

GLT report

1st Cabinet meeting

08-18-15

I have been to The Hmong Club to do some basic training and have set up a day's training later in the year.

Went to Chugiak to meet with the Secretary going over duties of the secretary. She already had the basics down. Spent some time with Zone Chair explaining the duties of the Zone chair the meeting requirements.

Spent time with the Secretary of Mt. View going over the activities report that are on line, walked him through reports and how to log in to the LCI web site.

Joy Blackburn

Encourage all clubs to take advantage of the training offered at lionsclubs.org.

Encourage participation in USA Canada Form in Grand Rapids, Michigan September 17th – 19 Registration now is \$310.00 which includes over 60 training sessions, motivational speakers at lunch and dinner meet new friends and have a great time. I have flyers if anyone is interested or log on the lionsforum.org for more information.

Encourage attendance at the Mid-Winter November 12 – 14th in Kodiak. You can't help but have a good time in Kodiak.

To: Cabinet, District 49A Lions International

From: Walt Hays, International Relations, August 15, 2015



Peace Poster Contest. Lions can be justly proud of this contest that is one of the jewels in the crown of Lionism. This past year over 400,000 youth, ages 11-13, from 60 countries participated in this completion designed to build peace and understanding among the youth of the world.

The theme for the 2015-2016 contest, our 28th year, is “**Share Peace.**” Clubs who want to participate should have their club secretary order the kits (PPK-1) promptly from Lions International. Use the short clip from the LQ video magazine to help promote the effort.

You should have your school(s) signed up by the end of August so they will have two full months to work on the project. Cost to the local club is about \$125.00 (\$12.50 for the kit, \$75.00 for the prizes (suggest \$50 for 1st and \$25 for 2nd for each school) plus the cost of the art pad.

The District winner will be selected by a panel at the Mid- Winter in Kodiak; Your schools need to select their winners no later than November 15th so you can pick up the 1st Place winner to take to the Mid-Winter judging.

For information and tips about how to hold the contest, contact Jim LaBau of the Mt. McKinley Lions 344-1018, jimlabau6@cs.com

Guatemala 2015. Attached is a draft summary with a few photos & captions of the work of our humanitarian service team. Lions played a significant role in this effort. Note:

- . We delivered 350 pairs of glasses from our Aurora Borealis Center that were shared with Lions and educators for distribution to low income families.
- . 134 children were screened using the PlusoptiX unit; PDG Blanca Luz Wug of the Chinese Lions of Guatemala City will provide follow up exams and glasses for all children needing them through an NGO she founded, VISUALIZE.
- . Gifts from AK clubs enabled us to distribute one pediatric wheel chair and two PET mobility carts to handicapped children and adults. (Mt. McKinley and Girdwood Turnagain Arm)
- . A travel grant from the Sleeping Lady Mountain Lions helped us include two college students on the team.
- . Palmer Lions made the lead gift to sponsor a party for 330 pre-teen Mayan girls and their female relatives for the distribution of Days For Girls Feminine Hygiene Kits.
- . Captain Cook Lions made a gift to help purchase two commercial sewing machines and upgrade the electrical service and lighting in the sewing room for a Mayan Women’s Sewing Cooperative. This cooperative helps 25 women earn needed family income.



DISTRICT 49A CABINET MEETING

DISTRICT LEO REPORT by Bonnie Leonhard

August 15, 2015 Cabinet Meeting Big Lake

The Leo's of our District 49A were well represented in Hawaii at the Lions International Convention. We had 12 Leo's from 3 different clubs in attendance, The Bear Mt. Leo's, Kodiak Leo's and Mabuhay Leo's. This was a great learning experience for all and I thank our District for helping to make this opportunity possible for many of our youth.

With the help of Kodiak Lions and Leo's we will be offering a Mid-Winter Conference for Leo's in Kodiak. The cost will be \$50.00 per Leo which will include the Ice Breaker (Thursday night) 2 lunches (Friday, Saturday) pizza night (Friday night) and the banquet (Saturday night). An Advisor must be present with your Leo's at all functions. Agenda of events and classes will be coming soon. Deadline to register for Leo's is September 15th. Leo's can register online at Kodiaklionsclub.org

Individual reports will be given by each Leo Club present.

Anchorage Performing Arts; Bear Mt. Leo's

Copper River Basin Leo's; Kids in Community Leo's

Kodiak Leo's; Mabuhay Leo's

I have been told Kenai Leo club has been dissolved, but do not have a definite confirmation on this.

Hmong Leo club is being revived and they are working on getting new members, we hope to see them back in action soon!

There have been no activities in Nominations and Elections, but please remind everyone that I am accepting intent to run letters for DG, 1st VDG and 2nd VDG for next year. They can also send their endorsement at the same time or once I get the letter of intent to run I will work with the candidate to get the other required submittals.

49A BY-LAWS
ARTICLE I
Nominations & Elections

SECTION 1. Any qualified member of a Lions Club in good standing in the District seeking the office of District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, or Region Chairman (optional) shall file their intention to so run via certified, registered, or return receipt electronic mail with the Chairman of the Nominations Committee no less than forty-five (45) days prior to the opening day of the Multiple District Convention. Each candidate, so filing, shall have the endorsement of a Lions Club, in good standing, in his or her respective Zone. This endorsement must be by resolution action of the Board of Directors of a Lions Club in good standing within the Zone of the candidate so declaring their intention to run.

Note: DG Mike, please remember that the nomination process for Foundation is different and requires you to select a nominating committee with a member from each Region. It would be nice to have this done before mid winter but the real deadline to tell everyone who is on the nominating committee is early next year.

Lion Larry Helgeson
District 49A Nominations & Elections Chairperson

DISTRICT 49A PUBLIC RELATIONS
REPORT FOR AUGUST 15,2015
BIG LAKE, ALASKA

- 1) Continuing Radio and TV ads as funding permits
- 2) Continuing BLOODBANK OF ALASKA PROECT
\$125,000 DONATION TO NEW BUILDING
NOTE: Media promo next week
- 3) Apply for District 49A and District 49B NEW CENTENIAL
Public Relations Grant with LCI for \$2500 (with DistB's
Concurrence) Requires 20% match



FINIS J. SHELDON, PCC, DISTRICT 40A
PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHMN

BLOODBANK OF ALASKA
REPORT
PROJECT UPDATE

International Director/ PDG Lewis Quinn and I made an onsite visit of the BLOODBANK OF ALASKA new building on August 14,2015. We were accompanied by Sam Theis Lead Superintendant of Cook Inlet Tribal Services as representative of Nesser Construction on the project. We toured the facility for about one and a half hour and found it to be in the range of about 85 to 90% complete, with a turnover date of the facility to BLOODBANK OF ALASKA to be by the end of October 2015. NOTE; This is ahead of the original scheduled completion date of December 2015. This is all very important to us and especially to LCIF who underwrote half of our pledge for their \$62,500 and their grant is conditioned on the building being 100% complete. LCIF grant would not be approved or funded for a building that was only 95% or anything less than 100% completed) We were also informed that the BLOODBANK OF ALASKA had yesterday signed loan papers with AIDEA for coverage any shortfalls in construction.

We also viewed THE RECOVERY room which is our tradeoff for our pledge. Our room is only lacking some countertops and floor covering to be complete, excepting for our PLAQUES,ECT. It is with great appreciation that we were NOW included in committee Planning and approving the DONOR recognition areas in both the entry and the RECOVERY areas. NOTE; There are different areas set aside for BLOOD DONORS and FINANCIAL DONORS. It appears that we will have recognition in possibly TWO locations, not just in the RECOVERY room. Alongside donors such as CONOCO PHILLIPS (two million dollars so far) Note: The RECOVERY room is located adjoining CONOCO PHILLIPS location. Our Lions wall is in a GREAT location where folks will get their snacks, soft drinks ect after giving blood. We also have a second wall which will have a flat screen tv monitor which we are negotiating to have our DVD's included intermittingly after CNN OR ? We are scheduled to have a PHOTO OP Next week with a large \$125,000 check being presented to their BOARD PRESIDENT AND THEIR CEO.

Received a note from Rebecca Parker, formerly of BBA, now the Executive Director at Anchorage Senior Center,who addressed our group at the BP center two years ago when we made our PLEDGE to the BLOODBANK as follows:

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FUNDRAISING FOR THE BLOOD BANK OF ALASKA!! WHAT A GENEROUS AND WONDERFUL GIFT TO THE PEOPLE OF ALASKA.



First Cabinet Meeting, Aug. 15, 2015

Sight/Visionscreening:

LCI members have worked on projects designed to prevent blindness, restore eyesight and improve eye health and eye care for hundreds of millions of people around the world for nearly 100 years.

The District 49A Lions continue to do the Visionscreening for our schools and at various events. We finished up our 2014-2015 screenings with 12,361 with 2,382 referrals. These are the counts submitted by 8 Anchorage clubs plus the Sleeping Ladies and Chugiak, Big Lake, Kodiak and the Juneau and MFL Clubs, Soldotna, Wasilla and Palmer. This is a good start toward accomplishing the President's Service Challenge for Vision. He has challenged the World's Lions to serve 100 million people in 4 Service Challenges before the close of the anniversary year on June 30, 2018.

Our school screening will be starting up within the next 2 weeks. We are desperate for new volunteers to help with the screenings. We have many openings on our teams. I promise not to overwork our volunteers this year. I have told the school nurses that we will be screening only 3 days a week instead of 5 as we did last year. With enough helpers we are able to be in and out in less than 4 hours; in by 9 and out by lunch. We need screeners, "floor managers", sticker people, glass cleaners and anyone else that would like to volunteer. We'll find you a job.

Every club in each of our 8 zones have helped in the crusade against darkness from eye screenings to sponsoring and participating in health fairs to taking care of the expenses for someone's eye surgery. We all have our stories to tell of the children we have helped. Keep up the good work and Thank you all for your service.

Upcoming events:

Aug 17 and 18	DHHS school screenings at 825 L St. from noon to 5.
Aug 27 through Sept 7	Alaska State Fair screenings- contact Lion Bonnie Leonhard
Sept 1	Family Forum on Health for the Adult Athlete at Special O 6PM to 7:30PM
Sept 2 - 3	Aging Population Summit hosted by Special O
Sept 12	Houston Health Fair for Seniors 9AM to 1PM
Sept 19	ADA event at Kincaid Chalet 10AM to 2PM
Sept 26	Health Fair- Eagle River-Chugiak Senior Center 8AM to noon

Respectively Submitted in Lionism,

Esther

PDG Esther L. West
District Sight/Visionscreening Chair