



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



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Council of Governor's Meeting
October 7, 2007
Rocky Gap Resort
Flintstone, Maryland

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair John Lawrence as 9:00 a.m. The Social for 22-W was great and I would like to thank DG Barb and Social Chair PDG Thomas Jeffs for a wonderful evening. The pledge was led by DG Dick Bloomquist and the first verse of America led jointly by DG Bob Jones and DG Ted Ladd. DG Bill Stark had the invocation.

CC John read a short note about Marnie Mann's passing. Our heart felt sympathy goes out to PDG Dal Mann.

PID Wayne Madden greeted all Lions saying it is always a pleasure to come to Maryland. I am here for the purpose of a group leader which has really changed over the past few years. District Governors use to set goals and you would send them out and never hear from them again. Our officers this year are seriously taking a look at membership this year and this is something that we did not get into the past few years. Group leaders are now becoming mentors and working with the Governors throughout the year. Coming here certainly helps to understand some of the problems your Multiple has with membership and extension.

PID Mick Barrus thanked us for inviting him and has had some time to evaluate himself. He commented on the reasons he joined the organization and why he has stayed committed for 42 years of Lions. He would like for all of us to ask ourselves why we have stayed committed and continue to do the jobs we have undertaken. He commented about the vision problems he has had in the past and still continues to have. What about the people in this world to have these problems and cannot afford the care that they need. That is why we are Lions and continue to do the things we do. Stay committed and stay involved.

ID Joe Gaffigan commented on the Executive Summary of the Board of Directors at Lions Clubs International. Copies have been given to each of the District Governors and extra copies were placed on each table. I don't think that there will be any changes to the summary but wanted to get these to you as soon as possible.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee

1. Adopted resolution to be reported to the 2008 International Convention to reorganize the order of sequence of the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws as provided in the attached Exhibit A, a copy of which will be published to all Lions clubs and attached to the Official Notice of Amendments.

2. Adopted resolution to be reported to the 2008 International Convention to amend Article IV, Sections 1 and 6 of the International Constitution and Article VI, Section 3 of the International By-Laws to replace "executive administrator" with "Executive director".

Convention Committee

1. Established 2008 Bangkok convention per diem for appointed credentials committee members, district governors-elect and headquarters staff.

2. Authorized convention committee to establish the individual room reservation cut-off date for convention each year.

District and Club Service Committee

1. Canceled the charter of 219 clubs (1,406 members) with regret.
2. Approved redistricting proposals by MD 17 (Kansas, USA); MD 26 (Missouri, USA); and MD 31 (North Carolina, USA).
3. Approved the requirements for:
 - District Governor Excellence Award (formerly 100% District Governor Award)
 - Region Chairperson Excellence Award (new award)
 - Zone Chairperson Excellence Award (new award)
 - Club President Excellence Award
4. Revised the redistricting rules by changing the deadline for clearing the district accounts from May 31 to June 30 of the fiscal year in which the redistricting proposal is submitted for the board's approval.

Finance and Headquarters Operation Committee

1. Approved the 1st quarter forecast, which projects a surplus.
2. Approved the payment of expenditures for a past district governor that was submitted past the 120 day deadline due to extenuating circumstances.
3. Approved the following members continue on the Task Force for fiscal year 2007-2008.
 - Past International Director A. P. Singh, Chairperson
 - International Director Toru Ranino
 - International Director Sung-Gyun Choi
 - Past International Director Robert Eichhorn
 - Past International Director Philippe Soustelle
4. Modified policy clarifying that under the new club cancellation policy certain geographical areas may be protected as required.
5. Approved minor housekeeping changes to Chapter XXII of Board Policy.
6. Approved a minor housekeeping change to Chapter XII of Board Policy.

LCIF

1. Approved a starting figure of US\$84,515,296 for CSFII funds in the Russell Investment Group account, and directed staff to modify with September 30, 2007 donation and investment results.
2. Approved a humanitarian (non-designated) grants spending policy.
3. Accepted the findings of the LCIF Development review and directed staff, in consultation with CCS, to prepare a detailed feasibility and implementation plan.
4. Approved a bridge loan in the amount of US\$12 million for FY 2007-2008 Sight First grant approvals.
5. Allocated US\$10,000 from the LCIF budget for support to the alliance for the Global Elimination of Trachoma by the year 2020 (GET 2020).
6. Approved a CSFII completion and donor follow-up plan.
7. Awarded a US\$1,000,000 grant to extend the Lions-Special Olympics Opening Eyes program for a one-year period.
8. Approved a US\$67,700 technical assistance grant for the Core 4 preschool vision screening program for a one-year period.
9. Approved 50 Standard, International Assistance and Core 4 grants totaling US\$2m415m880.
10. Tabled four grant applications.
11. Approved an amendment to the Board Policy Manual to delete reference to proper names, and insert position titles, in the section on signatories for LCIF investments accounts.

Leadership

1. Approved the 2008 District Governors-elect Seminar plan including group leader appointments, curriculum and schedule.
2. Approved a grant for an amount not to exceed US\$5,000 to support an Advanced Regional Lions Leadership Institute in Multiple District 22.
3. Approved a grant for an amount not to exceed US\$2,000 to support Multiple District 202's leadership training for Lions of the Islands of the South Pacific.
4. Approved a grant for an amount not to exceed US\$2,000 to support a three-tier training program in District 335-A.
5. Approved a minor housekeeping change to Chapter XIV of the Board Policy Manual.

Long Range Planning

1. Authorized implementation of the LCI Branding and Marketing Communications initiative at a cost of US\$650,000. The project will involve development and dissemination of new LCI brand image materials, significant redesign of the LCI web site and THE LION magazine, and implementation of an association-wide pride-building campaign by 2008-2009 tentatively called "It Takes a Lion".
2. Approved formation of a working group to review the LCI/LCIF Audit Committee charter, including the composition and scope of the present Audit Committee.

3. Adopted a new Vision Statement and a revised Mission statement for Lions Clubs International that reads as follows:
 LCI Vision Statement:
 “To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.”
 LCI Mission Statement:
 “To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.”
4. Approved the charter and composition of the Special Centennial Planning Committee that will assist the board in planning for the association’s 100th anniversary in 2017.

Membership Development

1. Approved the preliminary action plan for membership growth for Eastern Europe and the allocation of US\$48,000 from existing budgeted funds for continued development and initial implementation of the plan.
2. Amended the Board Policy Manual to include the Republic of Montenegro and replaced the reference to “Serbis and Montenegro” with the “Republic of Serbia”, bringing the total of approved countries to 201.

Public Relations

1. Reallocated US\$200,000 from the multiple district grant budget for the brand image project.
2. Established an official edition of THE LION Magazine for Sri Lanka.
3. Authorized holding a Lion Magazine Editor’s Conference in FY 2008-2009.
4. Authorized a US\$2,000 stipend for maintenance and upgrade of Melvin Jones Memorial in Arizona.
5. Authorized a US\$1,000 stipend for maintenance of the Melvin Jones gravesite.
6. Authorized additional US\$300,000 for the public relations budget for purposes of advertising.
7. Restored “Campaign Sight First II National/Multi-National Coordinators” in between “Past International Directors” and “Chairperson, Council of Governors” in the Order of Precedence.

Service Activities

1. Approved and adopted baseline operating standards for Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers (LERCSs), effective October 1, 2007.
2. Approved 13 districts for 2007-2008 Leo Regional Conference grants.
3. Approved 14 districts for 2007-2008 Children’s Symposium grants.

Council Secretaries report by DG Barbara McKenney. – Minutes from the Turnover Meeting dated August 4, 2007. DG Bill Stark made a motion to accept the minutes as read. DG Bob Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Council Treasurers report by DG Bob Jones – Proposed budget for 2007-2008 were made available to those attending. DG Ted Ladd made a motion to accept the budget, DG Bill Stark seconded the motion. Motion passed. 2007-2008 budget as of October 7, 2007subject to audit. We have total assets of \$90,563.94 we purchased a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$40,000.00 which leaves us with a balance of 50,563.94. DG Dick Bloomquist made a motion to accept subject to audit, Seconded by DG Bill Start. Motion passed.

Sight First II Campaign – ID Joe Gaffigan

The worldwide goal is \$200 million. As of 10/04/07, worldwide pledges and donations totaled \$113,412,139. This amount includes only documented pledges and donations. The following table shows the latest information for MD22 from LCIF.

		Campaign SightFirst II 2005-2008 (as of 10//05/07)		
District	Campaign SightFirst 1991-1994	LCIF-Suggested Goal	Total Funds Raised (Cash and Pledges)*	Total Cash Received
22-A	\$146,172	\$138,933	\$63,908	\$42,324
22-B	\$75,000	\$180,094	\$126,155	\$42,832
22-C	\$416,055	\$228,981	\$258,962.74	\$142,023.71
22-D	\$263,113	\$177,439	\$77,300.79	\$47,474.12
22-W	\$152,141	\$229,343	\$153,860.37	\$85,486.37
MD 22	\$2,000			
Total	\$1,054,481	\$954,789	\$680,186.90	\$360,990.20

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

MD22 has surpassed 71% of it's goal compared to 37% for the US as a whole, and 52% for the world as a whole.

There are still over 60 clubs in Multiple District 22 that have not yet joined the crusade. So far 74% of our clubs have pledged and/or donated to CSF II, compared to 49% for the US as a whole and 47% 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.

Another major world wide report day is set for October 24th. All information regarding this report day from md22 is due to me by October 15, 2007.

Motion to approve report by DG Dick Bloomquist, second by DG Bill Stark, Motion passed.

Constitution and By-Laws – PDG Thomas Jefts

Letter was read concerning privacy of Roster book information from District A. Brought this issue to the council for their information. DG Dick Bloomquist has taken some action on this matter. This subject came up in 22A about a month ago. Newsletters are not considered public information and they are intended for club use and district officers. The same applies to Roster Books. This information was gathered from ID Joe Gaffigan and International Legal Department. LCI has a policy on privacy. The council has discussed this and are referring it to Research and Long Range Planning to be included in the Policy and Procedure Manual. DG Bob Jones made a motion to refer this matter to Research and Long Range Planning to include in the policy and procedure manual. Second by DG Barbara McKenney. Motion passed.

Lions Clubs International Convention Committee – PDG Keith Williams

The 91st Lions International Convention will be held in Bangkok, Thailand from Monday, June 23 to Friday, June 27, 2008.

The Conventional schedule is as follows:

Monday, June 23, 6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. District Governors – Elect Banquet

Tuesday, June 24, 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Membership Key Awards breakfast

9:00 a.m. International Parade Step Off

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. International Show

Wednesday, June 25, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Opening Plenary Session

Thursday, June 26, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Second Plenary Session

L:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Melvin Jones Fellows Luncheon

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Past President/Past Directors Banquet

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. District Governors/Past District Governors Banquet

Friday, June 27, 7:00 a.m. 0 10:00 a.m. Voting

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Final Plenary Session.

Monday thru Thursday Convention Services Center open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday thru Thursday Seminars 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Our Multiple District will be housed at the Intercontinental Hotel located on Ploenchit Road a short distance from the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center. At this time I am not sure of the room rates. We will be sharing the hotel with the delegations from Puerto Rico, China – SD 380 and Hong Kong.

If there are no questions the International Convention Committee would like to meet with the Council and their advisors at the conclusion of this meeting.

I would like to have the transfer of first half of dues to the Convention Committee.

Motion to transfer first half of dues made by DG Bob Jones, Second by DG Dick Bloomquist. Motion passed.

LVRF – PDG Ted Reiver

Our recent LVRF meeting was described in glowing terms by the attending Governors and other dignitaries present. This was due to:

- 1) the report by Dr. Gislin Dagnelie explaining a few of the projects your Low Vision Center has in progress.
- 2) The challenge by Dr. Massof (at our own LVRF golf tournament) to endow a Lions chair at the school
- 3) A request for Lions to provide funding for indigent patient care for Wilmer, and

- 4) Ongoing refinements and improvements reported by Dr. Wang with respect to the Lions Low Vision clone in China.

The LVRF golf outing was well attended and a fine time was had by all. The day could not have been nicer, the course was challenging, the food was great, and the silverware was real. The auction and trunk of cheer were a big hit, in no small part due to the efforts of Lions Angela and Frank Lucas. I am sure that they worked harder to make the golf and auction a success than they did at their real jobs. I would like to thank everyone who had anything to do with the success of the event.

Thanks are in order to Lion Bob Bullock for supplying the angus steer again for the beef raffle. This is a real act of generosity and we all appreciate it. If I am not mistaken, Lions Dick and Sharon Hott covered the cost of preparing the beef. Thanks, all.

MD22 Convention Committee – PDG Barbara Marros

The MD convention committee continues to work very hard on plans for the 2008 convention in Dover, Delaware. The committee met on August 31, 2007 to discuss plans, changes or additions for the convention. Since this is the second year for Dover Downs, and with my predecessor PDG Bill Culver charting the new course last year, our job this year is much easier.

We have chosen the theme of “Racing to the Challenge” which combines Dover Downs and the International President’s theme this year of “Challenge to Change”.

With the help of PDG Ralph Shiferstein, we made contact with Director of Sales Kimberly Thomas and Cindy Small at the Dover Convention and Tourism Office and met with them on September 21, 2007. It was a most productive meeting with discussions on housing, tours and entertainment ideas.

To address the wishes of last year’s convention attendees we asked Kimberly about possible tours and were given brochures showing many tourist options around Dover and we are looking into a bus trip to the Outlets in Rehoboth Beach. Dover tourism brochures are on the tables for you to take back to your districts to let Lions know what is available.

We have increased the number of hotels with room blocks this year and Kimberly has already sent our requests to 6 hotels close to the Dover Downs complex. They are:

Sheraton	40 rooms
Hampton Inn	50 rooms
Fairfield Inn	40 rooms
Comfort Suites	50 rooms
Residence Inn	30 rooms
Country Inn and Suites	30 rooms

Since the surveys indicated some complaints about the Sheraton last year, we have asked them for fewer rooms this year.

The Residence Inn and Country Inn and Suites are brand new hotels that have just opened. Residence Inn has suites that would accommodate club hospitality rooms if anyone would like to do that rather than at Dover Downs.

At this time we have 250 rooms blocked at Dover Downs. Dover Downs has expended the number of rooms they had this past year and have added more meeting rooms and restaurants. The committee is meeting with Carole DiMeo on October 12th and will find out exactly what additions there are.

At the request of PIP Clem Kusiak to change the date of the 2009 and 2010 conventions to accommodate International Presidents Al Brandel (2009) and Eberhard Whirfs (2010) I talked to Carole DiMeo at Dover Downs concerning these changes. Since Dover Downs stated they would not be able to give us reduced rates for Friday and Saturday nights for those years, they were very happy to make those changes. The dates for 2009 are May 18-21 (Monday – Thursday) and for 2010 they are May 18-21 (Tuesday to Friday). I know there are some Lions who want the convention to be over a weekend but if we want to be at Dover Downs that will not happen unless we pay a much higher rate for the rooms. It was a little early to know the number of rooms we will be able to have for those years but considering the days of the week, I am confident we will be able to get 300-400 rooms for those days.

I have sent requests to the District Governors and Vice District Governors for pictures and bios for the program book and for pictures from the Cabinet Secretaries and Treasurers. I will need those by the December Council Meeting.

I want to remind the Council of Governors that I will need a list of your convention sub-committee assignments by January. We want to get the information out to these people in a timely fashion.

The 50/50 tickets are packaged and have been given to the District Governors to distribute to the clubs in all the districts.

We plan to have the Golf Tournament once again and PDG Jack Brinckmeyer will report on that as well as the exhibitors and PDG Rodney Welch will give the Treasurer’s report.

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

1. Approve the new dates for the 2009 and 2010 conventions
2. Approve the MD convention budget for the year 2007-2008.
3. Submit to the Treasurer PDG Rodney Welch the rest of the half year dues money for the convention committee

PDG Jack Brinckmeyer reported that we will have a golf tournament at the convention. Exhibits are open if you know anyone who would like to do this. There will be a schedule sent pertaining to pictures that will be taken at 22D Governor's ball.

PDG Rodney Welch furnished a budget for all in attendance. Explanation as to the difference in this budget as to the budget at the turnover meeting.

Dues money has already been turned over to the convention committee.

Motion to approve the date for the 2009 and 2010 convention made by DG Dick Bloomquist, second by DG Bill Stark. Motion passed.

Motion to accept the budget made by DG Bob Jones, second by DG Bill Stark, Motion passed.

The MD 22 Convention Committee was asked to initiate a long term study into how we do conventions and how others do conventions with the objective being to make sure we have the best model to serve the Lions of MD22.

Retention – Lion 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 two months including July & August 2007 lion's year from Lions Club International Membership Register Report.

After careful reviewing each district in the multiple it is obvious that we have a serious problem with retention in Multiple District 22. Our total loss in membership year to date is **169 members for the 2007- 2008 year. It must be noted that our Multiple District drop membership totals are plotting on the same curve as last year 908 member total. Each sub-district are also plotting very similar to last's year drop trend.**

How do we reverse the trend of drop members?

We need to perform a simple survey with all of our clubs to determine what the problem is retaining our members in the multiple.

We need to produce a *Club Retention Model* for each Club

- For example Start Date: July 1, 2007 – 87 members
- Existing members dropped – 5 members
- Existing members active – 82 members
- New members inducted – 11 members
- New members dropped – 1 member
- New Members active – 10 members
- End Date: July 1, 2008 – 92 members / 6% Net Gain

We need to form a comprehensive communication phone & email tree that is logical and well organized in each sub district, region, zone and club that can provide information easily. *Phone calls are essential for success! Emails are for follow up.*

We need to be sure that *club membership committees* include one member that just focus on the task of retention.

We need to recognize all of our top clubs that retain members by providing certificates of appreciation and awards of all types including pins, banner patches, etc.

In closing, we have provided the MD club's reporting more than two drop members in the first two months in the Multiple District. All clubs that have drops not related to death need to be contacted immediately to determine the reason members are leaving with all respect.

Multiple District 22 – July 1, 2007 – August 31, 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>%</i>	
<i>Increase</i>	<i>Ranking</i>									
A	36	1213	18	0	0	-14	4	1217	+0.4%	1st

B	48	1488	10	0	1	-32	-21	1467	-1.5%	4th
C / MD	50	1725	17	1	1	-59	-40	1685	-2.4%	5th
C / DC	7	169	3	0	0	-9	-6	163	-3.6%	6th
D	37	1408	11	4	4	-30	-11	1397	-0.8%	3rd
W	59	2009	22	1	4	-25	2	2011	+0.1%	2nd
<i>Total</i>	<i>237</i>	<i>8012</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>-169</i>	<i>-72</i>	<i>7940</i>	<i>-1.0%</i>	
<i>Note: LCI August Report Reflects a slight difference compared to the end of year report for 2006-2007</i>										

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>-14</i>
<i>District B</i>	<i>201</i>	<i>201</i>	<i>165</i>	<i>-32</i>
<i>District C</i>	<i>296</i>	<i>201</i>	<i>265</i>	<i>-68</i>
<i>District D</i>	<i>207</i>	<i>246</i>	<i>192</i>	<i>-30</i>
<i>District W</i>	<i>210</i>	<i>210</i>	<i>176</i>	<i>-25</i>
	<i>-1,062</i>	<i>-974</i>	<i>-908</i>	<i>-169</i>
<i>Information was obtained from LCI Register Report / MERL Administration / Oak Brook, Ill</i>				
<i>Note: 2007-2008 Totals are for the Months of July and August 2007 Only</i>				

Membership Coordinator – PDG Charlie Kears

In Lions Year 2006-2007 I was requested by the then Vice District Governors, now our current District Governors, to serve as a nominee for a newly established LCI position entitled Membership Coordinator. This position was established to work with the District Governors and assist them and the LCI District Governor’s Mentor, as necessary, in achieving their membership goals. I was later confirmed for this position by LCI and proud to serve in this position. The LCI Mentor for the MD 22 is PID Wayne Madden and he is with us today. The nice thing about my position is that I report to PID Wayne and he reports to the LCI President. PID Madden has a big job. In addition to MD 22 he is also a Mentor to Pennsylvania, West Virginia and New Jersey.

Our LCI President has established a Membership Program entitled “20K” that looks to increase membership in Lions Club International by 20,000 members this year. PID Madden and I are part of the 20K Team. Last year the U.S. and Affiliates, Bermuda and Bahamas had a net lost of 11,345 members and approximately 150 clubs. Membership at the end of last year for this area was 391,488. Multiple District 22 was one of only three multiples in this constitutional area to have a net increase in membership. How did this happen? Hard work by a number of Lions! Leading this group was Past International President Clem Kusiak. He helped organize an Extension Workshop with PDG Gary Burdette, MD 22 MERL Extension Chair, to train our Lions in how to establish new clubs and was successful in getting then President Jimmy Ross to visit our Multiple and lead the charge. PDG Jack Ferguson, LCI Consultant, accompanied President Jimmy and joined in the effort. These efforts reaped dividends. Our net membership was in large part due to the establishment of several new clubs. District 22W established a new club with over 100 members. However, the numbers for our Multiple are still alarming. We had an 11.5% turnover in the membership. We dropped 911 members and added 922 members for a net gain of +11 and ended the year with 8013 members.

The Team 20K membership goal for the U.S. this year is a net increase of only 850 members. This is only .2% increase. This isn’t a large increase when compared to the goals for other constitutional areas such as Europe, Asia, India, Africa and the Middle East whose increases range from 5,000 to a 7,500 new members.

Each District Governor has developed a Membership Plan and these plans are being tracked rigorously by LCI. While our governors have set ambitious membership and new club goals for the year they are committed to meeting these goals. It is this commitment that will keep MD 22 growing. Everyone of us needs to support them in everyway possible. Increasing membership and establishing new clubs is hard work. There is no magic bullet. It is 10% motivation and 90% dedication/perspiration. This isn’t about numbers but having quality Lions to carry on the work that each District and this Multiple has established over the years.

Extension, Membership and Retention Workshops are planned to be held in District 22-C on November 10th and Districts 22-B and 22-D on November 17th. If you are interested in attending these workshops please contact PDG Gary Burdette.

PID Madden will be meeting with the District Governors immediately following the close of the Council of Governors meeting.

Motion to accept all oral reports by DG Bob Jones, Second by DG Dick Bloomquist, motion passed.

Diabetes – Lion Donna Jackman

I want to thank this Council of Governors for affording me the honor and privilege of working with all the Diabetes Chairmen in the Multiple District as chairman again this year. Unfortunately, we are facing a severe family crisis which necessitates me to be with my family on Sunday, and I am not going to be able to stay for the council meeting. However, I have been in contact with each chairman and am proud to announce that each District Chairperson is off and running with diabetes program.

District A - Sharon Andrews has presented one program and has another scheduled for next week. She has completely changed her presentation format and it was extremely well received and had many positive responses from the program.

District B – Carlos Mir has not been actively presenting Lions programs. His work schedule has him extremely busy at this time. Carlos has mailed information on diabetes to his clubs. He is promoting the Diabetes Walk that will be held in November and encouraging Lions Clubs in his District to participate in this event. Four clubs have planned to become involved with the hope that others will join. He is helping me with the plans for a Diabetes Seminar at our Multiple 22 Convention in May.

District C – Rosann Seibel has presented several programs and continues to promote diabetes educational literature and information in her District. She has several other programs scheduled and is available to present programs to any club who so desires.

District D – Jim Hartman is still going full force even with all his health issues. He is working on the Diabetes Expo on November 14 at Dover Sheraton Hotel from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Jim is having surgery the day previous to this event but has planned to have a fellow Lion represent the Lions of 22D at this event. He is trying to set up a Diabetes Committee in each Zone to set up programs and activities in the Zone. Each committee will be composed of the Zone Chairman and a representative from each club in the Zone. His goal is to get more participation and interest stirred throughout District D.

District W – Donna Jackman reports that 13 children from 22W were sent to Camp Merrick in July and August at the cost of \$675 each child per week. The response from these campers and their families is heart rendering. The Frederick Diabetes Walk will be held this month with many Lions participating and the goal for fund is \$11,000. The Lions are selling their furry animals and have raised over \$1,000 to date this year. Donna has presented several programs and has numerous others scheduled for the next several months. She will be notifying all superintendents of schools in the 5 counties of the District to solicit their support to send information on our Camp Merrick Scholarships to all diabetic children, between the ages of 8 and 16, in their respective school systems.

It is the general consensus of the Diabetes Chairmen of the Multiple that there is a dire need for a seminar on diabetes at the Multiple District Convention next May. Many of our own Lions are afflicted with this disease or have family members who are victims. Our desires were made known at the Turnover Meeting, and to date we have received no response. We are requesting a reply to this request within thirty (30) days to permit us to make the necessary contacts to schedule the desired speakers for this session. We are also requesting \$500 to cover the cost of meals and travel expenses for these professionals who are willing to do presentations at no additional cost. However, since they are in high demand we must confirm the dates with them in the very near future. We ask the Convention Committee's cooperation to make this a beneficial seminar. Our chairmen thank the committee and the Council of Governors for your support of our endeavors!

Hearing and Speech – PDG Bob Kidner

District 22-A no report at this time.

District 22-B no report at this time.

District 22-C no report at this time.

District 22-D North – Lion Fred Williamson has received a book from the Federal Government about hearing loss among the elderly. Fred is mailing the book to me and I plan to present this at the next Council meeting. Fred feels that it may be a means of educating people about hearing loss.

District 22-D South – Lion Ken Pyle has received 3 requests for hearing aids in Southern Delaware. In addition, I have spoken to Starkey Industries concerning their "low cost" hearing aids. They are supposed to be digital and will cost \$150.00 or \$200.00 for the aid – plus shipping. I am to receive a packet from them to aid us in possible using same.

Thru the efforts of Lion Jack Brownwell, I have spoke to a hearing group at Dover Bay Health Hospital, advising them of what the Lions clubs have to offer those with hearing problems. Further report will follow.

District 22-W – Lion Brooks Widder – Since July, the District has ordered 4 LAHAP hearing aids from LCIF. They are for two individuals in western Maryland. At least two of the aids have been received by the audiologist, but the last time I contacted them, they were waiting on the recipient to contact them about fitting the aids. The other two aids should be arriving anytime now. We are currently working on aids for another individual from Frederick County that had sent an application to the Lions Association for Sight and Hearing of Maryland. Lion Dale Strait forwarded the application to me. Two programs have been presented to the clubs on the new LAHAP program.

All the District Chairs are working on our goal to: Inform every Lions Club in Multiple District 22 about the restart of the LIONS AFFORDABLE HEARING AID PROJECT (Lions AHAP). Provide detailed information about the Eligibility Guidelines of the AHAP program. Note. Lions Club members or their immediate families are not eligible.

Leader Dog – Lion Connie Burick

I have contacted four of the sub-district chairmen for this Lion's year. The email address for Lion Robert Taylor of 22-D was invalid, and I am trying to get a current one.

22-A has reached their goal of obtaining a Future Leader Dog to be raised and have named him Livingston. Hopefully we will all be able to meet him sometime in the future – maybe at Convention!

22-W is already beginning the arrangements for their Leader Dog Dinners. Further information will be released as we near the dates in the spring.

22-C clubs have already sent \$7093.18 in donations to Leader Dog.

I'm looking forward to working with the other sub-district chairmen and having another great Lion's year.

Research and Long Range Planning – PDG Joseph Wood, Sr.

I am working on the changes suggested by the Multiple District Convention Committee to the Rotation Schedule in the Policy and Procedure Manual. I have one question for the Council. Last year the Luncheon held on the last day was called the Victory Luncheon. It used to be called the Leadership Luncheon. I would like for the Council to decide what to call the Luncheon. The basic purpose of the Luncheon is to introduce the new District Governors and Vice District Governors to the delegates at the Convention. I would like to suggest it be called the New Officers Celebration Luncheon.

Also I am working on adding the Guidelines for an International Officer Candidate to the Policy Manual as requested by PIP Clem Kusiak. At the present time there is nothing in the Manual at all referring to a Candidate and it was suggested to insert it after the International Convention Committee responsibilities which begins on page 9.

I have been requested to define the responsibilities of the USA/Canada Forum Coordinator in the Policy and Procedures manual.

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

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Report – Lion Richard Liebno

The 31st USA/Canada Leadership Forum was held on September 6-8, 2007 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The forum was well attended with approximately 2,500 Lions, Lioness, Leos and guests in attendance. The seminars were very good and well attended. The speakers for the luncheons and banquet were outstanding.

Multiple District 22 had 69 Lions and guests attending the forum. The forum breakfast for Multiple District 22 had 62 Lions and 11 guests in attendance.

The USA/Canada Leadership Forum for 2008 will be held in Saskatoon Saskatchewan, Canada from September 18-20,2008. There are some wonderful tours planned before and after the Forum. It looks like this will be a beautiful place to visit. Mark your calendars for the nest year's forum.

USA/Canada Forum 2008 – PDG Joseph Wood, Sr.

A brochure was mailed to the President and Secretary of each club in the Multiple District from the Forum Committee with all the details the Lions will need to register for the Forum in Saskatoon. They have motivational speakers scheduled for Thursday night, Friday's Luncheon and Saturday Night's Closing Ceremony. Also our 2008-2009 International President Al Brandel will speak at our Saturday Luncheon.

They will again offer the Bring one Campaign. So anyone who brings a first timer to the Forum will be recognized with a special pin. I hope to convince someone from my club to attend the Forum and I would encourage you to do the same.

Saskatoon is located about 187 miles north of the US/Canada border and above the northeast corner of Montana. By land it is approximately 2000 miles from here and it would take approximately 39 hours to drive to the Forum. By air it would cost about \$700 dollars and would take about 6 to 8 hours to get there.

I will provide more information as it becomes available and I would encourage you to go back to your Districts and your Clubs to promote the Forum.

Old Business: None

New Business:

DG Dick Bloomquist reports on the 18th of October the National Federation for the Blind is going to have what they call a Possibility Fair. The Fair will be for seniors who are losing their vision. This is a program that starts at 9 in the morning and going till about 3 in the afternoon and costs \$15.00 which includes lunch. This program presents a lot of opportunities for seniors who are losing their vision. There are at least 4 of us that will be working that day. If you are interested, please contact me.

PDG Joe Wood- Research and Long Range Planning ask us to consider what we should call the luncheon on the last day of the convention. Last year it was the victory luncheon and previously it was called the leadership luncheon. This issue was discussed and tabled until the December meeting. Motion was made by DG Bob Jones and second by DG Bill Stark, Motion passed.

Comments from Advisors:

ID Joe Gaffigan. Thanked everyone for their leadership and running a tight ship. I am thrilled to hear the MERL team will be working together with the 20K team. We as Lions need to remember to ask others to become Lions.

Members of Council stated that they had a great time and wonderful place for a council meeting and social. Thanks to Social Chair and DG Barbara for their hospitality. Thanks to all for their participation and coming to the council meeting on a Sunday morning.

PDG Bill Stark gave the benediction.

The Council of Governors met with the MD Convention committee.

The Council of Governors met with International Convention committee. There was a discussion concerning MD pin for the International Convention. Motion was made by DG Bob Jones to have a contest for a pin design by November 15, 2007 second by DG Dick Bloomquist. Motion carried. All District Governors would let their districts know of the contest and send designs to PDG Keith Williams.