

District 31-J Cabinet Meeting
GHJ Midwinter Convention
Doubletree Hotel
Rocky Mount, NC
Date: January 9, 2010
Time: 10:45 AM

The quarterly meeting of the District 31J general membership was called to order by District Governor Robert L. Walton on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 10:45 A.M. in the Dogwood Room of Doubletree Hotel, Rocky Mount, NC, and site of the G, H, & J, Midwinter Convention. The Pledge to the Flag was led by 1st VDG Gwen White and the Invocation was given by Lion Jimmie Williams.

International Director Debra Wasserman and her husband Steve Wasserman were formally introduced by District Governor Bob Walton to the Lions attending this Cabinet meeting. She spoke for a few moments about her mission as an International Director.

Tom Lamont, Director of Civic Club Development of the Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw, made a presentation of awards to the donating Lions Clubs of District 31 J for the 2008-2009 year, including the 2nd highest club contribution of \$300 by the Edenton Lions Club, and the highest club contribution of \$1000 by the Manteo Lions Club. Mr. Lamont also presented a special award of appreciation to Lion Gary Elliott, Chairperson for the District Boys and Girls Home.

Lion W. B. Bulluck was appointed Parliamentarian by the District Governor.

The roll was called by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Jana D. Underwood. 17 Clubs were in attendance of which there were 54 Lions of District 31 J.

Minutes Presented by Secretary/Treasurer Jana D. Underwood

A motion was made, seconded and carried to dispense with the minutes from the November 15, 2009 cabinet meeting as the minutes were previously published online.

Financial Report by Secretary/Treasurer Jana D. Underwood

Copies of the Budget and Designated Fund Balances were presented to the membership for review and information. A motion was made by Lion John Kearney and seconded by PDG Charles Holleman to approve the financial report as submitted and motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

- The District Governor announced that an Extension Workshop will be scheduled in March for the prospective new Belhaven Club.
- The District Governor also informed us that our District's membership is in a positive position with plus 22 at the end of December, 2009 for a total of 805.
- The District Governor's goal for increase of women's membership is at 29%, well over his 10% goal.

District Governor Reports

44.2% of White Cane goal has been met with \$35,818.12 that was sent in.
\$3,275 has been donated for Memorials and Honorariums to date.
\$1,190 was raised and sent in for clinical eye research.

Adjournment of Meeting. Lion Jimmie Williams made motion to adjourn cabinet meeting, seconded by PDG Charles Holleman. Motion carried.

Bob Walton reconvened the meeting for the purposes of holding an election by the voting body of certified delegates of District 31 J as required by the District Constitution and Bylaws to elect next year's district governor, 1st vice district governor, and 2nd vice district governor. The meeting was turned over to Nominations Chairman Lion John Kearney who presided over the elections as the Election Chairman.

Lion Gwen White was nominated and duly qualified as nominee for the office of District Governor Elect. Speaking for Lion Gwen was PDG John Miller of the First Flight Lions Club and PDG Jim Boehm of the Nashville Lions Club.

Lion Gloria Bowser was nominated and duly qualified as nominee for the office 1st Vice District Governor Elect. Speaking for Lion Gloria was Lion Joanne Parrot and Lion Larry DeBruhl, both of the Davie Lions Club.

There was no one nominated for nor qualified as nominee for the office of 2nd Vice District Governor Elect.

Nominations Chairman John Kearney discussed the voting procedures. Motion was made by Adrienne Makowski of First Flight Lions Club to close the nominations, seconded by Lion Tim Manning of Williamston Lions Club.

Certified Delegate Votes Cast: 44 for Gwen White, 1 blank ballot not counted.

Certified Delegate Votes Cast: 15 for Gloria Bowser, 28 blank ballots not counted.

Lion Gwen White was duly declared elected to the position as District Governor Elect for District 31 J and she accepted the position.

Lion Gloria Bowser was duly declared elected to the position as 1st Vice District Governor Elect for District 31 J and she accepted the position.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 AM

Respectively submitted,
Jana D. Underwood, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

The next quarterly Cabinet meeting will be at the State Convention in Asheville, NC on May 30, 2010.