# District 27-B1 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
## Sunday, August 7, 2011
## Leahy's Rustic Inn  Washington Street, Fairwater

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1. **Call to order** @ 1:00 P.M. – DG Merle Strelow
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by  IPDG Jerry Post
3. **Song & Prayer** led by Lion Kay Quinn
4. **Introduction** of Guests by DG Merle Strelow.  Special Guest ID Mark Hintzmann and wife Jayne who will do the cabinet members installations.  All cabinet members introduced themselves and their spouse or guests.
5. **Installation of Cabinet Members** was done by ID Mark Hintzmann.  The theme was "FAMILY".  This was ID Mark's first cabinet installation since taking his new position.  The Zone Chairman is the Old Kids of the family who show a lot of enthusiasm. PDG Jerry Post is the Great Grandfather. He helps the younger members understand how things operate and keeps them in line. The District Chairman is the Aunts and Uncles who help the head of the household.  The Tail Twister is the Crazy Aunt who you pay to stay away! She is the life of the party.  The Sergeant at Arms is the Armed Service Personnel who goes by the book and keeps everyone in line.  1st and 2nd Vice District Governors are the Eldest Daughters who assist the family and watch over the entire family.  The Affiliate President is Grandma who takes care of the ladies and works with the head of the household.  IPDG Jerry and all other PDGs work with the Head of Household and set the example.  District Governor Merle is the Head of Household; he is responsible for watching over all the children, aunts and uncles, grandparents and any other relation. IPDG Jerry is the grandfather to all and turned over his gavel to DG Merle to follow in his footsteps. Everyone fully understood their roles in District 27B1 Family and accepted their position and was duly installed.

**ID Mark presented** IPDG Jerry Post with a plaque from Wisconsin Lions for his year of service. IPDG Jerry thanked him and replied that DG Merle does not need any **LUCK** for 2011-2012, **District 27B1 FAMILY is his luck.**  ID Mark forgot to install 1 more member of the cabinet.  Secretary-Treasurer Dave Holschbach is MOM.  Everyone comes to her for advice, problems, she helps to keep the DG, and all family members informed and keep things organized.

**Lions Eye Bank of WI** President PDG Tom King made a special **KNIGHT of SIGHT Award**.  This is the highest award presented by WI Lions Eyebank,  it was given to a long term cabinet member who has served multi positions throughout the years, he has served as WLF Representative and also as WLF President,  he currently is District 27B1 IT chair. This award was given to PDG Tom Clausen.  PDG Tom thanked everyone for their support throughout the years**." IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO SERVE ! "**  DG Merle thanked all members of District 27B1 for their contributions to the WLF,  our district had 100% participation last year, let's do it again.

6. **Approval of Agenda** motion was made by Lion Sandy King, 2nd by PDG Ed Filemyr, **MOTION CARRIED** DG Merle did not have any opening remarks, and he has complete faith in all of his family members.

7. **Roll Call** was taken by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Dave Holschbach as members introduced themselves earlier. 31 Cabinet members present.

**Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from May 1, 2011 motion was made by PDG Gary Colton, 2nd was made by Lion Helen Mork. **MOTION CARRIED**

8. **Approval of Business Meeting minutes from State Convention** May 21, 2011 was made by Lion Gary Silah, 2nd by WLF Rep Lion Irv Korth. **MOTION CARRIED**

9. **Final Treasurers Report for Lion year 2010-2011** was reviewed by Cabinet Sec/Treas Dave Holschbach. Membership was down which caused the revenue to be less, however the expenses for dues was also down proportionately. Receipts for the year were $ 52,233.55 down $1,501. **A BIG THANK** YOU to PDG Jerry for adsorbing some costs to keep the budget in the **BLACK!!!!!** Motion by PDG Tom King, 2nd by PDG Vern Pautz to accept the final 2010-2011 financial. **MOTION CARRIED**

10. **Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork reminded all members that there is a 3 minute rule for your report, the fine will be $1.00 per minute over with a maximum of $5.00. She has no intentions of offending anyone, and will not enforce the rule if you would be offended. Her intentions are to make it **FUN !!.** Lion Helen will begin to walk toward the speaker as the time gets close.

11. **Communications** received by Cabinet Sec/Treasurer Dave Holschbach from WLF Lions Pride thanking District 27B1 for the cabinet donation of $85.00 from the auction held at the WI Lions state convention.

12. **Old Business**: IPDG Jerry reviewed the rules for the district auction at the convention of the District Lion. These rules will be given to the zone chairman to distribute.

13. **New Business – Zone Realignment**_DG Merle reported there were extensive discussions at the International Convention about the size of zones. All clubs have been notified about the changes, there was a total unbalance in 2 zones. DG Merle will keep in contact with the clubs to make the transition smooth.

**100% Presidents Awards** no longer will be on an International level. DG Merle and IPG Jerry Post will work on a program for our district to honor Presidents, Secretary and Treasurers form the past year. Please notify IPDG Jerry if your president, secretary or treasurer from last year deserves special recognition.

**Four Special International Presidents** awards will be given out at the District Convention in October, along with 2 Birch Sturm awards. If you know of a Lion deserving this special award let DG Merle know, give him detailed information as to why they deserve.

**Photos are needed for the necrology** service at the district convention to give proper honor to those who have passed away.

**2011-2012 Budget** was presented by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Dave Holschbach. The total budget amount has decreased due to declining membership; however, we will incur additional expense for Peace Poster contest and reimbursement for 2nd Vice District Governor which were approved in the previous year. Motion to accept the budget as presented by PDG Ed Filemyer, 2nd by Lion Irv Korth. **MOTION CARRIED**

14. **Committee Reports (Written reports for distribution or 3 minutes or less verbal)**

**A.Vice District Governor Lion Meg Post** welcomed everyone to a NEW year, we are one big family, one happy family. She plans to attend at least 1 zone meeting for each zone. Let her know what you would like her to talk about. Lion Meg is here to help.

**B. 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Dawn Christensen** would like to try to attend the zone meetings. She will be there to assist DG Merle and 1st Vice Meg. Since the meetings in Seattle, she now has some special job functions this year.

**C. Constitution/Bylaws** chair IPDG Jerry Post reported there will only be minor changes this year to be voted on at the convention. IPDG Jerry also reported on some interest Lion statistics and Lion history and has more to tell but you need to invite him to speak. He is also available to give out any special club awards.

**D. GLT/GMT** chair Lion Dennis Schwartz was not present for a report

1. **GMT** chair PDG Ed Filemyr reminded everyone MERLOW is OUT ! GMT/GLT is IN…. All clubs should have a membership chairman.

2. **GLT** chair Lion Dave Holschbach reported this is a new position and is still getting organized. There is a retreat planned for Saturday Aug 27th at Lions camp to establish district goals and plans

**E. WLF** rep Lion Irv Korth reported 1,395 campers this year. WLF will have their first meeting in 2 weeks. September 17th is open house. Lion Fred Gebhart reported on two experiences that he had with Lions and special needs.

**F. Affiliate President Lioness** Sue Robinson is now on her second term. There are 272 Lioness. All the clubs are gearing up for another year and will be active at the district convention. She will be busy visiting all 13 clubs.

**G. Affiliate Liaison rep** PDG Len Quinn reported the Fond du Lac Lioness club will be celebrating their 25th anniversary on August 27th. Everyone is welcome.

**H. LCIF** chair PDG Vern Pautz reported that LCIF does lots of good things, grants, disaster relief, youth programs. Be sure to designate your donations for Melvin Jones award for your club. The overseas clubs are more youth oriented. Get youths involved in your club activities. It's good for ALL.

**Quest** is all about youth and helping the kids to do better academically and socially. If any schools are interested inquest training, contact him, as a district we have $7000+ available to train. Quest grants are also available for promotional seminar. PDG Herb Schneider asked how many schools presently do the QUEST training……**NONE !!** Lion Mary Jo Abler asked should the district do a mailing to help the program? Many school systems are experiencing budget cuts.

**I. USA/ Canada Leadership Forum** chair PDG Gary Colton reported this year the forum is in Alaska and will be September 22-24. There are fantastic seminars. Checkout their website.

**J. Lions Pride** PDG Herb Schneider thanked the cabinet for 100% district participation. Get the word out about PRIDE ! He is available anytime for zone meetings.

**K. Youth Exchange** chair Lion Sandy King had 42 families hosting 60 kids from 25 countries. Excellent year, no incidents, they need host families. Some of the youths returned home and became LIONS.

**L. Special Olympics** chair Lion Mike De Baere had nothing to report.

**M. Leo** Chairman PDG Ken Wallander had no report and was attending Mission to Mexico meeting in Shell Lake.

**N. Peace Poster** chair Lion Dawn Christensen theme for the peace poster is "Children Know Peace." Time is running short for entries, clubs are showing interest.

**O. Diabetes/LEPH/Sight Conservation** chair Lion Gary Silah has not received any update from the state office. Lion Kay Quinn has given him a lot of information. He will do an e-mail campaign. Wisconsin and Washington Lions combined at the International Convention with their float and won the competition.

**P. Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling** Lion Wendy Hartmann has approved 6 hearing aids and 3 approved for repairs. Each hearing aid cost approximately $600. There are none pending due to funding. DG Merle asks each club to earmark $300 for the hearing fund program in District 27 B1.

**Q. Lions Eye Bank of WI** President PDG Tom King reported the mortgage has been burned. Now progressing on tissue cutting technology. Their golf outing is coming up soon. He asked all transporters to stand and get recognition and thanks for all they do. Search is continuing to find a new Executive Director.

**R. Mission to Mexico** co-chair Lion Ralph Schneider reported only one mission last year. Today they are discussing the plans for the upcoming year. Mexico is not pushing for the program at this time due to political unrest there. Wisconsin may look at going to Honduras. Keep collecting eyeglasses, they are needed. PDG Bob Showers is currently on dialysis.

**S. Leader Dog** chair Lion Jim McGee did send in a report. District 27 B1 donated $13,855 as of 4/6 to Leader Dog, there are 12 people with active leader dogs in the district. Please feel free to contact Lion Jim by e-mail or phone with questions or to be a speaker. Thank you for

considering Leader Dog in your donations. PDG Len Quinn also added that Wisconsin is #3 in donations in the nation. They now have a voice activated GPS which is now being distributed to all Leader Dogs.

**T. Canine Companions** chair Lion Sara Filemyr reported that Canine Companions works with dogs for people with wheelchair, nursing homes who need that extra help to be independent. She has been getting inquires and is available to speak at any time.

**U. District Raffle** chair Lion Mike De Baere is new to this position. He has distributed 3,500 ticket which is due at the district convention. All the tickets have been given to the zone chairman for distribution. He also included information about ads for the convention booklet and registration forms for the district convention.

**V. State Lions Convention** chair Lion Chuck Teske is new to the cabinet and will work with DG Merle. He is waiting to get more information from the state office.

**W. District Convention** chair PDG Gary Colton – "Believe – Lions Make a Difference" Friday Night's hospitality theme will be "27B1 Helping Hands of the World" There will not be a band this year, just CD's playing. We plan to rent a hospitality room for snacks during the hospitality. The first 20 new members that register will have **FREE** registration. The September WI Lion newspaper will have all the information along with the packets given to the zone chairman.

**X. District and State Bowling** chair Lion Bill Hilbert was not present.

**Y. IT** chair PDG Tom Clausen has been handling the directory. Contact him for directory changes. Latest revision was July 30th.

**Z. Newspaper** chair Lion Bonnie Strelow reminded everyone to send clear photos, action photos. Keep sending articles, she does have enough for September.

**AA. Public Relations** chair Lion Mary Jo Abler distributed a speakers list. She is available to talk about local PR. Use what is available, put out stickers to promote your club and activities. Send Lion Mary Jo any e-mail addresses for your local media contacts. Zone chairman be sure to let PDG Tom Clausen know about your meetings, so he can put them on the district web page. PROMOTE LIONS

**BB. Pin** Chairman Lion Wendy Hartmann asked for a vote to determine which pin design for the district convention pin, photo shot or die struck. She quoted prices. The best price she got was from fellow Lion Rich Koch. Motion made by PDG Len Quinn with 2nd by Lion Helen Mork to go with the die struck pin with a rubber backing for $1.45 each. **MOTION CARRIED** The convention pin will cost $1.55 with the old sub view design. IPDG Jerry thanked Lion Wendy for taking over the pin position from Lion Harvey Hansen.

**CC. District Bucket Raffle** chair Lion Craig Hansen was not present.

**DD. Historian** chair PDG Richard Christianson was not present.

**EE. Elections & Nominations** chair Lion Ralph Schneider has not received any nomination forms for 2nd vice district governor or bids for the 2012 district convention. DG Merle will work on the nomination forms for potential candidates and get the applications in. They must be filed 30 days prior to the convention.

**FF. Youth Outreach** – get active in youth community projects.

**GG. Advisory/Long Range Planning** co chair PDG Tom King has had nothing given to them to discuss and come up with recommendations.

**15. Zone Chairmen Reports**: DG Merle will be finding NEW zone chairmen for the future.

1. **Region 1 Zone 1** Lion Fred Gebhart reported all clubs active with community projects. His zones have 23 visual machines owned by clubs and are available to be loaned out. February 2nd he has a presentation on the visual machines.
2. **Region 1 Zone 2** Lion Dave Holschbach reported Wayside-Morrison Lions will be celebrating their 60th anniversary on September 12th and Francis Creek Lions are planning their 50th anniversary. Membership is at 148 down 3 for the year. During the summer months 4 clubs do not meet but are active in fundraisers then. Francis Creek Lions are planning on having a bus to Lions Camp Open House on Sept 17th. His next zone meeting will be September 28th hosted by the Reedsville Lioness.
3. **Region 1 Zone 3** Lion Mike Hartmann's zone will be selling tickets at the Manitowoc County Fair for a fundraiser. St Nazianz Lions will be celebrating 60 years. His zone made $ 7,000 by

hosting the 2012 State Lions Convention. September 19th will be his zone meeting at Butch's in St Nazianz and the speaker will be on the "Hearing Loop"

4. **Region 2 Zone 1** Lion Mike Helmke did submit the following report. His first zone meeting will be on Monday September 19th in Plymouth and plans to have DG Merle as the speaker on his vision for the district.

5. **Region 2 Zone 2** Lion Madonna Schneider has her first meeting on August 20th. She is new to the position and Learning as She Goes……

6. **Region 2 Zone 3** Lion Larry Dikeman is also new and did not have much update at this time. He has been to clubs to install new members. His zone meeting will be at the Cabaret in St Cloud on September 12th and will have Lion Wendy speak about the hearing program.

7. **Region 3 Zone 1** Lion Eugene Hardell clubs have been active. Appleton Noon Lions will be hosting the Senior Expo in November. They are working on a text to Braille machine for a blind man. Clubs have been active in scholarships, rose sale and other fund raisers. The plan to give out a Melvin Jones and Birch Sturm from the zone. Lion Sandy King will be guest speaker.

8. **Region 3 Zone 2** Lion Gary Silah has had 3 club transfers into his zone due to the new realignment. His clubs have been hibernating during the summer. First zone meeting will be September 19th at the UW Fond du lac campus with guest speaker IPDG Jerry Post. This will be the first zone meeting with the 3 new clubs.

9. **Region 4 Zone 1** Lion Dawn Christensen's zone was on the other end of the realignment and lost 118 members. Fairwater Lions will be the host for her late September, early October meeting.

10. **Region 4 Zone 2** Lion Jim Zamzow is replacing Lion Marv Henke. Club teaming has been very successful for fund raising projects. His zone meeting will be September 21st hosted by Markesan Lions.

11. **Region 5 Zone 1** Lion Carl Rasmussen's clubs have been active in golf outings, raffles, bingo brat and burger fry outs. His first zone meeting will be August 30th.

12. **Region 5 Zone 2** Lion Jim Fritz's wife is very sick. DG Merle will be finding a replacement for him.

**16**. **Other Business** – 50/50 drawing was won by PDG Vern Pautz. Lion Wendy Hartmann needs pin designs for the 2012-2013 district to vote at the convention. Pins are available from Lion Wendy for $ 2.00 **Motion** made by PDG Vern Pautz, 2nd by PDG Tom King to go with the black & white version of the submarine for this years convention pin. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Birch Sturm** committee met to discus 2 Birch Sturm Awards to be given out at the district convention in October.

**Next cabinet meeting** will be held on Sunday morning October 30th after the district convention. DG Merle asked if it was better to have a Friday pm meeting. Consensus was **NO** we would lose money, Saturday banquet would drop, convention numbers would decrease and the hotel would lose business.

**Tail Twister** collected $ 43.00 to start the year's budget.

PDG Vern Pautz questioned if the district historian is keeping information up to date, since we have not received any updates ?? PDG Orv Doede did an excellent job and we don't want to lose the information.

17. Motion to adjourn made by Lion Mike Hartmann, 2nd by Lion Madonna Schneider to adjourn at 4:00 pm **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted…….Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

# BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

District 27 B-1 ANNUAL CONVENTION
Saturday, October 29, 2011
Holiday Inn - Manitowoc, WI

1. **Call to Order** @ 8:38 a.m. by District Governor Merle Strelow.. The theme for this year's convention is "I Believe - LIONS Make a difference" Thanks for attending, we had a good hospitality turnout last night, lets hope for a great convention. With that he officially opened the 2011-2012 District 27 B1 Lions convention.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by IPDG Jerry Post.
3. **Prayer** by Lion/Lioness Kay Quinn.
4. **Introduction** of International Director Eugene Spiess from South Carolina. ID spies will be the keynote speaker at the luncheon. Please stop by and meet him, he promised he would not talk a lot. He is enjoying being here.
5. **Lioness Affiliate President** Sue Robinson said it is wonderful to be here. Thanks for inviting the Lioness to our convention. "Have FUN our work is never done "
6. **State Council Chairman** PDG Barry Boline spoke on behalf of WI Lions Association. It is FANTASTIC to be back in Manitowoc. The District Governors are committed to make WI Lions more financially sound. There are no plans to raise dues. Thank you and have a great year.
7. **Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin** President PDG Tom King announced that the 5 year Capitol fund mortgage has been burned after only 3 ½ years, THANK YOU ! There are a lot of projects that still need funding, so keep making your donations. District 27 B1 has making funds for a KNIGHT OF SIGHT award until June 30, 2012. The Eye Bank has elected a new Director, Arthur O Neal, Jr. He is pleased to be here. There are 3 things PDG Tom wants to let everyone know about, 708 donors this year, 2-3 people are helped each day and Wisconsin's transport system is: "Great and Incredible." He had all the transporters stand for recognition. Please remember to apply for the Donor Registry. Wisconsin is the fastest state to get to 1 million donors due to LIONS word of mouth.
8. **Mission to Mexico** report by Lion Ralph Schneider. At this time there is only 1 mission planned for the end of January due to political unrest. Thank you and keep contributing your supplies, they are always needed.
9. **Peace Poster** entries report by Lion Wendy Hartmann for Lion Dawn Christensen. Thank you for participating. There are 8 posters to be judged on this year. The criteria for judging are: 1)Originality, 2) Artistic Merit, 3)Theme . This year's theme is "CHILDREN KNOW PEACE. "Keep these in mind when doing your voting. January 15th the new kits will be released, so order early. The peace poster contest is not only for schools but for any type of youth organization.
10. **District Pin** update was given by Lion Wendy Hartmann. There will be 10 designs to vote on for the 2012-2013 district pin. Winning design will be awarded $ 25.00.
11. **GMT/GLT REPORT** by PCC Dean Haas and IPDG Doug Fleming. GMT/GLT is the old MERLOW refocused. Its intentions are to get NEW Leaders. Retention has been a part of the problem. There will be more focus on LEADERSHIP. They went through the new organization chart on where everyone fits into the flow of GMT/GLT. IPDG Doug spoke on the Membership side of GMT/GLT. GMT's goals are GROWTH, CLUB SUCCESS and LEADERSHIP. We need to sell ourselves. ASK !! Keep on asking. Lions are based on "SERVICE". We love what we do! PCC Dean spoke about the Leadership side of GMT/GLT. Their focus is on future leaders and training current leaders, to find potential leaders. Those that show leadership qualities and may not know it. There are numerous great courses on the Lions

Website. PCC Dean reviewed various programs out there to help individuals and clubs. We need to work together. DG Merle concluded that GMT/GLT is important to developing the future. We need to grow leaps and bounds in new members.

**12. <u>Nominations</u>** Lion Ralph Schneider. " We need Leadership, that is what nominations are about"

**District Governor Nomination for 2012-2013** for VDG Meg Post of St. Nazianz Lions was heard from IPDG Jerry Post. Lion/Lioness Meg was first inspired when she visited Lions Camp. This started her LOVE for Lions. She found time to volunteer and had that DESIRE to help. In 2002 she joined the St. Nazianz Lions. She has held various officer and club positions. In 2009 she asked, "What does it take to be a District Governor?" This started her journey forward. IPDG Jerry "It is an Honor and with Pride he nominates his wife Lion/Lioness Meg for District Governor." The 2nd was given by PDG Len Quinn. He is honored to give the 2nd for VDG Meg and to accept Meg as our next leader. Lions Jerry and Meg are team leaders. "When she says she will do it, get out of the way, she will do it!" Lion Meg will be the first woman to hold this position in District 27 B1. It is a great honor to give the 2nd. VDG Meg accepted the nomination and thanked IPDG Jerry and PDG Len. She read an article about "I AM……YES I AM A LION" for her acceptance. "Lions NEVER, EVER refuse a challenge." Thank you. Meg looks forward to working side by side with the clubs. Lion Ralph made a call to the floor three times for any other nominations. No other nominations were heard. Motion by PDG Ken Rohde, 2nd by PDG Clayton Sengbusch to close nominations for District Governor. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Vice District Governor Nomination** was heard for Lion Dawn Christensen. The first was given by Lion Mike DeBaere. He proudly nominates Lion Dawn. She is a charter member of the Brandon Lions, Peace Poster chair for the district, currently serving also as Zone Chairman and has held numerous other positions with the club. The 2nd was given by Lion Helen Mork. She is honored to give the 2nd for Lion Dawn Christensen. She has known her for many years and she is active and enthusiastic and has been a Lion for 10 years. Lion Dawn did accept the nomination. She thanked everyone who has helped her get this far and for all the support she has been given. She will always work to promote LIONS. Lion Ralph made a call to the floor three times for any other nominations. No other nominations were heard. Motion by PDG Ed Filemyr , 2nd by Lion Helen Mork to close nominations for Vice District Governor.
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Second Vice District Governor Nomination** was heard for Lion Jim Zamzow of the Berlin Lions Club. The first was given by Lion Chuck Teske of the Berlin Lions. Lion Jim is a member of the Berlin Lions and has held many club positions. He is involved in the Berlin business committee and 2010 Berlin Citizen of the Year. Lion Chuck has known him for 5 years and has it in his heart for Lions and will do anything to help. The 2nd was given by Lion Marv Henke. Lion Marv knows he will get the job done! He has worked with him as zone chairman and also with the Berlin Lions. He is a good worker. Lion Jim did accept the nomination and thanked Lion Marv for all the help he has been. He is now retired and loves what he is doing…. HELPING LIONS! Lion Ralph made a call to the floor three times for any other nominations. No other nominations were heard. Motion by Lion Jerry Schmidt, the 2nd by Lion Dale Counihan to close nominations for Second Vice District Governor. **MOTION CARRIED**

**District Bowling Nomination** for Berlin was made by Lion Chuck Teske. Berlin ran last year and would like to do it again. Please consider Berlin to host next years District Bowling. Thank you and please vote for Berlin. A second nomination for District Bowling was given by DG Merle for the Markesan, Kingston and Fairwater Lions clubs. Markesan would be proud to represent District 27 B1. Lion Ralph made a call to the floor three times for any other nominations. No other nominations were heard.

**Advisory vote for the site for next years district convention**. There will be 2 to choose from: 1) Holiday Inn-Manitowoc or 2) Fox Hills Resort-Mishicot. Lion Dave Holschbach spoke on behalf of the Holiday Inn. The date available will be October 26 & 27, 2012 and will offer a hotel rate of $ 74. Since the convention has been at Holiday Inn the past two years, everyone is familiar with the hotel and what they have to offer, "You know whether you like us or not". Please vote for Holiday Inn – Manitowoc. PDG Vern Pautz spoke on behalf of Fox Hills-Mishicot. The date available will be November 9 & 10, 2012 and will offer a room rate of $70, with a special rate of $ 61 on Saturday. We hope this will encourage better attendance for Saturday. Fox Hills is also willing to give a rebate of $ 8 back to the district. Condos will be available for rent. Please vote for Fox Hills.

**Peace Poster** competition will have 8 to vote on as stated earlier in the agenda.

**District Pin** competition will have 10 to vote on as stated earlier by Lion Wendy Hartmann.

**BREAK – Voting Certification held**

**Reconvened** at 10:35 a.m.

**13. Loop Presentation** by Dr. Juliette Sterkens who is an Audiologist from Oshkosh. She was introduced by Lion Wendy Hartmann. Dr. Sterkens mission is to show how hearing improves a person's life and personality. There was a show of hands of those that have hearing aids. Hearing loss is very common. Hearing aids do help, however technology has advanced. Hearing aids have a range of 10-12 feet. The hearing loop is a system that a room is wired and has a microphone and PA system; you could call it the WIFI for hearing aids. Hearing aids need a T coil to accept the signal and 60% of hearing aids today have that. To equip a room for the hearing loop cost $ 2500 - $ 4000. LIONS have a vision to provide this service. How can LIONS help? Hearing loss support groups, provide a room with the hearing loop. Hearing loops can be found at senior centers, churches, auditoriums, and libraries. You can even provide a TV room with the loop for someone hard of hearing. Lions Camp currently has a bid to get a hearing loop installed, approximate cost $ 6000 - $ 8000. Let's work to get that done!

**14. Leader Dog Field Representative** Lion Pauline Ulrey was introduced. Leader Dog has enhanced the lives of those who can not see. She is on her 8th leader dog in 48 years. It is great to see guide dogs working with people. Leader dog is now breeding their own dogs. The dogs must pass intensive training. Leader Dog also has seeing and hearing dogs available. Technology now has come a long way and brought the talking GPS, the Trekker Breeze and has now advance past the Trekker to be quicker and more efficient. How can LIONS help?? We should familiarize ourselves with all of the Lions programs and our representative, find potential people and make donations. Thanking Lions for what they have done over the years to help Leader Dog. Wisconsin is 4th in Leader Dog donations. MD27 B1 has donated $145,000 and has 11 working dogs.

**15. Lions Foundation** update was given by Foundation President Lion Andy Deinhammer. A big THANK YOU to all of the Lions in attendance for what we do and have done.

**16. Lions Pride Campaign** Chairman Lion Dewey Carl and Lion Geri Schlender were here to give a PUSH to everyone to be active in PRIDE. PRIDE was designed to be a lasting source of income for the Lions camp to continue long into the future. Make PRIDE personal.

**Adjourn to lunch.**

**17. Lunch Program**

**Called to order** at 12:00 by DG Merle Strelow. Pledge of Allegiance was led by IPDG Jerry Post. Song and Prayer led by Lion/Lioness Kay Quinn. Recognition was given to PID, PDG and DG in attendance.

**Introduction of Guest Speaker** ID Eugene Spiess by ID Mark Hintzmann. ID Mark mentioned that ID Eugene was like the Great Great Grandpa to all of us, providing his wisdom.

ID Spiess mentioned that District 27B1 is a great district. ID Spiess presented his Friendship banners to DG Merle Strelow, ID Mark Hintzmann and DG Jerome Spies. He congratulated the 14 newcomers who attended and gave recognition to the Lioness. He remarked "Let them be Lioness " Special recognition was given to all veterans there. Four Presidential Certificates of Appreciation were given to Lion Gary Silah, convention chair, Lioness Sue Robinson, PDG Len Quinn and IPDG Jerry Post. Membership has been down in the United States since 1983. "When does a LION really become a LION?" We joined because someone ASKED! Most citizens do not know who we are. When was the last time you sponsored a new Member?? Thanks for the invitation to attend our convention.

**Awards presentations** were given for the following: PDG Tom King on behalf of Lions Eye Bank presented two special awards. The KNIGHT OF SIGHT award was given to Lion Sherman Hamilton for his years of eye transporter and Lion Dave Holschbach for his years of dedication to Lions as District Secretary/Treasurer and Zone Chairman. PDG Tom King also reminded Lions that if you donate $500 a matching fund of $500 is available until June 30, 2012. Thank you to all the eye transporters.

**Three Birch Sturm awards** were given out on behalf of District 27 B1. They were presented by WLF President Andy Deinhammer, they were to Lion Lou Cecil of the Sheboygan Evening Lions and Lion Pat Harder of the Menasha Lions. Outgoing District Governor Jerry Post of St Nazianz Lions was also presented a Birch Sturm.

**100% President, Secretary and Treasurer Certificates** were also given out to clubs who responded and qualified. DG Merle presented a special plaque to 4 past zone chairman who moved forward and let someone else step in. They were Lion Sherman Hamilton, Lion Marv Henke, Lion Dick Schaefer and Lion Jack Johnson.

PDG Len Quinn presented a **Melvin Jones** to a person willing to do anything, 24 hours a day a LION, MORE than a normal LION, this person was Lion Meg Post. Lion Meg responded, "I am humble and speechless. I love LIONS "Thank you.

Lion Pauline Ulrey on behalf of Leader Dog thanked everyone for what you do.

**The Necrology Service** followed with PDG Len Quinn giving the eulogy for the 41 Lions and 2 Lioness who past away this past year. They have picked up the torch and lighted the world. Names were read and candles extinguished in reverence to them.

**Auction for possession of the District Lion Bank** followed with PDG Len Quinn closing the bid at $ 2800 from the Fairwater Lions Club with $1500 of the bid to be used for the hearing loop at camp.

**The Parade of Checks** was held following the necrology service, all clubs with checks, presented them to the cabinet Secretary Treasurer. Dismissed to attend the seminars.

19. **Afternoon Seminars**:
    - A) City of Manitowoc Police Drug Dog with Officer Jason Koenigs and drug dog Ully
    - B) Visually impaired Adult Camper Caroline Neerhof
    - C) National Association for Mental Illness – Mike and Sherry Williams

**20. Voting** followed ½ hour after seminars to determine the following: Vote for District Governor, Vote for Vice District Governor, Vote for 2nd Vice District Governor, Vote district bowling tournament site, vote for district pin for 2012-2013 year, vote for district representative for peace poster competition and advisory vote for 2012 convention site.

**21. Evening Banquet** called to order at 6:30 pm by DG Merle Strelow.

**Pledge of Allegiance and a song**. **Flag Ceremony** presenting the flags of the United States, State of Wisconsin, State of South Carolina, home of our invited ID Eugene Speiss, the Lions International, Lions Foundation and Wisconsin Lion Eye Bank. These flags were led in by Lion newcomers and other District Governors. Lion/Lioness Meg Post explained the history and meaning of each flag.

DG Merle then introduced the head tables and special guests.

**DG Merle introduced the guest speaker** for the evening, Lion Rita Spiess. Highlight of her speech was, Good leadership in any type of organization is needed. We need both Men and Women to be leaders. Women are being more and more involved. Clubs need spark and sometimes women can provide it. We need representation by good leadership. Think outside the box!! LIONS care enough to touch someone's lives. "Best wishes to the upcoming female leaders"

**ID Eugene Spiess** commented on President Tam's "I BELIEVE" theme. ID Spiess inducted two new LIONS to the St Nazianz club sponsored by Lion Wendy and Lion Mike Hartmann. "We are all just LIONS, He is just like you and me! " LIONS International is the #1 non-profit organization in the world. It is our job "TO SERVE"

**Appreciation gifts** were given to ID Spiess and Lion Rita for their visit to District 27 B1. ID Spiess was given a Wisconsin shaped clock and Lion Rita a cookbook.

Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach reported on the **Parade of Checks. Donations** were up by about $ 7,000 over last year. A total of $ 46,575 was presented to the various programs.

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| WI Foundation & Camp | $ 16,375 | Leader dog | $ 6,400 |
| Hearing Loop | $ 2,500 | Diabetes | $ 1,250 |
| Mission to Mexico | $ 225 | 27B1 Hearing | $ 3,375 |
| Youth Exchange | $ 550 | Eye Bank | $ 3,300 |
| Campaign Sight 1st | $ 100 | LCIF | $ 1,250 |
| Lions Pride Campaign | $ 10,050 | Emergency Fund | $ 25 |
| American Diabetes | $ 1,075 | UW Eye Clinic | $ 100 |

DG Merle would like to see all clubs donate to the hearing loop at camp.

**Voting results** were given by Lion Ralph Schneider. There were 239 possible delegates, 86 Lions certified, 75 voted. The results were:

District Governor Meg Post
1st Vice District Governor Dawn Christensen
2nd Vice District Governor Jim Zamzow
Markesan Bowling Tournament site
Pin Design was # 2 which was the blue flag with the eyeglasses & hearing aid
Peace Poster -1st # 8 which was submitted by the Sheboygan Noon Lions Club
2ND #2 submitted by Random Lake Lions Club
3rd # 3 submitted by Sheboygan Falls Lions Club

Advisory vote for 2012 convention was for November 9 & 10 at Fox Hills Resort – Mishicot

Lioness President Sue Robinson reported the Lioness will have a President and a Vice Lioness next year.

Lion Mike De Baere conducted the District Raffle drawing. Lion Mike thanked all of the clubs for their contribution and everyone's support in his first year in charge. This years total was $ 3,634.00 of which District 27 B1 maintains 50%. Winners were: 1st Larson-Winchester Lions, 2nd Chuck Keifender-St Peter, 3rd Larsen-Winchester Lions, 4th Jodi Kohn-Kingston Lioness, 5th Wautoma Lions & 6th Ray Price- Town of Sheboygan Lions

Benediction was given by Lion/Lioness Kay Quinn. Table decorations were given to select seats.

DG Merle Strelow thanked Lion, Lioness and Leos for a great weekend.

**DG Merle Strelow officially closed the 35th Annual District 27 B1 Convention at 8:40 PM.**

**RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED by LION DAVE HOLSCHBACH, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer**

CABINET MINUTES
District 27 B-1 Second Cabinet Meeting
Sunday October 30, 2011
Holiday Inn, Manitowoc, WI

District Governor Merle Strelow presiding

1. **Call to Order** @ 9:00 a.m.- DG Merle Strelow
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Jerry Post
3. **Prayer** given by Lion Bonnie Strelow
4. **All attending** introduced themselves, their position and club membership
5. **Approval of Agenda** made by IPDG Jerry Post, 2nd by Lion Irv Korth

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Opening Remarks** by DG Merle, thanks to all that attended and to the committee for a job well done. Those that received awards were WELL DESERVING and over due. Clubs can always contribute for awards, they do not have to make large payments at one time, just be sure to designate the amount for an award at a future date.

6. **Roll Call** was taken by Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, 30 cabinet members and 1 PDG in attendance.
7. **Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from August 7, 2011 motion made by PDG Gary Colton, 2nd by Lion Chuck Teske. **MOTION CARRIED**
8. **Treasurer's report** through October 16th reviewed by Lion Dave Holschbach which includes some convention receipts. Motion made by Lion Gary Silah , 2nd by Lion Wendy Hartmann to accept the treasurer's report as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**
9. **Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork collected $ 320 during the convention. She is on a mission to surpass the budget given to her. DG Merle commented it was fun having Helen do her job and never minded paying any fines. Motion made by PDG Vern Pautz, 2nd by Lion Gary Silah to fine Lion Helen for having to much fun collecting fines.

**MOTION CARRIED**

10. **No Communications** received by DG Merle Strelow or Lion Dave Holschbach
11. **Old Business**:

A: **2011 Pin design** was done by Lion Wendy Hartmann. Apology made for not awarding her $ 25 for winning design; check has been given to her.

**12. New Business:**

A. **Convention Results: Bucket Raffle** Chairman Craig Hansen presented $810 profit from the raffle. There were 39 prizes and 2 unclaimed, this will be raffled off at the cabinet meeting. Raised an additional $50 total now $ 860.00

B. **Convention Chair** Lion Gary Silah reported 243 Lions registered for the convention which included 14 newcomers. 69 Lions for Friday Dinner, 199 for Saturday Lunch and 62 for Saturday Dinner. Thanks to the committee for an excellent job.

13 **Committee Reports** (Written reports for distribution or 3 minutes or less verbal)

A. **District Governor Elect Lion Meg Post** thanked everyone for the Melvin Jones award. Thank you to the convention committee, there were a lot of comment sheets returned, looking forward to the final summation. Zone Chairmen be sure to send Meg an e-mail with your comments, suggestions on the GMT/GLT meetings and on your meetings. DG Merle reported there will probably be 4 new zone chairmen again next year. Great to see people stepping forward.

B. **Vice District Governor Elect Lion Dawn Christensen** had no report.

C. **Constitution/Bylaws** IPDG Jerry Post had no report.

D. **GLT/GMT** – Chair Lion Dennis Schwartz was not present

1. **GMT** chair PDG Ed Filemyr reminded everyone that MERLOW is now GMT/GLT. Membership, Retention and Extension are the same as GMT. GMT has the same purpose as MERLOW, only that everything is consolidated. Our district has 3 certified CEP instructors, they are DG Merle, GDE Meg and VDGE Dawn, they are there to help.

2. **GLT** chair Lion Dave Holschbach has been working with PDG Dean Haas in reorganizing leadership programs for the district. There are a lot of great training programs out there to help ALL LIONS. PDG Dean and PDG Doug Fleming held 2 sessions with the zone chairman during our convention this weekend, There was so much interest in what to do and what their part is going forward. GMT/GLT is working to simply and consolidate the system. Survey will be sent to the clubs for input in this year's officer training program.

E. **WLF** Lion Irv Korth thanked everyone for their donations for the hearing loop. We are half way there. The WLF report was given at the convention. WLF Lion Fred Gebhart reported the **YES I WILL** organ donation program is a great success. He proceeded to talk about how the Chilton Lions helped a student get a better life and was able to enroll in college.

F. **Affiliate President** Lioness Sue Robinson reported the Lioness originally did not have 2 positions filled entering the convention. She was happy to report that 2 members of the Two Rivers Lioness stepped forward.

G. **Affiliate Liaison** PDG Len Quinn was not present for a report

H. **LCIF** chair PDG Vern Pautz has a goal of $ 30,000 for donations this year. Clubs, be sure to designate their check as a payment for a future Melvin Jones.

**Quest** report: Schools need to have their board approval before pursuing the Quest Program. There are plenty of funds available. Mishicot School Board has joined on and will promote Quest. Thank You for the $1,200 donation at the parade of checks. PDG Vern also gave an update on Quest worldwide.

I. **USA/ Canada Leadership Forum** chair PDG Gary Colton will have forms available for next year's forum at Tampa Bay, Florida on September 14-16 or go online. This year's forum was in Anchorage Alaska, not as well attended.

J. **Lions Pride** chair PDG Herb Schneider thanked District 27B1 for 100% participation last year. An award was given to IPDG Jerry for his support. There are LIONS still out there that do NOT know what PRIDE is!! There are five Lions that are available at any time to speak. Let's try to be 100% district again this year!!

K. **Youth Exchange** Lion Sandy King submitted a report. Youth Exchange camp will again be at Camp Vista in Dundee the week of July 22. Youth placements start in February, if interested get in contact with Lion Sandy. Youths are in Wisconsin during the month of July with the last week spent at camp. She is in need of a couple more co-chair in B1 to help place youths.

L. **Special Olympics** PDG Ken Wallander reported April 14th will be the volunteer day in Oshkosh for Special Olympics. More to follow.

M. **Leo** Chairman PDG Ken Wallander reported that Reedsville will be sponsoring a LEO Club. 25 youths have signed up. Paperwork has been completed per DG Merle.

N. **Peace Poster** chair Lion Dawn Christensen displayed the winning Peace Poster sponsored by Sheboygan Noon Lions. Zone Chairman, talk about the Peace Poster contest at your next meeting.

O. **Diabetes/LEPH/Sight Conservation** chair Lion Gary Silah reminded everyone that November is Diabetes Awareness Month. Materials to promote diabetes are available to include door hangers, table tents and other. Just contact him or WLF. Work with your local community businesses to promote diabetes awareness.

P. **Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling** chair Lion Wendy Hartmann reported she has approved 6 more hearing aids. $3,300 was added to our Hearing funds from the convention checks. We still need more. DG Merle would like to see ALL clubs donate $ 300 this year. The hearing loop for Lions camp will be promoted to all the state districts.

Q. **Lions Eye Bank of WI** President PDG Tom King did give a report at the general session of the convention. Reminder that matching funds of $500 will expire June 30, 2012.

R. **Mission to Mexico** co-chair Lion Ralph Schneider reported there is 1 trip scheduled at this time. The Mission to Mexico is contemplating a trip to Haiti. Keep donating equipment, supplies and money.

S. **Leader Dog** Lion Jim McGee has done some training and speaking at clubs and zone meetings. Leader Dog update was given at the general session of the convention.

T. **Canine Companion** chair Lion Sara Filemyr has had 3 applications. She is available to speak about the program. Canine Companions works with wheelchair, hearing impaired, nursing homes and the autistic.

U. **District Raffle** chair Lion Mike De Baere report was given at the Saturday Evening Banquet. Total gross receipts were $3,634.

V. **State Lions Convention** chair Lion Chuck Teske had no new update about the State Convention in May in Green Bay.

W. **District Convention** chair Lion Gary Silah reported earlier in new business. He does have extra convention programs to be given to the advertisers.

X. **District and State Bowling** chair has been filled by Lion Clyde Olsen of Markesan Lions.

Y. **IT** chair PDG Tom Clausen was not present, no new report.

Z. **Public Relations** chair Lion Mary Jo Abler reminded everyone to keep her updated on e-mail address for the directory. Speakers list is available. Please Promote Diabetes Awareness month. Forward her any Public Relations material that you publish.

AA. **Pin Chairman** Lion Wendy Hartmann had 10 pin designs this year. Winning design was by Lion Wendy of the blue flag with the eyeglasses and hearing aid. Please purchase this year's pin.

BB. **District Bucket Raffle** chair Lion Craig Hansen gave his report in new business.

CC. **Historian** chair has bee assumed by PDG Tom Clausen.

DD. **Elections & Nominations** chair Lion Ralph Schneider gave results at the Saturday Evening banquet, they were: Meg Post, Dawn Christensen, Jim Zamzow, Markesan for bowling, Pin design # 2, Peace Poster # 8 and the 2012 convention will be at Fox Hills Resort on November 9 & 10, 2012.

EE. **Youth Outreach**

FF. **Advisory/Long Range Planning** chairs PDG Tom King/Lion Mike De

Baere/PDG Ed Filemyer had no new information.

15. **Zone Chairmen Reports**:

1. **Region 1 Zone 1** Lion Fred Gebhart reported Halloween now going on with his clubs and a lot of raffles. All clubs are busy.

2. **Region 1 Zone 2** Lion Dave Holschbach last zone meeting was September 28th hosted by the Reedsville Lioness. Guest speakers were DGE Meg Post and IPDG Jerry Post along with WLF Reps Lion Fred Gebhart and Lion Irv Korth. Focus of the meeting was the upcoming district convention, the fun that can be had and what it is all about. Membership is +4 for zone. Next meeting hosted by Whitelaw Lions in January with the speaker to be from Domestic Violence.

3. **Region 1 Zone 3** Lion Mike Hartmann reported all his clubs are working together as one. The zone made a donation for the hearing loop. Membership is increasing. He does have a replacement for next year's zone chairman. Next meeting on November 22nd at Machut's in Two Rivers, Leader Dog rep Lion Jim McGee will be speaker.

4. **Region 2 Zone 1** Lion Mike Helmke reported his zone meeting has been well attended. He is excited about the new GMT/GLT.

5. **Region 2 Zone 2** Lion Madonna Schneider had her last zone meeting on October 11tth and had a Leader Dog puppy trainer there as speaker. Working hard as a zone chairman. Learned a lot at the special GMT/GLT meeting at the convention.

6. **Region 2 Zone 3** Lion Larry Dikeman's zone meeting at 55 Lions, 5 of the 6 clubs attended. Lion Wendy Hartmann was guest speaker. All clubs are active in fundraisers, calendar sales, bell ringers. Has some prospective members coming. Next meeting on January 9th at Green Glen with speaker Leader Dog rep Lion Jim Mc Gee.

7. **Region 3 Zone 1** Lion Eugene Hardell's last zone meeting was September 21st with Lion Dawn Christensen speaking about the Peace Poster. Zone clubs are involved in various community projects and fundraisers. Larson-Winchester Lions have now completed 676 wheelchair ramps.

8. **Region 3 Zone 2** Lion Gary Silah's zone meeting was held on September 19th in Fond du lac. There were 27 Lions attending, representing all 8 zone clubs. Presentations were made by PDG Jerry Post, 1st Vice Meg Post and WLF director Lion Irv Korth. Clubs are just getting started, but doing well and some have reported having membership plans. Next zone meeting January 23rd in Rosendale with speaker 1st Vice District Governor Elect Dawn to speak on CEP and Peace Poster.

9. **Region 4 Zone 1** Lion Dawn Christensen meeting was October 6 at Fairwater. Leader Dog Lion Jim McGee was guest speaker. Next meeting will be in Omro in January.

10. **Region 4 Zone 2** Lion Jim Zamzow zone meeting was last month hosted by Markesan. DG Merle swore in new officers. November 30th will be his next meeting. Clubs are active with fund raisers, however some are not as successful as hoped. Berlin Lions have 4 new members.

11. **Region 5 Zone 1** Lion Carl Rasmussen's clubs are all active in community projects. Next zone meeting will be Novermber 29th at Oxford.

12. **Region 5 Zone 2** Lion Jim Fritz was visited by DG Merle. DG Merle has a replacement for Lion Jim, he is Lion Jeff Riebe who will assume the position on January 1, 2012. All clubs are healthy.

15. **Other Business**-DG Merle Strehlow

PDG Ken Wallander reminded everyone about saving deer hides. Drop off areas are Reedsville, Valders, Oxford, Kingston, Neshkoro and Larson Winchester.

DG Merle apologized to Elkhart Lions for missing a club visit. Notification was sent by mail, but received after the date. PLEASE CALL or EMAIL DG Merle to remind him of his visit. Fairwater Lions had the final bid for the TRAVELING LION BANK of $ 2800.

**Next meeting will be held on January 8th at the Van Dyne Lions Club at 1:00 PM.**

16. **Motion for Adjournment** by PDG Ken Rohde with 2nd by Lion Irv Korth at 11:15 a.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by LION SECRETARY/TREASURER DAVE HOLSCHBACH**

**District 27 B-1 Third Cabinet Meeting Minutes**
**Sunday January 8, 2012**
**Van Dyne Lions Clubhouse, Van Dyne, WI**

1. **Called to order** at 1:04 p.m. by DG Merle Strelow. Secretary/Treasurer Dave Holschbach contributed to tail twister funds for not spelling DG Merle Strelow's name correctly. He was told to get the "H" out of Strelow.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Jerry Post
3. **Prayer** led by DG Sue Doell, visiting District Governor from MD27 B2. Also DGE Meg Post added to keep in our prayers Lion Sara Filemyer and PDG Bob Showers who both are experiencing health problems. Guest PCC Dean Haas led song "LION SPIRIT."
4. **Introductions** by everyone in attendance, their current cabinet and Lion position along with their home Lions club. DG Merle commented that there are way too many jobs for the present cabinet member to do a GOOD job. We as a cabinet should spread out our duties, being too slim hurts the district, DGE Meg will work on that for her cabinet.
5. **Approval of Agenda** motion made by IPDG Jerry Post, 2nd by PDG Gary Colton. IPDG Jerry asked to have his 3 minutes for constitution update to be added to Peace Poster. DG Merle asked to have extended time for PDG Herb Schneider's report on Mission to Mexico. **MOTION CARRIED**
6. **Roll Call** was taken by Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer during the introduction, 25 cabinet members present, 12 absent, 3 guest plus members of the Van Dyne Lions Club.
7. **Approval of District Convention Business minutes** from October 29, 2011 motion made by IPDG Jerry Post, 2nd by Lion Ralph Schneider. **MOTION CARRIED**
8. **Approval of Cabinet Meeting minutes** from October 30th motion made by Lion Chuck Teske, 2nd by Lion Mike De Baere. Correction made to Section DD, District Convention dates are November 9 & 10. **MOTION CARRIED** with correction so noted.
9. **Treasurer's report** by Lion Dave Holschbach. The district convention financial report showed a loss of $ 12.05, however if you factor in the profit from the district raffle, there is a profit of $ 1,586.74. The district financial report for 6 months is right on budget. Receipts were down due to the convention but expenses were down even more proportionately. Motion by IPDG Jerry Post, 2nd by Lion Chuck Teske to accept the reports. Lion Helen Mork did question her total receipts for Tail Twister, Lion Dave will double check and let Lion Helen know. **MOTION CARRIED** PDG Herb Schneider congratulated Lion Helen on meeting her goal and hopes she continues to surpass the total.

10. **Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork reviewed the procedures for cabinet reports. 3 minutes are allowed, $1 fine per minute after. Previously discussed her budget status.
11. **Communication** received from WLF thanking MD27 B1 for its donation securing the 3 Birch Sturm Fellowships which were given out at the district convention. Lion Pat Harder who was one of the recipients is currently at the VA home in King.
12. **Old Business**: NONE
13. **New Business**:
    A. **Convention Financial** was discussed with the other financial report. Talked about the district raffle proceeds. Motion by PDG Gary Colton, 2nd by Lion Larry Dikeman to keep the 50/50 proceeds in the general district funds. **MOTION CARRIED** A fun time was had by all at the convention. The convention net was much better than previous years. Other districts are following our format because we are so successful. DGE Meg Post would like to see permanent Lioness along with the current Affiliate President on the committee. There were good comments about the awards given out this year
    B. **District Officer Training** meeting number 1 has been set for Saturday May 5th at Moraine Park Technical College, registration at 9:00, session start at 9:30 . A second session could possibly be on Tuesday May 8th at 6:00 lunch and 6:30 start. Zone Chairman orientation will be held at both sessions. PCC Dean Haas and Lion Dave Holschbach will conduct zone chairman training.
    C. **Region 5 zone** meeting was run by DG Merle. He had someone in line however, medical reasons has caused a delay. VDGE Dawn Christensen will promote a new zone chairman.
    D. **New Leo Club** in Reedsville will have their charter night on Monday January 30th. Invites have been sent out. Motion made by Lion Jim McGee, 2nd by Lion Irv Korth to donate $ 100.00 from Youth Outreach funds from District 27 B1 to cover some of their startup costs. **MOTION CARRIED**
    E. **February Newspaper** article by DG Merle will remind clubs to get new members entered into the MMR, do not hold them back. International dues are prorated by date reported, State and district use the June 30th and December 31st member counts, they are not prorated.
    F. **PID Harry Merriman** has pasted away as reported by PDG Herb Schneider. The Lions state office should notify all clubs, cabinet members and PDGs of any news like this. Lion Mary Jo Abler asked that we communicate better, let her know and she will make sure the word gets out to all.
    G. **Lion Wendy Hartmann's son** is in the Marines and has been given a permanent position on MARINE 1 the presidential helicopter. CONGRATS
14. **Committee Reports** (Written reports for distribution or 3 minutes or less verbal)
    A. **District Governor Elect** Lion Meg Post asked that the zone chairman distribute the training survey that Lion Dave sent to all clubs at their next meeting. DGE Meg is working on her cabinet for 2012-2013. She will be contacting everyone about their position. **Vice District Governor Elect** Lion Dawn Christensen had no report.
    B. **Constitution/Bylaws** chair IPDG Jerry Post forwarded his time to the Peace Poster report.
    C. **GLT/GMT** Chair Lion Dennis Schwartz was not present, no report. **GMT** chair PDG Ed Filemyr was not present, no report. **GLT** chair Lion Dave Holschbach has sent a training survey to all clubs, please be sure to return. PCC Dean Haas also informed everyone that on February 24 & 25 there is a training seminar "COMMUNICATE LIKE A LEADER" each district is allowed 4 attendees. DG Merle has the forms and candidates. Lion Dave and PCC Dean will conduct the zone chairman training at the May officer training sessions.

D. **WLF** rep Lion Fred Gebhart reported the camp is now in a RETREAT mode for the offseason. Thank you for inviting him to the zone meetings. Lion Fred is making his own DVD to bring the camp to LIONS. Lion Irv Korth reported that the camp sessions will begin June 10th. Wisconsin Lions Camp is free except for the sessions for Diabetes. Deer hide collect was up this year. Currently our district has $6,600 designated for the hearing loop. Let's get 100% donations again for this year. DGE Meg was elected to the WLF board.

E. **Affiliate President Lioness** Sue Robinson reported the Lioness in the district has shown a small increase of 8, now at 282 for 13 clubs. All clubs are busy in their communities; they average 600 hours/month in service.

F. **Affiliate Liaison** PDG Len Quinn was not present, no report.

G. **LCIF** chair PDG Vern Pautz was not present, no report. DG Merle did mention that many clubs have money available for Melvin Jones awards. Also the Gates Foundation will match $1 for every $2 donation to the Measles campaign.

H. **USA/ Canada Leadership Forum** chair PDG Gary Colton reported that the 36th annual forum will be in Tampa Florida September 13-15. See usacanadalionsforum.org for more information. $ 260 for registration.

I. **Lions Pride** chair PDG Herb Schneider asked that zone chairman distribute "PAW PRINTS" at their next meeting. Goal of$25 M not met yet, this will generate $1M contribution to Lions Camp. PDG Herb said the program is doing better than he ever expected.

J. **Youth Exchange** Lion Sandy King sent the following report. Youth Exchange applications start coming in January and February. If interested in hosting a youth, contact Lion Sandy at kingranch90@gmail.com Youths are between 16-21, you can select the gender, age and country. Youth camp can use food donations, canned vegetable, fruit, cinnamon rolls and dinner rolls.

K. **Special Olympics** chair Lion Mike De Baere reported the date is April 14th in Oshkosh. He is looking for volunteers.

L. **Leo** Chairman PDG Ken Wallander was not present, no report. There will be a new Leo Club chartered on January 30th in Reedsville. Club donations would be helpful.

M. **Peace Poster** chair VDGE Dawn Christensen reported this years theme is "IMAGINE PEACE" start purchasing the kit. DGE Lion Meg will contact Lion Sandy King as a replacement chair for next year. IPDG Jerry Post mentioned that in the LCI printout states that November 15th is the deadline for posters, this conflicts with our district convention voting. Some clubs have been submitting after the convention. We will need to change our bylaws. VDGE Dawn informs all clubs our district deadline of noon on Saturday the day of our convention. Winnebago East Shore Lions are asking for cabinet reimbursement of $100 due to this problem. VDGE Dawn has e-mails she sent to them informing them of the cutoff date. IPDG Jerry will write a policy to be considered at the next cabinet meeting.

N. **Diabetes/LEPH/Sight Conservation** chair Lion Gary Silah has had 1 presentation. Zone chairs please mention Lion Gary is available for a diabetes program.

O. **Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling** Lion Wendy Hartmann has 2 more approvals, 2 denials and 3 pending.

P. **Lions Eye Bank of WI** chair PDG Tom King sent the following information. This year LEBW has helped 1018 cornea recipients, a new record, also a new record for 824 tissue donors. Director Art will be attending district conventions. PDG Jerry Rabbach and PDG Rick Daluge have been visiting transporter support groups throughout the state. LEBW also announced that PDG Jerry was the recipient of a 100 million commemorative medal from Donate Life America for his efforts in Wisconsin for the donor registry and Lions awareness.

Q. **Mission to Mexico** update was given by PDG Herb Schneider. The committee received an email that the Mexico trip to Vera Cruz has been cancelled. Violence has increased; Mexico cannot guarantee or provide security. No border cities are being used. A trip to Nicaragua is planned and they are looking for other places. Mission to Mexico is not completely dead. They still need eyeglasses. PDG Bob Showers kidneys have shutdown, he is on dialysis daily. Not doing Good. They are looking for a replacement for PDG Bob for Mission to Mexico. Lion Ralph Schneider reminded everyone to keep collecting hospital and school equipment.

R. **Leader Dog** rep Lion Jim McGee has 32 clubs that have donated this year totaling $8,600. 2 bricks, 2 bronze and 2 silver founders' awards have been given. He has attended many zone meetings. He will be reminding everyone to donate.

S. **Canine Companion** chair Lion Sara Filemyr has been ill and had no report.

T. **District Raffle** chair Lion Mike De Baere had no new update. See convention report for this years funds and payouts.

U. **State Lions Convention** chair Lion Chuck Teske reported this year's state convention will be at the KI Center in Green Bay. DG Sue Doell added that May 17th will be the golf outing at Royal Scott Golf Course. Host hotel is the Hyatt on Main Street. She is working on speakers and a Leo program. Special Guest will be IPID Sid Scruggs.

V. **District Convention** chair Lion Gary Silah Convention wrap up meeting to be Monday February 6th at 5 pm at Rolling Meadows in Fond du lac, all are invited. We have received a proposal from Radisson Paper Valley for 2013.

W. **District and State Bowling** Lion Chuck Teske reported on the upcoming district bowling in Berlin. Sunday January 29th and Sunday February 5th at 9:00 to noon, Madell's Lanes Hwy 49 in Poy Sippi. Raffle and food available. Signup deadline is January 14th. Emails sent to all clubs.

X. **IT** chair PDG Tom Clausen not present, no report.

Y. **Public Relations** chair Lion Mary Jo Abler reports that public relations are ongoing. Encourage clubs to send articles to local newspaper, let your community know what you are doing. Zone chairs be sure to let PDG Tom Clausen know of your upcoming meetings to be posted on our website. Keep updating the information for the directory. She suggested the next directory have the address for clubs that have clubhouses or PO boxes. Speakers list available. Now is the time to get organized for LIONS WEEK promotion in May.

Z. **Pin Chairman** Lion Wendy Hartmann has leftover convention pins and current district pins. We need to sell more district pins to cover our cost. Motion by Lion Eugene Hardell, 2nd by Lion Ralph Schneider that we sell the convention pins for $1 and the district pins for $2 **MOTION CARRIED**

AA. **District Bucket Raffle** chair Lion Craig Hansen has moved out of our district. DGE Meg is working on a replacement.

AB. **Historian** PDG Tom Clausen was not present, no report.

AC. **Elections & Nominations** chair Lion Ralph Schneider reminded everyone that we need nominations for 2nd vice district governor and bowling for 2013-2014. Nominations must be in 30 days prior to the district convention.

AD. **Youth Outreach** no report, approval for $100 donation to Reedsville Leos.

AE. **Advisory/Long Range Planning** chairs PDG Tom King/Lion Mike De Baere/PDG Ed Filemyer had no report.

15. **Zone Chairmen Reports**:

A. **Region 1 Zone 1 Lion Fred Gebhart** clubs are busy with Christmas projects. February the Sherwood Lions have their bean bag tournament, March the Stockbridge Lions have their bean bag tournament along with the CP telethon.

February 2nd at his zone meeting will be a presentation of the Visual Machine for the seeing impaired. Contact Lion Fred if interested in more information.

B. **Region 1 Zone 2 Lion Dave Holschbach's** zone membership is at 146 which is +1, all his clubs are involved in Christmas projects. 3 of the 6 clubs will be selling Roses this spring. Reedsville Lions will be hosting a charter night on January 30th for the newly formed Reedsville Leo Club at the Reedsville High School at 5:45pm. Next zone meeting will be Wednesday February 15th hosted by the Whitelaw Lions at Gills, speaker will be Sue Sippel from the Domestic Violence Center. He has a potential new zone chairman. Elections will be at the March/April meeting.

C. **Region 1 Zone 3 Lion Mike Hartmann** held a zone Christmas event at Camp Sinawa. Communities have shown interest in Lions and what they do. February 20th zone meeting will be hosted by the Two Rivers Lions and the zone social will be in Valders.

D. **Region 2 Zone 1 Lion Mike Helmke's** next zone meeting is next Monday. DG Merle, IPDG Jerry and DGE Meg will be attending and giving an update on what's new with Lions and our district. Many of the clubs were active as Salvation Army bell ringers.

E. **Region 2 Zone 2 Lion Madonna Schneider's** clubs are all active in Christmas activities. She also has installed new members in the clubs.

F. **Region 2 Zone 3 Lion Larry Dikeman's** next zone meeting will be January 9th. He also has installed some new members. Guest speakers will be DGE Meg Post and IPDG Jerry Post along with Leader Dog rep Lion Jim McGee. St. Peters Lions will host his April 9th meeting.

G. **Region 3 Zone 1 Lion Eugene Hardell** reported Larson Winchester Lions have installed 8 more wheelchair ramps. 1 brick for Leader Dog has been purchased, 302 trees have been planted. Clubs have been involved in Salvation Army bell ringers, Christmas baskets and soup kitchens and Christmas parties for kids. January 19th will be his next zone meeting. They will have a new zone chairman next year.

H. **Region 3 Zone 2 Lion Gary Silah's** clubs are all active. Eden Lions did Christmas fruit baskets for needy families, Fond du Lac Lions provided eyeglasses and a reader machine and Rosendale Lions provided packages of needed supplies for our troops overseas. Membership is down 2. Next zone meeting will be January 23rd in Rosendale. Guest speaker will be VDGE Dawn Christensen who will talk about Peace Poster and the CEP Program.

I. **Region 4 Zone 1 Lion Dawn Christensen's** zone is holding their own. At the zone meeting on October 7th, Leader Dog rep Lion Jim McGee was the speaker. Her next zone meeting is January 18th in Omro, PDG Len Quinn will be speaker.

J. **Region 4 Zone 2 Lion Jim Zamzow's** clubs are all active with fund raisers. February 9th will be his next zone meeting with Neshkoro to host. Berlin Lions will be active with the District Bowling tournament January 29th and February 5th in Poy Sippi. He has been active installing new members.

K. **Region 5 Zone 1 Lion Carl Rasmussen's** clubs now have wintertime activities going on. Westfield Lions and Oxford Lions have fisheries coming up on January 28th and February 18th. Endeavor Lions host his next zone on February 28th.

L. **Region 5 Zone 2 - no current zone** chairman, DG Merle is holding their zone meetings.

16. **Other Business** by DG Merle Strelow

A. Fond du Lac Lioness have raffle tickets available, proceeds for the Food Pantry. Lion Jim McGee has Leader Dog golf tees available. St. Nazianz Lions have a

Super Bowl raffle now going on. Lion Carl Rasmussen has tickets available for the Oxford Lions Fisheree.

B. **<u>Next cabinet meeting</u> will be held at the WI State Lions Convention in Green Bay on Saturday May 19th during District 27-B1 business breakout session. More information to follow.**

17. **<u>Adjournment</u>** - DG Merle Strelow Motion. Motion made by Lion Ralph Schneider, 2nd by VDGE Dawn Christensen to adjourn at 4:00 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**.

## RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED LION DAVE HOLSCHBACH, SEC/TREAS

AGENDA
District 27-B1 Fourth Cabinet Meeting
WI State Lions Convention
KI Convention Center - Hyatt on Main
333 Main Street
Green Bay, WI 54301
May 19, 2012

**Cabinet reports submitted or given at District Caucus at WI State Lions Convention**
See separate report of minutes for District Meeting

1. **Call to Order** @ 7:50 a.m.- DG Merle Strelow
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**-IPDG Jerry Post
3. **Song**-Lion Bonnie Strelow
4. **Introduction of Guests** - DG Merle Strelow
5. **Roll Call** - Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer
6. **Tail Twister** - Lion Helen Mork will work to meet her quota for the year, she is about $60 short.

7 **Committee Reports** (Written reports for distribution or 3 minutes or less verbal)

**A.District Governor Elect** Lion Meg Post thanks PDG Tom Clausen for entering all of the club information for the directory. THANK YOU! We had a very good turnout for officer training. Best representation in a long time, biggest interest was in electronic filing and the International website. Thank you to Lion Dave, GLT chair and PCC Dean Haas for conducting. Next years cabinet dates are: August 5th-Lakeshore Lanes-Sheboygan, November 11th –Fox Hills, Mishicot, January 6th – Altoona Supper Club-New Holstein and April 28th – CJ's Ripon. PDG Jerry Post will be district editor, send articles to him. We are working hard on the district convention, watch the newspaper. Our members are taking interest in leadership. She looks forward to working with everyone this year.

**B. 1st Vice District Governor Elect** Lion Dawn Christensen will be available for all and will give 100% for the LIONS

**C. 2nd Vice District Governor Elect** Jim Zamzow thanked everyone for their support and looks forward to a successful year. He loves LIONS !

**D. Constitution/Bylaws** – IPDG Jerry Post had no report

**E. GLT/GMT** 1) **GMT** – Newly appointed Lion Mike Helmke was introduced to start his term July.

2) **GLT** Lion Dave Holschbach just completed officer training in Fond du Lac, Great Response. 39 clubs, 4 Lioness, 65 Lions/Lioness on Saturday and 35 Lion/Lioness on Tuesday. Thank you for all that attended. Plan again for next year, same place, same time of the year. Everyone appreciated the hand on computer training and went home **ENTUSIASTIC!!**

**F.WLF –** Lion Irv Korth reported over 100 trees damaged at Lions Camp. **WLF** Lion Fred Gebhart reported Deer Hides have now taken in $70,100. The hearing loop was installed on April 23rd in the dining hall. The license plate program is at a legal verbage standstill, but should be resolved. Lions Camp will be ready for the campers. Sign up for Visitor Days will start on June 13th to August 22nd. May 4th the Chilton Boy Scouts will be putting together picnic table kits for camp. Any one interested in donating a picnic table kit for $330 contact Fred.

**G. Affiliate President** Lioness Sue Robinson reported that Lioness have contributed 5,000 plus hours of service and still counting. $15,000 given to Lions Camp and projects and $25,000 to community projects. Membership has remained steady at 275. Lioness are energized to serve and make a difference in the community.

**H. Affiliate Liaison** – PDG Len Quinn – no report

**I. LCIF** chair PDG Vern Pautz reminded everyone that the GATES Foundation will match two for one donations to LCIF for the measles program. Please send your donations.

**J. USA/ Canada Leadership Forum** chair PDG Gary Colton has no report.

**K. Lions Pride** chair PDG Herb Schneider says Lions Pride Endowment Fund is an opportunity to be a part of "TODAYS HELP…TOMORROW'S HOPE" The sole purpose of Lions Pride is to provide substantial financial support for Lions Camp and all WLF projects to continue to operate into the future. 374 Lions, Lioness and Leo clubs throughout the state have contributed. 100% of the clubs in B1 have made a contribution. The Cleveland Lions recently went over the $15,000 contribution level.

**L. Youth Exchange** Lion Sandy King is in need of homes for 6 more youths, if interested contact her.

**M. Special Olympics** co chair PDG Ken Wallander had the Winter event of Opening Eyes in Oshkosh on April 14th. 198 vision screened, 139 athletes received new glasses or sports goggles, 39 sunglasses, 195 prescription glasses given out. There were 93 volunteers of which 42 were LIONS ! Thank you to Two Rivers Lions and Lioness, Van Dyne Lioness and Lions Clubs from Valders, Collins, New Holstein, Oxford, St Peter and co-chair Lion Mike DeBaere.

**N. Leo Chairman** PDG Ken Wallander reported a New LEO club was formed in Reedsville sponsored by the Reedsville Lions.

**O. Peace Poster** chair Lion Dawn Christensen – No Report

**P. Diabetes/LEPH/Sight Conservation** chair Lion Gary Silah gave four presentations of Diabetes to zone and clubs. Donations to the diabetes funds have been active however no clubs have setup a diabetes awareness project.

**Q. Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling** chair Lion Wendy Hartmann reported the tele-loop is up and running in the Lions Camp dining hall. She can't wait for the deaf campers to come and experience it. Thank you to District 27 B1 for the donations.

**R. Lions Eye Bank of WI** chair PDG Tom King reported that they are doing well. The LEBW annual golf outing is June 5th.

**S. Mission to Mexico** representative PDG Herb Schneider reported there will be no Missions to Mexico this year due to the unrest politically. However we still need glasses and hearing aids, keep collecting. Even though there are no missions they are still very active and will try to ship glasses out. They are continuing to look at other potential places for missions.

**T. Leader Dog** chair Lion Jim McGee has given presentation to four clubs/zones and has and upcoming one on June 21st. $16,721 has been donated by the district to date, 33 clubs have not contributed yet.

**U. Canine Companion** – No Report

**V. District Raffle** – Lion Mike De Baere – No Report

**W. State Lions Convention** – Lion Chuck Teske – No Report

**X. District Convention** chair PDG Gary Silah had a meeting on May 7th at Fox Hills. The convention will now be known as 27 B-1 District Conference to save on taxes. The theme for this year is "Lionism Follows the Golden Rule" the hospitality theme will be "Education is the Future"

**Y. District and State Bowling** – Lion Bill Hilbert – No Report

**Z. I**T – PDG Tom Clausen – No Report

**AA. Public Relations** – Lion Mary Jo Abler reminded everyone that this week is **LIONS WEEK**. Try to promote Lions and all we do. If you need any help or contacts, get in touch with her, she is available for any help you need.

**BB. Pin Chairman** Lion Wendy Hartmann reported that there will not be a district convention pin this year, they just don't sell. The district pin approved at the district convention will go into production so that they will be ready for purchase in July, the beginning of another year. She has ordered 300 pins.

**CC. District Bucket Raffle** – Lion Craig Hansen – No Report

**DD. Historian** – PDG Tom Clausen – No Report

**EE. Elections & Nominations** chair Lion Ralph Schneider reminded anyone interest in a district officer positions to file their nomination early, also pertains to bowling and convention site

**FF. Youth Outreach** – No Report

**GG. Advisory/Long Range Planning** – PDG Tom King/Lion Mike De Baere – No Report

15. **Zone** Chairmen Reports:

1. **Region 1 Zone 1 Lion Fred Gebhart** clubs are involved in scholarships and preparing for summer activities. In fall the Calumet County Fair will be having a Lions Booth which includes eight Lions clubs.

2. **Region 1 Zone 2 Lion Dave Holschbach** last meeting was hosted by Wayside Morrison Lions. The guest speaker was Nika Hill who just received a Leader Dog. All clubs were represented. Also discussed the upcoming ad for LIONS WEEK promoting all of the local Lions Clubs in Manitowoc County and officer training in Fond du lac. All clubs reported on their upcoming summer activities and fundraisers. Lion Dave introduced Lion Joe Barth of Reedsville who will assume the zone chairman position along with Lion Dave next year. Maribel Lions will host the September zone meeting.

3. **Region 1 Zone 3 Lion Mike Hartmann's** seven clubs are doing great. Valders Lions will be hosting the zone social on June 18th at Mr. Lucky's. VDGE Dawn Christensen will be guest speaker. His zone will be selling tickets at the Manitowoc County Fair the end of August as a zone fund raiser.

4. **Region 2 Zone 1 Lion Mike Helmke** last zone meeting was April 16th at Lakeshore Lanes in Sheboygan. All clubs were represented and had a report. Special speaker was a camper and visually impaired Lion member. Next zone meeting in September hosted by Cleveland Lions.

5. **Region 2 Zone 2 Lion Madonna Schneider** clubs are active and healthy. Clubs are involved in BBQ Chicken dinner, brat frys, pork chop dinners, soup o rama and blood drives. Next zone meeting is May 29th at Madison Avenue Inn. She plans to talk about the Lions State Convention and LCI website.

6. **Region 2 Zone 3 Lion Larry Dikeman** zone meeting was April 9th hosted by St Peters Lions. All clubs were present and active and have established club objectives for this year. 8 gains, 2 losses and 2 prospective members. Speakers were PDG Ken Wallander on LIONS PRIDE and Lion Fred Gebhart on the activities at WLF. Lion Larry also discussed the upcoming State Lions Convention in Green Bay and officer training in Fond du Lac.

7. **Region 3 Zone 1 Lion Eugene Hardell** clubs are active in rose sales, senior expo, scholarships, brat frys. Menasha Lions go to Lions Camp twice a month to sort glasses. Larsen Winchester is 2 ramps away from 700. Larsen Winchester also served 1187 people for pancake breakfast. Appleton Noon Lions will be celebrating 90th anniversary.

8. **Region 3 Zone 2 Lion Gary Silah** last zone meeting was April 17th, 39 Lions and Lioness attended, seven of eight clubs attended. Membership shows a -2 for the year. All clubs are doing well and had successful fundraisers. Guest speaker was Lion Irv Korth our WLF representative. He has been unable to find a replacement for zone chairman at this time.

9. **Region 4 Zone 1 Lion Dawn Christensen** – no report submitted

10. **Region 4 Zone 2 Lion Jim Zamzow** – no report submitted

11. **Region 5 Zone 1 Lion Carl Rasmussen** – nor report submitted

12. **Region 5 Zone 2** no report submitted. Lion Jeff Reabe will represent this zone next year.

15. **Other Business-**DG Merle Strelow

A. Year End Thank -You

B. DGE Meg handed out schedule for next year's cabinet meeting dates and places.

C. DG Merle handed out cabinet appreciation gifts.

16. Adjournment-DG Merle Strelow 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted District 27B1 Secretary-Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR !!!

**District 27-B1 Business Meeting**
**Saturday May 19, 2012**
**State Convention – KI Convention Center Green Bay, WI**

**CALL to ORDER** @ 7:50 am by District Governor Merle Strelow

Thank you for attending this year's convention. Lion Helen Mork our district tail twister will be collecting fines from any Lion who does not have a sticker. She will collect both for our district and also as state tail twister. Past International President Sid Scruggs III will join our meeting at approximately 8:00 am.

1) Pledge – Immediate Past District Governor Jerry Post
2) Song – Lion Bonnie Strelow

**ROLL CALL** - 47 Lions members in attendance, including 27 cabinet members & 2 honorary district governors.

**COMMENTS** : Opening comments from DG Merle. There will be no clubs promoting bowling, only 1 nomination. It has been a very good year. Membership for the district currently is up 15 since the start of the year. We need younger members! District 27-B1 has 1 great accomplishment this year. The tele-loop in the dining room at Lions Camp was completely paid for by donations from District 27-B1.

**COMMENTS from FLOOR** : **District Governor Elect Meg Post** talked about the 2012-2013 district convention to be held at Fox Hills Resort – Mishicot on November 9th and 10th. A preliminary sheet with the convention information was handed out.

**1st VD Governor Elect Dawn Christensen** is available to all zone and club meetings, to install officers and anything else. She is looking forward to giving 100% for the upcoming year.

**PIP Sid Scuggs III** entered the room to make some special presentations. He thanked everyone for their support of all of the Lions programs. PIP Scuggs presented the following awards:

Immediate Past District Governor Jerry Post in acknowledgement of his past year as District Governor.

Past District Governor Vern Pautz in recognition for being the LCI coordinator for the past three years for District 27 B1.

District Secretary Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship for his years of service to District 27-B1, he is a well deserving Lion.

PIP Scruggs thanked everyone for their donations which make the awards possible, Please continue to make donations. He was given a standing ovation upon departure.

**2nd Vice District Governor Elect** Jim Zamzow thanked everyone for a great job they have done this year. He is looking forward to his term and will be available at all times. He loves being a LION.

**Lion Gary Silah** called DG Merle and Lion Bonnie forward for a special presentation. PDG Tom King presented them with a Knight of Sight award on behalf of the WI Lions Eye Bank for their support and leadership of District 27-B1. Both DG Merle and Lion Bonnie were named, Lion Bonnie has been his companion and help support all of the programs. DG Merle commented it has been a wonderful year

**PDG Vern Pautz** reminded everyone that Bill and Linda Gates Foundation will match donations to LCI until the end of June, two for one donations for the measles epidemic program. This can be used as a donation for a Melvin Jones. Please send your donations. 1992 was the last time that District 27-B1 collected for any major disaster, money is available.

**WLF Representative Lion Irv Korth** reported that over 100 trees were destroyed at Lions Camp this past spring. The camp is working on cleanup with the logging company. There will be a further update at the Lions Foundation meeting later Saturday.

**WLF Representative Lion Fred Gebhart** reported that Deer Hides for Camp now was at $70,100, an increase from last year. The license plate program has a temporary legal snag for legal wording. Lions Camp is ready for the season. Lions Camp is being paid by the loggers for the removal of the trees.

**IPDG Jerry Post** had no update on bylaws or constitutions. Next year there may be some changes to be discussed.

**PDG Tom King** on behalf of Wisconsin Eye Bank reported that they are doing well. He will be updated on Saturday. The LEBW annual golf outing is June 5th.

**Lion Ralph Schneider** chair of the district's nominations reminded anyone interest in a district officer positions to file their nomination early, also pertains to bowling and convention site.

**DG Merle** updated the medical conditions of fellow Lions. PDG Tom Clausen has some medical problems at the moment and could not attend. He is doing better. PDG Bob Showers is still on dialysis and not doing the best. PDG Len Quinn has had some heart problems and has been told he works to hard and needs to slow down.

**Lion Ed Manke representing the Menomonie Lions** asked for our vote for the 2014 State Bowling Tournament. There are 20 lanes that have been updated and 4 hotels within walking distance of the lanes. He also presented a gift of chocolates to the district.

**Lion Wendy Hartmann**, **district hearing representative** reported the tele-loop is in at Lions Camp Dining Hall. She is excited for the first deaf camp and will spread the word about the success of the tele-loop. Lions camp will continue to collect for more loops.

**Lion Mary Jo Abler, district PR** reminded everyone that this week is **LIONS WEEK**. Try to promote Lions and all we do. If you need any help or contacts, get in touch with her, she is available for any help you need.

**PDG Herb Schneider** reported there will be no Missions to Mexico this year due to the unrest politically. However we still need glasses and hearing aids, keep collecting. Even though there are no missions they are still very active and will try to ship glasses out. They are continuing to look at other potential places for missions.

**Lion Sandy King, district Youth exchange chair** needs homes for 6 more youth coming for the Youth Exchange program. Please contact Lion Sandy.

**Lion Wendy Hartmann, district pin chair** reported that there will not be a district convention pin this year, they just don't sell. The district pin approved at the district convention will go into production so that they will be ready for purchase in July, the beginning of another year. She has ordered 300 pins. PDG Herb Schneider reminded everyone that the State Pin Traders are at the convention and have some great displays. It is a great opportunity to start or add to a collection.

**Lion Dave Holschbach, GLT coordinator** again thanked everyone for the special Melvin Jones award he received. He was surprised again and speechless. He will continue to be there to help where needed even though his term will be ending as Cabinet Secretary Treasurer and also he will be co-zone chairman. He did report there was a great response to the officer training, Saturday there were 65 Lions and 35 on Tuesday. Online training was great.

**DGE Meg** introduced Lion Mike Helmke as a new member to her cabinet. Lion Mike will be assuming the GMT coordinator position. The directory is just about done. MMR reports are coming in very good.

**CLOSING COMMENTS** : DG Merle hoped that everyone learned something at this convention. The Hyatt and KI had great facilities. Thank you to all of the cabinet members for a prosperous and successful year. He hopes everyone enjoyed serving. At the conclusion of the meeting, he has an appreciation gift for all of the cabinet members.

**Lion Helen Mork, district Tail Twister** did meet her quota for this year's budget.

## A standing ovation was given to DG Merle Strelow !!!!!

Motion to adjourn by PDG Ken Rohde, 2nd by Lion Madonna Schneider MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 am by DG Merle.

Lion Dave Holschbach has certified 52 Lions to vote on behalf of District 27-B1. Actual voted was 34 Lions.

**Respectfully submitted……..CST Lion Dave Holschbach**

**27-B1 District Governor**
**Merle Strelow**
merles@centurytel.net
920/748-7507

July 1, 2011 has arrived; and with it the new Lionistic year has started. During the upcoming year, I will be 27-B1's Captain (District Governor). I have been voted in to support a wonderful group of Lions, Lioness, and Leos in this District.

I need your support to have a fruitful year. We have an outstanding track record for getting things done here in 27-B1. A great example is how successful the State Convention went in Appleton. This upcoming year will be no different. We will again be called upon to meet the needs of our communities, Camp, Leader Dog, Eye Bank, Diabetes, Mission to Mexico, Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Hearing, Youth, Pride and others.

My year is starting out in Seattle, Washington at International Lions Convention. The new International President is Lion Wing-Kun Tam. His theme is "Believe". I extend that to "Lions Make a Difference" as I know that the 27-B1 Lions, Lioness and Leos will make a difference in people's lives.

The camping season in Rosholt is in full swing. I suggest that your club or zone plans a Camp visit. A trip to Camp will renew seasoned Lions pride and show new Lion members one of the great things Wisconsin Lions do.

As we start the new year, it is important to plan. Every club should create a budget that will guide their efforts throughout the year. Club members should be involved in the direction of the major spending, try to get all members input.

I also recommend that all clubs hold a reasonable balance back for Mother Nature's surprises. Natural disasters have devastated countries like Haiti, Japan and New Zealand; and here in the US, large parts of the country have been devastated by flooding and killer tornadoes.

I have talked with many Clubs that have said, "We would like to give, but we have spent all our money". It is for just these reasons that I support developing an account for these unexpected requests, maintaining a reasonable balance, and as the monies are spent, refilling the account.

Now is also the time to schedule your projects and fundraisers and find capable chairs to run them. We need to reinforce the end goal of raising money to give away to enrich people's lives that we may never meet.

Also, please contact me to set up an official District Governor visit. My schedule is filling fast.

Welcome aboard for 2011-2012, together "Lions Make a Difference". I look forward to working with you. Feel free to contact me with any comments, concerns or questions. I am here for you.

# Back To School

*by 1st VDG Meg Post*

The position of Vice District Governor has been, not only an enjoyable experience, but also a learning experience. In our Multiple District, there are 10 Vice Governors and during the class sessions you get to make new friends. You spend time together after and share each others ideas on how to help the Lions in our state grow. It is also a time when you start getting invitations to clubs for new member and officer installation.

As with any position in Lions, you go through a learning phase. And, yes, you go back to school to learn more about the constitution and by-laws, not only on the International level, but also the district and club levels.

The classes on speaking and giving presentations required participation, not just sitting and listening. You also begin to learn the inner workings of Lions Clubs International and how things are handled when a Lion or a club needs a little help or a push to help them move forward.

Another thing you learn is how to set goals for your district and yourself along with ways to make your goals become a reality.

The biggest reward of being a Vice Governor is seeing clubs getting new energy from your learning experiences and then passing this information on to other members and even non-members.

As a Vice Governor, you also find out just how big a Lion's heart is; and in our District their hearts have always found a way to open even further to help all in need. I am very proud and honored to have been given this opportunity to serve the Lions in our District and will do my best to continue to help move us in a positive direction.

# Exactly What Is A District Affiliate Liaison?

*by 1st VDG Meg Post*

This past year, I have had the honor of wearing several different "hats" in our district.

The first hat I wore was being the spouse of Immediate Past District Governor Jerry Post.

My second hat was bestowed on me at our District Convention this past November when I was elected to the position of 1st Vice District Governor-Elect.

My third hat was a position on the District Cabinet that many of you may have never heard of... the position of District Affiliate Liaison. This was my second year in this role. When PDG Lenny Quinn asked me to take this position on the cabinet I wasn't sure what the position was or what it all entailed.

It didn't take long for me to learn just what an important role the District Affiliate Liaison plays in our organization.

So what is a District Affiliate Liaison? This position is not only a go-between for the Lions and Lioness of our district; but is a position that encourages the Lions and Lioness to work together toward our common goal, serving all those in need.

While holding this position, the Liaison should attend all District and Affiliate Cabinet meetings. I have been invited to speak at several Lioness meetings. This has given me the opportunity to see just how many great projects our Lioness sponsor and to see how many lives they touch. Besides seeing all the great things the Lioness do, I also have had the opportunity to make many new friends.

As a Lion/Lioness, I feel I have the best of both worlds. I can roar with the Lions, but on the other hand I can also give my softer purrs when helping in the many projects the Lioness give their hearts to in their communities, our state, and internationally.

By working together, both the Lions and Lioness projects can be more successful. And to be more successful means more help and aid to those in need.

Lioness clubs also have their own fundraisers and projects besides supporting the same projects Lions do.

Together we can bring a more peaceful and safe world to all. I am proud to say I am a 27-B1 Lion/Lioness. Our International President said it best, "May Lions, Lioness and Leos continue to grow in all of our hearts and throughout the world."

# Region 5 Zone 2
## Making A Difference

*by Zone Chair Sherman Hamilton*

Region 5 Zone 2 is composed of Lions Clubs located in Waushara County. These Clubs have been a vital part of their communities for many years.

- Coloma Lions - 39 years
- Hancock Lions - 41 years
- Plainfield Lions - 54 years
- Redgranite Lions - 56 years
- Wautoma Lions - 72 years
- Wild Rose Lions - 59 years
- Wild Rose Lioness

They have been the spark plug for many community projects including building and maintaining park pavilions, playground equipment, tennis courts, ball parks and soccer fields. They've also built club houses that are available for public use.

Beside these visible community projects, many hours of time and donations go toward helping our youth and adults... scholarships, honors banquets, Post Prom activities, Family Ski Day, Blue Ribbon Kids Day, Little League sponsorships, free Thanksgiving meals, holiday food baskets, local Food Pantry support, assisting families in need, roadside pickup, eye screening, blood bank collections and cornea transporting are just some of the many projects of these great clubs.

The clubs also make annual donations to WLF, State and International Projects. For the past 20+ years our Zone has selected a Zone Melvin Jones from nominees selected by the Clubs.

Many of our fundraisers have become annual events that are looked forward to by our area communities for a source of entertainment... fisherees, street dances, sportsman nights, Bingo Bash, rubber duck races, golf and ball tournaments, Chicken Chew, Wild Rose Days, 4th of July events and Labor Day functions. All are well attended, as community members know that they will have fun and that the Lions will use the funds raised to serve their communities.

# Surprise

*by IPDG Jerry Post*

1st VDG Meg Post received quite the shock at her club's recent recognition meeting. The club planned to induct a new member and present a club appreciation award, a Melvin Jones Fellowship and a Leader Dog Founder's Award.

Once the new member was inducted and the club appreciation award and Melvin Jones recipients had been honored, Post was asked to talk about Leader Dog and the Founder's Award. She gave a great talk on Leader Dog then went on to explain what it means to receive a Founder's Award. As she was slowly walking backwards to make room for the recipient she heard PDG Len Quinn say, "The person receiving this award often says, I listened to God and my heart and that is why I am a Lion." In under five seconds Post turned red, started shaking and was in tears. She was totally surprised to be the recipient of the recognition she was just describing.

No matter who receives an award, or where you give it, make it fun and give that person a memory they will have a hard time forgetting.

# Club News

**MARKESAN LIONS REPLANT MEMORIAL TREES** - As you roll into Markesan on Hwy 44 from the North, you will notice a section of boulevard with decorative trees. The Lions Club has renamed this half mile of the highway "Memorial Drive". Those who donate can have a tree designated to a loved one: in memory or in honor of them. Also, a plaque is located in city hall with the honored person's name on it. ABOVE: Lions Clarence Bush and Bill Coleman of the committee replacing a tree that didn't make it through the winter.

**AMSTERDAM LIONS BUSY SPRING** - The Club held a chicken barbecue in March and sold Roses at a pre-Mother's Day Fair in May to raise funds to support their Senior Citizen Fall Color Tour and raise awareness of the YesIWillWisconsin campaign. One hundred and ten chicken dinners and 80 dozen bouquets of flowers were sold. TOP: Lions Marie Heinen and Donna Prinsen are shown selling flowers at the YesIWillWisconsin information table at the pre-Mothers' Day fair. BOTTOM: One of the seniors getting ready to board the bus for the Fall Color tour through the Kettle Moraine State Forest.

**MARKESAN LIONS HOST EASTER EGG HUNT** - "No chance of snow," was the thought as Easter was so late this year. But there was mud! The annual hunt went on as planned as the Lions scattered 100 pounds of candy across the Markesan Elementary School Playground. E. Bunny (a.k.a. Lion Clyde Olson) provided many photo opportunities for the hundreds that showed up.

# Start The Year Off Right

*by ADP Sue Robinson*

First, thanks to Lioness Joyce Kurtz for doing such a great job as our Affiliate District President this past year.

It is July, summer is here, and we are starting a new year. Now is the time to plan for the upcoming year. Does your 27-B1 Lioness Club have your officers in place? Are your fundraisers figured out? Have you determined where your funds are going in the community, the state, etc.?

It's time we stop being the best-kept secret and tell everyone we meet what we do. I wear red and white and a name tag identifying my connection to Lioness and am constantly asked "What do Lioness do?" We need to brag about what we do. I am proud to serve in this wonderful organization and have met some great men, women, and young adults. By sharing our Lioness experiences with others, we can help improve our visibility and grow our clubs.

I would like to start spotlighting individual clubs in the monthly 27-B1 newsletter. I will be asking individual clubs to write a brief article highlighting what they do "To Serve."

I feel there is a need to remind all clubs to review their memberships. Do you have some Lioness that aren't as active as before? Are there members that remain at-large each year, don't attend fundraisers, don't pay their dues on time, etc.? Are there members that don't really want to be involved with the Lioness Club anymore? Why is this? Are there too many Indians and not enough Chiefs? Are there members who feel their input isn't being considered? Perhaps doing some real questions and answers within your membership could help.

On a different note, it may seem like District Convention is a long way off, but time has a habit of flying by. Please remember the continuing Mission To Mexico Project. I have a pattern available for the bags that you make to hold the shampoos, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, etc. that you collect. Be sure to bring these items to Convention, which will be October 28-29 this year.

I am looking forward to meeting many new faces this year. It should be an interesting and challenging time. Please don't hesitate to offer ideas and suggestions. Invite me to visit! And remember, "We Need You In Order To Serve".

**27-B1 District Governor**
**Merle Strelow**
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920/295-2236

Greetings Lions, Lioness, Leos and friends of the Lions.

No article received. No one answered. No one home. No one available at this time.

How many times in our lives have we heard this or have we given this for an answer?

In today's world of Caller ID, E-Mails sent, voice mail it seems to happen a lot! Today we are more available to each other through electronic devices than ever, if we choose to use them.

In the last two months traveling as far as Seattle, Washington, for International Convention, or Two Rivers, Wisconsin for a Zone meeting I have my cell phone and laptop with me. I'm available to take the call to assist 27-B1 members and others.

I have met so many Lions, Lioness, Leos and Friends of the Lions that have answered the call. They look forward to the next challenge, project, fundraiser, or call, to keep them informed on what is going on in Lions.

I am proud to be associated with these wonderful people. We have just started our year and I have scheduled many Club visits and events. Your club officers should have dates available for me to share Lions information with members and Friends of the Lions. Make the call or E-Mail me, I will reply. I look forward to it.

**District Convention Challenge** - I challenge all 27-B1 Clubs to send at least four members to the District Convention at Holiday Inn in Manitowoc. Plan now, car pool for Saturday only. Clubs don't just send their one or two delegates to vote. Clubs get with the neighboring Clubs and share a ride and good conversation to and from the Convention. Of course I would love to see everyone come both days.

I realize Friday nights in October there can be high school football games. Friday night cheer on the local football team. Saturday learn what Lions are doing. Vote and make your Club's wishes known.

Until next time, keep up the good work.

## District Convention

**October 28 & 29**

**Holiday Inn, Manitowoc**

- **Convention Bucket Raffle Prizes Needed** - contact Craig Hansen at 920-615-2924
- **District Raffle Tickets** available at the Aug. 7th Cabinet meeting

# Living Up To Our Motto

*by ADP Sue Robinson*

At this year's Lions Camp Open House on Saturday, September 17, the MD27 Lioness will again sponsor a raffle. Last year, the raffle raised over $1,100 for our Wisconsin Lions Camp.

Please consider donating a raffle prize valued at $25.00 or more. You can deliver them to me by September 1, or take them with you to the Open House on the 17. If you are unable to provide a prize, consider sending a donation, in the form of a check, by September 1 that will be used to purchase prizes. Contact me at 920-293-8584 or e-mail at sue_rob@hotmail.com to make arrangements.

As Lioness, we should be very proud of Lions Camp. At a June meeting at Camp, I was privileged to meet the staff. They were beaming with enthusiasm-ready to begin a very exciting summer. Many staff are ex-campers, so they know what excitement was coming.

Lioness, please remember the Wisconsin Lions Foundation on your list of donations. Every handicapped child in the State will thank you for your generosity. Let those who donate to your fundraisers for Camp know what joy their donations bring!

I know some of 27-B1 clubs don't meet or do as much in the summer. I hope everyone is busy getting new ideas and putting them to work.

Check to see if your club is stressing fundraising to the point that we forget our motto "We Serve Too." Brainstorm ways to give our time and talents besides fundraising, such as visiting and shopping for shut-ins, visiting nursing homes with the pet programs or reading to the residents. Don't forget eye screening for the local preschools. How about being a transporter for the Eye Bank or giving rides for medical treatment? What can you do to help assimilate new people into your community?

Learning from each other is essential to keep growing, not only in size but also in a unified direction to go forth and "serve."

Starting with July, I need your P & A Reports sent to me. E-mail them, if that works for you, or send by regular mail. I enjoy reading about each club's activities. Also, invite me to one of your meetings or activities during the coming year.

Mark your calendars for the District Convention to be held in Manitowoc, October 28-29. I hope to see many of you there.

And remember… "We Need You In Order To Serve."

# Children Know Peace

*by Lion Dawn Christensen, 27-B1 Peace Poster Chair*

There's still time to order a Peace Poster Kit and run a Peace Poster Contest. This year's theme is "Children Know Peace." Order a kit from Lions International Club Supplies for $9.95 plus shipping and get on the Peace Poster bandwagon.

The Peace Poster Contest is a great way for your Club to work with young people, have fun and help to better expose Lions to the community. All around the world, Lions work with students and teachers to help youth express their unique vision of Peace through art and emphasize the importance of World Peace to everyone everywhere.

Each poster is judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme. If you have questions or need assistance getting started, please feel free to contact me at 920-346-2307 or liondawn1@yahoo.com.

Thanks for running a Peace Poster Contest this year!

# Canine Companions For Independence

**THANKS TO AN EXTRAORDINARY DOG, NIKITA'S JUST AN ORDINARY KID** - *Nikita and Skilled Companion Morell. Photo courtesy of Canine Companions for Independence®.*

*by Lions Ed & Sara Filemyer*

Imagine that for the rest of your life, you will be dependent on a wheelchair for mobility. That you are now dependent on others to pick up things you drop, to turn lights on or off, to push elevator buttons or need help to maneuver your wheelchair.

Now imagine how your life can change if you have a constant companion who will do those things for you. You will have increased independence and a companion who loves you, who anticipates your needs and will gladly meet them. Such a companion is a dog who has been trained by Canine Companions for Independence®.

Trained dogs are also available as Companion Dogs for CD people or for Occupational Therapists or nursing homes. There is a new area of trained dogs for Disabled Veterans.

If you are interested in acquiring more information, an application or would like to schedule a club or Zone meeting presentation, please contact PDG Ed Filemyr at 920-994-9824.

## Club News & Events

**VAN DYNE LIONS CLUB 32ND ANNUAL WALLEYE TOURNAMENT** was held on June 4, 2011. The first place team was Bryan Doering and Randy Schultz, both of Fond du Lac, with a weight of 10.6 lbs. First place for the largest fish was Brad Schrauth of Campbellsport and Adam Jung of Kewaskum weight of 4.3 lbs. ABOVE: The first place winners with Lion Jack Hughes and Lion Tom Wendt.

**VAN DYNE LIONESS HOSTED 27-B1 AFFILIATE BANQUET** - ABOVE: Incoming 27-B1 District Governor Merle Strelow and Incoming Affiliate 27-B1 President Sue Robinson enjoying a little social time at the Affiliate 27-B1 Banquet hosted by the Van Dyne Lioness Club at Van Dyne Lions Park before their 2011-2012 terms begin.

**27-B1 LEADER DOG REPRESENTATIVE VIC VOIGT HONORED WITH SPECIAL LEADER DOG AMBASSADOR AWARD** at State Convention. LOWER LEFT: Vic Voight addressing the audience as his wife Christine looks on.

### Upcoming Events

**AUGUST**

**SUN, Aug 7 - Cabinet Meeting** - Leahy's, Fairwater.

**SUN, AUG 14 - Rosendale Lions 1st Annual Tug-A-War Contest & Lion Chicken BBQ** - Rosendale.

*— amyslonecker@yahoo.com*

**SUN, AUG 21 - Van Dyne Small Town USA Day** - Parade - 11 am; Chicken Dinner - noon; Music: Page Four - 1-5 pm, Adult and Kids activities all afternoon. Raffle Drawing - 5:30 pm. Sponsored by the Van Dyne Lioness Club with the help of the Van Dyne Lions Club.

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**send all your club news, events & photos of Lions in action to 27-B2 Editor Mary Jo**

# Wisconsin Lions Camp:
## A Camp Without Ifs, Ands Or Buts

*by Jenny Wagner, proud & thankful Lions Camper mother*

Having a son (Brad) with autism has been a struggle in more ways than one.

We have struggled to provide for all of Brad's physical, emotional, social, academic, safety, and supervisory needs.

We have struggled to find appropriate people to supervise Brad when we are unable to.

We have struggled to find services and activities that not only accommodate Brad's needs, but also do not cost an arm and a leg.

Furthermore, we have struggled to maintain our marriage while balancing opposite and overlapping full time/over time work schedules; in addition to being an ever-present hands-on entity in our son's life.

Three years ago, we were blessed with a camp that ended our struggles for one week each year--Wisconsin Lions Camp (WLC).

When we applied for Brad to attend Camp, WLC never put conditions on his involvement. They have never said to us, "Brad can come to our Camp IF you do x, y, and z, and you need to be at camp to watch him. Also, Brad's needs can be accommodated, but it will cost you."

All we heard from WLC was, "We are excited to have Brad at our Camp. What can we do for you and Brad that will not only benefit your family, but won't cost you anything but a small registration fee."

With skepticism, we outlined Brad's daily schedule, modifications, and behavior management techniques; all the while waiting for the ifs, ands, or buts to follow. Those words were never uttered or even implied. Is this Camp for real we thought… and it was.

What does WLC mean to my family? It means that for one week each summer:

- Brad is not a kid with autism---he is just a kid having fun.
- Brad is not given restrictions due to his special needs---he is given opportunities.
- Gerard and I are not struggling to balance all areas of our life---we are rekindling our relationship.
- For one week our family can breathe and enjoy life without a struggle.

# Region 5 Zone 1 Celebrates A Successful Year

*by Zone Chair Carl Rasmussen*

This first year as Region 5 Zone 1 Chair has been a pleasure and a challenge. Having attended Zone meetings in the prior years, becoming Zone Chairman, I felt club participation and an improvement club camaraderie was a high priority. E-mail and cell phone communication was not an excuse. Building with these tools enabled the Zone meetings to gain in attendance. Zone meeting attendance improved throughout the year and it gave the Zone an opportunity to plan and achieve a very successful Zone Social.

The Zone Social was attended by the District Governor, Vice District Governor and two past International Directors made for an enjoyable and informational evening. In addition to the dignitaries the Zone also presented a Melvin Jones Fellow to the Oxford Lion Billy Martin.

There needs to be a special thanks to the clubs presidents for putting the event together. All had a part in making the Zone Social the success that it was. There were a total of 80 in attendance at the Haystack in Westfield.

As the year progressed, the Zone did induct four new members and presented two Melvin Jones Fellowships.

Fundraising fisherees were successful for Montello, Westfield and Oxford. Bingo events held by Endeavor and Packwaukee were and are continuing fundraising events.

Unfortunately Montello had to cancel their Haunted Hayride fundraiser due to some issues with the property. Thanks to one of Montello's members who has stepped up and volunteered his property, work is under way to make this year's Haunted Hay Ride one not to miss.

All in all, it was a very good year for the clubs in Region 5 Zone 1; and without exception, we are looking for an even better year this year.

**27-B1 District Governor**
**Merle Strelow**
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920/295-2236

Here it is September already, where did the summer go? The kids are back in school, vacations have come to an end, farmers are starting to harvest crops.

Lion Bonnie and I went to Summer School when we went to the Lions International Convention in Seattle Washington. I attended classes with students from Russia, India, Canada, and states throughout the U.S. The great thing was we all had a common goal: making a better life for people we may never know personally. Clubs around the world have different ways of getting their message out there. Clubs use radio spots to promote upcoming events, and meetings and to encourage new membership. Fundraising options are numerous and I will gladly share ideas when I visit your Clubs.

I know 27-B1 has a lot of members involved in sports. This fall kick off a new sports raffle. Get tickets for Badger games, hockey games, Bucks games and Packer tickets.

Deer hunting starts in September, look at collecting deer hides. Put an ad in your local paper explaining the Lions deer hide collection project.

Lions put on your Lions Vest and all go out to a local football game as a group and support your local teams, make yourself visible to the community, let them know who you are. You just might have fun doing it.

International President Tam's theme is (I Believe) and (Lions Clubs are families) we are families and we support one another. I know if other people learn what the Lions do as a family they will want to join.

Last month there was a wonderful article in the Tool Kit page with a photo of 27-B1 Lion Bob Schuh and his children planting trees. I visited the Club and installed a new member and presented him with a tree on July 12. Lion Bob and his family have committed to planting 100 plus trees. I challenge the other Lions families to step up, we can do a tree per club member.

The Lions family is an extension of our own families. Be proud of what we do and what we can do as a team working together.

Yes, the kids may be back in school and the leaves may be starting to turn, farmers are starting to harvest their crops. Lions, Lioness, Leos and friends of the Lions don't just learn at school and get ready to wrap up for the winter. We share what we learn, and share what we harvest to give to those in need in our family, community, country and around the world.

Until next time, learn, share and may your families grow.

# Lioness News

*by ADP Sue Robinson*

Schools are opening again. So we need to drive even more carefully and watch for students. Now is also the time to get involved with the children's vision screening program. If certification is needed, check with your Lion Zone Chair to find a time and location. The time spent will be very worthwhile.

Although many of the Lioness Clubs don't meet in the summer months, please send your monthly P & A reports so I can keep accurate member records. Being current on your P & A's will save me making a monthly reminder call.

Don't forget to invite me to visit during the upcoming year.

District Convention, October 28-29 at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc, will be here soon. That means plans for the Peace Poster Contest need to be started right away. Posters are due at the District Convention.

Speaking of District Convention, we will again need a Affiliate District Vice President. Talk to your members about volunteering for this position. Information has been sent to each club regarding the qualifications for candidacy. Remember our motto, "We Serve Too." Our constitution says the Affiliate President appoints a Vice President if no one volunteers. Let us willingly serve.

Please remember the $25 bucket raffle gift from each club to be brought on Friday night. All monies raised go to fund projects for Lions Camp.

A new Lioness pin design is also needed. A $25 prize is given for the chosen pin. The design and slogan will be part of the flower series started two years ago. The forget-me-not and rose have been used so far. Please bring your design to Convention or submit it to:

Lioness Bonnie Hughes
jbhughes70@hotmail.com
W7474 Cty Rd N
Van Dyne, WI 54979

Speakers at this year's Convention promise to be both interesting and informative. Seminars include an adult visually impaired camper, a working drug dog and coping with mental illness (sponsored by the 27-B1 Lioness). Make plans to attend a great convention in October!

And remember…. "We Need You In Order To Serve."

## Free 27-B1 Convention Registration

### For The First 20 New Members* To Register

The Convention Committee Believes these are our newest family members and we want them to learn what Lions, Lioness & Leos do. Sponsors are encouraged to attend and maybe some of them will be Newcomers too.

**Questions? Call DGMerle 920-295-2236**

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# Club News

**MONTELLO LIONS HEALTHY AND ON THE RIGHT TRACK** - Due to the death of a club member, the Montello Lions found themselves without a place to hold their 2010 Haunted Hay Ride fundraiser; and even if they found a spot, there wasn't time to prepare. The Lions Family comes thru, Lion Paul Cotter starts clearing trails big enough for a wagon but it's a big job. Montello Lions have a work day, Lions, family and friends show up to help. Trails are made and brush cleared back so the wagons can be pulled thru. Zone Chair Carl Rasmussen heard of the big project and brought in a bulldozer to clear the brush for a parking area and a bush hogs to grind up the brush. The Montello Lions have donated for years to their community, two $1.000 scholarships for students from the area, Red Cross, all the Lions sponsored projects. In 2010-11 a total of $7,228.08 was given by the Montello Lions.

**PLAINFIELD LIONS NEW ELECTRONIC "WELCOME SIGNS" AT BOTH ENDS OF THE VILLAGE** - This project was a huge undertaking for the Lions, who invested close to $30,000, and is a great asset to the community. Community events, local businesses, as well as personal birthday wishes are being advertised daily. The Tri-County High School landscaping class designed the landscaping and planted the flower beds underneath each sign. Those interested in advertising on the new signs can feel free to contact Terry Callahan at 715-335-4550 for details. LOWER LEFT: Lions Sign Committee members Alex Aschenbrenner, Mike Copas, and Jim Morgan.

**FLAG PRESENTATION** - DG Merle and Lion Bonnie presented a Wisconsin flag to now International President Tam during the LCI Convention in Seattle.

**Keep up the good work! Send articles and action photos (not check passing) to DG Merle. There is so much good information out there, you just need to send it in and share it.**

# Nomination Papers Due

*by Ralph Schneider, 27-B1 Elections Chair*

The deadline for candidates and clubs to submit paperwork indicating their interest in having their names placed on the ballot for voting at the 27-B1 District Convention must be in by September, 29, 2011 (30 days before the Convention).

We are looking for members/clubs to step up for the 2012-13 Lions year in the following areas:

- 2nd Vice District Governor
- District Bowling
- Etc.

Send nomination papers/letters of intent with copies to:

- DG Merle Strelow
- 27-B1 Elections Chair
- State Secretary

Interested members or clubs with questions should contact:
Ralph Schneider
27-B1 Elections Chair
3621 Lakeshore Rd.
Sheboygan, WI 53083
920-452-2844

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Checks payable and mail by 10/10/11 to: 27-B1 Convention
Mail to: Lion Gary Silah, 620 E. Pioneer Rd. #12, Fond du Lac WI 54935

Amount Enclosed $

Never been to a Lions Convention? Be sure to mark the "Newcomer" choice above and participate in our Newcomer Contest. It's great fun and it will help you get the most out of your Convention experience.

**27-B1 District Governor**
**Merle Strelow**
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The leaves are falling and the District Convention is the end of the month. The Convention Committee has put in many hours to make this an informative and fun Convention. Please come up and say hi to Bonnie and I, we want to meet and talk with you. Together, let's make our Clubs stronger and increase membership with the sharing of ideas.

Fall means winterizing. Lions we need to close up the Camp at Rosholt this month. We have a work day October 22nd. It will be great to have a fun day of Lionism, please try to come help. Check with other local clubs and car pool. Great conversations and ideas can be exchanged on the trip to and from the Camp. Bring a check from your Club for the Camp.

October 9-10 is Lions World Sight Day. Clubs should plan sight related activities. Clubs can plan a visit to the Eye Bank in Madison, ride with a volunteer transporter, do vision screening in your local community. Clubs get involved it doesn't take all the Club members to do a screening.

The food pantries this year again need our assistance. The members can bring canned goods to the meetings in place of paying the Tail or Skirt Twister. The pantries need cash to buy perishable items that are needed. It's time again to assist our community, but this should be a year round project.

Halloween is this month, think heathy individual wrapped string cheese, items that are not just sugar we want to make people aware of Diabetes.

The Green Bay Packers started their year with a win against the Saints. Packer tickets are a great prize for a fundraiser.

Until next time, learn, share and may your families grow thru community service.

# Lioness News

*by ADP Sue Robinson*

It's hard to believe that October is here and Halloween is just around the corner. Everywhere we look it's pumpkins and ghosts. Children are busily searching for just the right costume to wear for trick or treating.

On the same note, the Lioness Clubs need to be searching for new members and working to retain the members they have. Over the past six years, 27-B1 has lost three Lioness Clubs and around 75 Lioness members.

Please keep talking to your friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Explain what Lionism and Lioness are all about. People will be more likely to accept our invitation if they realize our goal is to help others enrich their lives through corneal transplants, hearing aids, eyeglasses, Leader Dogs and Lions Camp, just to name a few. Projects go smoothly with plenty of help, fun, and fellowship.

Lioness don't be reluctant to hold office in your local clubs and especially on your district board. The Lioness Affiliate District 27-B1 Board can't operate without officers. Right now the Board needs a Skirt Twister to fund raise at Convention. Funds raised go to help Lions Camp. E-mail or call me if you're ready to enjoy Convention in a fun way.

I don't want to sound like a broken record, but no one has volunteered at this time to run for 2012-13 Vice President. It takes people to carry out the plans we make for our District. Information concerning qualifications for this office have been sent to each club. Please step up and take your turn. You really will reap many rewards.

Convention is a great way to meet other Lioness and get project ideas. Great seminars and speakers promise to give all convention attendees a wonderful experience. Plan to join the fun October 28 - 29 at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc.

And remember….“We Need You In Order To Serve.”

## Club News

**DOOR HANGER PROJECT RAISES DIABETES AWARENESS** - The Howards Grove Lions and Cub Scout Pack 3828 placed approximately 1,300 door hangers on homes in the village. This project gave the local Lions and Cub Scouts an opportunity to work together and promote health awareness issues. The two sided hangers had information regarding Type 2 diabetes risk factors and healthcare quality and four simple questions to answer and learn your risk of developing diabetes. This information was provided to the Lions by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services through the Diabetes Prevention and Control Program. ABOVE: The Lions and Cub Scouts who participated in the Door Hanger Project.

# District Convention Is Finally Here

Fall is in the air and Convention time is finally here. The Convention Committee is putting the finishing touches on what promises to be a fantastic weekend of fun, fellowship and learning.

The registration deadline is fast approaching on Monday, October 10, so make your plans and send your registration.

Above and beyond the great seminars and speakers, there are two new twists that should encourage your attendance and enhance the fun...

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**27-B1 Traveling Lion Auction** - This year's 27-B1 District Convention will introduce the Traveling Lion Raffle.

The Lion is the retired 27-B1 District Bank that an Amish furniture maker encased in a wooden cage, a number of plaques have been attached to the cage to engrave the name of each year's highest bidder.

**PLAN TO BID OFTEN AT THE 1ST ANNUAL 27-B1 TRAVELING LION AUCTION** *during Saturday's luncheon. The recipient of the auction's proceeds will be determined by the winning bidder.*

Rules of the District Lion will be posted at the Convention where the Lion will be displayed before the auction during the Saturday luncheon.

The highest bidder will have the Lion for one year until next year's District Convention and will name the charity the auction proceeds will go to.

Be ready to place your bid and help to make this a fun and entertaining addition to 27-B1's Convention.

**27-B1 Table and Hospitably Room** - There's still time to reserve a display table for the 27-B1 Convention. This year an extra room has been reserved for Candidates or groups soliciting for a vote or donation of approved Lions projects. The room is available Friday night and there are restrictions on items that can be brought in for the evening. Hours of operation will match the District Hospitality room and should be close by. For more information or to reserve a spot call Lion Mary Jo Abler at 920-960-2532 or nhldylyn@yahoo.com

# Kingston Lioness Spotlight

In a rural area in South Central Wisconsin, you will find Kingston, the proud home of the Kingston Lioness Club. The club has 20 current members, of which four are charter members.

In April 1970, 12 wives of Kingston Lion members or deceased Lion members, joined the Kingston Lionettes. Lionette Betty Dolgner was the first club president. In April 1984, with the help of Lion Milton Wood and his wife Dorothy, the Kingston Lions sponsored the Kingston Lioness Club. The first Kingston Lioness president was Lioness Donna Marsh. The four charter members are Patsy and Nyla Knight, Donna Marsh and Carol Griffin.

The Club raises funds by making and selling pizzas, holding an annual Memorial Day soup and sandwich event, selling cookie dough, and pancake breakfasts. The Club's fundraising profits are proudly given to area individuals with medical issues, Special Olympics, Relay For Life, Bowling, the local Library, Food Pantry, and the local nursery school program. Each Christmas, the Kingston Lioness deliver 35 Christmas baskets to area seniors. Two $500 scholarships are given each year to lady Markesan High School graduates. The Club sponsors a girl at Badger State and sponsors and presents the Girls' Captains Awards for all women's local high school sports. Annual donations are made to Lions Camp, WLF, Leader Dog, Diabetes Foundation, Eye Bank, and Lion Pride.

The Kingston Lioness meet the 4th Wednesday of each month. For more information regarding our current events and fundraisers contact President Jodi Kohn at 920-229-5676.

# Fond du Lac Lioness 87 Years Of Service

*Information from FDL Lioness 25th anniversary program*

The Fond du Lac Lionettes were organized in December of 1924. The Club became the Lions Club Auxiliary in 1979. Then in November 1985, became an official Lioness Club. Today, they are the oldest Lioness Club in Wisconsin and maybe the world. On August 27, they celebrated 87 years of promoting community service, fellowship and mutual understanding.

Special Thanks to all the Special People who have supported the Fond du Lac Lioness in the past, present and future.

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Checks payable and mail by 10/10/11 to: 27-B1 Convention
Mail to: Lion Gary Silah, 620 E. Pioneer Rd. #12, Fond du Lac WI 54935

Amount Enclosed $

Never been to a Lions Convention? Be sure to mark the “Newcomer” choice above and participate in our Newcomer Contest. It's great fun and it will help you get the most out of your Convention experience.

Convention Lodging - Holiday Inn, 920-682-6000. Make sure to mention that you are with the Lions Convention for the special rate.

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This year was the tenth anniversary of 9/11. Many memorial services were held for the victims and families. November 11th is Veterans Day, this should also be a time to remember our fallen heroes. The men and women that gave up their lives so we can enjoy the freedoms we have today. Keep in mind the soldiers returning home with lost limbs and horrors of war embedded in their minds that won't go away. Please take a moment to thank our veterans with a hand shake, a kind word, a prayer and recognition during a meeting. These small efforts go a long way in promoting good will in your community. I know we have many veterans among us in the Lions family and they just keep giving of themselves to better the life of others.

In the September paper, 27-E2 DG Dave Schaefer made a suggestion I believe bears repeating. He suggested that club members invite couples to club meetings. Invite two or three couples to a meeting together and ask if them if they were a Lion, what would they do to improve the community? Listen to their answers and invite them to help with a project. I think that when we invite one person at a time they feel like the Lone Wolf (outsider), couples enjoy the fact they are coming in together.

November 14th is World Diabetes Day, Clubs get the word out, do a diabetes screening. Our Club added stickers to the Door Hanger project which named a location, time and date for a free testing and screening. WLF has DVD's that can be shown to the people attending. This is a mini heath fair with highlights and concerns of complications associated with diabetes. The club is making them available to the senior centers in the communities for viewing for those that could not attend our event.

I have seen newspaper ads from vendors buying hides from trappers. I hope we are putting ads in the papers for the deer hide project that explain the benefits of giving their hides to us, the projects the hides support.

WLF has made it easy for clubs to do it, contact WLF for more information. Thanksgiving is a wonderful time for family, friends and fellowship. Please look around in your community to the less fortunate and help them enjoy this season by providing, food and fellowship. The food pantries are busy, donating money to buy turkeys, or milk, or other perishables is important to your local community. Lions this is part of being a good steward to your community and I know you will step up.

I am pleased to see 27-B1 in a plus membership. Keep up the good work. We are strong... let's get bigger and stronger.

# Plymouth Lions Dream Park Honors 50 Years Of Community Service

**PLYMOUTH DREAM PARK -** In recognition of the Plymouth Lions Club 50th Anniversary, we will be building an accessible park. We have asked our club to raise $50,000 to help achieve our goal. We will, as well, be asking the greater Plymouth Community for assistance. Our committee has named this our "Dare to Dream Project" or D2D. We will also be using this name in our 50th Anniversary Celebration. D2D will help us become a stronger and more viable club. We are planning on getting the community involved in this process. The Dream Park will be designed for children of all ages to be able to use the facility. With an emphasis on children with special needs. We felt that this project fully encompassed the true meaning of Lionism. Contact me with any further question. Lion Dennis Erdly (920)226-1404 dferdly@yahoo.com.

# Lioness Giving Thanks

*by ADP Sue Robinson*

This is the month of the year that we think of being thankful for all our blessings. We often reflect back on what we have accomplished. The District Convention helps us to remember this. I hope we have learned and will remember that alone we can do so little, and together we can do so much. May we always bear in mind our obligation as a citizen to our nation, our state, and our community. Give freely of your time, labor, and means.

No matter how we go about it, we still have one common goal, helping others less fortunate. Sometimes the less fortunate are not the handicapped. Sometimes it's the working single person or a working single person making minimum wage and trying to keep the food and utilities paid that are on the less fortunate list. Keep your eyes and heart open for them, too. Your help can, and will, have to take many forms. It doesn't always mean money.

This is a reminder to support the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin. Decide to become an eye donor, share that decision with your family, and spread the message about donation. Please consider other organ or tissue donations. We are a nation that "recycles" many things. Organs, tissues and eyes can be used to save many lives. Thank you to all the transporters that help to save the eyesight of so many. Other programs to keep in mind are hearing aids and diabetes. Monetary help is very useful, but giving our time is very important. The door hanger project for diabetes is one example.

Many thanks to the District Convention Committee for all their hard work. A combined effort at these events makes our theme, "We need You In Order To Serve" even more meaningful. Let's keep that theme in mind in our individual clubs. Don't think that what each person contributes is insignificant or that your help won't be missed!

# Two Rivers Lioness Growth

The Two Rivers Lioness Club experienced a year of growth during 2010-2011, with that trend continuing this year. Lioness Donna Stoeger set and met a goal to sponsor five new members last year, and her drive for new members has not diminished. She invited two prospective members to the first meeting of the 2011-2012 year. New members have invigorated the club, and have encouraged the club to get involved in new activities and fundraisers.

The club celebrates its 35th Anniversary this year. The Two Rivers Lioness Club was chartered in 1976 and its first president was Lion JoAnn Hansen, a current member of the Pickett Lions Club. Two charter members, Lioness Barb Kintopf and Lioness Elaine Kupsh, are vital, active members of the club.

Through its fundraisers, including a Two Rivers AppleFest raffle and food booth, a Two Rivers Ethnic Fest food booth, a candy sale, and a Ham and Egg Breakfast, the club donated $4,825 to local and Lions charities last year.

The Lioness were also involved in District 27-B1, Region 1 Zone 3 activities, including selling entry tickets during the Manitowoc County Fair and sponsoring the 2011 State Lions Convention.

The Two Rivers Lioness Club meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month from September through June. Caring, community-service minded individuals are welcome to contact any club member regarding membership.

# Let's Do It Again

*by IPDG Jerry Post*

What can a PDG say about 27-B1? Thank you, that's what they say. Last year we were 100% in donations to Pride and the Camp. To do that again, would not take any more than what we did last year. It is a great feeling to hear from others about the good things our District does for their communities and for all they do for the Lions projects. Your Lions Camp is very dear to me as I have seen what it does for the children and adults that get the opportunity to go there even if only for a week. Keep up your donations to Camp as they are always needed but let's not forget Pride, as that is their future. Can we be 100% again? As our International President Tam's motto, "I Believe", I also believe we can do it again.

There is another Lions project we can also be 100% in and that is Leader Dog. It has been awhile since we were 100% but I believe we can do it again. Many improvements have been made at Leader Dog so they can do what they do best, give a quality life back to those that live in the color of night. Thank you again for a tremendous year and I will continue to serve every one of you every day.

**Trees, Trees, Trees**

**27-B1 clubs and members have committed to plant thousands of trees this year.**

**While the spring planting season is months away, now is the time to get commitment from land owners for the plantings and to contact your county extension office, local nurseries that may give you the trees or at a discounted rate. Don't forget to report all your tree planting activities on your club's monthly activity report.**

# New 27-B1 Leadership Structure Supports Member, Club & District Needs

*by DG Merle Strelow*

In July our District started being administered by a District Governor Team consisting of the District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor. The Global Leadership Team is chaired by Lion Dave Holschbach, and the Global Membership Team is chaired by Lion Dennis Schwartz. The District Governor will be still be the CEO of the District, but now have two key advisors/compatriots along with two Global Team Leaders.

The District Governor's main job requires they visit every club and all special events. The new leadership team calls for a member to visit all the Zone meetings and attend club meetings to install new members and give out awards and updates to clubs throughout the year.

The Global Leadership team will be meeting with Lions that will receive training in leadership skills to become our future Lion leaders. Zone chair classes will be a major push in our District.

The Global Membership team will be scheduling seminars for membership related classes. Retention of our members and family group members will follow with our International Presidents Wing-Kun Tam's theme to get families involved.

The future is in our new leaders and new members. 27-B1 has many people that have what it takes to be a Lion's leader. The new GLT program will help make this a smooth and enjoyable process.

For more information contact: Lion Dave Holschbach 920-684-0115 or dajach@yahoo.com for GLT information or Lion Dennis Schwartz 920-892-4974 schwartzphotog@aol.com for GMT for membership questions.

## Club News

**MONTELLO "DE-TAILS" -** Montello Lions President Doug Weiss was recently "detailed" by Club Treasurer Steve Buchanan Weiss' pony tail was donated to Locks of Love, the charity that provides wigs to people undergoing cancer treatment. The ponytail was auctioned off with Buchanan placing the winning bid. The money is being donated to Budda Box against Cancer in Marquette County.

**WAY-MORR LIONS CELEBRATE 60 YEARS -** The Wayside Morrison Lions Club recently celebrated its 60 year anniversary of community service. The event was held at Redikers Rustic Inn in Kellnersville. The dinner event was attended by nearly 100 guests. Members from the various clubs in the Zone were in attendance; namely Reedsville, Brillion, Maribel and Francis Creek. Lion Ron Kiekhaefer read a bit of clubs history and honored the names of all the deceased members. The club was chartered in 1951 and was sponsored by the Reedsville Lions Club. The Way-Morr Lions were instrumental in the development of Way-Morr Park located in the center of the Town of Morrison. ABOVE: Immediate Past District Governor Gerald Post receiving a check for the Wisconsin Lions Foundation from Lion President Bob Fritsch.

**RIPON LIONS WORKING HARD TO CONTINUE DONATIONS -** Ripon Lions fry brats, hamburgers, french fries, and onion rings. Note PDG Lenard Quinn is working with the group. One member was overheard to say, "Lenny's not a PDG (Permanent Dinner Guest), he is a Ripon Lion and a Ripon Lioness hands on kind of guy." The spirit of Lions working together lives and thrives in Ripon.

**Send articles and action photos (not check passing) to DG Merle**

# What A Great Experience

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Thanksgiving is over, but Christmas is only weeks away. I hope we have been donating to the food pantries in our local communities.

Please take time to visit nursing homes and ring some bells for the Salvation Army. I know Clubs do all different events to make the season happier for kids and people less fortunate. Thank you for that.

I'm happy to report inviting couples to Clubs for new membership works. The Valders Lions Club has three couples that were asked to help with an event and later asked to join the Club. The couples are now members of the Club. Keep asking people to join the largest service organization in the world. 27-B1 wants 100 plus new members this year and keep all the existing members. We are family and we need to take care of each other.

In January, many Zones have meetings. Remember zone meetings are not just for club officers, club members should try to attend these meetings, too. Important information is presented at the Zone meeting.

Our family needs Zone Chairs! Club presidents and past presidents should consider stepping up to be Zone Chairman next year. Region 1 Zones 1 and 2 and Region 4 Zones 1 and 2 need new Zone Chairs. The present Chairs in these zones will be serving as GLT Chairperson, WLF Director, 1st Vice District Governor-Elect, 2nd Vice District Governor-Elect next year. These positions will take up all the Lions time and efforts to do a great job. Lions call me, I will explain the job description and help you get started as a Zone Chairman.

December 3rd thru 10th is Lions Eye Bank Week. Please consider taking a trip to our Eye Bank, get information out to your Clubs and community. Clubs should set up sites to sign up members in the community for the donor program on line. Wisconsin Lions are transporters for the Eye Bank, recognize transporters in your community with a short article in your local paper explaining the value of their unselfish service.

Lions, Lioness, Leos and friends of the Lions remember we make a difference. Your work is important and is necessary in making the community, state and world a better place to live.

Bonnie and I wish you and yours a happy holiday season.

**Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.**

*— Henry David Thoreau*

The Lions, Lioness, and Leos of 27-B1 recently gathered in Manitowoc to celebrate the 36th Annual 27-B1 District Convention. The theme of the Convention this year was "I Believe-Lions Make a Difference". The Convention Committee hopes all who attended the Convention went away with new ideas and rejuvenated energy to take back to their clubs.

Friday night hospitality was quite interesting and unique. A first to the Convention, this year were minnow and boat races. Some of the minnows made it to the end very quickly and some, having a mind of their own, did not make it out of the starting gate. The rain gutter regattas was a test to many Lions health. The object of the race was to get a little plastic boat down the rain gutter, before your opponent, using a small straw. Our District Governor suffered a terrible defeat as he was "blown out of the water" by neighboring 27-B2 DG Sue Doell. Some of the other racers came very close to needing CPR or at least some oxygen when they were done.

Saturday was getting down to business and giving all the Lions of the district an update on local, district, state and international business. Our guest International Director Eugene Spiess, of South Carolina gave us a very inspirational Lion message at our noon luncheon. ID Gene and DG Merle "surprised" several Lions with distinguished awards.

**Melvin Jones Fellowship**
- DG-Elect Meg Post - St Nazianz Lions

**Birch-Sturm Fellowships**
- IPDG Jerry Post - St Nazianz Lions
- Lion Pat Harder - Menasha
- Lion Lou Cecil - Sheboygan Evening Lions

**Knight of Sight Fellowships**
- Sherm Hamilton - Coloma Lions
- Lion Dave Holschbach - Mishicot Lions

**Presidential Awards**
- PDG Len Quinn - Ripon
- IPDG Jerry Post - St Nazianz Lions
- Lioness Affilate President Sue Robinson - Neshkoro Lioness
- Lion Gary Silah - Fond du Lac Lions

**Governors Awards To Outgoing Zone Chairs For Outstanding Service To 27-B1**
- Lion Marv Henke - Neshkoro Lions
- Lion Sher Hamilton - Coloma Lions
- Lion Jack Johnson - Waldo Lions
- Lion Richard Schaffer - New Holstein.

**Governor Award for Outstanding Lion Of The Year**
- Lion Pam Leahy - Fairwater Lions

Many tears of joy were shed at the luncheon.

The Saturday evening Governor's Banquet was special in many ways. Lion Rita Spiess enriched us with her special message on Lionism. The St. Nazianz Lions two newest members had the pleasure of being inducted into our Association by ID Spiess. This was their first Convention and they went away empowered and energized by what Lions do.

The seminars this year included city of Manitowoc Police Officer Jason Koenigs and his drug dog Ully. Many were awed at what this dog can do. The consensus of all who attended this seminar was not to be on the wrong side of the fence when Ully is on duty.

Caroline Neerhof, an adult camper, had many experiences to share after attending Lions Camp for 14 years.

The third seminar was led by Mike and Sherry Williams, Directors of the NAMI (National Association for Mental Illness). Their presentation included information on how they help to improve the quality of life for people affected by mental illness.

The Lions of 27-B1 also honored the Lions and Lioness of our district who have passed before us. These Lions names will forever be etched in the pillars of Lions International, as well as in our hearts.

Through the generosity of all the Lions, Lioness, and Leos, we set a record year for our parade of checks totaling over $44,000. Our district was 100% to Pride and also 100% to WLF. Thank you Lions of 27-B1 for this year's generosity.

This was the year for many firsts at our Convention. Hopefully everyone went away with refreshed and renewed enthusiasm towards Lionism.

**FUN AND GAMES GALORE WERE HAD BY ALL THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND** - *TOP: 27-E1 DG Jerry Spies and WLF President Andy Denheimer participating in the Hospitality Night boat races. LOWER LEFT: DG Merle holding the tail of 27-B2 DG Sue Doell's hat after she beat him in the minnow race. LOWER RIGHT: The 27-B1 Whistle that Tail Twisters sold during the Convention and a Chocolate Lion from the End of the Trail Candy Shop.*

## The 27-B1 Traveling Lion Is Home For A Year

**FAIRWATER WINS** - *(l to r) Fairwater Lion President Bev Karst, Director Pam Leahy and Membership Chair Merle Strelow showing off the Traveling Lion in its home for the year.*

This was the first year for the 27-B1 Traveling Lion to go on the auction block at the District Convention, and what a first year it was.

PDG Lenny Quinn was the auctioneer and bidding started at $400 with four determined bidders. Bidding quickly rose to $2,100, then jumped to a $2,500 bid from St. Nazianz Lions. Quinn then asked for $3,000 before finally accepting the winning $2,750 bid of from the Fairwater Lions Club.

As the auction winner, the Fairwater Lions were able to name the recipient of the auction funds. They chose to donate $1,500 to the WLF teleloop with the rest going to a yet to be named program.

The Club is proudly displaying the Traveling Lion at Leahy's Rustic Inn in Fairwater which is open seven days a week if you would like to visit it.

## Lioness Live Up To Our Motto

*by ADP Sue Robinson*

As we enter this beautiful holiday season I'm reminded that we as Lions, Lioness, and Leos have much to offer this troubled world. We Lioness should not be deterred in our mission "To Serve Too."

Your Club reports show that 27-B1 Lioness do not forget the less fortunate, the elderly, the deaf, the blind and the children of our communities.

Neshkoro Lioness hold a Children's Christmas Fair in December where each child can shop for their family, friends, and pets for gifts at a price they can afford and even get help wrapping each gift.

Other Clubs, such as the Kingston Lioness, give a Christmas basket to those in the community who need help or just really need to be remembered.

Many of the Clubs contribute to local food pantries. I am very happy to see that many of our Lioness Clubs do such great holiday projects. This is the time of the year to do unto others with our good deeds and thoughts. Volunteering in the community during the Christmas season is a great way to accomplish this.

Many Lioness Clubs have also have Christmas parties. As you make your plans remember to ask a friend or neighbor to come along as a guest. It's a great opportunity to bring in new members.

Keep those P & A's coming. Please go on the Lioness website at www.wisconsinlioness.org and use the form provided. We want to show just how much Lioness contribute in money and time. Lioness be proud and feel good about the service you do!

Lioness of 27-B1 did a great job at Convention this year! Two Rivers Lioness stepped up and volunteered to serve on the District Board. Congratulations to Diane Schmidt, President and Donna Stoeger, Vice President for Lioness year 2012-13. Neshkoro Lioness will host the Spring Banquet in June. Many thanks to the clubs and individuals that donated raffle gifts at Convention. Everyone working together helped make the 2011 Convention a great success!

So continue your work, invite others to join our cause, and always give thanks for our great nation, our families and friends, and our Lion, Lioness, and Leo organizations.

Remember, "We Need You In Order To Serve."

**As of the Convention, 27-B1 Clubs have donated over $4,000 towards the telaloop system for WLF. Keep those donations coming, we only need $2,000 more to purchase the system.**

## Events

**ZONE MEETINGS**

**THU, JAN 12 - R2Z1 -** Town & Country Golf

**TBA - R4Z1 -** Omro Hosting

**IMPORTANT CABINET MEETING LOCATION CHANGE**

**SUN, JAN 8 - 27-B1 Cabinet Meeting** will now be hosted by Van Dyne Lions and Lioness at Lions Club House Van Dyne

## Club News

**TOWN OF SHEBOYGAN LIONS RECENTLY PRESENTED THE KEYS FOR A NEW STORAGE GARAGE** they had built at the Town of Sheboygan Firehouse Park to the Town of Sheboygan Town Board. The club funded the entire project using proceeds raised at the 2011 Town of Sheboygan Lions Fest held this past summer at the park. The park, which is less than ten years old, has grown into a popular destination in the Town of Sheboygan for recreation, sports, and many public and private events. The Lions Club has donated equipment and improvements to the park every year for the past five years. Pictured, from left, are Town Board members Jim Schwinn, John Wagner, Char Gumm, and Lions Bob Sasse, Pete Southwick, Tom Behrens, Sue Garski, Ken Gumm, Ray Price, Gary Wieneke, Art Kleine, Steve Dahle, and Spencer Lutzke.

**LIONESS HELP WITH MISSION TO MEXICO** - This year at District Convention Lioness from 27-B1 collected boxes of items for the Mission to Mexico. Affiliate President Sue Robinson and WLF Director Fred Gebhart are pictured getting ready to carry out the load. Director Fred hauled the goodies in his vehicle to Keil.

**FRANCIS CREEK CHARTER MEMBER RECOGNIZED** - Lion Art Ewen being recognized during DG Merle's official club visit.

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Happy New Year Lions, Lioness and Leos. A special welcome to our newest Leo Club in Reeseville.

What have we accomplished, who have we helped? Is your community, the state and the world a better place because of what you have done? I think it is, thank you.

I have visited many clubs in the last six months. Clubs with new members, new projects and new ideas for fundraisers.

I have also visited clubs that are struggling, my own club included. I realize lives are busy, the economy has not gotten better over the year. There are many reasons to stay home, not go to that club meeting. But there are more reasons to go to that meeting than there are to stay home.

The Lions are a family and we care for each other. You joined the largest service organization in the world because you care. Make a difference in your community and our world. I find great satisfaction in knowing someone has been helped because of what our Club has done.

Club officers, why not start the year by teaching other members about your job? Club secretaries, show them how easy it is to log in and complete the monthly MMR's , activity reports and PU 101's. Treasurers, explain your spread sheet, the administration account, project account, saving account and other financials.

Clubs, we need to ask new members into our family and then actively involve them in projects. The new Global Leadership Team will be doing training at Zone meetings for Club secretaries. I am proud of Club secretaries that have done the job for ten years. I am not happy to hear that they have not gone to an updated training for six years. We have to stay current in our information. Clubs have done Club activities and projects, yet they go unreported. The MMR's and activity reports are important parts of the Secretaries job. Clubs, you have all the information in the meeting minutes, transfer that to your activities report. Need help? E-mail or call our IT Chair PDG Tom Clausen. Lion Tom has been a big help to me and I know he will be happy to help you. Families do that, they help each other.

Club Presidents, your year is half over. In July, will we just be glad it's over and hibernate, or will be ready to help our replacement to continue what we started? I know my answer, let's hope we are on the same page.

27-B1 has made leaps and bounds in the last year by attaining 100% to WLF and Pride. We have the greatest Lions, Lioness and Leos serving with us. Let's continue to make a difference.

Let's make 2012 a year we will all be proud of.

# Lioness Making A Difference

*by ADP Sue Robinson*

Wow, this Lioness year is going by really fast. 2012 is here. Where has the time gone? I am excited to see that many clubs have been working hard at obtaining new members. Since July, Kingston has added eight new members, Larsen-Winchester has added two new members, Neshkoro has added one new member, Oxford has three new members, and Two Rivers has two new members to total 16 additional members in our Lioness District 27-B1 for the Lioness year 2011-12. Congratulations to those clubs. Keep up the good work! I know we also lose some members along the way due to illness, personal problems, busy schedules, and little time to give. Now that the holiday season is over, hopefully our clubs' members' schedules will ease up and we can prepare for up-coming spring events.

I see that many of the clubs in 27-B1 are active in their communities doing service projects. That is a great way to serve your area. Holding fundraisers is great. We need funds for Lions Camp and other Lion projects, but we need to remember to give back to our communities with our time and efforts. It's not always about the money. One of the ways to serve is with eye screening for preschool children in your individual areas. For more information go to the website wisconsin.preventblindness.org. Volunteers are always needed year round at food pantries, homeless shelters, nursing homes, home bound seniors, needy families, etc. Service activities are always a good way To Serve.

Hopefully all clubs have included a donation in their budgets for each of the Lions projects such as WLF (which includes Camp, Children's Vision Screening, Diabetes Awareness, Hearing Program, Sight Program, Eyeglass Recycling Center, etc.), Eye Bank, Leader Dog, and other Lions projects such as LCIF and Lions Pride. Remember, even if your club can't give a large donation, every little bit helps. No donation is too small.

Keep your P & A's coming. Most of the clubs are doing a great job. Keep reporting your donations and hours worked. We Lioness can brag about the time and effort we put in on our projects, too! Most of the 13 clubs in our district have scheduled a visit with me. Those that haven't scheduled will be contacted. I appreciate the cooperation all clubs have shown me.

Lioness, this new year may be full of surprises, challenges, and changes which we may or may not have trouble facing. May we embrace these new experiences with our usual determination and work to make our organization stronger as we strive To Serve Too... our members, our communities and those in need.

# Strenthening Clubs

LCI started the Club Excellence Process (CEP) in 2009-2010. The program was slow to get started in 27-B1 and only one Club was given the award last year. Sheboygan Falls met all the requirements and will be receiving an award in 2012. Great job.

The GMT coordinator will be assisting in the program, and as of right now, DG Merle, DG-E Meg and 1st DG-E Dawn have been trained and certified.

CEP is set up to answer questions at the Club level. We wonder why members do not stay (retention) or why we can't get new members (extension) to join; whether it is reason of our own Club or the Lions organization as a whole. Is it the Zone, District, State or all of the above?

The 27-B1 Global Leadership and Membership Teams will be addressing these issues at the Club level.

The first step is doing an evaluation of your Club. Club members are asked what has changed in their Club over the last few years. What are the good things about their Club? What are the not so good things about their Club? What changes have been made that they feel really impacted the Club's membership growth or decline? What do they suggest is needed in your Club to make it an excellent Club that will allow growth and to serve their community better?

These are tough questions. Evaluation responses will be confidential and help the members answer truthfully and privately.

The next step is to do a Community Needs Assessment. This survey asks what is needed in their community that the Lions can provide. The community needs have changed. Maybe the city is asking service organizations to help maintain a park or a playground area that is used but cannot be funded by the city. The library may have cutbacks and volunteers are needed to help staff the library for longer hours. The community needs change and Lions should ask, "What can we do to help the community we live in be a better place for all?"

The community needs also open up new membership challenges. Do we have members to do all of this? Look to the community for people that share the same desire to help and ask them to join in on a project. These people may just join Lions, if not, at least you received help doing the project.

The final step is to set goals. The Club has changed, the community needs have changed, now what is the best approach to work for the both?

The major reasons new members drop is they don't feel involved or part of the Club. Lions and Lioness, involve new members in your Club activities and keep them involved.

Club Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Directors, this is your job to help improve the Club. We know you are up for the job. The next six months will just be the start; this program is ongoing.

Information will go out at Zone meetings and is available on line at www.lionsclubs.org/ and search Club Excellence Process as well as other resources for your Club

**Make plans to attend this spring's Officer Training & Zone Chair Orientation**
**Friday 5/4, Tuesday 5/8 or Tuesday 5/15 at MPTC, Fond du Lac**
**Look for more details in upcoming *Wisconsin Lion* issues.**

## Club News

**FAIRWATER LIONS HEALTH FAIR** on November 4th was a great success. Thanks to their efforts, 78 people had blood pressure checks, blood sugars checked, received hand outs and saw a video on the dangers of diabetes. Lion and RN Bonnie and Lion AJ Sullivan conducted the test with people eager to hear what their results were. The response was so well received a blood drive and other activities are being discussed for the future.

**SHEBOYGAN LIONS HAVE HAD A BUSY FALL -** *by Jan Grasser* - On October 8, the club resurrected their White Cane Drive and it was so successful that they are planning to do it again next year. Then in November, they screened over 450 four year olds at the Early Learning Center and referred a few children who need to see their eye doctor. December saw members selling cheese boxes for Christmas! Boy, they sure are busy 27-B1 bees in Sheboygan.

**KINGSTON LIONS HAVE THREE AMIGOS -** Charter member Lion Harlen Marsh, Lion Robert Powell and Lion Eugene Renner make up the trio. They have been working on the deer hide project since bow hunting started. These three Lions enjoy what they are doing and are constantly giving each other shots of smart comments about each others performance. They sometimes even join together to badger a photographer or fellow Lion in the immediate area. The Trio has processed 190 plus hides to be delivered to Lions Camp after the first of the year. Great job from these three. ABOVE (L to R): Lion Eugene Renner, Lion Harlen Marsh and Lion Robert Powell.

**REEDSVILLE LIONS ARE LIVING UP TO OUR MOTTO** - *by Reedsville President Joe Barth* - The Fall started when the club worked with several energetic high school students to distribute over 450 Diabetes Awareness Door Hangers around the village. December saw the club purchasing and putting up a community holiday tree and a new nativity scene built by a local Amish craftsman. Four pairs of eyeglasses were purchased for needy students in area schools. Fall fundraisers included selling the Younker's Days Books, raising over $600 and finishing as one of the top 10 sales groups. Members work at a volleyball concession stand earned $175. The local Fall Festival the club co-sponsored with the Reedsville Lioness and one other group, featured several performances from the elementary school choir and band. They each did a wonderful job entertaining the crowd of over 475 people. There also were over 50 crafters and vendors, which made for a nice Sunday event for Reedsville area residents. The club's portion of the profits was over $1,300.

**REEDSVILLE LIONS HELP COMMUNITY MEMBERS SAVE ENERGY -** Club also took part in the Wisconsin Public Service, Service Club Challenge from September 1st thru November 30th, 2011. During these months, Lions installed 18 energy savings kits in home and buildings in the Reedsville area. Then 10 Lion' monitored the energy usage in those building trying to find ways to reduce their usage by 5%. In October, a WPS representative spoke at their meeting about energy saving ideas and how to reduce consumption. The club was notified that they were successful in their efforts and that will be receiving $1,000 in January, that must be given to organizations that they support.

## Zone Events

**REGION 1 ZONE 3**
**MON, FEB 20 -** hosted by Two Rivers.
**MON, JUN 18 -** hosted by Valders - 6 pm social; 7 pm meeting.

**REGION 4 ZONE 1**
**WED, JAN 18 -** hosted by Omro.

**CABINET MEETING LOCATION CHANGE - SUN, JAN 8 - 27-B1 Cabinet Meeting** - hosted by Van Dyne Lions and Lioness at Lions Club House Van Dyne

# New Leo Club Will Charter In Reedsville

In early October, several high school faculty members met with members of the Reedsville Lions Club to discuss Lionism and the potential for a Leo Club at the high school. This very successful meeting was followed up with a joint presentation to the school board, where approval was granted to form an Alpha Leo Club at the Reedsville High School.

Reedsville President Joe Barth explains, "We are so excited about the opportunity to build a strong bond between different age groups within our village and to teach our young adults about serving others.

As of December 1, more than 20 high schoolers have joined the club and a Charter Night Banquet will be held on January 30 at Behnke's Country Center in Reedsville. To attend the Charter Banquet or to show your support, including financial, please contact Barth at 920-754-4214.

Even before the official charter, the new Leos are out serving their community by participating in Adopt a Family with the Salvation Army and by sponsoring a "Meal & Movie at the High School", with the proceeds going to The Cystic Fibrosis Association.

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We have a great start in 2012 with membership and Club activities on the rise.

Let's support other Clubs in their fund raisers and have fun doing it. Then when your Club has an event, the support will be returned, we're family.

The ice is on the lakes and people are preparing for opening day of Sturgeon spearing. The Sherwood Lions have a sturgeon raffle for everyone, but if a record fish is speared by a ticket holder, they could win $5,000. We know rose sales are right around corner and many Clubs use that as a fundraiser. Order roses and surprise that special someone or many loved ones you care about with Lions' roses.

I am happy to report that 2012 has started out with many more Clubs sending in MMR's and activity reports on the computer. This not only saves the cost of postage and stationery, but it is recorded immediately to LCI. I have noticed that Clubs have gone back and updated their Club's activity reports. which is easy to do with the computer. Keep up the good work, it's nice to see all the great things Clubs are doing in 27-B1.

March is Eye Donor Awareness Month, so let's try to put out some information in our communities to make people aware of what Lions, Lioness and Leos do in Wisconsin. We have the best Eye Bank, so let's tell people about it and invite an Eye Bank representative to your Club to give a presentation. The transporters make great speakers. Ask one of them to talk about their call outs and how rewarding it is. Clubs, consider naming a Knight of Sight with your Club donations. We have so many deserving people.

The winter months can be filled with speakers at Club meetings from all of the Lions supported groups, Leader Dog, WLF, Pride, Diabetes, Hearing, Peace Poster, Youth Exchange, Mission to Mexico, Special Olympics, Canine Companions and don't forget that boring District Governor visit. Make the call, set up a date. Before we know it the robins will be back and you will be electing new Club officers that need to be installed.

This year, I am asking Clubs to invite the incoming District Officers to install their new Club officers. I want the Clubs to meet and get to know the new DG Meg, 1st VDG Dawn, and 2nd VDG Jim. It feels wonderful to have such qualified leaders for 27-B1 and I look forward to talking to Clubs about members moving up into leadership roles. Remember, we need new Zone Chairs for our District this year. So let's discuss candidates.

Remember to send articles and action photos to Bonnie and I for this news page.

# Get 'Em Active & Keep 'Em

*by IPDG Jerry Post*

A common question at new member installation ceremonies is, "How long do you wait until you give a new member something to do?" According to IPDG Jerry Post, "You wait until about five minutes after they say, "I will." They did not join to sit, they joined to help."

Here's just one example of how getting new members active benefits the new members, your current membership and your community.

St. Nazianz Lions' two newest members had been Lions for about a week when they were encouraged to attend the 2011 District Convention. They enjoyed their Convention experience, including being installed by the visiting International Director, and brought back a new project for the club to consider... deer hide collection.

Needless to say, everyone was excited to hear that our two newest members not only had a great Convention experience, but that they now wanted to organize a deer hide collection.

We expected that there would be two or three pick up sites around St. Nazianz for this year's collections. Boy, did we underestimate these Lions. By the time they finished, they had set up 24 sites in three different counties. Not too many hides yet, but this is just the first year. Look for photos and a final report after the hides are delivered to the Wisconsin Lions Camp.

This is just one example of how new members can help revitalize our clubs and membership. Let's share these stories to help inspire all of us to recruit new members and look for new ways to serve our clubs and communities. Plus, we all like to hear about new members and their successes.

**Environmental Photo Contest**

While you are out planting trees this spring, why not take the camera get some photos of tree planting and maybe a wild critter or two for the photo contest entry?

Entry details can be found at www.lionsclubs.org then search on Environmental Photo Contest.

## Events

**FEBRUARY**

**SAT, FEB 4 - St. Peter Lions Annual Sub Sandwich Sale -** Club members will build a 300' sub sandwich to sell to the public the day before Super Bowl. Get your subs at the Fond du Lac Pick 'n Save stores on West Johnson St. (across from the Forest Mall) and also Pioneer Road near the intersection of Main Street. The third location is Festival Foods on East Johnston St., just off the Highway 151 by-pass. Funds raised will be donated to Salvation Army, Fond du Lac ARC and Lions Camp. ABOVE: Lion Alvin Sabel is shown on the cheese run of last year's sandwich.

**MARCH**

**SAT, MAR 31 - Winnebago East Shore "Late Night Catechism" -** This production of Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan's hysterical comedy will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the New Holstein High School Auditorium. General admission tickets are $25 in advance/$30 at the door. "Sister's Front Row" seating is $50. Purchase tickets at entertainmentevents.com or by calling 920-918-9617.

# Lioness Opportunities

*by ADP Sue Robinson*

Ah, February! A month of hearts and flowers. Love is frequently a topic of conversation. Let's not forget, as Lioness, to show our love through our work in our clubs. Share what your efforts do for your community and invite others to get in on the "fun." Whether our Lioness Clubs give to hospice centers, donate to Youth Exchange, give scholarships to college bound seniors, hold parties at nursing homes, organize vision screening sessions, buy Christmas gifts for needy families in their communities, or donate to the Lion Programs, they do this in the spirit of our motto, "We Serve Too!"

27-B1 Lioness Clubs will continue to face many challenges in this new year. Budgets and changing policies to fit the needs and demands of a changing Lionistic vision and the communities we live in continue to stress us all.

Often I get asked, "Why not just be a Lion?" My answer is that I enjoy being a Lioness. Many of us did not have the option of being a Lion. As Lioness we can do a lot of projects that are in the name of Lionism, just in different ways. We enjoy our individuality. We remain proud to be a member of the Lions family!

As spring approaches, our clubs will be electing new officers. We need to take the opportunities available to learn and grow in our capabilities. You may have to step out of your comfort zone and become a club officer or serve in your district cabinet.

I encourage all Lioness members from 27-B1 to attend seminars, conferences, forums, and conventions to learn and become familiar with all aspects of Lionism.

State Convention, in May, is an excellent opportunity for each of us to expand our knowledge and experience. Lions State Convention is a time to make new friends, learn what is going on throughout the state, hear great speakers, and gather information and new ideas to take back to our clubs. It may seem like a long way off, but make plans now to attend Lions State Convention May 17-19 in Green Bay.

As always, Lioness, continue to be thankful for and to thank others for the Lioness members that give their time to help others, the generosity of our communities who support our fundraisers, the vision of our leaders, the support of our Lions Clubs, and especially the friendships we develop within our local club, the district, the state, and even the world.

Remember,"We Need You In Order To Serve."

## Club News

**NEENAH LIONS PROVIDE DICTIONARIES**

The Club purchased and delivered age appropriate dictionaries to the third graders at the following Neenah area schools:

Roosevelt Alliance, Wilson School, Lakeview Elementary School, Coolidge, Hoover, Clayton, Martin Lutheran Tullar School, Spring Road School, New Hope and Trinity Lutheran.

What a joy and great feeling of satisfaction! The third graders were so excited and all enjoyed the purpose of the Lions. Many talked to the Lions during the presentation and shared many things, such happy moments.

The dictionaries have many features including details of all of the states (the capitals, the state birds, flags, etc.). They also include the longest word in the English language.

This is the fourth year the Neenah Lions have provided these dictionaries to Neenah area third graders.

ABOVE: Some of the third graders showing off their new dictionaries. Pictures taken by Lion Dennis Rockow.

**IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?**

*by IPDG Jerry Post*

This is something we have all seen in our communities, children with little hope of seeing presents or even having a tree in the house. It is something that affects all religions and ethnic backgrounds, it is poverty. I have seen families that had nothing, not even very much hope that the next day would be even a little better than today. They give their children all the love they can because that is all they have to give them and then cry themselves to sleep because they have nothing else to give them. I am ashamed to say this, but I have thrown out more food in one week than I have seen in their refrigerators that has to last them a month.

This year we helped sponsor more than one family and I had the great experience to put food, clothes and yes, a few presents under the tree. We asked the mom and dad to trust us and leave the house open so we could sneak in and do our thing without their children knowing what was going to be there for them. For two years they had little or nothing, not even a tree until we helped. Remember, we took on more than one family so we were quite busy. We don't know what happened on Christmas morning, we can only imagine the look on all their faces.

We were not the only club to do this so it is not unique and clubs have also been doing this for many years. This is the first year I have been a larger part of this, not just earning the money to spend but being able to go shopping and put the gifts under the tree for them. As Meg works for a parish, she not only gets to see the faces of those we help, she shares in the tears and joy. I spent the night before trying to imagine what happened on that magical morning when the families saw how much strangers care. Is there a Santa Claus, yes there is, and his name is in the form of all Lions, Lioness and Leos throughout the world. Thank you everyone.

**FOND DU LAC EVENING LIONS CLUB PLACED TWO OPTICAL READERS -** Both recipients expressed their appreciation to the Lions who delivered the readers saying that they can now read the daily paper which they missed reading due to their failing eyesight. Gary Silah, president of the Fond du Lac Evening Lions said, "The Lions would like to thank the two Fond du Lac residents who sold the readers to our club at a very reasonable cost, which allowed us to provide that equipment to those who could not afford to purchase a reader at retail prices." ABOVE (L to R): Rose Siedschlag and Dolores Kind reading the local paper.

**ST. PETER LIONS CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS -** Lions Dan Weber and Brian Costello headed up the club Christmas Party and organized a food donation drive to benefit the Fond du Lac Salvation Army. Also throughout the evening the clubs Lion Bank gathered donations totalling $47 which was designated for Lions Pride. LOWER LEFT: Weber and Costello displaying some of the food drive items collected that evening.

**ST. PETER LIONS COLLECT 1,800+ POUNDS OF HIDES FOR CAMP -** ABOVE: Lions Dick Schaefer and Larry Dikeman work on preparing hides before taking the two skids to Lions Camp. The total weight of the hides collected amounted to over 1,800 pounds. Also helping out were Lions Al Sabel, Ken Pitzen, Dave Miller and Charlie Keifenheim.

**ELKHART LAKE LIONS BROUGHT 1,590 PAIRS OF EYEGLASSES** to the Lions Camp. ABOVE (L to R): PDG Deloran Peterson, Lions Shirley Peterson, Tom Nett and Mary Ann Nett.

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The 27-A1 Convention theme was back to the 70's. This brought back many memories for me and many others. In the 1970's, I was serving my country in the Army, getting married, starting a family and becoming a Lion.

Family and service thru the Lions remain foremost in my life. Serving as District Governor, I have met many wonderful Lions, Lioness and Leos. I feel honored to be serving with such an outstanding group of District Governors from around the State.

Looking back was fun, but we need to look to the future. The needs of the communities and world are increasing; as Lions and Lioness, we pledge to serve. We must fill the gap in needs, one need is to eradicate measles.

LCIF has partnered with the Bill and Linda Gates Foundation and for each two dollars the Lions collect the Gates will give a dollar, for the measles initiative. This has been printed in the newspaper and magazine; but I go to Club visits and the members are not aware of it.

Our new Zone Chairs have really stepped up with attendance at the Zone meetings. These Zone Chairs conduct informative and fun meetings that include all members, not just Club officers. Great job.

27-B1 membership numbers are up, but retention remains troubling. So, we need to examine what we are doing or not doing in our Clubs to stop the exits.

Clubs, your Nominating Committee should be at work. We need names of members that are qualified and willing to serve. I don't want Clubs to just fill the positions and I hope we get new officers and get them to training.

March is Leo Awareness Month, please consider sending a donation to 27-B1's newest Leo Club in Reedsville to get their treasury started. Their Charter Night was January 30th and they are ready to serve.

The DNR State Nursery Program has posted a list of 2012 tree species, seeding ages and prices. They range from $15-$29 per hundred for conifers to $40, to $80 for hardwoods. Access more information at dnr.wi.gov/forestry/nursery/order. Clubs, have your Environment Chair get started with contacts and planting dates.

Think spring.

## Convention Fun

**MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS HAVING FUN** *at the 27-A1 Convention in January.*

# Spring Projects

*by DG-E Meg Post*

Spring is just around the corner. The long, cold, and snowy days of winter will soon be behind us. As we begin planning our spring projects, we must not forget to plan and carry out our Lion's "spring" projects; officer elections, officer training and submitting your PU101's.

As the 2011-2012 Lionistic year begins to wind-down, we must look to electing our officers for the coming year. Why not try an officer's position? Being an officer in your club can be a very learning and interesting experience.

Once you accept an officer position, it is very important to attend an officer training session. The training will cover all aspects of an officer's position; from internet access, submitting reports, to running meetings plus many other areas. Even if you have held an officer position before, it is still important to attend the trainings. Within the next two years, all reporting will be done online. This is a good year to attend the training session so we can help you get comfortable with submitting these reports.

This year's training will take place on Saturday, May 5th and Tuesday, May 8th. Both sessions will take place at Moraine Park Technical College in Fond du Lac. Saturday's training will be from 9 am to 11:30 am. Coffee, juice, donuts, and fruit will be available. Tuesday's training will be from 6:30 pm – 9 pm. We will again have a "build your own sandwich" available at 6 pm for $6.00.

Something new this year will be Zone Chair Orientation at these two sessions. Normally the zone chair orientation takes place at the first cabinet meeting in August. By having their training in May, they will be prepared and better understand any materials they receive from International in July.

The last thing all secretaries need to do this spring is to submit your club's PU101 by April 15th. This form needs to be filled out completely and accurately and turned into the 1st Vice District Governor. The information on your PU101 is used in many different areas. First of all, Lions International needs this information to send out club billings, awards for club members, and other club information. On the district level, this information is what is published in the state directory. PU101 information is the contact information for other clubs, as well as the District Governor. It is also important to let the District Governor know if your contact information changes throughout the year.

**get your PU101s in by April 15**

# Lioness News & Updates

*by ADP Sue Robinson*

Hopefully spring is just around the corner. Many clubs are busy planning spring and summer projects. Please remember to get your new members involved in your upcoming projects.

Kingston Lioness had a pizza sale in February, Neshkoro's pizza sale is in March, Ripon filled cosmetic bags to give to the Solution Center Shelter in Fond du Lac, Two Rivers is running a VandeWalles Candy Bar sale and had their ham and egg breakfast on February 12th, and Van Dyne continuously collects soda can pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Let me know about your upcoming projects and I can put them in the paper for you!

A reminder to all Lioness Clubs, I see by state and district reports that some of the clubs haven't given any monies yet this Lioness year which started in July. The Eye Bank, Pediatric Eye Clinic, Hearing Program, Leader Dog, Diabetes Program, Lions Camp, WLF, Lions Pride and others all need constant support. Please get your contributions in if you haven't already done so. To continue to reach and serve our communities, all Lionistic programs need your help.

Hopefully, by this time, all Lioness Clubs have nominated their new officers for the Lioness year that begins July, 2012. They are the future of your club!! Officer training this year will be Saturday, May 5th at 9 am and Tuesday, May 8th at 6 pm. Both sessions will be at Moraine Park in Fond du Lac. Guidelines for officers are now being updated and will be presented at the training sessions. Please plan on attending. 100% awards will be affected by attendance at training sessions. Officers of this year, please pass along as much info as possible so those following you will feel comfortable in their positions. Officer rosters should be sent to incoming DG Meg Post by May 1st.

I suppose the start of camping season seems a little distant, but the reality is that camping season is just around the corner. Applications started arriving right after the first of the year and are being processed as they come in. My granddaughter had her application in by the end of January. If you have a child, grandchild, or children in your area that qualify for Camp, encourage them to go on the Lions Camp website and print out the application.

With the change to the Work Days schedule, please get your name and contact information into the WLF Office, along with areas you're interested in helping with.

Mark your calendars for the Affiliate Spring Banquet sponsored by Neshkoro Lioness on June 10th. More information will be coming soon! State Convention in Green Bay is May 17-19. Please plan to attend.

Lioness Clubs of 27-B1, you are doing an awesome job, serving as well as raising funds. Keep up the good work! Remember, "We Need You In Order To Serve."

# Officer Training Sessions

*by Lion Dave Holschbach, 27-B1 GLT Coordinator & DG-E Meg Post*

It is time for the District Club Officer Training. This training is not only beneficial for the club officers, but also for members thinking about a leadership role in Lionism. Lions information changes every year and it is vital we keep up with the changes. On-line reporting will be an important part of the training this year. We will also be providing information on what is expected of each officer's role in their club. Round table discussions add to suggestions to improve your club.

We will be holding two officer training sessions this year to better meet the needs of your clubs.

The first session will be held...

Saturday, May 5th

- Moraine Park Technical College
- 235 N National Ave., Fond du Lac
- Registration will start at 9 am.
- Coffee, fruit and rolls will be available. There will be a donation plate to help offset cost.
- The training will start at 9:30 am until approximately noon.

The second session will be held...

Tuesday, May 8th

- Moraine Park Technical College
- 235 N National Ave., Fond du Lac
- A build your own Sandwich Bar is available for $6.00.
- Training begins at 6:30 pm until approximately 9 pm.

Find out what is available to you to lead your club to a successful year. Learn how to encourage growth, implement orientation, and bring life and enthusiasm to the meetings.

Register by April 15th by completing the registration form or contacting:

Lion Dave Holshbach
402 N. 5th Street
Manitowoc, WI 54220
920-684-0115

Make sure to include your club name and club contact information, along with the attendee names and which training session they will be attending. For the May 8 session, please also note whether attendees will be having the sandwich bar.

## Club News

**WINNEBAGO EAST SHORE MADE THE HOLIDAYS BRIGHTER** - Club members recently gathered at the Piggly Wiggly in New Holstein to distribute the 133 Christmas Baskets to area seniors in St. Anna, Marytown, Johnsburg, Mt. Calvary and St. Cloud. This is an annual event that started in 1971.

**SHEBOYGAN FALLS RECEIVES LCI'S 2010-11 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD** - *by Lion Bob Newton.* - ABOVE: DG Merle Strelow and Lion Mike Lorge.

**SHEBOYGAN FALLS SECOND EYEGLASS DROP BOX** - Thanks to Blattners Piggly Wiggly for allowing the drop box in their parking lot. LOWER LEFT: Bill Mavis, Glenn Kohlhagen, Christina Newton-Ray, Hans Palm, Jake Blattner, Mike Lorge, Rich Reles and Tim Wodach. Photo by Bob Newton.

**SHEBOYGAN NOON COMMITTED TO CHILDREN'S VISION SCREENING** - *by Marti Shannon and Judy Aldag* - The Sheboygan Noon Lions have been doing pre-school eye screening for many years, but since Judy Aldag has taken over as chairperson for this committee, things have been accelerating at a rapid pace. Loyal committee members work year round; In the last two months, 535 children have been screened, with 31 referred for additional screening. Noon Lions also have resources available for those who have financial need.

**BERLIN LIONS GROWTH & SERVICE MAKE THIS LION PROUD** - I'm proud to be a Lion. This is the way we all should have and show in our personal attitude. I'm also proud to say that Berlin Lions has grown two and one half times the size when I joined. We have fun steak fries with the objective of winning future members over and getting them to know what Lions are about. The conversations and beverages flow, while the meals are enjoyed by one and all. Our activities include a Christmas cheese sale, Mothers Day rose sale and 4th of July Celebration. As I write this, we are about to host the District Bowling Tournament in Poy Sippi, where the founders of our beautiful Lions Camp were from. We joined in buying, as most District Clubs did , a Treker for PDG Lenny and have since bought one for our present President. We have money and will be purchasing them for a member's two daughters. We have in our budget to do this sort of thing as well as hearing aids if needed. We have one member as a transporter also. This is what Lionism is about. There all the usual donations such as Scholarships, Food Pantry and all the Lions things that we give to. Yes, We Serve.

**NESHKORO LIONS 37th ANNUAL ICE FISHEREE** was held On Saturday, January 14th at the Mill Pond in downtown Neshkoro. Due to the recent unusually warm weather, the ice on the pond was very poor and few fishermen ventured out onto the ice to actually fish. However, the few that did, caught a few Northern Pike that were keepers. One caught by Anthony Wakeley measured 32 and 3/8 inches and won the $150 prize. The support we get from the residents of Neshkoro and the surrounding area is remarkable. The activity in the heated tent was steady all day, and everyone seemed to enjoy the food, drink and friendship that was extended to all.

## Events

**MARCH**

**SAT, MAR 31 - Winnebago East Shore "Late Night Catechism"** - This production of Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan's hysterical comedy will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the New Holstein High School Auditorium. General admission tickets are $25 in advance/$30 at the door. "Sister's Front Row" seating is $50. Purchase tickets at entertainmentevents.com or by calling 920-918-9617.

**MARCH**

**MON, APR 9 - Neshkoro Lions Host The April Zone Meeting** at Nappy's in Downtown Neshkoro. All are invited to attend. The social hour starts at 6 pm with dinner at 7 pm.

**Your club could have had an article in this space**

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Spring, Spring, Spring sing the robins. Spring, Spring, Spring says the groundhog. Yes, I believe they are right, winter is over and it is time to do spring planting. I know we are talking about planting our potatoes on Good Friday. Grandpa Strelow would say, "Plant potatoes on Good Friday and have new potatoes for the 4th of July picnic. Whatever you give you receive back three fold." It is funny how I can remember things like that, I used to think that was just a sales pitch to donate.

I now realize the happiness that is generated through donations and service to others. 27-B1 Lions, Lioness and Leos have been great givers and good stewards of the monies earned and received. Keep up the good work, we serve.

April is also the month to get your PU101's to DG-E Meg Post and LCI. Yes, send them to both to insure prompt and accurate directory information. Include e-mail addresses, we are going paperless and this information is necessary for Presidents and Secretaries to log in and submit MMR's and activity reports. Clubs can order supplies and pay dues online. So let's get Club officers trained to be the best we can be.

LCI is setting up a program to allow all Lions to log on and browse previously restricted sites. Lions log in the first time using your Lions ID number and set up your own password. You are encouraged to go to learning sites, become a Guiding Lion, take leadership courses and just gain information about our GRRREAT organization.

Tree planting should be number one in community service projects this spring. I hope your Club has contacted cities, villages and municipalities to plant trees in their parks, landfill borders and road right of ways. Lions, Lioness and Leos - do a fun day of the tree planting then get me action photos and a short article for the 27-B1 news page.

I have sites available for tree planting with trees furnished. A club can meet in Green Lake County by Fairwater and Princeton. People less mobile can plant trees in pots for later planting and a better survival rate. I will supply the cookout and make it a fun event. Let's plant a tree for every Lion, Lioness and Leo in 27-B1.

Club Presidents, are you ready for a fun filled 2012-2013 year?

Clubs, do you have a budget in place and know how many events you have to earn monies or do community service?

The year passes so fast that planning is the way to insure a smooth and fun year.

# Born To Serve

*by Lion Jim McGee, 27-B1 Leader Dog Chair*

I am a Leader Dog, and I was born to serve. Today, I get my two-legged companion and my tail won't stop waggin'. I have been working so hard for this, and I can't wait to get started on the next chapter of my life.

My brothers, sisters and I were born in a small house on Oak Street in Rochester Hills, Michigan. Our mom moved to the house right before she whelped. She is the best mom ever. She is so smart, she has the finest eyesight for spotting obstacles, the best ears for hearing the two-leg's commands, and the strongest hips, so she can lead for a long, long time.

The doctors at Leader Dog chose her and my dad because of these traits and they will pass them on to me. The puppy life was a very happy time for all of us, I remember playing tug-o-ear with my brother, but he cheated! Our two-legged host family took very good care of us for those first six weeks, then Mom told us a change was coming soon.

Boy was she right, one day we moved out of the house on Oak Street back to a very strange and fantastic place. Now we lived at Leader Dogs for the Blind house, with a fenced in, wooded, 14 acre yard.

It was only a short walk from my old house, but this place had everything. They have a school, and a dog hospital, offices, and a real big house for 300 dogs. The food was great, and the accommodations were first class. I had running water in my bedroom and it had plenty of windows, and a tile floor.

I was told they have been training Leader Dogs here since 1939 and back then, they only had an old farmhouse. It sure sounds like they made a few changes over the years.

First order of business at my new home was a checkup with the doctors at the dog hospital, where someone stabbed me in the back of the neck. I guess it will keep me healthy. I got poked and prodded so much. They even checked my poop! Next, I had my teeth cleaned and checked. I was given a treat, and a 'clean bill of health', whatever that means. I wish I would have gotten more treats. I like treats! Now I am ready for the next step.

A few days later, I was introduced to my first companions. They were a two-legged couple from a place called Wisconsin. They told me everything would be okay, and I would be fine. I wasn't quite sure what they meant by all this, but that would be the last time I saw my brothers and sisters for a long time. I remember a long car ride, missing my mom and brothers and sisters, and lots of breaks to get out and stretch. By the time we got to Wisconsin, I was sound asleep and had to be carried into my new house.

The next day, after the two-legs woke up, we started our 14 month journey. I was in the Leader Dog Puppy Program, the first step in becoming a service dog. My new two-legged companions seemed like a nice couple. At least they fed me, and made sure I had water all the time, just like the Leader Dog house. And they started taking me everywhere. Sometimes we would walk, sometimes we would take the car, and sometimes we got to ride on the bus! My two-legs would sometimes have to call ahead to make sure I could come, but most places opened their doors to us. I would get to go shopping on Saturday, and the park, and Church on Sunday, and the park, and to the two-leg doctor's office, and the park, and to the post office, and the park, and the pharmacy, and the park. I like the park. My new two-legged companions also started training me on some very basic commands like heal, sit, down, stay, and come. They were constantly introducing me to new situations, new people and new animal friends. I got to visit a farm on a number of occasions. I even got to ride on an elevator and a train. At their expense they fed me, and took care of all my doctor bills. Once a month they would take me to meet with other Leader Dog puppies from around the area. A puppy counselor would check my progress, and give me a treat. I like treats! My two-legged companions and I became very close over that year, they're the best. However, the times, they were a changin'.

One day my two-legged companions got up very early and started to pack the car. I knew we would be taking a trip when they started packing the car, so I got my bed ready to go. They both seemed very sad, so I told them everything would be OK, and they would be fine. They just kept petting me, and hugging me. They told me we were going back to Michigan.

That was four months ago. There were many tears when they dropped me off at Leader Dog. I didn't realize it until later that day that my two-legs were gone. I missed them a lot those first few weeks, but soon I was so busy I didn't have time to miss them. That's when the real training started. Of course, I had to meet with the doctors again. But this time they took their time and really checked me over. Next, I had to pass a series of tests to see if I was made of the right stuff to serve as a Leader Dog. I think they just wanted to see my reactions to a lot of different situations. I passed the tests and started working with my trainer. Every day was a new skill or a new command. I now know more than 15 commands from the two-legs. I can find the door, find the chair, find the stairs, and many more. I have been trained in obstacle avoidance, both on the ground and over head. I have even been trained to disobey orders to keep my two-leg partner safe. I know when I start working with my new two-leg companion I will give 100% every day, because that's the only way our partnership will work. I will serve my companion, enhance their life, and share my treats.

Today is the day, the day I get my new two-leg companion. I can't wait! I am a Leader Dog and I was born to serve.

Fellow Lions, please help support Leader Dogs for the Blind. This year you have already donated over $12,000. Half of the clubs in our district have made a donation this year. Your clubs have until June 30th to get credit for a donation to Leader Dog during this Lion year. We are requesting all 27-B1 clubs make a donation so we can achieve 100% participation. Don't forget about the Brick and Founders Award programs, these are wonderful ways to recognize someone from your community. Please contact me with any questions. Thank you for all you've done for Leader Dog.

## Reedsville Leos Hit The Ground Running

Reedsville High School's new Alpha Leo Club would like to extend their sincere gratitude to area Lions Clubs that welcomed them at their Installation Banquet on January 30th, 2012. Generously donating their assistance and financiall support were Lions Clubs from St. Nazianz, Francis Creek, Appleton Evening, Mishicot, Stockbridge, Collins and Reedsville.

27-B1 District Governor Merle Strelow, and his wife, Bonnie, along with First Vice District Governor Meg Post and Second Vice District Dawn Christensen, also welcomed the new organization.

The Reedsville Leos will be working with Reedsville Lions Joe Barth, Bob Campana and Robert Lowe. Already this year, the Alpha Leos have worked with the Lions for the annual Diabetes Door Hanger Project and the Fall Festival. In addition, the Alpha Leos have raised funds for cystic fibrosis and donated to Patrick's Patches for families in need at Christmas.

The Reedsville Leos are looking forward to the opportunity to work with the Lions and serve their community.

## Club News

**THE VAN DYNE LIONS AND VAN DYNE LIONESS CLUBS HOSTED THE 27-B1 CABINET MEETING** - As a result of a fun raffle, the clubs were able to purchase and donate 100 boxes of cereal to the Fondy Food Pantry. Hosting duties for the afternoon went to Barb Leichtfuss: Ron Boehning, President; Oscar Leichtfuss; Bob Leichtfuss; Jack Hughes; and Bonnie Hughes....all members of the Van Dyne Lions and Lioness Clubs.

## Events

**APRIL**

**SUN, APR 1 - St. Peter Lions 8th Annual Steak Fry** at Maximillians, 155 Fond du Lac St., Mt. Calvary from 4 to 8 pm. Enjoy a Ribeye along with coleslaw, baked potato, and home-made dessert. Cash Bar available. Proceeds will be directed to Mt. Calvary and Calumet Fire Departments, EMT's and First Responders. Pictures are from past events. The event has served around 300 dinners annually, and is open to the public.

*— Additional information - Tom Feyen, tomilene@aol.com or 920-921-2025*

**MON, APR 9 - Neshkoro Lions Host The April Zone Meeting** at Nappy's in Downtown Neshkoro. All are invited to attend. The social hour starts at 6 pm with dinner at 7 pm.

## A Diamond In The Rough

Wisconsin Lions, Lioness and Leos are very proud of our Lions Camp. As many of you have read, the Camp Work Days are changing. The main concern on the Camp Work Day is getting the lake front ready in Spring and later in Fall. Weather and lake conditions determine when the time is right to get the work done. Lion Dale Schroeder has his a list of people to call when the conditions are right to get the job done.

I believe we can take this a step further... we can pool our skills and talents together. This would include journeyman carpenters, plumbers, electricians, and flooring people who lay vinyl tile (VCT). A project coming up is replacing the carpet in the cabins with VCT. All this is in the early stages, trying something new, to make our time more efficient.

Maybe a work list can be created of small projects where Schroeder can determine the time and people to complete the project. So if you have the time and skills to give your Camp, call and get on Schroeder's list. We have a special Camp for special people and that includes all Lions, Lioness and Leos of Wisconsin.

## Spring Has Sprung & Lioness Are Busy

*by ADP Sue Robinson*

According to the calendar, spring is officially here. Hopefully, old man winter agrees. I have been enjoying my visits to the various clubs. In March, I visited Fond Du Lac, Reedsville, and Sherwood. April visits include Larsen-Winchester, Oxford, and Two Rivers. Wild Rose is scheduled in May.

Many clubs have been busy with soup suppers, bake sales, concession sales at local events, pizza sales, bean bag and/or cribbage tournaments, spring breakfasts, Easter candy fundraisers, flower sales, food drives, Relay For Life Cancer Walks, and diabetes screening and awareness. Some of you do eye screening.

Two Rivers Lioness have begun a new service project-a partnership with a public elementary school first grade. Lioness members volunteer two mornings a week doing activities that include reading one–on-one with students, making copies, cutting out items, correcting worksheets and helping individual students work on worksheets.

Two Rivers Lioness hope to continue to grow and develop this relationship with the school. What a great list! Too many to list them all. Keep up the great work! You are all greatly appreciated.

I see by P & A reports that Sherwood and Van Dyne Lioness gained a member in January and Kingston Lioness added a member in February. Congratulations to those clubs and the new members.

Unfortunately, I see we also lost two members due to inactivity and resignation.

Keep talking to people; tell them your goals and accomplishments. Explain how and why you work so hard to earn funds for your club.

You really need to experience the satisfaction that comes from helping others. Words can't adequately explain. Encourage newcomers to help out just one afternoon and I'm sure they will be "hooked" on Lioness.

We Lioness enjoy service together. Working side by side, it's so much easier to get things done. Fun and laughter get the hardest tasks done in no time at all.

A reminder to "toot your own horn". Let your community know what you are doing. There are many different ways you can get the information about your activities out to the public. Newspaper and shopper ads, informational articles sent to local and district newspapers or shoppers, pictures sent to newspapers, and even brochures designed by your club describing your achievements. Several of the Lioness clubs in our district have held open houses with very positive success.

I am looking forward to seeing all the new officers at the training sessions at Moraine Park in Fond Du Lac on Saturday, May 5 at 9:00 am and Tuesday, May 8th at 6:00 pm. My goal is to have each officer that attends learn something new. So please plan to attend!

Mark your calendars for the Spring Banquet on June 10th. Neshkoro Lioness are working hard to make it a must attend event.

Don't forget the State Convention in Green Bay. Many fun and interesting events are planned. Some special events start on Thursday, May 17 and the main Convention programs are on May 18 and 19. Hope to see you there.

And remember, "We Need You In Order To Serve."

**27-B1 District Governor**
**Merle Strelow**
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It has been an exciting Spring for 27-B1. The teleloop at Camp has been installed, thanks to the generous donations from individuals and Clubs in our District.

I am pleased with the fact that Clubs have been naming Melvin Jones, Birch-Sturm and Knight of Sight Fellows and Leader Dog Brick recipients.

I challenge all Clubs again this year to give 100% to LCIF, Pride, Birch-Sturm, WLF, Leader Dog, Eye Bank, Camp and the many other Lion supported projects.

Remember, a Birch-Sturm is a separate donation that provides an endowment. Donations to WLF and Camp still should be made for the everyday expenses of running our Camp.

Remember, to put LCIF-Measles in the memo on your checks for Melvin Jones Fellowships; this adds matching funds of 50% from the Bill and Linda Gates Foundation and goes to eradicate measles around the world.

Keep up the great work. I know sometimes it seems we are not appreciated and a lot of our service and deeds go unnoticed. Good people notice and will come up and say, " Thank you! Keep up the good work."

I have learned so much in the last nine months. One of the most important is check the facts. Verbal information can be changed in the passing from Lion to Lion, and the accuracy is sometimes compromised. Accurate information is readily available online and District information is on our website at 27-B1, check it out. We need to get the message out, but it has to be complete and accurate.

Lion Bonnie and I are scheduled for several Club meetings in the last two months. I am asking the Clubs to schedule the new incoming District Governor visits earlier in the year. We have visited several Clubs more than once, I believe the Clubs should hear the plans for the year early in the year. I know getting a speaker or someone to install the new officers is good for meeting attendance, but try to hear the message early from our District Governor.

The potatoes are up in rows and the rest of the garden is ready for planting once we are sure of no more frost.

Growing our Lions Family is as easy or hard as we want to make it. Sometimes it is as easy as asking someone new in your community if they want to be a Lion.

The challenge is revisiting a perspective member that had previously said no. Life circumstances change and people may be able to join and be a great new member to your family.

# Officer Training Time Is Here

*by Lion Dave Holschbach, 27-B1 GLT Coordinator & DG-E Meg Post*

It is time for the District Club Officer Training. This training is not only beneficial for the club officers, but also for members thinking about a leadership role in Lionism.

Lions information changes every year and it is vital we keep up with the changes. On-line reporting will be an important part of the training this year.

We will also be providing information on what is expected of each officer's role in their club. Round table discussions add to suggestions to improve your club.

We will be holding two officer training sessions this year to better meet the needs of your clubs.

The first session will be held...
Saturday, May 5th

- Moraine Park Technical College
- 235 N National Ave., Fond du Lac
- Registration will start at 9 am.
- Coffee, fruit and rolls will be available. There will be a donation plate to help offset cost.
- The training will start at 9:30 am until approximately noon.

The second session will be held...
Tuesday, May 8th

- Moraine Park Technical College
- 235 N National Ave., Fond du Lac
- A build your own Sandwich Bar is available for $6.00.
- Training begins at 6:30 pm until approximately 9 pm.

Find out what is available to you to lead your club to a successful year. Learn how to encourage growth, implement orientation, and bring life and enthusiasm to the meetings.

Register by April 15th by completing the registration form or contacting:
Lion Dave Holshbach
402 N. 5th Street
Manitowoc, WI 54220
920-684-0115
Make sure to include:

- Your club name and club contact information
- Attendee names and which training session they will be attending.

For the May 8 session, please also note whether attendees will be having the sandwich bar.

**invite a potential member to join you at your next club project**

# Lioness Spring Banquet & Leadership Inspirations

*by ADP Sue Robinson*

I hope you are enjoying Spring as much as I am. Flowers and trees are way ahead of schedule with the warm winter and early summer-like weather. Sun and fresh air sure can lift the spirit.

I hope those that can, have, or will register for State Convention, which is just around the corner. May 18 and 19 are the dates with a golf tournament and special events on Thursday, May 17. I hope to see many of you at State Convention in Green Bay.

The Lioness Affiliate's big event coming up is the Spring Banquet, Sunday, June 10 and is being hosted by the Neshkoro Lioness. An invitation will be arriving soon. Please join us for a fun-filled event.

All the Lioness clubs are busy with upcoming spring and summer projects.

Some new officers have just been elected and will start serving in July. Committees may have new chairpersons. Leaders and those Lioness who follow them have to work together. Leaders work with their followers, not for them. They consider them partners in the work and see to it that they share in the rewards. Team spirit is what is worked for. Team leaders lead the way, not behind them with a whip; but out in front with a banner.

Leaders are people builders. They help those under them to grow big because they realize that the more big people an organization has, the stronger it will be. People will tend to rise to the high expectations you have of them.

Good leaders look for the best way to solve problems, not just "their way." And finally, great leaders keep their eyes on high goals. They strive to make the efforts of their followers and themselves contribute to the enrichment of personality, the achievement of more abundant living for all and the improvement of civilization. (Adapted from: The Art of Living by Wilfred A. Peterson)

Our clubs are filled with happy and friendly people. They really enjoy being of service. I found a thought the other day in an old e-mail that I think sums up our Lioness philosophy-"The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way."

And remember, "We Need You in Order To Serve."

## Club News & Events

**YE STUDENT PRESENTS TO ELKHART LAKE** - Kieri Ruechel who visited Italy last summer under the Lions Youth Exchange Program. She will be going to Switzerland this coming summer also through the Lions Youth Exchange. She presented a slide presentation to the club at a recent meeting. ABOVE: Ruechel with Lion President Art Smoot.

**SHEBOGAN FALLS SUPPORTS YMCA** - The Sheboygan Falls Lions made a $2,225 contribution to the Sheboygan Falls YMCA remodeling project. ABOVE: Past President Brian Beeck and Mike Gustafson from the YMCA.

**THE PERFECT 10** is the name given to the DG's and Partners In Service that have attended all of the District Conventions in support of their fellow DG's and spouses. At the early Conventions we learned that it was a great help to have extra friends to go the extra mile in supporting the DG's and helping whereever needed on their special weekend. I need to note that all DG's were supportive but because of health or job requirements not all could attend all Conventions.

**LARSEN-WINCHESTER CELEBRATES MILESTONES** - *by Pete Christianson* - The Club's Medical Equipment Locker is celebrating 30 years of providing medical equipment to those in need and has over 700 wheelchairs lent out to the community and being used. In April, the Club completed their 700th wheelchair ramp and has now also built four miles of ramps for community members. In addition to helping the community, the Lions have a lot of fun working and playing together. ABOVE: A club member preparing one of the many wheelchairs the club lends out.

**your news could have been here...**
**send all your club events, news & photos of Lions in action to merles3749@yahoo.com**

**LOCAL LION CRAFTS SPECIAL AWARDS** - Lion Robert Newton is the artist behind all the clocks that have been given to visiting ID's and special Lions around the State. Newton gets rough cut Wisconsin red oak, planes it down, cuts out the State of Wisconsin and finish the clocks in his home woodworking shop. To date, has made more than 120 clocks for the Wisconsin's District Governors to present; he also makes custom one of a kind wooden bowls that have been given as special gifts for partner in service gifts. Newton enjoys his work and the cost really only covers the materials and shop heat and light.

## Events

**APPLETON NOON LIONS CELEBRATE 90 YEARS OF SERVICE**
**SAT, MAY 12**
**Grand Meridian Hall, Appleton**

The Appleton Noon Lions Club will celebrate its 90th Anniversary on Saturday, May 12 at The Grand Meridian Hall.

All Lion members and all friends of the Lions are invited to join in the celebration.

Keynote speaker will be Andrea Yenter, Camp Operations Manager of the Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholt, Wisconsin.

The Club will also be presenting a Presidential Service Award that evening.

Cash bar and social will begin at 4:30 pm, with a family-style dinner served at 5:30 pm. The menu includes broasted chicken and sirloin beef tips, mashed potatoes, salad, beverage, Lions Cake for dessert.

The Happy Wanderers, Neenah Community Band Musicians, will provide the evening's entertainment.

Cost is $20/person. Find more information at www.appletonnoonlions.com or Sharron Huss at 427-4877.

**MAY**

**SAT, MAY 5 – Incoming Club Officer Training** - 9:30 am - 12 pm, registration at 9 am. Moraine Park Technical College. Coffee, fruit and rolls will be available. There will be a donation plate to help offset cost.

**Tue, May 8 - Incoming Club Officer Training** - 6:30-9 pm, registration at 6 pm. Moraine Park Technical College. A build your own Sandwich Bar is available for $6.

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Thank you.
Thank you.
Thank you.

What a great year this has been. Lion Bonnie and I have enjoyed visiting your Clubs and meeting more members of our Lions family.

A special thank you to the members of the District Cabinet. Thanks to their dedication, all business of the District was conducted in a timely and productive time frame.

Training programs have been successful. This year, thanks to the Global Leadership Team (GLT), six people from our District were able to attend "Communicate Like a Leader" and three Lions were certified as Club Excellence Process (CEP) Coordinators. These leaders, combined with the assistance of our Global Membership Team (GMT), will be able to grow 27-B1 in membership and service.

The Clubs in 27-B1 have met the goal of planting over 2,400 trees. If you haven't recorded your tree planting yet, please do so on the Activity Report. President Tam will be very pleased with our numbers.

Check your calendars for September, the USA/Canada Forum will take place in Tampa, Florida. The Forum is always an outstanding event with speakers and seminars that will revitalize your great Lions Spirit. Lion Bonnie and I will be there and hope you can join us.

Again THANK YOU to all of our Lions Family. We will continue TO SERVE as needed in 27-B1 and MD27, but for right now we are looking forward to a few weeks of enjoying life and our grandchildren.

**invite a non-Lion to help at your next project**

# A Lion In Training

**DG MERLE WITH GRANDDAUGHTER BREE** - *Bree has helped Grandpa plant trees, water trees and attended the State Bowling Tourney. Bree has to be outfitted with her Lions shirt and is always ready to go visit Clubs and functions. We attend chicken, brat and hamburger frys and sample the product.*

# Sheboygan Evening Lions Celebrate 90 Year Of Service

*by Lions Lou Cecil and Ray Petersohn*

In 1922, the Sheboygan Evening Lions became the fourth Lions Club to be chartered in Wisconsin.

In the 1920's the Sheboygan Evening Lions sponsored a miniature airplane building contest. They also sponsored local radio broadcasts of concerts. Assistance was given for a crippled children's clinic and establishing a class for handicapped children. A movie projector was donated to the tuberculosis sanitarium.

The Sheboygan Evening Lions combined efforts with the Rotary, Kiwanis and Optimist Clubs to establish a Boy Scout camp at Cedar Lake called Ro-Ki-Li-O.

The 1930's saw projects such as assisting in raising $250,000 for a new hospital, participating in a harbor improvement project, helping the American Legion with an employment drive, distributing Christmas baskets for poor families and holding Christmas home decorating contests.

The Evening Lions campaigned for, and obtained a city ordinance dealing with protection of the blind using white canes. They also gave white canes to the blind. It was during this period that the Sheboygan Evening Lions were host to past Lions International President Frank Birch and then International Director Clarence Sturm.

This time was also the beginning of a major money maker for the Evening Lions, concerts given by the United States Marine Band. Many thousands of dollars were raised through this project. This enabled donations such as $1,100 for the purchase of a wide picture screen for the T.B. sanitarium; $1,500 went for a Girl Scout swimming pool; $1,000 was used to refurbish a room for children at the Associations Opportunity Center; more than $1,000 went to Family Services to purchase eyeglasses for children.

The remaining 40 years saw the sponsorship for several years of the Buccaneers Drill Team, scholarships for dozens of students at North and South High Schools, hosting of a holiday basketball tournament featuring Lakeland College and purchasing trees to replace many elms that died from Dutch elm disease. Also, the Evening Lions chartered Boy Scout Troop 882 and Cub Scout Pack 82, both established for handicapped scouts. Schools in Sheboygan received donations of safety glasses and booklets on eye protection. To fund these efforts the club sold light bulbs, roses, large coloring books, roasted corn, worked at company picnics and held many brat frys.

The Evening Lions raised more than $20,000 to assist local victims of the 1998 floods.

Today, members screen four and five year olds for vision problems; transport visually impaired adults from Sheboygan to a monthly meeting with other visually impaired adults in the Manitowoc area. In addition, transportation is provided for some of these individuals to the Lions Camp at Rosholt. But the highlight of the transportation projects is the transporting of cornea tissue to and from the Lions Eye Bank in Madison, Wisconsin.

The Sheboygan Evening Lions sponsored the following clubs: Sheboygan Falls Lions, Sheboygan Noon Lions, Random Lake Lions, the original Plymouth Lions, Mosel Lions, Sheboygan Hispanic Lions, Sheboygan Lionettes, Sheboygan Lioness, North High Leos, Farnsworth Leos and South High Leos.

# Lioness Should Be Proud

*by ADP Sue Robinson*

This great year in Lioness is about to come to a close with the Spring Banquet on June 10th at the War Memorial Building in Wautoma. The sponsor this year is the Neshkoro Lioness. Hopefully, your reservations are made. It would be great to see representation from every club.

This has been a wonderful year for me; one of learning, sharing, and meeting many wonderful new friends in Lionism. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served in this capacity. This was my second term serving as 27-B1 District President, having served in 2004-05 also. I am in awe to see the growth of our Lioness in numbers, as well as service to everyone.

I have met so many Lioness energized by the desire to serve and make a difference in their communities. Each club has its own fundraisers, community activities, and projects of service; and it is incredible to see how every club, no matter how large or small, makes such an impact in their own communities. Those communities definitely depend on the work of the Lioness, as well as Lions!

Our club memberships are made up of Lioness from every walk of life and numerous life styles. This means there is always a job or service within the club that every Lioness can fill; created just for you!

As I have said in the past, learning from each other is important, but passing on that knowledge to future leaders and workers means our clubs and district will continue to grow in many ways.

The State Convention was a wonderful event. Many good seminars and speakers were presented. Speakers were informative, as well as entertaining. Hope you didn't miss the "Let Me Be Frank" presentation to benefit Lions Pride. It was the best!

I would like to thank District Governor Merle Strelow and his cabinet for all their support of our Lioness program. Thanks so much to my cabinet for their hard work this Lioness year. Lionism is a team effort and they really came through for me. And I want to thank each and every club for their hard work and support to our Lioness organization. A special thank you to all clubs for getting in all their paperwork. I hope all clubs can step back and reflect and say that they had a wonderful year.

Have a great summer, always be ready to recruit new members, and remember… "We need You in Order To Serve."

## Club News and Events

**GREEN LAKE SUPPORTS FOOD PANTRY** with funds raised from their First Annual Christmas Cheese Sale. ABOVE: Green Lake Lion Tail Twister Art Wolk presented a $200 check to Green Lake County Food Pantry volunteer Sandy Cwik.

**LIONS ZONE SOCIAL HELD AT HAYSTACK SUPPER CLUB** - Every spring, the Lions and Lioness Clubs of Marquette County gather for their annual Zone Social. Since 1987, they have honored one of their own with the single highest recognition in Lionism. This year it was the unanimous decision of the clubs to show their appreciation for the Brakebush family's collective contributions to the community. Past Lions International Directors (PID) Phil Ingwell, Madison and Peter Cerniglia, Cross Plains were on hand to make the official award presentation. Local Lions and long-time family friends spoke on the family and business history. They also detailed four generations of dedicated community service. ABOVE: Pictured with their Lions Club International Corporate Sponsor Award are several Brakebush family members with their Lions International recognition, along with business associates, and Lions Club representatives:. Front Row (seated): Nancy Brakebush, Carl Brakebush, and Judy Brakebush. Middle Row: PID Lion Peter Cerniglia, Jon Brakebush, Becky (Brakebush) Hunter, Arlene Fiess, Chari (Brakebush) Schieber., Jon Brakebush, Jr., Lion Jeff LaPointe, and PID Lion Phil Ingwell. Back Row: Tom Ludwig, Nathan Hunter, Rusty Schieber, Dave Fiess, Chris Brakebush, Carey Brakebush.

**LIONS HOST LEADER DOG RECIPIENT** - The Way-Morr Lions, along with clubs from Mishicot, Reedsville, Whitelaw and Francis Creek attended a Zone meeting May 17th at Reind's in Menchalville. Nika Hill from the Stevens Point area was a guest speaker for the evening. Hill has been going blind since birth and she related to all in attendance the experiences and challenges blindness has caused her throughout her young life. She introduced the group to her Leader Dog Rocky who stood faithfully at her side throughout the evening. She had attended the Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholt for the blind and handicapped as a camper. The clubs in attendance are and always have been supporters of the Leader Dog Programs For The Blind and the Lions Camp. In other business, Lion Ron Kiekhaefer announced the winners of the Branson night contest winners. They are Kay Fogeltanz from Green Bay, Shirley Dill from Newton and Patti Olejniczak from Greenleaf.

**MANITOWOC LIONS 90TH ANNIVERSARY** was held at Holiday Inn in Manitowoc. Lion President Ken introduced guests and told a short history of Manitowoc Lions. In 1922, LCI regarded Wisconsin as "Virgin Territory"; there was only two Clubs in Wisconsin. The first was in Milwaukee, chartered on June 10th, 1921, and the second Racine, on September 1921. Green Bay, on February 9th, 1922. Manitowoc was formed and organized on January 10, 1922 but was Chartered on February 23, 1922. Dr. Scott, the District Governor of District number one traveled from Springfield, Illinois to present the Charter at the Elk's Club downtown Manitowoc

**HANCOCK LIONS ALIVE and WELL** - Hancock Lions met on April 23rd and a copy of the original Charter program was passed around and discussed. The Charter night was Thursday, January 27th, 1956 at the Hancock Community Building. The Club still meets there. The sponsoring Club was Nekoosa Lions with a message from Lion Thomas McLeon. The International guest was Lion Fred Lewis listed as International Councilor. The Club started with 46 Charter members but has lost members as so many other Clubs have. The Club is still active in the community, sponsoring Easter Egg hunts, Camp Hope, Honor Banquets, a community Street dance. The Club has active Eye Bank transporters and hosted the Zone Social May 15th presenting a Melvin Jones.

**DG MERLE MAKES A HOUSE CALL** on Lion Sara Filemyr in Adell. Lion Sara is the Cabinet representative for Canine Companions for Independence. Last fall she had medical procedures and an extended stay in the hospital and rehab center. PDG Ed was her motivator to get better and be able to come home again. She is now home and was knitting at the kitchen table at the time of the visit. In May, they traveled to North Carolina and to Arizona, visiting their daughters and deciding where was the next move in their lives. Thank you PDG Ed and Lion Sara for what you did, and do, for the Lions and best wishes in your future.

## Events

**JUNE**

**MON, JUN 11 - New Holstein Golf Outing** at Badger Creek. Contact Lion Marty at 898-5358.

**SUN, JUN 17 - Sheboygan Evening Wings and Wheels Hot Dog Sales** at the Sheboygan County Airport.

# New District Editor

*by DG-E Meg Post*

First of all, I would like to thank DG Merle and Lion Bonnie for the fantastic job they have done this past year on our District page. The articles and pictures were interesting and showed what a busy district we have. We can all be proud.

Sending articles directly to the District Governor will make it easier and also save time when putting the 27-B1 page together.

During my year as Governor, the 27-B1 Editor will be my partner in service, PDG Jerry.

You can send your articles and photos to mpost7@tds.net. I know some of you do not like computers but that does not mean you cannot turn in articles. You can mail articles to my home address; PO Box 81, St. Nazianz, WI 54232. My only request; if you mail an article, please type the article. Hand written articles can be very hard to read and spelling is questionable. When someone submits an article it can be very frustrating when names of people and places are misspelled.

Pictures need to be sent as a jpeg file. If a picture is sent to me through the mail, it would have to be scanned and e-mailed to the editor. This will cause fuzzy and unclear pictures. So please submit all pictures via e-mail. Again, if you do not have a computer, you can have a club or family member e-mail the photos. Pictures are an important part of our page; recognition for your clubs accomplishments is important to me and the readers.

One last thing to remember, articles are due by the 20th of each month. So, an article submitted by June 20th would be printed in the August paper.