

NEW MEXICO LIONS DISTRICT 40N

3rd CABINET MEETING

March 12, 2011

Tamarind Institute, 2500 Central Ave. SE, Albuquerque, NM

Meeting was called to order by DG William J. (Bill) Guss at 10:10 a.m. Forty-two Lions attended, representing sixteen clubs. District 40 S attendees included DG Phil Marvel, and Lions Anna Marvel, Chuck Galusha and Jeanette Lang. 2nd VDG Johnty Cresto led the Pledge, 1st VDG Shelly Smith led the prayer, and DG Bill did protocol introductions, including PIDs Ray Marley and Gordon Post.

November 6, 2010, minutes were previously sent to all. VDG Johnty moved to accept, motion was seconded and approved. CT/PDG Bill Whatley said club dues must be current so delegates can vote at the convention, and gave the treasurer's report, with a 1/31/11 balance of \$8,156.79. A motion to accept it was passed.

Reporting on the MD 40 State Convention June 8-12, 2011 sponsored by the Gallup Lions Club, VDG Johnty said registration forms and agenda are available at www.nmlions.org. For the first time, registrations can be made with a credit card. Besides meetings and voting, activities will include a rodeo, parade, car show, balloon glow, golf tournament, and bar-b-que at the Lions Clubhouse. USA RV Park is next to the Best Western Inn & Suites which will have hospitality rooms. Ads are being sold for the convention booklet.

ZONE REPORTS

Zone 1- not available

Zone 2- ZC/IPDG Miriam Stucker announced a March 15 Zone meeting. Los Alamos has 16 members, does bell ringing for Salvation Army, offers medical transportation, does KidSight screening with Espanola Lions and has a bowling league with Taos Lions. Santa Fe Host supports Big Cat Rescue in Florida, sells Home Style Fudge and donates to Leader Dog. Espanola Valley's four members are seeking to add several from the Rio Arriba Social Workers Assoc. to the club, and continue adult screening and KidSight. Santa Fe Capital is increasing membership; some visited the Melvin Jones Memorial.

Zone 3- ZC Edward J. DeArmond said Window Rock/Fort Defiance has raffles in progress. He will work personally with Thoreau and approach that Club to answer an eye screening request from Grants, NM. Gallup has approximately 90 members, all working hard on the upcoming convention.

Zone 4- ZC Wesley Brown, Jr., will visit Lower Valley in Kirtland, NM, March 16. Farmington Evening has two new members, worked on six community projects, held three fundraisers, and had 77 entries in the Peace Poster Contest.

Zone 5- ZC Randy Rhue said Clovis Evening raised \$8,700, and then \$7,200 from a gun show, and used funds for Kids' Day at the local zoo, a Lions sign for the zoo's bird cage and a 5' tall purple and gold lion water fountain which will be dedicated at another Kids' Day in early May. Another gun show is planned for March 26/27, with the raffle of a gun. The show has grown from five vendors seven years ago to 58 now. Floyd has its annual Jamboree coming in April, and Melrose will hold its annual pancake breakfast.

Zone 6- ZC Donald Trumbull visited Edgewood in February. The club is gearing up to serve hot dogs for a Rich Ford auto event in August. Moriarty dropped three members and brought in four new, one of whom is a reporter for The Independent newspaper. Club is planning an enchilada dinner April 8. Sandia Mountain continues having great publicity.

Zone 7- ZC Bobby Richardson reported that DG Bill celebrated his 80th birthday recently. As ZC, he has visited all clubs in the zone, promoting a theme of 'CC- Communication and Cooperation, Clubs Helping Clubs'. Flag Ship Projects: 1. Socorro A. Gun Shows May July, Nov, 2011 B.\$500 Scholarships for two students; 2. Albuquerque. Four Hills A. Welcome bags to new community members B. Bingo with a social; 3. Albuquerque. Breakfast A. June 2010 Hinkle Fun Center; 4. Albuquerque. Rio Grande A. Garage Sale B. Poker Tournament March 23, 2011, Route 66 Casino 6PM; 5. Albuquerque. Uptown A. Golf Tournament.

Zone 8- ZC Dave Slater said Rio Ranch Host had 200 at a Christmas party with presents and a dinner. A grant from a city agency helped them do several hundred KidSight screenings. The club cooperates with

Albuquerque Alameda in working at the Balloon Fiesta. He reports difficulty in communicating with Corrales Sandoval Milestone. Albuquerque Northeast works with Special Olympics. Rio Rancho Amigos are holding sporadic meetings.

Club Officer Training- VDG Shelly reported VDG Johnty and PDG Ralph Richards are in charge of the training May 7 at Sawmill Community. with the District paying for lunch. Specific education will be provided for new club presidents, secretaries and zone chairs as well as any potential officers, and will include hands-on training for wireless communication. DG Bill says 40S Lions are also welcome.

MERL- DG Bill said LCI will dissolve this program as of June 30, and institute a Global Membership Team (GMT) and a Global Leadership Team (GLT). PCC Jeff Kriz will be part of GMT, overseeing seven states. He suggests that clubs take a business approach to their operation and choose quality members, letting the public know why Lions do what we do. He also suggests developing a program to provide eyeglasses for people coming out of jail. PID Ray Marley has been nominated for a GLT post in New Mexico.

Extension- PCC Bob Jones- see attached report; LCIF Coordinator- see attached report

Diabetes Awareness- Lion Nettie Richter gave packets of information, stressing that every 21 seconds, a person develops diabetes. She urges clubs to donate \$415 to send a child to camp. Lions are invited to participate in the June 4 ADA Tour de Cure Bicycle event in Albuquerque. VDG Shelly will promote that on the web.

Special Olympics- PID Gordon Post, chair for the past 10 years, announced the Sat., May 21, summer games in Albuquerque. Lions help is needed for eye screening 9 am to 3 pm. Of 1,000 screened in the past, 1/3 needed extra help. As of July 1, Lion Lenny Bean will be chair of this committee.

Constitution and Bylaws- PID Ray Marley announced probable proposals to be voted on at the state convention: 1- To raise MD 40 dues \$1 per year to be used only for 1st and 2nd VDGs' expenses during their terms. 2- To raise MD 40 dues \$4 per year. 3- To add to the duties of the 2nd VDG. There was a March 4 deadline for proposal eligibility. At the LCI Convention in Seattle, delegates will vote on raising dues \$2 as of July 1, 2012, and another \$2 as of July 1, 2013. It is expected to pass, with six years since past dues increase. Rationale behind the increase: cost of doing business and upgrades to the LCI automation system.

Guest Remarks- NML Eye Foundation President Chuck Galusha promoted LCI's Environmental Photo Contest, the NMLEF Eye Ball, and stresses the need for added club support of the NMLEF. A host club and driver has been found for the NML Eye Van. He discussed various potential changes to the companies and cameras involved in the KidSight program.

Club Reports after lunch recess

Raton- Secretary Jim Mullings reported the club had a Christmas party and sponsored 64th year of City of Bethlehem lights, received a 65-year patch from IP Scruggs, and is planning a youth basketball event. Members are buying portions of a donated 1/2 beef to benefit future Liberty Days.

Edgewood- President Debbie Bryan- see attached report.

Window Rock/Fort Defiance- President Stanley Van Keuren, Jr., announced the club's \$20 raffle as advertised in the ROAR, and the 50th anniversary March 20. They have several potential new members and a possible donkey basketball event, but are having difficulty getting new officers.

Albuquerque Northeast- CT Bill Whatley said the club received an October Membership Award for four new members. He asked clubs whose members have died this year to get information to him for the necrology service at the convention.

Rio Grande- PCC Jeff Kriz announced the March 23 Texas Hold Em event to be held at the Route 66 Casino.

Sandia Mountain- Secretary Glen Simmons said donations have been made to the Sheriff's Department, a youth wrestling club, and Peace Poster winners. Quarterly meetings are held at members' homes, also two orientations. The NML Eye Van will be at East Mountain Celebration May 1, White Cane days will be April 29/30, and a flea market will be sponsored four times in the summer.

Santa Fe Capital City- President Mary Clyde reports the club provides eyeglasses, and works with Santa Fe Host in charitable events. They provide food for the needy and will sponsor an April 2 Japanese Art Festival.

Gallup- Secretary Nicole Hawthorne urged all to attend the MD state convention in June.

Moriarty- ZC Don Trumbull announced an Enchilada Dinner at the clubhouse April 8 for \$6 apiece.

Clovis- ZC Randy Rhue urged clubs to work together 1/12/12 to celebrate New Mexico's 100th birthday by volunteering at the state's Welcome Centers on that day.

Old Business:

VDG Shelly urged attendance at the Lions Symposium April 9 at Inn of the Mountain Gods, April 5 is the last day to register. She and VDG Johnty were among Lions from Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah who attended District Governor Training in Farmington organized by PID Ray Marley. LCI International Convention will be in Seattle July 4-8. USA/Canada Forum will be in Anchorage, AK, September 22-24. She thanked Lions who attended a recent basketball event in Albuquerque; she has been requested to organize an Isotopes baseball event for Lions. The MD 40 Council meeting is Sat., March 19 in Socorro. White Cane Day in New Mexico is April 30.

New Business:

40 S DG Phil Marvel said he is trying to put together a tour of Donkey Basketball and requests any interested clubs to get in touch with him to arrange a date.

DG Bill urged all clubs to be represented at the MD 40 Council meeting and at the state Convention.

CC Tom Himrod is with his seriously ill father, so DG Bill will conduct the Council meeting.

PU 101s must be submitted by the clubs to LCI, the District, the ROAR and by email to Lion Editor Jennifer Long for the state Directory as soon as officers are elected with an absolute deadline of May 15.

VDG Johnty moved to authorize that 40N provide lunch for the May 7 Club Officer Training, motion seconded and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectively Submitted by CS Gerry Jones

REPORTS SUBMITTED ONLINE-

Edgewood- President Debby Bryan:

SINCE THE LAST MEETING CLUB HAS HAD A SUCCESSFUL CRAFT SHOW, AND CHRISTMAS PARTY. WE ARE HOLDING OUR OFFICER ELECTIONS AND HAVE OUR DUES PAID UP.

WE ARE GETTING READY FOR OUR ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE YARD SALE ON MAY 21, AND WE ARE SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS FOR AN ANTIQUE QUILT AND ART WORK. THE QUILT WAS DONATED TO US BY A LADY WE BOUGHT GLASSES FOR AS A THANK YOU.

THE CLUB WILL BE GIVING AWAY HOT DOGS AT RICH FORD AGAIN THIS YEAR AND OUR CRAFT SHOW WILL BE HELD AT THE EDGEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL. THE DATE IS YET TO BE DETERMINED.

AT LEAST 4 MEMBERS WILL ATTEND THE STATE CONVENTION THIS YEAR.

LION JO WILL START REHEARSALS WITH THE LEOS FOR THIS YEAR'S MELODRAMA. SO FAR I DO NOT KNOW WHAT MELODRAMA THEY WILL BE PERFORMING, BUT BE ASSURED IT'LL BE A GOOD ONE AS USUAL.

WE HAVE BOUGHT 8 PAIRS OF GLASSES AND HAVE A COUPLE OF MORE APPLICATIONS PENDING.

3 MEMBERS AND 2 GUEST ATTENDED THE LIONS DAY AT THE PIT. MY GRANDSON SAID HE HAD MORE FUN AT THE GAME THAN HE HAD AT THE MONSTER TRUCKS. "GO LOBOS".

Extension – PCC Bob Jones

Bernalillo – Some preliminary contacts have been made. A team still needs to be built and canvassing scheduled.

Los Lunas – A California Lion who was to be moving to Los Lunas has not moved. Teams have worked in Los Lunas for the last two or three years without a club being formed. Citizens who have shown an interest in a club have no experience in Lionism and were not willing to take a leadership role in the formation of a club. We have been counting on the Lion from California to be our resident leader. It is felt that a Los Lunas resident is needed to help spearhead a club in town.

Santa Rosa – Exploratory meetings were held with two community leaders. One was to set us up to meet with a business group, but when the group was contacted, they were not interested in meeting with Lions. I have talked with Mayor Campos, and he is supportive of our efforts to form a new club in Santa Rosa. I also talked with City Administrator John Serrano. He said he would really like to see a new Lions club in town. Both of these men are going to provide some names of people for us to contact. A team of four will canvass the Santa Rosa business areas on March 17 and 18. We could use another two Lions to assist us if there are any volunteers.

MD40 LCIF- PCC Bob Jones

Japan has been hit with the worst earthquake in over 100 years. In instances like this, we – the Lions of the world are usually the first to respond, and continue to be involved until the work is done. Yesterday, LCIF approved providing \$1.25 million for immediate relief in Japan. This includes emergency and major catastrophe grant funds as well as contributions from Lions around the world. Lions in Japan are coordinating their relief efforts through social media and are using the Japan Lions Office in Tokyo as emergency relief headquarters.

At last report, more than 600 wooden homes have been provided in Haiti. This work will continue, as well as efforts to provide clean water and sanitation for the victims of that earthquake.

Our clubs and individual Lions have not contributed as many dollars to LCIF this Lionistic year as they have in past years. The needs around the world continue to be great. Clubs are urged to make LCIF a line item in their budgets on a continuing basis. Individual Lions are urged to make LCIF a part of their yearly charitable giving. Remember – 100% of any contribution to LCIF goes to help those in need. There is never an administration deduction. Wish to help right now? Become a contributing member for this Lionistic year for \$20, and receive your contributing member pin on the spot.

