



District 27-B1 State Convention Agenda

Saturday May 6, 2017

La Crosse Convention Center

Meeting to start at 10:30 am in South Hall B3

1. **Call to order @ 10:30 am** – DG Tom Berendes
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Marvin Henke
3. **Prayer** led by VDGE David Lee
4. **Welcome** DG Tom Berendes Thank you for coming. DG Tom gave a little history on the LaCrosse area, since he once lived there. It has been a GOOD YEAR! He has enjoyed being our District Governor. This year has energized him and Rose as LIONS.

5. **Cabinet Recognition** : All Cabinet Members in attendance were asked to stand for recognition.

THANK YOU for your support this last year and continued success with GDE Fred's year.

6. **Tail Twister** : Lion Helen Mork - WARNING there is a 3 minutes maximum oral report rule a click will warn at 2 minutes, Tail Twister levy a fine after 3 minutes. She did not meet her budget so fines will be levied.

7. Old Business:

A. DG Tom - Remarks - Reminder from DG Tom about the voting changes past down from International, NO FLOOR NOMINATIONS can be accepted. Special meeting must be called to fill vacant positions.

B. Centennial Celebration - VGDE David Lee talked about the float that the Appleton Noon Lions is coordinating for the Appleton Flag Day Parade on June 10th. 10 clubs have responding and will participate. There will be cars to represent 25 year increments of Lions History. LIONS are welcome to walk along or send donations.

C. Eyeglass Collections: Liion Rose Berendes reported the WLF Eyeglass collection trailer was in Sheboygan on Friday April 28th and collected 5,400 glasses and then Friday afternoon in Appleton another 1,600 glasses.

D. International Convention & Parade: Several Lions from District 27-B1 will be attending the International convention and parade in Chicago. Valdars Viking Lions ship will be making the trip. There will also be a room rented at the McCormick Place for Wisconsin Lions to meet and greet each other. PDG Ken Rhode also reminded Lions that Wisconsin Lions will have their 100 year centennial in 2022. Start making plans NOW!

8 New Business:

A. DG-E Fred Gebhart – Plans for 2017-2018 DGE Fred's District convention will be in Manitowoc at the Holiday Inn on November 10 & 11. The convention will focus on more testimonials. Thank you to DG Tom and Rose for making sure all the clubs are reporting membership. Lion Rose will continue this next year. Zone Chairman get your schedule set up so DGE Fred can set his schedule. PLEASE continue what you are doing.!

B. International Guest: PID Mark Hintzmann introduced Jung-Yul Choi, 3rd Vice President to the district. He thanked the LIONS for inviting him. He saluted MD 27 for doing a GREAT job for LIONS.

C. Membership: Current District Membership is down 8 with 2 month to go. Reminder the membership fee goes up \$10 starting July 1.

D. Vision Screening: The vision screening process has been a learning experience for DGE Fred. Within this coming year, we should have the district 100% covered. GREAT JOB FRED !

E. 1st VDE David Lee - Plans for 2017- 2018 Thank you to his partner Sue Lee. B1 is the BEST ONE ! Thank you to everyone for stepping forward. DGE Fred's commitment to Lions has been a great example. - FRED- **MR LION Have fun serving others.**

E. 2017 convention Holiday Inn -Manitowoc - has good room rates. See you there, PDG Jerry has been working hard on the programs and everything is moving along on schedule.

F. Presentations - Checks were received from the WI Lions State Bowling tournament. Congratulations to Sheboygan Evening Lions for numerous winners and also to Markesan Lions.

G. Birch-Sturm Award: The District awarded a Birch-Sturm to Rose Berendes for all of her work as MY LCI coordinator for the district. She made sure the district maintained 100% monthly membership reporting. She has been a LION for 17 years, first at La Crosse and currently at Oxford. In the past year she has visited most clubs and trained presidents and secretaries on MY LCI. She also is the district's Environmental chair. She accompanies DG Tom to club visits and monitors his length of talk and quality. She keeps him IN LINE and ON TIME !

6. **Questions from the floor for DG Tom** . The question came from the floor in reference to RE ZONING the district. Yes it is true.....we have decreased by 2 zones due to no Lions stepping forward to be a zone chairman. After lengthy discussions with DGE Fred and VDGE David, changes had to be made to keep all clubs informed and active. LCI has been informed of the changes. The following clubs moved : Reedsville and Wayside-Morrison to Region 1 Zone 1. Francis Creek, Maribel, Mishicot and Whitelaw have moved to Region 1 Zone 2. Oshkosh Lakeshore has moved to Region 3 Zone 1. Brandon and Ripon have moved to Region 3 Zone 3. Fairwater has moved to Region 4 Zone 1.

7. **GMT Mike Helmke's** 3 year term will end in June. Thank you to all of the clubs for having him. It has been a great experience. Lion Dennis Schwartz will be the new district GMT. **THANK YOU MIKE.** GLT PDG Merle Strelow's 3 year term will also end in June. Lion Ken Rivers will assume the district GLT.

GUIDING LIONS are needed for the district. It is only a 2 year commitment. Guiding Lions keep new and existing clubs on the right track, they are there for GUIDANCE !

CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE - keep promoting it let the world know who and what we do as Lions.

WHERE THERE IS A NEED, THERE'S A LION

8. **Voting** : Lion BJ Blahnik, Nominations chair reminded everyone that certification for voting ends at 2:00 pm. See Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer for certification. 36 Lions attended the district meeting, 31 were certified and 27 voted.

9. **Adjournment** - Motion by Lion Rose Berendes, 2nd by Lion Mike Hartmann to adjourn at 11:45 AM MOTION CARRIED,