



## **MD27B1 District Cabinet Minutes**

**Date:** Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023

**Location:** Eagles Club 515 N Park Avenue Fond du Lac, WI 54935

**Virtual:** NO

**Email:** If any Question: Reply to this email – [roxanne\\_wendt@hotmail.com](mailto:roxanne_wendt@hotmail.com) or call 920-948-7787

**Times: Open Discussion** (Voluntary): In Person Only 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (In Person Only)

**Social & Lunch:** Lunch 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Meeting 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

**Meeting** (In Person Only)

**Agenda:** 1/29/23

1. **Call to Order** DG Dave Brinkman @ 1:pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** IPDG Lion BJ Blahnik
3. **Prayer** Chaplain Lion Myra Schneider Moment of silence  
For zone chair Scott Scovronski (Auto accident) & PDG Ken Rohde (Past away)
4. **Motion to Approve Agenda** Motion to approve agenda by **Bill Fletcher 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Stephen Motion Carried**
5. **Roll Call** Was completed by Sec. Lion Roxanne Wendt  
There were 29 cabinet members present along with 2 more guests.
6. **Tail Twister** Lion Bonnie Hughes step in as Tail Twister for lion Kathy Bargaquast brought in \$31.00
7. **Communication** DG Dave Brinkman nothing at this point
8. **Secretary's Report** CS Lion Roxanne Wendt Nothing to Report
9. **Treasurer's Report** PDG Lion Jerry Post We had a big profit and showed how the hotel compensated us money back for mistakes and donations given. Out of the Quest fund to pay PDG Dave Lee for the books. We got 60 books. \$500.00 From Tom's article where it should go.  
**Motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Greg Kubichka and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Bill Fletcher Motion Carried**

## 10. Old Business:

- a. Gave away another bench to the district (Environmental Chair Lion Bonnie Hughes) **Elkhart Lake Won the bench Congratulations Thanks** to Birthday Girl Pat for picking it.
- b. Need to make a motion stating Purple Octopus MAT20202-27B1 Final Report has to be approved. (IPDG Lion BJ Blahnik) (Report Sent Pg ,3,4,5,6) **IPDG Lion BJ made the motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion John Stephen Motion Carried**

## 11. New Business:

- a. **Memorial Fund idea** Memorial Fund idea went to the Executive Team their recommendation was #4) **IPDG Lion BJ made the motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Greg Kubichka**
- b. Need a change in location from Par 5 to Radisson Hotel in Fond du Lac for 2023 -2024 27–B1 Convention lack of communication by Par 5 (1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Greg Kubichka) **Lion Bonnie Hughes made the motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Barb Leichtfuss Motion Carried**
- b. To give the \$500.00 from the GLT success story from PDG Tom Wendt to the vision trailer. **Motion made by Lion Bonnie Hughes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Barb Leichtfuss Motion Carried**
- c. Dave will donate his whole stipend to the vision trailer if were in the positive in membership at the end of his year.

## 12. Committee Reports

1. **IPDG Lion BJ Blahnik** Present, (Report Sent Pg 2,3,4,5)  
Is our new Council Chair for 2023 -2024  
Congratulations
2. **District Governor Elect Lion Greg Kubichka** (Present) Meeting for convention
  1. 2023-2024 Anyone interested in helping it will be on Feb.15 at 10:30 at the Radisson in FDL. State News, Newspaper is costing a lot of money talking about making changes on that because of the cost. Not everyone reads the online news compared to

getting the book. District Training let him know what you would like to see in training. (Report Sent Pg 1)

3. **1st Vice District Governor Elect Lion Dave Holschbach** (Report Sent Pg 1)
  1. Working together with DGE Greg & 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Roxanne putting a cabinet position together. If someone is interested let them know you can even work on them as team.
4. **GLT Chair PDG Lion Tom Wendt** Present (Report Sent Pg 6)
5. **GST Chair DG Dave Brinkman**
6. **GMT Chair PDG Lion Fred Gebhart** Present
  - a. Talked on membership how to get new members.
7. **District Convention Chair PDG Lion Mike De Baere** Present (Report Given Pg 18)
  - a. Convention turned out very good thanked IPDG BJ for raising the price of raffle tickets. Talked on who should have more or less time. Need pads to write on Mike will donate them. Have more options on food choices.
8. **District Diabetes Lion Chair Lion Jacqueline Abel** (Not Present)
9. **District Elections and Nominations Chair PDG Lion Gary Colton**  
(Present Report Given Pg 18) Thanked his committee.
10. **District Environment Chair Lion Bonnie Hughes**
  - a. Present, Garbage pickup clean the roadsides and parks for the month of April and keep track of your miles and send back to Bonnie since that didn't go over very well.  
(Present Report Sent Pg 8)
11. **District Hunger Chair Lion Amber Konen** Not Present, No Report
12. **District Information/Public Relations/Historian Chair PDG Lion Tom Clausen**
  - a. Present, No Report
13. **District LCI/My Lion Chair DG Dave Brinkman**
  - a. New policy shouldn't be too different should be close to the old policy.
14. **DG Lion David Brinkman** has put a lot of effort into keeping reporting up to date and teaching everyone. Anyone needs help he willing to help you out just let him know.
15. **District LCIF Coordinator Lion Mary Jo Abler** Present, (Report Sent Pg 8)
  - a. Her and DG Dave shouldn't have to play the middle man trying to get the money from the clubs.  
Please remember to support LCIF
16. **District Leader Dog PDG Lion Meg Post** Present, (Report Sent Pg 9)
  - a. Please go on the Website to read their reports and watch the videos very interesting we met IPDG BJ new Leader Dog Jackson 5.
17. **District Leo Chair PDG Lion Gary Silah** Present, No Report

**18. District Lions Eyebank of Wisconsin Lion Charlie Keifenheim**

- a. Present, (Report Given Pg 17)

**19. District Newspaper Editor Lion Terry Erbstoesser**

- a. Present, please keep sending in your articles.

**20. District Peace Poster/Pin Chair Lion Laurie Sasada**

- a. Present, (Report Sent Pg 11,12) State Peace Poster was won by Maryn Van Zon who got \$100.00 competed between all 10 districts. Also has district pins to sell.

**21. District Pediatric Cancer Chair PDG Lion Dave Lee**

- a. Present, Thank You to DG Dave for making sure the Childhood cancer books get out to everyone.
- b. there was a motion to change the quest fund to childhood cancer fund for a \$1000.00 Motion **made by Meg Post to take it out of the Quest fund 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Steffen.** Give Childhood cancer books to school's churches, families.
- c. Congrats to PDG for being asked for represent us on State level for Childhood cancer. and report sent

**22. District Raffle Lion John Stephen**

- a. Present, did a great job selling tickets and had fun.

**23. District Restoring Hope Transplant House Lion Barb Leichtfuss**

- a. Present, (sent report Pg 22) Had a wonderful talk with Cindy and how burned out they all are. The house is thinking about raising their rates. They could really use money more then anything else and in April were thinking about going and cleaning their house.

**24. District Special Olympics Chair PDG Lion Fred Gebhart**

- a. Present, (Reports 12,19,20) Doing Polar plunge right now if anyone interested. Letters out for all volunteers for the special Olympics. Last time they requested for the spot camera to be there. Send out to all the clubs who were involved in the past they need about 50 people. April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 can look it up online. (SpecialOlympicsWisconsin.org) ([SOWIOE@thevtc.com](mailto:SOWIOE@thevtc.com)) print out form and sign it.

**25. District Vision Chair PDG Lion Fred Gebhart**

- a. Vision Tractor will cost \$8200.00 and the whole state will use it. Training with the trainers with the binders we 6 trainer as of now.

**26. District Youth Camp & Exchange Chair Lion Patricia Shikoski**

- a. Present, (Sent report Pg 10 & 11)

**27. Wisconsin Lions Mission Lion Pat Knier**

- a. Not Present, (Sent report 13,14,15)

**28. Constitution & Bylaws/Policies and Procedures PDG Lion Jerry Post**

**29. WLF Director/Pride/Hearing Aids/Birch Sturm Lion Dick Karl**

- a. Not Present, Sent report

**30. Trainings / Dates to Remember**

- 1.USA/Canada Forum**
- 2.State Convention**
- 3.International Convention**
- 4.District/State Events**

Reno, NV Sept. 21-23, 2023  
May 11-13, 2023, Stevens Point, WI  
in Boston July 7 - 11, 2023.  
District Convention 2023\*2024  
Radisson Hotel in FDL

- 5.District Bowling**
- 6.State Bowling**

72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wisconsin Lions Bowling  
Tournament February 25- April 22,  
2023, Hosted  
by The Menomonie Lions Bowl, 1501 N.  
Broadway St. Menomonie.  
73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wisconsin Lions Bowling  
Tournament Feb. – March – April 2024  
Hosted by The Tichigan Lake Lions

**7.District Bean Bag Tournament?**

- 8.Pride Shoot**
- 9.State Curling**

June 10,2023  
Medford Jan. 7-9

**31. Zone Chair Reports:**

- a. Zone 1 Lion Wes Grube
- b. Zone 2 Lion Staate Hayward
- c. Zone 3 Lion Mike Roberts
- d. Zone 4 Lion Bill Singer (Report Sent Pg Zone 1)
- e. Zone 5 Lion Pat Knier (Report Sent Pg Zone 1)
- f. Zone 6 Lion Sue Lee (Report Sent Pg Zone 2 & 3 )
- g. Zone 7 Lion Josh Blatz
- h. Zone 8 Lion Barb Leichtfuss (Report Sent Pg Zone 1)
- i. Zone 9 Lion Scott Scovronski
- j. Zone 10 Lion Bill Fletcher (Report Sent Pg Zone 3)
- k Zone 11 Lion Dave Prezkurat (Report Sent Pg Zone 2)

**32. Other Business**

**33. You are requested to attend our Cabinet Meetings**

**(March 12, and State Convention).**

- 34. Meeting Adjournment** - Motion made by PDG Tom Wendt 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Bonnie Hughes at  
4:00 pm to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

**NEXT MEETING** March 12, 2023

**Respectfully submitted Dist. Sec. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Roxanne Wendt 2/4/23**

# Cabinet Note's for Jan. 29, 2023

**1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Greg Kubichka**

**Pg 1**

Cabinet Members

We have been having difficult times communicating with Par 5 for 2023-2024 District Convention.

Can We please get your support to change location to Radisson Hotel in Fond Du Lac. Dates are available.

Thank You

DGE Greg Kubichka

**Second VDG Lion Dave Holschbach**

LIONS of DISTRICT 27 B-1

2nd Vice District Governor Notes – January 3rd cabinet

Since our last cabinet meeting, I have completed my third 2nd Vice District Governor training in Marshfield. The early training has just covered a lot of basic speaking and communication skills. Starting next training we will begin to work on more specific District Governor procedures, protocol and committee chairs. I have been asked to be on the Finance committee by District Governor Dave, perfect for my background. THANKS DG DAVE

We now have a full slate of 10 2nd vice district governors, a 50-50 mix. We zoom meet once a month to discuss planning and questions. We seem to be meshing very good together. Lot of FUN times but also taking care of business.

So far as 2nd Vice district Governor I have done various club visitation throughout the district, some club officer installations, new member initiations and also a Melvin Jones Fellowship presentation and membership awards.

I continue working with DG Dave and the Executive Committee with planning for the future and my years to come. Currently working with 1st Vice District Governor Greg on cabinet positions. We would like to have our committee chairs flow with back-to-back years. Contact either one of us. I plan to send emails to clubs asking for any member interested on being a member of our cabinet. We would love to have a pool of LIONS to choose from. Also beginning to form ideas for my district convention.

My theme plan is "LIONS...Always there for YOU "This is something that I have always mentioned to everyone, that I am always there for you.

Looking forward to the next step in my LIONS LIFE. I'll be in touch.

**PURPLE OCTOPUS GRANT**

DATE WHO AMOUNTS

16-Nov Maribel Lions 400.00

21-Jan Random Lake 300.00

4-Feb Howards Grove 400.00

14-Feb Sherwood 400.00

14-Feb Fond du lac Evening 200.00

14-Feb Kiel 400.00

21-Feb Appleton Noon 100.00

28-Feb Francis Creek 400.00

transferred 3/6 2,600.00 8

8-Mar Plymouth 400.00

8-Mar Waldo 400.00

28-Mar Sheboygan Noon 2,500.00

28-Mar Cleveland 400.00

28-Mar Appleton Evening 100.00

28-Mar Adell 400.00

28-Mar Amsterdam 100.00

28-Mar Stockbridge 400.00 16

transfer 4/5 4,700.00

direct Town of Sheboygan 5000

direct Sheboygan Evening 1500

direct Sheboygan Evening 1000 18

19-Apr Winnebago East shore 400.00

19-Apr Elkhart Lake 400.00

19-Apr Howards Grove 500.00

19-Apr Hilbert 500.00

19-Apr Kingston 400.00 24

transfer 5/2 2,600.00

A Purple Octopus is Coming to Town

Written By: BJ Blahnik

Lions of District B1, we are very excited to announce a LCIF Grant has been submitted for a total project of \$100,000 with \$50,000 to be raised by the Lions of District B1. This project will be to support the construction of the Purple Octopus Playground at the Above & Beyond Children's Museum in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. You may ask yourself, why would the Lions and Lions Clubs who do not live in the Sheboygan area support a project like this when it is not close to my town? That is a great question and our answer is, this is more than a playground.

The Above & Beyond Children's Museum (ABCM) is a location where children can go to learn, explore and make memories with their families. Children have the ability to be interactive with all things onsite. This means development of fine motor skills, the art of learning how something works and a safe area to just have fun. Many schools outside the Sheboygan Area will bus their students to this location for field trips which truly makes ABCM open to everyone. The Purple Octopus Playground will be a location for all abilities to play and open to the public for no charge. The playground will be available 24/7 for all to enjoy.

The overall cost of the project is \$500,000 and with the Lions support we will be contributing \$100,000 which will be used to provide the final rubber stamp and give the Purple Octopus its home. The rubber surfacing which will provide safety for all, while children and families are playing on and around the Purple Octopus as well as have varying colors to help the visually impaired to know, for instance, how far the swings come out and avoid being hit or kicked. The idea of just supplying a rubber surfacing may not be all that exciting but in fact, it is the most important part of the playground. Without this important step, the playground would not meet the requirements to be disclosed as an all-abilities playground and would also not allow for the 5 Star ADA Accessible rating.

For those of you who do not know how a matching grant works. The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) matching grant works like this. Lions clubs, within a District, apply to LCIF for supporting a project, before it begins, based on specific criteria. The Lions will raise half of the money and if approved, LCIF will donate the remaining half. This money comes from your yearly donations to LCIF and when a club or individual donates more than \$1,000 you have the opportunity to receive a Melvin Jones recognition plaque. This plaque is considered a very personal recognition because your gift, and the interest raised from it, will echo into the future and help make our world a better place. The Sheboygan Evening, Sheboygan Noon and Town of Sheboygan Lions Clubs have committed to be the primary sponsors of the Purple Octopus Playground as well as a donation from a private donor to support the cause. The B1 District is asking all Lions Clubs to consider a \$400 donation, from each club, to the Above & Beyond Children's Museum with checks made payable to Town of Sheboygan Lions Club with Memo Line Stating Purple Octopus to the address of 727 Oak Tree Rd., Sheboygan, WI 53083. Please send your donations before May 15, 2022. Thank you in advance for all of your support and helping the B1 District showcase our Centennial project.

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- 1) LCIF grant tracking number – MAT20202-27B1
- 2) Approved grant amount (US\$) - \$50,000 totaling \$100,000 from Lions towards total project cost of \$500,000+
- 3) Date the project started and date of completion – April 2022-August 2022
- 4) Community or region where project was implemented – Sheboygan, WI

#### Narrative Details

- 5. Describe the local situation that encouraged the Lions to pursue this project.

5) The Above & Beyond Children's Museum successfully installed a 5-star certified ADA and All Abilities-accessible public outdoor playground at the Above & Beyond Children's Museum outdoor green space. This project was born of the understanding that Downtown Sheboygan did not have a public outdoor play space designed specifically for children that is ADA & All Abilities-accessible. Installing a playground within the City limits now guarantees that people of all socio-economic levels can engage with it. The playground has all-access components including a wheelchair transfer platform in the head of the octopus, a ground level accessible nest swing, and all-around ground level heights for accessing equipment. The rubber surfacing for which MD27-B1 requested funding has multiple colors to clearly display different surface heights and a darker color under the swing set to show visually-impaired persons how far the swing will swing out.

- 6. Provide a detailed description of the grant project activities and the benefit to the community.

6) At the completion of the equipment installation, Lions Club rubber surfacing was poured and in place by July 2022. The rubber surfacing guarantees safety to all who play on the playground. Fall heights were carefully measured to ensure a soft landing for children. The multiple colors clearly mark the difference in heights throughout the playground and a darker color under the swing set outlines the swing radius for visually-impaired persons.

- 7. Did the project achieve its goal? If not, explain.

7) The playground has been a resounding success. It is fully accessible and the rubber surfacing is a main highlight of the space with its vibrant colors and softer surface that adds an extra layer of protection for all who visit.

- 8. Detail any challenges Lions faced in implementing the project.

8) The Above & Beyond Children's Museum met with one challenge as concepts for the rubber surfacing were decided. The colors had to have enough difference between tones to discern between them and many of the colors were very similar. As a solution, the museum director worked with the rubber surfacing company to infuse brighter crystals and darker crystals into the standard tones to ensure the color difference was obvious. As for any challenges from a Lions perspective, there were no challenges raising the funds for this project.

- 9. Number of Lions members directly involved in the implementation of the project?

9) With regards to support from the MD27B1 Lions, we had full support from the B1 District cabinet and from club perspective we had participation from roughly half of the clubs located within the B1 District. On the day of the grand opening, we had representation from 10+ local clubs & Cabinet members. In an estimated total of all of these clubs and District, an estimated 1,000 Lions were involved to help this cause be a success.

#### Impact on Grant Beneficiaries

- 10. Number of direct beneficiaries from the grant funded project. Explain how this total was calculated.

10) Sheboygan County has a population of 115,340, and 27% of that population is youth. We anticipated, in its first year, that 25% of those youth and their families would visit the playground at least once, equaling an estimate of 7,786 attendees in the first year. The playground has already seen around 7,000 attendees utilize the play space according to grand opening attendance numbers.

· 11. Number of in-direct beneficiaries from the grant funded project. Explain how this total was calculated.

11) The entire population of Sheboygan County (115,340) benefits from the playground as a space to meet and gather due to the surrounding landscaping in the green space. Additionally, tourists to Sheboygan benefit from the play space, or 8,000 to 10,000 attendees annually, according to the County's tourism statistics.

· 12. Did the project provide a short or long-term impact? If the grant project is expected to provide an ongoing impact in the community, please estimate this impact in future years for direct and indirect beneficiaries.

12) As a long-term outdoor exhibit, the playground is meant to last at least 10 years though with routine maintenance that number will likely double. With 8,000 to 10,000 visitors estimated on an annual basis, the playground is projected to welcome at least 80,000 in the next 10 years.

· 13. Explain how this project helped the community to learn more about Lions.

13) The Above & Beyond Children's Museum highlighted the involvement of the Lions Club in the project through social media posts, inclusion in newspaper press releases, inclusion in all newsletter mentions of the playground, and through Lions Club volunteers being at assorted events leading up to the Grand Opening Celebration. Additionally, the Lions Club MD27-B1 and LCIF were recognized at the Celebration event and on the donor plaque for the playground.\*As for direct showcase on how the Lions impact this project now and in the future are based off of not only logoing and media awareness, the public is made aware of how Lions make a difference when tours are given talking about the Centennial Trees planted on site, which were donated by the District for our Environmental goals, discussions why the Lions focused on the rubber surfacing with multiple colors to help the Visually Impaired and Lions engraving within the surrounding pickets. Information is on display at the museum and it is clearly defined both organizations are there to help support our youth.14. Include testimonials from and action photographs of the project beneficiaries.14) Photos for the Playground Grand Opening Celebration are attached.

#### Financial Details

A completed and accurate record of funds received and expenses incurred must be reported. Follow the budget format below in reporting this information. The report must include:

- n Original paid invoices, receipts and supporting documentation for all equipment purchased, costs incurred, and construction work paid for with grant funds, per the approved budget.
- n The serial numbers for all major equipment items (i.e. medical equipment, computers, laptops, vehicles, etc.) purchased.
- n Copies of bank statements for the project bank account, showing interest if applicable.

· n Any unused LCIF grant funds and interest accrued on those funds should be returned to LCIF.

#### LCIF Identification and Project Publicity

· Provide photographs of the completed project showing all grant funded equipment and/or the construction (interior and exterior views). All projects must recognize the involvement of LCIF. Include photographs of the actual LCIF recognition (i.e., plaque, permanent signage, etc.).

· Include copies of any media publicity Lions received promoting this project in the community. Will provide via email

#### Report Endorsement

· All reports must be reviewed and approved by the District Cabinet (District-level grants) or the Multiple District Council (Multiple District-level grants) before being submitted to LCIF. Please include evidence in the form of meeting minutes to document that the cabinet or council has reviewed the final report and approves the submission to LCIF.

<b>Funds</b>	<b>Prior year balance</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Donor Match - Jay Christopher			\$25,000.00	
4-1-2022 Lions Club			\$2,600.00	
4-15-22 Lions Club			\$4,700.00	
5-27-22 Lions Club Sheboygan			\$2,100.00	
5-27-22 Lions Club WI			\$2,600.00	
6-21-22 Lions Club WI			\$5,725.00	
6-21-22 Lions Club WI			\$6,275.00	
6-21-22 Lions Club WI			\$51,000.00	
10-3-22 Joe Schimdt Rubber mat Floor		\$100,000.00		

### **District GLT Coordinator PDG Lion Tom Wendt**

GLT Multiple District monthly meetings continue, emphasizing training dates, quarterly District Updates/Needs and upcoming district conventions opportunities.

Multiple District GLT Chair and LCIF/LCI Chief of Technology stresses the importance for clubs to begin new club officer selection process to have new officers selected and have them reported by 6/15/2023 deadline All service activity before 6/1/2023 reported by 6/15/2023 All donations to LCIF before 6/15/2023 for recognition for current year.

Importance of these dates/deadlines is because of the new system (Lion Portal) conversion timeframe of 7/15/2023 - 7/24/2023

More information and training schedule will be coming as we receive more information.

Remember to encourage and emphasize all clubs to apply for the Club Excellence Award, every club should qualify.

Recent training: RLLI 1/13,14,15/2023 Well attended.

Training opportunities:

We are currently discussing possible officer training dates for 27B1

Faculty Development Institute (FDL) April 26-30, Stevens Point

We have several upcoming MD 27 district conventions scheduled with several training opportunities, check there web sites.

For more information on these opportunities contact GLT Tom Wendt

Thanks for all you do

GLT Tom Wendt

**District GMT PDG LionFred Gebhart**

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**III. Ongoing Business**

- A. District Vision Screening Chairs' reports
  - i. A1-4,751 screened, 597 referred, 31 unable to screen. Recently certified 116 trainers.
  - ii. A2-9,000 screened, 1,600 referred and the high referral rate is in the Milwaukee Public School System where there are many repeat referrals due to the inability to get glasses/transportation.
  - iii. B1-23,941 screened, 2,937 referred
  - iv. B2-no report
  - v. C1-2,706 screenings, 330 referrals
  - vi. C2-5,666 screened, 657 referred
  - vii. D1-6,327 screened, 629 referred, doing a joint screening training the Dells.
  - viii. D2-7 clubs reported 2,684 screenings, 326 referred
  - ix. E1-15 clubs have done screening, will be sending reports to WLF
  - x. E2-Hartvig reported she just received numbers from 12 screenings
- B. Voucher program for free eyeglasses – Discussion took place regarding locations of Shopko Optical and underutilizing the vouchers. Providing transportation to see an eye professional for a child referred could be an issue in some areas.

**IV. Old Business**

- A. Vision Screening training materials – Three sets are available: general, SPOT and PlusOptix. Discussion was held on who should be providing these materials. It was agreed that WLF will be responsible for the costs of printing and distribution. Discussion turned to the unification of forms, how to report numbers, the KidSight database information and that all should run through the new Project Director, Keith Mueller, who starts Monday. He will work on these and target getting these forms to Vision Screening Chairs who should be working directly with Mueller. Hartvig reminded the group the KidSight database will only list one club for each training, one screening device and asks for ages. Additional clubs and device information is listed in the notes section of the database for each event.
- B. WLF Certification – certification should be for five years as discussed. WLF will maintain a training database.

**V. New Business**

- A. Certification tracking will be handled by WLF.
- B. Material printing costs will be WLF's responsibility.
- C. 2023 Budget – Discussion of the cost of materials to add to the budget. Hartvig recommended adding \$2,000 to the budget for these WLF materials. **M-Rosman; S-Dulmes to add \$2,000 to the vision screening budget for materials – moving from \$5,000 - \$7,000. Motion carried.**
- D. Vision Screening Policy 3.4 – Discussion of changes took place. Hartvig reviewed the changes with the committee. **M-Gebhart; S-Dulmes to submit the revised Policy for a first reading to the Board today. Motion carried.**

Our plastic bag collection for a new bench from district 27 – B1 at our convention was really a great success mainly thanks to the Elkhart Lake Lions and all the help from our past district governor Tom Wendt. We collected four trailers full of plastic bags. For every 50 pounds or less we give one entry to win the bench. Elkhart Lake Lions had 21 entries most clubs had 1 Sheboygan Lions had 12 entries Van Dyne lions had 4. At the luncheon we had our International Director choose the winner. Van Dyne won the bench. We do have enough plastic bags to draw again in the spring for another bench. The same tickets will be used. Thanks to all the clubs that brought bags. Several club members asked me about the project as they had no information about it. I gave them information sheets to take back to their clubs. All lions were impressed at how great the bench looked so hopefully more clubs will start collecting bags for their own clubs. I did ask also all Zone Chairman to get this information to their clubs but not all zones had even met yet. A lot of people don't look at the web page is there another way to reach all clubs?

Last October I asked all clubs to do roadside cleaning up. The only clubs I heard from was Brandon and Van Dyne. So, I would like to try this again and have the clean up the spring. So, inform your clubs to do so in the month of April I hope to hear from a lot of clubs of the miles they covered.

Bonnie Hughes environment chair person.

**District LCIF Coordinator Lion Mary Jo Abler**

District 27 B1 has a goal set by LCIF of \$47,022.00 for this year. We are at about 25% of the goal through the first half of the year. \$10,262.00

Due to the success of Campaign 100, our District Clubs could name 100 Melvin Jones Fellowships. I hope Clubs will start to use their credits or transfer them over to the District for use.

I want to continue to encourage online donating to LCIF. The DONATE button is a very useful tool. It asks all the information needed to credit the club.

If you still want to donate by check, I have no problem with clubs or individuals sending directly to LCIF Donor Assistance at the address on the form. Please do fill in all the information. Club ID, call back number, where the donation should be applied, etc.

A credit/debit card is needed to do the **online** donation. I encourage clubs to get a debit card to complement their checking account. I did have one Secretary tell me his club does not want the debit card, so he uses his personal credit card to make the donation, and then the club reimburses him. Whatever works!

The ability to name a MJF is also available on line. The program asks the questions needed to set the request up. Remember it still does take 4-6 weeks to get plaque.

If a club does not know what they have for credits, have them contact me.

Recently on the **Global Lions Forum** Facebook page there was information on the system change over sometime after July 1<sup>st</sup>. LCIF is requesting that donations get to them by early June to get entered for the end of the year.

It was also encouraged that all end of the year information be sent by early June at the latest. It is expected that when the changeover to new system happens, there will be confusion – no really!!

No date for changeover at this time, just be sure information is into old system. Part of bringing in new system will be doing a transfer of data.

**In closing, please remember to personally support LCIF with your donations.**

**District Leader Dog, Lion PDG Meg Post**

As of December 16, 2022, B1 donations to Leader Dog total, \$14,892.00. A huge thank you to IPDG BJ Blahnik and his club, Town of Sheboygan Lions, for their generous donation of \$5,000 as part of the Lion's Bank Auction at our district convention in November. Also, a huge thank you to 1st VDG Greg and his wife Amy, for their generous donation of \$2,000 with the winning bid for PDG Quinn's Cowboy Hat. Leader Dog is very thankful for these generous donations!

Second quarter update (July 2022 thru December 2022) shows 69 Leader Dogs have been placed with clients. Orientation & Mobility (White Cane) clients: 65.

Summer Experience is provided free of charge at Leader Dogs for the Blind's Rochester Hills, Michigan campus to those who are legally blind, 16 or 17 years of age, (24 students accepted on a first come first serve basis) regardless of whether they plan to train with a guide dog. Public transportation to and from a client's home to the Leader Dog campus and accommodations and meals while training is also provided free of charge. This free program combines fun activities with exploring mobility options like guide dog travel, discovering leadership skills and building friendships with peers facing similar challenges. Campers receive a free Human Ware GPS to help increase their travel independence. They also have the opportunity to learn about living and working with a guide dog. This program will take place the week of June 25th thru July 1st.

The United Kingdom guide dog organization has over 1,000 people on its waiting list. They reached out to Leader Dog to see if they could help. After sharing their applications, Leader Dog screened them and selected 4 people who have had guide dogs in the past. The UK sent their Guide Dog mobility specialists (training professionals) and these 4 clients to Leader Dog in September and they received Leader Dogs and our training. The UK Guide Dog mobility specialists will continue to support the UK clients in their home country.

The Team that trained Leader Dogs for people who are Deaf-blind had now expanded its services thanks to a partnership with PAWS for a Cause. Deader Dog team members recently trained Future Leader Dog "Mio" to meet all of Leader Dog's guide dog standards and then they turned "Mio" over to a PAWS with a Cause team member who then trained "Mio" to also respond to the needs of a client who is Blind and has additional mobility needs due to cerebral palsy. It is Leader Dogs hope that combining the expertise of both organizations will allow Leader Dog to better serve the diverse needs of their clients.

Please take time to go on the Leader Dog website and look around. Click on the Lions Clubs tab and then the Resources tab and you can read current and past issues of their magazine, Update. You can also listen to client stories as well as check out the Leader Dog Fast Facts. All are very interesting. As you can see, your donations are being put to good use.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Meg Post

General Camp Schedule 2023

Sunday August 13 Campers arrive at camp 2:00PM to 4:00 PM

Registration, get acquainted games,

Camp Tours, USA Presentations, swim test

Monday August 14 Day at Camp

Swim tests, sports, waterfront activities,

social time, crafts, country presentations,

Native American Indian presentation, evening bonfire and socializing.

Tuesday August 15 Day at Camp

Sports, waterfront activities, social time, crafts, country presentations,

Evening bonfire and socializing.

Wednesday August 16 Bus Trip to Madison Wisconsin

Visit the State Capitol, Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin

Shopping on State Street, Marshall Lions Picnic.

Thursday August 17 Visitors Day at Camp

Un-Olympic sports competition,

Dinner with Visiting District Governors and

Vice District Governors, other dignitaries,

Leader Dog, World Chats, country presentations.

Friday August 18 Day at Camp

Sports, swimming, crafts, field tournaments, Cook-Out, Fish Fry,

Un-Olympic Awards, group photo, Peace Poster.

Country presentations, Dance night at camp.

Saturday August 19 Day at Camp

Various activities, Camp Book & Video,

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Country presentations, talent show, start camp clean-up. Bonfire and socializing.

Sunday August 20 Goodbye from Camp

Continental breakfast, Host families' pick-up campers at 9:30 am.

Time to shed tears!

### **District Newspaper Editor    Lion Terry Erbstoesser**

Submissions have been coming in steadily until recently. I suspect there are fewer club activities over the holidays and winter months. Please continue to submit material for the newsletter...share your story!

Terry Erbstoesser

B1 Editor

### **District PEACE POSTER: Laurie Sasada**

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.

## **THE 2023-2024 CONTEST**

### **Dare to Dream**

To a young person, a dream isn't just a wish, hope or desire — it's a path, a goal, an ambition. But achieving that dream takes hard work. So this year, we're asking young people to show how they'll turn their dream of a peaceful world into reality.

### **Peace Poster Contest Deadlines**



Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

- **January 15:** Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **October 1:** Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **November 15:** Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.



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- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 15:** Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **February 1:** International winners notified on or before this date.

### **District Pin Design: Lion Laurie Sasada**

Below is the winning Pin Design for the 2023-2024 Lions year.

I will send it to the designer in time to have a proof of the pin design by the next Cabinet Meeting so it can be voted on.

I will also have a count of pins I still have from previous years.

### **District Raffle, Lion John Stephen**

Has nothing to report.

### **District Special Olympic PDG Lion Fred Gebhart**

Fellow Lions I have contacted Special Olympics Director, Melissa Schoenbrodt and they are putting together an Opening Eyes event at the Special Olympics at UW Oshkosh on Saturday April 15th.

This an online form or you can send it by mail.

Let me know who all plans on volunteering.

Thanks, take care everyone.

Dear Potential Special Olympics Wisconsin Opening Eyes Volunteer:

Special Olympics Wisconsin (SOWI) is offering free health screenings at the Special Olympics Wisconsin Spring Sports Tournament in Oshkosh on April 15, 2023. Opening Eyes is one of four health screenings being offered. It provides vision assessments to SOWI athletes. Athletes in need of prescription glasses receive dress and/or sport/swim goggles, which are mailed to their local program manager about 10-12 weeks after the event. Athletes that do not require prescription glasses receive designer sun glasses when exiting the venue. Screenings will be held in the Gruenhagen Conference Center on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (after 4pm doors will close and no new athletes will enter).

If you would like to volunteer please sign up by contacting Dr. Heather Motisi or Kim Jelinske at The Vision Therapy Center at 262-784-9201 or [sowioe@thevtc.com](mailto:sowioe@thevtc.com).

### **Screening/Assessment Site:**

The screening and assessment area will be held in the Gruenhagen Conference Center Titan Lounge located on the first floor:

Gruenhagen Conference Center (UW Oshkosh campus)  
208 Osceola Street  
Oshkosh, WI 54901  
920-424-1106

The rooms used in Gruenhagen for the Healthy Athletes disciplines are:

Healthy Hearing – Library

Opening Eyes – Titan Lounge

Lunch – Badger State Room (in basement of Gruenhagen)

Fun Fitness – Kolf Fieldhouse

Special Smiles – Kolf Fieldhouse

Lunch will be provided in the Badger State room located in the basement of Gruenhagen.

**Equipment:**

Optometrist volunteers please bring your hand instruments (ophthalmoscope, retinoscope, transilluminator) and prescription pad.

**Attire:**

Casual attire, volunteers will be given an Opening Eyes tee shirt at the time of your arrival to wear for the day. Occasionally rooms get warm, so we recommend bringing a water bottle to keep with you throughout the day.

**Parking:**

Parking is available in in the parking ramp on High Street & Osceola. A parking pass is not needed, the university will not be ticketing during the Special Olympics event.

**Schedule:**

Saturday, April 15, 2023

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Volunteer Check-In & Training Session

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Vision assessments (doors close at 4:00pm, no new athletes after that time)

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

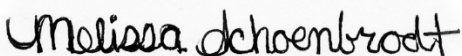
Volunteers shift out for lunch

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Pack-up supplies/equipment

I am looking forward to meeting all of you in Oshkosh. If I can be of any assistance prior to the Opening Eyes event, please feel free to contact me directly at 608-442-5676 or e-mail [mschoenbrodt@specialolympicswisconsin.org](mailto:mschoenbrodt@specialolympicswisconsin.org). Thank you for your dedication and commitment to supporting Special Olympics Wisconsin and our Opening Eyes program with your valued volunteer contribution. You inspire greatness within the athletes and within us.

Sincerely,



Melissa Schoenbrodt

Director of Health Programs

Sincerely,

PDG Fred Gebhart

**\*Wisconsin Lions Mission Lion Pat Knier**

Lions Cabinet Meeting Report-1-29-23

Higuey, Dominican Republic. The mission is set for February 5-12, 2023. There will be 4 Lions Clubs from the DR helping with the mission. 11,844 pairs of glasses were shipped to Higuey.

August of this year brought heavy rains (21 inches in 2 hours) to southeast Kentucky

hill country and caused horrific flooding, killing 18 people and destroying 100's of homes,

bridges, and more. In October the Kessler's pulled one Lions trailer and Lion Bill Taubman another and delivered 2 loads of household items to help people in Hindman and Neon KY. Again, greatly appreciated.

In September the Kessler's made a trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation with a

load of household items for them. All of this is made possible because of the support of

Lions from all over the state.

It was generally agreed that going forward everyone will have to have been through a more

advanced training session before you will be able to participate in a mission. It is our

responsibility to organize training opportunities for you and it is your responsibility to

participate. Thus, a training session was held after the meeting.

Some years ago, WLM volunteered to assist the Recycling Center by picking up loads

of glasses in Nebraska and later expanded to include South Dakota and Iowa. It was a

somewhat selfish offer because we wanted the recycling center to have a good supply of

glasses so that we could get the glasses and prescriptions that we need for our missions.

Since that time about every ten months, we go to Omaha and get 100,000 or more used

glasses. Every couple year we go to Sioux Falls. While we have picked up 11,000 – 13,000

from a club in Iowa for the last few years, now we get all of Iowa's.

"Needs For Families Working Together" on the Pine Ridge Reservation

Single mattresses, Sewing machines, Fabrics, Cotton, Cotton/Polyester, Fleece, Denim

Used Jeans, Baby blankets, sewing supplies, Simple patterns, (all sizes—used is ok.), Threads (need not be full spools), Quilt pattern books (Simple ones), Mirror to use to check "fit"

Shower curtains, (plastic with shower curtain hooks)

Kitchen supplies, Dishes, Pots and Pans, Mixing bowls, Canning jars and lids, Canner with lid, Cookie sheets, Cookie jars or tins, Pitchers, glasses, and cups, Dish towels and dish cloths

Clothing:, Newborn Babies: Blankets, Booties,, "Sleepers", Laundry soaps, Towels, Kindergarten through High School! All ages and sizes for both Men and Women. Winter coats and Jackets, mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, caps, etc. All sizes and types. Clothing: All sizes: Women, men, kids, teens, and babies

Shoes and Boots: All sizes, gently used!! Extra Shoelaces. Shoe Polish

Bedding: Twin and bunk: Sheets, blankets, Pillowcases, Pillows, Infant/Toddler: Everything!!, Individual needs: Age-appropriate toys for all ages: Puzzles, books, Dolls, games, crafts, etc.

Kids' Books and Videos, Coloring Books, Crayons: Fat and Skinny! School scissors (blunt and sharp), Pencils, Chalk—White and Colors, Pencil Sharpener, Blackboard and erasers

Hygiene needs: Hand soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.

Outside Needs: Rakes, shovels, hoses, hoes, hammers, hand saws, clotheslines, and posts

Elderly and special needs: 30 Gallon gas LP tanks

Shower stools, Canes, Crutches, Walkers, Wheelchairs, Canes

#### **District WLF Director/ Pride/Hearing Aids/ Birch Sturm Lion Dick Karl**

##### **Hearing Aid**

Processed a total of 7 applications for Hearing Aids. 2 were rejected, one for financial reasons and the other due to permanent residency.

##### **Birch-Sturm Memorial/Lions Pride Endowment Funds**

Nothing to report

Wisconsin Lions Foundation

New promo material for Diabetes Awareness

Sent Coffee Cup Sleeves to Jackie Abel Diabetes Awareness Chair for Zone Chairs to get to clubs. Club members to take samples to businesses to solicit their help in promoting Diabetes Awareness. There is a web site on the front and a QR code on the back that people can get info from about Diabetes. The Sleeves are FREE and come in

cases of 1300 with free shipping from Wisconsin Lions Foundation. Contact Keith Mueller at [kmueller@wlf.info](mailto:kmueller@wlf.info) or 715-677-4969.

State Convention in Stevens Point – Lions Camp Social Thursday May 11th. Go to the Wisconsin Lion for information.

Here is the hotel list for Menomonie.

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Please pass on to the clubs in your District.

Lion Bruce Voight

McFarland Lions Secretary

27D1 Administrator

Lions State Bowling Committee, Sec/Tr

(608) 838-9626

(608) 572-9173

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Playdium Lanes Inc.  
DBA Lakeshore Lanes Inc.  
Bill Hilbert  
2519 S Business Dr.  
Sheboygan, Wis. 53081  
920-458-1352

## 27-B1 Cabinet Meeting Report

Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## LIONS EYE BANK OF WISCONSIN

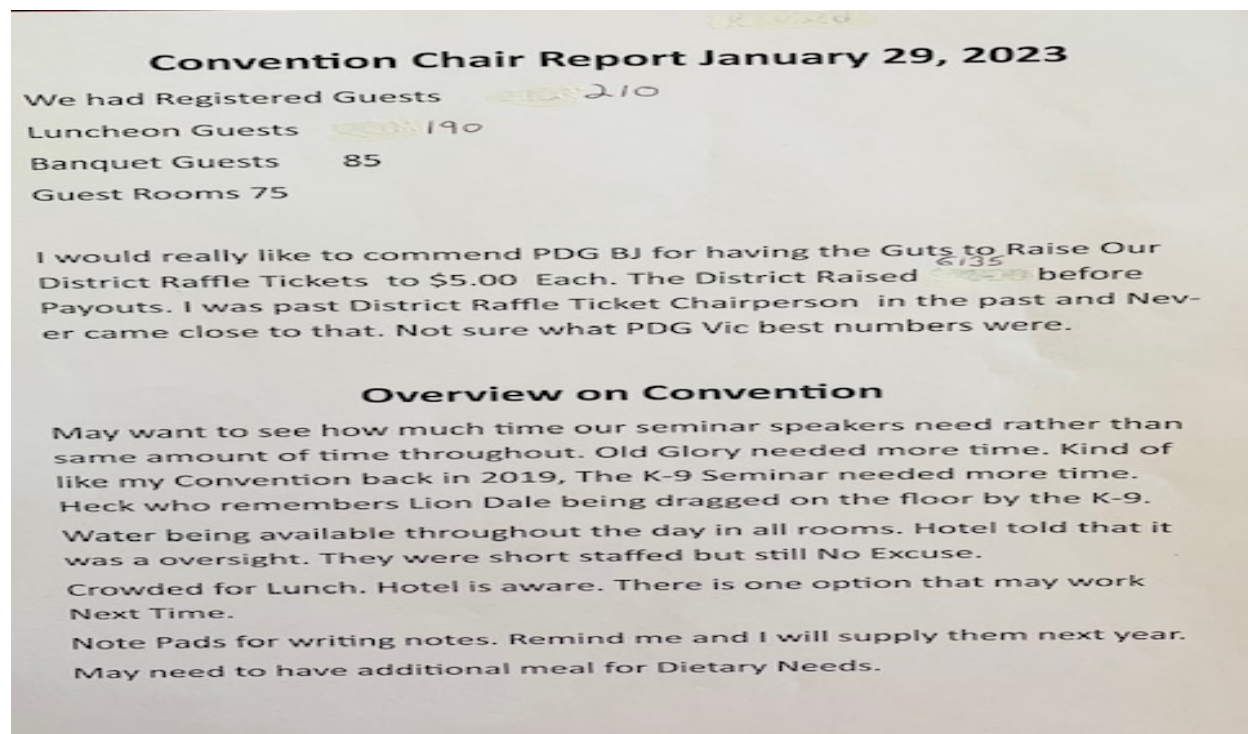
The district is about half way to reaching the monetary donation goal for the Lion year.

Tissue Donations:	September	70
	October	57
	November	90
	December	90

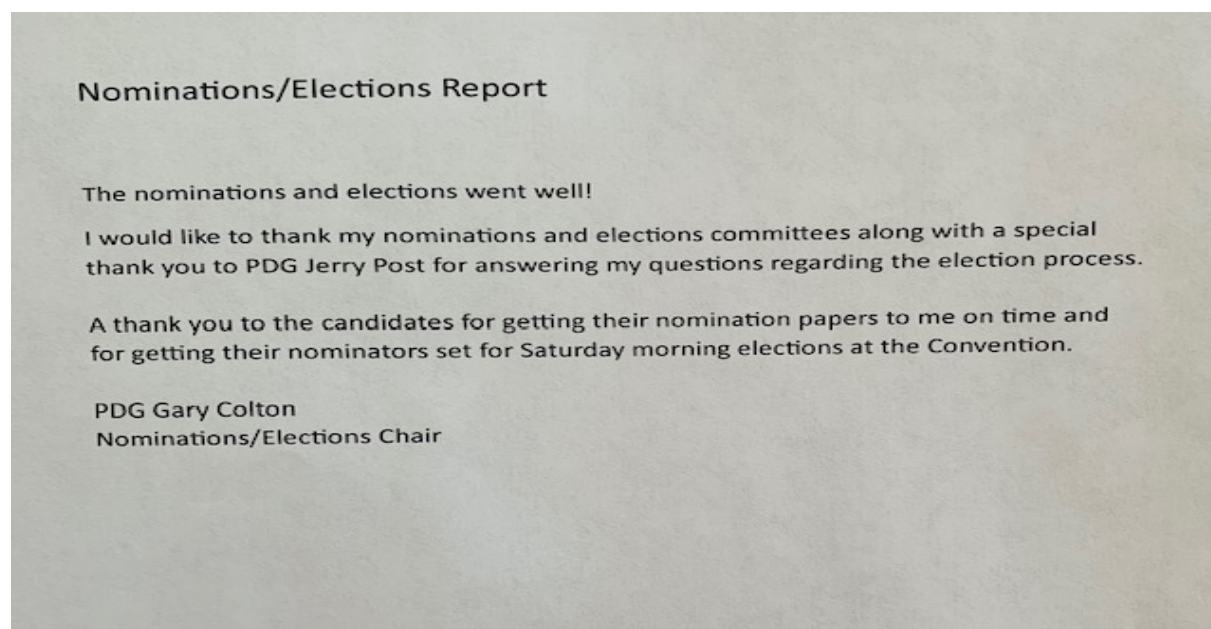
Wisconsin Surgeries	September	58
	October	73
	November	75
	December	56

Non Wisconsin Surgeries	September	66
	October	70
	November	75
	December	47

LEBW Transplantation Rate for 2022 88%



District Elections PDG Gary Colton



**Special Olympics Wisconsin**  
**Opening Eyes VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION**

Special Olympics  
 Lions Clubs International  
**Opening Eyes®**



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

**Location:** UW Oshkosh, Gruenhagen Conference Center,  
 208 Osceola Street, Oshkosh, WI

**Date:** Saturday April 15, 2023      **Volunteer Shift:** 8:30am – 5:30pm

**Volunteer Registration Deadline:** Monday March 27, 2023

8:30-10:00am volunteer check-in and orientation

10:00am-5:30pm Opening Eyes venue open (no new athletes after 4pm)

<b>VOLUNTEER INFORMATION (* Required Field)</b>		
* First Name:	* Last Name:	
* Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):	<input type="checkbox"/> Female Identity <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Other Gender	
* Address:		
* City:	* State:	* Postal Code:
* Mobile Phone:	* E-mail:	
Employer:		
Do you have a disability: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No              Is your disability an Intellectual Disability: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA		
I am a (please select one): <input type="checkbox"/> Optometrist <input type="checkbox"/> Optician <input type="checkbox"/> Ophthalmic Technicians <input type="checkbox"/> Lions Club member <input type="checkbox"/> Optometry student <input type="checkbox"/> non-clinical volunteer		
<b>Race/Ethnicity:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American <input type="checkbox"/> More than one race <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> White or Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latinx		
<b>Language(s):</b> Mark all that apply <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list):		
<b>EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION</b>		
Name:		
Phone:		
Relationship:		
<b>GROUP INFORMATION</b>		
Name of Club/Association, Volunteer Organization, Business/Employer or Civic Group:		



**Have you volunteered with Special Olympics before?**

☐ **Yes**

☐ **No**

If yes, what volunteer job did you do?

If you would like to volunteer, return forms to [sowioe@thevtc.com](mailto:sowioe@thevtc.com) or mail to:

The Vision Therapy Center – Opening Eyes

13255 W. Bluemound Rd. #200

Brookfield, WI 53005

Questions, contact Kim at 262-784-9201

**Special Olympics**  
Wisconsin



## Opening Eyes VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

I agree to the following:

1. **Ability to Participate.** I am physically able to take part in Special Olympics activities. I know there is a risk of injury.
2. **Likeness Release.** I give permission to Special Olympics, Inc., Special Olympics games/local organizing committees, and Special Olympics accredited Programs (collectively "Special Olympics") and Special Olympics partners and sponsors to use my likeness, photo, video, name, voice, words, and biographical information to promote Special Olympics, raise funds for Special Olympics, and acknowledge partners' and sponsors' support for Special Olympics.
3. **Emergency Care.** If I am unable, to consent or make medical decisions in an emergency, I authorize Special Olympics to seek medical care on my behalf.
4. **Personal Information.** I understand that Special Olympics will be collecting my personal information as part of my participation, including my name, image, address, telephone number, health information, and other personally identifying and health related information I provide to Special Olympics ("personal information").
  - I agree and consent to Special Olympics:
    - using my personal information in order to: make sure I am eligible and can participate safely; run trainings and events; share competition results (including on the Web and in news media); provide health treatment if I participate in a health program; analyze data for the purposes of improving programming and identifying and responding to the needs of Special Olympics participants; perform computer operations, quality assurance, testing, and other related activities; and provide event-related services.
    - using my contact information for communicating with me about Special Olympics.
    - sharing my personal information with (i) medical professionals in an emergency, and (ii) government authorities for any purpose necessary to protect public safety, respond to government requests, and report information as required by law.

- I have the right to ask to see my personal information or to be informed about the personal information that is processed about me. I have the right to ask to correct and delete my personal information, and to restrict the processing of my personal information if it is inconsistent with this consent.
  - *Privacy Policy.* Personal information may be used and shared consistent with this form and as further explained in the Special Olympics privacy policy at [www.SpecialOlympics.org/Privacy-Policy](http://www.SpecialOlympics.org/Privacy-Policy).
- 5. Waiver and Liability Release.** I understand the risks involved with participation in Special Olympics activities. I fully accept and assume all risks and all responsibility for losses, costs, and damages I may incur as a result of my participation. I release and agree not to sue any Special Olympics organization, its directors, agents, volunteers, and employees, and other participants ("Releasees") related to any liabilities, claims, or losses on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the Releasees. I further agree that if, despite this release, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I will indemnify and hold harmless each of the Releasees from any such liabilities, claims, or losses as the result of such claim. I agree that if any part of this form is held to be invalid, the other parts shall continue in full force and effect.

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>VOLUNTEER SIGNATURE</b> (required for adult with capacity to sign legal documents)	
I have read and understand this form. If I have questions, I will ask. By signing, I agree to this form.	
<b>Volunteer Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

## District Restoring Hope Transplant House Lion Barb Leichtfuss

Restoring Hope Transplant House  
January, 2023

I had the opportunity to have a lengthy telephone call with Cindy Herbst at the House. Her first statement was that things were going "very well". But they have their hands very full at this time. She describes their business as being "over the top" as the home residents are very sick, much more than usual. This leads to the staff working especially hard and sometimes facing burnout. "Stretched to the limit" over the past 4 months. They have received some help from the transplant staff that work at UW-M who come in as volunteers.

The residents' caregivers are also facing increased weariness and anxiety as they deal with very sick individuals and are often sent home with a lot on their plate. This includes physically assisting the resident as well as financial burdens, which have been made worse by the current state of the economy: prices of groceries, gas, heating, etc.

Also, because of the economy, they are moving slowly in their construction plans. Rather than planning on having their expansion completed by this summer, it will be at least closer to fall if not later. Prices of materials are very high right now, as we all know.

During the COVID epidemic, the house lost about \$200k, so they are trying to get caught up financially. Because of this, the house is considering raising the nightly rates to \$45.00 which doesn't sound like a lot, but the people that stay there are dismayed that the price is going up. They have been hit with not only health issues, but financial issues that accompany the illness and treatment costs/losses.

I asked what help she needed most, so I am listing a few ideas she gave me:

**Gift cards to Target or Aldi's;** she declined groceries because of the special dietary needs of the residents.

**CASH**

**Hobby like items:** magazines, puzzles, puzzle books, farmers' almanacs: new or used

- Note: The magazines most appreciated are about nature, Wisconsin, etc. Glamour and travel magazines are unrealistic in lifting their spirits; these things are low on their priority list due to their illness and confinement.

**THEY NO LONGER NEED TOILETRY ITEMS.**

Please pass these needs on to all of our district clubs. Cindy also mentioned that many of the recipients at the house are not aware of all the Lions Clubs do; she does have pamphlets to hand out but I guess we need to "tell our story" (Thanks Dave!) loud and clear!

One thing she would like is if we would plan on coming on a weekend to do cleaning at the house. Let's plan a weekend and get it done! Anyone helping at the house needs to have had the COVID vaccines and wear a mask while there.

Cindy also suggested we have her speak at a Cabinet Meeting via Zoom so she can give a good synopsis of what the house is doing: needs, services, etc.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lion Barb Leichtfuss  
Restoring Hope Liaison

# Zone Chair Note's Jan. 29, 2023

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## Zone Chair Reports

### **Zone #4 Lion Bill Singer**

2 separate bricks one for past District Governors and one for past District Cabinet Members

### **Zone #5 Lion Pat Knier**

We have a Zone meeting scheduled for Monday, February 20th, at Blanke's Supper Club in Johnsburg. Social hour at 5 PM and call to order at 6PM.

All clubs in the zone are active and have many fund raisers in the planning. One of those being between the Winnebago East Shore and Kiel Lions Clubs jointly hosting casino events for various companies and organizations' entertainment. They have also jointly held their Christmas Party. Two of the clubs show 0% net growth while three clubs show a loss of membership. Two of the clubs show no report but that may result from a problem in the system as before. Only one club shows a donation to LCIF for current fiscal year, and I know that is not

### **Zone #8 Lion Barb Leichtfuss**

All of the Zone 8 clubs are working on their usual annual fundraisers. Pickett Lions will have several new members that will be installed in February. Van Dyne Lions are up to 80 members. At our zone meeting on January 18, we discussed the district wanting to purchase an eyeglass trailer; information on how to contribute to this project was shared. Suggestions were made to check if any grant money would be available or to ask local businesses for help. Our next zone meeting focusing on leadership in Lions will be held sometime in March, sponsored by the Van Dyne Lions.  
Respectfully submitted Lion Barb Leichtfuss Zone 8 chair.

Zone meeting on January 16th had members from 5 clubs attending.

Some of the activities the clubs are doing are:

- \* Various community activities for Christmas, giving out food baskets, breakfast with Santa, toy collection.
- \* Several clubs are having fisheries
- \* Help pack and give out boxes for the food pantry.
- \* Bingo, Sportsmen Banquet and gun raffles.
- \* Eye Bank Transport

**Zone# 6 Lion Sue Lee**

27B1 Zone 6 - Zone Chair Lion Sue Lee Second Zone Meeting, January 26, 2023, Hosted by the Appleton Evening Lions; Focus on Membership In Attendance 22 Lions, 4 of 5 Zone Clubs - Representatives from Appleton Evening, Appleton Noon, Butte des Morts, and Neenah Lions Clubs, DG Dave Brinkman, District GMT Chair PDG Fred Gebhart, and Guest Lion Mike Mallow from Kenosha Lions who recently moved to the area and was checking out area clubs to join. Clubs shared activities since last Zone Meeting Appleton Evening - Dictionaries to 3rd graders; eyeglass collection 2x/mo Appleton Noon - Eye tissue transport (19); Vision Screening; Senior Expo with ~\$5000 in profits awarded to 5 nonprofits at Eggnog Party; Highway cleanup; Meal packaging at Loaves and Fishes; Cash and supplies to King Vet Home; Salvation Army Bell Ringing with \$10,000 match from member Mary Beth Nienhaus; Eyeglass collection; Candy and Coffee sales; Exploration of United Way grant to cover eyeglasses. FV Medical Loan Locker Update - Mtgs w/other area clubs; 9 clubs have pledged a total of \$62,000 support over the next 3 years; \$100,000 private donation promised; exploring sites for temporary housing with plans to build in the future. Butte des Morts - Planning for Carpfest, August 2023; eyeglass collection (looking for old mailbox) Larsen-Winchester - not in attendance but sent report - ramp building, Medical Loan locker avg 60 patrons/wk; 13 loads of medical equipment delivered to Orphan Grain Train, Westfield WI; successful Pancake Breakfast; Trex benches; Highway cleanup; Donation >\$20,000; delivered food boxes and fruit baskets; Basketball court completed; funding a pavilion near bb court; plan to insulate and heat med locker; received Model Club status based on donations to LCIF Neenah - eyeglass collection; eye tissue transport; vision screening Focus on Membership - DG Dave Brinkman gave opening remarks about the importance of telling your story, reporting activities (changes are coming to MyLCI), Club Excellence Award and the importance of increasing or at least maintaining membership to be eligible. He stressed looking to your family and friends and people you meet out in the community, at a restaurant or bar, for new members. Clubs shared their concerns and success with the membership challenge. Neenah recently lost a 61-year member who passed away and this spring long time member and former Zone Chair Dale Counihan will move out of state. He reported it has been difficult to increase their 12-member count. The same concern is shared by Appleton evening whose membership count is 9. Butte des Morts' membership remains steady at about 18. Larsen-Winchester has a healthy membership of 58 and Sec. Carolyn Sinanan believes their activities and structured concise meetings are a draw. Appleton Noon has lost several members who passed away in the last 2 years but has added 4 new members recently bringing its membership to 49. Visibility in the community with the Senior Expo brought in two members and personal contact and an "ask" brought in the other two. District GMT Chair PDG Fred Gebhart, speaker for the night, shared his thoughts on maintaining and increasing membership. The approach varies by the type of club and area. It is important to expose your club to the community and ask for help with your service activities. Invite a friend, look for payback, think about why you joined and why you are still a Lion. Celebrate your successes. Fred also gave an update on the plans for a new eyeglass trailer and the used eyeglass bill recently passed by the state legislature. It is now legal to give used eyeglasses to those in need in Wisconsin through approved missions. Wisconsin is only the 4th state to make this legal. DG Dave Brinkman gave out membership resource material to the clubs present. The Takeaway

from the information presented and the membership discussion - To attract potential members expose your club to the community, be visible, "Tell Your Story", invite people to help with your service activities, look to your family and friends for new members as well as people you interact with in the community, and the thing we hear again and again, "Just Ask!" Respectfully submitted,  
Zone Chair Lion Sue Lee

**Zone 10 Lion Bill Fletcher**

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Westfield Lions, conducted their annual gun show last Sept. There were over 90 vendors present, they will also be having their yearly Fisheries on Feb 4<sup>th</sup>.

Montello Lions, Had their yearly Halloween Haunted Hayride 10-21 to 10-22. They will also be having their annual Fisheries on Jan 28<sup>th</sup>

Unfortunately, nothing to report for Oxford and Endeavor Lions.

I did reach out to those clubs, never heard anything back from them.

William Fletcher

Zone 10 Chairman

Correction to my club reports.

Endeavor- Held their yearly Fall Tractor Pull'

Westfield's Fall gun show was on, 10/13 & 10/14, 550 were in attendance over the 2 days.