lion adjacent to that leader position. Thank Council for allowing me to make these comments.

PID Darley Travers – Congratulations for a great meeting this morning, Council Chair John and active participation of the District Governors. Looks like you are moving forward to resolve things we had concerned about. Congratulations.

ID Dave Stoufer – I just think that it is pretty amazing, one past international president, one past international director, two sitting directors and all these past district governors, and you have accomplished this in less than two hours. The financial things that you are looking at, I would really encourage you to take long hard looks at not only right now but for the future. Every place that I go, I discover that the Multiple Districts are having the same kind of problems, how to get the finances on the right tract. I would encourage you to think ahead, get your budgets set up over a period of time ahead of when you need them. Make sure you are looking at how things are going, as far as cost increases. When you do come up with budgets, make sure it is not something that you think you have to reinvent each time. This will let you get on with the business of being Lions. Thanks for letting us be here and God Bless You All.

DG Bill Stark gave the benediction