

## District 20Y2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2011 at Glens Falls, NY

Submitted by Cabinet Secretary Lion Karen Rager.

**Attendance:** District Governor John Samples, VDG Richard Quick, VDG Linda Walsh, Cabinet Secretary Lion Karen Rager, Cabinet Corresponding Secretary Lion Scott Rager. *Past District Governors: Lions Joan Scott, Ed Stano, Dick Nason, Joseph Jarvis,* Lions/Lioness: Tom Kevlin, Bill Suchy, Mary Clair Noakes, Karen Hoffman, Becky Beatty, Michael O'Brien, Steve Lynch, Marianne Lynch, Sheila Nason, Jerry Gordon, Rick Brisee, Francis Mezza, Harry Peterson, Tony Miller, Peter Slover, Steve King, Bob Farrel, Ed Moore, Nancy Weirris, Mary Thomas, Verna Plummer, James Whittredge, Cathy Chandler, Katrina Plummer, Steve Johnson, Sandie Clark, Jim Clark, Val Kevlin, David Plank, Francella Plank, Eileen Chambers, Fred Chambers.

The meeting was called to order by District Governor John Samples at 8:58 am, followed by a Welcome from the Host Club – Glens Falls (King Lion Karen Rager), the Pledge of Allegiance (King Lion Steve Lynch), Lions Prayer (Lion Scott Rager), Lions Toast (PDG Joan Scott, and the Invocation was led by PDG Ed Stano.

### 1<sup>st</sup> PROGRAM

Lion Scott Rager introduced Lion Phil Jessen, Executive Director of the Glens Falls Association for the Blind.

Lion Phil talked about the beginnings of the Association after World War II when it was known as the Tri County Association for the Blind and its evolution to present day as the Glens Falls Association for the Blind. In 1977, when Lion Phil came to the Association, the program was modest, soon expanding services to include from Albany to Glens Falls, and much of the North Country. With the help of every Lion and Lioness club in 20Y2, LCIF matching grants and the community, the Association was able to expand its current building to what it is today. Current programs providing outreach and prevention efforts have resulted in lowering the number of cases of blindness, and prides itself in its "Quick Strike" model of immediate service to clients.

BREAK – 50/50 to benefit the PDG Organization

### 2<sup>nd</sup> PROGRAM

Lion Scott Rager introduced Bennett Driscoll, Executive Director of the Association for the Hearing Impaired.

Ben talked about the Association, which began as a grassroots agency, now as an organization that provides services to not only the deaf and hearing impaired, but their extended family, and friends. AFTHI is a membership based organization, however its services are provided free to the public. The Association provides outreach and education on hearing loss prevention to the schools and community, also offering classes in ASL, Lip Reading and their Children's Performance Group, The Fabulous Friends with Flying Fingers. As ambassadors to the hearing community, they provide information on available hearing professionals, and help in purchasing hearing devices. For the first time, they will be holding a Hearing Health Seminar at the Great Escape Lodge on Friday May 4, the Day before their Be-A-Hear-O fundraiser.

District Governor John proposed to donate \$200 to the AFTHI to support staff training in Alexandria, VA at the Hearing Loss Association of America, and was accepted on a motion made by PDG Ed Stano and seconded by VDG Linda Walsh.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**INTRODUCTIONS** - PDG's, Club Presidents

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** – accepted on a motion by Lion Pete Slover, seconded by PDG Ed Stano.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – accepted on a motion by Lion Pete Slover, seconded by PDG Joan Scott.

**UN LIONS DAY** - The District will not be providing a bus for UN Lions Day. Lion John Grady (Saratoga) is looking into a bus, if interested, contact him.

**PROJECT PROPOSAL** – Lion Paula Flisnk (Holland Patent), and Director of Community Relations for the Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, talked about starting a pilot program for all libraries in 20Y2. Club funding would provide media for the visually impaired in their particular libraries, with a sticker stating funding was provided by the local Club. Discussion was held as to conflicts in overlapping organizations such as NABA, therefore restricting this project to only areas served by CAB.

It was noted that our next Cabinet meeting, (date change to April 16), will be at the Central Association for the Blind.

**MD20 INVOICES** – Invoices have been emailed and mailed to all clubs.

**PU 101** – Please fill out all of your club's information and submit these forms on time. PU 101's are due May 15, 2011.

**STATE YOUTH BAND** – Contact Lion Bill Gailord (Town of Hoosick), for more information on sponsoring students.

**STATE CONVENTION** - Please remember to register for the state convention. Delegates from your club need to be in to State by April 20, 2011

## ZONE REPORTS

### Region L

**Zone A** (*Deerfield, Herkimer, Holland Patent, Utica*)

Lion Brian Ure: no report.

**Zone B** (*Clinton, New Hartford, NY Mills-Whitestown, Sauquoit Valley*)

Lion Krista Pembroke: no report.

### Region I

**Zone A** (*Amsterdam, Ballston Spa, Galway, Scotia-Glenville, Town of Greenfield, Saratoga Springs*)

Lion Jack Wormer: (info. taken from MMR's)

- **Amsterdam**. – In December we held Annual Christmas Party for the visually handicapped. Provided 2 students with eyeglasses, sponsored a Hoby student; donated 9 hearing aids to the 20Y2 Hearing Society; Annual fundraiser (7500 letters in the local paper), with a return of \$5293.00; Held Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in February.

**Zone B** (*Broadalbin-Perth, Central Mohawk Valley, Fonda-Fultonville, Gloversville, Johnstown, Northville-Sacandaga, Speculator*)

Lion Frances Mezza:

- **Central Mohawk Valley** (taken from club minutes) – donated money for books (Gloversville & Canajoharie Library); eyeglasses, Camp Badger, Visions, Freedom Dogs, and LCIF. We purchased an iPad for a test program at the Canajoharie Library, to help students download books. Club visitation is scheduled at Fonda Fultonville in January; working on upcoming events – Easter Egg hunt, Memorial Ramble, the Annual Club Auction; Bunnies Sales; Manna House and the Annual Lottery Raffle.
- **Fonda-Fultonville** – donated money to Camp Badger, Freedom Dogs; held Chicken BBQ.
- **Broadalbin Perth** – presents to 4 needy families.

### Region O

**Zone A** (*Albany and Troy, Bethlehem, Guilderland, Greater Ravena, Waterford*)

Lion Steve King:

- **Greater Ravena** – successfully selling mints at various locations. 350 pair of eyeglasses collected; White Cane Day set for Saturday May 14. Food items were collected at the Annual Christmas Party. The club meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays.
- **Albany and Troy** – sponsored a blood drive, helping 129 people; conducted a vision and hearing screening; celebrated its 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in December. The District Governor was in attendance, presenting a commemorative plaque to Mrs. Elizabeth Little, widow of Dr. Tom Little, the ophthalmologist slain in Afghanistan, April 6, they will be presenting their annual School Nurse Night, involving 17 school districts, hosted by Benita Zahn.
- **Bethlehem** – held annual Christmas Tree sale selling 250 trees; planning a joint service club meeting with Rotary, Kiwanis, WBPO and the Masonic Fraternity.

**Zone B** (*Duane, Richmondville-Cobleskill, Town of Wright-Schoharie Valley*)

Lion Bonnie Keller: no report

### Region N

**Zone A** (*Fort Edward, Glens Falls, Granville, Hadley-Luzerne*)

Lion Stephen Lynch: Zone Project - Camp Badger Work Day will be May 21; Working on club brochures

- **Fort Edward** - No report from club. 28 Members / No change since June / Missed September, October and November reports
- **Glens Falls** — 41 Members / Missed December report. It is with a heavy heart we report the passing of two longtime members, Lion Bill Barney, and Lion Dick MacCauley. We hosted the District Governor and Region N, Zone A meeting in November, with entertainment from the Fabulous Friends with Flying Fingers. DG John Samples, Sr. presented the District Governor's Certificate of Appreciation to Lion Jim Clark. We raised over \$1200 in our Annual Seal Drive, participated in the Adopt-a-Family program, and in the past two months donated almost \$600 in hear and eye exams. We would like to acknowledge our Lion Beth Russell, who works tirelessly, and spends many hours, coordinating and organizing the Last and 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Suppers, and Christmas Breakfast at the Christ Church, serving those less fortunate with a warm meal.
- **Granville** 46 Members / Missed December report. Held a blood drive with the Leos in November, held Leo's installation at November 16<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting; held our Annual Kid's Christmas December 4<sup>th</sup>; held the annual Lions dinner for the elderly at Mountainview Commons; held our Christmas Party at the Trak Inn, collecting donations of non-perishable items for the Food Pantry; featured two of our three \$1000 scholarship winners at a January meeting; hosted the third Region N, Zone A meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup>, sponsored a team at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Granville Rotary Trivia Night in January (coming 5<sup>th</sup> out of 19!). Lion Marianne Lynch has created a club website: [www.GranvilleLions.org](http://www.GranvilleLions.org). Donations include \$25 (NYS/Bermuda Lions Foundation raffle); over \$9000 in donations to various organizations and causes.
- **Hadley-Luzerne** – 46 Members / Missed December report. Finished our part in the Peace Poster Project; held joint Christmas Dinner with Lioness, with everyone donating money to a local family; with the Boy Scouts, our local school, and the Lioness, we put together over 120 food baskets and provided 200 children with gifts; hving success recruiting new members and retaining old ones; will be hosting the District Governor where he will induct three new members; January meeting we hosted two Galway Club members talking about their fundraiser, and had two guest speakers who spoke about relief efforts after the earthquake in Haiti, including information about a school they started in Haiti, which we made a donation to.

**Zone B** (*Cambridge, Greenwich, Schuylerville, town of Hoosick, Mechanicville – Stillwater*)

Lion Larry Alheim:

- **Cambridge** – The Club is doing good, with a very good attendance, and working ideas, guests giving speeches. I'm not receiving the M/A reports, but the Club is a good working Club....

- **Greenwich** - I have been in contact with King Lion Pres Frank Jones and Sec. Lion Sherwin Bowen concerning their MA reports which will get better. The Club is doing well with fund raisers, selling Easter Bunnies, attending the zone meeting on Jan. 5th in Schuylerville, and will host the joint District Governors meeting on March 17th (St. Patricks Day) at the Elks Club in Greenwich.
- **Mechanicville/Stillwater** - This club is very active, keeping busy volunteering 20 hours for the Lions eye bank at the health fair, donating money to the Senior citizen center and money to the local food pantry. They also were well represented at the zone meeting, with one of their Lions taking chairmanship of looking into the project.
- **Town of Hoosick** - In looking over the MA reports, I would say this Club is right out straight, working, helping others, and donating their time as Lions in the community....The Lions were on the scene distributing meals in advance of Thanksgiving, helping bell ringers at the kettle collections pots, delivering Christmas food baskets in the Hoosick area. They donated 17 children's gifts and toys through the Catholic Church and to families with need. Hoosick Falls was also represented at the zone meeting and had some ideas.
- **Schuylerville** - The Lions were very busy during the months of Nov. and Dec. donating food and toys to needy families, and in Dec. 30. Lion hours were centered on a parade involving St. Nicolas, and the Dutch heritage at the tree lighting in the park. A Christmas party was celebrated by 30 Lions and their spouses eating at the Kitchen and instead of exchanging gifts each Lion had to bring in some kind of can goods for the pantry and also some sort of toy to give to the toy drive in the community. Donations consisted of a set sum to the Quaker Springs Fire Dept., the Schuylerville Rescue Squad, the Schuylerville Fire Dept., the David Nevins Fire Dept (Victory Mills). For the first meeting of Jan. Schuylerville Lions Club hosted the 20Y2 Zone meeting with a good turnout of Lions from all the clubs.

#### **CORRESPONDANCE**

- Received a Thank You from St. John's Lutheran Church in Belleville, OH in memory of Gerald Smith, father of ID Jerry Smith.
- Received a Thank You from the Amsterdam Salvation Army for the donation to their Food Pantry.

**AWARDS** – the “Founder’s Membership Growth Award” was presented to Lions Bill Suchy, Tom Kevlin, PDG’s Joan Scott, Ed Stano, and 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Rick Quick for having positive membership and growth of 2%.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CONVENTIONS & MEETINGS** – Next Cabinet Meeting April 16, 2011 at the Central Association for the Blind and the Visually Impaired.

**LIONS ROAR** – Lion Stephen Lynch remember to submit items by the 28<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**NYS SPECIAL NEEDS EXPERIENCE** – PDG Jarvis talked about their new brochure, adopt-a-cabin, work weekends, military family and diabetes camp. PDG Jarvis is available for Club presentations.

**LCIF** – PDG Dick Nason reported there will be a Melvin Jones meeting after the District Meeting.

**DIABETES** – VDG Linda Walsh did two club presentations, attended one school health fair, will attend March Diabetes Teaching Day, and will present at the State Convention.

**LIONESS** – Lioness Becky Beatty reported Granville Lioness collected personal care items of the Haynes House of Hope and collected food pantry and clothing items for school nurses. Hadley Luzerne Lioness provided 171 children with Christmas gifts, assisted Lions providing 122 families with food baskets, sold wreaths, and will have a basket auction in April.

**DOGS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS** – No report.

**MD 20 MAGAZINE** – No report.

**PROMOTIONS** - Lion Harry Peterson saluted Lion Jerry Gorden (Albany & Troy) who wrote an article for the Times Union, Gazette, and the TV coverage for the Knight of the Blind presentation. Job well done Lion Jerry!

**MERL** – 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Rick Quick thanks the Merl Team for a job well done! There will be a leadership workshop at the end of April, beginning of May, with more information to follow.

**CANADA/USA** – no report.

**VCB** – Lion Mike O’Brien reported that he as presented to Johnstown Lions, and will be presenting to Glens Falls Lions April 26. There is an upcoming winter weekend program for adults, a pre-vocational skills training program for youth in February, and the Employment and Technology Institute this summer. VCB will be celebrating the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary , culminating in the Annual Family Day, August 2, 2011. More information will follow. The Spring Work Day is scheduled for June 2, and the Fall Word Day will be scheduled on a Weekend near Columbus Day.

**WEBSITE** – Lion Jerry Gordon mentioned again, **CLUBS NEED TO UPDATE THEIR INFORMATION!** If anyone would like to do a facebook page for their club, please contact Lion Jerry.

**YOUTH** – no report.

**PEACE POSTER** – Lion Mary Claire Noakes reminded clubs 2011 – 2012 kits are available NOW. The theme is “Let Children Know Peace”.

**NYS & BERMUDA FOUNDATION** – Jewelry raffle tickets available, Uplingers are needed.

**LIONS FOUNDATION** – PDG Dick Nason reminded everyone Bunnies need should be here in February, and that there is a need for volunteers for committees.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NYS & BERMUDA FOUNDATION** – PDG Joan thanked Rick Quick for his years of service to the New York State and Bermuda Foundation. At the convention, we will be voting for his replacement, PDG Ed Stano.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS – 2011 – 2012**

**2<sup>ND</sup> Vice District Governor**

Lion Marianne Lynch read the adopted nomination resolution from the Granville Lions Club, for Lion Stephen Lynch, for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor.

**1<sup>ST</sup> Vice District Governor**

Lion Rick Brisee read the adopted nomination resolution from the Gloversville Lions Club, for Lion Linda Walsh, for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor.

**District Governor**

Lion Anthony Miller read the adopted nomination resolution from the Scotia Glenville Lions Club, for Lion Richard Quick for the position of District Governor.

Original resolution documents have been submitted and will be filed with State, by the Secretary.

A motion to accept the above resolutions was made by PDG Ed Stano, seconded by Lion Mary Claire, and approved.

**Lions Foundation of Albany – for positions backdating from July 2010 – June 2013**

PDG Dick Nason – President  
PDG Joan Scott – Treasurer  
PDG Orville Curtiss – Secretary  
2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Linda Walsh  
Lion Bill Suchy  
Lion Steve Lynch  
Lion Marianne Lynch

**Lions Eye Institute – for positions backdating from July 2010 – June 2013**

Lion John McDonald  
Lion Sue Shipe  
Lion Scott Rager

A motion to accept the above nominations was made by Lion Mary Claire, seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Rick Quick, and approved.

**BY-LAWS POLICY MANUAL** – the last time the manual was revised was 2003 and needs to be updated! PDG Ed Stano has offered to help someone who would like to volunteer for this task.

**LENS CRAFTERS VOUCHERS** - DG proposed the purchase of a \$500 book of vouchers to be made available to smaller clubs who can not afford to buy a book. A motion was made to accept this by Lion Pete Slover, seconded by PDG Ed and approved.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lion Pete Slover, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Linda Walsh, and approved. Lunch was served.

Respectfully submitted by Lion Karen Rager.