



Cheyenne Sunrise Lions
 Regular Meeting Minutes
 January 27, 2020, 6:30 AM
 Little America Hotel & Resort, Cheyenne, WY

Attendance:

Board Members					
President	X	Denise Miller	Board Member (1)	X	Dolan, J.
Vice President	X	Jim Landen	Board Member (1)	E	Gail Heimbuck
2 nd VP		vacant	Board member (2)		Bill Breedon
Secretary	X	Dave Orr	Board Member (2)	X	Gus Lopez
Treasurer	X	Deane Skinner	Lion Tamer	--	Vacant
IP President	X	Robin Walters	Tail Twister	X	Darald Dykeman
Membership Dir.	X	Jim Reynolds			
Chairmen					
Social		Vacant	Program	--	Robin Walters
Vision Screening-Co		Steve Foreman	Vision Screening-Co	X	Sue Hume
Train	X	PID John Harper	Community Svc.	--	Denise Miller
Ride for Sight	-	Jim Reynolds	Literacy		Kathy Orr
Vests	-	Robin Walters	Constitution/ByLaws		Vacant

Membership

Name		Name		Name		Name		Name	
Brown, J.	X	Hunter	X	Martin		Orr, Kasey		Tammen	
Dillinger		Jones		Parmely		Reynolds, G.	X	Walters, B.	X
Egge	X	Lewis		Olaveson, K.	X	Russell		Weigner	X
Heimbuck, B.	E	Lopez, L.		Olaveson, R.	X			Whitcar	

**Attendance – 19 members and 7 Guests; Total attendance, 26
 Quorum is 10 members (30% of 33 members). A quorum was present.**

**Birthdays before next meeting: None
 Anniversaries: None**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER, PRESIDENT DENISE MILLER, FLAG SALUTE; PRAYER _**
- II. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS –** Jennie Gordon, Trista Ostrom, Connie Sloan-Cathcart (United Way Director), Rita Lemley (Needs Board of Directors), Bonnie Harrison (Noon Lions President), Jason Jeppson, and Conner Olaveson.
PROGRAM – First Lady Jennie Gordon on her Hunger Initiative – She showed a video about Wyoming Hunger Initiative. She shared her personal history, growing up with barely enough to eat as a child. She also told real-life stories of Wyoming people who suffer from hunger. Children, whose first meal after Christmas, was at school in Big Piney. Librarian in Jackson told of kids taking coffee, sugar and hot chocolate packets from the Coffee Nook. She started including a snack for school kids who come to the library. Told of an apartment owner picking up food at the food pantry for her elderly tenants. Three things we can do: be aware, care and share. Today’s children are the citizens of tomorrow. Remind others of the need and donate. What are we waiting for? Start now! Mrs. Gordon shared about the 211 service.
- III. **PRESENTATION TO MRS. GORDON**
 Denise presented flowers to Mrs. Gordon. Donations were collected for the First Lady’s Hunger Initiative. This collection, along with the \$96 collected in the Christmas Party Raffle, will be matched by the Club and donated.

ANNOUNCEMENT: ALL SERVICE CLUB BLOOD DRIVE DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY. ENCOURAGE FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO DONATE AND PUT A MARBLE IN THE JAR TO GIVE CREDIT TO THE LIONS CLUBS OF CHEYENNE (OTHER PARTICIPATING SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS: KIWANIS, ROTARY AND ZONTA. T-SHIRTS MAY BE ORDERED AT VITALANT WHEN DONATION IS MADE (\$10 PAID BY DONOR)

Remainder of Club Business Agenda (time permitting): Guests are welcome to stay if they wish.

IV. ADDITIONS TO PUBLISHED AGENDA

V. CORRESPONDENCE

VI. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

- A. Friday Food Bag, Jerry Egge – 2 times per month to stuff bags. 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.
- B. We need Lions to sign up to provide meeting programs – we need programs for May and beyond (see Program/Events Calendar below)

VII. UPCOMING EVENTS

- A. Vision Screening this week on Wednesday at World of Wonder (45 kids), Sue Hume/Steve Foreman – A screening team has been scheduled.
- B. Villains for Vision, Gail Heimback & Robin Walters. – Meeting tomorrow (Jan. 28) at 7PM at Robin's home. First planning meeting.

VIII. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

- A. Vision Screening was done January 21 at Trinity Lutheran School: 22 children screened, 4 referrals, 38 children's books donated. Participating: Lions Steve, Sue, Kathy and Dave

IX. TAIL TWISTER DRAWING

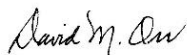
- Lion Deane won the Immunity Badge.
- Lion Jim R. won a variety of prizes, too numerous to list.
- Lion Jerry won the joker drawing and drew the 2 of spades (and everyone cheered). There is \$429.50 left in the drawing fund, and 38 cards left.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS, EXCUSES, ALIBIS

- A. John asked Mrs. Gordon to put a good word in with the Governor to speak at our convention on Saturday morning, June 6, in the Rotunda. She said she would. Tail Twister threatened to fine Lion John for trying to coerce Mrs. Gordon.
- B. Jim R. reported we have several riders signed up for the Ride for Sight.
- C. Robin welcomed Lion Brent back, recovering from his surgery.

XI. ADJOURNED AT 7:15

Respectfully submitted,



David M. Orr, Secretary

NEXT MEETINGS

- Feb. 4 – Board Meeting**
- Feb. 10 – Regular Meeting**
- Feb. 24 – Regular Meeting**

Service Club Blood Drive
Participating: Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary and Zonta
During the Month of February

***Club members and community members will be encouraged to go into Vitalant (formerly United Blood Services) during their donor hours and will be asked to put a marble in a container for the organization they are wanting their donation to count towards.

***They will be able to pick up information on the organizations at that time which has been compiled and is available on a 8.5X11" sheet for donors to learn more about each of the 4 organizations involved. These should be 150 words or less and can be sent to me with a contact person for more information and the logo you would like used. These are due by 1/21/2020.

***They can also order a t-shirt at Vitalant. The jpeg of the t-shirt design is below. The t-shirt order form will be collected with payment by Vitalant and will be delivered following the blood drive. The t-shirts are designed by Chris Tarantola at Colour Graphics. These are white t-shirts with red ink and all four organizations logos will be on the back. Cost is determined by size.

***Following the Blood drive a total number of units will be announced and a breakdown by organization will also be provided so that groups can use these in their organizational reporting and motivation.

Jennie (Muir) Gordon currently serves as First Lady of Wyoming.

Prior to that, she managed day-to-day operations at Merlin Ranch, the Gordon family's cow-calf and heifer development operation located in Johnson County.

Jennie grew up in Omaha, Nebraska until her family moved to Buffalo, Wyoming. Jennie's father, Senior Master Sergeant Robert Muir, served in the Navy, Army and the Air Force. Jennie's mother, Gertrude Muir, was from Austria and after surviving World War II in Vienna, she moved to the United States. She learned English and raised the family's ten children, often with Sergeant Muir serving away from home. Four of Jennie's siblings have served, or continue to serve, in the armed services.

The First Lady received her Bachelor's Degree in Health Sciences from the University of Wyoming. She worked for 15 years as a laboratory medical technologist at Sheridan Memorial Hospital. She later served as a field service representative for Abbott Laboratories where she traveled throughout the western United States repairing and servicing laboratory equipment at hospitals, clinics and private practices.

When Governor Matthew H. Mead appointed her husband to serve as Wyoming Treasurer in 2012, Jennie took over management of the Merlin Ranch full time. The ranch has garnered national recognition for its environmental stewardship and conservation achievements, as well as efforts to promote the sale of Wyoming beef worldwide. Jennie serves on the board of the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust and is a recent graduate of the Wyoming Leadership Education and Development (L.E.A.D.) class.

Governor Gordon and his wife Jennie have four grown children, Anne, Aaron with wife Megan, Bea with fiancé Austen, and Spencer with wife Sarah and their son Everett.

In October 2019 Jennie launched the Wyoming Hunger Initiative, whose mission is to end childhood hunger in Wyoming. The initiative works to prevent food insecurity by increasing awareness and support for the work of local anti-hunger organizations statewide. For additional information, visit <https://www.nohungerwyo.org/>

REVIEW OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT BOARD MEETING:

1. The Audit Committee completed its review of the 2018-19 financial records of the club, and commended Lion Deane Skinner on his fine work as Treasurer.
2. We raised \$96 with the gift basket raffle at the Christmas Party. That will be matched with club funds to be given to support the First Lady's Hunger Initiative.
3. Eye surgeries have been completed, and bills are paid.
4. The club will be supporting a community-wide, 4 service club blood drive in February (Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary and Zonta. Watch for more information soon).
5. The Board passed a motion to donate \$100 to the Australian Fire relief through LCIF.
6. Programs for January include Lions Robin and Kristin sharing information about white cane usage and etiquette for sighted folks. The First Lady, Jenny Gordon, will share information about her Hunger Initiative at the Jan. 27 meeting.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS CALENDAR

February – All Service Club Blood Drive all Month

- 3 – Lions on Channel 5 morning show at 6:30 AM
- 4 – Board Meeting
- 10 – Regular Meeting, Program – Erin LeBlanc, Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
- 24 – Regular Meeting, Program – Evan Green, Gun History from Wyoming State Museum

March

- 3 – Board Meeting
- 9 – Regular Meeting – Terry Roark, Cheyenne Tokens
- 23 – Regular Meeting – Deane Skinner, Alaska Trip

April

- 7 – Board Meeting
- 13 – Regular Meeting, Dr. David Smits, Cheyenne Eye Clinic
- 27 – Regular Meeting, Connie Sloan-Cathcart, United Way of Laramie County