



Multiple District 22 The International Association of Lions Clubs Council of Governors 2007-2008



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Council of Governor's Meeting
March 30, 2008
Clarion Fountainebleau Hotel
101st Street
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The meeting was called to order by Council Chair John Lawrence as 9:00 a.m. The pledge was led by DG Dick Bloomquist and the first verse of America led by DG Bob Jones. DG Ted Ladd had the invocation.

CC John thanked everyone for coming and thanked DG Bill Stark for the nice social the previous evening. He introduced ID Bill Hansen also known as Mr. Leader Dog.

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ID Bill talked about the Board Meeting in Vienna, the beauty of the city and the kindness of the people in the city. The International President is very serious about the Challenge to Change theme for this year. He is concerned about our membership and also International Vice President Al Brandl and others will follow through with the membership goals. The membership program has been bought into by the next 3 International Presidents. There will be some consistency as this program goes forward. The executive summary from the board will be in the Lions Magazine within two months. The board is suggesting a 2nd Vice Governor position. This is not mandatory but is an option. The 2013 convention will be in Hamburg, Germany. All Committees at International are working well and plans are underway for the upcoming International Convention and also for the District Governor-elect school at Convention. Senior Lions Leadership Institutes are very important for Lions to attend. If you need material on Leadership, please go to the Lions Web site or contact international for this information. Much is available for you. New family and new family membership clubs have a new requirement of 10 members to start. Student members are going to have to pay their dues up front, but they only pay half dues. Public Relations are continuing the brand audit. A couple interesting things have come out of the brand audit. This is how people perceive you as being a Lion. One perception is that being a Lion is someone old and bald. This image needs to be changed, also we do not all wear the gold vests. We need to change our image for the public. Thanks to everyone for the hospitality and the wonderful week-end.

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Secretary's report, Council Secretary, DG Barbara McKenney. The minutes for the council meeting on January 27, 2008 in Edgewood, Maryland were sent out electronically to everyone, are there any corrections or additions. Motion to accept the secretary's report by DG Bob Jones, seconded by DG Dick Bloomquist, motion passed.

District 22-C

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Treasurer's report, Council Treasurer DG Bob Jones: Copies are on the table for everyone. All of the second half dues are in. All funding due the convention committee have been given to them. Motion to accept the treasurer's report by DG Ted Ladd, second by DG Dick Bloomquist, motion passed.

Committee Reports

Constitution and By-Laws : PDG Thomas Jefts, I need approval from the Council for funding for printing and mailing of the changes to the Constitution and By-laws. I do not have funding in my budget for this. Motion to add money to the constitution and by-laws budget for the reproduction and mailing to all clubs made by DG Ted Ladd, second by DG Bob Jones, motion carried.

Motion was made by DG Bill Stark for final approval of the changes of Multiple District 22 Constitution and By-Laws to be presented at the Convention, seconded by DG Dick Bloomquist. Motion passed.

MD22 Convention Committee: PDG Barbara Marros, There are only 5 ½ weeks until the start of convention and the disturbing news is that there are still rooms left at Dover Downs and all other hotels. The blocks of rooms are good until April 13th but I'm sure Dover Downs will accept reservations after this if our block is not full. Registrations are coming in very slow but I have heard several people say they haven't sent theirs in yet so I won't panic yet. Lions are being Lions and waiting until the last minute to send in registrations.

After the Council voted at the January Council Meeting to hold the MD Convention in Ocean City for the year 2013, I sent a Letter of Intent to Fred Wise at the Ocean City Convention Center. This document holds those dates without having to pay an advance deposit. I have received a letter from Fred Wise outlining the amount it will cost to use the Convention Center and the rooms we will be using.

After the Mid-Winter conference the Cabinet Secretaries and Treasurers met with the Convention Vice-Chairman PDG Jack Brinckmeyer and Treasurer PDG Rodney Welch to go over all the information for running the registration desks. The Candidates for DG and VDG met with me to discuss plans for the Hospitality room on Friday night. I will need the final plans today for table placement and anything else that might be needed.

I have received almost all of the chairman and members for the sub-committee from the District Governors. All PDGs can sympathize with you that this may have been the hardest job of your entire year. I know it seemed like you had to get this information a lot earlier than necessary but the convention committee needs this information to prepare the program book, I appreciate all your hard work on this.

PDG Jack Brinckmeyer, Vice Chairman, stated that exhibitors are needed and should get their applications in soon. Also golfers are needed. Clubs or individuals can purchase tee signs for the golf tournament at the cost of \$25.00.

PDG Rodney Welch, treasurer, On the table budgets are available for you. Golf and exhibitors are a little slow. We have 347 people registered. I have registration papers here with the names of individuals who have signed up for the convention.

Council Chair John stated that there is going to be a special session on Friday morning of the convention dealing with the Lions Youth Foundation. I would like to have this reflected in the minutes that the council has taken this under consideration and working with the convention committee this is something we would like to do.

International Convention Committee. PDG Keith Williams, The 2008 International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand will start on Monday June 23rd with registration, pin-trading, ticket exchange, convention shuttle information, information on tours/attractions, credential certification, and the availability of Club supplies. The DGE Banquet will run from 7:00 p.m. to about 10:00 p.m.

The DGE Seminar Hotel is the Royal Cliff Resort, Pattaya, Thailand. The DGE Seminar will run from June 20th through the 23rd at the Peach Conference Center, Pattaya, Thailand. The DGE Convention Hotel will be the Imperial Queens Park and Dusit Thani in Bangkok, Thailand. MD 22 will be headquartered at the Montien Hotel in Bangkok.

The International Parade of Nations will step off on Tuesday June 24th at 4:00 p.m. We will march somewhere in the middle. The uniform for all participants will be all-white pants, MD 22 shirt, vest, hat or visor and white shoes. **ALL** District Governors and Vice District Governors may wear their black jackets in place of the vests. Anyone needing uniform parts, may contact previous participants.

The opening plenary session will be held at the Impact Convention Center on Wednesday June 25th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The International Show will be at the same location from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. All seminars will be held at the Impact Convention Center.

The second plenary session will be held on Thursday June 26th from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Voting will take place at the Impact Convention Center on the morning of Friday, June 27th. Remember, you must be a certified delegate from your Lions Club or a sitting District Governor, who has been certified. The voting will take place from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

The final plenary session will be held at the Impact Convention Center from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The appointment of the International Convention Committee Vice-Chairman for 2009, will be made at the MD 22 Convention, I believe that it is 22-C's turn.

It should be noted that the only fund raiser the International Committee has is the sale of MD 22 trading pins. We have the 2008 pins here and will distribute them to the sitting Governors.

LVRF Foundation: PDG Ted Reiver, Lions of Multiple District 22 should be proud of what we have accomplished with our Lion Vision Research Foundation and our Lions Low Vision Center. We started with research which continues to this day. We have contracts for research in the future. Research is great, but the second phase of your foundations mission is to impart the knowledge gained through the research to the people that can make use of that knowledge, the low vision clients. We train people to use aids assistive technology to compensate for their low vision. The third phase of your foundations mission is to teach the teacher to enable replication of our low vision center so that more people can be helped, thus fulfilling our mission of making the world a better place. We will vote on some new initiatives at the convention, so I would encourage every Lion who has questions or wants to learn about this to attend the LVRF seminar, conducted by Dr. Bob Massof who has been for the twenty years of our existence has been our executive director.

Research and Long Range Planning, PDG Joe Wood, The approved changes have been made to the Policy and Procedures Manual. I will have a copy for the Council and the Incoming Council by the Convention. I will also have it updated on the Web Sites.

I want to add the duties and responsibilities for the following committees that are not in the Policy Manual:

1. LCIF Coordinator.
2. Leader Dog Coordinator.
3. Low Vision Education Coordinator.
4. Preschool Vision Screening.
5. Roaring Lions Coordinator.
6. Youth Outreach Coordinator.

I would like to have some input from the existing Coordinators about their duties and responsibilities.

We also need to add some description of the Kids Sight Foundation to the Policy and Procedures Manual.

USA/Canada Forum, PDG Joe Wood, For those who are planning to attend the Forum, the Official Travel Agency for this years Forum is Uniglobe Travel Agency. They can be reached on the web sight www.uniglobefreetravel.com or by telephone at 1-866-470-2010. They can book your air flights and they have tours you can sign up for. The airfares on Expedia.com range from \$680 to \$908 from BWI to Saskatoon. One person told me the lowest airfare they could find was \$729.

If anyone wants to register for the 2008 Forum they can go to the Web Site www.usacanadalionsforum.org. You can also get information on Tours and other Special Events planned for the Forum.

One of the events is The Good Old Days at the Western Development Museum on Friday evening which includes Entertainment, Good Food and Wagon Rides. Tickets are thirty dollars and there will be a limited number available. You must purchase your tickets by August 31st.

Any one who wants to attend the USA/Canada Forum will need to have a passport before leaving the USA. Make sure your passport does not expire before the end of 2009. A passport which is about to expire can cause unexpected delays.

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.

Merl Team. PDG Tomas Baine, The MD 22 MERL Team met on 23 February at Severna Park High School in Severna Park, Md. In conjunction with the District 22-A MERL Workshop. Thirty seven Lions representing 13 different Lions Clubs in 22-A. The presentations of PDG Gary Burdette, PDG Dal Mann, and Lion Schott Shipe of the MD 22 MERL team were outstanding and informative. Lions Larry Burton and Senora Haywood gave an good overview of the district's membership status and a Power Point Presentation of Developing a Membership Plan. PDG Bob Muchow reported on extension efforts past, present and future. PDG Rowe Haywood reviewed the conclusions from the 2006 District – Wide Membership retreats and proposed some solutions to these problems. DG Dick Bloomquist presented a challenge to all to build a membership surge in the months remaining in this Lions year.

Overall this was another successful MERL Workshop at the grass roots level where it can have the greatest impact on the problems of the district. After the conclusion of the workshop, the MD 22 MERL Team met briefly to plan for the DG/VDG Seminar presentations and to discuss how to encourage other districts to meet the challenge of a surge in membership, retention, and extension in the remainder of this year.

Extension. PDG Gary Burdette, There is not much to report on the extension.

The MD 22 MERL Team held a Membership seminar/workshop in District 22-A on February 23.

The 22-A Extension Team is working to establish a club in the Charles Village area. Meetings have been held with the Charles Village Civic Association to determine community needs and seek advice on locating potential members for a new Lions club there. They also plan to promote Lions membership at the Charles Village Festival on May 31 and June 1, which is usually attended by 4,000 to 5,000 people.

The Ellicott City Lions Club in 22-A has established a club branch in Fulton. This is the first Club Branch formed this year in MD 22.

In 22-C, work has begun on establishing a club in Largo area. DG Ted, Extension Chair Bob Bosley, and PDG Charlie Kearsse met recently with a Lion from the Gateway Club who has expressed an interest spearheading the effort.

Do you realize that we are now three quarters through the Lion Year and we have not chartered any new clubs and have only formed one club branch. I think that we should consider a new strategy. I propose, during the remaining 3 months, that we concentrate our extension effort on our Club Branches. We have a number of Club Branches in our Multiple, some with as many as 15 members. If we concentrate on these large Club Branches, we may be able to charter a few new clubs by the end of the year. Just something to consider.

Leadership. PDG Thomas Baine, The Leadership Division of the MD 22 MERL Team is pleased to report on several items:

- 1) The **2008 Lions Multiple District 22 Regional Leadership Institute** was held at the National Emergency Training Center at Emmitsburg, Md. on February 15th-17th, 2008. A total of 81 Lions participated in this leadership development experience.[24 – Faculty Staff& Guests, 32 Basic Students, and 25 Advanced students] ID Wayne Davis of Virginia was the Keynote speaker and along with his wife, Lion Marge Davis, participated in many of the classes offered by the Institute. A total of 65 different clubs were represented at the Institute.(21-A,3- B, 12-C,13-D,7-W).
A tremendous amount of planning and preparation work went into creating a successful institute and the work continues to provide a final report as well apply for funding for next year's institute. I would like to recognize PCC Rowe Haywood for his continuing work as the Institute Coordinator. Final wrap up efforts are still being made and a final Formal report will be available at a future meeting of the Council.
- 2) The Leadership division was represented at the February 23rd, 2008 **District 22 –A MERL Workshop** held at Severna Park High School . (See MERL Report)
- 3) The **MD 22 DG/ VDG Leadership Training Seminar** has been held this weekend (March 28th -29th) in conjunction with the 22-B Social in Ocean City. There were 10 scheduled participants and over 26 Lions who served as Faculty and Staff.

The Curriculum included a thorough review of the 2008-09 District Governor's Manual as well as a briefing on many important multiple district committees. Candidates spouses and significant others participated in additional discussions.

- 4) Work continues on the planning of the seminars to be presented at the MD22 Convention in Dover. As of now, there are seven (7) seminars to be held on Thursday and Friday of the convention. One group has been granted, by the decision of the Council, the status of "Special Event" and is not part of the Seminar Program.

Membership. PDG Dal Mann, We are down in the Multiple by 122. 22-W is doing well, they have a plus of 28. 22-B is doing fairly well, they have a minus 8. We are doing fairly well. My job is to get new members in, and I am doing a great job, we are up 425 new members in the Multiple this year. The bad news is we have lost 547. These numbers are the end of January. The reason is the reporting system that we have had, January starts reporting the 28th of January. Cuts off the 28th of February and then you get the reports the second week of March. Beginning the first of April they are going to change that. You are going to start first of April reporting for April and go through the end of April. By the 7th or 8th of May you will have the April numbers.

Hearing and Speech. PDG Bob Kidner,

22-A Lion Dale Strait to date LASH has issued 40 referrals for 75 hearing aids.

22-B PDG Walt West, Jr. No report

22-C Lion Walter Schleutermann to date 22 hearing aids have been provided

22-D Lion Fred Williamson, We have a Lion in a local club who is willing to give free hearing tests and provide a low cost hearing aid for those who qualify. This arrangement includes any Lions Club member as well. This Lion will travel to the person's home for the exam. Please contact me at freshfred1492@aol.com for more information.

22-W Lion Brooks Widder – Four more LAHAP hearing aids have been ordered, bringing the total ordered to ten. These ten aids represent five individuals. Of those, one individual is using the aids and very satisfied with the results. Two individuals did not like the behind the ear aid, those aids were returned to Rexton for a credit. Two individuals have not received their aids yet, as their orders just went in to LCIF.

Final arrangements have been made for the Hearing and Speech Program being presented at the Multiple District Convention on Thursday, May 8, 2008, at the Dover Downs Hotel in Dover, Delaware. There will be four 25 minute presentations so as to permit a 100% opportunity to attend the Hearing and Speech program. Miss Kathi Riley from the Delaware School for the Deaf is the featured speaker. Please make a note to attend our Hearing and Speech Program to become more informed about this subject.

Written Committee Reports given by Council Secretary Barbara McKenney

Diabetes Awareness, Lion Donna Jackman,

District 22 A - Lion Al Whitlock reports that he has had several meetings with the Lions of his District and reviewed the Bel Air Club's involvement with "Camp Possibilities" camp program. This is a camp for children with type I diabetes. This camp is located in Darlington/Harve de Grace Area at Camp Ramblewood. Last year they had 53 children each week. The Bel Air Lions and Darlington Lions Clubs provided personnel to help open and close each camp session. Channel 2 TV covered the opening day of camp and aired it on the local channel. Bel Air Lions have provided \$5,000 to the camp. Lion Al is hosting a golf fund raiser on June 30 to raise funds for the camp at the Winter Run Golf Course. He solicits the support of all Lions and clubs in the area. Outside golfers are welcome. He also would like to seek the support of more clubs in the District as well as the Multiple District's support for the camp. They can use financial support as well as personnel support. Please contact Lion Al and get your club and yourself involved to help these children who have a disease that they must live with for a lifetime!

District 22B – Lion Carlos Mir has worked diligently to secure the speaker for our Diabetes Seminar Session at Multiple District Convention. These sessions will be held on May 9 in the A.M. Nina Pletcher, who has MED, RD and CDE certifications, works for Bay Health Medical Center at Milford Memorial Hospital. Her topic will be *Diabetes and "Are You at Risk?"* We encourage all Lions and guests to attend this very informational presentation.

District 22C – Lion Rosann Seibel has been putting programs on for clubs and continues to provide literature and information wherever she can. She is always willing to put programs on for Lions or other organizations to spread information on diabetes and educate our clubs and communities.

District 22D -Lion Gary Stumpf is replacing Jim Hartman. He wants everyone to know he is available to present programs to any Lions or Lioness Clubs and will gladly put on programs to community organizations such as senior citizen groups, church organizations, women and men’s groups or other community groups to get information out on the cause and effects of diabetes. Lion Gary has first hand experience as he has battled diabetes for many years.

District 22W—Lion Donna Jackman has been presenting programs to clubs throughout the District. The Annual Kiss-A-Pig was held on February 10 with the contestants raising \$11,000, all of which goes to research. This event has previously been held in June, so our collections were down some with two year’s events being held so close together. We are receiving applications for children to attend Camp Merrick this summer. Thirteen children were sent to camp last summer and we anticipate an even larger number of requests for this season. Our golf tournament to raise funds for diabetes will be held in May and we are hoping to raise at least \$5,000 at this event to send children to camp.

It is evident that all the chairman of Multiple District 22 are diligently working to promote the Diabetes Program. We, the Lions, are working to make our efforts known to the public. Getting our logo and name in front of the general public makes them more aware of our presence and the work we do to improve life in our communities. Our dedication to help in finding a cure for diabetes, while helping those afflicted with diabetes to obtain assistance to live a more normal life, will help our clubs bring new members into our organization. This is a double edge sword that can only be a win-win situation.

Campaign SightFirst II, ID Joe Gaffigan We have exceeded \$150,000,000.00 in actual documented cash and pledges world wide. The last world wide report day number totaled just under \$158,000,000.00 in total cash and pledges. We are now in our final phase: Vision For All, to raise the last \$50,000,000.00 that will primarily benefit the US and all other developed countries. How? By funding, among other things, such things as research grants for macular degeneration and other low vision initiatives, early training for blind children and their families, mobile eye units to offer services in inner cities and for the working poor, and many more. The following table shows the latest information for MD22 from LCIF.

		Campaign SightFirst II 2005-2008 (as of 03/21/08)		
District	Campaign SightFirst 1991-1994	LCIF-Suggested Goal	Total Funds Raised (Cash and Pledges)*	Total Cash Received
22-A	\$146,172	\$138,933	\$135,625.00	\$82,500.37
22-B	\$75,000	\$180,094	\$141,805.00	\$66,632.00
22-C	\$416,055	\$228,981	\$422,615.74	\$327,741.05
22-D	\$263,113	\$177,439	\$214,585.68	\$87,016.49
22-W	\$152,141	\$229,343	\$251,777.00	\$144,659.92
MD 22	\$2,000			
Total	\$1,054,481	\$954,790	\$1,166,408.42	\$709,899.83

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

MD22 stands at 122% of it’s goal compared to 48% for the US as a whole, and 68% for the word as a whole. There are still 19 clubs in Multiple District 22 that are not on record as having joined the crusade. So far 92% of our clubs have pledged and/or donated to CSF II, compared to 64% for the US as a whole and 56% for the world as a whole. In CSF I, 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. Our MD22 goal for club participation is 100%, and all of the District Coordinators are working hard towards that goal.

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. Now is the time for all Lions to work together to achieve Vision For All.

The next major world wide report day is set for June 4, 2008. All information regarding this report day from MD22 is due to me by May 27, 2008.

Leader Dog, Lion Connie Burick,

- 22A: As of March 24, 2008, District 22-A has raised about \$2,950.00. Lion June and Lion Fred have presented the Leader Dog program and photos about Future Leader Dog "Livingston: at a Region I, Region 2 and Region 3. Total donations sent to Leader Dogs for the Blind from Lions Clubs, Fellow Lions and friends PDG Joe to name a Dog "Livingston" was \$20,168.00. Both Lion Fred, Lion June and Lion Joey would like to thank everyone that donated to this project. A special thanks to Leslie Faulkner and her Leader Dog Pilgrim who talk about the Leader Dog program. If any club that would like to see the Power Point about Livingston can contact June Livingston
- 22B: Two successful Leader Dog Dinners were held on March 17th and March 18th. Donations collected totaled \$23,470. Leader Dog representative Lion Pauline Ulrey and her partner Lion Bundy gave a heart felt presentation.
- 22C: Donations are in from 36 of the 53 Clubs at this time, totaling \$23,123.18. Leader Dog presentations have been given to 14 Clubs with 4 more scheduled.
- 22D: District Leader Dog nights will be held on March 24th at the New Castle Fire Hall on March 25th at the Millsboro Civic Center. The guest speaker will be Wanda Scroggins with her partner Gibson. DG Bob reported that their district has raised just over \$22,000.00.
- 22W: The 2008 Leader Dog Programs are scheduled from April 21st thru April 24th at sites reported to last Council Meeting. The guest speaker this year is Bunny Talbot and her partner Baker. Arrangements have been made for a Leader Dog booth at the Multiple District Convention in Dover. Leader Dog Rep Grace Scullins and her partner Balto will be **in** attendance.

Lions Saving Kids Sight, Inc., Lion Don Rae, Cognizant of the obligation to continue to fund the Preschool Vision Screening Program's wonderful activities once the LCIF funds terminates this year, the Foundation has been meeting monthly in an effort to explore various fund raising opportunities.

Since the PSVSP is converting the screening process to a SureSight Device and Titmus Tester there is a greater need for capital funds than when Foundation was conceived. We have had some initial success in helping clubs and regions receive local grants to meet some of these needs. Several clubs have also made generous donations to the Foundation.

We shall continue to seek funds from within and outside of Lions Organizations. The Trustees request that the Council of Governors encourage clubs in their districts to include the Lions Saving Kids' Sight Foundation in their yearly budget, and also suggest that Clubs, Zones or Regions coordinate their efforts to receive grants with the Foundation. We would be delighted to help in this effort.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Comments from PID Darley Travers: Congratulation Council Chair John and the Council of Governors for a great meeting. Great reports from the committee chairs. Our Multiple District is very healthy.

Benediction given by DG Ted Ladd

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
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