LIONS CABINET 27-B1 2010

District 27-B1 Cabinet
2009-2010

Row 1	Row 2	Row 3
Staate Hayward	Harvey Hansen	Irv Korth
ADP Ella Stanelle	Gary Silah	Fred Gebhardt
Vern Pautz, PDG	Mary Jo Abler	Merle Strelow
Orv Kittel, PDG	Michael De Baere	Ken Wallander, PDG
Kay Quinn	Warren Nelson	Steve Pautz, PDG
DG Len Quinn	Helen Mork	Gary Colton, PDG
Ginger	Dawn Christensen	August Grahl
Jerry Post	Ralph Schneider	Richard Christianson, PDG
Vic Voigt, PDG	Dave Holschbach	Sherman Hamilton
Herb Schneider, PDG	Richard Schaefer	Dean Haas, PCC
Marv Henke	Allen Sabel	William Wessing
Craig Hansen	Meg Post	
	Jack Johnson	
	Dennis Schwartz	

District 27-B1 First Cabinet Meeting Minutes
Sunday, August 2, 2009
Maria House, St. Nazianz, WI

1. **Call to Order** @ 1:00 p.m. by DG Len Quinn
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by PDG Ken Wallender
3. **Prayer and Song** – Prayer led by Lion Bill Wessing; Song led by PDG Vic Voigt
4. **Introduction of Cabinet and Guests** – DG Len Quinn introduced PID Wayne Heiman and then cabinet members introduced themselves and their guest.
5. **Agenda Approval** – **Motion** made by PDG Ed Filemyr and second by PDG Orv Kittle to accept the agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**
6. **Roll Call** taken by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, PDG Gary Colton. There were 38 cabinet members in attendance. Also, 2 District Honorary members were present.
7. **Tailtwister/Time Keeper** Lion Irv Korth reminded everyone to keep his or her report to 3 minutes. Those exceeding the time limit would be fined.
8. **Cabinet Meeting minutes** – **Motion** made by PDG Bob Showers to accept the minutes from April 19, 2009 as printed. Second by Lion Dennis Schwartz. **MOTION CARRIED**
9. **Communications** – Lion Dave Holschbach received a Thank You from Relay for Life for Supporting Lion Craig Hansen and a Thank You from the counselor who received the Appreciation package we purchased.
10. **Induction of Cabinet Members** – PID Wayne Heiman installed the cabinet members for 2009-2010. He introduced the International President's theme "Move to Grow" and challenged all members to have a vision of their position to move forward in carrying out their responsibilities.
11. **2008-2009 Financial Report** – Lion Dave Holschbach distributed the treasurer's report for the yearend June 30, 2009. Lion Dave read a letter from CPA Lion Mark Rabas stating that he found the books in good order. Bank reconcilliation and income statements were accurate. Copies of checks and deposits were provided. **Motion** by Lion Gary Silah and 2nd by PDG Tom King to accept the report as printed. **MOTION CARRIED**
12. Old Business – None reported

13. New Business:

A. **Proposed 2009-2010 Financial Report** – Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, PDG Gary Colton distributed the proposed district budget. After review, a **motion** was made by PDG Victor Voigt to accept the budget as presented, 2nd by Lion Merl Strelow. **MOTION CARRIED**

B. **Cabinet Meetings Schedule** – DG Len Quinn stated the second cabinet meeting will be held following the district convention on Sunday, 11/15/09; the third meeting will be held on 1/31/10 at the Van Dyne Lions Park; and the fourth meeting will be held on 5/2/10, location to be announced.

14. **Committee Reports**:

A. **Constitution/Bylaws/Protocol** – IPDG Gary Bilke was unable to attend

B. **MERLO** – Chairman PDG Ed Filemyr reported the theme for MERLO this year is "Move to Grow" the MERLO team had it's first meeting with the following reports:

1. **M**embership – Lion Dennis Schwartz said his theme is "Show Your Colors". This can be done by putting displays in store windows or making a CD about what your Lions Club is involved in.
2. **E**xtension – Lion William Hilbert stated that the MERLO team had a good first meeting with all members pulling together to move forward. Lion Bill requested that clubs call or email him and give him the opportunity to help clubs grow.
3. **R**etention – Lion Augie Grahl just recently learned that he will be Retention and Orientation chairman. He will review this information and will take it from there.
4. **L**eadership – VDG Jerry Post indicated that the officer- training sessions would be held again in May. He also plans on having mini-seminars for zone meetings.
5. **O**rientation – see #3 above

C. **WLF** – PDG Tom Clausen had as his #1 goal this year that every club in the district would donate to the WLF – summer camp program. He was proud to announce that donations had increased, however he didn't meet his goal. The good numbers Tom announced were donations to the State were up $46,000. Also, we were the #1 givers to Diabetes in the Multiple District. Other donation numbers are available through Tom. Overall, donations from District B-1for all the WLF projects were up just about $18,000.
PDG Steve Pautz announced some important dates coming up. August 8th is 27-B1's, WLF day at the State Fair. Also, Sept. 19th is open house at the camp. There will be tours of the camp and a chicken dinner. WLF will be present at our district convention as well. PDG Steve reported that WLF just finished their Cash for Kids fundraiser with 3 of the top prizes going to Lions Clubs. In closing Steve asked all of the cabinet members to recognize the great job Tom Clausen did as WLF President last year with a standing ovation.

D. **Affiliate President** – Lioness Ella Stanelle reported that B1 has 14 Lioness clubs with 293 members. The Lioness clubs donated $7,310 to WLF last year. As she visits the clubs this year, Ella wants to stress 2 things: Continued Lioness support for WLF and her Theme: "Pulling together the old and new members". She reminded members that the Lioness have a website – www.wisconsinlioness.org

E. **Affiliate Liaison** – Lion Meg Post needs to meet with Lioness Ella and will get more information for her report at the next meeting.

F. **Alert Program** – Lion Mary Jo Abler gave a description of Alert as an Emergency Response Group that would work under the umbrella of the County Emergency Government

Directors, such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army, St. Vincent De Paul or other volunteer units. We would work together with these groups when a disaster occurs. However, a Lions Alert committee member or other designated Lions member would control any spending of Lions money. Lion members would wear their vests to be recognized as Lion volunteers. After some discussion, it was decided that Alert has already been approved as a district program and that funding is available from the Emergency Fund. Therefore, there is money available for Mary Jo to use for mailings and to purchase flyers. PDG Herb Schneider rescinded a previous motion to approve the program since it had already been approved last year. Mary Jo is requesting support from the zone chairpersons and all the district clubs for this project. The Alert committee would like an Alert chairperson elected in each club to assist in organizing volunteers in times of an emergency. Any requests for a grant from international in time of an emergency should be immediately forwarded to VDG Jerry Post.

G. **Diabetes/LEHP/Sight** – Lion Allen Sabel reported that the will be getting started on their Halloween project soon. Also, if you are sending a check for hearing make it payable to WLF - Hearing and send it to PDG Gary Colton. If you are writing a check to the American Diabetes Assoc., send it directly to them.

H. **District and State Bowling** – Lion Bill Hilbert reported that district bowling this year will be in Collins, January 2010 and state bowling will be in Port Washington, 2/6/10 – 4/25/10. The site selection committee is in the process of looking at possible sites for 2011.

I. **District Bucket Raffle** – Lion Craig Hansen announced that last year was a record year for prizes donated and funds raised. This year he is challenging zones/clubs to beat 50 prizes and $1,230.

J. **District Convention** – PDG Steve Pautz reported that the convention Committee has met and preliminary plans are in place. The theme for the weekend is "Celebrate What's Right – Lionism". Friday night's hospitality theme is "Friday the 13th – Fright Night". Registration forms are online and will be in the state newspaper. Next meeting is Aug. 18th. All are welcome. A written report is on file.

K. **Elections and Nominations** – Lion Ralph Schneider stressed that all candidates must have their paperwork in 30 days before the start of convention. Lion Irv Korth announced he is running for WLF Director.

L. **Hearing/Speech/Eyeglasses** – PDG Paul Tadych informed us that 31 individuals have received haring aids this past year. PDG Gary Colton said that he has received $2,000 in checks so far to send to WLF. A written report is on file.

M. **Historian** – PDG Richard Christianson was unable to attend.

N. **IT** – PDG Tom Clausen can get websites started for all clubs. All district convention forms are on the district website – MD27B1.ORG
The district constitution and historian information is on the website.

O. **LCIF** – PDG Vern Pautz stated that our district donated $22,334.75 to LCIF, which was the lowest donation amount in the multiple. He announced to the zone chairpersons the names of all the clubs that have undesignated money in LCIF that could be used towards a Melvin Jones. Also, in order to receive funds from LCIF during a disaster there must be a designated person in charge. Possibly the Alert program can help with this in the future.

P. **Leader Dog/District Raffle** – PDG Victor Voigt hasn't received a final yearend report from Leader Dog yet, however there are 16 clubs from our district that did not donate to

Leader Dog last year. He announced to the zone chairs that he has materials and a CD available to use for a presentation at their zone meetings.

Q. **Leo Chairman** – PDG Ken Wallender stated that the calendar project would continue for one more year. Calendars can be picked up through Ken and he would appreciate everyone's support.

R. **Lions Pride** – PDG Herb Schneider announced a new Pride ambassador, Lion Charlie Kolb from the Cleveland Lions Club. Pride is in need of an ambassador to represent the west side of the lake. Lions Pride currently has $4,800,000.

S. **Mission to Mexico** – PDG Bob Showers reported the mission in February delivered 2,600 eyeglasses. The next mission leaves Oct. 17th from Beloit. Four missions go to Mexico each year. The cost varies depending on the destination location.

T. **Peace Poster** – Lion Dawn Christensen sent a report to be read at the meeting. Peace Poster Kits can still be ordered. This year's theme is The Power of Peace. For assistance contact Lion Dawn. A written report is on file.

U. **Pin Chairman** – Lion Harvey Hansen said that district and convention pins are in the works. Old pins are also available for purchase.

V. **Public Relations** – Lion Mary Jo Abler encouraged cabinet chairs to send her articles for the paper. Also, she would like each club to have a PR person who would get articles to her to promote their clubs.

W. **Special Olympics** – PDG Orv Kittel thanked everyone who helped with the Special Olympics last year. The anticipated dates for next year's event are 4/2, & 4/3 of 2010. He will give the zone chairs copies of the applications to volunteer.

X. **State Convention** – Lion Merl Strelow reported that they received a lot of positive feedback from attendees. Most of the negative feedback was in regards to the food. Chula Vista was hard to work with and Merl is looking forward to Stevens Point next year. Costs will be less expensive, however there will be some traveling involved.

Y. **USA/Canada Forum** – PDG Bob Showers announced that the Forum will be held Sept. 24th – 26th in Memphis. Brochures are available. PDG Gary Colton added that he has applications or you can apply online. The committee is looking for support since the Forum will be held in Milwaukee in 2010. PDG Gary also has the first of a series of 3 pins available for $3.

Z. **Youth Exchange** – Lion Sandy King joined the historical tour of St. Nazianz and therefore gave her written report to PDG Gary Colton to read. The Camp had 52 campers from 22 countries. Guests included Lioness from A-1 and several district Governors. Lion Don Timpel and Dusty Dog gave the Leader Dog presentation. Donations from many Lions clubs throughout WI helped keep costs down. Each camper took home a Memory Book and a DVD of camp activities and formed a group on Facebook. Camp will be the week of July 18th in Dundee next year. Interested volunteers should contact Sandy. Written report on file

AA. **Youth Outreach/Lions Quest** – A new chairperson is needed. Lion Shirley Peterson is willing to work with anyone interested.

BB. **WI Lions Eye Bank** – PDG Tom King stated their annual meeting was held on 7/28 and they had the dedication of their new building. They are holding a fund raiser to raise $1.2 million to pay for the building. PID Peter Cerniglia is the new president, PCC Terry Peters is VP and Tom is 2nd VP.

CC. **Advisory/Long Range Planning** – PDG Tom King, PDG Ed Filemyr, Lion Michael DeBaere, nothing to report at this time

15. Zone Chairmen Reports:

1. **Region 1 Zone 1** – Lion Fred Gebhart announced that all of his clubs are busy with various activities this summer. Eight of the clubs are involved with the fair and hosting a booth to promote various Lions projects.
2. **Region 1 Zone 2** – Lion Dave Holschbach's 1st zone meeting will be held on 9/29 and hosted by Wayside-Morrison. Most of his clubs are less active in the summer.
3. **Region 1 Zone 3** – Lion Statte Hayward is a new zone chair this year. He announced many activities and fundraisers going on with his clubs. Also, various awards and donations that have been made.
4. **Region 2 Zone 1** – Lion Dennis Schwartz has 19 new members in his zone with a total of 298. All of his clubs are up in membership and are involved in many activities.
5. **Region 2 Zone 2** – Lion Jack Johnson is returning this year as zone chair and is getting reacquainted with his clubs.
6. **Region 2 Zone 3** – Lion Richard Schaefer's 1st zone meeting will be held On 9/14 and will be sponsored by Winnebago East Shore Club. He has requested Lion Dennis Schwartz to be their guest speaker to discuss membership.
7. **Region 3 Zone 1** – Lion Warren Nelson announced that he is the new zone chair this year and has nothing to report at this time.
8. **Region 3 Zone 2** – Lion Gary Silah had his last zone meeting May 18th in Fond du Lac with 4 of 5 clubs, 25 members attending. His first zone meeting for this year will be in October with Dundee Long Lake hosting.
   Written report on file
9. **Region 4 Zone 1** – Lion Merl Strelow is the new zone chair and reported his clubs have been very helpful in updating him. His clubs are quite active and doing well.
10. **Region 4 Zone 2** – Lion Marv Henke's 1st meeting will be held on 9/19 at Berlin with DG Len Quinn as his guest speaker. Lion Marv has 9 clubs and is actively involved with all of them.
11. **Region 5 Zone 1** - Lion Helen Mork had to leave. No report.
12. **Region 5 Zone 2** – Lion Sherman Hamilton's 1st meeting will be held at the Research Station on 8/31 with DG Len Quinn and VDG Jerry Post as guests. All clubs are active with some new members inducted.

16. **Other Business**

PDG Vern Pautz announced he has a bid from Fox Hills for the 2010Convention
PDG Ed Filemyr has a DVD on service dogs for people in wheel chairs that can be used as a presentation for club or zone meetings.

Adjournment – **Motion** by Lion Merl Strelow, 2nd by Lion Dave Holschbach to adjourn at 4:00 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted, PDG Gary Colton, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

District 27-B1 Annual Convention
Saturday November 14, 2009
City Center Hotel – Oshkosh, WI

1. **Call to Order** @ 8:30 a.m. by DG Len Quinn
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by PDG Kenneth Wallander
3. **Prayer** by Lion Bill Wessing
4. **Welcome to Oshkosh** by Mayor Paul Esslinger who thanked everyone for the volunteering that they do. He discussed the projects that are in process in Oshkosh and why he thinks Oshkosh is a great place to live. He thanked everyone for coming to Oshkosh and wished everyone an enjoyable time at the convention.
5. **Lioness Affiliate President** Ella Stanelle said she has learned that district convention is about having fun Friday night, meeting a lot of friendly people on the elevator, and gaining information on Saturday that you can take home to share with your club.
6. **State Council Chairman** PDG Sam Kochel said we are here for two reasons: One to Celebrate What's Right with Lionism; and Two to make a connection by reaching, touching and improving lives. He discussed some of the tasks of this years council including to set policy, follow the constitution, update the new directory on line, run the Youth Exchange program and help with the state convention. PDG Sam then praised DG Len for his excellence and dedication to Lions.
7. **Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin** Second Vice President, PDG Tom King introduced himself and the Eye Bank staff and indicated they are willing to talk to clubs upon request. PDG Tom explained the Capital Campaign that is set up to help fund the purchase of the new Eye Bank building.
8. **Mission to Mexico** report was given by PDG Bob Showers who stated that 28 people just completed a mission to Victoria, Oct. 23rd – 26th. They fitted 2,479 people with eyeglasses. He thanked all the Lions for collecting eyeglasses. The next mission will be to Matamoros, Mexico.
9. **Peace Poster** chairperson Lion Dawn Christensen thanked all the clubs that had entries in this year's contest, especially Random Lake who ran 3 contests. Posters are judged on 1) originality, 2) artistic merit, and 3) expression of this year's theme "The Power of Peace." Next year's kits will go on sale January 15th.
10. **District Pin** Chair Lion Harvey Hansen reported that the convention pin represents Oshkosh Corp. and the district pin is the pink cancer ribbon. Extra donations will go to Oshkosh Hospital. Lion Harvey is looking for designs for next year's pins.

11. **MERLO Report** by Chairman, PDG John Schwab. PDG John thanked the district for their good job with membership. The multiple is down only by 100 members for the end of October. PCC Dean Haas gave the details for the Mid-Winter Conference on Dec. 5th in Stevens Point. PDG John discussed the need to continue to get new members and to be an active sponsor. New members will become future leaders with continued mentoring.
12. **Nominations** conducted by Lion Ralph Schneider.

District Governor nomination for VDG Jerry Post of St. Nazianz Lions was heard from PDG Victor Voigt of Collins Lions. VDG Jerry and his wife Meg are very active Lions and will do a great job in this future endeavor. The 2nd was heard from PDG Ken Wallander from Collins Lions. VDG Jerry is a dedicated Lion who gets things done. No other nominations were heard. Motion made to close nominations, seconded, and motion was carried. VDG Jerry Post accepted the nomination. If we believe we can accomplish anything. Because we believe we can make the impossible possible.

Vice District Governor nomination for Lion Merle Strelow of Fairwater Lions was heard from Lion Beverly Karst of Fairwater Lions. Lion Merle has been a club member for 31 years and has served in all positions. He has sponsored 12+ members and has received 3 "key" awards. Lion Merle has received International and District awards. Currently he is a zone chairman and serves on the state convention committee. Lion Merle is supported by the Fairwater Lions as a candidate for VDG. The 2nd was heard from Lion Jeff Frederick of Brandon Lions. Brandon Lions also support Lion Merle for VDG. No other nominations were heard. Motion to close nominations, seconded, MC.

Second Vice District Governor nomination. No nominations received from the floor. Motion to close nominations, seconded, and motion carried.

WLF Director nomination for Lion Irv Korth of Butte des Morts Lions was heard from PDG Tom King of Oxford Lions. Lion Irv's qualifications include district and state tailtwister and sergeant-at-arms for many years. He was a zone chairman and was a charter member of the Larsen-Winchester Lions. It gives me great pleasure to nominate Lion Irv for WLF Director. The 2nd was heard from PDG Vern Pautz of Mishicot Lions. Lion Irv has served 33 years as a Lion and has earned the right. He served me well on the cabinet when I was Governor, twice. He has a good partner in his wife Deanna. I'm proud to 2nd the nomination. Motion to close nominations, seconded, MC. Lion Irv accepted the nomination. He stated, I will do the best I can for the Foundation.

District Bowling nomination for St. Peter Lions was made by Lion Michael Reichling of St. Peter Lions. He requested consideration for district bowling to be held at Luedtke's in Mt. Calvary. There are 8 lanes and food on site. They would appreciate your support. No other nominations were heard. Motion to close nominations, seconded, MC.

There will be an advisory vote for the site for next year's district convention. There will be 3 to choose from 1) Fox Hills – Mishicot; 2) Holiday Inn – Manitowoc; 3) Heidel House – Green Lake.

PDG Gary Colton introduced PCC Mark Hintzmann with his wife Lion Jayne as a candidate for International Director. Lion Mark has served as Club President, District Governor, Council Chair, Host Chairman for the 2010 USA/Canada forum, as well as, many other positions. Lion Mark is a team player and believes it's all about "We Serve". Lion Mark said Lions is all about family. He enjoys working with his large Lions family.

13. **Motivational Video** – "Celebrate What's Right with the World!" presented by PCC Dean Haas. DeWitt Jones uses his photography for National Geographic as a basis for his video to find what is right in the world. He stressed that we need to look for the positives in life. We need to have a vision with purpose and passion. This opens possibilities for change. Lion Dean entertained ideas from clubs about what is right with their club. We need to remember that there is more than one right answer. We need to think of possibilities for our clubs future. We need to be the best for the world. That follows the Lions motto, We Serve.
14. **WLF Report** was given by President Glen Moegenburg. Lion Glen showed a video of campers at camp. There are some things that never change. He sees people as fitting into two categories. The first type of people see things that need to be done but wait for others to do them. The second type are those people who make a difference by doing the things that need to be done. The Lions and Lioness fit that second type of people. The Foundation is one large family of Lions who make a real, tangible difference. The accomplishments of this family are immense and the campers count on this. The Foundation has met and conquered many challenges since 1956. To make wishes come true isn't easy or cheap. The Wisconsin Lions Family will overcome that challenge to make dreams come true.
15. **Lions Pride Campaign** Chairman Dewey Carl talked about the PRIDE campaign and the dream that started in 1956 and developed into our Lions Camp of today. PCC Dewey thanked the 44 clubs and 126 individuals that have already donated to PRIDE. He presented many different ways that people can donate to the PRIDE campaign including the use of the Good Search website. He requested that everyone use this holiday season as a time to consider donating to PRIDE so we can preserve the legacy of our Lions Camp.
16. **Lunch Program**

Prayer and song led by Lion Bill Wessing

Introduction of Head Table by PDG Steve Pautz

Lion Wendy Hartman from St Nazianz Lions did a great reenactment of Helen Keller's plea to the Lions at the 1925 International Convention in Dallas, Texas.

Introduction of Guest Speaker PID Ross Thorfinnson was made by PID Wayne Heimann.

PID Ross Thorfinnson said He, like many other Lions, joined the organization for the wrong reasons. He joined for networking, to help him in a future career change. It wasn't until he attended the USA/Canada forum that he discovered what Lions was really all about and he truly became a Lion. Many of us have that similar experience that makes us really understand what Lionism is all about.

Awards presentations were a Melvin Jones Fellow to Lion Craig Hansen of the Two Rivers Lions club and 5 Governor's President's Excellence Awards to: Lion Tom Wendt, Van Dyne Lions; Lion Robert Raeder, Plymouth Lions; Lion Gary Kegler, Elkhart Lake Lions; Lion Robert Bonneville, Neshkoro Lions; and Lion Rudolph Pineda, St. Nazianz Lions.

USA/CANADA Lions Leadership Forum Host Committee secretary PDG Jerry Wille requested every one support and volunteer for the upcoming USA/CANADA forum to be held next fall, Milwaukee on Sept. 23rd – 25th

Necrology Services were held to commemorate the Lions and Lioness who have passed away this last year.

Parade of Checks followed the Necrology Service.

17. **Afternoon Seminars:**

A) Campers Experience presented by two campers

B) Technology for the Blind - by Gregg Grabowski, CEO/President of Leader Dog

C) Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin – Special Guest Karen Neumah

D) WLF/PRIDE – WLF President Glen Moegenburg and PCC Dewey Carl

E) Meet Past International Director Ross Thorfinnson

18. **Voting** started 15 minutes following the seminars and continued for 30 minutes. There were 112 delegates certified.

19. **Evening Banquet** called to order at 6:30 PM by Emcee PDG Steve Pautz

Pledge of Allegiance led by PDG Ken Wallander

The Lions Hymn led by Lion Bill Wessing

Flag ceremony presenting the Flags of the U.S., State of Wisconsin, Lions International, Lions Foundation and State of Minnesota.

Invocation led by Lion Bill Wessing

Introduction of the head table and visiting District Governors.

Introduction of Guest Speaker, Gregory Grabowski, President/CEO of Leader Dogs for the Blind. Greg explained the history of Leader Dog and gave several individual stories of Leader Dog recipients. He presented DG Len Quinn with a Trekker Breeze donated by his district clubs.

PID Ross Thorfinnson presented the International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation Awards to: Lion John Duchatzchek, Pickett Lions; VDG Jerry Post, St. Nazianz Lions; PDG Gary Colton, Fond du Lac Lions; and All the PDG's Partners in Service.

Presentation of appreciation gifts to PID Thorfinnson and his wife Lynda.

Parade of Checks reported by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Gary Colton. WLF Camp $10,200; Leader Dog $3,255; Mission to Mexico $425; Diabetes $1,150; Youth Exchange $550; WLF Hearing $1,375; Lions PRIDE $1,500; Eye Bank $2,950 American Diabetes $100; LCIF $1,275; Emergency Fund $25.

Voting Results given by PDG Steve Pautz

District Governor – Jerry Post
Vice District Governor – Merle Strelow
WLF Director – Irv Korth
Bowling Tournament for 2010-2011 – St. Peter Lions
Pin Design - #1 Maple Leaf
Peace Poster - #4 by Pavxia Vue, Sheboygan
Advisory Vote for 2010 Convention site – Holiday Inn, Manitowoc

District Raffle conducted by PDG Victor Voigt. He thanked all the clubs for their participation. This year's total was $3,074 of which District 27-Bl maintains 50%.

Benediction – Lion Bill Wessing

Closing comments by District Governor Len Quinn. Thank you to PID Ross and Lynda. Also, thank you to the convention committee and all members who attended.

Respectively submitted, PDG Gary Colton, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes

District 27-B1 Cabinet Meeting
Sunday, November 15, 2009
City Center Hotel, Oshkosh, WI

1. **Call to Order** @ 8:50 a.m. by DG Leonard Quinn
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** by PDG Ken Wallander
3. **Prayer and Song** by PDG Victor Voigt
4. **Approval of Agenda** motion made by PDG Tom King, 2nd by VDGE Merle Strelow Motion Carried
5. **Roll Call** taken by CST Gary Colton, 34 cabinet members and 3 district honorary members were present.
6. **Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from August 2, 2009 motion made by Lion Dave Holschbach, 2nd by Lion Sandy King. Motion Carried
7. **Treasurer's Report** presented by CST Gary Colton. Motion to accept by PDG Victor Voigt, 2nd by Lion Gary Silah. Motion Carried.
8. **Tail Twister** – Lion Irv Korth reported he collected $288 during the convention
9. **Communications** – We received a Thank you letter from the Union Grove Lions for our sponsorship of the Counselor Appreciation Package.
10. **Old Business**: None reported.
11. **New Business**:
    A. **Convention Wrap-up** – PDG Gary Colton gave a recap of the issues this year with the City Center Hotel but reported it all worked out well in the end. Lion Sandy said she was impressed by the great attitude and effort made by the City Center Staff. VDG Jerry Post reported that the comments on the seminars were very positive. PDG Vern Pautz requested a return of the convention evaluation forms for next year. DG Len Quinn commended the committee on a job well done and thank you.
    B. **Future Convention Dates** – A motion was made by PDG Vern Pautz for the committee to widen the window of time if necessary to hold the convention, 2nd by Lion Sandy King. Motion Carried.
12. **Committee Reports:**
    A. **Constitution/Bylaws/Protocol** – IPDG Gary Bilke – no report
    B. **MERLO** – PDG Ed Filemyr reported that PDG John Schwab will be in Waldo to increasing their club membership. There will also be discussion on forming a new club in Oostburg.

1. Membership – Lion Dennis Schwartz discussed a program he has called "Show Your Colors". He is willing to present to any club upon request.

2. Extension – Lion Bill Hilbert – no report

3. Retention – Lion August Grahl

4. Leadership – VDG Jerry Post stated that clubs are realizing the need to have people step up to the next level.

5. Orientation – Lion August Grahl is in the process of updating the Orientation book.

C. **WLF** – PDG Tom Clausen gave awards to the zone chairmen. He reported that Since May's report there are 39 clubs that are members of Pride. There was a $40,000 increase in donations to WLF this year over last. This is the time to think of starting a deer hide collection in your area. The Camp Raffle for Kids made only $30,000 this year. New fundraisers need to be looked at.

D. **Affiliate President** – Lioness Ella Stanelle has attended several special events and a zone meeting. She has 6 club visitations scheduled. She reported that 37 Lioness attended the District convention representing 9 clubs. Their Basket raffle made $650.00 and Skirt Twister made $150.00

E. **Affiliate Liaison** – Lion Meg Post reported that she is enjoying her job as Liaison.

F. **Alert Program** – Lion Mary Jo Abler indicated a need for a registry from clubs willing to help other clubs in case of an emergency. ALERT is a second or third source of help in a disaster area. Alert is generally not involved with any type of funding. If LCIF funding is requested, VDG Jerry Post is the district's contact person.

G. **LCIF -** PDG Vern Pautz didn't have much to report on LCIF, but did encourage clubs that have the money in LCIF to use it to name a Melvin Jones recipient. He can help with this.

H. **USA/Canada Leadership Forum** – PDG Gary Colton reported that the USA/Canada forum will be held in Milwaukee next year, Sept. 23rd – 25th. Wisconsin had 136 members in Memphis at the forum to help with pre-registering 1,268 attendees for Milwaukee. If anyone is interested in volunteering in Milwaukee at the forum contact Gary.

I. **Lions Pride** – PDG Herb Schneider informed anyone who received an IRA rollover letter should contact Lion Dewey Karl. He reported that 255 clubs in the multiple district have contributed to Pride in the amount of $728,246.16. Total contributions to Pride is $5.1 million.

J. **Youth Exchange** – Lion Sandy King reported that she starts to get information in January on the kids coming from overseas. She needs host families and camp counselors for the 3rd week in July. Counselors must be 18 – 28 years of age.

K. **Special Olympics** – PDG Orv Kittel reported very good reception at their table at the convention. Two clubs asked to have speakers come to their meeting. He also had 60 volunteer sheets picked up by people interested in helping in Oshkosh. Any zone chairman interested in volunteer sheets see Orv.

L. **Leo Chairman** – PDG Ken Wallander reported that 90% of the calendar sales come of District B1. There is very little interest in the other districts.

M. **Peace Poster** – Lion Dawn Christensen reported that there were 10 entries in the Peace Poster contest this year. Pavxia Vue sponsored by the Sheboygan Noon club designed the winning poster. He will receive a check for $25 and the poster will be sent on to the State convention.

N. **Diabetes/LEHP/Sight Conservation** – Lion Al Sabel – no report

O. **Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling** – PDG Paul Tadych – had called in to DG Len Quinn that he has 4-5 hearing aid applications that he is working on.

P. **Lions Eye Bank of WI** – PDG Tom King reported they are still working on the Building fund. If a club donates $500 there are matching funds, so clubs can qualify for a Knight of Sight Fellowship. Transporting is going well and Tom is available to speak to clubs.

Q. **Mission to Mexico** – Lion Sandy King reported their last mission was to Victoria. The club in Mexico paid all of their expenses including the motel. They fitted over 2,800 glasses.

R. **Leader Dog/District Raffle** – PDG Vic Voigt thanked those clubs that donated.

S. **State Lions Convention** – Lion Merl Strelow stated the next meeting date is January 8, 2010. PDG Jordan Chadwick is the new state chairman. They plan on copying A1's district convention format and hopefully get more donations. They need raffle prizes and hole sponsors for golf.

T. **District Convention** – PDG Gary Colton reported under Convention Wrap-up

U**. District and State Bowling** – Lion Bill Hilbert – no report

V. **IT** – PDG Tom Clausen – no report

W. **Public Relations** – Lion Mary Jo Abler reported that the newspaper is doing well. She would like more contributions from the clubs and district committee chairs. Pictures for the paper should be sent via email. Preferably not posed pictures.

X. **Pin Chairman** – Lion Harvey Hansen reported district pin sales were $392.00. $90.00 was also collected for the Breast Cancer fund. He does have a few pins left.

Y. **District Bucket Raffle** – Lion Craig Hansen said we had 41 prizes this year compared to 50 prizes last year. Last year we raised $1,200. This year was $996 + $4 from Craig to make $1,000.

Z. **Historian** – PDG Richard Christianson – no report

AA. **Elections & Nominations** – Lion Ralph Schneider gave the results of district elections. DGE – Lion Gerald Post; VDGE – Lion Merle Strelow; There was one write in with an X that Lion Ralph will check into. WLF representative for 2010-2013 – Lion Irv Korth; 2010-2011 bowling – St Peter; Peace Poster was #4 entered by Pavxia Vue, sponsored by Sheboygan Noon; District pin for 2010 is #1 the Maple Leaf; Next year's advisory vote convention site is Holiday Inn, Manitowoc There were 112 members certified to vote and 101 voted.

BB. **Advisory/Long Range Planning** – PDG Tom King / PDG Ed Filemyr
Lion Mike De Baere - no report

13. **Zone Chairmen Reports**:

1. **Region 1 Zone 1** - Lion Fred Gebhart reported that his clubs have finished with Halloween and are started into their Thanksgiving and Christmas activities. Many of his clubs are showing potential growth. Lion Fred also announced his intentions to be a future WLF candidate.
2. **Region 1 Zone 2** - Lion Dave Holschbach had his first meeting the end of Sept. with PDG Steve Pautz and VDG Jerry Post as speakers. Next meeting is in Jan. Club membership is at a +2
3. **Region 1 Zone 3**- Lion Statte Hayward reviewed the MERLO, Alert, and Public Relations programs at his first meeting. All of his clubs are very active with various activities and they need to work on membership.
4. **Region 2 Zone 1**- Lion Dennis Schwartz had his first zone meeting with DG Quinn as a speaker and a lady from Aurora who spoke on diabetes. Lion Dennis reported that membership is up, activities are good and everything is fine.
5. **Region 2 Zone 2**- PDG Ed Filemyr reported that Lion Jack Johnson had their 1st zone meeting and requested that each club host an open house to present information about their club and about Lionism. The next meeting will be sponsored by the Random Lake club.
6. **Region 2 Zone 3** - Lion Richard Schaefer had his first meeting in Sept. with VDG

Jerry Post, Lion Dennis Schwartz, PDG Tom Clausen and Lion MaryJo Abler as speakers. Next meeting is in Elkhart Lake with PDG Jerry Rabbach from the Eye Bank as the guest speaker.

7. **Region 3 Zone 1** - Lion Warren Nelson had his first meeting on 10/12 with VDG Jerry Post and Meg presenting a program about the Lions camp. Next meeting is at the Butte Des Morts Lions Club House with guest speaker Lion Harvey Hansen presenting the Alert program.

8. **Region 3 Zone 2** - Lion Gary Silah reported his first meeting was held in Dundee-Long Lake with 33 Lions and Lioness attending, representing every club in the zone. Lion Dennis Schwartz was the guest speaker. There are 2 reported membership gains. The next meeting will be Jan. 18th in Campbellsport with DG Len Quinn as the guest speaker.

9. **Region 4 Zone 1** - Lion Merl Strelow held his first zone meeting in Van Dyne. DG Len Quinn was the guest speaker. Some of the new Pickett club members attended and were very enthusiastic. Next meeting is in Fairwater on 12/3.

10. **Region 4 Zone 2** - Lion Marvin Henke's first zone meeting was hosted by Berlin Lions Club with DG Quinn as guest speaker. The 2nd meeting will be on 11/18 at VanDees Supper Club

11. **Region 5 Zone 1** - Lion Helen Mork had her 1st meeting in Endeavor with VDG Jerry Post and Meg as guest speakers. She reported the Oxford Club is spending $500 at a local store to buy Toys for Tots. Oxford Lioness had their 25th Anniversary. All of the clubs are doing great. The next meeting is 1/25/10 in Montello.

12. **Region 5 Zone 2** - Lion Sherman Hamilton had his first meeting the last part of August with DG Quinn and Kay and VDG Jerry and Meg as guests. They had a nice exchange of information. All the clubs summer activities went well. The 2nd meeting will be in January.

14. Other Business

Lion Dean Haas thanked the committee for giving him the opportunity to present "Celebrate What's Right With the World" at our convention. He suggested that if the district plans to use this video frequently in the future it might consider purchasing it. Cost is approximately $600 and is well worth it for the positive message it gives. Dean also thanked the district for sending 4 Lions to the Emerging Lions Leadership Program.

PDG Ed Filemyr thanked those clubs that contributed to Canine Companions for Independence.

PDG Vern Pautz made a motion to donate $25 in memory of PDG Orv Doede and PDG Dave Petri to WLF and the Eye Bank, 2nd by PDG Ed Filemyr. Motion Carried.

PDG Ken Wallander questioned why District Bowling in Collins is a 5 man team this year instead of a 4 man team. It will be looked into.

DG Len Quinn thanked the committee for the fantastic job on the convention. He also thanked the clubs again for the Trekker Breeze. And a special Thank You to the cabinet members for their service.

15. **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn by Lion Sandy King at 10:12 AM, 2nd by Lion Merle Strelow. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted, PDG Gary Colton, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes

District 27-B1 Cabinet Meeting
Sunday, January 31, 2010
Van Dyne Lions Park, Van Dyne, WI

1. Call to Order @ 1:10 p.m. – DG Leonard Quinn
2. Pledge of Allegiance – IPDG Gary Bilke
3. Prayer and Song – PDG Victor Voigt
4. Introduction of Guests – DG Leonard Quinn
5. Approval of Agenda motion by Lion Dick Schaefer, 2nd by Lion Irv Korth. M.C.
6. Roll Call – by CST Gary Colton, 30 cabinet members and 1 district honorary member were present
7. Approval of Cabinet Minutes from November 15, 2009 motion made by PDG Tom Clausen, 2nd by VDGE Merle Strelow. Motion Carried
8. Treasurer's Report – presented by CST Gary Colton. Motion to accept by Lion Allen Sabel, 2nd by Lion Dennis Schwartz. Motion Carried
9. Tail Twister – Lion Irv Korth reminded members to keep reports to 3 minutes
10. Communications – PDG Gary Colton received Thank You notes for $34 donation to WLF and a Thank You for $25 donation to WLF in memory of PDG Dave Petrie and $25 to Lions Eye Bank in memory of PDG Orv Doede.
    DG Len Quinn reminded all members of the $20,000 LCI grant for advertising in newspapers, on radio and on TV. Please keep the communication going.
11. Old Business – PDG Tom Clausen has and old Canadian Flag. Recommendation was to to send it to the state office.
12. New Business
    A. State office location – The Council of Governors has voted to move the state office to the camp as of 10/2010. This will save $2,000/yr.
    B. Youth Exchange Camp annual donation – Motion by Lion Dave Holschbach to send $1,700 to state office for the Youth Exchange Camp; 2nd by Lion Gary Silah. M.C.
13. Committee Reports
    A. Constitution/Bylaws/Protocol – IPDG Gary Bilke stated that MD-27 is talking about a couple of resolutions at the State Convention. Also, there needs to be an update of the 27-B1 Constitution and Bylaws.

B. MERLO – PDG Ed Filemyr, Chairman

1. **M**embership – Lion Dennis Schwartz reported that we are down by 40 members. He is willing to talk with clubs about membership. DG Len added that the Harrisville club quitting was a big reason for the drop in membership, but that Oostburg is showing interest in forming a club, and Amsterdam has shown interest in rebuilding their club. Also Pickett has added 5 more members.
2. **E**xtension – Lion Bill Hilbert – no report
3. **R**etention – Lion August Grahl – no report
4. **L**eadership – DGE Jerry Post – reported that he and DG Len are creating a power point presentation and are looking for start-up dates for certain events. DGE Jerry thanked the zone chairmen that are trying to step down and encouraging new replacements. He reminded members of officer training sessions on 4/27 in Wautoma and 5/1 in Fond du Lac.
5. **O**rientation – Lion August Grahl – no report

C. WLF – PDG Tom Clausen reported that their most recent meeting was on 1/23-24. The Zone Chairmen have received the Kids Raffle tickets to distribute to their clubs. WLF is re-instituting the Program Associate. Spring clean-up is 4/24. Camp Open House is 9/18/10. Brat and burger stands will replace the chicken dinner. A 5K run, bike ride and stride walk will be added. Walmart has joined with International for used eyeglass collections. Unfortunately, the eyeglasses will be sent to the closest regional center in Indiana. PDG Tom has called International to try to change this. The Memorial Bldg. is in bad shape and needs a new roof. Bid is $125,000. There is $98,000 in Bldg. Repair fund. Will need resolution at State to exceed $100,000.

D. Affiliate President – Lioness Ella Stanelle has visited the Van Dyne and Appleton Noon Clubs, and attended the Jan. 18th zone meeting. The Affiliate Lioness mtg. is Wed. Feb. 3rd. ADP Ella will be visiting Ripon Lioness next and she introduced DG Len as the newest member of Ripon's club.

E. Affiliate Liaison – Lion Meg Post will be attending a couple clubs this spring and the affiliate meeting on 2/3.

F. ALERT Program – Lion Mary Jo Abler reported that ALERT is starting out slowly and we need to organize ALERT groups before we can move forward. Please contact Lion Mary Jo or Lion Harvey first if you have an interest. We need club representatives who are willing to work with each county. We also need to find out County training requirements in order to co-ordinate our efforts.

G. LCIF – PDG Vern Pautz – no report. DG Len Quinn reported that immediately after the earthquake in Haiti, LCIF donated $50,000. A week later $230,000 and as of a week ago $500,000.

H. USA/Canada Leadership Forum – PDG Gary Colton reported that their committee is still accepting donations. Ten clubs from our district have already donated. The Committee is giving banner patches to recognize club donations. Fundraisers for the forum include a 3-pin series, and a Harley raffle. Volunteers are also needed to work at the forum. PDG Dean Haase reported that he is in charge of the forum store and is need of clubs to donate bags.

I. Lions Pride – PDG Herb Schneider – no report. DG Len Quinn reported that Lions Pride will be holding 2 clay shoots, one in spring and one in fall in Kewaskum.

Pride still has the .55/day program. PDG Tom Clausen announced that 53% of the clubs in B-1 are members of Pride and challenged the rest of the clubs to join.

J. Youth Exchange – Lion Sandy King – no report

K. Special Olympics – PDG Orv Kittel reported the next event is Saturday, 4/10, from 8:00 – 3:30. He has registration blanks available. Volunteers receive a T-shirt. Directions will be on the 27-B1 website.

L. Leo Chairman – PDG Ken Wallander reported we lost $3,000 on the calendars this year. They will try something different next year.

M. Peace Poster – Lion Dawn Christensen reported the theme for this year is "Vision Of Peace". Kits are $9.95 + S/H. Any organized youth group can participate.

N. Diabetes/LEHP/Sight Conservation – Lion Al Sabel announced Diabetes Alert Day is 3/23. The March 6th meeting was cancelled.

O. Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling – PDG Paul Tadych sent a letter asking "Have we created a project that we can't afford?" We have 15 individuals on hold for hearing aids. We need more contributions from clubs. DG Len Quinn has a telephone calling project for zone chairmen to get pledges for hearing aids.

P. Lions Eye Bank of WI – PDG Tom Clausen reported for PDG Tom King that they are in the process of hiring a new Director since Mr. Butters has left. The Eye Bank gave out 980 transplants last year with over 700 of them in Wisconsin. Thanks to all our transporters. $92,000 has been paid off on the million dollar loan. A Knight of Sight can be purchased by clubs for $500 with a matching $500 from the Tom King Foundation.

Q. Mission to Mexico – PDG Bob Showers and team will be leaving Saturday for a 3-part mission. They will be arriving in Monterrey, 150 miles south of the border. They will distribute 2,600 glasses. Note: they are in need of men's single vision glasses.

R. Leader Dog/District Raffle – PDG Vic Voigt reported that last year 14 clubs didn't donate to Leader Dog and so far this year 40 clubs have not donated. A motion was made by PDG Bob Showers to continue the raffle, 2nd by Lion Irv Korth, M.C.

S. State Lions Convention – Lion Merl Strehlow reported that PDG Jordan Chadwick stepped down as Convention chair and PDG Dick Schliewe is our new chairperson. Raffle tickets will be given to Zone Chairs to distribute to clubs. Committee chairs have been difficult positions to fill so far. Thursday night, WLF will host a steak fry at the camp and Friday night, Lions Pride will host a wild game feed off site. Seminars and speakers are set up. There may be a resolution to give the state convention back to the clubs.

T. District Convention – PDG Gary Colton gave a wrap-up of the convention stating 312 registered, 75 attended the Friday night fish fry, 242 were at Saturday lunch, and 106 attended the banquet. Things are moving right along for next year's convention at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc. Most seminars and speakers are set up centering around a theme of youth.

U. District and State Bowling – Lion Bill Hilbert – no report. However it was reported that district bowling is in Collins and State bowling is in Port Washington starting 2/6 and ending in April.

V. IT – PDG Tom Clausen asked if any club wants a website on the district page see him.

W. Public Relations – Lion Mary Jo Abler reported the newspaper is going well, action

photos are needed. She's creating a speakers listing of who is available to speak to clubs on various programs.

X. Pin Chairman – Lion Harvey Hansen announced that he is relinquishing the position of pin chair to Lion Wendy Hartman. IPDG Gary Bilke made a motion to donate $100 to the Vince Lombardi cancer fund, 2nd by Lion Irv Korth, M.C.

Y. District Bucket Raffle – Lion Craig Hansen reminded members to bring in raffle items.

Z. Historian – PDG Richard Christianson – no report. DG Len said Richard is taking a class to learn to put all information on the computer.

AA. Elections & Nominations – Lion Ralph Schneider – no report

BB. Youth Outreach – no chairperson

CC. Advisory/Long Range Planning – PDG Tom King / PDG Ed Filemyr
Lion Mike De Baere – no report

14. Zone Chairmen Reports:
    1. Region 1 Zone 1 - Lion Fred Gebhart reported some of his clubs are having big raffles and bean bag toss tournaments. Zone meeting is 2/4 with PDG Herb Schneider speaking on Pride and guest DGE Jerry Post and Meg.
    2. Region 1 Zone 2 - Lion Dave Holschbach had his zone meeting last week and stressed membership and having fun at meetings. His zone is at a +4. They talked about officer training. Some club activities are the rose sale, pancake breakfast, and vision screening. Their next meeting is 3/27 in Francis Creek.
    3. Region 1 Zone 3 - DGE Jerry Post reported that their zone will sell tickets at the fair and the money raised will be used to give out a Melvin Jones, Birch Sturm and 2 Founders Awards.
    4. Region 2 Zone 1 - Lion Dennis Schwartz reported that Lion Mike Helmke is going to be the new zone chairman. Activities are good. Membership is about even. 400+ kids attended their vision screening.
    5. Region 2 Zone 2 - Lon Jack Johnson's last zone meeting was hosted by Random Lake with DG Len Quinn and DGE Jerry Post as guest speakers. Next zone meeting is 4/6 in Cascade.
    6. Region 2 Zone 3 - Lion Richard Schaefer's last zone meeting was 1/11/10. PDG Jerry Rabbach was their speaker on Eye Transporting. Lion Richard announced Various club acitivities. Winnebago East Shore will celebrate their 50th Anniversary On 4/16/11 and New Holstein their 40th Anniversary on 4/9/10. All of the clubs in the zone donated to the fallen fire fighter in their area. Next meeting, 4/12, Johnsburg
    7. Region 3 Zone 1 - Lion Warren Nelson reported their last zone meeting was 12/16 hosted by the Butte des Morts club with guest speaker Lion Harvey Hansen on ALERT. Next meeting is 3/10 hosted by Appleton Evening Club at Mark's East Side Larsen Winchester is having their pancake breakfast. They have built almost 600 ramps in 20 years.
    8. Region 3 Zone 2 - Lion Gary Silah's last zone meeting was 1/18 with DG Len Quinn as the guest speaker. PDG Gary Colton also presented on USA/Canada Forum. Three clubs reported an increase in membership. Lion Gary was re-elected as zone Chair. Next meeting will be in April 19th hosted by the FDL Lioness. Guest speaker will be Lion Mary Jo Abler on ALERT.

9. Region 4 Zone 1 - Lion Merl Strehlow's last meeting in December was hosted by Fairwater with an array of guests including DG Len Quinn,Kay and Miss Ginger, DGE Jerry Post and Lion Meg, PDG Tom Clausen, PDG Tom King and Lion Sandy He announced various club activities. Next meeting is 3/25 in Omro.
10. Region 4 Zone 2 - Lion Marvin Henke had PDG Victor Voigt as guest speaker on Leader Dog at his November meeting in Green Lake. Princeton is having a bowling benefit, Saturday 3/6. Next zone meeting is 3/8 with DGE Jerry and Lion Meg as guests.
11. Region 5 Zone 1 - Lion Helen Mork had several dignitaries at her last zone meeting. Montello club is donating a $1,500 kiak to camp. Packwaukee has 6 new members. Oxford is having the fisheree again for their 4th of July activities. Endeavor will sponsor a child for the diabetic camp. The zone will be presenting a Melvin Jones. The zone social is 3/29 at Buffalo Lake Lodge.
12. Region 5 Zone 2 - Lion Sherman Hamilton sent his report to PDG Gary Colton. His next zone meeting is 4/7 at Pioneer Pub in Wild Rose. They will select a Zone Melvin Jones and hopefully a new zone chairperson. He swore in 3 new members at Coloma.

15. Other Business
    A. Next meeting CJ's at the Wayside in Ripon on Sunday, 5/2/10. Annual picture will be taken. DG Len asked all members to please go back to their clubs and find a few extra bucks for WLF.
16. Adjournment by DG Len at 3:57

Respectfully submitted PDG Gary Colton. Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes

District 27-B1 Cabinet Meeting
Sunday, May 2, 2010
C.J.'s @ the Wayside, Ripon, WI

1. Call to Order @ 1:00 p.m. – DG Leonard Quinn
2. Pledge of Allegiance – PDG Ken Wallander
3. Prayer – by Lion Dave Holschbach; Song – by PDG Vic Voigt
4. Introduction of Guests – DG Leonard Quinn – ladies introduced themselves
5. Approval of Agenda & Opening Remarks – DG Leonard Quinn
6. Roll Call – PDG Gary Colton, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer – 34 cabinet members and 1 district honorary member were present. Lion Dean Haas introduced Lion Jim McGee from Appleton Evening Lions.
7. Approval of Cabinet Minutes from January 31, 2010 motion made by PDG Victor Voigt, 2nd by Lion Bill Wessing. M.C.
8. Treasurer's Report – presented by CST/PDG Gary Colton. Motion to accept by Lion Helen Mork, 2nd by Lion Gary Silah. M.C.
9. Tail Twister – Lion Irv Korth reminded members to keep reports to 3 minutes.
10. Communications – DG Leonard Quinn and PDG Gary Colton
    -A letter from Manitowoc Crane requesting support for their American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Motion by VDGE Merle Strelow to donate $200, 2nd by Lion Dennis Schwartz. M.C.
    -A letter from Union Grove Lions Club requesting sponsorship of camp counselor kits. Motion by PDG Steve Pautz to donate $200/1-kit, 2nd by Lion Dave Holschbach. M.C.
11. Old Business: None
12. New Business:
    A. Cabinet Reimbursement Form –complete and turn in to CST Gary Colton today
13. Committee Reports
    A. Constitution/Bylaws/Protocol – IPDG Gary Bilke – not present
    B. MERLO – PDG Ed Filemyr, Chairman – phone message to CST Gary Colton stated PDG Ed's regrets that he wouldn't be attending the meeting. He also said that the committee had met 5 times with Oostburg but they would not be forming a Lions club.
        1. **M**embership – Lion Dennis Schwartz is busy giving programs on membership.
        2. **E**xtension – Lion Bill Hilbert – not present

3. **R**etention – Lion August Grahl – no response from Oostburg; no further report

4. **L**eadership – DGE Jerry Post reported that officer training was held in Wautoma and Fond du Lac. Attendance increased at both sites with positive feedback from both. Lion Dave Holschbach will be Leadership chairman next year.

5. **O**rientation – Lion August Grahl

C. WLF – PDG Steve Pautz reported that WLF will be having tours/a steak fry and dance at the camp Friday during state convention. Friday morning is the final WLF meeting. The camp is looking for male counselors. July 17th is the Birch-Sturm golf outing. There will be no chicken dinner at the open house on the 3rd Sat. in Sept. Instead there will be brat and burger stands. PDG Steve congratulated Lion Irv Korth for stepping forward to be a WLF director. PDG Victor Voigt requested a round of applause for Steve Pautz to thank him for his work on the foundation.

D. Affiliate President – Lioness Ella Stanelle reported that with 13 of the 14 Lioness clubs reporting, the Lioness gave $7,306.60 to WLF;$1,325 to Lions Eye Bank;$2,320 to Leader Dog;$2,704.60 to Lions projects; and $29,139.44 to community giving. And 21,368 hrs. of community service.

E. Affiliate Liaison – Lion Meg Post stated the Lioness are strong and doing well in our district. Lion Meg and DGE Jerry have joined the Sherwood Lioness.

F. Alert Program – Lion Harvey Hansen / Lion Mary Jo Abler reported ALERT is going slowly. She has been working with FDL County Emergency Gov't Director. There seems to be a need for preparedness in time of an emergency, so she is putting together an informational handout that has the Lions logo on it. She is also making an outline of what we would like to do and how to do it. Lion Mary Jo and Lion Harvey are willing to speak at zone/club meetings about ALERT.

G. LCIF – PDG Vern Pautz reported that District 27-B1 donated $6,275 to Haiti. Overall, the clubs in the district have contributed over $25,000 to LCIF. MD-27 has received $539,920 from LCIF over the past years.

H. USA/Canada Leadership Forum – PDG Gary Colton reminded everyone that the Forum is Sept. 23rd – 25th in Milwaukee. Sign up sheets for registration and volunteers are available through Gary or online. There is a 3 set series of pins available. The 3rd one is available at the Forum. There is also a Harley Davidson Sportster raffle being held. Drawing on June 19th at 1:30 PM at the Hilton in Milwaukee. Lion Dean added that there's only 2,000 tickets printed. June 15th is the deadline for early bird registration. DGE Jerry encouraged people to attend. DG Len reported that District 27-B1 will have a presenter at the Forum – himself!!

I. Lions Pride – PDG Herb Schneider reported that as of Apr. 27th 1,025 individuals have donated to Pride. 276 clubs have pledged $775,500. Of that 27-B2 pledged $241,000 and B1 – a little over $100,000. B1 needs 33 more clubs to make pledges in order to reach 100%. PDG Herb challenged every club to make a donation.

J. Youth Exchange – Lion Sandy King's written report read by CST Gary stated that there are only a couple youths left to place with Host Families. They still need some male counselors, age 18 and up. Contact Sandy if you want to help at camp the week of July 18th.

K. Special Olympics – PDG Orv Kittel reported that 262 athletes went through the Special Olympics vision screening. 241 glasses were distributed to the athletes. There were 84 volunteers. Everyting went very smoothly. PDG Orv thanked everyone who contributed in any way to the program. DG Len added that State MERLO chairman, PDG John Schwab has met with the parents of the Special Olympic athletes, who were very impressed with our Lions organization. The parents and athletes are considering forming a Speciality Lions club of their own.

L. Leo Chairman – PDG Ken Wallander stated that the Neshkoro Leos will be taking

pictures at the camp this year. They are trying to find a sponsor for the calendars if they are to continue.

M. Peace Poster – Lion Dawn Christensen asked zone chairmen to encourage the clubs in their zones to run a peace poster contest this year.

N. Diabetes/LEHP/Sight Conservation – Lion Al Sabel stated that MD-27 is matching $10,000 with the MD of Washington State to enter a $20,000 float in international parade in Seattle. Lion Al and others, felt this money could be spent in a better way, such as at our camp. The ADA camp for diabetic kids will be held Aug. 1st – 6th and Aug. 8th – 13th. Right now ADA rents the camp for these kids.

O. Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling – CST Gary Colton read a report from PDG Paul Tadych stating that as of 4/16/10 the Lions clubs of 27-B1 have donated $9,080.00 to the Hearing Program. Right now there are only 7 people on the waiting list. Thanks to everyone involved in helping. DG Len added that the number has since been cut to 5 people waiting.

P. Eye Bank of WI – CST Gary read a written report from PDG Tom King letting us know that Elizabeth Koenig has been selected as our new Executive Director to replace Dave Butters starting mid-April.

Q. Mission to Mexico – Lion Ralph Schneider encouraged everyone to continue to collect glasses. Single vision and reader glasses are desperately needed. DGE Jerry suggested clubs holding contests in schools/communities to collect glasses.

R. Leader Dog/District Raffle – PDG Vic Voigt reported that Leader Dog is looking for funds like other programs. 30 clubs have not donated to date. Please donate something. No raffle report at this time.

S. State Lions Convention – Lion Merl Strelow reported that there has been some complications with the raffle ticket prizes and with a signed golf contract. These are being worked out by the committee. They also have 200 lunch coolers to sell. There was a motion made by VDGE Merle Strelow to sponsor a $100 golf hole for DG Len Quinn and one for DGE Jerry Post; 2nd by PDG Steve Pautz. M.C.

T. District Convention – PDG Steve Pautz / PDG Gary Colton reported that the district Convention will be the 2nd weekend in Nov. at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc. The first planning meeting will be held in June for those who want to be on the committee. DGE Jerry reported that the programs are set.

U. District and State Bowling – Lion Bill Hilbert – no report

V. IT – PDG Tom Clausen – no report. DG Len said 3 of his fellow Governors commented that B1's website is the easiest to move through and one of the most informational in the state.

W. Public Relations – Lion Mary Jo Abler asked members to keep action photos coming in and take them close up. Melvin Jones/Birch-Sturm/Knight of Sight awards are in the back of the paper in the classified section. Try to type reports sent in. Send pictures via email. Not photocopies. She would also like one article/year from chairpeople. Lion Mary Jo is still working on compiling a list of speakers for meetings.

X. Pin Chairman – Lion Harvey Hansen reported there are no new pins at this time, and this will be Lion Harvey's last official meeting as our pin chairman.

Y. District Bucket Raffle – Lion Craig Hansen asked zone chairmen and club members to please donate prizes to the district bucket raffle. The more prizes the better the raffle income.

Z. Historian – PDG Richard Christianson said some clubs have asked him for a copy of their charter needed to apply for a raffle license. This is something he doesn't have. A copy of the club charter can be obtained from International. All clubs should be aware of their charter location.

AA. Elections & Nominations – Lion Ralph Schneider reported that we need a Vice-District Governor candidate (2), and a District Bowling Club. Papers need to be filed 30 days before district convention.

BB. Youth Outreach – no chair

CC. Advisory/Long Range Planning – Lion Mike De Baere had no report.

14. Zone Chairmen Reports:

1. Region 1 Zone 1 - Lion Fred Gebhart reported that all of the clubs will be active through the summer. New members: Brillion-2;Stockbridge-1;Sherwood Lioness-2. Eye transports: Hilbert-14; Sherwood-8. Hilbert awarded a Birch-Sturm. Raffles at zone meetings raised $588 and a wood block was purchased for the honor wall at the camp in honor of PDG Clarence Weller.

2. Region 1 Zone 2 - Lion Dave Holschbach had his last zone meeting the end of March and had a camper and her mother talk to the members. PDG Victor Voigt spoke on behalf of Leader Dog and PDG Steve Pautz gave his farewell to the zone.

3. Region 1 Zone 3 - Lion Statte Hayward's final zone meeting is coming up and will be hosted by the Two Rivers Lioness. Four awards will be presented. The clubs are busy with the following projects: Newton – Bingo; Manitowoc – brat & fish fry; St. Nazianz – Fun Night (made $13,000);Valders – Community Picnic; Collins – district bowling.

4. Region 2 Zone 1 - Lion Dennis Schwartz reported that Lion Mike Helmke from the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Dept. will be the new zone chairman next year.

5. Region 2 Zone 2 - Lion Jack Johnson reported that his clubs have picked up 9 new members in the Waldo club. Lion Jack is unsure of the status of the Adell club at this time. Amsterdam added 3 new members. Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 4th in Cascade.

6. Region 2 Zone 3 Lion Richard Schaefer held his last meeting on 4/12. PDG Paul Tadych, PDG Ken Wallander and Lion Mary Jo Abler were presenters. Membership is low. Lion Bill Stubbe was given the Knight of Sight Fellowship. PDG Herb Schneider will present for PRIDE at the Sept. 13th meeting.

7. Region 3 Zone 1 - Lion Warren Nelson said all of his clubs are busy with activities. Membership is holding steady. Larsen-Winchester had 1,059 people attend their pancake breakfast. May 18th is the next zone meeting.

8. Region 3 Zone 2 - Lion Gary Silah held the April 19th meeting in FDL, hosted by the FDL Lioness. Lion Mary Jo Abler presented on ALERT. DGE Jerry Post, WLF director Tom Clausen, and USA/Canada representative PDG Gary Colton also spoke. Club membership is good except for Dundee-Long Lake club that might be disbanding due to lack of members and participation. DGE Jerry and ZC Gary will attend their May 5th meeting to discuss options. They may join with another club. Oakfield club will host the fall meeting.

9. Region 4 Zone 1 - Lion Merl Strelow announced that Lion Dawn Christensen will be the new zone chair. Their last meeting was in Omro with 48 people in attendance. Lion Merl reported that all-9 clubs are self-contained and doing well. Ripon Lions & Lioness, Brandon and Fairwater Lions gave a Birch-Sturm to Brandon Meats. Fairwater Lions gave the Knight of Sight Fellowship to Pam Lahey.

10. Region 4 Zone 2 - Lion Marvin Henke held his last zone meeting in Neshkoro with 64 members in attendance. VDG Jerry and Meg were presenters. Membership is up in the zone. Berlin Club is holding a horse pull on 6/12 to raise money to purchase a Trekker for a member who is blind. Green Lake will host the next meeting. PDG Herb Schneider will be the speaker.

11. Region 5 Zone 1 - Lion Helen Mork held her last zone meeting on 3/29 with PDG Jerry Rabbach as her speaker. The new zone chairman is Lion Karl Rasmussen from Oxford. Packwaukee has 7 new members. Westfield has been active in donating to PRIDE and the camp. The Oxford Lions, Lioness and Montello Lions have been very active.

12. Region 5 Zone 2 - Lion Sherman Hamilton held his last zone meeting on 4/7 with WLF Director, PDG Tom Clausen as the speaker. A Melvin Jones Fellow recipient was selected and will be presented at the 6/1 zone meeting at Silvercryst. There will be a section in the local paper for Lions Week, highlighting all the clubs in the zone.

15. Other Business – DG Len Quinn reminded everyone that PU-101's are due now and send them to DGE Jerry Post.

A. Funds Approval for 2010-2011 cabinet – A motion was made by PDG Victor Voigt to approve the transfer of $1,000 starter funds to an account for the 2010 - 2011 cabinet; 2nd by ZC Gary Silah. M.C.

B. DGE Jerry Post – Information regarding 2010-2011 Lionistic Year – DGE Jerry extended a very special Thank You to everyone who made the year a GREAT one for he and Meg. He stated that his goals will be very similar to DG Quinn's. He recalled two instances when DG Quinn was speechless. The first was when 11 Lions from St. Nazianz's pulled up with a limousine, to take DG Quinn to his club meeting and presented him with a Founder's Award. The second was 4 days later when they took him to convention and presented him with a Breeze. DGE Jerry elaborated on how he and Meg have become very good friends with Ginger. They presented Ginger with a tag that reads: I am no more, no less than a left hand full of Lions love.

C. DG Len Quinn – Closing comments – DG Len thanked all of his cabinet members and all of the Past District Governors for their time, service and advice this year. He gave special recognition to Kay and Ginger, for without them his term as DG wouldn't have happened. DG Len said he has witnessed many miracles and has cried more this year than he ever has in his life. He told those present, you do those miracles everyday of every year. Thank you!

D. Camperships – A motion was made by PDG Vern Pautz to give 2 - $600 Camperships to sponsor 2 children to go to camp. The $1,200 to be taken out of the excess funds in the district treasury; 2nd by Lion Marv Henke. M.C.

16. Adjournment – DG Len Quinn adjourned the meeting with this reminder: "The only Happiness that you get to keep is the happiness that you give away."

Respectfully submitted, PDG Gary Colton, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

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District 27-B1 Business Meeting
May 15, 2010
State Convention Meeting Agenda

Call to Order – 8:55 AM by District Governor Lion Leonard Quinn

1) Introduction of Guests – DG Lion Leonard Quinn(listed below in order they arrived)
2) Pledge – Immediate Past District Governor Gary Bilke
3) Invocation – by Lion Myra Schneider
4) Song – "Lions Spirit" led by PDG Lion Victor Voigt

Roll Call – taken by Cabinet Sec/Treas PDG Lion Gary Colton, 19 cabinet mbrs in attendance.
Approval of Agenda – Motion by Lion Ralph Schneider, 2nd by PDG Orv Kittel, M.C.
Opening Comments – DG Lion Leonard Quinn thanked everyone for attending the State Convention and reminded them to complete their evaluation forms to help with future planning.
District Correspondence – CST/ PDG Lion Gary Colton

-Lions Eye Bank sent a thank you letter and a banner patch for our donation. Motion by VDGE Merle Strelow, 2nd by PDG Ed Filemyr not to put the patch on our banner. M.C.

-A thank you letter from the Wisconsin Lions Eye Bank for our increased contributions.

-A thank you letter from WLF for our continued support.

Voter Certification – by CST/ PDG Lion Gary Colton before the meeting and between 10:30 – 11:00 in the Garden Room.

State Convention Report – VDGE Merle Strelow reported that everything is going well and please be sure to complete your evaluations to help with next year's planning.

State Convention Resolutions – IPDG Gary Bilke - Resolutions #1 & #2 give the control back to the clubs to run the state convention. There was some question as to the vagueness of the language of the resolutions. This was explained as giving the council more flexibility in running the convention. Governor Len stressed that if you vote YES for #1 you need to also vote YES for #2.
Resolution #3 asks for approval for WLF to spend over $100,000 to re-roof the Memorial Building. WLF already has the money; they just need voter approval.

Introduction of Guests:

-WLF President Glen Moegenburg asked for voter support for Resolution #3 to approve spending over $100,000 to re-roof the Memorial Building.

-PDG Ron Grosskopf requested voter support for Shawano for the 2011 State Bowling tournament.

-PCC Mark Hintzmann and his wife Lion Jayne stated that they are Lions just like everyone else and that "It's all about WE SERVE". They asked for voters' positive support on the ballot for the position of International Director.

-Lion Bill Eichelberg from the Madison Lions Club and manager of the Madison Marriot Motel asked for voter support of the Marriot as the site for the 2013 State Convention.

-PID Wayne Heiman introduced PID Wayne Madden and his wife Lion Linda as our guests for State Convention and also as our recommended candidate to be on the ballot in Sidney for 2nd Vice-President of LCI. PID Madden expressed what a wonderful opportunity and challenge it will be to join the executive officers of our Lions Association. He is looking forward to serving our International Lions. He and Linda are also looking forward to spending the day with the Wisconsin Lions.

-Lion Dick Foss and Lion Laurie Holthaus invited us to vote for LaCrosse as the 2013 site for the State Convention.

-Lion Cary Kraemer awarded the trophies for the 2010 State bowling tournament. Elkhart Lake was the winning team and Lion Dave Bardon bowled a 300 in the tournament.

Closing Remarks

1) VDGE – Lion Merl Strelow said he is looking forward to getting started July 1st. He asked everyone to enjoy the convention and be sure to complete the evaluations.
2) DGE – Lion Jerry Post stressed that he is a Lion, a Lioness and a Leo because it takes all three working together to run our district. Lion Meg Post and DGE Jerry presented DG Len Quinn with a petition for reasonable and liberal visitation rights to Miss Ginger.
3) DG Lion Leonard Quinn recognized PDG Herb Schneider for signing up over 150 members into Lions during his Lionistic career. DG Len expressed a very special Thank You to Lion Kay for her support during this past year. Then DG Len recalled a very special memory he has about a 14 year old Campbellsport girl, who was able to read thanks to a reader machine and some very special Lions – each one of you!

Auction of donations and "pass the bucket/bags" netted $425. $100 was designated to sponsor a hole at the Birch-Sturm golf tournament. The remaining amount was divided between Leader Dog and Lions Camp.

Adjournment by DG Len Quinn

Respectfully submitted, CST/PDG Gary Colton

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As we start a new Lionistic year, I want to take some time to thank the members of 27-B1 for all their support and particularly IPDG Gary Bilke for his support and advice during the last year.

As you know by now, 27-B1 was the only district in Wisconsin to show an increase in membership last year. You should be extremely proud of this.

Our goal for this next year is one new club and 30 new members. We can only achieve this if each Lion takes the time to ask someone to join us.

The many projects supported by MD27 (i.e. Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Lions Pride, Eye Glass Recycling, Mission to Mexico, Hearing, Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin, Leader Dog, Diabetes, the Leo Program, Peace Poster, our Alert Team, Youth Exchange) and all the local projects that you support depend on the Lions of 27-B1. In these rough economic times we will be called on more often, and asked to work even harder than we have in the past. I have no doubt that our district will pull their weight in supporting all of these projects.

I remind you that raising money is important, but having fun is what it is all about. Don't forget to have some fun at every meeting and every project.

I want to thank all the clubs that have asked me to install new members and officers in the last few months. Special recognition should be given to the Pickett Lions Club who swore in 21 new members. Good Job Pickett Lions!!!

I must add a special thank you to the Lioness of 27-B1. In the last year they have put in countless hours working for Lionistic causes. We should be proud that our district has these people working with us.

It is time for clubs to start planning for the November 13th-14th District Convention at the Oshkosh Convention Center. Hope to see all of you there.

When planning this year's governor's visit, please e-mail me or phone me. Contact information is below my photo. In your e-mail indicate the date you wish us to come and a second choice in case that date is filled. Indicate the time and place of the meeting. Also indicate if we will be swearing in any new members or giving any awards out. The faster you get this information to us, the better chance you will have in getting the dates that you want.

If VDG Jerry Post or I can be of any help, please give us a call and we will come running.

The first 27-B1 Cabinet meeting will be Sunday, August 2, at the Opera House-Maria Haus, St. Nazianz. Zone Chairs - 11 am; Social - 12-1 pm; complete Cabinet meeting - 1 PM.

Reminding you that Lions have Pride!

Meet VDG Jerry

By the time you read this I will be your VDG. My wife, Lion Meg, and I have been waiting two long years for this and are very excited about our new role in Lions. We are looking forward to serving everyone in our District. Because of the passion of all Lions, we have an enthusiastic feeling that we want to share with everyone.

I sometimes think, what would the Lions of today be like if Melvin Jones did not accomplish his goal? What if Helen Keller never attended a convention in 1925? What if that blind women in 1937 was not denied a leader dog? And what if no one heard the blind boy say, "Blind kids can't go to camp and stuff like that"? We have a lot to be proud of!

Just think, we have never backed away from a challenge given to us when it comes to making life a little better for those with differing abilities or with disasters around the world. Even with the world problems of today, we continue to keep a positive outlook and truly uphold our motto, "WE SERVE".

DG Len, Kay and Leader dog Ginger are the top dogs, but please feel free to give us a "bone" once in awhile, as we would enjoy a visit with all clubs to share our visions of serving with you. DG Len and I are looking forward to a fun and fulfilling year with you. Together we can accomplish anything we set our minds to.

Change in Leadership

by Editor Mary Jo Abler

It is the time of year again when we change leaders; a time when I think of geese. I hope this reflects your club.

Together Everyone Achieves More... With every flap of its wings, the lead bird in a flight of Canadian geese is breaking through a wall of air, creating a swirling vortex that provides a 'push' for each follower.

Some estimates show that geese in a V-formation can fly as much as 70% farther than they could fly alone. It's exhausting work for the lead bird, they take turns. When the leader drops back, another takes its place. It is good to be flying with you.

We are Proud to be Members of Pride

by PCC Herb & Lion Myra Schneider

The Wisconsin Lions Foundation has grown and changed in the past 53 years. The camp was created for blind children who were not able to enjoy going to outdoor camp like many of their friends. The Lions of Wisconsin made it possible for them to go to camp and enjoy all the outdoor experiences offered.

As a Pride Ambassador and Past WLF Director and President I am extremely proud of all the WLF State Projects, especially Lions Camp.

We have the greatest Camp in the world for visually and hearing impaired, cognitively disabled and diabetic children. It's easy to be proud of what the Lions of Wisconsin have accomplished over the past 53 years through the generosity of Lion, Lioness and Leo Clubs throughout the State and our own District 27-B1.

We are enduring a very unstable time economically, which affects everyone including our Lions Camp. Currently Club contributions cover only 52% of the operating expenses of all of the WLF projects; in fact Club contributions do not even cover the cost of running just Lions Camp.

The Pride Campaign was established to fund a $25 million endowment fund to support our Camp and other statewide projects. By using the interest from the endowment fund to supplement the club donations, continued operation would be guaranteed. If anyone can reach this goal, the Lions can. In our 27-B1, 40 Clubs and 143 individuals, both Lions and non-Lions, are now proud members of Pride.

Myra and I truly believe in the Pride Campaign, we have pledged our financial support and I have made myself available to help promote the WLF Pride Campaign and our Lions Camp. Contact me at 920-458-1530 if you would like information on the Pride Campaign and how you can get involved.

Editor note: *It is not difficult to give to Pride. The next time you send a donation to WLF in memory of, or in honor of someone, just designate it to Pride. The amount does not have to be large to contribute to Pride, WLF or LEBW. Just be sure you write in the memo where you want the contribution to go.*

News & Activities

WINNEBAGO EAST SHORE DONATES TO LIONS CAMP - *by Lion Jack Huss* - The Winnebago East Shore Lions have made a one-year commitment to donate $300 per month to the Lions Camp. The Club obtains their funds from bingo held at the Spectrum, Fond du Lac on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. The bingo guarantees $3,000 per evening with a final progressive game. Jamie Jannusch, assistant camp operations manager, was at a recent dinner meeting the Club held and accepted a check for the Camp from President Sharon Diedrich and Club Secretary Gary Roehrig.

STATE CONVENTION FUN - WLF Immediate Past President Tom Clausen, 27-B1 ADP Elle Stanelle and Lion Betty Clausen hamming it up at hospitality after a very full year for the Clausen's.

GREEN GLEN LIONS held their annual Fish Fry at Anchor Lanes in Elkhart Lake on May 1st.

OAKFIELD LIONS CLUB 34TH ANNUAL PANCAKE DAY - *by Lion Al Messner* - A record 750+ people were served at the 34th annual Pancake Day. Proceeds from the day will go to help with various local causes. A bucket raffle raised $1,090 for Katie Gross an Oakfield High School student who has cancer. The club thanks all who attended, bought raffle tickets or donated items. ABOVE: (L to R) Lions Vic Jewson cooking eggs, Tom Henke and IPDG John Wessel making pancakes, and Wally Kohlmann, serving food.

LARSEN/WINCHESTER LIONS - BAD DAY, GOOD PANCAKES - The air was wet with rain, but all was warm inside as the Larsen/Winchester Lions served 1,097 people at their semi-annual pancake breakfast. The crowds kept coming and none went away hungry. The money earned will be used for the many Lion projects in the community. The money made on the tent raffle will eventually result in a third Lion scholarship. The Lions want to thank everyone who came out on a not so nice day, the many helpers, both Lions and non-Lions, and the businesses and organizations that donated to the effort. Thanks to all for a successful breakfast! **ABOVE:** back into the trailer goes everything needed for the lion's pancake breakfast. Storing all of the supplies in the trailer saves about two hours at setup and takedown. It also frees up valuable floor space at the ramp warehouse.

NEW HOLSTEIN LIONS annual Big Bucks raffle in April.

MONTELLO LIONS ELECTION DAY SPAGHETTI SUPPER - *by Lion Kathleen McGwin* - offered up plates of tasty pasta with zesty Italian sausage at Granite Falls Supper Club, Montello owned by Lion Mike Hammer. ABOVE: Lion Bill Lewis serves spaghetti with a smile. BELOW: There's no waiting for the hot and zesty homemade pasta when Lion Wayne Mork, right, and Lion Delon Neumann get started.

Event

SUN, AUG 16 - Van Dyne Lions & Lioness Smalltown USA Day
Van Dyne Lions Park Kickball, Parade, Jerry Schneider Band, food and fun.

New Lioness President Ready to Serve

by ADP Ella Stanelle

I can't believe it! I'm President of the Affiliate. It is kind of scary and exciting all at once. I can't wait to meet all of our clubs in 27-B1. That makes me excited. But I'm afraid of all the responsibility that comes with being a President. So if I mess up, please help me out.

I'm working on a theme for the year called a Lioness Quilt. I would love to share this with our clubs when I come to visit. It would be especially great if I could come on the night that you invite friends/possible new member's night. I'm going to show you some special Quilts.

A little about myself. I'm wife to Gary, my best friend and supporter. Mother of two daughters who have always kept me active. Grandmother to three granddaughters and two grandsons. Grandchildren are the greatest joy.

Enjoy your summer with family and friends. Refresh that Lioness Spirit. Get healthy, read a book, write some letters and close your eyes and dream.

You may contact me at 920-921-4954 or estanelle@charter.net.

Great Success At The MD27 Lions Golf Outing

by Merle Strelow, 27-B1 Convention Representative

The State Lions Golf Outing is over!!!!! We ended up with 60 golfers from all over the state. The weather was just listed as okay; the golfers enjoyed it, but the volunteers sitting at the money holes said it really got cold.

Menomonee Lions won the tournament, Monroe Lions took second and two Lake Wisconsin teams tied for third.

27-B1 was well represented with sponsors and volunteers.

Hole sponsors:

- Reg 2 Zone 3 Clubs
- Kingston Lions
- Brandon Lions
- Fairwater Lions
- Pam Leahy, Fairwater Lions

Volunteers in random order:

- Bob & Kathy Schuster
- Bev Karst
- Dave Tapper
- Bonnie Strelow-FW
- Mike & Vicki Sievert
- Kingston Lions
- Jodi Kohn
- Kingston Lioness
- Sue Robinson
- Neshkoro Lioness
- Dawn Christensen
- Brandon Lions

Willard Greene and Dick Hauser ran the raffles. Fletcher Baker won the bushel of booze, Dan Hanke won the 50/50 raffle and every golfer got a three pack of balls and a $10 Army Ducks gift certificate.

Thank you to everyone who participated.

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27-B1 District A hardy hello to the Lions, Lioness, and Leos of 27-B1. We have already completed the first month of our Lionistic year and we are in the heart of our fund-raising events. As we spend our summer raising money for those that we serve, it is time to reflect on two important things.

First of all, are we truly putting fun into fundraising? Without the fun, there would be no reason to show up and stand in the sun and work for 10-12 hours without a smile or a laugh.

The second thought is concerning your budget for this year. There are many projects that Lions in the state of Wisconsin support: Diabetes, Eyeglass Recycling, Hearing, Mission to Mexico, Leader Dog, ALERT, Youth Exchange, Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Pride, Eye Bank, of course LCIF, and also the needs of your own community. All of these are projects that are well worth the efforts and support of your club.

I would like to ask the clubs of 27-B1 to complete a commitment that the Wisconsin Lions made more than 50 years ago, a commitment to build and to maintain a camp for blind children, deaf children, children with cognitive disorders and diabetic children, so that they would have a place each summer to live their dream, a very simple dream, a dream of just being kids.

The Camp is supported by the donations of the Lions of Wisconsin. The Lions have been successful in building the finest facility of its type in the world. Now the challenge is to maintain the high quality and standards that we have built.

On an annual basis, the cost of camp operation rises at a rate of about 5-6%. Many of the clubs have taken this into consideration when they make out their annual budget. I would ask that ALL the clubs of 27-B1 consider the small increase in their budget for the Foundation.

Last year 1,600 children enjoyed their time of learning and laughing at your Camp. It's impossible for them to say thank you to all the clubs, so allow me to say thank you Lions, Lioness, and Leos for thinking of those children and making it possible for them to live their dream.

Also don't forget the Pride program, for as the Foundation takes care of the children of today, Pride will take care of the children of tomorrow.

Reminding you, that the only happiness you get to keep is the happiness you give away. Lion Kay, Leader Dog Ginger and I wish you good luck, God bless and may you know nothing but happiness.

Hearing Aid Project

Taken from the WLF web page

Help Them Hear What They've Been Missing...

Hearing is the last sensory function to leave us when we fall asleep and the first to "come on line" when we awaken. Normal hearing provides vital information about our environment and warnings of danger, affords the opportunity for communication with other people, and opens a channel for the pleasures of listening to music, laughter, and sounds in nature.

An estimated 26 million Americans are afflicted with hearing loss and cannot fully appreciate this unique sensory experience.

For some, hearing loss is present from the time of birth (congenital). For others, hearing loss occurs later in life and may be due to one or a combination of causes: infection, injury, excessive noise exposure, heredity or aging, to name a few.

Since 1981, The Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Inc. has realized the adverse effect hearing loss can have on the individual, the family, and society as a whole.

Hearing impairment is the most common and widespread form of physical disability in the United States today. It is a "silent" disability, evoking little public recognition and sympathy. The hard of hearing individual usually does not look any different or bear any outward sign of his/her affliction.

The human and economic costs of failing to prevent these hearing losses are too high to ignore. Providing assistance to the hard of hearing at the earliest possible time is extremely important. The Wisconsin Lions Foundation Hearing Project was conceived from this need and continues to evolve, expanding its role in hearing preservation and rehabilitation.

What Are The WLF Hearing Project Objectives?

- To promote public awareness of the scope of hearing loss and its effect on the individual and society.
- To increase public knowledge about prevention, recognition, and treatment for the hard of hearing.
- To collect and recycle both functioning and non-functioning used hearing aids for salvage credit, allowing the purchase of new hearing aids for recipients of the Lions Hearing Project.

What Is The WLF Hearing Project All About?

The WLF Hearing Project is dedicated to the needs of the hard of hearing. It is run through a combined effort of Wisconsin Lions, Lioness, and Leo Clubs. Hearing healthcare professionals throughout the State generously assist by providing services to beneficiaries of the Hearing Project throughout Wisconsin.

Who Is The Project Designed To Serve?

The WLF Hearing Project helps Wisconsin's needy individuals who are hard of hearing, cannot afford to purchase a hearing instrument, and do not qualify for any existing state-funded financial assistance programs.

How Does The Project Work?

The success of the Hearing Project relies on the collaborative efforts and generosity of Wisconsin Lions, Lioness, and Leo Clubs, hearing healthcare professionals, and hearing aid manufacturers.

Lions, Lioness, and Leo Clubs throughout the State collect used hearing aids and provide funding for recipients; hearing professionals agree to accept reduced fees for their services; and hearing aid manufacturers provide large discounts on hearing devices dispensed to recipients.

How does an individual apply for assistance?

Any individual interested in receiving assistance from the Project is required to fill out an application for financial assistance. Applications can be obtained by contacting a local Lions, Lioness, or Leo Club or by calling the Foundation Office, toll-free at 1-877-463-6953.

How Is An Applicant's Financial Eligibility Determined?

The District Hearing Chairperson of the district where the applicant resides carefully reviews applications. District Hearing Chairpersons refer to the WLF Hearing Aid Project Protocol, which provides suggested guidelines to use when making financial eligibility decisions.

Is The Information Provided On The Application Kept Confidential?

Yes. The only people who see the information provided on the application are the District Hearing Chairperson and the Hearing Project Coordinator.

Can an applicant apply for financial assistance after they have purchased a hearing device(s)?

No. Applications for payment of hearing aids that were fitted without prior authorization will not be considered.

Does the Project pay for hearing evaluations, hearing aid evaluations, and/or medical evaluations performed for the purpose of obtaining a hearing aid(s)?

No, simply because the costs of providing these services would be prohibitive. These costs may or may not be the recipient's responsibility, depending upon their insurance coverage. It is the recipient's responsibility to check with their insurance carrier regarding these costs.

What types of hearing aids are dispensed to recipients?

The style, brand, and model, which is most appropriate for the recipient's hearing needs is determined by a hearing professional. All attempts are made to supply the hearing aid of choice; however, if cost is prohibitive, the hearing professional and WLF Hearing Project Coordinator work together to find the best option.

How can you help?

As a Lion, Lioness, or Leo, your interest in, and support of, the WLF Hearing Project is essential if it is to achieve its objectives. What can YOU do to ensure the growth and success of the WLF Hearing Project?

Promote in your Club and community an awareness of the importance of good hearing and a greater sensitivity for those who are hard of hearing.

Encourage the donation of used (functioning or non-functioning) hearing aids to the WLF Hearing Project. A continuous supply of hearing aids, which can be recycled for salvage credit, is always needed. Hearing Aid donors may be eligible for an IRS tax deduction. Collected donated hearing aids can be deposited in hearing aid or eyeglass containers. These are available from WLF.

Support your own Club's efforts to identify individuals who might benefit from the Project, and expedite the process by promptly responding to an applicants' request for assistance.

Continue to make HEARING a major area of interest and service for your Club by including the Hearing Project in your public education endeavors, on your convention and meeting agenda, and as a recipient of your fundraising efforts.

27-B1 Hearing Aid Report

by Paul A. Tadych, Hearing & Eyeglass Chair

The Hearing Aid Program's success is entirely dependent upon all the clubs in B1. Without your dollars, we cannot give aids out as requested. Let me explain; it costs approximately $600. per aid. The Wisconsin Lions Foundation (WLF) collects used hearing aids and receives credit from some of the hearing aid companies. That money assists WLF in expenses. The District gathers donations from the clubs and pays WLF whenever a charge is made for a requested hearing aid.

It is my duty to talk to the clubs about hearing aids and to gather information about the aids and how to go about requesting them. You can reach me at 920-668-6308. I have an answering machine and will answer all questions. You may also call Megan at the WLF office at 1-877-463-6953.

To date, I have approved 21 hearing aids and denied 4. They come from: Neshkoro (3), Omro (1), Plymouth (1), Appleton (6), Oshkosh (3), St. Cloud (1), Wild Rose (2), Two Rivers (1), Oxford (1) and Neenah (2).

I have denied 4 aids from Menasha (1), Ripon (2) and Oshkosh (1). You can see the applications come form all over the District. We need your help funding this program.

Keep collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids. Without you, we would not have a program that gives so much to the people We Serve.

Don't Waste An Opportunity

by 1st VDG Jerry "THE POSTMAN" Post

For years I would attend zone meetings and be asked to serve as zone chair. I would always say no. In 2006 when asked, I finally said yes. As I think back, what a waste of my Lion's passion by saying no.

It was during the beginning of my second year as zone chair that I made the decision, without being asked, to run for District Governor for the year 2010-2011. The opportunity to serve as zone chair and be on the District Cabinet has been one of the greatest experiences during my time in Lions. Once I made that decision, the support I received from my club, zone, and the district cabinet was overwhelming.

I have always believed that there is a reason for things that happen in life. Although I do not know the reason for Lion Quinn and I being teamed up as District Governor and Vice District Governor; but I am sure that it will be revealed during our term together.

I am going to ask all Lions not to make the same mistake I have made. Do not let a wonderful opportunity like this pass you by. As part of the leadership team, Quinn and I have many new tools to help you become a part of your dream instead of just dreaming your dream.

At the District Convention in 2008 when I accepted the nomination for Vice District Governor, I asked all Lions there who were thinking about being President, Zone Chair, or District Governor to stop thinking and just do it. I am asking you again; stop thinking about it and try this wonderful opportunity.

Lioness Are Busy

by ADP Ella Stanelle

Happy summer to all Lioness. After my installation in June, I inherited the Boxes. In these boxes are folders and in these folders are the Club's monthly reports. These reports give me insight into what the clubs are doing. And all I can say is that I have inherited the best clubs in the State and maybe the World.

The Lioness are busy. Caring, sharing, volunteering, working, making, baking, visiting, donating and helping the needy. They sell pizzas, flowers, cook books, coloring books, calendars, candy bars, Kringles, cookie dough and entertainment books. Lionesses cook tons of chicken, brats, hamburgers, soups and sandwiches. They collect pop-tops, magazines, school supplies, blankets, eyeglasses, hearing aids, and toiletries.

Lioness run blood drives, Easter egg hunts, pictures with Santa, vision and hearing screenings. They participate in Relay for Life, parades, Eye Bank transfers, WI Special Olympics, Bell Ringing and food pantry drives.

Lioness adopt families, visit nursing homes, have rummage sales, and organize beanbag and cribbage tournaments, and gather raffles and prizes. I could write a two-page report on all the community giving and support, and they stay faithful in fulfilling their obligation to WLF, Diabetes, Leader Dog, Camp wish lists, Mission to Mexico and other Lions projects.

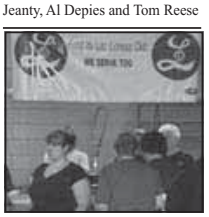
So be proud of all you have done and all you are doing. I want to give you all a big thank you. Job well done Lioness.

Contact me at estanelle@charter.net or 920-921-4954.

News & Activities

WAY-MORR LIONS HOLD FOOD DRIVE - *by Lion Ron Kiekhaefer* - At the June 10 Music in the Park. Over 150 food items along with money donations were collected and given to a local food bank. The club has been hosting music nights through out the summer at Way-Morr Park for the past 5 years. The Way-Morr Area Youth Baseball League serves food and refreshments while the area crowds enjoy free ice cream served by the Lions. The remaining summer date is August 12 starting at 6:30pm.

NEW HOLSTEIN LIONS CLEAN UP DAY at the shelter along the Solomon Trail on Hwy 57 between Kiel and New Holstein. New gravel and weed barrier was installed this year to enhance the area. The New Holstein and Kiel Lions clubs have built and maintained the shelter as a joint Lions project. Lions Tom and Betty Reese are in charge of the flowers and weekly maintenance throughout the summer. Pictured are Lions Gene Winkel, Chuck Jeanty, Al Depies and Tom Reese



FOND DU LAC LIONESS 5TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY FLEA MARKET FOOD BOOTH - at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds. A portion of the profits was donated to a Young.... Growing Fond du Lac family in need.

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As we enter the fall season, it is time to think about 27-B1's District Convention. It will be held on the second weekend in November. This year our convention will be held at the Oshkosh Convention Center, which is located in downtown Oshkosh. It would be exciting if each club in the district would send several members to represent them at the convention.

OurInternationalRepresentative will be Ross L. Thorfinnson Jr., Past International Director from Minnesota. He is a very dynamic and inspirational speaker. He will speak at Saturday afternoon's luncheon.

If your club is looking to book speakers for its meetings, bring your scheduling book with you. We will have representatives with booths set-up for the MERLO team, the Eye Bank, Lions Pride, Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Lions Camp, Leader Dog, Diabetes, Hearing, Youth Exchange, Mission to Mexico, and Eyeglass Recycling. All these people are experts in their field and would make excellent speakers for your club or zone meetings or any special night you may have planned.

District Convention is a good time to meet with fellow Lions and to discuss local problems and to pick-up on some new fund-raising ideas. And don't forget to have some fun.! Hope to see many of you there.!!

An additional note from your Governor... In the past twelve months, District 27-B1 has supplied 22 people with hearing aides. I believe this to be a record for our district. PDG Paul Tadych, chair of our hearing program, should be commended for his hard work and numerous hours put into the service for this District.

However, I'm informed that we have depleted all the funds in our hearing aide account. It is time for all the clubs to step-up to the plate and send in a check to get this program up and running again.

If every club would send in just $200 we would have over $14,000 in our account. Let's see if we can accomplish this goal.

Reminding you that the only happiness you get to keep is the happiness you give away. Remember Lions have pride

Check Out
www.md27b1.org

Use it to find your club forms. Read it for District, Zone and Club information.

Refer to it for the Convention information. It has a wealth of information on it. Check it for the District Directory. We invite you to run your own copy of the Directory. There will be none sent out this year.

Lioness Coming Together

by ADP Ella Stanelle

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and are refreshed and ready to serve for another year.

If you look up the definition of meetings, it says "a coming together". I like that, "a coming together". It makes you feel warm and fuzzy inside. As you come together this year, enjoy the company of people with a common cause. "To Serve Too".

September 19th is the Lions Camp Open House. The Affiliate would like to see a raffle item donated by every Wisconsin Lioness club. Please let me know what you will be donating and if you will be bringing it to Camp on the 19th or if we need to make other arrangements. If you would like to donate money please mail it to me.

Let's show the other districts that 27-B1 can give 100% to Lions Camp. I do hope to see my Lioness there. It is always a great time, and bring a friend or two.

Speaking of friends, I can't wait to visit each club. I promise to be very entertaining. I want to show you how different personalities can be "stitched together" to make a beautiful Club.

I want to leave you with this following poem from Norris:

Do a deed of simple kindness,
though its end you may not see;
it may reach, like widening ripples,
down a long of eternity.

News & Activities

MARIBEL LIONS ARE SUCCESSFUL - *by Kip Hansen* - On December 24th 2008, 19-year-old Derek Nemetz was working on the family farm when a large round bale of hay fell on him. He suffered a spinal cord injury that left him paralyzed from the chest down. Derek spent over two months in the hospital and incurred many medical expenses. In May, the Maribel Lions, along with friends and family, held a 9-Pin Tap Bowling Tournament to raise money to help offset the medical bills. Individuals and local businesses donated several hundred items. Supporters of the event enjoyed delicious booyah, sloppy joes, snacks, desserts and homemade baked goods, donated by the wive's of Maribel Lion members, St. James Church parishioners, local businesses, and family and friends. The Maribel Lions Club and one small community came through for Derek in a big way by raising over $27,000. Derek would like to attend NWTC in fall. L to R: Kip Hansen, Maribel Lions President, Derek Nemetz, benefactor, John Goral, tournament winner, Dick Czarneski, CZ's Bushville Lanes

MONTELLO LIONS BRAT WAGON – *by Kathleen McGwin* - If it's summer, the Montello Lions Brat wagon must be selling their famous fill-the-bun 1/3-pound brats that are so delectable. Lions Karen and Doug Weiss were ready to serve customers and Lion Harvey Anderson was busy grilling. The wagon will be located throughout the summer near the dam next to Rendezvous Paddle and Sports. Money raised goes to support local charities and projects and also supports the national Lions programs for the blind. Mark your calendar for Lions brats on September 5.

34th Annual 27-B1 District Convention

November 13 & 14 - City Center Hotel & Convention Center, Oshkosh

Lions, Lioness and Leos of 27-B1 and friends of B1, District Governor Len cordially invites you to attend the 34th Annual 27-B1 Convention at the City Center Hotel in Oshkosh.

Room reservations are currently being accepted by calling the City Center (920) 231-5000. Mention you are with the Lions District to get the special rate of $75.

Using the Convention Registration form, which can be found at www.md27b1.org or below, you may select your meals and register. The Convention Registration fee remains at $8 for Lions, Lioness and adult guests. Children and Leos may register for $2.

Remember that even if you come just for the Friday hospitality or late on Saturday just to vote, you are still required to register and pay the $8 fee. (Food for thought - most clubs pay for their member's registrations to encourage attendance.)

Registration at the Convention will begin Friday at 4 p.m. and continue to 8 p.m.

The Friday night Fish buffet is open to everyone and features the City Center's Friday Fish Fry buffet for only $15 per person.

Friday night hospitality opens at 7 p.m. and will go to 11 p.m. Your $8 registration will get you beer and soda all night in the hospitality room! There will also be a 50/50 and a Lioness Raffle.

This year's theme is "Friday the 13th – FRIGHT NIGHT". Come in your best scary costume! There will also be a chance to display your bowling skills as we will have four Wii games set up for your enjoyment.

Every club is asked to bring a gift to be included in our successful "Bucket Raffle." Bring something you'd like to win! Last year we had a record 50 prizes, this year we are hoping all 75 clubs will participate. Let's try to improve club participation. Prizes can be large or small, gift certificates are always good. If your club should have a large prize and nobody can make it to the Convention, call Harvey Hansen at (920) 233- 0824. He will be happy to pick it up.

Saturday begins with free coffee, juice, rolls and fruit for registered attendees. Come at 7:30 a.m. and meet your friends. The opening business session will begin at 8:30 a.m. Parade of Checks will follow the awarding of the President, Secretary and Treasurer's awards, prior to lunch on Saturday.

The Saturday Luncheon fee is $14 and the Governor's Banquet is $24. All meals are plentiful, affordable and available to anyone.

Outstanding seminars have been planned and will take place all weekend. Voting will take place at the end of the Necrology Service. The Convention Banquet will be in the ballroom at 6:30 p.m. The District Raffle will also be drawn after dinner.

A District Governor, Vice District Governor and Wisconsin Lions Foundation Director will be elected at this convention. We will also choose a bowling host; see if your club is interested in hosting next year's District Bowling Tournament. Any Lion or Lioness Club in the district can host it any year.

Remember Nomination papers must be submitted to Governor Len, election chairperson Ralph Schneider, and the State Office 30 days prior to the convention (by October 13th).

The 2009-10 District Pin will be offered for sale at this convention. Get your designs ready for the 2010-2011 District Pin Contest that will be part of the ballot. A $25 prize will again be awarded. Bring your entries and good luck! If there are any questions on the pin designs, call Pin Chairman Harvey Hansen on that at (920)233-0824.

Don't forget to sell some ads for our convention booklet. Clubs may again keep a percentage of the ad fee. Please check the web page www.md27b1.org for complete details. The deadline is October 20th.

New this year is the chance to honor club members in the convention book. For $25 each ½" ad you can honor a member. The ad will be prominently placed in the booklet so please consider this as a nice way to recognize a hard-working member. The percentage does not apply to this ad. This is an excellent way to honoring a Charter member, Melvin Jones or Birch-Sturm recipient or maybe a deceased member who contributed much to your club.

Please remember to begin your Peace Poster contest entries. Write to Lions International or contact the Peace Poster Chairperson for our District, Lion Dawn Christensen at (920)346-2307 to get your kit for your school. Then you can contact your local school first thing when school begins. Yes, it is a contest, but we really want to get the kids thinking of peace. Sponsor your own prizes so someone at your school wins.

REMEMBER - Bring your club banners to hang in the banquet hall.

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As Fall's fresh air rolls in, it is a good time to reflect on the many projects that the Lions, Lioness, and Leos have participated since 27-B1 was formed.

Did you know that the Wisconsin Lions Foundation is over 50 years old and has taken on many important projects such as Lions Camp at Rosholt, eyeglass recycling, hearing aide and Diabetes Awareness programs? Did you know that your donations last year sent almost 1,500 children to Camp?

Did you know that your eye glass recycling center in Rosholt has collected, repaired, cleaned, sorted, and packed over 2 million eyeglasses to be sent to third world countries so that parents and their children could live their dream of seeing more clearly? Did you know that the 27-B1 hearing aide program comes solely from 27-B1 members and last year you helped more than 20 people live their dream of hearing more clearly.

Did you know that the Youth Exchange Program had over 60 youth from more than 20 countries come to Dundee, WI to enjoy our hospitality and to share in a camping experience that they will remember forever?

Did you know in the last 18 years the Lions have paid for more than 24 million cataract operations that were performed all over the world? Because of the efficiency of the Lions, a cataract operation only costs $6.

Did you know that your support of Leader Dogs for the Blind has provided 14,500 dogs to the blind and visually impaired? 529 of those dogs here in Wisconsin; 12 dogs working in 27-B1 today.

Did you know that the 27-B1 Leo Clubs produce a calendar with pictures they take at the Wisconsin Lions Camp? Their dream is to turn this project into a profitable fundraiser so they can help more people in 27-B1.

Did you know that the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin recently dedicated their new building in Madison? Or that LEBW helps 1,000 people regain their eyesight each year? Did you know that every piece of eye tissue that is used at LEBW is transported by a Wisconsin Lion or Lioness?

Did you know that 27-B1 has 13 active Lioness Clubs working at numerous projects and supporting a multitude of people in our district? We should be proud that they have joined us in all of the work we do.

Did you know that 27-B1's Convention will be held November 13-14 at the City Center Hotel in Oshkosh? I hope as many of you as possible will attend and join in the fun while learning about 27-B1 projects.

Reminding you that Lions have Pride and the only happiness you get to keep is the happiness you give away.

News & Activities

MONTELLO LIONS DONATED FOR EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO JAPAN - *by Kathleen McGowan* - The Montello Lions $200 to help support Siobhan Meyers educational trip to Japan. Meyers will spend 10 weeks as a counselor She will earn 3 credits from UW-Steven's Point for doing the work. Lion Karen Weiss introduced Meyers to the Lions.

MONTELLO LIONS BBQ SUCCESS - *by Kathleen McGowan* - Smoke in your eyes was a job hazard for the Montello Lions Paul Cotter and Dick Nachreiner who were at the grill BBQ chicken for the annual Father Marquette Days. The nice weather brought out a good crowd who watched softball, listened to music, enjoyed the park and antique and vintage car show.

LIONESS SPRING BANQUET - *by Kay Zornow* - Lioness make America beautiful was the theme for Affiliate 27-B1 banquet. ADP Kay Zornow welcome & MC the 63 people who attended. The Guest speaker Kathy Barker talked about puppy raising for Leader Dog and Jack Bradford celebrated the memory of our greatest president Abraham Lincoln. The banquet was hosted by the Sherwood Lioness.

OAKFIELD LIONS CLUB BUSY LAST SEVERAL MONTHS - *by Lion Al Messner* - Due to additional requests for funds this year our treasury was quite depleted. We held the best turnout ever at our annual Pancake Day where the bucket raffle raised over $1,000 for a local girl recovering from cancer. We then assisted the Brownsville Lions with a brat fry at Hoff's during their village-wide Rummage Sale. Both clubs made over $1,000 in the two day event. We also assisted with a Blood Drive in Oakfield and provided donor refreshments. We are presently selling our Gourmet Club Coupon Books with deals at 25 local restaurants. The books sell for $5 and are good for one year. Dwight Weiser spoke to the club at a dinner picnic on the Oakfield Ledge about the "secrets of the Ledge". The club also heard from the Badger Girls and Badger Boys state representatives who they sponsored. Both students spoke about the excellent programs and opportunities that they had.

WINNEBAGO EAST SHORE ENTERTAINS SENIORS- *by Jack Huss* - Club members recently spent an evening at the Villa Loretto Nursing Home and Assisted Living Facility in Mt. Calvary. The club entertained the residents with songs, roasting marshmallows and serving S'mores. The Villa is one of the many projects that club sponsors through out the year along with donating to area fire departments, parks and athletic facilities for area communities. The club will be celebrating 50 years of service to the Holyland area in 2011.

WINNEBAGO EAST SHORE AND ST PETER LIONS gathered in St Cloud this summer to help St. Cloud celebrate their centennial with a Lion float and a "live" Lion (WES President Dean Salchert) along with members of the clubs walking the parade route.

WESTFIELD LIONS $10,000 DONATION - *by Bill Bartz* - The Westfield Lions donated $10,000 for the new Concession Building, Storage and covered Picnic Pavilion at Pioneer Park and Baseball Fields. Present for the donation were Ed Mochler, Westfield Public Works Director, Dean Alexander, Westfield Village President and Lion, Todd Warren, Westfield Lions President, Dennis Daye, Westfield Village Park commissioner and Westfield Lion

Event

OCTOBER

SAT, OCT 10 - Van Dyne Lioness "Taste of Van Dyne" - 11AM to ? Dishes from our *Smalltown Favorites* cookbook, will be served. The cookbooks will be for sale. A rummage sale will also be held to benefit the cost of sending materials to our service men.

Small Acts Of Caring Have Big Impact

by ADP Ella Stanelle

The other day I came across a quote from Leo Buscaglia, "Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

These words could be put to use in our family, our jobs, and our neighborhoods and also in our clubs. At your next meeting, try and do all six of the suggested acts to six different members and I bet you will have the best meeting ever. You could turn the Club around.

District 27-B1's Convention is November 13-14 in Oshkosh. I hope to meet Lioness from every Club that weekend. I love to have fun. So come with your party hats on. And bring your camera so those that could not make it can see what a good time convention can be.

We also will be voting on a new pin design (I would love to see one from each club). We are doing flowers so get your Club to brainstorm and come up with a design to share. We will be looking for a Club to host the 2010-2011 Spring Banquet. Talk it over; we want to see your town. And most important, we will need a Vice President for the Affiliate. If you, or someone you know would make a good Affiliate member, let us know.

Enjoy October with its changing colors and ghost and goblins. Get your reservations in for Convention. And remember, we have the POWER to turn a life

Convention Corner

November 13 & 14 - City Center Hotel & Convention Center, Oshkosh

by Lion Meg Post

Most of you are probably not thinking about our District Convention quite yet. But the convention committee has been busy checking out the convention site, going over agendas, and tossing around suggestions for seminars. We think we have come up with some interesting seminars this year.

We have all heard speeches about our Camp from various members of the Foundation. This year we thought it would be interesting to get a little different perspective of camp. We have asked two campers, along with their parents, to give us their viewpoint on camp. The seminar will be in two parts.

The first part of the seminar will be a "first time" camper, and his parents, giving us a new perspective of camp. For those of us who visit camp quite often, it will be refreshing to see our camp through the eyes of a new camper and his family.

On the other side of the spectrum, the second part of the seminar will be a "veteran" camper, and her parents, giving us a perspective of what repeated years of camp can do for a camper and their family.

That is all I am going to say for now, to hear the rest of the story you will have to attend the convention.

Our other seminars include; technology for the blind, WLF, and meet the PID.

I believe technology for the blind is going to be another interesting seminar to attend. Technology has revolutionized daily life for all of us. It has had particularly dramatic benefits for people who are blind or visually impaired. Computer technology, GPS's, and many other electronic "gadgets" have changed the lives of countless individuals with vision impairments. White canes and Leader Dogs are not their only choices anymore. When things become more accessible for those who are blind or visually impaired, independence becomes a greater part of their life. Who knows what the future holds! Maybe an automobile that can be driven by a visually impaired person?

WLF will be offering a seminar to update everyone on new and continuing projects and events that are happening.

Meet the PID will give convention goers the opportunity to meet and ask questions of our guest speaker, PID Ross Thorfinssen from Minnesota.

The camper experience and technology for the blind seminars will be held twice. The WLF and Meet the PID will each be run once.

The convention committee is working hard to plan a convention where we can all have a fun, interesting, and learning experience. We hope that many of you are able to attend and enjoy the great experiences that will be offered to you. As Lions you have built a wonderful camp where kids with differing abilities can truly be themselves. Thanks to each and every one of you.

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We have all heard the news, for the first time in many, many years Wisconsin's Lions membership is below 20,000. Although our district had an increase last year, we cannot sit back and let this year go by without an effort to increase membership in 27-B1.

Yes, we have a MERLO team that is available to help with membership, orientation, extension and leadership. But the key word there is help. The only way your club will grow is if you want it to grow. I hear the stories that young people do not want to join, and people are too busy, or people can't attend meetings. If all this is true, how come 19,000 of us in the state of Wisconsin find time to meet each month. Each individual Lion is a membership team. If each individual Lion does not commit to asking someone each month to join him or her in the service of Lionism, we cannot grow.

Just last year in the small town of Pickett an energetic president challenged his members to ask. The members responded. In April of this year, I had the opportunity to swear in 18 new members in one night and Pickett's total gain for the year was 21.

Their whole campaign depended on Lions asking their friends, their relatives, co-workers, members of their church, and complete strangers, if they would join in the service of others. Of the 21 new members in the Pickett club, many of them were in their 20's and 30's. We even had one Lion bring in two of his daughters. The enthusiasm of this club is fantastic.

I believe some of the leaders of tomorrow will be coming out of the Pickett club. So my challenge to you, the Lions, Lioness, and Leos of 27-B1 is to simply ASK people to join us in service.

Remember to bring your used eye glasses & bucket raffle item to convention

Want To Know More?

Check out the District web page for more information on:

- Recent Cabinet meetings
- Our District leaders
- Potential speakers
- Where to send donations
- Forms for District & State conventions
- Forms for District & State bowling tournaments
- Special Olympics
- Club activities
- Zone meetings
- Any other items that would be helpful to the district

http://www.md27b1.org is the web page address.

Please put it in your Favorites and check it at least monthly.

Appleton Noon Goes To Camp

Recently a group of 25 Appleton Noon Lions took a trip to Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholt, Wisconsin. We went to get a firsthand look at our camp, check out the facilities, and, most important, watch the camp kids in action. Even though it was their first full day there, they all seemed to be having a ball when we arrived at lunchtime. One of the counselors told us that many are returning campers, and they didn't waste any time renewing old acquaintances. All of the kids that come to this camp have special needs; sight or hearing impaired, cognitively disabled, or diabetic. All of them come to camp free of charge thanks to grants given by the Lions Foundation. As the story goes, over 50 years ago a Lion member from Poy Sippi overheard a young man say:" Blind kids can't go to outdoor camps and stuff like that." Since then, that Lion member and thousands more throughout the state have made that young man's dream a reality. In 1956, Lions Camp was formed, and since then has been continuously expanded and improved. Today Wisconsin Lions Camp is a 440-acre paradise, enclosing a beautiful spring-fed lake (Lions Lake, of course). The facilities are top notch; from the state-of-the-art infirmary to the air-conditioned sleeping quarters with bathroom and shower facilities. At the lake you can swim, canoe, kayak, ride a paddleboat, sail, fish, or just take a leisurely pontoon boat ride around the lake. If you think "a blind kid" can't shoot a bow-and-arrow and hit the bull's eye, think again. At Lions Camp you can! If you think a cognitively disabled person has no business being on a climbing wall, think again. At Lions Camp you can. In the evening the campers might take a wagon ride around the lake, or a favorite nighttime spot where a campfire is lit, skits are performed, and even some scary stories are told. Camp folklore like Louie the Lion or the famous totem pole that guards the entrance to the lake is a favorite topic. After lunch and a tour of the facilities, we hopped on the bus and headed back to Appleton. We were impressed with the facilities, the competent year-round staff, the volunteer nurses that worked the infirmary twenty-four hours a day, and the terrific summer counselors, many who are working toward degrees in special education. You could tell they loved what they were doing. Most of all, we enjoyed the kids; how happy and excited they were, and it made us all proud to be a Lion.

Notice To All Presidents & Secretaries

by DG Len Quinn

I have had the opportunity to talk to many clubs so far this year. By the time of our district convention, November 13-14, I will have talked to approximately one-third of the district's clubs. I would like each club that has not already scheduled a meeting to call or e-mail me to schedule a time and place.

Please note my, new address:
DG Len Quinn
N5683 Lakeview Dr,
Green Lake, WI 54941

Phone and email remain the same.

When you receive this paper, you will have only two weeks until the convention. There is still plenty time to sign-up to join in the fun and learning about many of the exciting things that are happening in Lionism today.

Our keynote speaker will be Ross Thorfinnson, past International Director and a dynamic speaker from Minnesota.

In addition to PID Ross, we are honored to have the President and CEO of Leader Dog for the Blind, Lion Gregg Grabowski, joins us at our convention.

I encourage all of you to join us in Oshkosh for this very exciting event.

Time To Reflect & Give Thanks

by ADP Ella Stanelle

The Convention is coming! The Convention is coming! Are we all ready for a good time? I hope this convention will refresh your spirit and renew your energy. Plus have a lot of fun too! This is where we come together as people with the same interests and goals. All dedicated to a purpose of providing help in one-way or another to our neighbors. Where we share ideas and successes. See you at convention.

In September I went to the Open House at our Lions Camp. It was a beautiful day and the chicken dinner was wonderful. The number of visitors was a little disappointing. There is nothing like a visit to the Lions Camp to remind you what a great place we have to offer children and young adults. Next year plan to visit, this year make a big donation.

November 26th is Thanksgiving Day; a day appointed for giving thanks for divine goodness. A day to give thanks for our freedom of worship, county, family and health.

This Thanksgiving have your club give to a food pantry or make a meal for a family.

Volunteer your services to a local church that is providing Thanksgiving dinner to families without families.

This is a time of great need in our country. Giving a little of yourself can go a long way.

Happy Thanksgiving

B1 Lions Have Pride

27-B1's Pride is evident in our commitment to the Lions Pride Campaign. It began when the Larsen-Winchester Lions became the first Club in the State to pledge $15,000 to endow a camper in perpetuity. More recently the Elkhart Lake Lions $20,000 commitment became the second largest of any Wisconsin Club.

Today this Pride continues as 27-B1 is ranked 2nd among all Districts in their support of the Lions Pride Endowment Fund; in total 40 Clubs have joined the Pride family for a total just shy of $95,000. Lions of 27-B1 can be Proud of their commitment to ensure the future of Wisconsin Lions Camp and all WLF Statewide Projects through their gifts/pledges to the Lions Pride Endowment Fund.

Clubs and Individuals that have not already joined the Pride family can do so at www.lionspride.org or by calling the Pride Office at 715/677.7000.

News & Activities

THE PLAINFIELD LIONS CLUB made it possible for the Tri-County High School marching band to march at the Wisconsin State Fair on August 11, 2009. The Plainfield Lions Club donated $1,200.00 to cover the transportation costs to get the band to the fair grounds in Milwaukee. The Tri-County Schools would like to thank the Plainfield Lions for their continued support throughout the years.

WILD ROSE LIONS CLUB HOSTS SENATOR FEINGOLD TOWN HALL MEETING - On Saturday July 25th, Senator Russ Feingold held his 1,197th Town Hall meeting a the Wild Rose Lions Club building. Approximately 94 people were in attendance. The meeting was very informative many topics were discussed.

WILD ROSE DAYS - *by Lion Ken Brzezinski* - The annual Wild Rose Days July 18 - 19, 2009, held at the Lions Club grounds was a successful event. The weekend began with inflatable rides, Lioness Bingo, sports challenge games for adults and children. Many of the community's clubs, churches and organizations had booths set up for ice cream and pie to snow cones and games. Highlight on Saturday was the horse pull and dance in the evening. Sunday started with a chicken BBQ followed by a parade at noon, and weekend ended with a giant raffle of over 31 items. This annual event benefits the community through charitable support, Lions Camp, Boy Scouts, Lions Eye Bank, area scholarships, leader dog program and other programs that benefit the community.

WAY-MORR LIONS HOLD FOOD DRIVE - At the June 10 Music in the Park the Way-Morr Lions held a food drive, which was donated to a local food pantry. Over 150 food items, along with money donations, were collected. The club has been hosting music nights through out the summer at Way-Morr Park for the past five years. The Way-Morr Area Youth Baseball League serves food and refreshments while the area crowds enjoy free ice cream served by the Lions.

NEW HOLSTEIN LIONS 11TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING - *by Lion Brenda Lefeber* - Monday, June 15, 2009 was the date of the 11th Annual New Holstein Lions Golf Outing. It was a beautiful sunny day and the outing was a great success. Seventeen teams enjoyed the day and each member of the team brought home a wonderful door prize. The golf outing is a 18-hole best ball scramble. Money prizes are given for the top golfers. The preparation for the golf outing is started months ahead of time. The committee starts sending letters and personally begins soliciting door prizes, golf teams and hole sponsors. The committee was able to acquire enough door prizes to give each golfer something to go home with. Raffles were set up for the day of the event. All of the raffles were donated items. A 50/50 raffle was also done. The committee was able to acquire enough hole sponsors for all 18 holes. The great community involvement is a large part of the success of this event.

SHEBOYGAN FALLS LIONS ACTIVITIES - Members participated in the local Ducktona Event. The FREE ice pops given out to the kids are always a hit. ABOVE: Lion Bob Newton pours soda while working at the Bemis Company Picnic.

STOCKBRIDGE LIONS SERVE - Stockbridge Lions provided the food and refreshments at their community walleye tournament. They also recently provided a new visual machine for one club members' grandparents. You can't imagine their amazement when they used the machine for the first time. We take our sight for granted while other people struggle with it each day. The club also recognized a father/son team at their recent awards night. President Lion Dan Hammen, along with his son, past President Lion John Hammen received Presidents Award of Appreciation. During Lion John's term, five new members joined and one new member on Lion Dan's year were introduced to the club - all of them 40 years old and younger. Congratulation fellow Lions on a job well done.

TWO RIVERS LIONESS ACTIVITIES - Two of the clubs many donations this year include: (TOP) $300 being presented to Chris Hamburg, Adult Services Coordinator for the Lester Public Library by Club President Kathy Tolksdorf. (MIDDLE) $400 presented to Sonja De Vore, interim Coordinator of the Two Rivers Mishicot Ecumenical Pantry by Lioness Dorothy Schmoock. (BOTTOM) Seven members attended the 27-B1 Affiliate Spring Banquet in June. L to R: Barb Kintoph, Dianie Schmidt, Joan Shmid, Kathy Tolksdorf, George Perry, Elaine Kupsh and Dorothy Schnoock.

AREA LIONESS TEAM UP FOR EYEGLASS RECYCLING - Affiliate Secretary & Fond du Lac Lioness Pat Pettit, helps Van Dyne President Lioness Sandy Muche unload gently used eye glasses from Affiliate President Ella Stanelle's vehicle after their visit to Camp Open House. Lioness are very active in the eye glass recycling program.

LARSEN/WINCHESTER THANKS YOU - *by Lion Peter Christianson* - Our pancake breakfast was a big success thanks to the 930 attendees and 50+ Lions and helpers. 195 dozen eggs were scrambled, along with 200 pounds of pancake mix, 18 gallons of syrup, 30 gallons of orange juice, 25 gallons of milk and 300 pounds of ham. The mini raffle produced more than $600 for our scholarship fund. ABOVE: Lion John Jesse waits for Emma Anderson to finish a sentence before bringing a platter of pancakes to the serving line.

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This is the time of year when we celebrate Christmas with our families and friends. We reflect on the joys of the past and the many gifts we have received over the years. We are in a time where the economy is not doing well, and many people this year may have to scale back, or maybe eliminate the giving traditions that they have lived all of their lives. We as Lions are truly blessed for if nothing else, we have each other. I ask each club to consider doing something special to help those in need this Christmas season. Maybe something as simple as every member bringing something for the food pantry to either a regular club meeting or to your annual Christmas party. Or you could adopt a family and help them celebrate Christmas. We shouldn't forget our fellow Lions who may be out of work and maybe could use a little help, especially at this time of year. The Toys for Tots program can always use your help. The Salvation Army needs bell ringers, also our friends in nursing homes should never be forgotten. The best present you can give them is your presence.

Collectively if all the clubs and all the Lions in this district just went out of their way to do a little, it will mean an awful lot to those in need.

I want to thank all of you who came to our district convention this year. It was great talking to you, meeting with you, and sharing Lions' stories. I hope you took home something from this convention that you can share with your clubs and fellow Lions.

Kay and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very blessed and Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.

Reminding you that the only happiness you get to keep is the happiness you give away.

Not Getting Your Paper?

The mailing list for the paper is generated from the monthly WMMR reports.

All members should report any changes of their mailing or email address, to the club Secretary. In turn the information needs to be reported on the club's WMMR. No matter what their club membership title.

I would advise all clubs to do a yearly inventory of this information. We have experienced many errors in the State Directory this year. Most errors came from inaccurate or not reported information from either the member, or club.

This information also needs to be reported on the PU101 yearly. Do not assume it will be correct, unless it is reported.

Experience the Magic of Service

by 1st VDG Jerry Post

DG Quinn, Kay, Meg and I were at the Calumet County Fair along with Leader Dog Ginger and retired Leader Dog Mikey. Lenny was talking to someone about Leader Dog when a small girl started petting Mikey. Kay asked the young girl if she ever heard of Lions Camp. Her eyes opened wide and a large smile crossed her face as she exclaimed, "I was there just a little while ago." I leaned over to Lenny and whispered in his ear, the little girl that is petting Mikey just came back from Lions Camp. Lenny stood about ten feet tall and with a big smile said, "Where is the girl that went to Lions Camp?" She said, "Here I am". Lenny asked her what her favorite part was. With an even larger smile and a louder voice she said, "THE MUD PIT!"

From that moment the conversation was all about Lions Camp and all the things she and all her friends did during that magical week at camp. As they talked, more people came to listen. Then a few parents and grandparents, with children with differing abilities, began talking about their experiences at Lions Camp. Time seemed to stand still as the Lions stood tall listening to that young girl and others talk about the wonderful things that Lions do for everyone.

As Lions we didn't need to hear the words "thank you". Just listening to the conversation and seeing the expression on the little girl's face proved to us you don't have to be a magician to make magic.

The Secret Spaces In Your Heart

by ADP Ella Stanelle

"It comes every year and will go on forever. And along with Christmas belong the keepsakes and the customs. Those humble, everyday things a mother clings to, and ponders, like Mary in the secret spaces of her heart," Marjorie Holmes, American writer.

What a touching quote for women. I like the phrase that talks about the keepsakes and customs. Most every family has customs, traditions, they do during the holidays. Some are very old and others are added as the years go by. These are important because they make memories for the young and put smiles on the old. Traditions give a family comfort.

This Christmas as you gather with family and friends, keep some of those customs alive and well. Explain them to the children in your life so they may carry those traditions on in their families. Keepsakes can be the objects you decorate your home and tree with. I have several ornaments for my tree that are precious to me. Homemade ornaments from my children. Old ornaments from my parents and grandparents. And ornaments from some of our travels. As I put each on my tree they instantly remind me of who or where I received it.

As you enjoy the month of December, with all its preparation that Christmas brings, take time to make someone else's Christmas special.

Your club may have the tradition of adopting a family.

Or maybe your club visits a nursing home. What a great opportunity to listen to the residents talk about their customs during the Holidays.

And to those clubs that invite children to visit them and Santa, blessed are you to give a child a Christmas memory.

Whatever your Christmas project is this year, do it with the spirit of giving that Christmas brings. And you too can cling to and ponder these things, in the secret spaces of your Lioness Heart.

Donations To The Lions Clubs Go A Long Way

When the Larsen/Winchester Lions Club Medical Locker gets in a donation that is excess to their needs, and providing it is serviceable, it is sent on to one of two places.

We first think of the Lions "Mission to Mexico" where medical supplies, glasses and hearing aids are sent to the poorer areas of Mexico.

If there is no mission pending, the medical equipment is taken to the International Children's Fund of Neenah where it is containerized and forwarded to poorer regions around the world, but especially Africa.

Members were surprised to get a photo that was taken in Monrovia, Liberia. Looking closely on the bed frame in the lower left, this bed still had the

Lions club's name and identifying number on. The photo was of poor quality and could not be re-printed.

Editor note: Many Clubs in the District do have gently used basic medical equipment available. If your club does not, check with a neighboring club, if you should have a request for help from someone within your community.

Collins Lions Host 27-B1 Bowling

The Collins Lions Club will be hosting the 27-B1 District Bowling Tournament February 6-7 and February 13-14 at the Sportsman's Club and Lanes, 20823 Main St., Collins.

Daily squad times are 11:45 AM and 2:30 PM. The $75/ five-person team cost includes prizes, bowling and tournament fee. Registration forms can be found at www.md27b1.org.

Payment should be made out to the Collins Lions Club and sent to:

Doug Wright
P.O. Box 115
Collins, WI 54207

Tournament will be using 80% handicap of 220 from last year's highest average.

Call Doug Wright at 920-772-4213 with questions.

Alert Is Here

by Lions Mary Jo Abler & Harvey Hansen, 27-B1 ALERT co-chairs

By now your club should have received information on ALERT. There was an article from International in a previous edition of the district page. We hope you read it, and became familiar with the program.

Please share the information with your clubs and consider participation in this program. Each club can make a difference in their community and beyond. It all depends on how each club or member wants to become involved.

ALERT is similar to the Red Cross, Salvation Army, React Emergency Response Teams or emergency response group

The first step is to be organized, and then become a recognized group within your County. There is minimal training that most counties require. A chair/contact person for each county would be needed to work with the county.

It is necessary for ALERT to be recognized within the county. If it is not, you will be limited to where you can go to give assistance.

Since 9/11 many things have changed in regards to who can be at a disaster to give assistance. Any fire fighter, police officer, EMT or First Responder within a club is already familiar with the Emergency Government system and how it works. These could be the foundation for our club ALERT programs.

If you have any questions on ALERT contact the co-chairs on the information that was sent to the clubs. We currently do good things in our communities. We need to be known and recognized as a Lions ALERT team. There will be vests available and other ways for groups to be recognized. It is always great publicity for Lions to be recognized for our work, this will be another way of doing this.

send your club news & photos of Lions in action to 27-B1 Editor Mary Jo

Sheboygan Noon Hosts Training

by Jan Grasser

On September 22, 2009, the Sheboygan Noon Lions hosted a vision training session resulting in a group of about 50 participants from other Lions Clubs or representing schools in the surrounding area. The meeting was held in a conference room at the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Dept. The Noon Lions have been doing pre-school vision screening for years, but the need is greater than ever due to schools having their budgets cut and not being able to do the screenings themselves.

Tammy Radwill from Prevent Blindness Wisconsin conducted the training session. She was very thorough in her explanation of materials needed to screen little children, how to care for the materials and what symptoms to watch for when screening.

50 LIONS & COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS *became certified children's vision screeners in late September.*

Screening young children is extremely important to help detect eye disease or disorders which can be treatable if found early, and children can then be referred to their doctor. Children often don't know that they don't see well and parents don't often notice that their child is having any eye problems. By screening children at a young age, we can prevent loss of vision, learning difficulties and even social-emotional development delays. One in four children have a vision problem.

Screeners will be watching for watery eyes, crossed eyes, drooping eyelids or swollen eyes. Behavior will also be watched as screeners watch for tilting heads, squinting, or excessive blinking. Complaints of headaches, burning eyes and being unusually sensitive to light are also taken in account.

Participants in this session will receive a three-year certification. The Sheboygan Noon Lions are very proud of being screeners and in November will be screening approximately 600 children over a four-day period at the Early Learning Center in Sheboygan.

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SHEBOYGAN FALLS 10 YEAR COMMITMENT TO SHARON S. RICHARDSON HOSPICE. The club will donate $1500 each year, with matching funds from an anonymous donor. The funds will be used to enhance the security of the facility. The "eyes" will keep watch over the facility. Pictured are Lions Bob Newton, Jim Schleicher, John Roska, Rich Roelse, Ed Vogt, Glenn Kohlhagen (holding one of the cameras), Christina Newton and Tim Wodach. Photo taken by The Sheboygan Falls News.

WILD ROSE SPONSORS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROJECT - The Wild Rose Lions are a proud sponsor of the Waushara Community Christmas Project. Again, as in the past years Lion Dave Preszkurat presented Gary Christenson with a check. Last year the Christmas Project prepared approximately 600 baskets of food for the less fortunate folks in Waushara County.

WAUSHARA FOOD PANTRY DONATION - The Wild Rose Lions donate biannually to the Waushara area Food Pantry. This is the second donation to the Pantry in 2009. Pictured is Lion Dave Preszkurat presenting a check to Helen Blader, a volunteer at the pantry for over 10 years.

Reflections And Thanks

by Mary Jo Abler, 27-B1 Editor

At this time I want to wish all the readers from B1 a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I need to thank all the clubs that have contributed to this last year's news.

We do so much and we need to share what our clubs do. This is your platform to let the clubs know what you are doing to serve your communities.

In this time of unstableness in our economy, I am certain we are finding more requests to serve our communities. We must also remember to continue to give to our Lions projects now more than ever.

With many members, the concern about the economy is ever present in their personal lives. Clubs need to keep good members who may be struggling. Be creative and open to those members.

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I want to take this opportunity to thank all of those who made the gift of the Trekker Breeze possible. This piece of equipment is the newest technology for the blind and the visually impaired, and makes traveling for the blind and visually impaired as safe as having someone with you at all times. It was a great surprise and you will forever have my thanks.

Just four days before receiving a gift of the Breeze, I was told by our Vice District Governor that they were going to pick Kay and I up and we were to speak at a Lions club meeting. Much to our surprise, a stretch limo with one-half of the St. Nazianz Lions Club pulled up in front of our house.

It took us to a joint meeting with the Ripon Club, where I was completely speechless (first time in many years) when I was honored to receive the highest honor that Leader Dog gives, which is the Founder's Award. This was all done because DGE Jerry and his wife Meg made it happen. Thanks again to all for this honor.

Now that the holidays are over and the convention is behind us, we enter the time of year when we would like to believe that the season of giving is over. Unfortunately, we have many people in our own community who are laid off and are in need of help during this time.

I am going to challenge each club, during the months of January, February, and March to bring canned goods, paper goods to their meetings and take the items to the nearest food pantry.

I would ask each club to estimate the weight of the goods given to the food pantry, and send me a note or e-mail with the total each month. I would like to see if we could collectively collect over a ton of food.

This year's convention was a success because a team of Lions and Lioness pooled their efforts to make this event something special. I can't say enough thanks to co-chairs PDG Steve Pautz and PDG Gary Colton and his wife Elaine for all the time they put in along with Lions Harvey, Gary, Mary Jo, Tom, Mike, Jerry, Meg, Ralph, PAP Lioness Kay, AP Lioness Ella and her team. Their efforts are to be appreciated by the entire district .

Kay and I want to thank you for a job well done.

Notice

Many club secretaries are still sending reports and correspondence to my old address,

Please send all reports and correspondence to:

DG Len Quinn
N5683 Lakeview Dr.
Green Lake, WI 54941

January Is For Resolutions

by ADP Ella Stanelle

This January, and the rest of the year, I challenge you to make a great effort of renewal for yourself and your clubs.

When I was at the convention in November, I overheard some interesting conversations. The main basis of those conversations were, "the clubs just aren't like they use to be". So I ask myself, "What is different? What is missing? What is wrong?" I have only been a Lioness for about ten years. I'm not familiar with the "old days" like other members are. But in ten years, I have noticed a few problems. One, we are getting older and two, we feel we have done it all. Attendance to Open House at Camp is down. Attendance at district and state convention is down. Participation in leadership roles is down. Participation in officer training is down.

What can we do? How can we light the fire? How can we get our clubs, our district and our state, to get excited again?

Here is my challenge to the young and old members, and the seasoned and first timers. I would like a list of what the good old days were like in your clubs. And I would like a list of why you think participation is down. And maybe even a list of possible ways to get that excited feeling back. Can you do that for me? Discuss it at your next couple of meetings. Write down your results and mail them to me. Or pass my e-mail address out to the Lioness and they can put their feelings down as they think of it. Whatever works. I want to know what New Year's challenges we need to address.

Please write to me at:
147 E. Rees St
Fond du Lac, WI 54935
Or e-mail at:
estanelle@charter.net
Happy New Year

News & Activities

SHEBOYGAN FALLS PEACE POSTER - Bailee Liebe from the annual Sheboygan Falls Middle School Peace poster contest. Mr. Sloan Allen's seventh grade class had over 110 entries.

TOWN OF SHEBOYGAN LIONS donated $3,000 to The Town of Sheboygan Park Board for the purchase of playground equipment at the Town Park. The check represents proceeds from money earned by the Club at its annual Lions Fest. Pictured: Char Gumm Chair, Town of Sheboygan Park Committee; Dan Hein, Town of Sheboygan Board Chair; and Theresa Allee, President Town of Sheboygan Lions Club.

MONTELLO LIONS PLANS FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES - *by Kathleen McGwin* - Montello Lions meetings are part business and part social. Lions Delon Neumann, Karen Weiss, and Ron Pugh enjoyed dinner and conducted business after the meeting at Good Old Days Resort. The club ran its brat sales wagon, sold raffle tickets, and held the annual Haunted Hay Ride Lions Christmas visit to area nursing homes as well as the Lions Christmas for kids this year.

SHEBOYGAN NOON PEACE POSTERS WINNERS - On November 10, the Sheboygan Noon Lions presented 1st and 2nd place prizes to two young students, Pav Xia Vue and Annie Van Zeeland, from Urban Middle School, for their beautiful Peace Posters. Twenty-eight students entered posters.

SHEBOYGAN NOON TEAMS UP WITH STUDENTS - The North and South High School Student Councils of Sheboygan teamed up with the Sheboygan Noon Lions Club to collect used eyeglasses at their football game on October 22. Announcements were made in their respective schools as well as posters and signs posted in their schools.

Meetings & Events

JANUARY

MON, JAN 11 - R2Z3 Meeting - Lincoln St. Sports Bar, Elkhart Lake

MON, JAN 18 - R3Z2 Meeting - Campbellsport Inn, Campbellsport

MON, JAN 25 – R2Z1 Meeting - S & R Bar, Plymouth

SUN, JAN 31 – Cabinet Meeting - Van Dyne Lions Club House

FEBRUARY

THU, FEB 4 - R1Z1 Meeting - Hickory Hills, Chilton

SAT, FEB 6- SUN, FEB 7 & SAT, FEB 13- SUN, FEB 14 - District Bowling at Collins. See Website for details and form.

Special Olympics Opening Eyes

by PDG Orville Kittel

The 2010 Special Olympics Lions Club International Opening Eyes Program will be Saturday, April 10 in Oshkosh, WI (Basketball and Gymnastic) and we need your help! Optometrists, Para-optometric Techs and Opticians are all needed to provide quality care to the Special Olympians participating in the Special Olympics Opening Eyes Program. This activity is a beneficial and enjoyable experience for both athletes and volunteers.

Help is needed at the following times:

- Fri., Apr. 9: 2-5 PM Station setup. (Need 5 people)
- Sat., Apr. 10: 8 AM-12 N or 12N- 4 PM or 8 AM–4 PM

It would be appreciated if anyone can bring any of the following: projector, adjustable stools, trial lens set, Auto refractor, NCT, portable slit lam, Prism bars, pupil meter, monocular, indirect ophthalmoscope.

Complete the volunteer form on the District web page and return it to PDG Orville Kittel, 429 Eaton St. Green Lake, WI 54941 or 920-294-3526 or ojkittel@charter.net as soon as possible.

Special Olympics would not be possible without volunteers,

- Volunteers contribute in many ways to support Special Olympics, from working at Headquarters to serving on planning teams and assisting with the actual execution of the Games.
- Integration and socialization opportunities for Special Olympics athletes are increased by your participation.
- Volunteers' diverse cultural experience, values and contributions create an unparalleled opportunity for you to learn and grow from each other, while making valuable contributions to the Special Olympics movement.
- A wide variety of roles for Special Olympics programs are filled by Volunteers that span age, gender and race categories. Special Olympics would not exist today – could not have been created without time, energy, dedication and commitment of more than 500,000 Special Olympics volunteers around the world…..including YOU!
- Leadership roles for volunteers and athletes on local, state, national and international levels are developed through Special Olympics

Sign up to be a volunteer in Oshkosh on April 10, 2010!

How Can We Get New Members?

by 1st VDG Jerry Post

Before we can answer that question, we have to ask ourselves, "Where do new members come from?" Lions clubs through out the world have a diversity of men and women serving together. They are professionals, farmers, factory workers, homemakers, doctors, and many others, working together for one cause: TO SERVE.

Before we joined our perspective clubs, we were one of these people. When we ask someone to join, the first thing they ask is, what do you do? There are a variety of answers to give. Some people are unsure and need to think about joining.

Maybe we are asking in the wrong way. No matter how big or how small a club is, maybe we should ask for help with our projects even if we don't need help. It is human nature to want to help, but don't know how. When a person helps, try not to pressure them into joining, but encourage them to continue to help. Maybe that is the answer. Ask, but leave the door open until they are ready.

I have attended many different functions of Lions. Many of these clubs use help from their communities even if they don't need help. By doing this they are showing their community what a fun time they have at fundraisers and share with them how they spend the money they raise. Sometimes the volunteer joins right away and other times it may take a year or longer. The point to this is that the club never stopped asking them to help.

In my recent visits to clubs, I have always said, "If you have fun, your volunteers have fun. When they have fun, the community you serve has fun. And when they have fun, you get new members." Do your best to get your community involved and from those that have the passion to serve you will find your new members. Never stop asking, but don't get discouraged if at first they say no. Keep THEM involved, keep YOUR passion, and most of all be PATIENT.

Please send all comments to: VDG Jerry Post, mpost7@tds.net.

To submit articles send to:
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or check the web page for information & forms www.27b1.org

Schneider Recruits 150th Lion Member & Serves As Pride Ambassador

Helen Keller said, "I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my duty to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble." As Lions "we serve" through humble tasks in our communities. We are not motivated by awards and accolades, however, those in attendance at the 27-B1 District Convention saw something very few Lions in the world have ever seen…though if you ask the Lion at the center of this unique experience, he would no doubt downplay it.

PCC Herb Schneider was awarded the Lions International Ambassador Key Pin for bringing 150 new members to Lions.

Beyond bringing new members to Lionism, Schneider is engaged in many Lion programs and projects including those of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation. He is no stranger to those in his district and he is definitely no stranger to WLF having served as President in 1992 - 1993. He and his wife, Lion Myra share a love for Lions Camp and the children and adults we serve every summer. The future of Lions Camp is very important to Schneider and he recognizes Lions Pride as the means to secure Lions Camp and all WLF Projects for generations to come. As a Lions Pride Ambassador, he shares information about Lions Pride with Clubs and individuals in B1.

Please join us in congratulating PCC Schneider on receiving the International Ambassador Pin; then ask him to speak to your club members about the importance of their personal commitment to the future of Lions Camp and all WLF statewide projects.

Schneider once said, "If everyone is committed we can accomplish our goal; when we all work together we can accomplish miracles." You can contact him at 920-458-1530 to personally congratulate him or schedule a Lions Pride presentation.

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This Lionistic year is more than half over, and I am extremely proud of the clubs that I have visited so far. The accomplishments and the number of people that the Lions in this district have helped is outstanding.

When I talk to parents of children who attended Lions camp at Rosholt, I am just amazed to hear how in just five days of camping, children's attitudes, self-confidence and lives have been changed.

When I recently heard the stories from Sandy King about her trip to Mexico, giving away almost 3,000 pairs of glasses to men, women and children, it makes me want to stand up and scream "GREAT JOB LIONS!!"

Talking to a woman who received a cornea transplant, which renewed her vision.

Hearing from a diabetic boy who attended one week of Camp and whose mother said, "The boy that came home was not the same boy I left at the Camp; the improvement was awesome."

I also recently heard from a student who had just four years ago received a scholarship from a Lions club, and how successful she now is.

I also met a girl from Kaukauna who received her second Leader Dog and to hear her joy and excitement about receiving her second dog was quite rewarding.

And as I visit the remaining clubs in 27-B1, I am sure that I will hear more stories of Lions success.

Many of the clubs in our district are collecting food for food pantries. I urge all the clubs to begin or continue this project. The food that is donated means so very much to the people in need. Our motto is "We Serve", from the reports that I have heard from approximately 40 clubs; we are certainly living up to our motto.

I would ask that all club presidents and secretaries check their calendars, and if you haven't already booked Kay and I to visit your club, please do so as soon as possible. As May is coming quickly, and I would like to finish our visitations by the end of May. You can call our home at (920) 294-0156, or e-mail us at mikey2001dog@yahoo.com.

My motto has always been,"The only happiness you get to keep is the happiness you give away." Based on what I have heard and observed, visiting the clubs in 27-B1, there must be an awful lot of happy Lions and Lioness. This makes me extremely proud to serve with you.

Please send all reports to my new address:

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News & Activities

WINNEBAGO EAST SHORE LIONS continued its nearly 40 year tradition when they distributed over 130 Christmas baskets again this year to the widows and widowers in the "Holy Land" area of St. Cloud, St. Joe, Mt.Calvary, Johnsburg, Marytown and St. Anna. The money for this is raised by bi-monthly Bingo in Fond du Lac. The Club was chartered in 1961 and will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in April of 2011. They have donated over $500,000 and over 9 million hours to their area communities doing such things as sponsoring a boy for Badger Boy State, High School Scholarships, and many other donations to local fire departments, athletic clubs, and ambulance associations. **ABOVE:** Lions Mark Fritz, Leroy Sippel, Bernie Mueller and Norm Fritz loading a car with Christmas Baskets.

WINNEBAGO EAST SHORE & NEW HOLSTEIN LIONS AGAIN WORK TOGETHER - Pictured are Winnebago East Shore Lion Concert Chairperson Mary Salchert with New Holstein Lion members Ken Kohlman and Mike Muldoon accepting a donation for the 5th Annual Country Christmas Concert held Dec. 6th at New Holstein High School. Over 50 pounds of food and $700 was accepted. The food was given to Helping Hands Pantry of Calumet County and the money will be going to Lions Pride Campaign for use at the Lions Camp.

SHERWOOD LIONESS RING BELLS - On Saturday, December 5th the Sherwood Lioness rang the bell for four hours at a local Salvation Army booth. The temperature was cold, our voices were off key, but our spirits were grand. ABOVE: Lioness Judy Stewart, Patti Weber, Deb Thiel, Kay Zornow, Elsie (Kay's granddaughter),Penny Gorniak, and Jeanette Klundt.

WILD ROSE SAYS THANKS - On December 12 the Club held a free pancake and sausage breakfast for the entire community, to thank the community for all the support they give the Lions club during the year. Without that support, the club would not be able to sponsor all the things they do during the year. The children were given coloring books, crayons and a bag of fruit and candy which Santa helped hand out. The Wild Rose High School band played a variety of Christmas songs. Many of the towns businesses and clubs sponsored a decorated tree, which were given to needy families in the area. The event was enjoyed by all.

WILD ROSE CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAY - On December 16 the Lions building in Wild Rose was filled with the Christmas spirit as the Lioness and Lions Club held a party for the Special Needs children. Chocolate malts, hot dogs and macaroni and cheese were served to everyone. The Wild Rose High School band directed by Mary Stapanik played wonderful Christmas music. Santa made a visit and all the children were presented with gifts. The children, teachers and parents who attended all had a good time, but a better time was had by the members of the Lioness and Lions clubs watching the excitement and smiles on the faces of the children.

MONTELLO AND ENDEAVOR LIONS CHRISTMAS - *by Lion Kathleen McGwin* - Montello Lion Bill Lewis and fellow elf Minette Lawrence readied themselves to help the hundreds of children who attended the Montello and Endeavor Lions Christmas this year. Free winter coats were available; candy, cookies, music and merriment were the order of the day. **ABOVE:** The dance floor was small, but Trinity Schultz didn't let that stop her from rocking out to Maggie Mae's music at the Montello and Endeavor Lions Christmas held at the Lazy Inn. Hundreds of children talked to Santa, ate cookies, and received gifts and candy at the annual event.

Meetings & Events

FEBRUARY

THU, FEB 4 - R1Z1 Meeting - Hickory Hills, Chilton

SAT, FEB 6- SUN, FEB 7 & SAT, FEB 13- SUN, FEB 14 - District Bowling at Collins. See Website for details and form.

SUN, FEB 14 - Reedsville Lions Club Sweetheart Dinner and Dance - Redeckers Rustic Inn, Kellnersville, WI. Chicken and Ham dinner will be at noon and is followed by a dance from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. Music will be provided by the Jerry Krueger Band. Dinner and Dance tickets are $20 each; Dance only tickets are $5 each. Door prizes, raffles and other contests will be available. Tickets are available from Lion Members or by calling Lion Joe at 754-4214, Lion Bob at 756-9320, Lion Jim at 754-4918 or Lion Bob at 588-0507.

MARCH

MON, MAR 8 - R4Z2 Meeting - Nappy's, Neshkoro dinner at 7:00 pm

APRIL

SAT, APR 10 - Special Olympics, Oshkosh, 8am - 4pm. See Website for details and form.

send your stories, events & photos of Lions in action to news27b1@yahoo.com

Nominations And Elections

by 1st VDG Jerry Post

DG Quinn and I would like to remind the clubs of the nomination and election of officers process. Following this process is necessary so the correct and updated information gets into the directory on time.

The following is from the Club Constitution and By Laws:

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. A nomination meeting shall be held in March of each year, with the date and place of such meeting to be determined by the board of directors.

Section 4. An election meeting shall be held no later than April 15 of each year at a place and time determined by the board of directors.

PU101 forms are to be submitted by the 15th of April to the incoming District Governor and to LCI through the WMMR system.

Accurate Member Records Save Money & Frustration

by Mary Jo Abler, 27-B1 Editor

2009 was the first year the State Directory was online, and not distributed in print. This was a great saving to the State/District in printing cost.

While there were complaints of the Directory not in print, we can overcome them by simply printing the information and sharing it with those who do not have computers.

The bigger complaint was inaccurate club and officer information. In order to remedy this situation, every member, no matter their title, needs to report changes in their mailing, email address or phone number to their club secretary. In turn, that information needs to be updated on the member's membership record. I ask again that all clubs do a yearly inventory of this information.

International, State, the District and your club need correct member information to communicate with members at all levels. Please do not assume it will be correct from year to year, unless it is checked.

In this age of technology, it is more important than ever to share your email address. IT Chair Tom and I have both sent important information to fellow Lions/clubs via email. In most cases, this needs to get in your hands quickly. Email allows us to keep everyone informed quickly and cost-effectively.

By the way, if every club used email to send out their monthly newsletter, it could save the club a minimum of $125 a year in postage. Then there is the paper and envelope savings. Even if all your members don't have email, you will still realize a cost savings which could translate into another pair of eyeglasses for a child in the community.

Mission to Mexico Changes Lives For Volunteers & Recipients Alike

by PDG Bob Showers

Twice each year, Lions from all over Wisconsin head to Mexico where we provide eye exams and glasses for those in need. The October mission, alone provided better vision to 2,479 people from the Victoria Tamaulipas area.

Our mission begins in McAllen Texas, where we all gather and board a passenger coach and proceed to our mission site. It takes anywhere from four to eight hours on the bus before we reach our destination. We usually go right to the site and set up the tables and unpack the glasses and equipment for the campaign.

Once finished with setup, local Lions take us to the hotel to check in. After we unpack and clean up, it's time to eat. If there is a festival going on in the town park, we will go and enjoy their music and entertainment. They usually do not keep us out too late, as they know we start our mornings very early.

The first day of the campaign we arrive at the site by 6:30 AM and there is usually a very large crowd waiting there for us. Some of the people will come the night before and sleep in the line up at the campaign, so that they will be able to get glasses from us.

They are very happy to see us arrive and they greet us with smiles and pats on the back. How humbling, that these people are so appreciative of something that we have grown tired of.

Once the campaign starts, the time goes by very quickly and the next thing you know it is time to eat supper and go back to the hotel. We generally are all tired and go to bed early, knowing that in the morning there will be another line and our goal is to help as many as we can during our short stay. The saddest time is when the last day comes and we have to pack up to leave and there are still people who need glasses.

The campaign is long hours, sometimes hot and very tiring, but the most rewarding experience you will ever have.

The first time you place a pair of glasses on a person who could hardly see when they come in and they look around the room and then back at you with a smile as wide as the Mississippi, you will understand why we continue to come on Mission to Mexico campaigns.

If you're interested in joining us on our next campaign, it is to Monterrey Mexico, February 10 thru February 15. We will be leaving by caravan on Sunday February 7th and arriving in McAllen, Texas February 10th; those who would rather fly down will meet the group in McAllen on February 10.

All travel expenses are your responsibility, and usually include a two night stay at a hotel in Texas. The host Lions generally provide the food and lodging during our stay in Mexico, but we do give them a $75 per person payment to help offset their expenses. There are no shots required to go into Mexico, but you must have a valid passport.

If you would like a rewarding experience of a lifetime, join us on one of our campaigns.

Lions clubs, please remember Mission to Mexico in your yearly donations.

For more info call PDG Bob Showers 608-589-5201

Lioness & Random Acts of Kindness

by ADP Ella Stanelle

The third week in February celebrates Friendship week and Random Acts of Kindness week.

Does your club have a special day where you invite friends and neighbors in to learn what Lioness stands for? Enlighten them on your projects and how they can have a good time while helping others. Friendship week would be a wonderful time for such a meeting.

Random Acts of Kindness. Don't you love that phrase? There is a web site that talks about simple acts of kindness that make a big difference in someone's life.

Lioness Clubs are great for doing acts of kindness. That's why I love being a part of this service organization.

If you combine both, you have a great Lioness club. If you apply friendship and random acts in your personal life, you become happy and fulfilled.

February is the month of LOVE. Share some love today.

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I hope this finds all the members of 27-B1 in good health and ready for the fundraising push that starts in spring and goes on to the end of summer.

I want to thank all the clubs that took the time and effort to donate to their local food pantry, and remind you that this is an ongoing project. The economy is such that the food pantries will need help for a long period of time.

I'm challenging each Lion and Lioness club in this district to help rebuild our hearing aide fund. As you know, this is not a state supported fund, and we can only spend the monies donated by the clubs located in 27-B1 for hearing aides needed in 27-B1.

The program could be saved if each club would donate $125, or more. The fund would be renewed and we could finish out the year, helping those who are in desperate need of a hearing aide.

Please send your checks directly to 27-B1 Hearing Chair PDG Paul Tadych, N1032 Hwy KW, Cedar Grove 53013.

Membership in the district is still in a deficit for this year. We have brought in enough members to cover those who have passed away and those that were dropped; however, because we lost a club in July, we need 36 new members to break even.

If your club needs help in recruiting new members and would like someone to talk to you about membership, please contact Membership Chair, Dennis Schwartz at (920) 892-4974,or VDG Jerry Post mpost7@tds.net, (920) 773-2618, or DG Len Quinn, mikey2001dog@yahoo.com, (920) 294-0156.

I want to thank all the clubs who have taken the time to recruit new members and to keep their clubs strong. Congratulations on a job well done!!

Your nominating committees should be busy getting a list of prospective officers for your club. We are asking that all clubs hold their elections in early April, so that your secretaries can file their PU101's by May 1.

Send the PU101's to VDG Jerry Post at mpost7@tds.net, or 7633 Marken Rd. Box 81, St. Nazianz 54232, and to Lions International. This information will be used in next year's MD27 Directory.

You are all aware of the disaster in Haiti and the terrible loss of life that has occurred. In the first week after this disaster, between the gift from LCIF of $50,000 and donations from clubs around the world, Lions raised over $350,000 in just one week.

If your club is interested in donating to this very worthwhile cause, send your check directly to LCIF. In the memo portion of the check, note that it is for Haiti Relief Fund.

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What Do I Do Now?

by VDG Jerry Post

I just finished reading some articles by others in last month's *Wisconsin Lion* that talked about the year half over and the half-year still to go. This reminded me of a conversation I had with DG Len. We were talking about our busy schedules and how much fun we were having when he asked "Jerry, what am I going to do with myself when I'm not Governor?"

My answer was short, "Quinn, we will do everything that the past Governors have done before us; continue to serve others. Just like we have done since we first joined our Lions club." His answer was just as short, "Yes, you are correct".

With that in mind, the holidays are the halfway point in our year and our leadership role is about to change. During this time we get a break, so to speak, from visiting other clubs and our travels for Lions. I spent some of my time thinking about all the things we do as Lions. How many people did we help throughout the world with our donations to LCIF? When I hear of someone that had an eye transplant, I think, could that be a recipient from when Meg and I transported the eyes from the hospital? I think of all the kids at Camp that are about to receive their applications to attend again and envision them running to the mail to see if the application came in the mail today. I think of those that received their first Leader Dog and how proud they are because of their new freedom. I think of the dream that Melvin Jones had in 1917 and because of his belief, and because we continue to believe we are able to accept any challenge given to us and make the impossible, possible.

When visiting other clubs, I sometimes ask how many family members do you have? Their answers vary, and then I ask, do you want to know how many family members I have? My answer is, 1.3 million, in over 45,000 clubs in 205 countries. I see a lot of smiles knowing that they realized that they too have an extended family through Lions. Does it really matter if the year is half over or half to go? I think of all the things that we have accomplished since 1917, and then I think, not too bad for an organization that others said would not accomplish the things we have done. Our emblem symbolizes past and future, our past is extraordinary and our future is bright, thanks to all the Lions of the world.

News & Activities

NEENAH LIONS DICTIONARY PROJECT CONTINUES - For the second year in a row, the Neenah Lions have delivered dictionaries to the 3rd graders in the Neenah Public School systems. This special student dictionary offers more than "words". It includes a map of the states and their capitals, the Declaration of Independence and a list of those that signed the Declaration, and the longest word in the English language, to name a few extras.

NEENAH LIONS RING BELLS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY EACH YEAR. For 25 + years, Neenah Lion Roy Holz & his wife Jean volunteer their time for the Neenah Club. They are pictured inside at Shopko in Neenah.

APPLETON NOON LIONS made three grants to non-profits as a result of its recent Senior Living EXPO project. Each of the recipients received $500. The Emergency Shelter of Outagamie County, the Fox Valley Warming Shelter and the Salvation Army received grants at the club's December 21 meeting. Rod Vander Hyden, Director of Development, Fox Valley Warming shelter, Debra Cronmiller, Executive Director of Emergency Shelter, Major Joe Tamayo, Director of Salvation Army. Grants were presented by President Michael Weyenberg.

MARKESAN LIONS ANNUAL DIABETES BOWLING TOURNAMENT features pick-a-prize during the annual Diabetes Charity 9-pin tap-bowling tournament. Crafted by "Toymaker Joe," Lion Irv Schmick, (left) this part of the fundraiser featured numbered sticks. A total value of donated prizes to win exceeded $2,500! His assistant (r) is Lion Terry Klapper. The two-day event raised $3,000 for diabetes charity held at Prairie Lanes.

Plymouth Helps With Vision Screening

The Plymouth Lions Club has teamed up with Plymouth School District nurse Mary Peschke to screen hundreds of students for vision problems.

"The purpose of the screening is to detect problems that lead to vision loss or difficulty learning," Peschke said.

According to Prevent Blindness Wisconsin, one in 20 preschool children and one in four school-age children have an eye problem that, if left untreated, could lead to permanent vision loss.

The organization recommends that children see an eye professional shortly after birth, at six months and again between the ages of three and five; but many parents don't seek an eye exam until a problem arises.

The Sheboygan County Health Department had been screening students until two years ago, but is now allocating its resources elsewhere.

Enter the Lions, who have long been involved in vision-related work. Peschke and seven Lions attended a training session conducted by Prevent Blindness Wisconsin to become certified to conduct the screenings.

They used an eye chart to check distance vision, and special stereopsis glasses to measure how well the eyes work together.

Lions Club volunteers did the bulk of the screenings, with Mrs. Peschke re-checking those who may have problems. Parents help take children to and from class.

"It's really nice that the Lions are stepping up to do this," Mrs. Peschke said.

"About 14 Plymouth Lions Club volunteers were involved in the effort, seven of which are certified to screen the students, "said Mike McKenzie, President of the Plymouth Lions Club.

"We've had a very good response from our Lions Club," McKenzie said. "It's fun to work with the young children. We are providing a very worthwhile service."

The district used some of its own vision screening equipment and borrowed some from the County Health Department. The Lions Club purchased steriopsis equipment and an eye chart for young children that uses pictures instead of letters.

All kindergartners, first-graders and third-graders at all three elementary schools -- about 450 students in all – have been screened.

Plans are to screen fourth- and fifth-graders at Riverview Elementary School early next year, plus parochial students.

The screenings are meant to help find children in need of an examination and treatment by an eye care professional. When warranted, students are given referrals and information about assistance with eye exams and glasses.

The Lions Club has scheduled a training session on Saturday, Aug. 14 to certify more trainers in advance of next school year. The session will be open to school nurses and others interested in the training.

Consider an added donation to LCIF for the victims of the Haiti earthquake. Write *Haiti Donation* in the memo.

Meetings & Events

MARCH

NOW THRU APRIL - State Bowling Tournament – Grafton & Port Washington

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APRIL

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TUE, APR 27 - Officer Training - CAPSell Center, Wautoma

MAY

SAT. MAY 1 -- Officer Training - Fond du Lac

FRI, MAY 14-SAT, MAY 15 - State Convention – Stevens Point

Club Officer Training

It is time for the District 2010 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. Training includes information on what is expected of officers, and 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 on Tuesday, April 27th at the CAPSell Center, 205 E. Main St., Wautoma. Registration will start at 6:00 p.m.; a build your own Sandwich Bar is available for $6.00. Training begins at 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

The second session will be held on Saturday, May 1st, at Moraine Park Technical College, 235 N. National Ave., Fond du Lac. Registration will start at 9:00 a.m. with coffee, fruit and rolls available. There will be a donation plate to help offset cost. The training will start at 9:30 a.m. until noon.

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.

Complete the registration form that was sent to your club and return to PDG Gary Colton, 104 S. Main St., Ste. 520, Fond du Lac, WI 54935 by April 15 or call in your reservation at 920-933-2116 by April 15.

Are You A Lion or A Lamb?

by AP Ella Stanelle

The March wind roars
Like a lion in the sky,
And makes us shiver
As he passes by.
When winds are soft,
And the days are warm and clear,
Just like a gentle lamb,
Then spring is here.

- Author Unknown

Remember when we were little, and the month of March came around, the teacher would have us make lions and lambs? And through the years, I have watched my own children and now my grandchildren make lions and lambs. The lions and lambs in our lives always seem to come.

I would hope that we are all like the lamb in this poem...

That Lioness are warm and gentle. When we pass by, we don't make anyone shiver. In our Home, our Club and our Community, may we be the soft wind of comfort and relief.

May every month in your life come in and go out as a lamb.

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A giant thank you to all the Lions, Lioness, and Leos of 27-B1 for all that you have done in the last nine months of this Lionistic year. As I have traveled the district, I have heard fantastic reports of the clubs of this district of how they are helping and supporting their communities and Wisconsin Lion projects.

We have but three months to go in this Lionistic year and it is time for us to consider our final donations of the year.

More than 50 years ago, the Lions of Wisconsin built a camp so blind children would have a place to go each summer. Today, almost 1,500 blind, deaf, cognitively disabled and diabetic children have a camping experience at one of the greatest camps of its type in the United States.

As I have traveled around the country representing Leader Dog, and have attended various district cabinet meetings, when they find out that I am from Wisconsin, someone will always ask me about the Camp, and how the Lions were able to build a state of the art camp for our children with special needs. I am always proud to tell them that it happens because the individual clubs made a promise and they will not break that promise.

When you discuss the amount that you will be sending this year to the Foundation and the many projects that it supports, I know the tendency is to send what you sent last year. As in your own household, expenses are rising each year; the Wisconsin Lions Foundation is no different. So I challenge the clubs to add an extra five or 10% to this year's WLF donation.

A special thanks to all the clubs that read last month's newsletter about the lack of funding for our hearing aide program. Because of the checks sent in from Lions and Lioness we were able to supply hearing aides to five more persons in need. We are still not out of the woods, because we still have 10 persons on the waiting list. I know the clubs in 27-B1 will continue to support this project.

In May of this year the State Convention will be held in Stevens Point. I urge each club to send at least one representative to this convention to learn about all the projects of the state and all the successes that have been accomplished by the Lions of Wisconsin this past year.

If your club has not scheduled a visitation date for the Governor, I urge you to call as soon as possible, as time is growing short. One of my goals for this year was to visit every club of the district.

Reminding you that the only happiness you get to keep is the happiness you give away.

1917- How Far Did We Go

by 1st VDG Jerry Post

Lion Meg and I started a project because of interest in the History of Lions. We began with the time line for Lions International starting from 1917. Somehow we talked DG Quinn into helping present the power point to a club.

The next day Quinn had asked about possibly continuing with the time line for Wisconsin. Meg said how about giving this to other clubs and have them put their club history on it. It now went further as to a time line for our District. During this time we have contacted many Lions to receive their help for putting this together.

For example, how many knew that Wisconsin Lions received their start from the Northwest railroad in 1921.

We are having a lot of fun putting this together and would like to give others the opportunity to make an orientation tool for both old and new members. The response from other clubs and Districts on their time lines has been encouraging and enjoyable.

We don't know what the end result will look like as of yet, but we do know that a lot of Lions are helping us put this together.

Talk to your fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos and bring your Lion passion to a new level of excitement. There are amazing things that we have done over the years and to share them with fellow Lions is a rewarding experience.

Special thank you to PID Wayne Heiman, PCC Dean Haas, Lion Mary Wiza, Affiliate Ella Stanelle and the many others that have helped to get this started. This is available to all Lions of our great State of Wisconsin.

start planning for next Lions year now

2011 Convention Pin Design Needed

Wisconsin has a long tradition of great pin designs, including last year's Convention pin that was recognized by Lions International as the best in the world.

Attendees at this year's State Convention in Stevens Point will again vote on a new convention pin for the 2011 convention, which will be held in Appleton.

This year's Convention Committee is still looking for 2011 Convention pin designs or ideas for that vote in Stevens Point.

If you have a design or idea, get it to Merle Strelow as soon as possible. He can be reached at merles@centurytel.net, or 920-748-7507 or mail your entry to:

N3749 Prairie Rd.
Markesan, WI 53946

ALERT

by Mary Jo Abler, 27-B1 ALERT Chair

ALERT is slowly growing. Clubs are starting to reply with their ALERT contact persons. Counties are starting to ask, what can the Lions do as an ALERT team.

Lions ALERT can do what ever they decide they want to do, or be a part of within their counties or communities.

The objective of the Lions ALERT Program is to develop a plan of action in case of a Level One (affecting a few people), Level Two (affecting a community) or Level Three emergency (affecting hundreds or thousands of people in a region).

The emergency may be a natural disaster, a man-made disaster or a public health care crisis such as a large-scale (pandemic) influenza (flu) outbreak.

The first step is to decide if your club is interested in getting involved; the next step is to appoint an ALERT Chair and committee to begin exploring how your club can get involved. A Mission statement is being created which hopes to better define the program.

If your club wants more information on ALERT, email the program with your questions at alert27b1@yahoo.com. I am also available to talk to your Zone or club, just give me a call at 920-960-2532 or email me.

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"We Serve Too" As A Lioness, What Does That Mean?

by Lioness Patricia Weber

The Lioness Clubs first began in 1975 in Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina. Now there are more than 2,800 Lioness in 104 communities throughout Wisconsin.

The Lionesses are affiliate members of their local Lions Club and do offer support, but they have their own programs, service activities and fundraisers.

I first joined the Sherwood Pride Lioness Club in 2004. At that time I really wasn't sure what our purpose was, but soon found out that "We Serve Too" meant more than having bake sales.

Most women join a Lioness Club for friendship, enjoyment, creative use of time and the social functions. What they find is a deeper understanding of their communities and the needs of their neighbors, and how a little thoughtfulness can bring such satisfaction to their own lives.

As the Area Three Director of MD27-B1, I am always amazed at what the Lioness Clubs of our district do "Too Serve" their communities. They seem to have inside knowledge of where the needs are and don't ask if they should do, but what can they do to make things better.

Many clubs, including mine, have welcomed men into their clubs.

As a club we take care of our local community, respond to the needs of WLF, Lions Camp, Hearing Program, Leader Dog for the Blind, Lions Eye Bank and Diabetes Awareness.

We may not roar as much as the Lions, but our softer purr has nurtured many tasks and has made me proud to be Lioness.

April Brings...

by ADP Ella Stanelle

April reservations bring State Convention (May 13-15). Last year was my first year at State Convention. I went away thinking, "Why haven't I done this before?". Think of all the fun and information you get from your district convention and then times that a hundred fold.

Meeting Lions and Lioness from all over the state is so much fun. We laugh, we share, we eat and we feel like we are with family at a family reunion.

The speakers are so motivating. Not only do you have renewed resources for Lioness and Lions, but also tools to use in your own business and personal life. Convention is an all around good occurrence. See you there!

April elections bring Officers Training. By now many Lioness Clubs will have had their election of officers. Whether you are a first time officer or a seasoned officer, you need to come to officers training.

Oh, but you say, officer training is so boring! Not anymore. This is where you can learn about new technology that can aid you in becoming the best officer you can be. Hear tips and resources from other officers. It's a warm fuzzy for you and your club.

For our district we have two training places and dates, April 27th in Wautoma and May 1st in Fond du Lac. Go to the 27-B1 website to read more and get your RSVP in. I will be there to share with the Lioness.

Club News

NEENAH LIONS SENIOR AWARD PROGRAM - Each year, the Neenah Lions award scholarships in May at the Neenah Senior Awards Program. The Thomas E. Thorson Scholarship is given to two high school seniors who are committed to helping others through community service and their career goals of assisting others in achieving their full potential. Recent Neenah scholarship winners: Andrea Guyant (2007), Allison Reiser (2008), and Brooke Heroux (2009). Scholarship winner Andrea Guyant is pictured.

NEENAH DONATES TO APPLETON EMERGENCY SHELTER in both 2009 and 2010. ABOVE: Jill Mitchler, Appleton Emergency Shelter, accepts a check from Neenah Lions President Maj. Banjak & 2nd Vice President Maggie Johnson.

Meetings & Events

APRIL

TUE, APR 6 - R2Z2 Meeting - Cascade, RSVP Lion Jack @ 920-254-0723

WED, APR 7 - R5Z2 Meeting - Pioneer Pub, Wild Rose, 6:30 p.m.

FRI, APR 9 - New Holstein Lions 40th Anniversary

SAT, APR 10 - Special Olympics Opening Eyes - Gruenhagen Building, UW-Oshkosh, 8am - 4pm. Volunteers needed to examine participant's eyes. More details and registration form on the district web site at www.md27b1.org.

— Call Orville Kettel, 920-294-3526, with questions.

MON, APR 12 - R2Z Meeting - Blanck's, Johnsburg, 7 p.m.

MON, APR 19 - R3Z2 Meeting - Fond du Lac, 7 p.m

SAT, APR 24 - Lions Camp Cleanup

TUE, APR 27 - Officer Training - 6:30 pm at the CAPSell Center, 205 E. Main St, Wautoma. Sandwich Bar available for $6.

THU, APR 29 - R1Z1 Meeting - Schmitz Brothers 2, Hilbert

THU, APR 29 - New Holstein Lions Big Bucks Raffle

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Other News You Can Use

PU101 Club Officer Reports - get yours to 1st VDG Jerry Post ASAP

Club Officer Training April 27, or May 1

News & Activities - Share you club activities and events with Lions throughout B1 and the state. Send your news and photos of Lions in Action to District Editor Mary Jo.

2010 Camper, Counselor, Counselor-In-Training and Staff Applications now available on the camp web site

Diabetes Camper Application - contact Penny Kasprzak with the American Diabetes Association at pkasprzak@diabetes.org 414-778-5500 ext. 6509 or visit www.diabetes.org/adacamplakota

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It is hard to believe that 10 short months ago Kay and I were at the International Convention in Minneapolis. In our DG training, I must have missed the part about how fast the time would go. With just two months left in this Lionistic year, and about 20 more clubs to visit, I feel like we just got started.

The joy of meeting with you and hearing all your success stories makes all the late night trips worthwhile. Each club should be extremely proud of what it has accomplished.

In this month of May, let us all remember Mom. Whether you saw her yesterday or she's been gone for 35 years, Moms are the special love in all our lives. Lions are much like Mom. They care, they work, and they show their love without much thanks, but they are always there when you need them.

On a recent trip to speak at a school in Campbellsport, we had a chance meeting with a 14-year-old girl that was going blind from an incurable eye disease. She still has some limited vision. I asked if she had a reading machine and the answer was no. Her teacher said it would be extremely helpful if she had one. I mentioned the chance meeting with DGE Jerry Post, and he went to work.

In less than a week, a reading machine was located, cleaned, checked and brought to Green Lake so Kay and I could take it to the school. When Kay and I delivered the reading machine, we got to meet the young lady' parents who were extremely appreciative of the help the Lions were giving their daughter.

The highlight of my year as Governor came out of the mouth of that young lady when she said very loud and clear, "I can read." She wasn't saying that to her parents or to Kay and I. She was saying that to all the Lions that had made this gift possible. You have once again helped change a life for the better. On behalf of this young lady and her parents, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

The hearing project has had its ups and downs this year. As you know, as of January we gave away enough hearing aides to use up all the money in our account for this project and we still had 15 persons on a waiting list to receive hearing aides. We put out a call for help. I was quite concerned about the clubs being able to come up with another six or seven thousand dollars for this project. As of this date, because of the generosity of the Lions in 27-B1, there are only 4 persons left on the list and the monies are still coming in. Once again, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. !

This only proves again, that the happiness you get to keep is the happiness you give away.

Relationships: Lions & Lioness

by Lion Mary Jo Abler - (Editor's note: I tried to highlight Lioness clubs in our District in this edition, thank you to the clubs that submitted things. I do want to share some information from the Lioness web site that I find interesting)

Wisconsin Lioness are volunteers who, with care and compassion, reach out and address areas of need in our communities.

There are more than 2,800 Wisconsin Lioness members in 104 communities statewide. Lioness members are affiliate members of Lions Clubs, which is an international network of 1.3 million men and women in 205 countries and geographic areas. Lioness Clubs can be found in many countries outside of the United States, as well.

Wisconsin Lioness are known for working closely in their local communities on a wide variety of projects which range from providing food to families in need to performing vision screening to young children.

To learn more about Lioness members and Lioness Clubs in Wisconsin, please visit our Resources page for news and information. Wisconsin Lioness are proud to support the efforts of our sponsors, the Lions Clubs in Wisconsin.

WORKING TOGETHER - *Lion Phil Weber helping Lioness Kay Zornow with the tournament board.*

Our Motto: We Serve Too!

75% of Clubs Reporting as of May 1, 2009

- Wisconsin Lions Foundation - $69,574
- Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin - $12,740
- Leader Dog - $13,340
- Other Lions Projects - $21,679
- Community Giving - $323,615
- Total Giving - $440,948

That's almost a half million dollars by 2,800 Lioness in 104 Clubs Statewide!!!

In service alone, these Lionesses also gave 19,569 Hours of Service!!!

The Lioness of our District definitely live up to their Motto: We Serve Too!

Comrades In Lionism

by PDAP Kay Zornow

Have you ever noticed how well our clubs work together? In February, the Sherwood Lioness had our beanbag tournament. We are so lucky to have Lions be able to support us in this adventure. The Sherwood Lions help set up the boards, help bring in the door prizes and they volunteer throughout the day. In the beginning when this was just an idea, the Stockbridge Lions made the beanbag boards and Sherwood Lioness made the bags. This profitable fundraiser would not be possible without collaboration between the Lioness and the Lions. Think about all the ways we can work together at different projects to work towards the same goals. Lioness and Lions are unique people, we want to serve our communities and improve the world around us. Challenges make you discover things about yourself you never really knew.

Vision of Peace

by Lion Dawn Christensen, 27-B1 Peace Poster Chair

2009-10 LCI PEACE POSTER GRAND PRIZE WINNER - *is 13 year old Yu-Min Chen whose poster was sponsored by the Taichung Kuang Hua Lions Club of Multiple District 300 Taiwan. Chen said, "My colorful drawing shows that children hope to live in a peaceful world."*

"Vision of Peace" is the theme for the 2010-2011 Lions International Peace Poster Contest. The contest is a wonderful opportunity for clubs to work with youth in their communities to stress the importance of peace, tolerance and international understanding.

It encourages young people to think about peace and creatively express what it means to them and share their own unique visions with the world.

Contests can be run with any organized youth group examples being; Middle School Art Classes, 4-H Clubs, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Church Youth Groups and after school Library Programs.

Kits can be ordered from January 15th to October 1st each year, for $9.95 plus shipping from Lions International club supplies. Remember to order one kit for each contest and follow the enclosed rules and guidelines exactly. Please seriously consider ordering one or more kits.

This project is inexpensive, so easy to run and amazingly rewarding. If you've never run a Peace Poster Contest before: Why not? What are you waiting for? There's no better time than now to get everyone on the planet thinking about peace and involving our youth in a Lions project.

If your club needs help getting started, has questions, is looking for helpful tips or needs help in any way with a Peace Poster Contest, don't hesitate to contact

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So, come on Fellow Lions, running a Peace Poster Contest is a gratifying experience. Thank you for your support.

invite a prospect to your next project

Activities

HILBERT LIONS HELP LOCAL LADY - *by President Gary L Lemke* - ABOVE: Hilbert Lions members Jerry Van Cuyk, Tom Konen, Bruce Schroeder and Joe Ruhland are measuring and planning a new ramp they built for Karen Dutton of Hilbert who is a double amputee and also blind. BELOW: Secretary Bruce Schroeder, Jerry Van Cuyk, Joe Ruhland, Tom Konen and President Gary Lemke presented Hilbert resident Karen Dutton with a check for a power wheel chair. The family was very appreciative of the Lion efforts.

Take calculated risks. That is quite different from being rash.

— George S. Patton

St. Nazianz Club Lions "In Sight"

by Lion Meg Post

The last two weeks in January were declared "In Sight" to give all Lions the opportunity to spread the word about Lionism. The St. Nazianz Lions decided to participate, took the advice, and contacted our local bank and asked if we could put up a display for our club. Bank First National branch manager, Ginger Hammel, was more than happy to give us a corner in the bank so we could "show our colors".

Club members Marge Meyer, Meg Post, and VDG Jerry Post put together the display with club memorabilia, event pictures, our banner, a vest displaying a variety of Lions pins, along with all the brochures, posters, and information provided, free of charge, by LCI.

The Valders Journal took pictures and wrote a very nice article in conjunction with the "In Sight" week.

SETTING UP THE ST. NAZIANZ *LIONS IN SIGHT* DISPLAY *Lions Marge Meyer and Meg Post.*

This was a very fun project that your club can do any time. What better way to let your town know who you are and what you do. So find a window and show your colors, you will be surprised by the questions and comments members of your community will have for you. Be careful, you may find yourself with a few new members.

Recognize Those Who Serve

by ADP Ella Stanelle

Awards. This is the time of year we think about recognizing members' hard work. We have the 100% President, secretary and treasurer awards. Please get those deserving Lioness officer names to me before the Spring Banquet.

Also remember to award, or thank the other club members, for all the great work they have done and are doing this year.

Officers, thank your members. Members, thank your officers.

We are all working hard towards one goal—To help and serve others. That deserves to be recognized.

We give pins, plaques and certificates. We bestow flowers, have dinners and make speeches. But Lioness do it the best. We give hugs. Great big, heartfelt, hugs. Why? Because we are proud of our members. Like family, our members grow and learn and it makes us feel good to see what they can accomplish.

So this year as you pass out the awards, pass out the hugs.

APPLETON LIONESS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

by Lioness Gloria Van Heuklon

Appleton Lioness club will be celebrating its 25th anniversary in May. The charter was drawn up on May 5, 1985. They were originally started as a Lions Auxiliary on February 4, 1935.

DUNDEE LONG LAKE 10K TRAIL RUN/HIKE

by Lion Jean Timpel

The second Annual Northern Kettle Moraine Lake to Lake 10K Trail Run/Hike on Sunday, June 6 will again traverse the hiking and biking trail that connects the Mauthe Lake and Long Lake Recreation Areas.

The race will be an officially timed 10K trail race with unique prizes for each age level. For those looking for an easier option, there is a two-mile fun hike around Mauthe Lake. Participants will celebrate the finish at the Mauthe Lake Recreation Area, enjoying a Spring Nature Fest and concessions. Free state park admission for this event.

Proceeds will go to local humanitarian relief and Wisconsin vision services. For more information call Lion Jean at 920-539-0477 or jean2longlake@gmail.com

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MON, MAY 17 - R 2 Zone 1 Meeting - 7 PM S & R Bar, Plymouth

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— Lion Jack Hughes - 920/922-1588

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What Do 27-B1 Lions Do?

THE LIONS OF 27-B1 ARE A BUSY GROUP. *So what better way to celebrate the end of a great Lions year than taking a look back at the year in pictures. With 2,195 Lions in 72 clubs, we obviously don't have room to publish photos of all the activities, the photos we are publishing are a good representation of our service, camaraderie amongst our members and recognition of those who are making a difference here in 27-B1 and beyond.*

Opening Eyes Has A Special Place In Our Hearts

What does it mean to be a District Governor?

The answer is quite complex. It meant putting 40,000 miles on your car, countless hours on the phone, filling out reports, and sitting next to Kay as we answered many e-mails everyday.

It meant attending over 70 club meetings and hearing the success stories about the people in their communities who had a need, and hearing the proud report on how those needs were met.

It meant hearing from two diabetic children and their mothers about how five days at the Lions Camp had made a difference in their lives. It meant delivering a reading machine to a young lady and her parents and hearing their joy and appreciation.

It meant hearing about our hearing program running out of money, and finding out that 15 persons were on a waiting list. In just a matter of months enough money was sent so that we no longer have a waiting list.

It meant hearing about the success of our Mission to Mexico and that 10,000 persons are seeing more clearly today because of the dedication of that program.

It meant meeting with a 14 year old blind boy born and hearing his dream of the future. And knowing that the Lions would be there for him each step of the way.

It meant going to Camp and observing children living their dream of just wanting to be a kid.

It also meant working with the 27-B1 cabinet; a special thanks to PDG Gary Colton, for his fantastic job as cabinet Secretary/Treasurer and his guidance. The cabinet members served well, I thank all of them.

It meant serving on the state Council Of Governors, 10 very dedicated individuals, but each one completely different in their goals and their dreams for their district. A special thanks to CC Sam, his guidance, his suggestions, his sincere love of serving others rubbed off on everyone of the governors.

A special thanks to the first lady of this District who drove the car, operated the computer, kept the appointments, made sure the right clothes were ready to wear and without whose help the job would have not been done. It may have been the first time in Wisconsin history that a district was run by a team and on behalf of that team to all the members of 27-B1, thank you for allowing us to serve as your Governor.

The DG Quinn, Lion Kay and Leader Dog Ginger thank you for all that you have done in 09-10. And for the last time I remind you:

"The only happiness you get to keep is the happiness you give away."

We wish you good luck, God bless, and may each one of you know nothing but happiness.

Continue Serving With Love

by ADP Ella Stanelle

What a wonderful year it has been for me. Visiting with the clubs was such a joy. Hearing about all the good work the clubs are doing, just warmed my heart. Going to different meetings and conventions was a reunion of Lions and Lioness. I loved it all.

With the end of June is the end of my year as your Affiliate District President. Thank you for giving me that honor. I want to thank you for all your hard work in helping the Foundation and helping your community. According to your Giving Forms here is the proof of what Lioness can do in one year...

With 13 of the 14 Clubs reporting, here is what 27-B1 gave: WLF-$7,306.60, Lions Eye Bank-$1,325.00, Leader Dog-$2,320.00, Other Lions Projects-$2,704.60, Community Giving-$29,139.44 and Service Hours-21,368.

What a great bunch of Lioness we are. We Serve too and We Serve with Love.

May your next year give you more opportunities to Serve and Serve with Love. As members of one of the greatest and oldest Charity Clubs in the world, keep the roars going. Be proud and strong in all you do.

It has been a privilege to be your Affiliate President. Thank you for being a great Lioness District. Again, thank you.

Thank You

by DG Len Quinn

A special thank you to DG-E Jerry Post and Lion Meg. Next month you will be sworn in as Governor and handed the reins of 27-B1. I hope that the ride for you and Meg will be as enjoyable and rewarding as it was for us.

Your time as VDG was extremely productive. You attended more meetings, took on more projects and talked to more people than any other VDG in the history of this district.

Thank you for always being there for us when we were in need. B1 is extremely fortunate to have you and Meg lead us as our governor next year.

P.S. Ginger will save a dance for you at our convention.

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