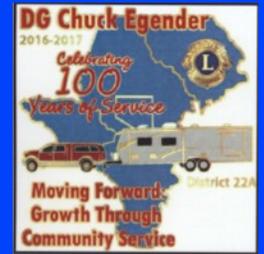
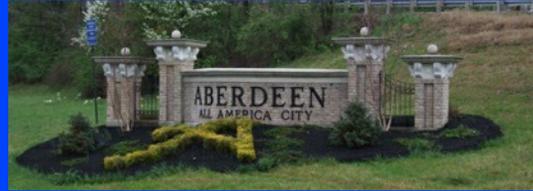


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King Lion Bijoy's Message

As I wrap up my year as President / King Lion of Aberdeen Lions Club, I cannot help but feel immensely proud and humbled by all of your endorsement to **serve** in this role. All of you really set me up. The privilege to lead the District 22-A's largest and most respected club, whose efficacy is proven, is not something I took lightly. I was very careful of my behavior when I traveled around our District and the Multiple District 22. I felt very humbled to hear the names of the trailblazers of our club who have been Past Council Chair (Multiple District 22), Past District Governors of our District 22-A, and Club President etc.; and not to mention the legacy of our club. I was wondering who was I there? You will be glad to know that I did not share any risqué jokes.

It was my honor to stand alongside about 80 passionate, hard-working members like you through out this year. Together, all of us-(that includes you whom we do not see very often) played an integral role in living up to our motto " **WE SERVE** ". We delivered services and support to the communities. As I recall, we have about 41 Signature Service Activities in our club. It takes tremendous amount of dedication, commitment, and serving attitude of all of you to accomplish all the activities. My heartfelt gratitude to all of you. I am not getting into the details of how much money we raised, how many Christmas trees, fruit boxes we sold, how much money donated, etc. etc.

While we are the largest and most influential club in our District, we must not become complacent and sit on our laurels. The challenges are there; increasing our membership (specially younger members), increasing service activities, increasing members participation in activities, responding to the changing needs of the population (of all generations) we serve, being sensitive and caring to the needs of the communities as the shifting landscape of our nation takes place due to different legislative and political priorities. The Lions Clubs International has also introduced **TWO** new service activities starting the Lion Year 2017-18. One

is Pediatric Cancer and the other Diabetic Awareness due to the needs. With all of your support, allegiance, and unyielding commitment we can climb all these "**New Mountains**". There are so many possibilities available. Now we have to shift the support to our President Elect Carol and her team for Better & Better. They will be inducted on June 27th. Hopefully most of you will attend our last two dinner meetings this month.

I just mentioned above Better & Better. What is Better & Better? Better we are Better we can SERVE and Better our communities will BE. How can we be Better? I once read an observation from B. F Skinner, a famous behavioral scientist that, "***The world we live in is largely man-made, but in a very important sense it is not well-made.***" How true is this statement? We take pride in ourselves by claiming greatest free country on earth, and we enjoy so much freedom. The world freedom generally implies being free from something, does it not? It ordinarily means being free from envy, from greed, from nationalism, from anger, from hate, from violence, from this or that. What is the landscape in the world now, even to mention our country. Freedom may have quite another meaning, which is sense of being free. As we reflect, many of those live in the Western democracy enjoy a reasonable degree of affluence, freedom, and security. In spite of these privileges, many are angry, violent, hateful, listless. They are not enjoying their lives. Most of the times it is very depressing to listen to our leaders of the free world and plan for the future. It is because we feel so helpless, we give them power to control our behavior. It is always somebody else's fault. Have not we created our own world in which we live?

I acknowledge with grace that at birth we are given the greatest gift i.e., life- and as on our first birthday, we are presented with a wonderful world in which to live. These gifts, we often abuse and depreciate them, just to reflect on our environment, humanity, society, to name a few.

Many people die without even ever living in this beautiful world. When I think of where should we start, the words of a famous survivor of Nazi concentration camps come to mind and are very inspiring.--- "***But where was I to start? The world is so vast; I shall start with the country I know best, my own. But my country is so very large; I had better start with my town. But my town, too, is large. I had better start with my street. No: my home. No: my family. Never mind, I shall start with myself.***"--*Elie Wiesel*

We know all the great religious and spiritual leaders of the world died at an early age, whether it is Jesus, Mohammad, Krishna, or Judah, Abraham, Mahatma Gandhi. They all took an early retirement so you and I will not be left without a job. May God bless us all in each of our endeavors. It has been a great pleasure, honor, and privilege to SERVE you all in this role.

With much gratitude,
Your fellow human Bijoy

" Be the change we want to see in the world. "--- Mahatma Gandhi

Aberdeen Lions Club
Minutes of June 6, 2017
Board of Directors Meeting

The June meeting of the Board of Directors of the Aberdeen Lions Club was called to order by King Lion Bijoy Mahanti at 6:05 PM on June 6, 2017, at the Aberdeen Senior Center.

The following Lions were present:

Bijoy Mahanti	Linda Baine	Kersey Jones
Karin Hancock	Carol Mahanti	Sandy Osborn
Lambert Rickey	Linda Welsh	Senora Haywood
Larry Harris	Tammy Buckley	Mark Schlottman

Board members and regular attendees not present were Lions Luanne Miller, Rowe Haywood, Chuck Jacobs, Annette Fella, and Cynthia Moats,

Minutes of May 2017 Meeting:

Lion Carol moved to approve the Minutes of the May 2, 2017 meeting. Lion Senora seconded the motion. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report: Lion Cynthia provided financials. Members are asked that if anyone makes any deposits on behalf of the Club to make sure to provide the treasurer the deposit slip. Budget requests for FYE 06/30/2018 should be given to the Treasurer before the end of June 2017. Financials to be filed for audit.

Financial Secretary Report: Member who was dropped for non-payment of dues has made payment. This change will be annotated on LCI website.

Officers and Committee Reports:

1st VP – Lion Linda – There was request from Youth Activities for a donation for the Aberdeen Middle School RISE program which is a summer program which is no longer funded by the school system. ALC made a donation to the program.

2nd VP – Lion Carol – No report.

3rd VP – Lion Annette - No report.

Correspondence:

- Thank you letter from Leader Dogs for the Blind for its donation.
- Received a patch for our banner from LCIF for the donation.
- Thank you letter from the City of Aberdeen for the donation made to Victory Street Park.
- Thank you card from the daughter of Dianne Lescallet for the loan of medical equipment.
- A request for donation form Welcome One Emergency Shelter. Going to find out if we made a donation this Lion Year.

Minutes cont'd

Old Business:

King Lion Bijoy commented that Charter Night was very nice. He thanked Lions Linda, Carol and Lynn.

King Lion Bijoy and Lion Mark walked in the Memorial Day Parade held in Washington, DC. They were the only ones from our district who participated.

Lion Lambert will remain as the point of contact for LASH.

Dedication of APG Workforce Memorial was conducted. The bricks were very nice.

Lion Larry reported on the requirement to update the wording on the Constitution. The process involves the Board to approve the language and then the members to vote. There was a discussion to conduct one dinner meeting a month. Perhaps could do this on a trial basis. Will explore the idea during the planning meeting in July.

New Business:

District 22-A Leadership training will be conducted on June 17th. The following Lions will be attending: Lion Carol – President training; Lion Bijoy – Membership training; Lion Kersey – Secretary training; Lion Cynthia – will conduct treasurer training. Lion Lambert is to let me know if he is available to attend.

District 22-A Turnover meeting will be conducted on June 23rd. Those attending should notify CS Marie and Lion Karin no later than June 16th.

The July board meeting AND planning meeting will be on July 11th at the Mahanti's.

Arrangements will be made to have breakfast at the Golden Corral in August. Date to be determined.

Lion Mark reported the club has received a check from the Rotary for their half of the expenses for the shredding truck.

Lion Mark thanked Lion Lowell for the help with cans this past weekend.

The Aberdeen Lions Club will be going to the Iron Bird game on July 15th. It is a fireworks night. Lion Mark has tickets.

Lion Linda mentioned that it would be nice if Aberdeen had a flag disposal mail box much like the one that was recently put at the American Legion in Edgewood by McComas Funeral Home. She suggested we buy the mail box and have it painted. Lion Lambert will contact the Commander of the Legion and McComas'.

Lion Karin made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Lion Senora seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Karin Hancock
Secretary

Innovative ways to Serve Amazon Smile (<http://smile.amazon.com/>) Designate Aberdeen Lions Charities, Inc. or LASH as the recipient of 0.5 percent of cost of purchases. Tell your friends and family about this easy way to donate!

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Recent Service Projects



Harford County SPCA support contest winners collect spoils as play items for animals



Maxa Road Cleanup



Aberdeen Lions and Rotary Clubs offer free document shredding



Aberdeen Lions present check to Aberdeen High School VP



Aberdeen Lions Club Scholarship winners for 2017



Aberdeen Lions Club 85th Charter Night-Theme Patriotism honoring our veterans



Memorial Day Parade in DC. The Club was represented by KL Bijoy and Lion Mark



Aberdeen Lions Club at a Glance

Apron \$14.00

Sweatshirt \$20.00

Lions Apron \$12.00

Hat \$12.00

Re-Usable Bags \$2.50

Mens/Womans Polo \$30.00

T-Shirts \$15.00

Zip Sweatjacket \$30.00

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JUNE

Senora Haywood	9 th
Jimmy Clark	12 th
Louise Costello	12 th
Herb Ruppert	12 th

JULY

Bob Sova	7 th
Jack Dempsey	9 th
Charles Hamilton	14 th
Kenneth Jacobs	23 rd
Chuck Jacobs	27 th
Patricia Ramsey	31 th



EMPTY STOCKING FUND TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS 2017!

Almacy and Moats, CPAs on behalf of the ABERDEEN LIONS CLUB ANGEL PROJECT are collecting toys early to help put smiles on little faces at Christmas. Please consider dropping off one or more unwrapped, new toy. Toys will be accepted throughout the year.

Konstitutional Korner

By: *Larry Harris*

Members of both the incoming and outgoing Boards of Directors shall attend the Board of Directors meeting held in June of each year.

Membership shall be acquired by invitation only.

Nominations shall be made on forms provided by the Membership Committee and shall be signed by a member in good standing who shall act as sponsor. No prospective member shall be invited to join this club until after the nomination has been approved in the following manner:

1. The sponsoring member shall present the completed membership proposal form to the membership committee chairman who, after approval by the Membership Committee, shall submit it to the Board of Directors for majority approval.
2. When this approval is granted, the prospect can be invited to become a member of the Club.
3. A properly executed membership form must be produced to the Secretary before the member can be officially inducted or reported to International as a member.

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