

Minutes
District Convention – District 27-B1
Saturday, November 8th, 2003
Pioneer Resort & Marina – Oshkosh, WI

- Call to Order** 1. Meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by DG Tom King.
- Pledge** 2. Pledge of allegiance was led by IPDG Ed Filemyr.
- Song and Prayer** 3. Song and prayer by Lion Pat Knier.
- Introductions** 4. DG Tom introduced our guest Int'l director John Rabideau, IPID Peter Cerniglia, PID Phil Ingwell and E2 DG Gordon Knudson.
- Lioness Affiliate President** 5. Lioness Affiliate President Louise Ebert greeted the Convention on behalf of the District Lioness.
- Guest Speaker** 6. ID John Rabideau commended us on our commitment to serving those less fortunate, with our programs, especially the eye bank and our Lions camp. He made us aware of the festival that will take place in Windsor at next years Int'l Convention and he suggested that whoever attends that they bring some form of identification along in order to attend. He informed us that a resolution was passed that Int'l President Lee initiated that will waive the entrance fee for women joining a Lions club starting November 1,2003 to June 30, 2004.
- District Pin** 7. Lion Craig Hansen gave us the details on the district pin and the convention pin series.
- WLF Report** 8. President Dale Schroeder told everyone to stop out front and visit the trading post. Also, check out the WLF display board. He congratulated the Lions of District 27-B1 for providing the Foundation the ability to give 1470 children the chance to stay at Lions camp this past summer. The Foundation also provided 230 hearing aids, a hearing dog and processed over 750,000 eye glasses last year for our trips to Mexico. WLF partnered with Prevent Blindness and over 7,000 children were screened and 700 of them were referred for a professional eye exam. There was a Leo's day at the camp and community diabetes education is being expanded. The kitchen and dinning hall has been completely gutted and is being renovated. The roof has been replaced and bathroom facilities are being installed.

Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin 9. PDG Orv Doede gave us an update on the Eye Bank and the transporting process. He also introduced those Lions in our District who are actively involved with the eye bank. Mark Larson, executive director of the eye bank gave us some details about the seminar that the eye bank will be conducting later this morning.

Mission to Mexico 10. Lion Sandy King and Lion Jeri Showers gave us their experiences from their first mission trip to Mexico this past September. The next trip is scheduled for February 7th and will last until the 13th. There is a limit of 30 people. If interested contact, PDG Bob Showers or Lion Jeri Showers.

Peace Poster 11. Lion Terri Harmsen pointed out that there was quit a few posters this year and she informed us as to how our clubs can have a successful contest locally. E.g. good chairperson, following directions in the kit and have solid communications with those involved.

State Secretary Report 12. Council Chairman E1 DG Eldon Vrieze gave the State Secretary report and acknowledged the District Governor's activities. State convention will be in Wisconsin Dells and our Int'l guest will be IPIP Kay K. Fukushima. Host club is offering a safari theme celebration on Thursday evening. Hospitality will be on Friday evening. Housing info will be in the Dec, Feb and March issues of Wis Lion magazine. Int'l Convention will be held in Detroit-Windsor, Ontario July 5-9 with the delegation hotel being the Doubletree Detroit Metro about 20 miles from the Convention center and Joe Louis Arena. Room rates are appx \$96 plus 14% tax per night. The state has an excess of older pins and the 2004 State pin (Recreation) is available for \$2.00. Membership continues to be a concern. We are down 77 Statewide as of August 31. There was a dues increase-clubs are currently being billed \$28.25/yr International \$10.50/yr State and \$5.00/yr District. The Lion magazine is available in Braille and audiocassette. Please notify your secretary of address changes because each return magazine cost the Lions \$0.70. There is a Wisconsin Lions history book available for \$10.00 from the State office and there is an Int'l history book available from your club supply book.

Resolutions 13. PDG Clayton Sengbusch announced that there are no resolutions this year.

Nominations

14. Nominations were directed by Lion Ralph Schneider:

For DG – Richard Christianson
Nomination by PDG Del Peterson
Second by PDG Clayton Sengbusch
Nominations closed

For VDG – Gary Colton
Nomination by PDG Tom Clausen
Second by PDG Orv Doede
Motion to close nominations for VDG by PDG Vic Voigt
Second. Motion carried.

For International Director Candidate – PDG Bob Showers
Nomination by PDG Tom Clausen
Second by PDG Herb Schneider
Motion to close nominations for Int'l director candidate by
PDG Orv Kittel
Second by Lion Sandy King. Motion carried.

For WLF Director – Dave Wood
Nomination by PDG Steve Groene
Second by Lion Leonard Quinn
Motion to close nominations for WLF director by Jeri Showers
Second by Sandy King. Motion carried.

District Bowling – Plymouth Lions Club
Club representative President Steve Dimig
Motion to close nominations by Sandy King
Second by Jeri Showers. Motion carried.

**Mid Morning
Seminars**

15. Special Olympics-Open Eyes – Dr. Kellye Knueppel

Lions Camp – Lion Andrea Yenter

Lions Eye Bank – Lion Mark Larson

Lunch

16. Prayer was said by District Chaplin Pat Knier. The head table was introduced along with other honored guests. Guest speaker was the widow of a Leader Dog recipient, Gay Ziler, who from experience gave us the importance of Leader Dogs for the Blind. WLF president Dale Schroeder awarded appreciation plaques to

IPDG Ed Filemyr and IP Affiliate President Kathy Bargaquast. PDG Dan Geske gave us some background information on MERLO and recognized its Team members and what the team is trying to accomplish this year. IPDG Ed Filemyr and his wife Lion Sarah presented the 100% Secretary and Treasurer awards. Parade of checks immediately followed.

**Afternoon
Seminars**

17. Insurance, Club Incorporation – DG Gordon Knudson

Wis. Braille Transcriptions done locally – David Hines-Connie Risjord-Mary Ann Damm

Free S.P.I.R.I.T. Riders, Inc – Mary Narges M.S.W. and Group

Necrology

18. Necrology service was held to remember those Lions and Lioness who left us this past year.

Voting

19. Voting started 15 minutes following completion of the Necrology Service and continued for ½ hour.

Banquet

20. ID John Rabideau presented Melvin Jones Fellowships to Lion Gleno Straw and PDG Orv Kittel. International President Certificates of Appreciation were presented PDG Dave Petrie and PDG Steve Groene. ID John told us why awards are given. He said “always be where we always done where the Lions been. Now is the time to shake off the old ways and try out new ways. Be different, be positive to new constructive ways and be willing to adapt to positive change for the good of the community. We serve, make our clubs stronger and better than they have been. Do we assume and appreciate the tail twister. Change is in order to stop the slide in membership. The future of Lions and humanitarian service is in our hands”.

WLF Executive Director Gary Foote presented IPDG Ed Filemyr with a Birch-Sturm.

Election results were presented by Lion Ralph Schneider and are:

International Director Candidate – PDG Bob Showers

District Governor Elect – Richard Christianson

Vice District Governor Elect – Gary Colton

WLF Director – Dave Wood

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Peace Poster Winner – Amanda Leslie, Sheboygan Falls

District Secretary-Treasurer Gary Colton gave the Parade of Checks totals: WLF \$18,193.32, Leader Dog \$8,514.16, LCIF \$3,559.16, Diabetes \$4,624.16, District Hearing \$2,455, Mission to Mexico \$2,254.16, Youth Exchange \$850, WI Eye Bank \$2,183, Emergency Fund \$25.

Affiliate President Louise Ebert gave the election results for the Lioness.

The convention raffle drawing was conducted by PDG Vic Voigt. 1st place winner was Lion Tom Kraus from Winnebago East Shore

A prayer was given by District Chaplin Pat Knier.
Convention adjournment by DC Tom King.

Respectfully Submitted by Lion Gary Colton