

REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION
MD 26-M6
HOWARD JOHNSON HOTEL
JOPLIN, MISSOURI
MARCH 15, 2014

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

The first plenary session was called to order by the District Governor Lion Nick Paulin. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 2nd VDG Craig Lehman. Lion Marilyn Harris led the body in singing "America." The Invocation was offered by IPDG Walter Hamer. Lion PCC Steve Wise established protocol.

A welcome to those attending the convention was offered by Lion Paulin, then introduced the head table and Joplin Mayor Colbert-Kean, who welcomed the Lions to the fair city of Joplin.

"Inspirational Stories" were given by representatives of Saving Sight, Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing, Leader Dog, World Services for the Blind, Lions Business Opportunity for Missouri Blind, and Lions Vision Center of the Ozarks.

The Lions Memorial Service was led by Lion Rev. Kenagy, with the following Lions being remembered for their years of service:

Aurora Lions Club: Lion Clifton Journagan, Lion George McCormick, PDG, and Lion Osborne O. Toft

Ava Lions Club: Lion Robert Crofton

Bolivar Lions Club: Lion Lane Garner

Branson Hollister Lions Club: Lion Leo Machmuller and Lion Ursula Ware

Carthage Lions Club: Lion Leslie R. Strait

Conway Lions Club: Lion Don Adkins

Diamond Lions Club: Lion Walter R. Simpson

El Dorado Springs Lions Club: Lion Fred C. Haynes and Lion James Welton

Forsyth Lions Club: Lion Janet R. Frantzen and Lion Beverly Grummons

Gainesville Lions Club: Lion Jerry McGinnis and Lion Donald Rackley

Hermitage Lions Club: Lion Lance Hutton

Joplin Host Lions Club: Lion Geoffrey Hilton and Lion Donald Matlock, PDG

Lebanon Host Lions Club: Lion Don Hawkins

Lockwood Lions Club: Lion John Jones, PDG, and Lion Delbert Snodgrass

Long Lane Lions Club: Lion Leo Crawford

Louisburg Lions Club: Lion Dan Denham

Marshfield Lions Club: Lion Larry McCormack

Morrisville Lions Club: Lion Harlan L. Graham

Republic Lions Club: Lion Larry Hirschman

Seymour Lions Club: Lion James Sharon

Shell Knob Lions Club: Lion Gerald T. Wieczarek, Sr.

Springfield Evening Lions Club: Lion David Harbaugh

The meeting was then recessed until the luncheon

THE LUNCHEON

The luncheon was called to order by Lion DG Paulin with the Pledge of Allegiance led by DG Paulin. Lions Marilyn Harris and Phil Krebs led the singing of "America the Beautiful." Lion PDG James W. Rosbrugh offered the invocation and grace for the meal. The head table was then introduced.

Lion Leroy Potter presented the Peace Poster Award to Joanne Kim for winning the district contest and she was recognized for her merit award from Lions Clubs International. The "Parade of Checks" was conducted with our various organizations receiving funds from the clubs, district, and the basketball activities. A challenging skit organized by Lion Marilyn Harris was presented by the "Tater Family."

After being introduced by Lion PDG Debbie Cantrell, Dr. C. J. Huff, superintendent of the Joplin School system gave an inspiring speech about the impact of the tornado had on Joplin and especially the school children. He expressed his appreciation to the Lions for their help in making Irving School a significant project in Joplin.

An excellent lunch menu was then served while the "Stone Hearts" lead by Lion Judy Young proceeded to extort funds from out of the Lions and guests that were present at the meal. Various drawings were held for the Hearing Van and other interests.

When all were fed and funds received, the luncheon was recessed until the second plenary session.

THE SECOND PLENARY SESSION

The second plenary session was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by District Governor Lion Nick Paulin. The report of the Nominating Committee was given by PDG Lion Charles Haywood.

The Nominating Committee has received both the application and Club endorsement for 1st Vice District Governor Lion Peter Frantzen to the position of District Governor and the same for 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Craig Lehman to the position of 1st Vice District Governor. The Nominating Committee has not received any applications for the position of 2nd VDG.

The information received for Lions Peter and Craig are in order and the Nominating Committee recommends these to the Cabinet for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Lion Stuart Payne, PDG Lion Martin Pojar, and PDG Lion Charles Haywood,
Chairman, Nominating Committee MD26-M6.

The report was received and the names placed in nomination by a motion from Lion James W. Rosbrugh with a second by Lion Debbie Cantrell. The motion carried.

Since the candidates had provided written material at the start of the session, there were no speeches given.

The report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee was given orally by PCC Lion Steve Wise, indicating that the only changes were to update the documents based on the name change of Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation (MLERF) to the new name of Saving Sight.

Voting procedures were then described by Lion Walter Hamer, Cabinet Secretary.

The "Cupcakes" were explained by Lion Theresa Botzow, with each registered person having a ticket to exchange for a cupcake.

Lion James W. Rosbrugh moved and Lion Craig Lehman seconded that the funds from the Tail Twister activities at lunch be given to the ALERT funds for their work. The motion carried.

A gavel made from the Oak Tree destroyed in Joplin's Tornado by a Pennsylvania Lion was put up for auction with Lion Bob Crump handling the bidding. After a very heated bidding by those present and a Lion in Pennsylvania over a cell phone, the auction concluded with the winning bid being \$300.00. It was then moved by Lion James W. Rosbrugh and seconded by Lion Darci Klick that the funds from the auction also go to the ALERT funds. The motion passed.

The Governor recessed the plenary session to the banquet.

THE CONVENTION BANQUET

The banquet was held in the Magnolia and Maple rooms of the Holiday Inn in Joplin. It was called to order by the Master of Ceremonies, PDG Lion Jerry Young. The color guard made up of the Webb City JROTC presented the colors and led the Lions and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance. Lion Art Voyles sang the "Star Spangled Banner" accompanied by Lion Marilyn Harris.

The Parade of Banners was conducted with Lion PDG David Harris reading the names of the clubs in the order of their charter dates. The Invocation was offered by Lion Tom Demanche. Then the Master of Ceremonies gave a wonderful introduction of our District Governor Lion Nick Paulin, who took over the banquet proceedings.

Governor Paulin then introduced those seated at the head table including our International Director Lion Michael Molenda. The meal was served while the Tail Twisters collected our tickets and Gloria Jardon played beautiful harp music while we enjoyed our well-prepared and served banquet meal.

After the meal was finished Governor Paulin then called on the Cabinet Secretary to present the results of the election. To no one's surprise Lion 1st VDG Peter Franzen was elected District Governor for 2014-2015 and Lion 2nd VDG Craig Lehman was elected 1st VDG for 2014-2015. Since no candidate was running for the 2nd VDG position, the position remains open. After the results were presented Lion Walter Hamer moved and Lion Bill Botzow seconded that the ballots be destroyed. The motion carried.

The District Governor then proceeded to introduce our Keynote speaker, International Director Lion Michael Molenda, from Hastings, Minnesota, who was elected director at the International Convention in Hamburg, Germany. Lion ID Molenda gave an encouraging message to all who were present. After his speech, Director Molenda then passed out Presidential Certificates of Appreciation to honor Lions of District 26-M6. Gifts were then presented by Governor Paulin to the Director and his wife Lion Linda.

After some brief closing remarks, District Governor Paulin adjourned the Sixth Annual Convention of Multiple District 26-M6.