

**Third Cabinet Meeting District 9MC
The Machine Shed Restaurant
11151 Hickman Road, Urbandale, Iowa
February 24, 2008**

The third 9MC cabinet meeting of 2007-2008 was called to order at 2:30 pm by District Governor Susan Radke. Roll call was taken by Cabinet Secretary Jerry Radke.

Cabinet Members Present:

Dennis Crabtree, Stamps for Veterans Chairperson
Linda Crabtree, Women's Membership Chairperson
Kenny Dean, Membership Co-Chairperson
Gary Fry, Honorary Cabinet Member
Mary Halstead, Zone Chairperson (R3Z2)
Steven Halstead, Leadership Development Chairperson and Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee
Guy Harris, Retention Chairperson and Constitution & By-Laws Chairperson
Randy Kirkbride, District Governor Elect
Charlotte Miller, Region Chairperson (Region 1)
Chuck Miller, Cabinet Treasurer and Youth Exchange Chairperson
Marlo Miller, Region Chairperson (Region 2)
Francis Mowery, Environmental Chairperson
JoAnn Nady, Campus Club Chairperson
Janice Price, District Historian
Jerry Radke, Cabinet Secretary
Susan Radke, District Governor
Len Ringgenberg, Iowa KidSight Chairperson
Jerry Roland, Leader Dog Chairperson
Kim Smith, International Understanding & Cooperation Chairperson
Boyd Sparks, Zone Chairperson (R2Z4)
Betty Ulin, LCIF Chairperson

Others Present:

Ron Ulin, Past District Governor
Rhoda Bender, Past District Governor
Ralph Bender, Past District Governor and Past Council Chair
Jim Appleget, Past District Governor
Bob Price, Past District Governor
Robert Stuart, Past District Governor and State Chaplain
Ed Van Horn, Past District Governor
Mark Nemmers, Urbandale Lions Club

Cabinet Members Absent:

Jean Bodensteiner, Membership Co-Chairperson (excused, submitted written report)
Myrna Goodyk, Peace Poster Chairperson
Vikki Harris, Information Technology Chairperson
Betsy Jones, Convention Co-Chairperson
John Jones, LEO Club Chairperson
Ron Lillie, Diabetes Awareness Chairperson (excused, submitted written report)
Michelle Roland, Hearing & Speech Action/Work with the Deaf Chairperson

Leonard Tipping, Extension Chairperson
Mark Truesdell, Zone Chairperson (R3Z3) (excused, submitted written report)
Jan Whaley, Public Relations/Lions Info/ Convention Co-Chair (excused, no report)

Printed copies of the minutes from the November 10, 2007 cabinet meeting at the Marshalltown convention were distributed. PDG Bob Price moved to accept them with a second by Guy Harris. The minutes were approved.

Cabinet Treasurer Chuck Miller passed around a proposed amended budget. PDG Bob Price moved to accept the changes and Kenny Dean seconded. The motion was approved. CT Chuck reported that there were still state and district dues to collect from some clubs. Traer still owes for the first billing. The total cash balance as of February 22 was \$12,135.59 with \$4,335.32 in checking, \$2,800.27 in savings and the \$5,000 CD. There was a question about paying State Dues before all clubs have paid. The State was paid when there was sufficient money in the treasury.

The District Governor's expenses for the USA/Canada Forum exceeded the budget. DGE Randy Kirkbride moved to pay the extra with a second from Jerry Roland. The motion passed. There was a discussion on paying for the District Governor's pins seeing there was no District pin. Guy Harris moved to pay for the pins and that money collected for the sale of the pins be turned in to the district. JoAnn Nady seconded and the motion was approved 9 to 6.

Gary Fry moved acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. The motion was approved after a second by Bob Price.

District Governor Susan Radke summarized correspondence she had received from International Lions President Mahendra Amarasuriya and PID Dennis Cobbler (TEAM 20K Coordinator). The main concern is that Lions clubs are down in membership and change is needed to reverse the trend.

Since there was no report from the Convention Committee, copies of the minutes from the convention business meeting were reviewed. Twenty-two of 47 Lions Clubs were represented as well as two Lioness Clubs. Chuck Miller suggested that we go back to a spring convention and a discussion following concerning the merits of fall and spring conventions.

Reports:

Zone Chair **Mary Halstead** - no report

Region Chair **Charlotte Miller** - reported that she has visited five clubs so far but was unable to meet with others due to the weather.

Region Chair **Marlo Miller** - No activity since our last District Meeting. In previous visits he found that not all clubs were in tune with schools regarding eyeglasses and hearing aids.

Zone Chair **Boyd Sparks** - visited one club two times and plans to visit all clubs two times. He plans to hold one or two zone meetings.

Zone Chair **Mark Tuesdell** - submitted a written report stating that the health of Zone 3 in Region 3 is Fair. Clubs show a net gain of one member. Held second zone meeting at the Pleasant Hill Lions Club chili supper with 15 Lions from all six zone clubs. Presentations on the Iowa Lions Eye Bank, Iowa Lions Youth Exchange, and Membership were well received. The third and final zone meeting will be held March 29, 2008 in conjunction with the East Des Moines Lions Club's pancake breakfast.

Iowa KidSight Coordinator **Len Ringgenberg** - various screening have been held in the district, especially with Headstart and Early Headstart programs. Training has been conducted in Ankeny, Clive, Pleasantville, and Ames with future training scheduled for Johnston and McCallsburg.

Constitution & By-Laws Chair **Guy Harris** - nothing to report. Commented that information on qualifications and procedures for electing a Vice District Governor should be printed in the State Who's Who.

Diabetes Awareness Chair **Ron Lillie** - sent a spreadsheet showing that 13 clubs donated \$1,150 to Diabetes and four clubs donated \$624 to Camp Hertko Hollow.

Environmental Chair **Francis Mowery** - has not been successful in contacting State Entomologist Robin Pruisner concerning the Emerald Ash Borer invading Iowa.

PID **Gary Fry** - commented on extension workshop and new Lions Club in Stuart, Iowa. The charter will be presented to the club on April 5, 2008. More locations are needed to start new clubs.

PID **Gary Fry** - shared that the State Web Site has had some problems. District 9NW is the first district to have a new template. The other six districts will get similar templates soon.

International Understanding Chair **Kim Smith** - reported that twinning with the Australian Lions club is going well and would be glad to assist any club with a twinning project. She asked if our district supports the ALERT program.

Membership Drive Representative **Kim Smith** - a multi-district concert is being planned for Dubuque on May 10, 2008 with the net proceeds to be donated to Campaign SightFirst II and the Iowa Lions Foundation. Music will be provided by The Jammers and the cost for tickets probably will be \$6 each. Each district is being asked for a donation of \$200. DGE Randy Kirkbride moved to donate \$200, seconded by PID Gary Fry, and approved.

Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee **Steven Halstead** - expecting more money to come in. Donations by club are displayed on the State Web Site. It presently shows that 27 of 53 clubs in 9MC have donated \$19,105 of the \$30,000 budgeted. Individuals have donated another \$280. "I Gave" pins are available for individual donations of \$20 or more.

LCIF Chair **Betty Ulin** - Twenty-six clubs have donated \$4150.68. She has not been asked to speak at clubs or zone meetings.

Leader Dog Chair **Jerry Roland** - recently, with District Governor Susan, showed a Future Leader Dog (puppy) to all kindergarten classes in Nevada. The classes are starting a service project called "Penny Harvest". Jerry asked that he be notified of any donations to the puppy program at the North Central Correctional Facility in Rockwell City or to Leader Dog.

Leadership Chair **Steven Halstead** - nothing to report.

Youth Exchange Chair **Chuck Miller** - has recently visited two clubs and two zone meetings. One club donated \$200. Host families are need for the 24 - 26 exchange students expected. Last year there were 26 students from 14 countries. Students spend three weeks with the host family and then another week at camp before returning home.

Membership Co-Chair **Kenny Dean** - summarized a written report prepared by Co-Chair Jean Bodensteiner. As of February 21, 2008: 47 Lions clubs in 9MC show 63 new members and 74 dropped members. Sixteen clubs have net membership gains, 19 clubs with net losses, and 12 clubs maintaining membership. The team has been active in presenting information to clubs and at zone meetings. Potential new Lions names obtained at the State Fair need to be processed and distributed to clubs earlier.

Peace Poster - **Rhoda Bender** asked what the amount of the winner's gift will be. The district winner is from Marshalltown and Rhoda wants to present the check at one of their club meetings. Myrna Goodyk had decided that the amount of \$100 would go to the winner. Rhoda will get the winners name and Treasurer Chuck will send Rhoda a check for the winner. Rhoda remarked that it is easier to deal with Peace Poster winners at a spring convention.

Women's Membership Chair **Linda Crabtree** - the committee is selling beautiful pins for \$4 each. They have been selling briskly and more pins may need to be ordered. The next Women's Conference is scheduled for October 18, 2008.

Stamps for Veterans Chair **Dennis Crabtree** - is collecting stamps for Veterans and has sent off two packages. More have been collected at this meeting. He also has been busy supervising KidSight screenings and training Lions to do screenings.

Campus Club Chair **JoAnn Nady** - has started a club at Iowa State University with 12 members signed up and officers elected. They are committed to doubling the number of members before the World Wide Induction Day Ceremony on April 19, 2008. All Lions will be invited to attend. Birthday cake will be served to celebrate Melvin Jones' birthday.

District Historian **Janice Price** - no report but asks Lions to send her pictures for the history book.

PDG Guy Harris asked that Lions Clubs keep other clubs informed of their events and fund raisers. It is impossible to coordinate activities so there aren't conflicts but efforts should be made to reduce the number of conflicts.

Francis Mowery reported that \$154 Million has been raised for Campaign SightFirst II. Now we need to shoot for the extended goal of \$200 Million.

District Governor Susan asked about making appointments to the Elections Committee and the Constitution & By-Laws Committee. Each is for a three-year term. Lion Chuck Miller thinks he may have one year left on the Elections Committee. No action was taken until we know for sure.

Lions Clubs will be required to file with the IRS starting in 2008. DG Susan handed out instructions for the process. PID Gary Fry said we can go to www.irs.gov to complete the process using EIN 421262262. This doesn't have to be done until after June 30, 2008 but probably before November 15.

DG Susan asked where we could take \$50 from the budget to pay for the International Convention Display Project. Lions Clubs will be contacted so they may nominate a project to be displayed.

DG Susan handed out forms for Klise and Whitten nominations and the LCI Challenge to Change. She requested that every cabinet member turn in nominations for the Leadership and Service awards. Worldwide Induction Day is April 19, the same date the ISU Campus Club has chosen for its induction ceremony. The Nevada Lions Club will celebrate its 60th Anniversary on May 3, 2008. Invitations will be sent out prior to the event.

Locations for new Lions clubs mentioned were Marshalltown and Ames. PID Gary Fry remarked that the locations for extension workshops need to be at the actual location of a new club. DG Susan named the Marshalltown Veterans Home and Huxley as possibilities. Treasurer Chuck Miller noted that 9MC has \$500 available for tuition scholarships to the Great Plains Leadership Conference. Two Lions have expressed an interest in attending this year: Mark Nemmers and Kim Smith.

A possible date for the next 9MC Cabinet meeting is April 27, 2008. Several people suggested a central location for the meeting.

Bob Price motioned to adjourn, seconded by Kenny Dean. We adjourned at 4:07 pm.

Your in Lionism,

Jerry K. Radke
9MC Cabinet Secretary

**Special Cabinet Meeting District 9MC
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District Governor Susan Radke called a special meeting to elect a Vice District Governor for 2008-2009. The meeting was convened at 4:10 pm with the same Lions in attendance as were present for the regular cabinet meeting. A sign-up sheet was passed around to have a record of those voting.

DG Susan Radke turned the meeting over to PCC Ralph Bender to conduct the selection of the next Vice District Governor. PCC Ralph listed the candidates nominated by their home Lions clubs: 1) Charlotte Miller from the Story City Lions Club, 2) Mark Nemmers from the Urbandale Lions Club, and 3) Jerry Roland from the East Des Moines Lions Club. PCC Ralph next asked for nominations from the floor. Dennis Crabtree moved that nominations cease, seconded by Bob Price and the motion was approved. PCC Ralph went on to read the three nominating letters from the respective clubs: East Des Moines for Jerry Roland, Urbandale for Mark Nemmers, and Story City for Charlotte Miller. PDG Chuck Miller asked if all of the candidates were qualified and it was agreed that they were.

PDG Ed Van Horn spoke in support of Mark Nemmers. District Governor Elect Randy Kirkbride spoke for Jerry Roland and PDG Chuck Miller spoke for Charlotte Miller. Blank pieces of paper were distributed with instructions to vote for Charlotte, Mark, or Jerry. PDG Jim Appleget picked up the ballots and he and PCC Ralph counted them. Jerry and Mark received the most votes but neither had a majority. A second ballot with Jerry and Mark as the candidates was taken with Jerry Roland receiving the majority. PCC Ralph Bender declared Jerry Roland elected to be the Vice District Governor for 2008-2009.

PDG Bob Price moved to adjourn, seconded by PDG Francis Mowery and we adjourned at 4:32 pm.

Yours in Lionism,

Jerry K. Radke
9MC Cabinet Secretary