

**DISTRICT 41-L
THIRD CABINET MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2007**

The Third Cabinet meeting of District 41-I was held at the Windham Veterans Center in Windham, Maine on February 4, 2007, hosted by the Windham Lions.

The Windham Lions served a delicious breakfast meal. The pie and cake auction followed breakfast with PDG Gene Cross acting as auctioneer with the help of PDG Bob Swett.

CABINET MEETING

DG Carolyn Gile called the meeting to order at approximately 10:45 am. She thanked the Windham Lions for their wonderful breakfast and presented a certificate of appreciation to King Lion John Crisafi. Flag Salute was led by DG Paula Beach of 41-I, the Song "God Bless America" by Lion Dean Neal from Gray-New Gloucester, and the Lions Invocation by all Lions present. A Moment of Silence was observed for all our decreased Lions and servicemen. The Lions Toast was led by Lion Jan Swett from Harrison, the Lions Song by PDG Tom Bakker from South Portland, and the Lions Roar by PDG Marty Gavin from Windham.

DG Carolyn recognized all guests, many from District 41-I, Past District Governors, Melvin Jones Fellows, and all new Lions that have joined since July 1, 2006.

District Governor Carolyn introduced guest speaker John Lamb. He is president of the Maine Public Relations Council, a non-profit professional association dedicated to the development of its members and a building awareness of public relations. John works as a communication designer at L.L.Bean, where he serves as managing editor of the company's online employee news page. John spoke to us about two areas of public relations: planning and strategizing and commonly used tools and techniques. He gave out handout sheets with the information he covered. He offered to answer any question someone may have by email. His address is jrlamb1@verizon.net.

DG Carolyn presented John Lamb with a certificate of appreciation and a gift and thanked him for his presentation.

Tail Twister Faye Roderick read a story concerning the left and right and as usual everyone ending up paying a fine.

Roll Call of the Clubs was taken by CST Cathy Cross with 27 Clubs and 101 Lions from District 41-L present at the time of Roll Call.

DG GREETINGS

DG Carolyn welcomed everyone, thanked them for coming to the Cabinet Meeting on Super Bowl Sunday, and promised to get them out in time to watch the game. She stated that several Lions from District 41-L attended the Cabinet Meeting in 41-I a couple of

weeks ago and started the process of getting better acquainted and meeting new friends because this is just the beginning of “Maine Lions Together Again”. DG Carolyn stated that she is having fun visiting the clubs and with 14 more to visit, she looking forward to visiting with each and every one.

Transitional committee has been formed between 41-I and 41-L, with hopefully representation from the four clubs in 41-O. Everyone will work together to make the transition to new District 41 happen smoothly.

Theme for the convention is “Maine Lions Together Again”. DG Carolyn gave a little history of how Maine used to be one District with two sub-districts, 41-A and 41-B. Later the Multi-District as we know it today was formed.

DG Carolyn encouraged Lions to keep doing what they are so good at: serving and having fun.

Words from DG Paula Beach

DG Paula stated that when she looked out over the room she sees so much pride for our Lions and that this is a great time for Lions of Maine. She stated, “We have the opportunity to become stronger as a District. By pooling our resources, we can access more programs that help more people than ever before. The friends you make in Lions will last your life time.” DG Paula wants us to remember “Together We Serve”.

New Attendees Certificates were given to fours Lions from The South Portland, Naples, Cumberland-North Yarmouth, and Limerick-Newfield Clubs.

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS

-IPDG Louise Doughty gave the Star Diamond Award to PDG Marty Gavin (Windham) and King Lion Victor Wakefield (Limerick-Newfield).

-DG Carolyn presented to IPDG Louise from Immediate Past International President Ashok Mehta a certificate of appreciate and letter for her service and leadership during 2005-2006.

CAMPAIGN SIGHT FIRST II - IPDG Louise Doughty passed a basket for donations for Campaign Sight First II. She stated that Lions have saved and restored the sight of 24 million people, have provided 4.6 million low cost cataract surgeries, and 65 million yearly treatments for river blindness. They have built hospitals, equipped clinics, and organized educational programs. However, despite these achievements there is still much to be done. This can be done though Campaign Sight First. She asked that each club do what they can do to help.

OLD BUSINESS

On a motion made by Lion Dean Neal and seconded by PDG Bob Swett, all voted to approve the Secretary’s Report of the Second Cabinet Meeting held on December 3, 2006, as sent either by mail or e-mail to all District Cabinet Members, Club Secretaries,

and Club Presidents on December 5, 2006, and as published on the District 41-L Web Site.

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

DISTRICT GOVERNOR CAMPAIGN UPDATE - VDG PDG Ron Johnson announced that he has withdrawn from the race as a candidate for District Governor of the new District 41 for the year 2007-2008. He reminded us of his intentions to run for International Director for the years of 2009-2011. He feels that it is not fair or practical for him to be District Governor and a candidate for International Director at the same time. He and VDG Ann from 41-I have agreed that she will step up and be DG of District 41 next year and a representative from 41-L will follow as DG the year after. VDG Ron will still be involved with the District as Transition Chairman and the MERLO teams.

WORDS FROM VDG ANN McFARLAND -When VDG Ann sees the Lion Symbol, she is reminded of the meaning of the two heads of the lions - one looking at all the accomplishments of Lions in the past and the other looking forward to all the things that are still to be done. She is intrigued by the one looking to the future. VDG Ann stated,"I truly want to serve as the first District Governor of Maine's new District 41. I promise you that I will strive to make each and every one of you proud of the work that I will do for the Lions of Maine. I still need your support to make this happen. We are in this together, and together we will make 2007/2008 a most memorable year for the Lions of Maine and the communities that we serve."

MOTION FOR VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

KL Duke Goranites read a letter of recommendation from the Harrison Lions Club to nominate PDG Bob Swett for Vice District Governor of District 41 for 2007/2008. The motion was second by PDG Gene Cross. All voted in favor of the nomination.

PDG Bob Swett accepted the nomination and is looking forward to working with DGE Ann McFarland and all Maine Lions. He will work with a team from 41-I and 41-L to make the transition from two districts to one a smooth and fair one for all Maine Lions. His motto was and will be "Communication keeps us together".

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by PDG Tom Bakker (Chairman of Budget & Audit Committee):

I move that a committee of three PDG's, appointed by the District Governor to review the criteria letter sent out by the District Governor to all clubs in District 41-L for five candidates for a Melvin Jones from the returned letters from the clubs. The \$5,000.00 will be taken from the Unallocated Funds of the District Budget. This money will be designated to go to Sight First II campaign.

Motion was seconded by PDG Bob Swett. Motion was carried.

DG Carolyn mentioned the New England Lions Council “An Evening to Benefit LCIF” with PIP Lion Ashok Mehta on Saturday, February 24th, 3 to 11 pm. \$40 per person, open to all Lions. VDG Ron and June, herself and Lion Bruce will be attending. Reservations can still be made. She has form available.

Motion made by PDG Clyde Nason(Constitution, By-Laws, & Policy Manual Chair):

In accordance with the District 41-L Policy Manual, the following Notice of Motion to be voted on at our April, 2007 sub-District Convention is being submitted for review:

NOTICE OF MOTION

During the period from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, new District 41, being the combination of the District 41-L, 41-I, and 4 clubs from 41-O, shall operate under the Constitution and By-Laws of what currently is known as Multiple District 41, except for those areas applicable to Canada, and Multiple District management, activities and finances.

The purpose of the Motion is to allow new District 41, through its transition team and committees, to have sufficient time to prepare and present for approval a new Constitution and By-Laws for the new District 41 to operate under.

Motion was seconded by Lion Duke Goranites. Motion was carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONVENTION - PDG Jack Anderson informed the Lions there will be nine classes including a cooking seminar, pill your cat animal clinic, ballroom dancing, Mark Potter’s physical therapy. The Elk’s van will be there for hypertension and diabetes testing. A golf tournament is scheduled for Friday morning. The pajama breakfast is back again. Room reservation should be made with the hotel. Meal reservations also should be made.

DISTRICT HISTORIAN - Lion Harvey Buzzell reminded people that he is still looking for club and District history and also he is a source if Lions are looking for something to do with the history of their club or District.

FIDELCO - PDG Gene Cross announced that a bus trip is planned for Lions interested in attending the Fidelco Open House on Saturday, April 14th, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The cost is \$22.50 per person. The bus will be departing from Augusta (Sears Parking Lot) at 4:45 am and making stops at South Portland (former exit 7) at approximately 5:45 am and at Kennebunk (former exit 3) at approximately 6:15 am. The bus will leave from Fidelco to go home at 3:00 pm.

The Windsor Locks Lions Club will provide us with lunch - A BBQ of chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs, salads, chips, fruit, cookies, soda, and coffee.

The seats will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. So please send in your registration form with full payment to the required address ASAP.
Please contact Bunny or Al Parks at 377-7963 (days), 685-3247 (evenings), 462-7275 (cell), or email at kbparks@2005@aol.com

PDG Gene asked all clubs that are making a donation to Fidelco to send all checks to CST Cathy so that he might present them to Fidelco together at the Open House.

MERLO - VDG PDG Ron Johnson stated that the MERLO team met last on January 29th.

The Regional Schools that were held last year were very successful with the training of 73 new club presidents, secretaries, and membership chairpersons. He would like to continue with three Regional schools on weeknights, possibly in May. Possible locations are Camp Sunshine and Gray/New Gloucester Middle School, and one other is needed in the southern part of the state. Ideal locations would require computers for secretary online training.

He reminded Club Presidents to start working on officers for next year so that their PU101 can be done on time.

All MERLO members are looking for potential Zone Chairperson who they feel will do a good job next year. If you know someone who is willing, please contact him.

Three new possible clubs are being looked into. The next MERLO meeting is March 29th at 6:00 pm at Thatcher's Restaurant in the Windham Mall

JOINT TRANSITION MEETING - VDG Ron Johnson's Notes:

We had our first joint Transition meeting between our two Districts on January 26. DG Paula and DG Carolyn appointed me as the Joint Committee Chairman.

It was agreed the task of getting things done quickly and efficiently was to break down into smaller groups and work on specific topics.

We agreed on the following Committee Topics:

Election Committee,
Budget and Audit Committee
Constitution and Bylaws and Policy Manual Committee
District Cabinet Committee
Cabinet and Convention Location Committee
Maine Lions Website Committee

The two District Governors will appoint chairman to each committee.
Committees will have equal representation from both Districts.
Committees will work out their assignments and report back to the Transition Chairman and their respective Team Chairman at regular intervals.

The goal is to have the committees complete their assignments well before our Joint Convention in April so they can be discussed and in some cases voted on.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee will work towards having a document ready for adoption during 2007-2008. In the mean time, it is proposed District 41 will operate the first year under the Constitution and Bylaws of what was previously known as Multiple District 41 except for those areas applicable to Canada, and Multiple District management, activities and finances.

Next formal meeting of the Joint Transition Committee will be held March 16th at 6PM at the Kennebec Valley Community College.

PEACE POSTER - Chairperson Lion Kay Parent informed the Cabinet Meeting that there were more entries this year for the contest. She thanked all of the clubs and DG Carolyn for their support. First place for the District, Jade Johnson, came from the Falmouth Club and went on the Multi District to be chosen as a Merit award Winner. Lion Kay believes that she has been asked to go to New York to the U.N.

SPEAKOUT - Chairman Aaron Tufts says it is Speakout time again. He is proud to have served as chairman of this program for the last four years. Both District competitions will be at the State Convention in April on Saturday afternoon. He has to know who the regional winners are. The club who is sponsoring the regional winner has to be sure to make reservations for the winner and her family for the Saturday night banquet if they plan on being there. He also reminded Lions that the any winner that advances to the Multiple and plans on flying needs a passport.

White Cane - Chairperson Lion Maggie Crisafi reported that 16 clubs participated in the program raising a total of \$4,079.92. The Portland Pirates Fundraiser for Maine Sight & hearing netted a donation of \$514.00. A total of \$4593.92 was presented to PDG Tim Chase of 41-L for Maine Lions Sight & Hearing. There was also a check from the Falmouth Club for \$815.00 that went direct bringing the total to \$5,408.92.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have any ideas for convention, let the convention committee know.

The Cumberland North Yarmouth Lions Club Annual Theater Night at the Portland Lyric Theater, 176 Sawyer Street, South Portland, Maine. The Club is sponsoring a performance of Sweet Charity on Thursday, March 1 at 7:00. Wine and cheese reception is included. Cost is \$20.00 per ticket. If interested, Lions can contact me by telephone at 926-5904 or E Mail at phunt@perkinsthompson.com or our Theater Night Chairman, Paul Chesley, at 829-3996 or Email at lordchesley@verizon.net.

Freeport Lioness Variety Show - March 31 - 7:00 pm - Performing Arts Center, on Holbrook Street, Freeport - Tickets are \$10.00. For more information you can contact a Lioness Member (information in directory)

Limerick Newfield Lions Club public supper to celebrate Chinese new Year (Year of the Pig) - February 24 - 5 to 7pm - contact KL Victor Wakefield

18th Annual Past District Governor Ox Roast- March 1st - hosted by the Freeport lions Club at the Harraseeket Grange Hall @ \$15 per person - Social hour: 5:30 to 6:30 pm dinner: 6:30 pm roast Lion: 7:30 pm - contact Cyndee Proctor at 737-8403 and leave message

If interested in hypertension and diabetes testing with the Elks van contact Dick Willette.

Winner for the door prizes and the 50/50 raffle were drawn. The 50/50 pot of \$58.00 was won by KL Bob Hatch of the Massabesic Club.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Cross
District 41-L cabinet Secretary/Treasurer