

District Convention
October 26, 2000
Holiday Inn, Manitowoc

Convention called to order at 8:15AM by DG Groene.

Pledge by IDPG Clausen.

Prayer and song by Chaplain Knier.

Introductions by DG Groene.

Welcome to Manitowoc by K. Galas, Manitowoc Visitors Bureau.

Lioness President Luedke talked on volunteers to help others and the Mission to Mexico. Thanked the Lions for helping and allowing the Lioness to be part of the Convention.

Leader Dog, Rep. Richard Brauer, thanked the group for their support and will speak further at the noon luncheon.

Past International Director, John Daum, spoke on the goals of International and encouraged all clubs to set membership goals to reach our target of 2,600,000 members by 2006.

Peter Cerniglia, Candidate for International Director, thanked the Lions for their support and encouraged them to come to the International Convention in Indiana next year.

WLF President Koranda thanked everyone for being invited to the convention. He reported that the district was again 100% in giving to the foundation. This summer 1749 children attended camp with 175 coming from our district. We had our first week of Diabetic campers this year. The last 2 cabins are being started at this time. The 10 year project will be completed in 5 years. He stated that 65 cents from every dollar donated goes to run the camp. He then presented a plaque to the Winnebago East Shore Lions for their \$5,000 donation to the Foundation.

State Secretary Habrat reported on the activities of the District Governors and then gave a preview of the State Convention to be held in May, 2001 in Appleton. The International Convention will be July 2 - 7, 2001 in Indianapolis. Send in your reservations early. He reported that membership in the state continues to decline. The International magazine is available in Braille and the State magazine is available on cassettes. Contact the State office for these items.

Peace Poster Chairperson Nichols reported that last years district winner place second in the State. This year's theme was "United in Peace". There were 325,000 entries world wide. We had 200 entries from 11 clubs in our district.

Pin Chairman Bilke reported that he has received no entries in the District Pin Contest.

Mission to Mexico Chairman B. Showers thanked every one for their help and checks for this project. Also for giving glasses, medical supplies, blankets, school supplies and

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vehicles to this project. 27 people will be leaving for Mexico on November 6 with vehicles and supplies. There is a need for more volunteers for this project.

Emergency Fund - PDG Schneider reported on how the emergency fund would work and the need for one in the District to be able to respond immediately in case of a disaster. Asked the Lions to contact their Zone Chairman with input on this project.

Election Chairperson J. Showers called for nominations. PDG Tadych and Sengbush nominated Lion Orv Kittel for District Governor with Kittel accepting. PDG Vogt and Showers nominated Ed Filemyr for Vice District Governor with Filemyr accepting. PDG Schneider and Petri nominated Bill Wessing for director of WLF with Wessing accepting. PDG Weller and Lion Jerry Prellwitz nominated Lion David Wood for director of WLF with Wood accepting.

PDG Vogt nominated Collins Lions to host the District Lions Bowling tournament because no one else wanted to do it. Motion made to close the nominations. Seconded and passed.

Seminars followed...

Lion Bob Schuh - From Sight to Darkness

Bob Kollie - Hearing Dog School

Lion Gary Bilke - Everything you want to know about Pins

Lions Gary Colton - Membership Update

Lunch was served at 12:25 PM. Followed by IPDG Classed presenting 100% Awards to the Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers. Leader Dog Rep. Richard Brauer from Kansas gave a very inspiring talk on his life since becoming blind in two weeks time at the age of 14. The Parade of Checks followed.

Afternoon Seminars ---

Lions Camp Information - Traci Meyer and Andrea Germiano

Eye Bank of Wisconsin - Lion Mark Larson

Necrology service followed the seminars.

Voting then took place.

The Closing Banquet started at 6:30PM with introductions. After dinner, PID Ingwell introduced the speaker, PID John Daum of New Castle, Wyoming. He spoke on Quality, Service, Membership, Organization and Leadership. He encouraged us to be happy in our Lionistic endeavors. He then presented International President Awards to Lion Gene Adams and Lion Pat Harder. WLF President Koranda presented a progressive Birch Sturm to IPDG Clausen and Birch Sturm to Charlotte Wallander. PDG Showers announce that the District was presenting 4 Melvin Jones with 2 being presented tonight and two at a later date. He presented the Fellowships to Lion Gary Colton and Lion Jeff Fredericks. Elections Chairperson J. Showers reported the election results. Orv Kittel -

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District Governor, Ed Filemyr, Vice District Governor, David Wood, Director WLF and Collins, District Bowling. Brenda Arellano was elected Lioness President.

Cabinet Secretary Treasurer Roberts reported that \$45,664 was presented at the parade of checks. PDG Vogt then announced the winners of the District Raffle. Green Glen Lions - \$838.60, Lion Butch Meyer - \$ 628.93, Menasha Lions - \$293.51, Winnebago East Shore Lions - \$209.65, which they donated to WLF, Lion Cyril Simon - \$ 83.86, Lioness Lois Olsen - \$ 41.93.

IPDG Clausen presented a 100% Award Pin from Leader Dog to PDG Vogt for his efforts as Leader Dog Chairman.

District Governor Groene thanked everyone for coming and the Committee for doing a great job in planning the convention. He then declared the convention closed.

Respectfully submitted by Cab. Sec. Treas. Jim Roberts