

Minutes
District Convention – District 27-B1
Saturday, November 9th, 2002
Holiday Inn – Fond du Lac, WI

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| Call to Order | 1. Meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by DG Ed Filemyr. |
| Pledge | 2. Pledge of allegiance was led by DG Ed Filemyr. |
| Song and Prayer | 3. Song "God Bless America" and prayer by Lion Pat Knier. |
| Introductions | 4. DG Ed introduced Int'l director Buddy Ouzts and our own Int'l director Peter Cerniglia. |
| Welcome | 5. Welcome to Fond du Lac by Fond du Lac city council president Martin Ryan. |
| Lioness Affiliate President | 6. Lioness Affiliate President Kathy Bargaquast greeted the Convention on behalf of the District Lioness. |
| Guest Speaker | 7. ID Buddy Ouzts said that his visit to the camp was fantastic. He said that it is probably one of the better projects he has ever visited as a Lion. Our hospitality was extraordinary this weekend. |
| State Secretary | 8. PDG Duane Habrat gave the State Secretary report and acknowledged the District Governor's activities. State Office Operations can be reached at Fax #715-341-9987 or lionstat@coredcs.com 2817-B Post Road.
State Convention will be in Oconomowoc May 16-17 at the Olympia Resort. Host club is offering theme celebration on Thursday evening. Hospitality will be on Friday evening. Registration and Housing info will appear in the Dec, Feb, and March issues of Wis Lion. Encourage your attendance. Int'l Convention will be held in Denver June 30 - July 4 with the Doubletree Hotel Denver being the delegation hotel 6 miles from the Colorado Convention Center and 6 miles from the Pepsi Center. Voting on Friday morning. Room rates are appx \$109 plus 13.45% tax per night. Have an excess of older pins. 2003 State Pin (Education) is here at \$2.00. There will be no prestige pin this series. Membership continues to be a concern. We are down 72 Statewide and a -1 in the District. In order to remain strong & productive, we must continue to attract & keep new members. Dues increases – clubs are currently being billed \$24.00/yr International \$10.50/yr State and \$5.00/yr District. The international magazine is available in Braille & audiocassette. Wisconsin Lion available in audiocassette & possibly Braille format. Magazine has a new editor located in Fond du Lac and a new look. Please notify secretary of address change because postal rate increase costs the Lions .70 for each returned address. Request all |

PDGs who served prior to 1987-88 to send a write-up of your Lions activities and personal information to the State Office to be used for speaker information, award nominations and obituaries. State bowling tournament runs from Feb. 8 thru April 13, hosted by the Sparta and Tomah Lions Clubs. Entry form in December magazine.

**Ladysmith
Disaster**

9. DG Robert Bayerl from 27-E1 gave a report on the disaster done by a tornado up at Ladysmith. Send monetary donations to PDG Dave Kaiser.

WLF Report

10. Executive Administrator Gary Foote reported on the State of the Foundation. He recognized our District Directors Ken Wallender and Dave Wood. Our District is 4th in all time donations over the past 12 years. Last year 1700 children attended Lions camp. There is a computer game to play called "Free Click to Win". Every time you play .50 is generated for the WLF and you could win up to \$1 million for yourself. Everyone is welcome to stop in at the camp whenever you are in the area. We also have a trading post on the road. Always remember our website www.wlf.info to get current listings of projects. The Winnebago East Shore Lions club was presented an award for their annual contribution in excess of \$5,000.

**Lions Eye Bank
of Wisconsin**

11. President PDG Orv Doede gave us a brief outline of the formation of the Eye Bank. Formed under the supervision of the WLF. There are eleven employees working for the Eye Bank. Over 800 eye donations were received last year with over 600 used for corneal transplants.

**Mission to
Mexico**

12. PDG Bob Showers thanked all of those in 27-B1 for their support. Since 1991 we have completed 28 missions to Mexico to help the needy people of the South. Keep collecting those used eye glasses, equipment and supplies. There will be three (3) mission trips going down to Mexico starting in late January

Peace Poster

13. Lion Karen Koch reported on the Peace Posters, 5 posters were present with at least 2 more to arrive. We have come in 3rd the last 2 years in the Multiple District. Our voters have a good eye for art.

District Pin

14. 2003 District pins are available and DG Ed has 2003 State pins.

Resolutions

15. PDG Clayton Sengbusch was happy to report that for the second year in a row that there are no resolutions on the ballot at the Convention.

Nominations

16. Nominations were directed by PDG Del Peterson:

For DG – Tom King

Nomination by PDG Bob Showers

Second by PDG Steve Groene

Motion to close nominations for DG by PDG Clayton Sengbusch

Second by Sandy King. Motion carried.

For VDG – Richard Christianson
Nomination by PDG Vic Voigt
Second by PDG Tom Koch
Motion to close nominations for VDG by PDG Bob Showers
Second by PDG Orv Kittel. Motion carried.

District Bowling – Neshkoro Lioness
Club representative Ellie Luedke
Motion to close nominations by PDG Tom Clausen
Second by Dave Wood. Motion carried.

- Mid Morning** 17. All About Free Spirit Riders, Inc – Mary Narges, M.S.W., Director

Lions Camp Cabin Counselor – Dominic Johann-Berkel

Diabetes Type 2 – Mary Roethel, RN
- Lunch** 18. Prayer was said by District Chaplin Pat Knier. The head table was introduced along with other honored guests. International President Certificate of Appreciation was given to Lion Ross Tarnow. IPDG Orv Kittel and PDG Steve Groene presented the 100% Secretary and Treasurer awards. Guest speaker was a long time Leader Dog recipient, PDG Richard Brauer. Parade of checks immediately followed.
- Afternoon
Seeminars** 19. Taxes and Insurance – PID Harry Merriman

Facts of Lions Camp – Russ Link, Camp Director

Donation and Transplantation – Teresa Paulus, Neenah
- Necrology** 20. Necrology service was held to remember those Lions and Lioness who left us this past year.
- Voting** 21. Voting started 15 minutes following completion of the Necrology Service and continued for ½ hour.

Banquet

22. ID Buddy Ouzts was the featured speaker. He said that the events of 9/11/01 took us by surprise and put a real fear into our lives. Images of 9/11 expanded his image of heros. What can we do as Lions. We can start by building a better tomorrow with one heart. He reiterated that it is better to build a child than it is to rebuild an adult. He stressed the goals of our International President Kay K. Fuchishima. Sight First has awarded \$150 million since its inception. Thousands of projects have been undertaken with 136 hospitals built. Melvin Jones Fellowship and Extension Awards were presented to PDG Steve Groene and Lion Gary Bilke. IPDG Orv Kittel was presented the International Leadership award. International President Certificate of Appreciation was presented to PDG Dwaine Habrat. WLF Executive Director Gary Foote presented IPDG Orv Kittel with a Birch-Sturm.

Election results were presented by PDG Del Peterson and are:

District Governor Elect – Tom King
Vice District Governor Elect – Richard Christianson
District Bowling – Neshkoro Lioness
Peace Poster - #6

Convention Secretary-Treasurer Lion Gary Colton gave the Parade of Checks totals: WLF \$26,913.32, Leader Dog \$7,551.16, LCIF \$3,193.16, Diabetes \$4,019.16, District Hearing \$2,450, Mission to Mexico \$1,529.16, Youth Exchange \$1,025, Eye Bank \$1,129, Cancer Center \$200, 27-B1 Emergency Fund \$25.

Affiliate President Kathy Bargaenquast gave the election results for the Lioness

The Convention Raffle drawing was conducted by PDG VicVoigt. 1st place winner was The Francis Creek Lions.

A prayer was given by District Chaplin Pat Knier.
Convention adjournment by DC Ed Filemyr.

Respectfully Submitted by Gary Colton