

## **District Cabinet Meeting**

January 25, 2009

### Region 2 Zone 1 Report

I will have the second meeting with all the clubs in my Zone (Fitchburg, McFarland, and Oregon/Brooklyn) during February and March. Zone Meeting will be hosted by the Oregon/Brooklyn Club at Hawthorn's (in Oregon) on Tuesday, January 27, 2009. Start time is 6:00 p.m. Social, 6:30 Dinner, and 7:00 Meeting.

In regards to the Belleville Lions Club, it folded in November 2008. (12 Members)  
Reasons for failure of this club:

1. To many phantom members in initial club membership
2. No strong presence of help from Zone Chair or District once the Club was on the District Roster
3. No members willing to step up and be officers or if they did, they did not do a good job at it
4. Club relied on President to do everything and when he was deployed overseas for 4 months, the club suffered
5. The community didn't work with them real well or they didn't work well within the community.
6. Dues for new clubs should not be waived (leaves no financial commitment from charter member Lions)

My recommendations are that the next new club in the district should have someone (sponsoring Lions Club, Guiding Lions, or the Zone or Region Chairman) attend every meeting for the first 2 years and help the new club along instead of leaving them hang out there with no help. This group of people should have knowledge of the President's, Secretary's, and Treasurer's jobs as well as how the clubs are to function on a local and District level. Numbers don't help anyone when we can't hang on to the clubs we have.

Building new Lions Clubs are like building a house; you need a good foundation, good walls, and good roof.

Respectfully Submitted  
Dick Schwedrsky R2Z1 Chair