

# PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION DISTRICT N4

The Past District Governors Association held a Breakfast Meeting at the Capital Hotel, St. John's, on Saturday, February 02, 2019 at 8:00 AM.

In attendance were:

PDG Sam Saunders	PDG Sam Wells(Chair)	Lion Linda Wells
1st VDG Carl Chafe	2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Michael Foote	PDG Frank Antle
PDG Hayden Petten	PDG Harry Harding	PDG Diane Bonnell
Lion Mike Cooney	PDG Gerald Hutchings	DG Jennifer Hutchings
PDG Morgan Pardy	PCC Herb Burry	

PDG Lion Sam Wells called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone with a special welcome to DG Lion Jennifer Hutchings, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Carl Chafe and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Michael Foote.

Regrets were expressed that PDG Lion Lewis Fifield, who is not feeling well, was not present. We were also deeply saddened to hear of the tragic passing of Lion Yvonne Godfrey in a car accident which prevented PCC Lion Cliff and PDG Lion Joan Forward and PDG Lion Paul and Lion Janet Abbot from being present. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Lions of the Clarendville Club and the family and friends of Lion Yvonne.

PDG Lion Diane Bonnell led us in the Lions Invocation.

This was followed by a moment of silence for deceased Lions, Lioness, Leos and Peace in the World. We especially remember those Lions who have passed away since our last Convention, including: **Lion Bob Dunham**, Conception Bay South Lions Club; **Lion Marvin Penney**, Bloomfield-Musgravetown Lions Club; **Lion Walter Rogers**, Indian Bay Lions Club; and **Lion Yvonne Godfrey**, Clarendville Lions Club.

In the interest of time, and while waiting for breakfast to arrive, PDG Sam decided to proceed with the **District Governor's Remarks**.

DG Lion Jennifer thanked the PDGs for the invite to breakfast stating that her partner, Lion Curtis, was not here because he had a late night. She stated that she had visited 16 clubs, 23 clubs booked and 12 clubs remaining to be booked. She noted that there are still clubs not reporting to LCI. She pointed out that the little dispute between the Paradise Lions Club and the Mount Pearl Lions Club has been resolved. She thanked the PDGs for the help and support as well as her 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Carl stated that he is having a very busy year, especially with his International study. He said he is looking forward to the next two years. He is looking for new faces that can be added to the Cabinet and suggested that perhaps the PDGs can help in this regard. He already has some newer Lions who have agreed to take on Cabinet roles. He thanked the PDGs for the invite and is looking forward in anticipation to the District Governor position next year.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Michael thanked the PDGs for their leadership and guidance. He spoke of the fabulous training that he is receiving, especially from his recent trip to Toronto on the Quest Program. He noted that there are some potential adaptations/adjustments that have been made to Canada by Quest. He was especially enthusiastic by having met ID Lion Tom Gordon and PID Lion Patty Hill, our endorsed candidate for 3<sup>rd</sup> International Vice President.

#### **Minutes:**

The circulated minutes (via e-mail) of the last PDG Meeting held at the Marystown Hotel on Saturday, October 20, 2018 and recorded by PDG Lion Frank Antle, were presented. It was moved by PDG Lion Diane, seconded by PDG Morgan, that the circulated minutes be adopted. **CARRIED!**

#### **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**AWARD PRESENTATIONS:** There was some continued discussion from our Marystown meeting to extend the deadline for nominations for district awards. However, in light of discussions to change the format of the Marystown Convention to focus on the incoming Governor and the presentation of his/her goals and move the Awards Presentation to the February Convention, it may be a natural thing to move the deadline to a later date. Since the District Governor should be the focus of the 1<sup>st</sup> Convention, it was felt that the Awards take award from this. As PDG, we have no authority to change or dictate policy and procedure but merely to recommend. It was moved by PDG Lion Diane, seconded by PDG Lion Frank, that we recommend the DG Lion Jennifer refer the matter to the Long Range Planning Committee and the Constitution & By-Laws Committee for their recommendations. **CARRIED!**

**DEADLINE FOR AWARDS:** It was further recommended that whereas the deadline for Awards is currently June 30<sup>th</sup>, any changes to this policy will have to be made by the Constitution & By-Laws Committee. It was moved by PDG Lion Sam Saunders, seconded by PDG Lion Harry, that we recommend DG Jennifer pass the matter over to the Constitution & By-Laws Committee for their assessment. **CARRIED!**

**CABINET MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT:** In view of the fact that our Cabinet Meetings on Friday night have become very short, can we omit the Cabinet Meeting if there is no pressing business? Can we better use the Friday Night time period for Leadership Training and Cabinet Presentations? It was suggested that we refer the matter to the Constitution & By-Laws Committee for review.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** PDG Lion Joan Forward was not present to give a report.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Carl stated that there are now changes to the way Lion Clubs International undertakes its training of District Governors. This year they will be undergoing 3 days of intensive training in Chicago, followed by 1 day of training at the site of the International Convention in Milan, Italy. He stated that he is concerned about the declining membership in our District and that International is not funding the attendance of spouse/partner-in-service if a District is below the 1,250 mark. If the DG can increase the membership to and beyond the 1,250 mark for a District, then he/she can be reimbursed at the end of

the year. As a District, we need to have a contingency plan in place to take care of this. This can seriously impact the District Governor's budget.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Michael pointed out that we are the only District in Multiple District N that has the District Governor visit clubs on their Charter Nights. In other districts, District Governor visits are done at the beginning of the year and clubs are asked to accommodate them when scheduled. Attending Charter Nights and Anniversaries increase costs and travel expectations.

There is certainly room for further discussion in these areas.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM on a motion by PDG Lion Diane.

Yours in Lionism,

*Lion Herb*

Lion Herb Burry, Secretary