

## MINUTES OF FIRST DISTRICT 4C2 CABINET MEETING

SATURDAY AUGUST 26, 2017 IN CORTE MADERA CA.

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM by 2nd VDG Mike O'Neill.

A moment of silence was asked for Charlie Rogers; followed by a wonderful invocation from Chaplain Vicki McCartney.

Region Rick Carnal led us in a salute to our flag and Zone Chair Chris Nolen led us in a rousing rendition of the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

DS Connie Marelich recognized the first timers and then did the roll call. 26 clubs were in attendance with a total of 75 people.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Barry Bialkowski then introduced DG Les Mize. Les then introduced all the PDG attending as well as guest 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Helen Casaslang from District 4C4 in San Francisco.

Due to the length of the minutes from the convention meeting, their reading was included in each registration packet.

The treasurer's report was given by DT Alisha Clarke-Kilgore.

DG Les then introduced Graham Forder from the Las Gallinas Lions who has attended numerous trips to Mexico with LIS and is an expert on the spot camera. He brought slides with him to show how a clinic is set up in Mexico. The Lions there were a great help in organizing everything. Please tell your clubs to keep up the good work with the cameras. The most important message from Graham was the next screening event in Marin County on Sunday October 29 from 9AM-2PM and he needs lots of volunteers so tell your clubs how important this event is. It made the I J newspaper last year.

Next was the induction of new officers by PDG John Posey with the help of PDG Kertice Poon and Frank Seidel. With the aid of candles we were told to keep the light burning and bring sight to all in need.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Barry Bialkowski spoke to us about diabetes awareness. This is the main project for Lion's International this year. Barry hopes to set up screening for diabetes just like we did with the spot cameras. Next to cancer it is the next threat to people. Please tell your clubs to help with this task of screening for diabetes.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Mike O'Neill spoke about the Lion's float in the Rose Parade. He had tickets for sale in hopes of winning a seat to see the parade in Pasadena this New Years' day.

Next speaker was the guest from District 4C4 Helen Casaslang. She told us about attending the Council of Governor's and learning how important teamwork is in a club and an organization like Lions' International.

We followed with a wonderful lunch provided by the Corte Madera club with a no host bar and all the sandwich and salad fixings. Cookies and cake were for dessert.

After lunch, Student Speaker Chair, Beverlee Block told us about the topic for this year's contest. "What Role Do Integrity and Civility Play in Today's Society". She reminded us to make sure we had our packets by October 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid paying a fee to purchase a packet. You can also request a packet from the MD4 web page. She is also asking for help in planning the Gala on Sat Dec 9 at the Windsor Community Center. All proceeds will go to the student speaker foundation. Please help when she calls your club.

Next was Carl Steiner Global Team Leader who reminded us to tell our new members and others exactly what we, as Lions, do. LCI has lots of tools if you need help. There will be a Regional Leadership Institute in Fairfield January 20-22, 2018. The cost is \$300.00.

Convention Committee Chair Gil Medeiros reported that the committee has met once and will be meeting again in Sept. The theme this year is "Anything Disney".

Report from Region Karen Whitecotton from the Constitution and Bylaws Committee said the committee is looking into online paying of dues.

Budget and Finance Committee chair, Tony Marelich, reported that the budget has been approved even though there was a drop in membership.

PDG John Posey then gave a wonderful and most informative talk about LEF. They have brand new headquarters at 711 Van Ness Ave in San Francisco. Tours are available and are highly recommended. PDG Kertice Poon is the Ass't. Treasurer and Sigi Engelen is an advisor. Frank Seidel is a Trustee and Mike Mathews is the lead Trustee and Mike Rogalski is the Sec Vice President. So Marin is definitely represented. All clubs should have an eye chairperson. If you need a speaker to come to your club, just ask John.

DG Les thanked us all for coming to his first district cabinet meeting and hoped to see more of us at the next meeting in Cobb, CA. on Saturday November 18, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Marelich, District Secretary