

## District 27-B1 Cabinet Minutes

Sunday February 12, 2017 Grand Meridian, Appleton, WI

1. **Call to order** @ 1:30 pm by DG Tom Berendes
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Marv Henke
3. **Song and Prayer** led Lion Kay Quinn.
4. **Roll Call** – Those Present - Lion Mary Jo Abler, DG Tom Berendes, Lion Rose Berendes, Lion BJ Blahnik, Lion Jim Christman, PDG Gary Colton, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG elect Mike De Baere, DGE Fred Gebhart, Lion Shirley Geoffroy, ADP Lioness Bonnie Goeser, IPDG Marv Henke, Lion Diane Henke, 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Dave Lee, Lion Helen Mork, PDG Vern Pautz, PDG Jerry Post, PDG Meg Post, Lion Dave Przekurat, Lion Kay Quinn, PDG Lenny Quinn, Lion Ken Rivers, PDG Gary Silah, Lion Phil Weber

**Guests:** Appleton Noon Lions – Lion Carol Jansen, Lion Mary Beth Nienhaus and Howards Grove  
Lion Wallace Leonhard

**Those who provided reports** but did not attend – Lion Ellen Cheney, PDG Tom Clausen, Lion Mike Helmke, Lion Todd Henke, Lion Tom Henke, Lion Dave Holschbach, Lion Bev Karst, Lion Laurie Sasada, Lion Madonna Schneider, Lion Bonnie Strelow, PDG Merle Strelow, PDG Ken Wallander

5. **Cabinet Minutes from November 11<sup>th</sup>** were sent to all cabinet members. Motion by Lion Ken Rohde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Ken Rivers to accept. **MOTION CARRIED**
6. **Convention Minutes from November 12<sup>th</sup>** were sent to all cabinet members. Motion by Lion Ken Rohde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Ken Rivers to accept. **MOTION CARRIED**
7. **Agenda Approval.** Motion by PDG Len Quinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Ken Rohde. **MOTION CARRIED**
8. **2016-2017 Financial Statement** through 1/31/2017 provided by Sec/Treas Lion Dave Holschbach. Motion by Lion Jim Christman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Ken Rivers to accept. **MOTION CARRIED**
9. **Tail Twister** – Lion Helen Mork – At our Next Meeting wear something Purple and we're still accepting items for camp. 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.
10. **Communications:** None received by DG Tom or Lion Dave Holschbach
11. **Old Business:**
  - 11.A) 2016 Convention Financial – deferred to report under 13. X)
  - 11.B) OMRO update – club ceased end of January. LCIF Melvin Jones \$2100 remained unused.

### 12. New Business:

- 12.A) Oshkosh – Lakeshore notified DG Tom on intent to disband low membership deaths and relocation of members were given as their cause. **March 7<sup>th</sup> Update! Oshkosh** will continue into 2017-2018.
- 12.B) NEW CLUB – Lion BJ Blahnick spoke on formation of a new model of club. The Sheboygan Community Club will be a combination of traditional, e-club, LEO and Cub Club, geared toward attracting young families to join together. A Lions club open house to promote Lions membership will be held at the Sheboygan Yacht Club Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> with 7 area clubs participating.
- 12.C) Fire Truck – Wisconsin Missions – defer to report under 13. S)
- 12.D) WLF nomination – Lion Fred called for any nominations. Nomination of DG Tom Berendes for WLF Director for 2017-2018 by Lion Rose Berendes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken Rohde. DG Tom accepted the nomination.
- 12.E) SEAS – Lion BJ Blahnick – presented information on SEAS The Sheboygan Noon and Sheboygan Evening clubs have raised \$9989, so far toward purchase of a sailing simulator at a cost of \$30,000. The clubs seek a Grant Request for \$15, 000 match from LCIF. After discussion, DG Tom called for a motion and vote prior to his signing the standard grant request. Motion by PDG Ken Rohde, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Fred Gebhart. **MOTION CARRIED**

### 13. Committee Reports:

- 13.A) **DGE Fred Gebhart** : Before the April 2<sup>nd</sup> cabinet meeting the GMT/GLT, zone chair and new zone chairs will hold a meeting/training with DGE Gebhart. Next year's zone chairs should go onto LCI to

do online training for serving as a zone chair.

(1) **GMT** Mike Helmke was unable to attend. He provided a report. As outlined in the earlier informational emails below are the DG's membership goals and my offer to help in anyway I can with your membership needs and challenges. In addition to sending zone chairpersons the monthly "Club Health Assessment" and making myself available to attend club or zone meetings, I have also sent membership ideas and tips out on a regular basis. Here are the membership numbers for the period of July 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017(current lions year): Down two clubs 70-68 cancelled were Collins & Omro, Down 19 members from 1975 to 1956 (last 12 months down 48 members) Please let me know if I can be of assistance to you in this area. I can not express enough the wealth of information available to you on LCI's web-site. Lion Mike Helmke, District GMT, Sheboygan Noon Member, [\(920\)946-5640](tel:9209465640)

(2) **GLT Report** PDG Merle Strelow - In March the Communicate Like a Leader class is being offered in Plover, Wis. 27B1 is allowed three Lions, Lioness or Leos to attend. Vice-District Governors should attend and persons interested in advancing in leadership roles. Classes are March 25th 8:00AM to 6:00PM and Sunday 8:00AM to 12 NOON. Participants are responsible for hotel, Saturday evening meal and transportation. Registration is free and breakfast and lunch will be provided. Contact me at 920-295-2236 or email [Merles3749@yahoo.com](mailto:Merles3749@yahoo.com)

(3) **VDG David Lee** - report on his Leadership training in Texas.

Attended Advanced Lions Leadership training in Houston, Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 2016. He was one of 120 attendees at this training

13.B)**WLF, Director**, DGE Fred Gebhart – Forms are out to people to be councilors for the summer. Youth exchange is exploring the possibility of using the Lions Camp for a week for their students.

13.C)**Affiliate President** – Lioness Bonnie Goeser Membership was 200, down 3, now at 197. Service activities year to date - 1431. Monies donated - \$13,899. Sherwood Lioness will disband.

13.D)**Affiliate Liaison** – Lion/Lioness Meg Post Discussed the need for a better understanding of the Lioness to Lions Bridge program.

13.E)**LCIF** – PDG Vern Pautz, This is the his last `year he will be a chairperson

13.F)**QUEST** – PDG Vern Pautz, Quest is active in three schools Hilbert, Mishicot and New Holstein

13.G)**Leo Chairman** PDG Vern Pautz

13.H)**USA/Canada Leadership Forum** – PDG Gary Colton, The next forum will be held in Portland, Or. on Sept 21<sup>st</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup> Early Registration is \$285 till June 9<sup>th</sup> Go to the USA/Canada Forum web site for more information.

13.I)**Centennial Celebration** – PDG Gary Silah, Encourage clubs to do and report their activities pertaining to centennial challenges and informed us that another centennial challenge of diabetes awareness will be added for 2017-2018.

13.J) **Lions Pride Chairperson** – Lion Myra Schneider, In 2016 Pride provided \$110,500.11 to WLF – this would provide a camping experience for 150 campers. Monies were also provided for every other WLF project within the past year.

13.K)**Youth Exchange Chairperson** - Lion Bonnie Strelow: Applications are arriving from International Youth, We have received approximately 25 applications so far and expect another 25. Please consider hosting one of these youth, it is a great experience. My goal is to sponsor 5 youth in our district. Please go to the Wisconsin Lions Youth Exchange on the internet, host forms are available there or call me or email me to help you with the process.

13.L)**Special Olympics Chairperson** – PDG Ken Wallander The Special Olympics Opening Eyes will be on Saturday, April 8 in Oshkosh. I will need about 50 volunteers. Emails will go out to the clubs as soon as I get the info from Special Olympics. This month has been the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics, and I am proud to say I have 4 family members taking the plunge this weekend for Manitowoc. They should all be refreshed for the family reunion!

13.M)**Peace Poster Chairperson** – Lion Laurie Sasada I want to remind all clubs that the Peace Poster kits are now ready for purchase. I attended Zone meeting in Van Dyne and encouraged all clubs to

purchase a least one kit and get to a youth group or local school.

**13.N)Environment Chairperson** – Lion Rose Berendes MyLCI and ENVIRONMENT As I travel with our District Governor to club and zone visits, I have given out lists of “25 NO Cost or Low Cost” projects in each of our 4 Centennial Challenge areas VISION, HUNGER, YOUTH and last but not least ENVIRONMENT. As I call or email club secretaries and/or presidents toward the end of each month to remind them to do their membership reports , I keep encouraging clubs to do at least one activity in each of the service areas. Recycling of household items is an easy one. Rummage sales and donations of items to Goodwill also encourages recycling by reuse rather than having items just tossed in the trash.Spring is just around the corner, I am working across districts with other environment chairpersons, and we have plans to have a display at the state convention. Additionally, several of us have entered state pin designs – all with butterflies on them, as a means to bring awareness to the need to plant milkweed for the Monarchs and other native and nectar plants needed by other butterflies and pollinators.

**13.O)Diabetes Awareness & Action Chairperson** – Lion Bonnie Strelow, Each club has received a news release to submit to your local news papers for Diabetes awareness day in March, please make those submissions. The diabetes info board is available to any club or zone to display at events, call me to reserve it for your events. I am available for club and zone meetings to give a brief overview of diabetes and to let the members become familiar with the information board and diabetes info that is available for them to use for events.

**13.P)Hearing Preservation Awareness & Action** – Lion Wendy Hartman (No Report)

**13.Q)Eye Glass Recycling** - Lion Wendy Hartman (No Report)

**13.R)Lions Eye Bank of WI** Director Lion Phil Weber, The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin renewed commitment to our mission “Giving the Gift of Sight” They ended the most recent fiscal year.

(1) By serving 1,116 Donor Families (an increase of 38% over the prior year.)

(2) By Placing 1520 corneas for transplant. (376 more then the prior year)

(3) By providing 245 ocular tissues for research and education.

Our in-house call center implementation project is underway. We currently out source these services, but we feel that by bringing this in house we will be able to better serve our hospitals, donor families, improve communications with the transporters, improve work flow and increase efficiency. This will lower the times from death to preservation and death to transplant.

With regards to our new facility – anticipate breaking ground in early spring 2017 and hopefully move in before 2018. No capital campaign is needed. All funds donated by Lions, Lioness and Leos of the State of Wisconsin go to fund the UW Ophthalmology Exploratory Grants of \$100,000 per year and the Donor Family Program.

Join the LEBW and Tee Up for Sight on June 8, 2017 at the Oaks Golf Course in Cottage Grove. This years proceeds will raising funds to help people who can't afford a corneal transplant on their own. Hole Sponsorship is \$100 per hole.Please contact me to do presentations for your club or zone meetings.

**13.S)Missions of Wisconsin Chairperson** – PDG Merle Strelow, 27-B1 Missions Report: A fire truck has been purchased to be sent to Mexico this month. 27B-1 is proud to have purchased a fire truck thru the Kiel fire dept. Lion Pat Knier has been the forward Lion arranging this endeavor.

Governor Tom and I visited Kiel and met with fire Chief. The Chief’s main concern was the old front steer tires and chance of a BLOW-OUT in transport. Lion Pat stepped up and was able to get two steer tires on rims for the truck. This was wonderful because it allows the drivers to have 2 spares to take with them on the trip down. An article will be printed in the local Kiel paper and the Lions paper in the near future.

**13.T)Vision Screening** Co-chairs– DGE Fred Gebhart & 1st VDE Dave Lee Thank you fellow Lions & Lioness for your continued great work in vision screening your schools. Since the start of the school year we have screened 15,490 students, including day cares with 1,590 referrals. This month from the Appleton Noon Lions, Dave & Sue Lee and their vision screening team, have screened 2,280 students with 186 referrals in the Appleton School District, consuming 97 hours. Fred will conduct a vision screening

training session Tuesday, Feb. 21st 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM at the Two Rivers High School's conference room. Call or email [920-378-2024](tel:920-378-2024) [fredgebhart@yahoo.com](mailto:fredgebhart@yahoo.com)

13.U) **Leader Dog** – PDG Jerry Post Thanked PDG Lenny for putting PDG him onto the path of Leader Dog representative. He read several thank you letters from people in the district who have received service through him in our district.

13.V)**District Raffle** – Lion Mike De Baere - see District Convention Report

13.W) **State Lions Convention Chairperson** – PDG Merle Strelow Lions State convention is on May 4th thru 6th . AT: The La Crosse Center. La Crosse, Wis. Registration \$15.00 before March 31st \$18.00 after. Friday Luncheon \$19.00 after \$21.00 Saturday Luncheon \$20.00 after \$22.00. Registration form in State paper or on line wisconsinlions.org/state-convention/ Hotels range from \$139.00 plus taxes to \$119.00 plus taxes. There is a GREAT homeless shelter by the river.

(1) District Convention- PDG Jerry Post Reviewed the convention actual expense report and gave a brief overview of the problems the commit had with the Heidel House facility.

(2) Constitution and By Laws PDG Jerry Post Policy. Under District Convention Requirements. Signing of District Convention Contract.

Author: PDG Jerry Post Co-authors: PDG's Merle Strelow & Len Quinn Date of Origin: 2/12/17

Purpose: Signing of convention contract

Whereas no policy previously exists as to whom shall have the authority to sign 27-B1 convention contract it would be in the best interest of the District to have the incoming District Governor along with his or her convention chair or the Cabinet Secretary Treasurer sign the convention contract as it is he or she that is responsible for the convention.

PDG Jerry called for 50% vote...**Point of order** (BJ) This has to be presented now for action at the next meeting. Motion to Proceed with a policy on who signs contracts for district convention, for presentation at the next cabinet meeting of 27-B1 on April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017. Motion by PDG Ken Rohde, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fred Gebhart **MOTION CARRIED** Discussion....on who should be signing the contract besides the VDG. Amend the policy to for signers to be the incoming district governor and incoming convention chair or the cabinet secretary.

13.X)District and State Bowling – Lion Bill Hilbert – District Bowling only 12 teams this year. We need to determine why participation is low.

13.Y)IT Report – PDG Tom Clausen Chairman

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017 Website still up and running with everything up to date. Concern – I have a page for Zones. I would like to get every meeting posted so that any member in that zone could have the capability of looking up when his or her zone meeting is without the need to call anyone. Some zone chairs are not feeding me the information, so it appears that they are not having any zone meetings.

13.AA) HISTORIAN REPORT PDG Tom Clausen, Historian Website is up to date except for the Ray Hempel Fellowships. I am a year and a half behind in posting B1 recipients. (Last entry is August 2015) This is due to the Pride Office not responding to my email requests. They don't even reply, which is so frustrating. Ever since their assistant left, it has been difficult to get a response from that office. I guess an old fashioned phone call is in order. Unlike Liz in the Foundation Office, the Pride's records aren't readily accessible by computer for each district. The only way I can get any names is from the annual reports. Perhaps a 2016 annual report will be coming out shortly. I think that is by districts so I can find out who in B1 received a Ray Hempel. If anyone has a report from 2016, can I get a copy?

**13.BB) Newspaper Editor** – Lion Mary Jo Abler

**13.CC) Pin Chairperson** – Lion Laurie Sasada *Pin Design:*

Attached please find the proof for the 2017/2018 District pin. Cost for pins are the same as last year. Pin proof, cost and quantity can be voted on or we can hold off until April meeting and we still can get pins produced by July. District Pins 150---\$2.15 each 200---\$1.95 each 250---\$1.85 each

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**13.DD. District Bucket Raffle** – Lion Shirley Geoffroy

**13.EE. Elections & Nominations** – BJ Blahnik - No Report

**13.FF. Advisory/Long Range Planning** – PDG Gary Silah – No Report

### 14. ZONE CHAIRMEN REPORTS:

#### R1Z1 - Zone Chair Lion Phil Weber

Report of Zone meeting Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at held Hickory Hills, 35 members present. Guests: Calumet County Sheriff and K9 handler (gave an update of their services), DGE Fred Gebhart (gave an update on WLF and vision screening) Lion Phil Weber gave an update for the LEBW. Inter-club meeting report, Reedsville & Wayside Morrison Lions Clubs have conducted vision screening in area schools and have distributed five Shopko Vision Vouchers. Chilton Lions Big Bucks Raffle will conclude on March 9<sup>th</sup>, In the past five years they have contributed at total of \$25,000 to the Calumet Medical Center. Hilbert Lions Big Bucks Raffle on March 30<sup>th</sup> Sherwood Lions built six wheelchair ramps, they now have 17 ramps in use. They donated \$6,000 to Lions Pride. Donated \$10,000 to split between ER dive teams from Calumet, Fond Du Lac and Winnebago Counties. Sherwood Lioness Pride will conduct a bean bag tournament on March 4<sup>th</sup> Stockbridge Lions Bean bag tournament on March 25<sup>th</sup>, participate in Lions Camp work days, donated \$5,000 to the HS weight room & \$5,000 to a community ball park score board.

**R1Z2 – No Zone Chair.** No report

#### R1Z3 - Zone Chair PDG Meg Post

Current zone membership is 121 Lions, +1 from last year and 24 Lioness Next Zone Meeting will be March 20<sup>th</sup> at Mr. Lucky's in Valders with guest speaker from Aurora Medical Center focusing on Diabetes Manitowoc Lions hosted third annual Bowling Blind – bowlers included DG Tom, Lion Rose & DGE Fred St Nazianz Lions held a Super Bowl raffle and have a Fun Night scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Two Rivers Lions will hold a Smelt Fry the end of March Two Rivers Lioness will host a ham & egg breakfast February 19<sup>th</sup> Valders Lions Fish Boil will be the end of March. It is co-sponsored with the Valders FD & 1<sup>st</sup> Responders.

#### R2 Z1 Zone Chair Lion Ellen Cheney

1/16/17 Zone Meeting of District 27B1, Region 2, Zone 1 was held at The WindJammer Hall at Lakeshore Lanes, S. Business Drive, The speaker was Sheboygan County Sheriff's Deputy Jesse Smith. Lions in attendance; Cleveland 5, Howards Grove 3, Plymouth 2, Sheboygan Evening 15, Sheboygan Falls 1, Sheboygan Noon 9, Town of Sheboygan 3. Total 39 Lion President Andy Giesen of the host Sheboygan Evening Lions Club greeted the attendees. Introductions were followed by the pledge, a song, and moment of silence for Lion Ralph Gries of the Cleveland Lions Club, who passed away since the last Zone Meeting. An invocation was offered and Lion Lou Cecil of the Evening Club offered a short history and information about the Evening Club, celebrating its 95th anniversary at this Zone meeting. Dinner followed the presentation, including a birthday cake for the Evening Club. After dinner, Sheboygan County Sheriff's Deputy Jesse Smith presented very interesting information on the upcoming, yearly Citizen's Academy, that gives citizens an up-close, realistic view of the inner workings of the justice system in our county.

ZC Ellen handed out patches for the 6 clubs that gave annual donations to WLF, with a pin for the previous year's club presidents. ZC Ellen also brought up the very recently received Entrance Fee changes to take

effect July 1, 2017 and the Talking Points sent by LCI. Lions Pride Endowment Treasurer Charlie Kolb reported on goals and activities of the Endowment.

Focus on Membership: Lion BJ Blahnik presented his new initiative of starting a new Lions Club in the community & organized a Zone Membership Drive from 1-4 pm on Saturday March 25, 2017 at the Sheboygan Yacht Club Each club will be offered a table to promote their clubs. Lion BJ handed out printed flyers for distribution and gave 50 to each club. Snacks will be provided. There will be ads in The Sun and radio spots 2 weeks in advance. The District will also be represented and snacks will be provided. Lion ZC Ellen reminded all of training opportunities: Online courses anyone can do Lions University at no cost! Great training! Club leaders should consider attending this year's (or another future) forum. ZC Ellen discussed information from the first Zone Centennial Anniversary Committee, held on November 29, 2016. Possible Zone Centennial celebration/projects discussed included:

- \* Vision screening/health booth at Miesfeld's Lakeshore Weekend in July 2017
  - \* Centennial float in the Brat Day parade (Sheboygan Noon has a float base and is willing to share)—float pictures have been mailed to clubs
  - \* Take advantage of publicity opportunities: radio, print (including the 3/25 membership event)
  - \* Support all-accessible parks in Plymouth & Sheboygan
  - \* Lions water fountain at Bookworm Gardens, or bench in a park, etc. Clubs reports: Cleveland: 2 new members; Received the traveling trophy for WLF at the District Convention with a \$5,250 bid; Conducted a holiday nut sale; Provided financial and volunteer support for the "SecretSanta" program to provide food baskets for needy families. Awarded 2 Ray Hempel awards; Ongoing-conducts Lucky 7 raffle at Hickory House in Cleveland; In May runs food stand/brat fry for Community Garage Sale; Dairyland Fest, Craft Sale, and Car Show Aug 5 th - 6 th . Howards Grove: 1 new member, with more anticipated; filled sand bags for traction for community; sponsors a dance at Laack's Hall on November 13<sup>th</sup>, works at monthly blood drives at the Village Hall, collects eyeglasses; works at the food bank; holds a brat fry in August
- Plymouth: Applications for 2 new members are in process; On Jan 5 th gave \$100,000 "Dare to Dream" inclusive playground—the equipment list to purchase is finalized, but the LCIF grant application review is on hold until May; Launched a new website on Jan 12 th; Had a successful Tailgate Party (although Packers lost); Held a joint meeting with Cascade 1/1217; Fish Boil is scheduled for April 21 st at Amore; Holding year-long calendar raffle Sheboygan Evening: 3 new members; Collects aluminum cans as a fundraiser; Conducted fall raffle; Will hold flower sales for Mother's Day; Club has restructured meetings and has a new emphasis on service rather than just fund-raising and donating, as well as a new campaign for members: Collects eyeglasses and hearing aids; Transports eye tissue; Transports low vision people to meetings; Volunteer at Above and Beyond Children's Museum; Participated in vision screening; Volunteered at the Halloween Trick or Treating at Bookworm Gardens; Distributed gifts for Christmas for Salvation Army.
- Sheboygan Falls: Had successful Oktoberfest fundraiser in September; Hold a casino night in February; Legacy project of a new park in Sheboygan Falls on the North side with a splash pad featuring a Lion in the middle. Sheboygan Noon: Sold holiday gift boxes; Collected food at state park Halloween event; Awarded a Melvin Jones; Winter raffle in January; Casino Trip fundraiser Jan 28th; Brat fry fundraiser in May; Flower sales for Evening Club in May; School vision screening in Nov; White Cane Fundraiser in November; Sponsored a family/gift collection for Salvation Army in December; sell holiday gift boxes in December. Holding District Bowling end of Jan/beg of Feb. Town of Sheboygan: Created a summary of projects recruiting tool; Christmas party; Donating a bridge for a park at 8 th and Eisner in Sheboygan; Brat fry scheduled for April 15 th ; Lions Fest scheduled for July 7 th and 8 th .

Upcoming Zone Meeting is April 17, 2017 Host Howards Grove at Amore, 18 W. Mill St., Plymouth.

A raffle concluded the evening. Since the last Cabinet meeting, in addition to the Zone meeting, Zone Chair Ellen Cheney; attended the District Convention in Green Lake, attended the Town of Sheboygan Christmas Party participated in Salvation Army gift distribution with the Evening Club, and visited the board and membership meeting of the Sheboygan Evening Club on Feb 7 th . ZC Ellen has organized a Zone Centennial Anniversary Committee, with meetings held on November 29, January 30, and the next scheduled

for March 6<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the committee is to focus on and organize Centennial projects that showcase the contributions of Lions to our communities and the world, also to encourage clubs to work together on projects that might be difficult for (some clubs) to do alone, join forces for the good of the community, promote membership, and increase name recognition of Lions in the area. We are not usurping individual clubs' projects, but rather seeking to support and promote each other and perhaps get additional support from nearby clubs for big projects. Two projects that will be primarily joint include a float for the Brat Days parade and a health booth at the Miesfeld's Lakeshore Weekend (end of July)—a fundraiser for Children's Hospital, that will feature vision screening and possibly also diabetes awareness and organ donor signup. Other projects may be led by individual clubs with buy-in or support from others as appropriate and realistic.

Submitted by: Lion Ellen Cheney, Zone Chair

**R2 Z2 Zone Chair Madonna Schneider** new email address [schneiderm402@gmail.com](mailto:schneiderm402@gmail.com) My clubs are doing well. Adell Lions continues to hold brat fries and work in their community. Cascade Lions Annual Soup-O-Rama Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 11-2pm at Cascade Lions Hall. Cascade Lions sponsor blood drives 6 times a year and have a prospective new member. Random Lake Lions are active in their community and regularly attend zone meetings. Waldo Lions are gearing up for their Pork Chop Dinner on April 29 at the Waldo Memorial Hall from 4-8pm Next Zone Meeting -March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Cascade Lions Hall Social, meeting 6:30pm

**R2Z3 Zone Chairman Gary Roehrig** (no report)**R3Z1 Zone Chairman Jim Christman**

Has had two zone meetings with good speakers and great attendance. He uses fun as a theme to demonstrate a good club meeting.

**R3Z2 Zone Chairman Tom Henke**

Dec Zone meeting canceled due to poor attendance. Next meeting March 2<sup>nd</sup>

**R3Z3 Zone Chairman Ken Rivers**

Last Zone meeting was January 31<sup>st</sup> in Van Dyne, Joint meeting with Zone R4Z1, 56 Lions in attendance. Presentation by Restoring Hope Transplant House Executive Director Cindy Herbst & PID Peter Cerniglia, LEBW Lion Phil Weber, DG Tom Berendes, MyLCI & Environment Chair Lion Rose Berendes, DGE Fred Gebhart. Club reports: Eldorado Lions – Will have a pancake breakfast and are doing a cash raffle. Pickett – Founding member Lion David Hielke, club treasurer for 20+ years passed away. 253 hides for camp were collected of those 151 came from Ripon Outdoors Club, it's youth club that helps with this event. Had kids fun day around xmas, senior dinners at Pickett Community Center at Thanksgiving and Xmas. Members worked the lunch wagon for several auctions and country breakfast. Rosendale – Has a new Lions lunch wagon, March 18<sup>th</sup> hunter education, will have an Easter Egg hunt & Mothers Day Rose sale. Van Dyne Lions & Lioness Donated soaps and shampoos to RHTH, working on fleece jackets, pizza sales in progress - last time sold 1,229 pizzas. They have built a new storage shed, collected 51 hides are doing a calendar raffle and have a new car show and a blood drive coming up.

Next zone meeting will be March 30<sup>th</sup> in Eldorado. The ice chains saw, donated by Pickett Lions, was featured in a post on FaceBook by the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department.

**R4Z1 Zone Chairman Lion Bev Karst**

Clubs in the Zone Brandon, Fairwater, Oshkosh Lakeshore, Ripon Brandon Lions had a Pizza Sale fundraiser on Super Bowl weekend. They are having an Easter Egg hunt for the local children in April. Fairwater Lions Hosted a Valentines Lunch on Feb 12 at Leahy's in Fairwater, In March they have a pool tournament and spring raffle. They are doing vision screening in the Markesan school district. April they conduct a pizza sale. They provide support to the food pantries in Brandon and Markesan, \$250 each. Sponsor Badger Boy & Girl. \$500 to Restoring Hope Transplant House. Have their Lions FB and e-clubhouse pages up and running. January membership +4 for the month. Oshkosh Lakeshore had a Rose sale, also OCM cards. DG to visit the club in March. Ripon held a Spaghetti dinner February 23 and Pizza assembly/sale on March 25. They donated \$200 to the Ripon Food Pantry in January. They delivered food collect by the Murry Park/ Quest Schools to the food pantry along with a \$1,000 donation. Presented Murry Park/ Quest school a donation of \$1,000 for the Ripon French Adventure Program.

Next Zone Meeting April 4, 2017 a Jeff's on Rugby in Oshkosh, 6pm Social, 7pm dinner. Oshkosh Lakeshore

is hosting.

**R4Z2 Zone Chair Lion Todd Henke**

Clubs in my Zone: Berlin Lions 26 members, Green Lake Lions 8 members, Kingston Lions 26 members  
Kingston Lioness 16 members, Markesan Lions 30 members, Neshkoro Lions 43 members, Princeton Lions  
24 members Totals: 157 Lions, 16 Lioness The last Zone Meeting was January 10, 2017 with 50 members  
signed up to attend. The weather was bad, so only 40 members attended, including District Governor Tom &  
Lion Rose Berendes. Clubs discussed events past and present. Governor Tom handed out Chevrons to  
members to denote their years of service and Achievement patches. The Zone Chairman Election coming up  
in March was also discussed. The 3rd Zone meeting will be hosted by the Green Lake Lions at Tuscumbia on  
March 28, 2017 with social hour at 5:30 pm and Dinner at 6:30 pm.

**R5Z1 ZC Lion Carl Rasmussen** No report.

**R5Z2 ZC Lion Dave Przekurat**

15. **Other Business** – DG Tom Berendes

15.A) **Next Meeting is April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Van Dyne Lions club house.** DGE Fred Gebhart will conduct  
the meeting, DG Tom and Lion Rose will be in Towson, Md for their daughter's wedding on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

15.B) Centennial Challenge Awards were passed out to those who were present.

15.C) Appleton Noon Lions were presented a 2015-2016 Centennial Excellence recognition and a  
level one Legacy Banner Patch

15.D) Lion Rose Berendes Encouraged the use of FB for to help the clubs and district spread the word  
about our services & Lions Clubs International

15.E) Tail Twister collected \$29 at this meeting.

16. **Adjournment** – DG Tom Berendes - 4:30 pm