

**DISTRICT 41-L
SECOND CABINET MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2006**

The Second Cabinet Meeting of District 41-L was held at the Massabesic Lions Den in Waterboro, Maine on December 3, 2006, hosted by the Massabesic Lions Club.

In the morning prior to the Cabinet Meeting the following took place: the beginning of the Scavenger Hunt, Eyeglass Recycling Center tours, Christmas tunes with Nina and Carl, an update on redistricting, an auction of 5 baskets with PDG Cliff Randall as auctioneer, and the "Twelve Days of Christmas" by the Massabesic Players.

REDISTRICTING BLUEPRINT 41-L CABINET MEETING 12-3-06

Notes from VDG Ron Johnson on redistricting:

"At the Lions International Board of Directors meeting in October it was voted that the Clubs in Maine would become one District as of July 6th 2007.

The process to elect our first governor of the combined Districts of 41-I and 41-L for the Lions year 2007-2008 will be by an election between the two sitting VDGs at our joint convention at the Samoset April 27th -29th.

Whoever wins will be Governor for all of Maine. The other VDG will repeat as VDG for their district in 2007-2008, and be responsible for their Districts operation but will report thru the DG. The VDG for 2007-2008 will automatically be Governor in 2008-2009 for all of Maine if they so wish.

It has been tentively decided that our two existing Districts will operate somewhat independently the first year, and will officially come together as one in 2008-2009. If our District is able to obtain 1300 members by June 2007, we can submit to International to keep 41-L as we know it as a separate District effective July 2008.

Our current Constitution and Bylaws and Policy manual will need to be adjusted to fit the one Maine District. Our Constitution and Bylaws and Long Range Planning committees will be conducting workshops soon. All interested Lions are welcome to participate. Some of these changes will be voted on at the Convention at the Samoset. If you are interested in working on these committees please contact LRP Chairman PDG John Kustron or CBLs Chairman PDG Clyde Nason.

For the above reasons it is important for all potential delegates to register for the convention and call the Samoset for room reservations ASAP. (1 207-594-2511, ask for room reservations for the Lions Convention April 27-28. Room rate is \$105.00). There are only a limited number of rooms and we expect a big turn out from 41-I to support their candidate and would hope we would do the same.

If you want our VDG Ron Johnson as District Governor next year we will need your support not only to get your Delegates there but also to encourage other clubs to

participate. The plus is the Convention will be held at one of the premier destinations on the Maine coast and there will be lots of fun activities.”

A motion was made by PDG Maynard Smith to add Lion Ken Snitger from the Cumberland-North Yarmouth Club, who is a lawyer by profession, to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. It was seconded by PDG Clyde Nason and all voted to approved motion.

CABINET MEETING

DG Carolyn Giles called the Cabinet Meeting to order at approximately 11:25 AM. The Flag salute was led by PDG Clyde Nason from Harrison and the song “God Bless America” by Lion Dean Neal from Gray-New Gloucester. A Moment of Silence for our deceased Lions and servicemen was observed. The invocation was led by Lion Carl Talbot from Naples, the Lion Toast by Lion Marge Kiley from Massabesic, and the Lions Song by PDG Tom Bakker from South Portland.

DG Carolyn recognized all Past District Governors and Melvin Jones Fellows.

Roll Call of the Clubs was taken by CST Cathy Cross, with 22 Clubs represented and 84 Lions present at the time of Roll Call.

DG GREETINGS

DG Carolyn welcomed everyone and thanked them for taking time out of their busy schedule to attend. She stated that it is hard to believe that at the end of December our Lions year is half over, as well as her term as DG. She is half way through her visitation schedule and is having a wonderful time travel around the District. The District has been busy with leadership training, regional and zone meetings and visitations. A new club in North Berwick is under way. DG Carolyn reports that as the end of October membership is down, but on the positive side Clubs have cleaned their attics and now can move forward toward our goal of increasing our numbers.

DG Carolyn reported that as of July 7th, 2007, Districts 41-L and 41-I will become single District 41. DG Carolyn stated, “Well, we are masters of our own fate in this..... and whether or not we remain a MD with two subdistricts is UP TO US.... NOT 41-I..... JUST US. We have to decide how badly we want this to happen.....how badly we want to stay as sub-district 41-L. And, if we want it bad enough then each and every one of us has to get busy and bring in new members.....and above all else, keep the ones we have.”

New Attendees Certificates were given to Lions Jen and Cory Edwards from Harrison for attending their first Cabinet Meeting.

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS

IPDG Louise Doughty made the following presentations:

- DG Carolyn recognized for the organization of the Limerick-Newfield Club and received an Extension Award
- VDG PDG Ron Johnson was recognized for the organization of the Limerick-Newfield Club and received his fifth Extension Award.
- The following received the 100% President Excellence Award for 2005-06- Gert Friel (Bethel), Carolyn Hale (Eliot), Duke Goranites (Harrison), Victor Poulin (Sanford)
- The following received the 100% Secretary Award for 2005-06 - Patti Adams (Sanford) PDG Tom Bakker (South Portland), Charlene Goranites (Harrison), David Bruneau (Thornton Heights), Gert Friel (Bethel), Dana Hale (Eliot)

IPDG Louise stated that District 41-1 earned the Two Star Award on the District Star Award Program. District 41-1 was the only District in MD 41 to shown a gain in membership at the end of the 2005-06 Lion year.

- Star Diamond Award was given to PDG Bob Swett (Harrison)
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- Two more to be given out at a later date
- International Leadership Award was given to PDG Bob Swett (Harrison)

PD Carolyn Gile presented IPDG Louise with the International President Award on the Star Program.

The Cabinet Meeting broke for lunch at 12:05 PM

The Cabinet Meeting reconvened at 1:05 PM.

Happy Birthday was sung to Lion Jeff Eaton from York who will turn 40 next week. Jim Mullins from Falmouth and Jen Edwards from Harrison was recognized for having birthdays today.

ORGAN DONOR REPORT - PDG John Kustron reported for Chairperson Sue Ritchey, who underwent a double lung transplant a few years ago. Lion John encouraged people to think about donating. Maine is number one in New England as far as capita donation of organs. Lions are working with the Motor Vehicle to help educate people about organ donating. Signs will be posted in every Motor Vehicle Department in the State of Maine with informational brochures, with a Lion logo on it. Smaller signs will be used at the temporary offices. PDG John is going to look into the possibility of each Lions Club having a sign to put in their local location.

OLD BUSINESS

On a motion made by Lion Dean Neal and seconded by Lion Gordon Parent, all voted to approve the Secretary's Report of the First Cabinet Meeting held on August 27, 2006, as sent either by mail or e-mail to all District Cabinet Members, Club Secretaries and Club Presidents on August 28, 2006 and as published on the District 41-1 Wed Site.

On a motion made by PDG Tom Bakker and seconded by Lion Dean Neal, all voted in favor of placing the Treasurer's Report on file pending audit.

NEW BUSINESS

Past President John Polito from Sebago read a letter of support from the Sebago Club endorsing VDG Ron Johnson for District Governor for District 41 for the year 2007-08, and made a motion to nominate VDG Ron for District Governor of District 41. The nomination was seconded by Lion Bob Swett and unanimously approved.

Response from VDG Ron- VDG Ron stated that he is looking forward to the challenge of being District Governor and hopefully International Director the following year. He said that he is passionate about Lions and he is looking for our support for the next two years.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DIABETES AWARENESS - PDG Cliff Randall informed the District that the penny can are exceeding expectations but more clubs are needed to actively participate. The Visiting Nurses 2nd Annual Diabetes Wellness Day went well with participation from the Lyman-Dayton, Eliot, Kittery, Windham, Harrison, and Sanford Clubs. Several new prospects for membership were gathered. The Acton-Shapleigh and Sanford clubs are working with libraries concerning juvenile diabetes. The "New Horizons Award" for Diabetes Education is being continued.

DISTRICT CONVENTION - The District Convention, according to PDG Cliff Randall is going to be a jointed one with Districts 41-L and 41-I. It will be held in April at the Samoset Resort in Rockport, Maine. All of the preliminary arrangements with the hotel have been made and the program is being planned. Some of the ideas in the works are a golf tournament, a Good Club/Bad Club seminar, Project Recycle-an Eye Mission Participant, and ballroom dancing. Information and registration packets are being prepared for distribution. Two new members have been added to the Convention Committee - Faye Roderick from Harrison and Len Scott from Portland. You can register early by call the resort at 207-594-2511 and tell them that you would like to register for the Lions Convention.

EYE GLASS RECYCLE - PDG John Kustron has some suggestions for when eye glasses are turned. Clubs need to put the clubs name on the box with the number of glasses that are in it. Take out all cases. Hearing aids are still being collected. Next time collection boxes are printed cell phones will be included for collection. They will be recycled and distributed to shelters for abused women.

MEMBERSHIP - PDG Bob Swett says that we can get our numbers up. Try making a challenge with another club. Harrison and Massabesic did several years ago and it worked great!

MERLO- VDG Ron reported that the minutes from the October MERLO meeting will be posted in the District website. Several Lions worked the polls at North Berwick and got 65 names for a new club. A meeting was held in November (a spaghetti supper) and 10 prospects attended, with several more interested but unable to attend that night. Sanford has agreed to sponsor this new club. The next meeting will be the 2nd week in January.

VDG Ron states that the polls are a get place to get new prospects and more clubs should give it a try. Clubs need to spend more time on building membership. A decision needs to be made about what to do with the names that were gathered at Wells and suggested perhaps a Special Interest Club may be formed to foster the cause of Diabetes Wellness.

Peace Poster - Lion Kay Parent thanked the clubs for supporting the program. She reported that last year there were six club that participated. This year there were nine. Certificates and checks were given to the clubs that sponsored the winners. Honorary Mentions were sponsored by following clubs: Bethel, Gray-New Gloucester, Lyman-Dayton, Harrison, and Massabesic. Lions Kaye included braille on each certificate. Winners were; 4th Place Matt Vietze sponsored by Westbrook Lions with a check for \$70
3rd Place Taylor Bergeron sponsored by Massabesic Lions with a check for \$80
2nd Place Tamsyn Howard sponsored by the Norway-Paris Lions with a check for \$100
1st Place Jade Russell Johnson sponsored by the Falmouth Lions with a check for \$250

SIGHT FIRST II - IPDG Louise read a letter she received from the Iris Network thanking the Lions for the donation of \$5,901 to the Iris Network's New Home, New Future's Furniture Campaign to help furnish the Iris Park Apartments. IPDG Louise gave a brief description of Sight First II for new attendees. She stated that it cost \$6US to save one person from serious vision loss. IPDG Louise past the Santa's hat for a contribution for Sight First II. She explained that the District has been divided into areas and each area has a coordinator. Each coordinator will visit each club in their area.

WHITE CANE - Lion Maggie Crisafi thanked all clubs that participated in the White Cane Drive. So far \$3,748.92 has been collected contributed by Bethel, Eliot, Harrison, Hollis, Kittery, Limerick-Newfield, Massabesic, Naples, Raymond, Sanford, Windham, South Portland, Thornton Heights, and Sebago. More funds are coming from Norway-Paris, Westbrook, and Falmouth. If a club does White Cane later, Lion Maggie asked that the funds be sent to her.

SPEAKOUT - Lion Aaron tufts says that it is time to get schools ready for Speakout. Club competition should be in February. Contact him for a copy of the rules if you need them.

TAIL TWISTER FAYE RODERICK presented prizes for her scavenger hunt. The winner of the hunt was Lion Gert Friel from Bethel by finding 88 out of 100 items. She

was awarded a Sherlock Holmes hat made by our own Tail Twister and a magnifying glass.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 4, 2006 Third District Cabinet Meeting hosted by the Windham Lions with a brunch at 9:30 AM. More info to follow

Naples - First Spaghetti Public Supper on January 27 at the American Legion Hall from 5:00 - 6:30 Pm

Bethel - 50/50 drawing \$500 cash to winner tickets \$5.00 each drawing on January 15th

Sanford - Flapjack Breakfast at Applebees on December 16 from 8:00 - 10:00 AM to help sponsor the Sanford High School Marching Band trip to New York to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Cost for breakfast is \$5.00

Freeport - wreath sales in front of L.L. Bean from 8 AM - 6 PM

Zone 4 Meeting - Tuesday January 23 hosted by the Gorham Lions

Lion Maggie from Windham reports that she still has hockey tickets available.

PDG John Kustron has an informational night on December 6 at 7:30 PM about a trip to Alaska in August 2007 on the Princess Cruise Line to benefit Sight First II.

50/50 of \$54.00 was won by IPDG Louise.

REQUEST - CST Cathy made a request to the club for pictures or interesting stories about the history of their clubs. The editor of the "41-er", Jan Phillips, would like to do a special dedication to the Maine Lions in the final issue in the spring. She is asking clubs to please send or email stories or pictures. Her email is gmc@fairpoint.net. This information is needed by January 15th, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Cross
District 41-L Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer