



District 27-B1 Cabinet  
2010-2011

Row 1

Eugene Hardell  
Marv Henke  
Meg Post  
DG Jerry Post  
Merle Strelow  
ADP Joyce Kurtz  
Vic Voigt, PDG  
Herb Schneider, PDG

Row 2

Gary Colton, PDG  
Vern Pautz, PDG  
Mary Jo Abler  
Helen Mork  
Dawn Christensen  
Bob Showers, PDG  
Ralph Schneider  
Wendy Hartmann  
Jack Johnson  
Irv Korth

Row 3

Gary Silah  
Dave Holschbach  
Staate Hayward  
Sherman Hamilton  
Tom Clausen, PDG  
Carl Rasmussen  
Ed Filemyr, PDG  
Michael De Baere



**Cabinet Meeting Minutes**  
**District 27-B1 Cabinet Meeting**  
**Sunday, August 1, 2010**  
**Redgranite Lions Building**  
**145 Dearborn Street, Red Granite**  
**Meeting 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.**  
**Dinner 5:00 p.m.**

1. Call to order @ 1:00 p.m. – DG Jerry Post. Welcome to our first cabinet meeting.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by IPDG Leonard Quinn. The song “AMERICA the BEAUTIFUL” was led by PDG Vic Voigt. Lion/Lioness Meg Post led us in prayer.
3. DG Jerry Post asked anyone with a guest to introduce them, 10 additional guests were present.
4. DG Jerry Post introduced PID Wayne Heiman as special guest to do the initiation of cabinet members and officers. PID Wayne Heiman talked about the “BEACON OF HOPE” which is the International President’s theme this year. The BEACON provides guidance, helps people in distress. We as cabinet members should do the same. Let the BEACON shine on the local level. Help get new members to join you local clubs. COMMITTEE CHAIRS are responsible for your committee’s performance and their success. ZONE CHAIRMANS are to take new ideas and communication from the cabinet and spread the word to the clubs in their zone, keep everyone informed. TREASURER Dave Holschbach is to keep correct and accurate minutes and books for all that happens at the cabinet meetings and conventions and provide copies to members. VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR Merle Strelow will conduct meetings in the absence of DG Jerry and train for assuming the District Governor position next year and chair any committee requested. DISTRICT GOVERNOR Jerry Post is responsible for everything that District 27 B1 does this year. He is the CEO. All cabinet members work together this year and have a great time. All members initiated accepted their positions for the year.
4. Motion for the approval of Agenda was made by PDG Ed Filemyr with the 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Augie Grahl. **MOTION CARRIED** Opening Remarks by DG Jerry Post was “WE HAVE A GOAL THIS YEAR! TO BE A LION UNTIL THE LAST SHOVEL OF DIRT IS THROWN!” Once a LION, always a LION! “
5. Lion/Lioness Meg Post talked with PDG Ed Filemyr about a child that has CP and is in need of a service dog. We find out that she is in Kaukauna which is District 27 B2. They will get in contact with 27 B2 and pursue the request. Think about the future as a cabinet if we should donate to this project if someone should ask.
6. Being the first cabinet meeting, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Dave Holschbach took roll call to introduce new cabinet members. 31 cabinet members in attendance and no Honorary District Governors.

7. Motion made by Lion Sandy King with the 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Vic Voigt to accept the Cabinet Minutes from May 2, 2010. **MOTION CARRIED**

8. PDG Gary Colton gave the 2009-2010 Final Balance Treasurers report. We ended up with an excess of funds in reserve of \$ 5,438.25 to be carried forward to 2010-2011 year. MERLO incurred no expense though it was budgeted. There was no increase in membership, so dues revenue and expenses were down. Motion to accept the report by Lion Gary Silah with the 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Helen Mork. **MOTION CARRIED**

9. Tail Twister Lion Helen Mork reported all reports will be limited to 3 minutes, after 4 minutes you will be fined and asked to sit down and finish your report at the end of the cabinet meeting. Fines will be \$ 1.00. WLF Representatives will each be allowed 3 minutes. Public Relations will be allowed 3 minutes with an additional 2 minutes by DG Jerry Post. Any questions from cabinet members will not count as minutes used.

10. 4 communications were received. Thank you from Cabin Counselor Jeremiah Smith for our donation last year for a CARE PACKAGE for the counselors. Thank you note from Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin for our \$ 75 donation last year. Thank you note from Union Grove Lions Club who co-ordinated the Camp Counselors Care Package program for our donation last year. Also a thank you note from American Cancer Society for our donation of \$200 to Relay for Life. DG Jerry Post reminded all the clubs to file their 990 report with the IRS or lose their exemption status. DG Jerry also has the new state LIONS pin for sale for \$2.00. He also reminded everyone that is an organ donor to be sure to register ONLINE not just the sticker. Registering on line get immediately into the data banks for quick reference. Go to "yesiwilwi.com" to properly record your requests, this will override anyone else's decisions in the future.

11. Old Business – nothing was brought forward.

12. New Business – 2010-2011 Budget was presented by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Dave Holschbach. We are not anticipating any growth in membership for the year and the budget reflects that. Motion by PDG Tom King with the 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ed Filemyr to accept the budget as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

13. Committee Reports **(Written reports for distribution or 3 minutes or less verbal)**

A. Constitution/Bylaws chair PDG Gary Bilke was not present for a report.

B. MERLOW chair VDG Merle Strelow reported the new name is GMT – GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM and GLT – GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM. There will be new and additional information by the next meeting.

1. Membership chair Lion Dennis Schwartz is available for meetings or zone meetings, just call. Looking forward to a prosperous year.

2. Extension chair Lion Bill Hilbert was not present for a report.

3. Retention chair Lion August Grahl has not received any new information so therefore has nothing to report.

4. Leadership chair Lion Dave Holschbach is planning to follow previous year's program offering New Officer Training at the end of April or early May. He will incorporate using the Orientation committee to also present an orientation for new members. He is contacting the clubs to inquire if they need any information on officer duties.

5. Orientation chair PDG Leonard Quinn has totally redesigned the Orientation program and requests that all zone chairman invite the committee to be the program at one of their zone meeting. Invite new members and also member inducted last year. They will discuss the history of where we were and where we want to be. They would also like to be a part of the Officer Training in spring.

6. WI Women chair Lion Meg Post plans to attend all of their meetings this year. PDG Ed Filemyr the District chair had nothing to report.

C. WLF representative PDG Tom Clausen introduced newly elected WLF representative Lion Irv Korth. Lion Irv reported that next Saturday will be the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting for the year so he had nothing to report at this time. The roof replacement on the administration building is a go. Lions Camp Open House will be September 18<sup>th</sup> and will feature a cookout - a change from the chicken dinner. PDG Tom Clausen reported that 27-B1 was about (\$ 10,300) less in donations this past year. 8 clubs did not make any donation to the Lions camp, but donated to other projects. B1 is #2 in donations to the Pride campaign. DG Jerry is the Governor's Council representative to WLF. Motion by PDG Tom Clausen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Vern Pautz to purchase a case of mints to be given away at the WIS State Fair in August. **MOTION CARRIED**

D. Affiliate President Lioness Joyce Kurtz has September 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting. She has been a member of Van Dyne Lioness for 15 years. She and her husband deliver corneas. August 15<sup>th</sup> will be Van Dyne Small Town Days.

E. Affiliate Liaison Lion/Lioness Meg Post will be at the Lioness Board Meeting. Alert Program representative Lion Mary Jo Abler reported that ALERT is going slowly, we need to explain what and why Lions are involved. There is a new state chair for the program. ALERT needs everyone's support. WE are the volunteers to help in disasters.

F. LCIF chair PDG Vern Pautz will be gone January through March and would like someone to volunteer to fill his position during that time. Funds are available just ask! Oxford Lions Club has excess funds in LCIF and should use them. PDG Vern Pautz has volunteered to chair the QUEST program which has not had someone in charge for 3 years. QUEST is a Lions owned training and development program. Mishicot Lions are very interested in supporting the program. WI LIONS license plates are now available for ordering.

G. USA/ Canada Leadership Forum co-chair PDG Gary Colton reminded everyone that the forum is September 23-25<sup>th</sup> in Milwaukee. Go online to see the agenda and speakers. They are still accepting volunteers.

H. Lions Pride representative PDG Herb Schneider mentioned that 27-B1 has 60% club participation. He is available for any zone meetings. PRIDE did donate \$56,000 this year to Lions Camp.

I. Youth Exchange chair Lion Sandy King has just completed another year of Youth Exchange camp. She introduced everyone to an exchange student from Mongolia. There were 53 campers from 27 countries this year. Facebook has gotten a lot of hits with all of the campers getting to know each other before camp even begins. There were no incidents to report this year. 27 B1 had 1 representative

J. Special Olympics chair PDG Ken Wallander reminded everyone that the Special Olympics will again be in Oshkosh the second Saturday of April which is April 9<sup>th</sup>. They will need 50 volunteers. There was great support last year. Over 200 Olympians were vision screened.

K. Leo Chairman PDG Ken Wallander informed everyone there will not be a calendar this year. The Neshkoro Leo club did not take any pictures this year.

L. Peace Posters theme for this year is "VISION OF PEACE". Lion Dawn Christensen reminds everyone to get the posters in by the district convention in November. It is a very easy project.

M. Diabetes is very dear to Lioness/Lion Kay Quinn. Please focus on Diabetes prevention in your personal lives.

N. Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling chairs Lion Wendy Hartmann nor Lion Phil Weber were not present to report.

O. Lions Eye Bank of WI recently completed their annual meeting in which PDG Tom King attended. Thanks to all the transporters for a fine job done. Wisconsin is the only state that has 100% volunteers. PDG Tom has agreed to chair the Capital Fund Campaign for the Lions Eye Bank. "Eye of Sight" donation program has a donor that will match any \$500 donation. IPDG Len Quinn presented PDG Tom King with "Knight of Sight" award. The same award was also present to IPDG Len Quinn for his services on behalf of District 27 B1. IPDG Quinn said this award should be given to the district – "WE DO THE WORK"

P. Mission to Mexico PDG Lion Herb Schneider told everyone that there are 4 Missions to Mexico in the state. PDG Bob Showers leads 2 of them. The program can always use funds.

Q. Leader Dog chair PDG Vic Voigt has not received a final year-end report. IPDG Len reported that Wisconsin is #2 in donations in the WORLD. Give yourself a hand. Last year there was \$174,000 in donations. 21 clubs did not donate. Lion Jim McGee is co-chair with PDG Vic. Lion Jim has the west side of the district and PDG Vic has the eastside. PDG Vic reported that so far 3 clubs have returned their money for the district raffle. Try to get it in prior to the convention.

R. State Lions Convention chair VDG Merle Strelow reminded everyone that there no longer is a State Committee for the convention. Clubs now bid and have control over the convention. 2010 convention made about \$8500 last year.

S. District Convention co chair PDG Gary Colton reported the official notice of the convention is on the website. The convention will be November 12 & 13 at Holiday Inn in Manitowoc. Registration form will be on line shortly. The bucket raffle needs donations. Convention ads are open to all clubs to make some money. The club gets to keep 40% of the money. IPDG Len Quinn also said 90% of the speakers will be CHILDREN! No money solicitation.

T. District and State Bowling chair Lion Bill Hilbert was not present.

U. IT Specialist PDG Tom Clausen reported website inquiries are down. Get in contact with him if interested.

V. Public Relations representative Lion Mary Jo Ablor request that any changes for the directory be submitted to her. Lion Mary Jo reviewed the rules and regulations for pictures and articles for the WIS LIONS Newspaper. She needs articles. Make sure the information is accurate. DG Jerry handed out a schedule for cabinet committee chairs to submit articles for the newspaper. To get to the directory, go to [www.md27directory.org](http://www.md27directory.org)  
Username: wislions Password: 2serve

W. Pin Chairman Lion Wendy Hartmann had no report at this time

X. District Bucket Raffle chair Lion Craig Hansen was not present.

Y. Historian chair PDG Richard Christianson was not present.

Z. Elections & Nominations chair Lion Ralph Schneider reminded everyone that October 12<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for filing for nominations. We are in need of Vice President, 1<sup>st</sup> vice, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice, and 1 WLF director. Be sure to send a copy of the nomination papers to DG Jerry and Lion Ralph.

AA. Youth Outreach-QUEST. A motion was made by PDG Tom King to get the QUEST program active again in 27 B1. PDG Vern Pautz has agreed to chair the program. A 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Lion Helen Mork. **MOTION CARRIED**

BB. Advisory/Long Range Planning chairs PDG Tom King, Lion Mike De Baere and PDG Ed Filemyer are waiting for suggestion to pursue.

#### 14. Zone Chairmen Reports:

1. Region 1 Zone 1 Lion Fred Gebhart was not present.

2. Region 1 Zone 2 Lion Dave Holschbach reported that most of his clubs do not meet in the summer months and are involved in fund raisers during that time. His 1<sup>st</sup> zone meeting will be hosted by Maribel Lions club and will be in September, date and time to be announced later. All the clubs were active in "FEST" activities. French Creek Days, Village Picnic, Riverfest, Weinerfest and Music in the Park.

3. Region 1 Zone 3 Lion Mike Hartmann was not present.

4. Region 2 Zone 1 Lion Mike Helmke was not present, was in a parade running for re-election as Sheboygan County Sheriff.

5. Region 2 Zone 2 Lion Jack Johnson asked for the MERLO team to help and visit Amsterdam Lions Club, now down to small membership, also the Adell Lions club is down to 9 members. All others clubs are doing fine. Waldo Lions built a ramp for disabled home bound woman. First zone meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup> at Chissy's Pub I Waldo.

6. Region 2 Zone 3 Lion Richard Schaefer last zone meeting was April 12<sup>th</sup> at which the late PDG Paul Tadych was speaker. All clubs are involved in summer activities. Membership is currently FLAT. 1<sup>st</sup> zone meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> in Kiel and PDG Herb Schneider will be the speaker.

7. Region 3 Zone 1 Lion Eugene Hardell is just starting the year and has not had any meetings yet. His 1<sup>st</sup> zone meeting will be September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Mark's Eastside in Appleton, DG Jerry will be speaker.

8. Region 3 Zone 2 Lion Gary Silah's clubs have been in hibernation for the summer so not much to report. Dundee Long Lake Lions club looks to retain their Charter, however, 2 of the members have joined Eden Lions. His 1<sup>st</sup> zone meeting will be Monday October 18<sup>th</sup> at Oakfield and is planning to have the orientation team as presenters.

9. Region 4 Zone 1 Lion Dawn Christensen is new to the position this year. She has 9 clubs in her zone and plans on visiting all of them. Her 1<sup>st</sup> zone meeting will be September 30<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Ripon Lions. Clubs are active in many activities.

10. Region 4 Zone 2 Lion Marv Henke reported the New Berlin club has added a member – Marv's wife DIANE! The Green Lake Lions will be hosting his zone meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> with PDG Herb Schneider as speaker. Other meetings are November 3<sup>rd</sup> hosted by the Berlin Lions and March 14<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Neshkoro Lions with the program to be the Orientation team.

11. Region 5 Zone 1 Lion Carl Rasmussen is new this year and is still getting acquainted and organized.

12. Region 5 Zone 2 Lion Sherman Hamilton clubs are finishing their summer fund raisers. 2 clubs are active cornea transporters. His 1<sup>st</sup> zone meeting will be September 14<sup>th</sup>. All is going well.

15. Other Business: WLF representative Irv Korth made a motion that the current tail twister LION be retired and a new one purchased. 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ed Filemyr. Discussion pursued as to the use of the old LION. Show of hands made for the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**  
PDG Tom Clausen has WLF and other miscellaneous pamphlets available. PDG Vern Pautz reminded everyone the WIS State Fair is just around the corner and to stop and support the New Berlin Lions corn roast stand where we will be giving our free Lions mints. DG Jerry has had a request from the Redgranite Lions. They are in need of a wheelchair ramp, anyone local that may have one? Larsen-Winchester has plans available. Lion Dennis Schwartz's Plymouth club is close to 100 members and is trying to make that number this year. Now at 92, their younger members are bringing in new ones. Reminder... SEE EVERYONE AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTION ON NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup> at HOLIDAY INN – MANITOWOC. Cabinet meeting will be that Sunday morning - November 14<sup>th</sup>. PDG Vern Pautz challenged each cabinet member to get 2 members apiece to cover our losses. Just "ASK" "Why are Lions quitting?"

16. Motion to adjournment by PDG Herb Schneider with the 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Ralph Schneider.  
**MOTION CARRIED**                      **THANKS DG JERRY POST**

**Respectfully submitted August 19, 2010 Cabinet Secretary Lion Dave Holschbach**





## SPECIAL Cabinet Meeting Minutes

District 27-B1 Cabinet Meeting

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

Van Dyne Lions Building

100 Lone Elm Road, Van Dyne

1. Call to order @ 7:00 p.m. by DG Jerry Post. LCI has requested that District 27 B1 have this special meeting. Please be sure to sign in and also your position with the cabinet. 32 cabinet members present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by IPDG Leonard Quinn.
3. WHY ARE WE HERE ? DG Jerry Post received an e-mail from LCI that District 27 B1 must fill the vacancy for 1<sup>st</sup> vice president and 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president. Apparently LCI did not receive VDG Merle Strehlow's information. He was properly recorded last year as 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president and they did not follow through with their paperwork. Everything is properly taken care of for VDG Merle including his biography. We must have a 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president on record 30 days prior to our convention in November, it can not wait until the convention. We have 2 people interested, we have to make sure they qualify. The cabinet must appoint someone to fill the 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president position.
4. All cabinet members must be properly notified a minimum of 7 days prior to the meeting. Notices were sent by Secretary/Treasurer Dave Holschbach on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:54 PM. We are within the time period. All paperwork and biography must be received by LCI a minimum of 30 days prior to the district convention.
5. Due to a potential conflict of interest, DG Jerry Post stepped down from the meeting and turned it over to Vice District Governor Merle Strehlow and IPDG Len Quinn. Lion Ralph Schneider is the district chair for Nominations and Elections.
6. VDG Merle's paperwork has been properly filed and accepted. He is officially the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. The qualifications for 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president are:
  - A) Must be an active member of a club in the district. That club must also be in good standing with LCI and District 27 B1.
  - B) Must have served as a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> officer or director of that Lions club or hold any other major position.
  - C) Be a member of the District Cabinet, President or Zone Chairman.

These qualifications are different than those required for someone who is to be voted in. This cabinet meeting is to APPOINT a 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president or we would have to have an LCI committee do the appointment.

7. At this time the floor was turned over to Lion Ralph Schneider to call for any nominations from the floor. Lion Gary Silah nominated Lion/Lioness Me Post to fill the vacant position. Lion Kay Quinn offered the 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 calls were made to the floor for any other nominations. After a third call, PDG Vic Voigt requested the nominations to be closed, this was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Dawn Christensen. NOMINATIONS CLOSED. Lion/Lioness Meg Post was asked if she would accept the appointment. She did ACCEPT. Lion/Lioness Meg thanked everyone for the confidence in her. She said “ You will know in your HEART when it is time to make a move “ Her time is now. She is proud to be a member of District 27 B1 and looks forward to being the 1<sup>st</sup> woman District Governor of District 27 B1.
8. Meeting was returned back to DG Jerry Post. DG Jerry wanted to thank everyone for attending and responding to this special meeting. He is proud that District 27 B1 could get this handled and not have the LCI committee come in and do the appointment. PDG Herb Schneider commented that when he started, they had people in line wanting to be District Governors. Hopefully this can return in the future. Maybe the Long Range Planning committee should be asked to work on this as a project and line up future candidates.
9. Motion to adjournment by IPDG Len Quinn with the 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Irv Korth. **MOTION CARRIED**

**THANKS DG JERRY POST**

**Respectfully submitted September 2, 2010 Cabinet Secretary Lion Dave Holschbach**



## **BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

### **District 27 B-1 ANNUAL CONVENTION Saturday November 13, 2010 Holiday Inn - Manitowoc, WI 54220**

1. **Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.** by District Governor Jerry Post. The theme for this year's convention is "**LIONS Making the Impossible, Possible**" DG Jerry read a poem he wrote about his travels meeting Lions. A copy is included in the official minutes. "**WE WILL ALWAYS BE THERE**" In closing he said " Our motto is "TO SERVE" and as a Lion WE can say " I WILL ALWAYS BE THERE, FOR I AM A LION" With that he officially open the 2010-2011 District 27 B1 Lions convention.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by IPDG Len Quinn. A special salute was given to all veterans in attendance.

3. **Prayer** by Lion/Lioness Kay Quinn.

4. **Welcome to Manitowoc** by Mayor Justin Nichols. Mayor Nichols commented that it's a great theme for the convention. He loves the community and wants everyone to enjoy. " Leave everything here in your wallet" Manitowoc is a manufacturing community. The name MANITOWOC is seen around the world, Manitowoc Cranes, Manitowoc Ice machines for example. Manitowoc is ranked # 2 city in the nation to raise a family. Welcome and enjoy the convention. A second welcome was made by Steve Brahm, VP of Manitowoc Corp. Mr. Brahm gave a history of Manitowoc Corp, how it started with boats and moved into cranes to move the boats. Manitowoc Corp. is ENTHUSIASTIC, They 'SERVICE" just like Lions. They are the number 1 contributor to United Way and Relay for Life. Thank you for your SERVICE.

5. **Introduction of Dignitaries in attendance.** International Director Gary D'Orazio from Eagle, Idaho. ID D'Orazio will be the keynote speaker at the luncheon. IPID Art Marson and wife Jo, Council Chair PDG Augie Fortmann, District Governors from other districts, IPDG Len Quinn, Eyebank President PCC Terry Peters, MERLO chair PDG Dean Haas, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor elect Merle Strelow, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor elect Lion Meg Post, all PDGs in attendance stood for a round of applause and Lioness Affiliate President Joyce Kurtz.

6. **State Council Chairman** PDG Augie Fortmann spoke on behalf of WI Lions Association. The state office of the Lions has now moved to Rosholt and we now have a new office manager. The state convention for Lions of Wisconsin will be May 19-22 at Paper Valley in Appleton. He talked about this year's international theme " BEACON OF HOPE". He discussed a Tailtwister problem that has emerged. Tailtwisters and Skirttwisters are here to raise funds for the district. Everyone should back the Lions and Lioness, the money comes back to us. Have a good convention.

**7. International Director Gary D’Orazio** thanked everyone for the invite. “ Have a YA YA experience” He is looking forward to an enjoyable weekend.

**8. Lioness Affiliate President** Joyce Kurtz has 13 Lioness clubs in our district. They have donated over \$ 440,000 since 2008. They are making the impossible, POSSIBLE. They LOVE to SERVE.

**9. Lions Eye Bank** of Wisconsin President PCC Terry Peters thanked all those who transport eyes and corneas and asked those in attendance to stand for recognition. The Eyebank of Wisconsin will be doing online Donor Registration in the convention hallway all weekend. There will also be an afternoon session dealing with the Eye Bank.

**9. Mission to Mexico** report by PDG Bob Showers. There were only 16 volunteers for the last mission. Not enough to support the mission. They are planning in February to do another Mission to Mexico. Thank you for your continued support.

**10. Peace Poster** entries report by Lion Dawn Christensen. There are 9 posters to be judged on this year’s theme. “**Vision of Peace**” The criteria for judging are : 1) Originality 2) Artistic 3) Theme . Keep these in mind when doing your voting. The new theme and contest begin January 15<sup>th</sup>, Peace Poster is an easy program to run and does not have to be done in fall. Open to any type of service group.

**11. District Pin** update was given by Lion Wendy Hartmann. Thank you to Manitowoc Corp for allowing the pin design for this year’s convention. The district 2010-2011 pin, which is the Maple Leaf is now available. There will be 3 designs to vote on for the 2011-2012 district pin. If anyone else has a design, feel free to submit.

**12. MERLO REPORT** by PDG Dean Hass of the Appleton Evening Lions. **MERLO – Membership, Extension, Retention, Leadership and Orientation.** We need good strong leadership and it looks like we have good leaders coming forward, keep the trends going. There will be EMERGING LION training for new Lions January 27-30 in Stevens Point at the Ramada, this training is for less than 8 year members who have not yet been president. Also the Leadership training will be February 27-27 at the Econolodge..

**13. Nominations** conducted by Lion Ralph Schneider.

There will also be an advisory vote for the site for next years district convention. There will be 2 to choose : 1) Holiday Inn-Manitowoc @ \$ 72 or 2) Radisson Paper Valley in Appleton @ \$ 84

**Peace Poster** competition will have 9 to choose as stated earlier in Lion Dawn Christensen’s report

**District Pin** competition will have 3 to choose as stated earlier by Lion Wendy Hartmann.

**District Bowling Nomination** for Berlin was made by Lion Marv Henke. Berlin is a wonderful nice small town with 2 motels close by. Please consider Berlin to host next years District Bowling. The 2<sup>nd</sup> was by made by Lion Chuck Teske. The bowling alley has 8 lanes and automatic pinsetters. Lion Ralph made a call to the floor three times for any other nominations. No other nominations were heard. Motion by PDG Vic Voigt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Irv Korth to close nominations for Bowling site for 2011-2012. **MOTION CARRIED**

**WLF Director Nomination** to fill the 3 year term of PDG Tom Clausen expiring June 30, 2011 was heard for Lion Fred Gebhart. The first was given by PDG Clarence Weller. PDG Clarence Weller would like to place into nomination Lion Fred Gebhart. Lion Fred was born and raised in Chilton and now officially retired. He has been a member of Stockbridge Lions for 35 years, 8 times President, and 3 years as Zone Chairman. He has also been awarded a Birch Sturm for his dedication to Lions. The 2<sup>nd</sup> was heard from IPDG Len Quinn who has worked with Lion Fred on many projects. **When Fred says he will get it done, it will be done.** Lion Fred will do it right. Lion Fred Gebhart thanked his fellow Lions for the nomination and does accept. Fred is going to show the same commitment that he has show throughout the years with Lions. Lion Ralph made a call to the floor three times for any other nominations. No other nominations were heard. Motion by IPDG Len Quinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Bob Showers to close nominations for WLF director. **MOTION CARRIED**

**District Governor Nomination** for VDG Merle Strelow of Fairwater Lions was heard from Lion Bev Karst, President of Fairwater Lions. VDG Merle has held various club positions throughout the years. He has brought in 12 + new members and has been presented numerous awards. VDG Merle is supported by the Fairwater Lions Club. Lion Char Fredrichs presented the 2<sup>nd</sup>. She is proud to give the 2<sup>nd</sup> for VDG Merle. "He is a Good Arm twister" VDG Merle accepted the nomination and is very interested in LIONISM. He humbly accepts the position, it will be hard to follow IPDG Len Quinn and DG Jerry Post. He looks forward to the challenge. He asks for your support and blessing in the year to come. Lion Ralph made a call to the floor three times for any other nominations. No other nominations were heard. Motion by Lion Sandy King , 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Bob Showers to close nominations for District Governor. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Vice District Governor Nomination** was for Lion/Lioness Meg Post. The first nomination for Lion/Lioness Meg Post was given by Lion Sandy King of Oxford Lions. Lion/Lioness Meg has 9 years of experience as a Lion and 15 years as a cornea transporter. She has attended Emerging Lions training and various conventions and meetings. She can make an impression on anyone. She asked God and her Heart if she should take this step forward, and her HEART said YES. The 2<sup>nd</sup> was given by Lion/ Lioness Kay Quinn. Lion/Lioness Kay has known Meg for only 2 years but she has been very influential to her. Lion/Lioness Meg is always positive and will be a great leader for the future. Lion/Lioness Kay said it is an honor to 2<sup>nd</sup> the nomination for Lion/Lioness Meg Post as the FIRST WOMAN VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR of District 27 B!. Lion/Lioness Meg accepted and thanked everyone for the nomination. In 1963 her father became a Lion which was the start of LION influence in her life, 1982 DG Jerry joined LIONS and the Lions now became a bigger part of her life, 2002 Meg joined the St. Nazianz Lions Club and became active along with DG Jerry. Her HEART has been full of "**LIONS LOVE**" and all the great things Lions do. She is proud to be the Vice District Governor. Lion Ralph made a call to the floor three times for any other nominations. No other nominations were heard. Motion by PDG Vic Voigt , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Irv Korth to close nominations for Vice District Governor. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Second Vice District Governor Nomination** was heard for Lion Dawn Christensen. The first was given by IPDG Len Quinn. Lion Dawn is a charter member of the Brandon Lions and their current President. She is currently serving also as Zone Chairman with 9 clubs in her zone. Lion Dawn has brought enthusiasm to the club and is a part of the Youth movement in Lions. She is involved in many community projects. IPDG Len Quinn is proud to nominate Lion Dawn Christensen for Second Vice District Governor. The 2<sup>nd</sup> was given by Lion Jerry Jahns of the Brandon Lions Club. IPDG Len said it all. Lion Dawn has a long list of credentials, she is a hard worker and accomplishes whatever she sets her mind to. He is honored to give the 2<sup>nd</sup> for Lion Dawn Christensen. Lion Dawn did accept the nomination. She pledges to do her BEST. She will promote membership during her term. "**TOGETHER ...THE BEST IS WHAT IS NEXT..**" Lion Ralph made a call to the floor three times for any other nominations. No other nominations were heard. Motion by PDG Bob Showers, the 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken Rhode to close nominations for Second Vice District Governor. **MOTION CARRIED**

Lion Ralph Schneider reminded everyone that the 2011 convention will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. DG Jerry Post thanked those nominated for making that NEXT STEP . He is looking forward to an exciting and fun filled years ahead. This is the first time that all positions are filled with nominations and the FIRST WOMAN VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR with another woman following her footsteps.

**BREAK**

Reconvened at 10:15 a.m. **ROAR it is great to be a LION**

**14. Motivational video – ‘EVEN EAGLES NEED A PUSH’** “We all need it, sometimes we give it” Tail twister poem was also read, only position in Lions that has a poem.

**15. Lions Foundation update** was given by Foundation President David Kaiser. President Kaiser reviewed who our current WLF Representatives are and also positions that are held on the board by members of District 27 B1. There were 1375 campers in 2010 and 85 volunteers for the fall workday. The WLF has processed 212,000 pairs of eyeglasses. Renovations on the Memorial Building are complete. A big THANK YOU to all of the Lions in attendance for what we do and have done. Camp Video was also shown.

**16. Lions Pride Campaign** Chairman Lion Geri Schlender was here to give a **PUSH** to everyone to be active in PRIDE. Our camp is the CROWN JEWEL of Lions camps. PRIDE was designed to be a lasting source of income for the Lions camp to continue long into the future. Make PRIDE personal, \$ 25 million is the goal. Donations are vital, we are at \$ 5.9 million. 59 clubs in our district are active and moving forward. “Everything starts with a VISION and a DREAM, we control the FUTURE”

**17. Leader Dog Representative** Carroll Jackson was introduced by IPDG Len Quinn. IPDG Quinn told us that Mr. Jackson was born blind, taught welding and auto mechanics and went on to get his Masters Degree. He is a GREAT representative for Leader Dog. Mr. Jackson talked about how technology has come a long way. In 1997 he was a Professional Blind person and finally gave in and got a Leader Dog, he was always very independent. Technology now has brought along talking GPS, the Trekker Breeze has grown. Mr. Jackson talked about his many Trekker Breeze experiences. He has found new independence. He now leaves “Electronic Breadcrumbs” wherever he goes. Leader Dog and Trekker are a great combination. Leader Dog is in the MOBILITY BUSINESS !! IPDG Len Quinn wrapped it up by Thanking Lions for what they have done over the years to help Leader Dog advance in technology.

Adjourn to lunch.

## **18. Lunch Program**

**Called to order** at 12:00 by DG Jerry Post. Pledge of Allegiance was led by IPDG Len Quinn. Song and Prayer led by Lion/Lioness Kay Quinn. Lion Wendy Hartmann of St Nazianz Lions Club portrayed Helen Keller and gave her plea to the Lions to be her “Knights of Sight”

**Introduction of Guest Speaker** ID Gary D’Orazio by IPDG Art Marson. IPDG mentioned it was great to be back in District 27 B1, where it started for him in Fond du lac.

ID D’Orazio is now an honorary member of the YA YA ‘s . District 27B1 definitely carries out the FUN theme for Lions. ID D’Orazio had all the veterans and Melvin Jones winners stand for around of appreciation. He also had all Lions stand, give hugs, pat on the back and roar for all WE do. In his speech, he highlighted the following : Lions are the biggest and best service group, communication is important, DO NOT rest on your past laurels, Failure is NOT an option, and it is all about attitude to succeed. The population in the US is up but Lion membership is down, WHY ? ASK ...if you don’t ASK , you don’t GET ! Have fun and laughter, change the world, bring life to your clubs, it only takes a little effort.

**Awards presentations** were given for the following : PDG Jerry Rabbach on behalf of Lions Eyebank presented two special awards. The KNIGHT OF SIGHT was given to an eye transporter, someone who is active in the Eyebank, and also the Youth Exchange Leader that being LION SANDY KING. PDG Tom King also reminded Lions that if you donate \$500 a matching fund of \$500 will be given and the club can award a KNIGHT of SIGHT Award. The second award was given to a Lion who has been extremely dedicated to the Eyebank, that

award went to Waldo Lion Priscilla Johnson. The Fairwater Lions Club also presented a WALL of HONOR award to a Fairwater Lion who has done above and beyond to help LIONS, this was awarded to Vice President Char Fredrich. WLF Representative PDG Tom Clausen also made a presentation of a GOLD Patch to Appleton Evening Lions Club for their donation of \$ 5000, this is the first club that PDG Tom can remember every getting the award. 100% President and Secretary Awards were given out. The Menasha Lions Club received an award on behalf of 4 members who have shown continuous support of Lions Camp throughout the years. ID Gary D'Orazio present 4 International Presidents Awards Letter of Commendation to the following: Lion Helen Mork of Endeavor Lions, Lion Phil Weber of Sherwood Lions, Lioness Ella Stanelle of Fond du Lac Lioness and Lion/Lioness Kay Quinn of Ripon Lions. Also awards were given for the WII competition and the Friday costume contest.

**The Necrology Service** followed with IPDG Len Quinn giving the eulogy for the 40 Lions and 4 Lioness who passed away this past year. They have picked up the torch and lighted the world. Names were read and candles extinguished in reverence to them.

**The Parade of Checks** was held following the necrology service, all clubs with checks, presented them to the cabinet Secretary Treasurer. Dismissed to attend the seminars.

**19. Afternoon Seminars:**

- A) Wisconsin Youth Exchange – Seminar presented by Lion Sandy King, Youth Exchange Leader and Camp Counselors Jimmy Thelan and Jay Neary.
- B) Camping for Diabetes – Seminar presented by Lion/Lioness Kay Quinn and Lions Camp Counselor Megan Costanzo.
- C) Eye Bank – Seminar presented by Eyebank President PCC Terry Peters, PDG Jerry Rabbach, and guest speaker Karen Newman.

**20. Voting** followed ½ hour after seminars to determine the following : Vote for District Governor, Vote for Vice District Governor, Vote for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, Vote for WLF representative, Vote district bowling tournament site, vote for district pin for 2011-2012 year, vote for district representative for peace poster competition and advisory vote for 2011 convention site.

**21. Evening Banquet** called to order at 6:30 pm by Emcee PDG Gary Colton.

The evening started with the Pledge of Allegiance and a song. Flag Ceremony presenting the flags of the United States, State of Wisconsin, State of Idaho, home of our invited ID Gary D'Orazio, the Lions International, Lions Foundation and Wisconsin Lion Eyebank. were led in by various Lions. PDG Gary Colton explained the history and meaning of each flag.

DG Jerry Post thanked everyone for attending. “ Did everyone have a good time ? “ DG Jerry Post entertained everyone with IPDG Len Quinn stories. PDG Gary Colton thanked the Holiday Inn – Manitowoc and staff for great service and food, he then introduced the head tables.

PDG Gary introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Darin and Casey Behmke. Darin was a prior camper and counselor and Casey worked at the Health Lodge. Darin's mother wrote how she raised 3 kids with various problems and were sent to Lions Camp. She talked about their experiences growing up and schooling. Darin got his connection to Lions Camp from the Green Glen Lions. He has had his cataracts removed and has cornea implants. He experienced lack of acceptance from other kids throughout his life and realized he was not going to be accepted. He attended Lions camp for 11 years including being a counselor. There were 5 things that Lions Camp instilled in Darin. #1 Trust, # 2 Patience, # 3 Teamwork, # 4 Acceptance and Friendship and # 5 Love.

PDG Gary introduced the visiting District Governors and then introduced Leader Dog representative Carroll Jackson. Carroll talked about “ How Magic Happens “. He talked about

his experiences being blind and the mobility problems he has encountered. There is always an opportunity for adventure, always and opportunity to inform the public and help them understand. Thank you for inviting him.

ID Gary D’Orazio again thanked everyone for their hospitality this weekend and the invitation. Our district has incredible leadership – present and future. Let’s get back to where we were in membership. He was presented various departing gifts and also received gifts in appreciation.

WLF President Lion Dave Kaiser on behalf of District 27 B1 presented a Progressive Birch Sturm Award to IPDG Len Quinn and also presented him with an Outstanding Leadership Award.

Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach reported on the Parade of Checks with 22 Lion and Lioness Clubs contributing. A total of \$ 40,355 was presented to the various programs.

WI Foundation & Camp	\$ 15,690	Leader dog	\$ 5,275
Quest Program	\$ 100	Diabetes	\$ 2,775
Mission to Mexico	\$ 625	27B1 Hearing	\$ 2,025
Youth Exchange	\$ 475	Eye Bank	\$ 5,375
Campaign Sight 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 100	LCIF	\$ 1,275
Lions Pride Campaign	\$ 6,115	Emergency Fund	\$ 25
AM Diabetes	\$ 400	UW Eye Clinic	\$ 100

Voting results were given by Vice District Governor Merle Strelow. There were 248 delegates, 115 Lions certified, 105 voted .

The results were :

District Governor Merle Strelow

1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Meg Post

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Dawn Christensen

WLF Representative Fred Gebhart

Berlin Bowling Tournament site

Peace Poster # 9 which was submitted by the Winnebago East Shore Lions Club

Pin Design was # 1 which wash the sign language hand

Advisory vote for 2011 convention was Holiday Inn – Manitowoc

**ALSO**

Lioness President Sue Robinson of Neshkoro Lioness

Vice Lioness Kay Quinn of Ripon Lioness

PDG Vic Voigt conducted the District Raffle drawing. PDG Vic thanked all of the clubs for their contribution. This years total was \$ 3,046.00 of which District 27 B1 maintains 50%.

Winners were : 1<sup>st</sup> Elkhart Lake Lions, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pickett Lions, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sherwood Lioness, 4<sup>th</sup> Wautoma Lions and 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Sherwood Lions

Lion/Lioness Meg thanked Bonnie and Greg Kautzer in attendance for the flowers and centerpieces. Table decorations were given to select seats.

Lion/Lioness Kay Quinn gave closing benediction.

DG Jerry Post thanked everyone for a great weekend.

DG Jerry Post officially closed the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual **District 27 B1 Convention at 9:15 PM.**

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED by LION DAVE HOLSCHBACH, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer





## MINUTES

District 27 B-1 Second Cabinet Meeting  
Sunday November 14, 2010  
Holiday Inn, Manitowoc, WI

1. **Call to Order** @ 9:00 a.m. by DG Jerry Post
2. **Pledge** of Allegiance led by IPDG Len Quinn
3. **Prayer and Song** led by Lion/Lioness Kay Quinn
4. Introduction of Guests by DG Jerry Post, they were past District Governors and special speaker Carroll Jackson from Leader Dog. Carroll Jackson thanked everyone for inviting him to the convention, had a great time.
5. **Motion to approve the agenda** made by PDG Gary Colton with the second by Lion Ralph Schneider. **MOTION CARRIED**  
**Opening comments** made by DG Jerry Post. He hopes that everyone had a great time this weekend, if not it was **your own fault**.
6. **Roll Call** was made by Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, there were 33 of the 43 cabinet members present.
7. **Comment** made by DG Jerry in reference to # 5 of the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes, the girl is getting a dog via the help from District 27 B2, Two Rivers is working on getting a dog for someone. Motion to approve the Cabinet Minutes from August 1, 2010 made by PDG Tom King, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken Wallander. **MOTION CARRIED**  
Motion to approve the minutes from the Special Cabinet Meeting on August 31st made by Lion Sandy King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Tom King. **MOTION CARRIED**
8. **Treasurers report** was distributed by Lion Dave Holschbach for the first four months of the current Lion year. Motion made by PDG Bob Showers to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Augie Grahl. **MOTION CARRIED.**
9. **Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork reported she collected \$ 522 from the 50/50 raffles and also \$273.16 for tail twisting. Cabinet was asked how the 50/50 and special auction proceeds should be disbursed. Total of \$ 668.00 Motion by PDG Vic Voigt to disburse the funds evenly to WLF, Leader Dog, WI Eyebank and Lions Pride, this amounts to \$ 167 each, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken Wallander. **MOTION CARRIED**
10. Only **communications** received from Van Dyne Lioness who donated \$100 to District 27 B1 hearing.
11. **Old Business:**  
A: In reference to # 5 from the August minutes, discussion as to the proper procedure for asking for a leader or companion dog. The first request should be made to the club level, then advancing to the zone level., region level and then district level. PDG Ed Filemyr reported that a companion dog cost approximately \$ 1000 for 1 week of training and materials needed. Group concensus to continue to follow the above step levels. This is a good program to support.

## 12. New Business:

A. Convention Results were updated by Convention Chair PDG Gary Colton. There were 323 registrations, 65 for Friday Fish Fry, 234 for Lunch and 86 for the Governors Banquet. Thank you to the committee for all of their help. We need to work on getting more evaluations returned, there were a lot of positive results, the negatives were the length of the speaker talks, need to get more 1<sup>st</sup> timers, advertise sooner and get more lead time. Lion Helen Mork informed the cabinet that we are in need of getting a Wisconsin flag, our has disappeared. VDG Merle Strelow volunteered to purchase and donate to the district. THANK YOU VDG Merle !!

B. Nothing else in New Business

## 13. Committee Reports (Written reports for distribution or 3 minutes or less verbal)

A. **Constitution/Bylaws/Protocol** chair PDG Gary Bilke not present, no report.

B. **MERLOW**- Chairman VDG Merle Strelow commented that the Leadership program is very important. Zone Chairman get replacements so that you can advance in rank. Find someone who has potential to move forward.

1. **Membership** chair Lion Dennis Schwartz was not present, no report

2. **Extension** chair Lion Bill Hilbert was not present, no report

3. **Retention** chair Lion August Grahl has not received any correspondence

from Lions International

4. **Leadership** chair Lion Dave Holschbach had nothing new to report.

5. **Orientation** chair IPDG Len Quinn has done 5 orientations. However we are only averaging 2 new members per club. Zone chairs get new members to attend the zone meetings and also IPGD Len's orientation.

6. **Women** - Lion Meg Post WI State Chair had nothing new to report. PDG Ed Filemyr District chair reported that women are starting to make a move into the clubs and also advancing in the ranks.

C. **WLF** representative PDG Tom Clausen gave his report during the convention. He does have club awards to present. Please remember to make WLF an annual donation besides the other WLF programs. IPGD Len commented that this is PDG Tom's final year as WLF rep. We owe him a great THANKS for his leadership. STANDING OVATION given to PDG Tom. Lion Irv Korth did not have any additional.

D. **Affiliate President Lioness** Joyce Kurtz was not present, no report.

E. **Affiliate Liaison** Lion/Lioness Meg Post reported the Lioness are good and strong. They have donated a lot of money over the years. Lion/Lioness Kay Quinn was elected Vice President this year.

F. **Alert Program** chair Lion Mary Jo Abler reported the ALERT program is making slow progress. They are looking at making changes to improve the program. Needs more support and need to get more knowledge out to the public and fellow Lions.

G. **LCIF** chair PDG Vern Pautz was not present, no report.

H. **USA/Canada** Leadership Forum was held September 23-25 in Milwaukee. PDG Gary Colton said it was 1 of the best ever. 2500-2600 people attended. The motivational speakers were great.

I. **Lions Pride** chair PDG Herb Schneider reminded everyone that the update was given during the convention. Our district is 2<sup>nd</sup> in donations and we are up to 67% club participation. Our goal is 100% like district 27B2. Pride Ambassadors are available for zone meetings. VDG Merle has had some requests for more information about PRIDE.

J. **Quest** chair PDG Vern Pautz was not present, no report.

K. **Youth Exchange** chair Lion Sandy King wants to THANK 3 District Governors. PDG Ken Wallander for appointing her as YOUTH EXCHANGE chair. DG Jerry Post for asking her to present a seminar at this past convention. IPDG Len Quinn for asking her to make a presentation at the state Lions convention. One of her counselors was inducted as a Lion this past weekend.

L. **Special Olympics** co-chair PDG Ken Wallander reminded everyone to set aside April 9<sup>th</sup> in Oshkosh for the Special Olympics. They need about 50 volunteers. Check the website for updates.

M. **Leo** co chair PDG Ken Wallander had no update on LEOS.

N. **Peace Poster** chair Lion Dawn Christensen reported 9 entries this year for district voting. The winner was # 9 sponsored by Winnebago East Shore. The artist was Hannah Hellman and will be awarded \$ 25 from the district. She encourages all of the clubs to participate. New poster kits come out in January. Lion Dawn made a motion to increase the prize money to 3 places, 1<sup>st</sup> for \$ 50, 2<sup>nd</sup> for \$ 25 and 3<sup>rd</sup> for \$15 starting next year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Jim McGee. MOTION CARRIED So noted by 2011-2012 budget.

O. **Diabetes/LEHP/Sight Conservation** Lion Kay Quinn is available for club and zone speaking engagements. This year was the first time for a STRIDE walk at our district convention. 13 people participated. It is a start for awareness.

P. **Hearing,Speech & Eyeglass Recycle** Lion Wendy Hartmann has 13 hearing aids approved. Our district has \$10,000 with an additional \$2,000 from the parade of checks. The cost to the district is \$600-\$700 so it does not take long to disburse our funds. Lion Phil Weber will be soliciting clubs for additional funds to help more people. We are the best district in the state for providing this service.

Q. **Lions Eye Bank of WI** report was given at the convention by Lion Jerry Rabbach, so PDG Tom King had no additional information. PDG Tom mentioned this was a great convention, as a reminder for a \$500 donation, matching funds are still available to make it a KNIGHT OF SIGHT award.

R. **Mission to Mexico** PDG Bob Showers is planning a mission in February, anyone interested get in contact with him. Lion Ralph Schneider reminded everyone that they can use good hospital and school equipment, feel free to contact him.

S. **Leader Dog/District Raffle** chair PDG Vic Voigt had excellent results for the district raffle, over \$ 3000 raised. PDG Vic would love to see the district back to 100% participation for Leader Dog donations. Lion Jim Mc Gee will be sending correspondence to clubs and is available for club and zone presentations.

T. **State Lions Convention** chair VGD Merle Strelow reported that the convention in May will be in Appleton and our district will be helping run it.

U. **District Convention** co PDG Gary Colton and IPDG Len Quinn reported earlier.

V. **District & State Bowling** chair Lion Bill Hilbert was not present, no report.

W. **IT** chair PDG Tom Clausen has to contact him if your club is interested in their own website. He also has available a hard copy of the district directory for only \$ 2

X. **Public Relations** chair Lion Mary Jo Abler is constantly updated the district directory, go online to get a copy. Lion Mary Jo has a list of speakers for clubs and zone meetings. Articles for the Wisconsin Lion are going well, thanks to DG Jerry's schedule of articles needed. She does need more club activity articles.

Y. **Pin Chairman** Lion Wendy Hartmann reported 3 entries for district pin voting, the winner was #1 the "I love you" hand sign. We are open for any designs for next years pin.

Z. **District Bucket Raffle** chair Lion Craig Hansen reported there were 38 buckets this year with proceeds of \$ 910.00.

AA. **Historian** chair PDG Richard Christianson was not present, no report.

BB. **Elections & Nominations** chair Lion Ralph Schneider reported elections went smooth. There were 105 votes, with all those running, winning. Advisory vote for next year's convention to be Holiday Inn-Manitowoc.

CC. **Advisory/Long Range Planning** chairs PDG Tom King, Lion Michael De Baere, and PDG Ed Filemyr had nothing at this time.

#### 14. **Zone Chairman Reports**

A. **Region 1 Zone 1** Lion Fred Gebhart gave an update of their booth at the Calumet County fair. Their exposure was good, they also did Sunday on the Farm. All clubs are involved with Halloween for kids and Christmas parties. Lion Fred mentioned he saw a lot of hugs and smiles all weekend at the convention. This was a super convention. Things are really special at our conventions.

B. **Region 1 Zone 2** Lion Dave Holschbach's first zone meeting was in September hosted by Maribel Lions. They talked about membership ideas because their membership has been stagnant the last two years and only grown by 4, however at the end of the month he will be installing 2 new members. IPDG Len Quinn was guest speaker and talked about orientation. All clubs were very active over the summer season and are now back to monthly meetings. Next meeting will be end of January hosted by Mishicot Lions. Mishicot has been active in children's vision screening and plans to have another screening on April 4<sup>th</sup>. We plan to have the woman who trained Mishicot Lions talk about vision screening.

C. **Region 1 Zone 3** Lion Mike Hartmann zone will be hosting the Wisconsin State Lions convention in May in Appleton. All clubs are active with fund raisers.

D. **Region 2 Zone 1** Lion Mike Helmke reports his 7 clubs membership is stable. At his last zone meeting he had a representative from the WI Dept of Transportation talk about the roundabouts. His club is involved in vision screening with the Plymouth Lions.

E. **Region 2 Zone 2** Lion Jack Johnson was not present, no report.

F. **Region 2 Zone 3** Lion Richard Schaefer next zone meeting will be January 10<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Elkhart Lake Lions at Lincoln Street Connection. IPDG Len Quinn will speak about orientation. His last zone meeting was September 13<sup>th</sup> at Kiel. PDG Herb Schneider spoke on PRIDE. All clubs have donated to PRIDE. All clubs are active in their communities with activities and recruiting members.

G. **Region 3 Zone 1** Lion Eugene Hardell's zone meeting was hosted by Appleton Evening. They talked about MERLO and membership. PDG Ken Wallander talked about Special Olympics. Their next zone meeting will be hosted by Fox Valley Lioness in January. Their club is also involved in child vision screening.

H. **Region 3 Zone 2** Lion Gary Silah first zone meeting was held October 18<sup>th</sup> in Oakfield. 25 Lions and Lioness representing all clubs attended. All clubs are doing well. IPDG Len Quinn gave an inspiring orientation presentation and PDG Tom Clausen also talked on the state of WLF. The next zone meeting will be January 17<sup>th</sup> in Eden. Guest speaker will be DG Jerry Post.

I. **Region 4 Zone 1** Lion Dawn Christensen has been visiting all her clubs. Zone membership is down 2 but holding their own. The zone will be involved in Salvation Army Bell ringing this season. At her last zone meeting IPDG Len Quinn and PDG Tom Clausen were speakers. Next zone meeting will be January 18<sup>th</sup> hosted by Oshkosh Lakeshore Lions.

J. **Region 4 Zone 2** Lion Marv Henke first zone meeting was in September hosted by the Green Lake Lions. Pride Ambassador PDG Herb Schneider talked about PRIDE. Second zone meeting was November 10<sup>th</sup> with Lion Kay Quinn speaking about diabetes and PDG Tom Clausen about WLF. His third zone meeting will be in March with IPDG Len Quinn talking about orientation. They will also be holding voting for zone chairman then.

K. **Region 5 Zone 1** Lion Carl Rasmussen first zone meeting was in Oxford in September, all clubs attended. Clubs are all active. The second zone meeting will be the second Sunday of January at which time they will award a zone Melvin Jones Fellowship. DG Jerry Post will be speaker.

L. **Region 5 Zone 2** Lion Sherm Hamilton just completed his zone meeting which had PDG Tom Clausen and IPDG Len Quinn as speakers. They also had 2 new members attend. All clubs are busy with activities, food baskets and pantry items. Next zone meeting will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of March.

15. **Other Business-DG Jerry Post**

A. DG Jerry mentioned that any directory changes should be directed to him for insertion.

B. DG Jerry asked that the Long Range Planning committee come up with a recommendation for reimbursement for the newly created cabinet position of 2<sup>nd</sup> vice district governor. They will present this at next cabinet meeting.

C. Next cabinet meeting will be Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Endeavor Fire Department. More information to come, there will be a special program for spouses and guest. WEAR RED !!

16. Motion to adjourn at 10:27 a.m. by PDG Ken Rhode with 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDH Herb Schneider.  
**MOTION CARRIED**..... .Respectfully submitted November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Dave Holschbach Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer



## MINUTES

District 27 B-1 Third Cabinet Meeting  
Sunday January 30, 2011  
Endeavor Fire Department, Endeavor, WI

1. Call to Order @ 1:03 p.m. by DG Jerry Post
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by VDG Merle Strelow
3. Prayer and Song, "LION SPIRIT" led by PDG Vic Voigt
4. Introduction of Endeavor Lions and spouses and guests by DG Jerry Post and special recognition of any PDGs present. Thanks for coming.
5. Approval of Agenda motion made by PDG Bob Showers with the 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Sherm Hamilton. **MOTION CARRIED** Opening Remarks from DG Jerry Post. Lions and Lioness all had successful Food Pantry Drives over the holidays.
6. Roll Call conducted by Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer -26 cabinet members present.
7. Motion for approval of Convention Minutes from November 13<sup>th</sup> convention business meeting made by Lion Dick Schaefer with the 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Gary Colton. **MOTION CARRIED**
8. Motion for approval of Cabinet Minutes from November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 made by Lion Ralph Schneider with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Gary Silah. **MOTION CARRIED**
9. Treasurers report reviewed by Lion Dave Holschbach for the first ½ of 2011 Lion year. Also reviewed balances in Non Budgeted account for future use. The convention financial report did not include any monies collected for pin sales. This was turned in at the present cabinet meeting. 2010 Convention had a minor loss of about \$ 50.00 Motion made by PDG Ken Wallander with 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Bob Showers to accept financials as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**
10. Tail Twister Lion Helen Mork fined anyone not wearing **RED** or a LIONS pin. DG Jerry presented the idea of raffling our District Lion out to clubs, he and VDG Merle will work out the details for 2011 convention. Motion made by Lion Irv Korth to have the District Lion put in a case and have a plaques with the Lion Club name on. The Lion must be returned at year end for auctioning at the District Convention, 2<sup>nd</sup> made by PDG Vic Voigt. **MOTION CARRIED** DG Jerry will order a new Lion Bank for the taittwister and write an article for the Wisconsin Lion explaining what we will be doing.
11. Communications: DG Jerry Post and Lion Dave Holschbach received the following thank you notes from WI Lions Eyebank for our \$ 167 donation and WI Lions Pride for our \$ 167 donation.
12. Old Business:
  - A: Long Range Planning – 2<sup>nd</sup> vice governor budget for 2011-2012. The long range committee recommended that the cabinet approve a budget of \$ 450 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor expenses starting the 2011-2012 budget. Motion by Lion Helen Mork with 2<sup>nd</sup> by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Meg Post to approve their recommendation. **MOTION CARRIED** This will now be added to VDG Merle's budget for 2011-2012.

13. New Business:

A. Convention Financial Results discussed previously.

B. Resignation was received and accepted for PDG Gary Bilke's cabinet position of chairman for Constitution and Bylaws. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Meg Post attended the state meeting and has agreed to assume the chair position. THANK YOU

14. Committee Reports (Written reports for distribution or 3 minutes or less verbal) Due to the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Eldorado Lions Club, any program chairs that would be attending were asked to give their reports first and not follow the agenda.

U. District Convention update by PDG Gary Colton. PDG Gary has received a contract from Holiday Inn-Manitowoc for holding the 2011 convention there. Due to conflict in hotels, the date has been set for the last weekend in October. Should the cabinet or the convention committee determine if it should be in Manitowoc or Appleton at the Raddison?? Motion made by Lion Ralph Schneider to go with the advisory vote at the 2010 convention, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Vic Voigt to accept the Holiday Inn-Manitowoc contract. **MOTION CARRIED** VDG Merle was given the contract to sign. PDG Gary handed out a 10 year financial report on the District Convention.

C. WLF updates by Lion Irv Korth, 1375 campers in 2010. He reminded zone chairman that he needs an Associate Member for WLF from each club by March 1<sup>st</sup> to send all correspondence to. WLF is also interest in each club's choice for Open House. WLF has a 4 book set on Diabetes which is FREE to clubs to give to schools or libraries. PDG Tom Clausen reported that WLF is reorganizing to help protect it's assets in case of a lawsuit. April 29-30 will be Camp Cleanup Day. WLF will plan to have their annual meeting at the WI State Lions Convention in May, Pride Skeet Shoot and Birch Sturm Golf Outings approaching. WLF was in the BLACK financially for 2010.

T State Lions Convention report from VGD Merle Strelow, the conventions is moving along. Clubs or individuals can sponsor a golf hole for only \$ 100.00

A. Constitution/Bylaws/Protocol update from 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Meg reported that there will be 13 resolution for voting at the state convention. Most of them pertain to word changing, updating and housecleaning., also the elimination of the State Secretary.

B. MERLOW- Chairman VDG Merle Strelow reported that MERLOW will be dissolved and replace by a Leadership Committee. He is still waiting for more information on the reorganization. GLP leader will be PID Ron Duffy

1. **Membership** chair Lion Dennis Schwartz was not present, all clubs still active in membership drives.

2. **Extension** chair Lion Bill Hilbert was not present.

3. **Retention** chair Lion August Grahl had no update.

4. **Leadership** chair Lion Dave Holschbach reported plans are underway for spring officers triaining, to include orientation this year. Tentative dates are in Wautoma on April 26<sup>th</sup> at CAP office with sandwiches and meeting and Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> at Morraine Technical . An article will be written for the WI Lion newspaper for publishing in the April edition. Clubs will be sent notices and signup sheets.

5. **Orientation** chair IPDG Len Quinn sent the following report. He has given 8 orientation talks to zone meetings. H e was disappointed that there weren't more new members attending. This is a good retention tool. He has 1 more zone meeting scheduled and would like to see the 3 remaining booked.

6. **Women** chair 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Meg had nothing to report. PDG Ed Filemyr was not present.

D. **Affiliate President** chair Lioness Joyce Kurtz was not present.

E. **Affiliate Liasion** 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Meg Post reported all clubs are increasing. Lioness Clubs are doing great, we would be lost without them and their donations. The Lioness would like to host a seminar for the 2011 district convention.

F. **Alert Program** chair Lion Mary Jo Abler reminded everyone to work with the district chair and not the local government. Alert is a Lions program covered by Lions International, this in not the same as disaster funds from LCI.

G. **LCIF** chair PDG Vern Pautz was not present.

H. **USA/Canada Leadership Forum** PDG Gary Colton reported this years forum had \$ 12,300 profit. The committee will determine the funds dispersal at a future meeting. They will let everyone know at the WI State Lions convention in May. He thought this was the 2<sup>nd</sup> best forum ever !. PDG Bob had nothing to add.

- I. Lions Pride chair PDG Herb Schneider was not present however it was noted that PRIDE is working.
- J. Quest chair PDG Vern Pautz was not present.
- K. Youth Exchange Lion Sandy King was not present, however there were great comments about the seminar at the district convention.
- L. Special Olympics PDG Ken Wallander reminded everyone that April 9<sup>th</sup> is the date for Special Olympics in Oshkosh. He needs 50 volunteers anywhere from 8 am to 5 pm. Form is available on the district website. Last year over 300 were screened and 250 eyeglasses were given out. There will be an article in the March WI Lion newspaper. Lion Mike De Baere had nothing to add.
- M. Leo Chairman PDG Ken Wallander had nothing new to report. We still have 1 remaining Leo club at Neshkoro. If anyone is interested in getting one started, contact PDG Ken. Promote community service through a LEO club.
- N. Peace Poster Lion Dawn Christensen reported this year's winner was Hannah Hellman sponsored by Winnebago Lakeshore Lions. She ended up 3<sup>rd</sup> at the state level. CHILDREN KNOW PEACE will be the theme for 2011. Kits are now available.
- O. Diabetes/LEHP/Sight Conservation chair Lion Kay Quinn has made several talks to zones and clubs. Diabetes Type 2 has been the main focus; March 22<sup>nd</sup> is Diabetes Awareness Day. Please promote diabetes awareness, it is the # 1 cause of blindness.
- P. Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycle chair Lion Wendy Hartmann has approved 6 hearing aids and has another 7 pending. So far 18 people have received hearing aids. Our district has the highest activity for hearing aids. There is an article in the February WI Lion newspaper. Lion Phil Weber asked to keep the money and donations coming.
- Q. Lions Eye Bank of WI PDG Tom King was not present, however PDG Gary Colton did report that there is an interim Eyebank director and they will continue to find a director. Lion Phil Weber said they anticipate there will be 150% increase in eye donations and will need more transporters.
- R. Mission to Mexico chair PDG Bob Showers reported the October mission was cancelled, however 4 people did go down and deliver equipment. The February mission has been cancelled due to safety reasons. They still plan to do an October mission. Lion Ralph Schneider asked to keep collecting eyeglasses, they can use as many as possible.
- S. Leader Dog/District Raffle chair PDG Vic Voigt reported NO donation receive in December or January. He has a list of clubs who did not donate. Canine Companion is also a good program. See the financial report for an update on the district raffle. DG Jerry reported that Leader Dog is looking to form a joint effort with Canine Companion.
- T. District & State Bowling chair Lion Bill Hilbert was not present, however 6 district governors did attend.
- U. IT chair PDG Tom Clausen reported E-CLUBHOUSE.ORG works with LCI for websites and links and best part is its FREE.....
- V. Public Relations chair Lion Mary Jo Abler Thanked all the zone chairman for their articles. The articles are working to keep LIONS educated and informed. Please keep her updated on club information and events and zone meetings. DG Jerry is the state chair for the newspaper and said that LIONS are reading the newspaper. Blind & deaf people now have it available. There are 12 different forms of print to aid the disabled. Thanks to all the committees for writing articles.
- W. Pin Chairman Lion Wendy Hartmann turned in \$80 for pin sales. She is working on the district convention design. Pins are available for sale.
- X. District Bucket Raffle Lion Craig Hansen was not present.
- Y. Historian chair PDG Richard Christianson was not present.
- Z. Elections & Nominations chair Lion Ralph Schneider reminded anyone if interested in running for anything, file after July 1<sup>st</sup> with him.
- AA. Advisory/Long Range Planning co chair Lion Michael De Baere reported they are working on zone realignment, some zones have 4 clubs and others have 9. Are 12 zones needed ?? Should some clubs move to another zone ?? August is the deadline for suggestions.

#### 15. Zone Chairman Reports

- A. Region 1 Zone 1 -Lion Fred Gebhart's clubs are involved in a lot of spring activities. His zone meeting is Thursday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>.

B. Region 1 Zone 2 - Lion Dave Holschbach's zone membership is holding steady, no gains no losses. 3 clubs are active in the spring rose sale. Mishicot has a chili dinner on February 4<sup>th</sup> and Maribel had a huge fundraiser for a local child, His next zone meeting is February 8<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Mishicot Lions with guest speaker Donna Wendelburg who has trained members of Mishicot Lions in children's vision screening, a much more extensive program than Prevent Blindness. He is still looking for a zone chairman replacement.

C. Region 1 Zone 3 - Lion Mike Hartmann has 7 clubs helping with the state Lions convention in Appleton. He may need help from other zones. Ads are available for the state convention program and your club keeps 40% of the cost. His next zone meeting is February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Newton.

D. Region 2 Zone 1 - Lion Mike Helmke asked Ralph Schneider to update everyone. His last zone meeting was January 24<sup>th</sup> with IPDG Len Quinn speaking on orientation. PDG Tom Clausen was also there representing WLF. There was 54 people in attendance. The next zone meeting will be April 11<sup>th</sup>.

E. Region 2 Zone 2 - Lion Jack Johnson was not present and had no report.

F. Region 2 Zone 3 - Lion Richard Schaefer had his last zone meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup> with VDG Merle Strelow as guest. Clubs are working on the district bowling at this time. April 9<sup>th</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Winnebago East Lions, May 5<sup>th</sup> 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kiel Lions, and September will be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Elkhart Lake Lions. All clubs are active with activities and are working together on projects. April 11<sup>th</sup> next zone meeting at New Holstein.

G. Region 3 Zone 1 - Lion Eugene Hardell had a zone meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> with PDG Ken Wallander speaking on Special Olympics and PDG Tom Clausen on WLF. The Viking float was in the Flag Day parade. Clubs busy on entertainment books, food pantries and mission to Mexico. Larsen Winchester has completed over 640 wheelchair ramps but is in need of wheelchairs. Next zone meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

H. Region 3 Zone 2 - Lion Gary Silah's 2<sup>nd</sup> zone meeting had to be postponed due to weather, it will be on February 21<sup>st</sup> with VDG Merle Strelow as speaker. His final zone meeting will be in May after the state convention. He has lost 2 clubs in his zone over the years and is in favor of the proposal by the long range committee to reorganize the zones.

I. Region 4 Zone 1 - Lion Dawn Christensen has visited all 9 clubs and installed 6 new members. Clubs are all active. Her next zone meeting will be late March hosted by Eldorado Lions. VDG Merle has 2 potential zone chairmen to take her place as she moves forward.

J. Region 4 Zone 2 - Lion Marv Henke had Lion Kay Quinn as speaker on diabetes for his November meeting. March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will have voting for a zone chairman and IPDG Len Quinn will speak on orientation. There are 15 new members in the zone and VDG Merle has potential zone chairman.

K. Region 5 Zone 1 - Lion Carl Rasmussen clubs have given out a Melvin Jones and increased in membership. At the January 25<sup>th</sup> zone meeting, all clubs did attend. His zone is trying to get a zone social restarted April 3<sup>rd</sup> DG Jerry will present a zone Melvin Jones.

L. Region 5 Zone 2 - Lion Sherm Hamilton's clubs have been active through the holidays with food pantries and gift baskets. 2 clubs have joined as eye transporters. Clubs have some new fundraisers. Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> is the next zone meeting at Wild Rose where they will select a Melvin Jones and elect a zone chairman.

16. Other Business-DG Jerry Post

A. DG Jerry presented to 2 Presidents Excellence awards to PDG Gary Colton and Lion Mike Hartmann. Next meeting date is set for May 1<sup>st</sup> at Butte Morts Lions clubhouse. This will be the annual picture day and everyone should come in dress attire, suit and tie or skirt and blazer. Tail twister Helen collected \$ 61.00 today.

17. Motion to adjourn made by Lion Eugene Hardell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Marv Henke to adjourn at 3:40 PM. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted.....Lion Dave Holschbach, District Secretary/Treasurer

**SEE YOU MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> AT BUTTE MORTS LIONS CLUBHOUSE – 1:00 PM**





## CABINET MINUTES

District 27 B-1 Fourth Cabinet Meeting

Sunday May 1, 2011

Butte des Morts Lions Clubhouse, Butte des Morts, WI

Meeting 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

1. **Called to Order** @ 1:00 pm. by DG Jerry Post
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Lion Dave Holschbach
3. **Prayer and Song** led by PDG Vic Voigt.

DG Jerry made a special presentation to Lion Helen Mork on behalf of Lion Meg and himself. At the last cabinet meeting, it was approved to purchase a NEW Tailtwister LION. DG Jerry and Lion Meg donated the new LION. DG Jerry will discuss later what he would like to do with the budgeted Governor's Appreciation Awards. He and Meg paid for the gifts this year personally.

4. **Any guests** or spouses were introduced by their partner and DG Jerry also recognized all PDG in attendance.

5. **Agenda approval** motion made by PDG Vic Voigt with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Gary Silah.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Opening Remarks BY DG Jerry Post- "His time is now ending" This year has been "AMAZING" "Everyone has differences" Our pin unites us all as 1. We will always be there.

6. **Roll Call** taken by Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer 27 cabinet members attended and 7 guests along with Butte des Morts Lions.

7. **Cabinet Minutes approval** from January 30, 2011 motion made by DGE Merle Strelow with 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Vern Pautz.

**MOTION CARRIED**

8. **Treasurer's report** was reviewed by Lion Dave Holschbach. The report covers 10 months, we anticipate revenue to be down by about \$2000 however expenses will also be down the same amount and we should have a balanced budget at year end. He reminded everyone to submit their reimbursement form for the year. The chairs for the UNDESIGNATED FUNDS were given a recap of the clubs that donated, he asked the chairs to send THANK YOU.... Motion made by PDG Bob Showers with the 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Helen Mork to accept. **MOTION CARRIED**

9. **Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork reported she has surpassed her budget for the year and will ease off on fines at the meeting. THANK YOU LIONS! The old LION has been cased and will be auctioned off at the district convention in October for 1 year bragging rights. Rules and funds designation will be covered at DGE Merle's first cabinet meeting.

10. **Communications**: DG Jerry Post: Affiliate District 27 B1 will have their Lioness Spring Banquet on Sunday June 12 at Van Dyne Lions Park. 4 pm Cocktails, 5 pm Dinner. \$11.00 All cabinet members are invited. More information contact Lioness Marge Werner, 920-688-2475. Also Aurora Medical in Oshkosh has Donor Appreciation Luncheon on May 17<sup>th</sup>. See Lion Dave for more information if interested.

11. **Old Business:**

**A. Zone Restructure** – Lion Gary Silah reported the status was sent to Long Range Planning. Lion Mike De Baere of Long Range Planning reported that there is good camaraderie between clubs, to make a change would not be good. The zone with 9 clubs all want to remain as ONE. The committee recommendation is to not do any restructuring. PDG Herb Schneider reported that International recommends 5 clubs to a zone. DG Jerry reported that the Constitution says what is best for the district. Lion Marv Henke also reported that his zone has great camaraderie and recommends no change. **NO CHANGE TO HAPPEN AT THIS TIME.**

12. **New Business:**

**A. State Convention**-Lion Mike Hartmann reported they need more golf and raffle prizes. Everything is proceeding as planned. Have a good time at the convention. Lion Mary Jo asked if the committee could look at registration price. DG Jerry responded that this is dictated by Lions International. Please make sure the credential form is returned to state and delegate cards are signed.

**B. Birch Sturm** – Looking at the financial statement there is an excess of funds in the Birch Sturm account. A committee composed of DGE Merle Strelow, Lion Irv Korth, PDG Gary Colton, PDG Bob Showers and Lion Eugene Hardell will decide who to award a District Birch Sturm to in the future.

13 **Committee Reports** (Written reports for distribution or 3 minutes or less verbal)

**A. Constitution/Bylaws/Protocol** chair Lion Meg Post reported there are 13 resolutions to be voted on at the state convention. The majority of them are housecleaning, moving from Multi District to District. Resolution #10 does not exist, #11, 12 & 13 already exist. **The council of governors recommend accepting all resolutions.** We need to simplify things.

**B. MERLOW** Chairman VDG Merle Strelow reported MERLOW no longer exists, it is now either GMC or GMT. Updates will be coming in the future.

1. **Membership** chair Lion Dennis Schwartz had no report

2. **Extension** chair Lion Bill Hilbert was not present.

3. **Retention** chair Lion August Grahl was not present.

4. **Leadership** chair Lion Dave Holschbach forwarded his time to VDG

Merle who ran the Wautoma Officer training. Lion Gary Silah did a wonderful job and DG Jerry got carried away. Good response in Wautoma. May 7<sup>th</sup> a second training in Fond du Lac. A lot of Lion members are not equipped with a computer. VDG Merle has access to purchase a computer for \$100. Thank you to Lion Dianne Henke for her help.

5. **Orientation** chair IPDG Len Quinn was not present. He and Lion Kay are in Houston promoting Lionism and Leader Dog, but sent a report. He has given 10 orientations and was impressed with the attendance but wishes there were more new members there. Many members told him this renewed their energy in Lionism, reminding them why we are Lions and how and why **“WE SERVE”**. He feels that orientation/retention should continue, however it should have a different presenter each year with a new message.

**“The only HAPPINESS you get to keep is the HAPPINESS you give away”**

6. **Women** chair Lion Meg Post had no new update, they are working on new programs. PDG Ed Filemyr District chair reported Lions International is working with women and family memberships with the same household address.

**C. WLF Representative** Lion Irv Korth reported on the following important dates. State Convention May 19-21, Lions Pride Shoot June 11<sup>th</sup>, June 12<sup>th</sup> opening of Lions camp for the summer season, July 23<sup>rd</sup> Birch Sturm golf outing, September 17<sup>th</sup> Open House. Please push for 100% club participation. WLF co-chair PDG Tom Clausen reminded everyone to consider a LIONS license plate. \$25 of the fees go to Lions Camp. Annual donations are behind, let's get 100%. This was PDG Tom's last cabinet report from the foundation after 6 years of numerous miles and expenses.

**D. Affiliate President** Lioness Joyce Kurtz commented that Lioness are eager to raise funds for all causes. Winnebago East Shore 3 remaining charter members talked about the changes over the years. 4 Lioness attended officer training in Wautoma last week, great discussions. Van Dyne Lioness will host the Lioness Spring Banquet on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**E. Affiliate Liaison** Lion Meg Post commented the Lioness are great.

**F. Alert** Program chair Lion Mary Jo Abler reported not much going on, need more help from the state to promote. DGE Merle also reported other governor elects are not getting any new information.

**G. LCIF** chair PDG Vern Pautz has a new e-mail address. LCIF has been providing funds for disasters for 40 years, be sure to ask, minimum of \$10,000 or more. Do not forget to make donations to be a Melvin Jones award. LCIF programs deal with communities.

**H. USA/Canada Leadership Forum** PDG Gary Colton “RUSH to ALASKA” This year’s forum will be in Alaska in September. He has forms for anyone interested. Good speakers and has been improving each year. Go online to <https://usacanadalionsforum.org/> for more information.

**I. Lions Pride** chair PDG Herb Schneider reported PRIDE has come a long way in 1 year for our district. Challenge to get to 100% club participation. 51% last year now up to 82% clubs involved. 6 zones in the district are at 100%. See Herb to find out what clubs have not contributed. There are 5 ambassadors available to speak. Clubs should do more. We are #2 in the state. “IF IT IS TO BE, IT IS UP TO ME”

**J. Quest** chair PDG Vern Pautz hopes to have a Quest training in spring, we have the funds to train teachers. Quest is the only program out there to train children, other programs are diminishing. PDG Vern is available for speaking. There has been interest in training. Quest is a district funded program run by LCI. Pin collectors- PDG Vern for pins to buy.

**K. Youth Exchange** Lion Sandy King not present and did not have a report.

**L. Special Olympics** Lion Mike De Baere reported on the April 9<sup>th</sup> vision screening in Oshkosh. 31 Lions volunteers, 227 athletes screened, 83 regular glasses, 108 sport frames with prescription and 69 sunglasses. There was only limited time for screening due to 3 races.

**M. Leo** Chairman chairs Lion Bill Harris and PDG Ken Wallander were not present, no report given.

**N. Peace Poster** chair Lion Dawn Christensen reminded everyone to get their order in for the peace poster kit. Theme “CHILDREN KNOW PEACE”

**O. Diabetes/LEHP/Sight Conservation** Lion Kay Quinn submitted a report. During the year she has given many talks to zones, Lions, Lioness and communities. Her talks have been focused on Diabetes 2, who is at risk, prevention, signs and symptoms. During the month of March she promoted all Lion’s programs on four Sundays. Many thanks to all the clubs that participated in Diabetes Alert Day. Being diabetes chair has renewed her in the spirit “Why I’m PROUD to be a Lion/Lioness”

**P. Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycle** Lion Phil Weber could not attend due to pending surgery. Lion Wendy did report that she has given out 5 more hearing aids and has 6 pending. Please stay on top of the program with your donations.

**Q. Lions Eye Bank of WI** chair PDG Tom King not present did not have a report.

**R. Mission to Mexico** chair PDG Bob Showers had missions scheduled for February and October, however the February trip was voted down due to political unrest. The October mission may not materialize. B2 has 3 vehicles that need to be transported.

**S. Leader Dog/District Raffle** chair PDG Vic Voigt reported donations were down. Many clubs have made donations directly and PDG Vic has not been updated on their status. PDG Vic made a motion with the 2<sup>nd</sup> by VDG Merle to have the District Raffle again for the

2011-2012 year. **MOTION CARRIED** Lion Mike DeBaere will go ahead and print tickets and run the District Raffle for 2011-2012.

**T. State Lions Convention** chair VGD Merle Strelow – See you There !  
**U. District Convention** chair for 2010 PDG Gary Colton reported there were 315 attending the 2010 convention. 2011 convention will again be at Holiday Inn – Manitowoc on October 28 & 29. PDG Gary will contact committee members in June. We need to have a theme for the convention and also for Friday Hospitality night.

**V.** District & State Bowling chair Lion Bill Hilbert was not present, no report.

**W.** IT chair PDG Tom Clausen reported the website is up and running. e-clubhouse.com is available for club websites. PDG Tom will help set up club websites.

**X.** Public Relations chair Lion Mary Jo Abler thanked everyone for their articles last year. VDG Merle will continue with assigned articles per month. Encourage clubs to send articles and photos please use proper format. Zone chairman please let PDG Tom know about meeting so he can put them on the website also any fundraisers can have a short blurb in the newspaper. Please check that all clubs are sending correct and updated information for the directory to VDG Merle.

**Y.** Pin Chairman Lion Wendy Hartmann needs ideas for the 2011 District convention pin, submit your ideas. She has pins available for purchase.

**Z.** District Bucket Raffle chair Lion Craig Hansen not present, no report.

**AA.** Historian chair PDG Richard Christianson not present, no report.

**BB.** Elections & Nominations chair Lion Ralph Schneider reminded anyone interested in running for any positions, paperwork must be received 30 days prior to the district convention. He has forms available. No nominations have been received yet.

**CC.** Advisory/Long Range Planning Lion Michael De Baere reported a successful year. They accomplished all things asked for. PDG Ed Filemyr reported that Canine Companion program is working and he has applications. He is available for speaking. There currently is a push for dogs for Veterans.

#### **14 Zone Chairman Reports**

**A. Region 1 Zone 1** Lion Fred Gebhart was not present but did submit the following. He had a zone meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> with 33 in attendance. Speakers were IPDG Len Quinn about orientation, Lion Kay Quinn and WLF PDG Tom Clausen about foundation, Pride restructuring and Lions camp. Special awards were given to Brillion Lion Larry Pagel for 71 years of Lionism who had perfect attendance for up until recent health problems and PDG Tom Clausen for his efforts not only for this zone but the district and state also. Club activities: Brillion Egg Hunt and ticket raffle. Chilton ticket raffle and CP telethon. Hilbert adopt a highway and raffle ticket, Sherwood Lions had the rose sale and golf outing, Sherwood Lioness had a geranium sale, and Stockbridge had bean bag tournament and spring workday at Lions camp. All clubs are active in eyeglass collection and County fair booth.

**B. Region 1 Zone 2** Lion Dave Holschbach reported as of April 30<sup>th</sup> his zone is -3 in membership. Last zone meeting was in February where the speaker was on Vision Screening training. The zone plans on making a DVD on vision screening and training. Mishicot held 2 vision screenings with the elementary and middle schools. They caught 11 students with potential problems. Next zone meeting will be May 4<sup>th</sup> in Reedsville. Guest speakers will be DG Jerry, VDG Merle and WLF PDG Tom and Lion Irv. 3 clubs were active in the spring Rose sale and Mishicot has a pancake and porkie breakfast on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lion Dave is again coordinating a full page ad in the local newspapers promoting Lions Week May 15-21<sup>st</sup>, it covers 3 zones.

**C. Region 1 Zone 3** Lion Mike Hartmann has all 7 clubs in his zone hosting the WI Lions state convention. June 20<sup>th</sup> is the zone social hosted by Two Rivers Lions. St Nazianz has their Fun night which nets about \$10,000. See you at the state convention.

**D. Region 2 Zone 1** Lion Mike Helmke could not attend but did submit the following report. He will be at the WI Lions state convention. His zone meetings have been well attended and has had great presentations. The zone is exploring a PR campaign and will have more information at their September meeting. Membership is up in several clubs including his club (Sheboygan Noon) with 3 new members.

**E. Region 2 Zone 2** Lion Jack Johnson last zone meeting was run by VDG Merle and had nice attendance. Lion Madonna Schneider was elected zone chairman, Lion Augie Grahl has agreed to mentor her.

**F. Region 2 Zone 3** Lion Richard Schaefer could not attend but did submit the following report. All clubs are active with projects and trying new things to get members. Winnebago East Shore celebrated 50 years and Kiel will be celebrating 45 years. A couple of the clubs helped out with Special Olympics. The clubs have planned summer projects and fund raisers. Lion Larry Dikeman will be the new zone chairman. His first zone meeting will be September 12<sup>th</sup> at St Cloud. Lion Dick will work with Lion Larry. Lion Larry has attended various Lion trainings. **“Its been great being on the cabinet and working with these fine LIONS ! “**

**G. Region 3 Zone 1** Lion Eugene Hardell had a zone report in the last Lions newspaper. He asked for a clarification on 10% fundraiser to administration funds. The rule is **“By the Lions to the LIONS”** You must have a paper trail for all expenses reimbursed. Ask the member to submit an expense report for materials donated, cost must be normal reasonable cost that if purchased outside what you would have paid. Write a check to the Lion member, at that point the Lion member can endorse the check and ask that this be a donation to the Lions club administration fund. **FROM THE LIONS to THE LIONS.** He asked all of his clubs to consider an ad in the WI Lions state program. Clubs are all active with brat fry, geranium sale, cribbage tournament, carp fest and pancake breakfast. His zone has awarded 2 Melvin Jones and 1 Birch Sturm and \$1000 to the Japanese disaster.

**H. Region 3 Zone 2** Lion Gary Silah last zone meeting was February 21<sup>st</sup>, 32 attendees representing 4 of the 5 clubs. All clubs are going well in membership and activities. At the last zone meeting he asked all the clubs to bring canned goods as part of the meal fee. 2 huge boxes were collected turned over to 2 food pantries. Final zone meeting will be June 13<sup>th</sup> hosted by Fond du Lac, guest speaker will be DG Jerry. His zone is also doing a full page ad to promote Lions Week. Lion Gary has been re-elected zone chairman for 2011.

**I. Region 4 Zone 1** Lion Dawn Christensen reported her clubs are doing well, membership is improving. Her last zone meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> at Eldorado had an audiologist speak. The Van Dyne Lioness will be hosting the Lioness Spring Banquet, all clubs involved in rose sale. Lion Dawn got re-elected as zone chairman and will also be 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor next year.

**J. Region 4 Zone 2** Lion Marv Henke recently was informed he has gotten some years back as a Lion, dating back to 1978. His last zone meeting was March, hosted by Neshkoro. VDG Merle, WLF PDG Tom and IPDG Len spoke on orientation. The new zone chairman will be Lion Jim Zamzow from Berlin. He has meetings scheduled for Sept 21-Markesan, Nov 23-Kingston and March in Kingston. VDG Merle reported that Lion Jim is very interested in moving forward to be District Governor.

**K. Region 5 Zone 1** Lion Carl Rasmussen had his zone social on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. DG Jerry, VDG Merle and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Meg attended. May 10<sup>th</sup> will be the next zone meeting. All clubs are involved in summer activities and fundraisers.

**L. Region 5 Zone 2** Lion Sherm Hamilton's last zone meeting was March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Wild Rose with 42 in attendance. Lion Wendy Hartmann was guest speaker. VDG Merle conducted the zone election and Lion Jim Fritz from Wautoma was elected incoming zone chairman. His zone wants to thank WLF PDG Tom for always attending throughout the years. His zone is also doing a Lions Week ad. He has 2 clubs to swear in officers for 2011-2012 and the zone will be electing a Melvin Jones.

15. **Other Business**-DG Jerry Post

- A. **State Convention** was discussed previously.
- B. **Remaining Budget** - Lion Sec/Treas Dave has anticipated with receipts and expenses still remaining that our budget for the year should end even or possibly in the **BLACK**.
- C. **VDG Merle** plans to have Lion Dave Holschbach be the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer for his term and intends to keep the district funds at Shipbuilders Credit Union. Motion by PDG Bob Showers with the 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Vern Pautz authorizing \$1000 to be issued as opening funds. **MOTION CARRIED**
- D. **VDG Merle Strelow 2011-2012 cabinet dates** are August 7<sup>th</sup> at Fairwater Lions clubhouse, October 30<sup>th</sup> at Manitowoc Holiday Inn after the district convention, the 3<sup>rd</sup> to be hosted by Fond du Lac Lions and the 4<sup>th</sup> if possible after the State Lions Convention in May in Green Bay.
- E. **Governors Appreciation** gift was donated by DG Jerry and Lion Meg and distributed. DG Jerry intends to purchase either a Melvin Jones or Birch Sturm with the budget allotment of \$1000 since it has been approved and budgeted for.

**HE ASKS THAT ALL CABINET MEMBERS SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS AND REASON WHY A CABINET MEMBER OR OTHER LIONS IS DESERVING OF THE AWARD !!**

- F. **Excess funds** -Lion Dave mentioned that we have an excess funds carryover from previous years. PDG Gary Colton made a motion the district take 10% of the previous year's excess carry over and make a donation, with the stipulation that every year to review and decide where to donate the funds, the 2<sup>nd</sup> was by Lion Gary Silah. **MOTION CARRIED**  
Motion made by Lion Jack Johnson with the 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Sherm Hamilton that this year's donation go to the District Hearing fund. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- G. **Year End Thanks** from DG Jerry. He dreaded this day coming, the end of his term. So much has happened, so many doors have been opened. Other districts call 27 B1 for help, we know no boundaries. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Governor Meg talked about how a girl in 27B2 needed a dog to help her, we helped to get it rolling and now she has been approved for a Canine Companion sometime between May and August. DG Jerry thanks all of us, **"WE DO THE WORK, HE IS JUST THE AMBASSADOR"** This year is coming to an end way to FAST !
- H. PDG Tom Clausen made a motion to go on record, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ed Filemyr that "CABINET OF DISTRICT 27B1 extends a **MIGHTY THANK YOU** to DG JERRY AND LION MEG" **UNANIMOUS APPROVAL** PDG Bob Showers also extended on behalf of the cabinet THANK YOU to PDG Tom Clausen for 6 years on the cabinet as WLF representative. Lion Helen Mork reported she collected an additional \$41.00 to more than surpass her budget for the year.

16. DG Jerry announced 1 more additional gift to the cabinet on behalf of Lion Meg and himself, ALL DRINKS COMPLIMENTARY until dinner.

Motion by Lion Gary Silah and 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Tom Clausen to adjourn at 3:35 pm.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**SEE YOU AT WI LIONS STATE CONVENTION !**

Be sure to give your recommendation to DG Jerry .

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED LION DAVE HOLSCHBACH, CAB SEC/TREAS.



**District 27-B1 Business Meeting  
May 21, 2011  
State Convention – Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton WI**

**CALL to ORDER** @ 8:15 by District Governor Jerry Post

- 1) Pledge – District Governor Jerry Post
- 2) Song – PDG Vic Voigt
- 3) Invocation – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Meg Post

**ROLL CALL** - 79 Lions members in attendance, including 33 cabinet members.

**COMMENTS** : Opening comments for DG Jerry. Membership for the district is down by 47 Lions of which 29 are due to deaths. We have a lot to mourn, when a fellow Lion dies, a part of us leaves with him to a better place.

**CORRESPONDENCE** : WI Lions Council Chair PDG Augie Fortmann sent a letter to all clubs informing them of a partnership with American Red Cross. The First Annual Wisconsin Lions Red Cross Blood Challenge will be for the month of July. Help promote the Blood Challenge with club members, family members and friends who donate in July. In early August report to DG Jerry Post your results. The two top performing clubs in the district will be recognized.

**GUESTS**: #1 - PDG Jerry Wille from Dist 27-A2 stopped to promote the Olympia Resort for the 2014 State Lions Convention. Olympia has hosted previous years and looks forward to doing it again. Their rate will be \$ 95.00.

# 2 – Lion Joe Duesler representing District 27-D1 on Lake Wisconsin Lions and the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells also spoke to promote the 2014 State Lions Convention. Kalahari Resort has also hosted previous conventions. Their rate of \$ 99 will include passes to the indoor waterpark to help promote family activities.

**COMMENTS from FLOOR**: **1<sup>st</sup> VD Governor Merle Strelow** talked about the 2011-2012 district convention to be held at Holiday Inn – Manitowoc on October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. At this years necrology they would like to include a photo of those who have died. He does have a rough draft copy of next year's directory. Please be sure to get e-mail address for your club, anything will do even if the President, Secretary or Treasurer does not have one. His cabinet will have 5 new zone chairmen. He is looking forward to new leaders and hopefully they will get more involved and advance.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VD Governor Meg Post** also mentioned that the 2011-2012 district convention is earlier than last year. If you have any ideas for theme or overall suggestions please give them to VDG Merle, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Meg or PDG Gary Colton, convention chair.

**Lioness President Joyce Kurtz** welcomed everyone, it is good to get together, enjoy the weekend and the good seminars.

**IPDG Len Quinn** reported that Ginger has Lyme disease but is getting better. He thanked all the clubs and zones for asking him to come to their meetings and talk about orientation. He hopes the program continues next year.

**PDG Herb Schneider** reported that as of the convention there are 14 clubs who have not made a contribution to PRIDE. Even clubs who have no money in the budget should think about a special fund raiser with the proceeds going to PRIDE. Any donation is appreciated. PRIDE was created to ensure there would be money to operate WI LIONS Camp in the future. Anything will help to start the motion and trigger a contribution again next year. VDG Merle will personally donate \$10 for each club, to help them to contribute. PDG Herb will get an update after the parade of check at the convention.

**New WLF Representative Fred Gebhart** was introduced. Lion Fred will be contacting zone chairmen to meet them and their clubs. He looks forward to a successful term.

**DG Jerry** informed the group that at his 1<sup>st</sup> cabinet meeting, we not only help our clubs but also other districts. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Meg talked about Chelsea, from District 27-B2, who is 20 year old with cerebral palsy and a bad hand who wants desperately to be independent. Lion Meg got the connections with Canine Companions for Independence and Chelsea will be getting a dog shortly to help her remain independent. DG Jerry also cited another example of helping other districts. One of the zones collected canned goods for their food pantries, so much was collected that they distributed the excess to another district food party. Lion Sara Filemyr has been added to VDG Merle's cabinet for next year as a representative for Canine Companions for Independence. Lion Sara has a display table at the exhibitor area. There will also be another Leader Dog coming to District 27 B-1.

**PDG Tom King** will be the incoming President for the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin. The current mortgage will be paid off however funds are still needed for the building campaign. District 27 B1 is privileged to have matching funds of \$500 available to earn a KNIGHT of SIGHT award. The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin is doing well.

**The above minutes will be added to District 27-B1 website.** Auction was held by IPDG Len Quinn for 3 donations which netted \$85.00. It was decided to make a donation to PRIDE on behalf of District 27-B1

**CLOSING COMMENTS:** DG Jerry has a failing friend, Lion Rudy, who regrets that he never was at WI Lions Camp. May 12<sup>th</sup> DG Jerry had to go to camp and arranged for Rudy to go along. They were greeted by a counselor who gave them a full tour and answered all questions. That same evening Lion Rudy was given an award and a donation in his name to Lions camp for all his service to Lions and the world. Rudy has served in all branches of the military. Lion Rudy described his experience of LIONS camp.

The following is a quote from DG Jerry who got all choked up with emotion and tears and could not finish his speech. Lion Dave Holschbach read the following : “ **It has been my honor to be a part of WLF if only for a year. As I worked with the staff and directors it is my pleasure to tell you all, they will never, never, never let this magical land end for all the children with disabilities. And as in the ending song of the Mickey Mouse club, I will not sing it...Now it's time to say goodbye to all my family, M.I.C., see you real soon, K.E.Y., why because I like you. MOUSE God bless and thank you all for this great experience of being your District Governor. May you continue to make the IMPOSSIBLE ...POSSIBLE !**

**A standing ovation was given to DG Jerry Post !!!!!**

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 by DG Jerry.

Lion Dave Holschbach has certified 77 Lions to vote on behalf of District 27-B1. Actual voted was 60 Lions.

**Respectfully submitted.....CST Lion Dave Holschbach**





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# Time To Step Up

## Lioness News

by AP Joyce Kurtz

by Mary Jo Abler, Editor

This past Spring, I was trying to decide if I should go to the State Convention again this year. Money is always tight. I would have to take a day of vacation. I looked at the seminars and thought, oh the same old things. It is too long, and too costly.

Then I began thinking about all the great new things I take away from each convention I attend and how much I enjoy talking to other Lions and Lionesses from around Wisconsin.

In the middle of all this thought, I attended my club Board Meeting where the Convention was on the agenda. During the discussion, it became apparent to me that for the first time ever, none of our remaining charter members planned to attend this year.

Now my thoughts turned to the realization that it is time for

the Baby Boomers and younger members to step up and start to lead our clubs. Our Charter and older members has served their time for us and worked to make our clubs strong and viable. It is time to allow them to step aside, if they choose to. That means we must step up and continue the work.

It is easy to say, "I am so busy"; "I have to work"; "I have family". Our older members had the same concerns. So how did they find the time to get our clubs where they are? They made Lionism one of their top priorities.

So what are your priorities and where does Lions fit in?

Increasing your involvement starts by learning more about your own club. Get active on your Club Board of Directors; attend the business meetings of your

club. Get a feel for what Lions really do. What kind of financial requests come to your board? They are not all Lions projects; many are local-community based donations for very worthy needs. Keep an eye out for community needs that aren't being met and bring them to your club.

Attend Zone meetings and find out what other clubs in your area are doing.

Become more aware of the Lions projects that we endorse and support.

- LCIF-Lions Clubs International Foundation, Sight Programs, Youth Programs, Services for Children, Health Programs- Hearing and diabetes, Disaster Preparedness and Relief
- WLF- Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Camp,

- Eye Recycling Center, Children's Vision Screening, Community Diabetes Education
- Pride- the Endowment fund for the future of our Camp
- Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin in Madison
- Along with so many other projects

Next, plan to attend the 27-B1 Convention in Manitowoc this Fall. Attend the seminars and become more informed about what Lionism is really about. Come with an open mind and take away new insights and ideas.

If we want to keep our clubs and our district strong and active, we need to step up and fill the shoes and continue the legacy of strong Lions, Lioness and Leos in District 27-B1, the State of Wisconsin and Internationally. Is it time for you to step up?

By the time you read this, I will be somewhere over the Pacific Ocean on my way back from Australia. As with other District Governors before me, one of my priorities will be to increase membership and retention.

One of my goals is for the clubs in our district to enjoy themselves more and cherish the friendships that we have with each other.

Try also to have not only fundraisers, but also FUN RAISERS. I have had the opportunity to visit clubs that have a community get together for no other purpose but to have fun. I have been invited to participate in such functions and it has become very rewarding.

Our communities support us and we give back to them through community projects. Doing more service projects can only help to increase our membership.

I would like all clubs to go out into their communities and see what more can be done to help make it a better place to live. Don't just go with club members, but bring with you a friend or neighbor, to discuss things. Include your community leaders to help find what they need most. Work with your Fire Departments and other organizations to help you along the way.

On the web there are sites that give you fundraiser ideas, service projects and fun raiser ideas and I encourage you to look at them.

It is hard to believe, but in four short months, we will have our District convention in Manitowoc. Please start to encourage your members to attend, as we will be having more great seminars and activities for you to enjoy. Those that are on the convention committee stay tuned for our first get together.

When you make out your budgets for the year, please be as generous as your funds will allow. Our State projects are always in need and it is because of your generosity that we can continue to serve all of those in need.

If you believe, you can accomplish anything. 27-B1 Lions are strong believers and because of that, we have many times accomplished the impossible. District 27-B1 has never failed to shine when our projects need a little extra help and it is because of you that we continue to shine.

My wife, Lion Meg, and I are looking forward to visiting the clubs. Hearing about all your activities brings joy to our hearts.

If you need speakers for the year, please ask the members of the District cabinet, as they also would like to visit with your clubs and share their knowledge and gratefulness for the projects that you help support. It is because of your passion for helping others that they continue to serve all Lions to make the impossible, possible.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting August 1<sup>st</sup> - Redgranite Lions Building, Redgranite

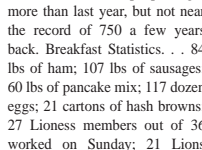
### Club News & Activities



**VAN DYNE LIONESS PARTICIPATE IN OPENING EYES** - Nine members helped at the Special Olympics held in Oshkosh on April 10. Front row- Ellie Gratton, Kathy Aigner, and Julie Aigner. Back row is Cindy Rank, Connie Herzberg, Cindy Margelofsky, Sandy Muche, Bonnie Hughes, and Marge Werner.



**VAN DYNE LION & LIONESS CLUBS 25TH ANNUAL COUNTRY BREAKFAST** with 649 people in attendance. Lionesses Carol Jackson and Shirley Thon are doing double duty in keeping up with cooking the scrambled egg mixture. \$1,000 of the Lioness profit will go to the Jonah Hinds Fund. Jonah is a fifth grader who needs surgery for a debilitating form of Tourette Syndrome. Thrivent East Fond du Lac Branch will supplement this fundraiser. The surgery is not covered by insurance at this time. We served 649 people, eight more than last year, but not near the record of 750 a few years back. Breakfast Statistics. . . 84 lbs of ham; 107 lbs of sausages; 60 lbs of pancake mix; 117 dozen eggs; 21 cartons of hash browns; 27 Lioness members out of 36 worked on Sunday; 21 Lions members out of 36 worked on Sunday. A good turnout for both clubs and we needed them all to keep up with everything!!! ABOVE: Lions Tom Balcerzak, Harley Wild, Ralph Nigl, Gene



**VAN DYNE LIONESS PARTICIPATE IN FACELESS DOLL PROJECT** - member Cindy Margelofsky was one of several members working on the faceless doll project for grief counseling for children through the Agnesian Healthcare. Over 100 dolls were made and given to Agnesian Healthcare for counseling at the Grief Camp. ABOVE: Lioness

Klein and Don Lamb making the hash browns, sausages, and pancakes. Lioness ShirleyThon is tending to cook the scrambled egg mixture.



**VAN DYNE LIONESS ANSWERED THE CALL TO HELP FILL THE EMPTY SHELVES AT THE FOND DU LAC SALVATION ARMY** by donating over \$500 worth of groceries filling over 25 grocery bags. We continue to do it on a monthly basis by each member bringing a donated item. Shopping and delivering the grocery items were Lioness Kara Retlick (left) and Lioness Peggy Laehn (right). Accepting the items is Denise Shafer, a staff member at the Salvation Army Food pantry.



**MISHCOT LIONS VISION-SCREENING** event at the Mishicot schools. ABOVE: Lion Steve Pautz.

Cheri Cearn, Cindy Margelofsky, Sandy Muche, Bonnie Hughes, Cindy Rank, Dawn Atkinson, Marge Werner, and Shirley Thon. Missing: Lionesses Roxanne Wendt and Jodi Schmitt.



**WESTFIELD LIONS GIVE TO HAITIAN RELIEF** - Club President Ric Thalacker presented a \$1,000 check to Kristine Hawkins, American Red Cross Representative go be used for the Red Cross Haiti Relief Program. The presentation was made at the Thal-Acres Bowling facility during the Annual Lions Bowling Tournament. The Westfield Lions have had an exceptional year and will be making donations to numerous Marquette County charities in the coming months.

**THE SHEBOYGAN NOON LIONS -MORE THAN EVER!!** - by Jan Grasser - Vision screening takes place all year, screening children in day care centers and the Early Learning Center in Sheboygan. In 2009, we screened 599 children, more than ever. Road clean up was done by eight members and yielded a total of 15 bags of trash -more than ever. The Noon Lions also sold rose and assorted bouquets for Mother's Day again this year and 112 doz. were sold - 30 bouquets more than last year!

**MARKESAN LIONS RECEIVE DONATION** - Not unusual except in this case. "The Office" bar and eatery celebrated one year in business and as a result of a one-day party donated proceeds from sales and games to three charities. Grand River Fire Department, Markesan Food Pantry and the Lions Club each received sizeable donations. Receiving the check is Lion President Billy Biesenthal (center) from Chad Burns (Left) and Heather Waters. (Right)... soon to be Mrs. Chad Burns. By the way it's LION Chad Burns who we all wish continued success and congrats to Heather.

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**OAKFIELD PANCAKE BREAKFAST** served 715 with the proceeds going to various club projects and the raffle proceeds going to a scholarship for an Oakfield High School Student. All of the club members participated along with help from Oakfield Jr. and Sr. High School students. Lion member Stan Ruplinger is chairman of the event ABOVE: Matt Joan and his son Brayden enjoying pancakes, sausages, and eggs.



**VAN DYNE LIONESS HOST 26TH ANNUAL SENIOR DAY 2010, THE THEME WAS "HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS"** - Thirty-six area Seniors were the guests of the Van Dyne Lioness at the park on Wednesday, May 26th. Approximately 95 bingo prizes were given out. Seniors enjoyed punch and bridge mix during the games, then were treated to a marble cake and ice cream after the last game. Lioness Kara Retlick has a tray full of prizes to choose from for the Bingo winner.



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# Montello Lions Support Budda Box Against Cancer

by Kathleen McGwin

The Montello Lions recently presented a \$500 check in memory of Lion Gerry Messner to Budda Box Against Cancer.

Budda Box Against Cancer Board Member Mark Robinson accepted the check and in turn explained how important such donations are to Budda Box and Marquette County citizens who have cancer.

Budda Box has three major fund raisers each year; a golf outing, a gourmet dinner and a run/walk. According to Robinson, "Adding to those major fundraisers are the Lions and other groups and lots of individuals who donate to this local charity that helps local people."

Budda Box is a non-profit charity started in 1991 that raises money that is gifted to Marquette County residents who have cancer. According to their website, they offer support to



**EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS - Montello Lions President John Hoffmann (center) presented a check for \$500 to Budda Box Against Cancer Vice President Mark Robinson (right) while Eileen Messner (left) looks on.**

Marquette County residents who have been diagnosed with cancer and to their families. It is because of the strength of our community that we are able to assist our clients with expenses incurred.

Marquette County has the highest rate of reported cancer, per capita, in the State of Wisconsin. In this, their nineteenth year, Budda Box is on track to serve a record number of people with 37 recipients already receiving Budda Box generosity.

"We started out helping maybe 25 to 30 people a year," said Robinson, "now we help over 100 each year."

Robinson went on to share what he feels are the two best things about Budda Box...

1. All the money stays in Marquette County.
2. The money is given with no strings attached. Having cancer is a bad thing and if you want to take your family out to eat, then you can use the money for that.

Budda Box helps support cancer patients and their families in many ways including:

- Monies for medicine or to offset other financial obligations
- Guidance to information

and outside sources of help

- Medical field scholarships to both county high schools
- Emotional support

From the website, "Our goal is to help people with the immense cost of treatment and services of this deadly disease, but equally important to us is to show those who are suffering emotionally that there are hundreds of people who are there for them and who truly care."

Asked how Budda Box knows about people who have cancer, Robinson said that most often a friend or family member calls Budda Box.

For more information about Budda Box Against Cancer or to learn more about how to get involved in one of their major fundraisers, go to [www.buddaboxagainstanccancer.com](http://www.buddaboxagainstanccancer.com) or call Shelley Robinson at 608-297-7500 or any Budda Box Board member.

## Lioness News

by ADP Joyce Kurtz

Greetings Lioness. Summer is here at last and our fundraisers by now are in full swing. With the economy as it is, we are more mindful of the need in helping others. We all know who the needy are in our communities.

Our mission, as Lioness, is to be of service to our community. Many persons in need will benefit from our continued hard work.

Part of my job as your Affiliate President is to visit all the clubs in our district. I am looking forward to doing just that. Please contact me at:

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"Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, and leave the rest to God".

## Looking For A Good Program?

by Lion MaryJo Ablner

Would your club like to have Lions speakers at your meetings, but not sure who to call?

A document with the names for this year's Program Chairpersons and their contact information is available.

If your club would like a copy please email [news27b1@yahoo.com](mailto:news27b1@yahoo.com) or call to request a copy at 920-960-2532. The same information that is listed on the top of our district news page.

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### Club News & Activities



**CLEVELAND LIONS CLUB DONATES BADGER** - by Lion Charlie Kolb, President - At a recent all-school assembly program, the students at Cleveland Elementary School and the N.E.W. Montessori School in Cleveland, were presented with a mounted badger. Steve Simons, a member of the Cleveland Lions Club, found the badger dead on the side of the road. Simons contacted the DNR to get approval to have the animal mounted with the intent of donating it to the two schools. After the approval was granted, the Lions Club agreed to fund the cost of mounting as a learning tool for all of the students. The badger is awaiting a custom-made enclosure being constructed. The enclosure will be decorated with a nature scene.

ABOVE (L to R): Seth Balma, Dakota Sundee, Emily Simons, Lions President Charlie Kolb, principal Deb Streblov, Lion Steve Simons, Natalie Meiselwitz and Devyn Wohlgenuth.



**VAN DYNE CLUBS HONORS MEMBERS WITH HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS** - by



**VAN DYNE LIONESS START CHILDREN'S DAY** - Van Dyne Lioness has started a reading program to encourage children to read during the summer. Holly Pamperin is reading the story "Horton Hatches the Egg" by Dr. Seuss. The Lioness are encouraging the youngsters to read or have read to them 12 books by August 15. They will then be encouraged to attend Van Dyne Smalltown USA Day to turn in their list of books read and receive a prize. Children's Day will be organized by Lioness members on certain Wednesday evenings throughout the summer. Children will have the opportunity to sing songs, play games, have snacks, and listen to stories.

Marge Werner - The Van Dyne Lions Club honored three of their members and the Van Dyne Lioness Club with charter night being September 18, 1983. Both are over 80 years old and were "go-getters" in their younger days. We couldn't have honored these five people in a better way and showing our appreciation for the guidance and help they have given over the years and that they will continue to be a part of the clubs by being Honorary Lifetime Members. ABOVE (L to R): Lions Ray Reitz, Robert (Jake) Abraham and Glen Dedow, with Lioness Cynthia Wendt, and Marilyn Abraham.



**VAN DYNE LIONS WALLEYE TOURNAMENT RESULTS** - Saturday, June 5th was the 31st annual Walleye Tournament for the Van Dyne Lions at the Lions Park. In first place was Brian Arneson and his partner Chris Pickhardt who had 18.8 lbs of fish. Second place Dave Kneuppel and his partner Joel Warner with 18.5 lbs. Steve Supple had Largest Fish weighing in at 6.9lbs.

**DOUBLE VISION WILL BECOME SINGLE VISION** - It took the FDL Lioness just a few minutes to decide to help the FDL Evening Lions provide eye therapy sessions and computer program for a highly intelligent, 8 year old girl who was struggling in school. She has an ocular alignment problem, which does not allow her to see singly at all times. This caused her extreme frustration and severe headaches. This is just one more example of what Lions and Lioness working together can accomplish.

### Upcoming Event

**SUN, AUG 15 - Van Dyne Smalltown USA Day** - Parade-11am; Chicken Dinner-12 Noon until gone (\$7.50 per plate). Hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, french fries, etc.. Kickball - all day. Raffles, paddle wheel, bingo. Jerry Schneider Band 1 - 5pm.



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## Appleton Noon Lions To Host Senior Living Expo

by Bob Simon, Senior Living Expo Co-chair

The Appleton Noon Lions will host the 13th Annual Senior Living Expo on September 16, 2010 from 9 am to 1 pm at The Players Choice, W3035 Edgewood Trail (Hwy JJ), Appleton, WI 54913.

The seminars include: Changes in Social Security, Laws affecting Social Security Programs, How Computers help Seniors and Dental Health for Seniors.

Exhibitors include homocare providers, rehabilitation facilities, healthcare providers, senior living facilities, nursing homes, pharmacies, chiropractors, plumbing sales and services, insurance companies, government services, funeral homes, travel companies, health and fitness.

All profits from this event are generated by the fee paid by the exhibitors. We keep the admission fee low to attract as much traffic for our exhibitors as possible.

Food is available from The Players Choice. There is a

possibility of a 50/50 raffle; many door prizes are given out which also helps generate more foot traffic.

In the past, over 500 attendees and 50 - 60 exhibitors were in attendance. The Expo will also include free health screenings, informational seminars, entertainment, door prizes, and lots of free parking.

Entertainment will be provided by Jerry Laridaen. In the 70's Jerry was the star of April Walker and Jerry Lakes TV show. In the 80's, as the lead singer for "Speedy and the Alka-Seltzers", Jerry opened for Bob Hope, The Smothers Brothers, Ray Charles, and other major stars.

The proceeds of the past 12 years have resulted in over \$67,000 being contributed to a variety of charities.

Any Lion and their guest, will be given free admission to the Senior Expo by wearing your Lions pin.

For more information call Bob Simon at 920-733-7195

## Lioness Neshkoro Lioness Provide Year End Grade School Trip

by ADP Joyce Kurtz

With August coming to an end, parents are thinking of outfitting the children for school and older teenagers will be off to college.

Many of our fundraisers will be finished for the year. We have all worked hard, all to benefit our local community.

Let's tell everyone what we've been up to. Our August 27-B1 page included a picture of the faceless dolls the Van Dyne Lioness sewed for the St. Agnes Children's Grief Support Group. It was a worthwhile endeavor and was an appreciated service. Two nights were set aside to sew the dolls, all to help the children work through their grief. Many of our clubs do amazing things and that are not reported. So, find the time to send articles and pictures to Mary Jo Abler news27b1@yahoo.com

For clubs interested in working together on sewing grooming bags, don't forget to get them to the convention, as well as the goodies that will go inside. Two nights are scheduled to sew the bags.

As your Affiliate President, my job is to visit all the clubs in our district. Time to get your invitation to me.

### Zone Meetings

**SEPTEMBER**  
**MON, SEP 13 - R2 Z3** - Millhome, Kiel. Dinner 7 pm.

**TUE, SEP 14 - R4 Z2** - Harbor Lights, Green Lake. Dinner 7 pm.

**WED, SEP 22 - R3 Z1** - Mark's East Side, Appleton.

**THU, SEP 30 - R4 Z1** - Players Bar & Grill. Cocktails 6 pm, Dinner 7:00 pm.

**OCTOBER**  
**MON, OCT 18 - R3 Z2** - Oakfield.



CHILDREN & CHAPERONES BOARDING THE BUS for Mount Olympus trip sponsored by the Neshkoro Lioness.

The Neshkoro Lioness donated the money that was raised from the Lioness 2009 Children's Christmas Fair to the Neshkoro Grade School PTO. The money was used for the entire student body to go on an end of the year trip.

In past years, the money raised by the Neshkoro Lioness Club from the Children's Christmas Fair has been given to the school to buy items that were needed. Since the school was closing at the end of this school year, the club voted to give the money to the PTO so all the children could go on the school trip. The trip took place on June 9th, 2010, the last day of school, and they went to Mt. Olympus Water Park in Wisconsin Dells.

Monies raised in past years were used to buy items like a P.A. System, three computers, digital camera and digital video recorder, rubber wall mats for the gym, books for the school, outdoor lighted billboard and benches, to name a few of the items.

The 2009 Children's Christmas Fair, chaired by Lioness Mary Braatz, raised and donated \$860 to the Neshkoro Grade School PTO. A total of \$5,064 was needed from 2002 to 2009.

Even though the school has been closed, Braatz will continue to chair the Children's Christmas Fair so area children have a place to shop for gifts for family members. Our club will discuss and vote this fall as to where the money raised will go.

## Affiliate Spring Banquet

Affiliate Spring Banquet was hosted by the Two Rivers Lioness Club and held June 13th at Machut's Supper Club, Two Rivers.

Affiliate President Ella Stanelle welcomed the Lioness and Lions in attendance.

Special guest were DG Len Quinn, his wife Lion Kay and Leader Dog Ginger.

Others in attendance were VDG Jerry Post and his wife Affiliate Liaison Meg, Cabinet Secretary Gary Colton and wife Lion Elaine, Leader Dog Chair Vic Voigt and his wife Christine, and Leo Chair Ken Wallander and wife Char.

Prayer was lead by Two

Rivers Lioness President Kathy Tolksdorf after a wonderful meal the guest speaker was Faye Malek, Family Living Educator of Manitowoc County UW Extension. Her theme was 'Smarts for the Brain'.

Awards were given, DG Len installed the new Affiliate Cabinet and VDG Jerry Post gave closing remarks.

Van Dyne Lioness attending the Affiliate Sprint Banquet in support of their member Lioness Joyce Kurtz, incoming Affiliate President were Peggy Laehn, Bonnie Hughes, incoming Affiliate Secretary Sandy Muche and AP Joyce.

## 35th Annual District Convention

November 12th-13th

Holiday Inn, Manitowoc

Is It Time For You To Step Up?

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Wood for the winter - In an old western town they would plan on how bad the winter was by how much wood the Indians would gather. Every day when the father would come home, he would look at the Indian Village and see how much wood the Indians would gather. As the Indians would gather more wood he would send his son into town for more wood. His son asked why he was getting so much wood and the answer would be, the Indians know how bad the winter would be and the more wood they gather the worse the winter would be. This kept on for quite awhile until the father said he was going to go to the Indian village and ask how bad the winter was going to be.

He asked the elder, how bad is the winter going to be. The elder said it was going to be one of the worst winters ever. He said how do you know that? The elder said, because the white man keeps buying all the wood.

We never know when the next disaster in the world will be, how many blind people need more help, when the next cornea transplant is needed, how much work is needed at the Lions Camp or how much help is needed in the many other Lions projects.

But we do know that the more we prepare, the more we are able to help when needed. Are we doing too much or are we doing too little? We don't try to answer that question because we continue to gather. The reason is that even if the need is not immediate, the need will be there. We continue to work because we know if we don't do it, who will? I often think, what the world would be like if the Lions were not here to help those less fortunate? How many blind, deaf, those with diabetes, and those with differing disabilities would be set aside if not for the efforts of the Lions? That is why, we keep gathering. It is to help when help is needed most, and that time is now.

The world continues to change and as Lions we must be able to change with it. In 1917, Melvin Jones changed the way service organizations thought about their own communities and also communities around the world.

Lions have been the leaders in sight programs with cornea transplants, eyeglass recycling, vision screening, diabetes awareness and our work in the cure for river blindness.

We have always been working for the betterment of those less fortunate, not only for today but also for those who need our help in the future.

Today we find ourselves working more than ever because of the help needed to insure a better tomorrow for all to enjoy.

We won't know how bad the winter will be, but we will be prepared. Thank you for being who you are, very proud Lions.



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## This Is My Zone And This Is Who We Help

by ZC Lion Fred Gebhart

Region 1 Zone 1 covers about 90% of Calumet County on the east side of Lake Winnebago and consists of 177 Lions in the Brillion, Chilton, Hilbert, Sherwood, Stockbridge Lions and 17 Lioness in the Sherwood "Pride" Lioness club.

We support our Lions Camp in a number of ways, including donating \$10,000 to the Foundation and \$1,400 to the Lions Pride Campaign. Our used eyeglass collection netted 230 pairs of glasses and Spring and Fall Work Day at Camp have become part of our yearly agenda. Our main task is assembling the piers and launching the boats in spring and the piers and boats out in fall.

We have become part of the deer hide collection in which 90 hides were collected for the Lions Camp. Our zone meeting raffles generates enough money to purchase a \$500 wood block on the Honor Wall in honor of a special Lion in our zone.

This is our 5th year in promoting our Lions Camp and Leader Dog at the Calumet County Fair booth. Our PDG Len Quinn, his Leader

Dogs "Mikey" and "Ginger", along with his wife Kay play an important role at our booth. The day is filled with demonstrations that amaze the kids and also the parents.

This year, "Sundae on the Farm" was held at a Sherwood farm where we put together our booth. We had PDG Len, along with Kathy Barker, who is a puppy dog raiser.

We also support the Lions Eye Bank with \$825 contributed and 35 Cornea Express transports.

In our communities we have 18 visual machines out to people in need and retirement homes. We support Halloween parties, wheelchair ramps, high school scholarships, and people in need of financial assistance totaling more than \$40,000.

Club donations were made to LCF, Hearing Program, Mission to Mexico, with \$1,975 going to the Diabetes program, and \$4,350 going to Leader Dog. Our fundraisers consist of big raffles, brat fries, community calendars, golf tournaments, beanbag tournaments and flower sales.

This is my fourth year as zone chair and I'm just getting started.

When we think of Lions Camp we think of kids that, if only for a week, can be kids. What do they really do for a week? They are learning! Yes, they are receiving an education on how to think for themselves, how to work with others to achieve a goal, how to help others to achieve their goals and to give each other encouragement with no negative comments from anyone.

How much thought does a child put into the rock wall? Where do I put my hand or my foot next? Their determination to succeed on their own, not for anyone else but for themselves gives them the desire to continue.

When they paddle a Kayak, they learn to control their muscles; they need to think of what to do next to keep straight or to turn around. Yes, they are having fun, but also getting an education. How many parents have said weeks later that their child will tell them, "Mom, Dad, I can do that myself?"

What about the counselors? Are they really there just for a summer job? Not really, they are getting the best on the job training they could ever hope for. When they finish school and apply for a job, who do you think has the best chance? Someone that cut grass or flipped burgers or someone that worked at the Lions Camp with children with differing abilities? My vote is the one that worked at Lions camp. It is a magical place and the Lions of Wisconsin have made miracles happen for over 50 years.

Let's go east to Michigan for a moment and take a look at what is going on over there. Looks like more Lions magic to me. I have had the privilege of visiting Leader Dogs for the Blind in Michigan; another project started by the hopes and dreams of Lions.

Leader Dog is also a place for those who live in darkness to further their education. I heard success stories of people that were able to fulfill their dreams of success because of a Leader Dog. They are businessmen and women, attorneys, judges, school teachers and many other professions. There is the story of a 18 year old blind boy that went to college, then worked for Leader Dog's technology department helping to develop items such as the breeze or trekker computers. He is now is a trainer.

The work that Lions have done to make life a little better for those less fortunate I believe would leave Helen Keller herself speechless. I would like to think that if she could see what all Lions have done for the world she would have a large smile and yes she would be in tears.

If you believe, you can accomplish anything and it is because as Lions we believe, we can make the impossible possible.

## District Convention News Lions Making The Impossible, Possible

District 27-B1's 35th Annual Convention will be held November 12-13 at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc. Room rates at the Holiday Inn are \$72 + tax; be sure to mention that you are with the convention to get that rate.

Lions, Lioness and guests will pay an \$8 registration fee; children and Leos is \$2. Registration includes Friday night Hospitality and Continental breakfast Saturday.

All attendees must be registered, whether you attend the full weekend, or just plan to vote. So come early and take in all the activities and seminars the convention offers.

Friday night begins with the Holiday Inn Fish Fry buffet offered from 5:30-7 pm for Lions at a cost of \$15. This will be a good time to meet DG Jerry and our International guest, International Director Gary D'Orazio from Eagle, Idaho.

Hospitality will run from 7 pm until 11 pm and includes beer and soda all night in the Hospitality room. There will be raffles and Wii games set up for your enjoyment. The theme for

the evening will be "Childhood Heros." Come in your favorite super hero costume.

Saturday morning will begin at 7:30 am with free coffee, juice, rolls and fruit for registered attendees. The opening Business Session starts at 8:30 am, with seminars to follow. The Saturday Luncheon will be \$14 with a speaker and Necrology. The afternoon will again offer seminars, with voting to follow after the seminars are completed. The Evening Convention Banquet will be held at 6:30 pm and the cost for the Banquet meal will be \$25.

A District Governor, 1st Vice Distinct Governor, 2nd Vice Distinct Governor and WLF Director will need to be voted on, along with a site for the next convention and 2012 bowling tournament. The 2012 District Pin designs are also welcome and will be voted on.

Remember that all nominations must be in to the (1) State Office, (2) the District Governor and (3) Election Chairperson Ralph Schneider by October 12th.

## Lioness News

by ADP Joyce Kurtz

October is here once again... enjoy the cooler weather, the harvest and the beautiful leaves.

Start thinking about the upcoming District Convention November 12-13 in Manitowoc. Important items we need to take care of at our Lioness meetings at the convention include:

2011-12 Vice President Nominations and a vote on how our monies will be distributed (the board will have some suggestions). But you are to make the final decision.

A reminder to those who have been sewing grooming bags for Mission to Mexico, they are to be turned in at the District Convention in November. Be sure to collect items to put in the bags. Suggestions are: toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, comb, and wash rag. All items will be put in the bags in Mexico after the people have had their eyes tested and receive eyeglasses.

Be sure to include me in your sending of the P and A reports.

## Leadership Support

by Dave Holschbach, 27-B1 Leadership Chair

As the district LEADERSHIP chair, I wish to let you know that if you are not sure what the various duties of the offices should be, contact me. I can send or e-mail you each positions responsibilities. All you need to do is ASK! We will be planning an officers training and Lion orientation late April or early May. Watch for further information. Have a successful year. Lion Dave Holschbach dajach@yahoo.com

## Club News



**WINNEBAGO EAST SHORE ENTERTAINS VILLA LORETTO NURSING HOME RESIDENTS** with a bonfire, S'mores and a sing-a-long. ABOVE: Lion Jan Baldock leading a group of residents in song.



**SHEBOYGAN FALLS LIONS ASSISTED WITH THE BEMIS COMPANY PICNIC** - by Bob Newton - ABOVE: Lions Hans Palm, Ron Kalk, Jim Roberts and doing all the work is Dick Huijbregt.

## Lions Vision Of Peace

by Lion Dawn Christensen, Peace Poster Chair

Over the world, Lions work with children to run Peace Poster Contests. As they do so, not only are the students thinking about Peace, but also their teachers, families and communities. What an easy way to get everyone not only thinking about Peace, but also envisioning it.

Can your Club see the vision? It's never too late to run a Peace

Poster Contest. Kits are available beginning each January from LCI Club supplies.

Help the world see a "Vision of Peace" and maybe, hopefully, one day it won't be just a vision. One would think this would be important to everyone. For assistance or help of any kind, please contact me at (920)-346-2307 or LionDawn1@yahoo.com. Have a great day!

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A young boy needed special braces and crutches to get around. The parents could not afford them so a Lions club took it upon themselves to help the family. The Lions club over the years continued to help this boy cope with his disability.

At age 12, he was walking down the street and lost his balance and fell. A woman saw the boy fall and immediately told some men to get over there and help him up and make sure that he was ok. They helped him up, brushed him off and kept asking, are you ok? Do you hurt anywhere? Is there anything we can do for you? The little boy got up, smiled and said, "It's ok, it happens all the time. Whenever I fall, I just pick myself up and continue moving forward."

Are those the words of a small boy or the words of a man? How many times have we fallen only to feel sorry for ourselves or to look for someone or something to blame it on. The words are simple, just pick yourself up and continue to move forward.

If we would take the time to listen to those with differing abilities, we could all learn something. When things don't turn out the way we expect or even if we fail, instead of looking for someone or something to blame, perhaps we should look in the mirror and tell ourselves, isn't it easier to just pick myself up and continue forward?

As Lions, that is why we are successful. We don't dwell on what has happened, but instead look to make improvements.

Since the beginning of Lions Camp, Leader Dog, Eye Bank, Diabetes awareness and other Lions projects, we have made mistakes. But together we have worked thru this and have become more determined to make things better for all those with differing abilities and those who have had the misfortune of a disaster. We don't think of what might be, but instead we think of what will be. A world of peace and friendship for all to enjoy.

In my travels I have sought out the wisdom of the elderly and the determination of those with disabilities to help get me through the bad days. I take their advice to soar like an eagle. I think of that little boy quite often and I say to myself, thank you for making me a man. Thank you for being who you are, a happy little boy.

I haven't thought about the little boy I talked about at the beginning of my story for many years. One day as I was looking through the district directory, I saw his name listed as President of a Lions club. You see, this little boy has polio and I was his friend, neighbor and classmate until I left to join the army. He is now working with others with disabilities. Who says we can't make the impossible, possible.

# A Great Cultural Exchange Program

by Lion Sandy King

The Lions International Youth Exchange program has it all. Young adults 16 to 21 years old are traveling all over the world visiting the 39 countries that participate in this Lions program. The Wisconsin YE program is one of the best in the world. How do we know? Because the kids in the program tell us that Wisconsin is their first choice because our YE Camp is so great!

How it works: A Youth Exchange Chair from each district is working on placing about 60 kids in a Host Family for a four-week period each July. After four weeks with their host family, the YE's go to Camp Vista in Campbellsport. The camp is a week of "Unolympic" games (requiring no skills), a trip to Madison to see the Capital and the Wisconsin Lions Eye Bank, and each youth does a Country Presentation on stage.

Our District Governors visit the camp and enjoy meeting kids from around the world and they even participate in some of the



games with the youth, which is something to see!

Why Successful? The Host Family is the "key" to making this program work. Without families willing to host for these four weeks they are in Wisconsin, there would be no program! A host family can select their country, age and gender. Many host families enjoy the cultural exchange between the YE's and their own children or grandchildren, or kids from their neighborhood.

With Internet, and especially "Face book", these kids can continue very close friendships with their Host Families and the others they have met at Camp.

This week at Camp Vista builds such strong bonds among all the youth, that they don't want to go home!

Send a Youth Abroad: You can also send a youth abroad from Wisconsin. They would go to an English-speaking home and attend a camp in the country of their choice.

# Lioness News

by ADP Joyce Kurtz

Thanksgiving will be soon. We have so much to be thankful for that it is way too much to enumerate here. Suffice to say, many persons still need our help. Keep up the good work in helping these folks.

In September, the Appleton Noon Lioness Club disbanded. They provided 25 years of invaluable service to their community and beyond. Many thanks to all of their members for their many years of service.

September 18th was the Lions Open House at Camp. It was good to see the Camp and in all



its beauty once again. Several campers expressed their joy at being able to partake of the camp. The eyeglass recycling tour was of great interest. I was able to see the wall of Birch-Sturm plaques of those being honored. It was a great day. Please continue to support this beautiful Camp.

This month of November is the time for thankfulness. Time to enjoy your family and friends who have given you joy. Be thankful for what you have and share your bounty with those in need.

# Region 1 Zone 2 Update

by ZC Dave Holschbach

This zone is made up of six Lions and one Lioness club in northern Manitowoc County. The clubs are Francis Creek, Maribel, Mishicot, Reedsville, Wayside-Morrisson, Whitelaw and the Lioness Club of Reedsville. During the past two years our membership has been very stable at 150-155 members.

Fundraisers go on all year but the summer season seems to be when the major fundraisers are held. Our fundraisers range from rose sale in spring, rummage sales, concert and dance sponsorship, local community festivals and picnics-whether it be concessions at ball games, parking or ticket taking, club

raffles and bake sales.

This zone averages about \$25,000 to \$30,000 in annual contributions to LCI, Lions Camp, WLF, Leader Dog, Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin and the Lions Pride Campaign.

Clubs in the zone also donate to various community projects including community parks and equipment purchase, youth sports, United Way, blood drives, and youth scholarships.

Members of the zone have been involved in the District 27-B1 cabinet throughout the years as District Governor, Zone Chair, and Cabinet Program Chairs.

We look forward to growing in the future.

## Club News, Events & Fundraisers



**WINNEBAGO EAST SHORE LIONS** recently donated money to help build a picnic shelter at the Riverside Park in St. Cloud. ABOVE Winnebago East Shore Vice President Joe Bore preparing to level cement for the foundation of the shelter. The shelter is an Eagle Scout project of Tyler Berenz of St. Cloud.



**MONTELLO LIONS CLUB CAMP TOUR** - The club donates to the camp each year and twice a year members travel to Camp to participate in Camp work days.



**MONTELLO BRAT WAGON** - These Montello Lions looked relaxed at the Fall Fest at Rendezvous Paddle and Sports but some of them were up and clogging with Prairie Thunder Cloggers just a little while after this photo was taken.



**THE BEAUTY OF HORSEPOWER** - by Kathleen McGwin - Labor Day Weekend Saturday saw two tons of muscle moved three and a quarter ton of cement-filled sled at the 19th annual Neshkoro Lions Horse Pull. Fourteen teams of pure power pulled seemingly immovable objects as their owners chucked, clucked, and hawed, encouraging the beautiful beasts to dig their hooves into the soft sand, withers bulging, fetlocks straining, harnesses clinking, and behold the wonder

of raw horse power.

The Neshkoro Horse Pull brings to life the historic and essential role that work horses played in our rural heritage.

Teams are divided into lightweight and heavyweight. Lightweight teams have a combined weight under 3,500 pounds; heavy weight teams weigh over that.

ABOVE: Paul Traxler, Reedsburg, encouraged his heavy weight team to pull 6,500 pounds 25' 3" to take first place.

## Upcoming Events & Fundraisers

**STRIDES WALK FOR DIABETES AWARENESS**  
Sat, Nov. 13 6:45-7:15 am

by Lion Kay Quinn

November 14 is World Diabetes Day. In honor of this special day, participants at the 27-B1 convention are encouraged to walk for diabetes awareness. The route will be inside the Manitowoc Holiday Inn. All participants will receive a packet of information and a special Strides pin.

Sign up at the Diabetes Awareness Booth on Friday night or for more information contact Kay Quinn at mikey2001.dog@yahoo.com or 920-294-0156.

**MONTELLO DOUBLE-LONG BRATWURST SALE**  
The famous double-long

**NOVEMBER TUE, NOV. 9 - R5 Z2 Meeting** - Redgranite Lions Clubhouse.

**WED. NOV. 10 - R4 Z2 Meeting** - The Country Inn, W3005 County Rd F, Berlin.

**FRI, NOV. 12 & SAT, NOV. 13 - District Convention.** Holiday Inn, Manitowoc.

**Mon, Nov. 15 - R1 Z3 Meeting** - 6 pm to 7 pm at the Holiday Inn, Manitowoc.

Montello Lions bratwursts made at Johnson's Sausage in Rio are now available in packages of three for \$5. Just ask for them at the Lions brat wagon.

## District Convention News Reminders...

- The Convention is November 12th - 13th at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc, Wisconsin.
- Remember to bring something for the Bucket Raffle.
- District Raffle tickets should be mailed back to Raffle Chair Vic Voigt, 628 Cty Rd W, Reedsville 54230, before the Convention.

## Meet Our Guest ID D'Orazio

ID Gary D'Orazio and wife Lion Linda of Eagle, Idaho are members of the Boise Bench Lions Club. He has served as District Governor, Council Chair and PDG President. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow, has been Lion of the Year, Chair of the Year, Recruiter of the Year, Guiding Lion, Leo Advisor, Quest Seminar participant, and DG-E School Presenter. He has also served on numerous community boards and committees.

He majored in Business Management and Communications at Boise State University. ID D'Orazio is a member of the BSU Varsity B Club (lettered in Wrestling), performed in the BSU Community Choir and in the chorus of the Idaho Opera. He has played and enjoys most sports.

ID D'Orazio's heroes are Lion Helen Keller, teacher Ann

Sullivan, Winston Churchill and President Eisenhower.

ID D'Orazio retired after 40 years in the retail supermarket industry where he managed over 2,000 employees and \$200 million in annual sales. He has also been an entrepreneur, managing a company that included a 40,000 sq. ft. supermarket, a gourmet Italian/steak/seafood restaurant, college food service and a food catering business. He is currently involved in residential and commercial real estate.

In addition to Lions, the D'Orazio's favorite activities are being with their six children, 13 grandchildren and life long friends. They enjoy escaping to their summer cabin in the mountains and on the lake, playing golf, boating, all outdoor activities, relaxing and reading.

Director D'Orazio believes in a positive and enthusiastic attitude. "Your attitude, not your aptitude, determines your altitude." He also believes that Lions as leaders, by example, role models and mentors, are the answer and solution to a better America and world. The more Lions, the more effective "crusaders against darkness" we shall become.

Membership is every Lion's responsibility. Just ask. Asking creates magic. He has brought in 31 members and served on new club committee that brought in three clubs in the last four years.

In Lions, as in life, you get out of it what you put into it.



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How big is the world?  
That question was answered for me in July. On our flight home from Australia I discovered just how large our planet is. Total flight time was over 23 hours, with or without sleep.  
On the way back from Australia, flying over the United States, I looked at the flight map to see where we were and different items on the screen. It showed we were at 49,998 ft. altitude, flight speed 650 miles per hour and the outside temperature was -50 degrees without a wind chill factor.  
On the map it showed the Rocky Mountains on one side so I took a look at them and saw the snow caps that the sun had not melted. Another map came up and showed the Grand Canyon on the other. So I walked to the other side of the plane and there it was, more beautiful than on the ground. Two landmarks in two different states and I could see them both at the same time.  
No matter where I travel or even how long it takes me to get there, I am always there in a matter of hours or even less time than a day.  
We can now call any Lions club in the world and talk to them in seconds, not days. We can communicate by the web with just a few clicks of the mouse.  
There was a 20-year-old girl with cerebral palsy that was in need of a service dog. It took two phone calls and three e-mails and she was able to start the application process to begin her journey to independence.  
A week later, a 23-year-old girl with multiple sclerosis, whose mother heard me talk about Lions projects on a radio show, called me. With just one phone call and two e-mails, she too is on her way to independence.  
Two days later I was at a Lions meeting and heard about a wheelchair ramp being built. They had no idea how to start, so a construction company offered their labor free if the club would pay for the lumber.  
A lumber company in another city heard about it and sold them the lumber for cost. Seventy-five percent of the club showed up to help and in less than eight hours this woman had her ramp.  
How about this for an ending? At the meeting, two of the construction workers showed up and said, "If this is what Lions do, we want to be a part of it". They were voted in and I inducted them as new members in less than five minutes.  
How big is the world? As the children's song goes, *It's A Small World After All*. We believe and because we believe, we make the impossible, possible.

# Diabetes... Are You At Risk?

by Lion Kay Quinn

Diabetes has reached epidemic proportions. Just this week it was predicted that by the year 2050, one out of three people will be afflicted with diabetes.

Diabetes is a silent disease. You can have it for years and not know it. During this time, harm to your eyes, nerves, kidneys and heart can happen.

One of the main goals of the Wisconsin Lions Diabetes Focus Group is to promote awareness, especially to persons at risk.

- Risk factors include having:
- high blood pressure
  - a family history of diabetes
  - diabetes during pregnancy or having a baby weighing more than nine pounds at birth.

Ethnicity and race are also major risk factors. People of African American and Hispanic descent are more likely to have diabetes or pre-diabetes than Caucasians.

Most people with diabetes do not notice any symptoms. However, if you have any of these symptoms, contact your health care provider right away.

- being very thirsty
- urinating often
- losing weight without trying

As part of their efforts to raise



**LINKS TO CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE DVD available free of charge by contacting WLF or Lion Kay Quinn.**

awareness about diabetes and its risks, the National Kidney Foundation of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Lions Foundation and the Wisconsin Diabetes Prevention and Control partnered through a grant to make a DVD "The Links to Chronic Kidney Disease". This video is available free of charge from Liz Shelley at the Wisconsin Lions Foundation or by contacting Lion Kay Quinn (920)294-0156 or mikej2001dog@yahoo.com.

Quinn is the 27-B1 Diabetes Focus Group representative and can provide you or your club with other valuable information for your diabetes awareness program.

# Holiday Wishes

by Mary Jo Ablner, 27-B1 Editor

Thanks to all the Lions of District 27-B1 who have made our news page the success that it is. This is your news page, and it is as good as the contributions I receive.

The contributions are great and you are doing a super job at keeping our district informed. Keep it up in the coming year.

Wishing everyone a very happy Holiday season.

# Lioness Making A Difference

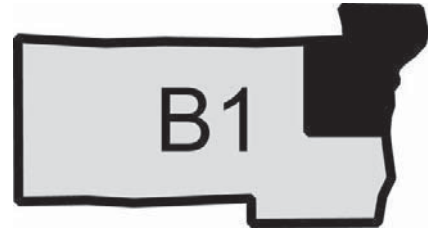
by ADP Joyce Kurtz



This is a joyful time of year where friends and family are so important. The hustle and bustle is all part of being busy and having a healthy attitude to give more this season. Most clubs are donating food to the needy. Some make the effort of transporting persons to church or shopping. All are heartwarming activities and give us a feeling of well being.

Keep up the good work and here's to a safe and happy Holiday season to you and yours.

# Manitowoc County Lions Clubs Healthy & Active



by Zone Chair Mike Hartmann

Region 1 Zone 3 is made up of the seven Lions clubs in Manitowoc County. I am proud to share with everyone how this zone works together.

All seven clubs send volunteers to help sell tickets at the Manitowoc County Fair. With the profit we make from each ticket sale, we as a Zone decide where the money will go. We have given money to Camp Sinawa (just one example) to help update their cabins and now have a cabin with a Lions plaque on it.

St. Nazianz Lions gained a new member out of our efforts, which shows you can gain membership from the good you do.

We have also donated the money to the District Hearing Aid program, Lions Camp, Leader Dog and many other Lions programs. We make these decisions together as a zone.

To honor our members, we alternate a MJF and BSF each year. Our new zone project came

to us with the help of our District Governor Jerry Post. We have been asked and have accepted the challenge of hosting the 2011 State Convention in Appleton at the Paper Valley May 19 thru 21. Without hesitation we jumped in with both feet having the attitude of true Lions, nothing ventured nothing gained.

On May 19 our zone will host the Golf Outing. If you golf, this will be a very exciting day with lots of hole events on the course to test your luck and skill.

By the time this article prints our zone will have all our volunteers in place ready to make everyone that attends the 2011 State Convention in Appleton a memorable time, one they will never forget!

Watch for further information on the 2011 State Convention. If anyone has donations for the State convention raffles, etc. please e-mail me at stardust@stardustlimousine.com.

Have a Great Lion year!!

# Club News & Events



**NESHKORO 34TH ANNUAL SENIOR DINNER** - by Lioness Mary Braatz - Every September in Neshkoro the Lioness and Lions Club put on a senior dinner for the residents of Neshkoro. This year's dinner was held on September 13, 2010 at St. James Place. The dinner is free to all that attend. A donation drink bar is set up for the residents. This year we served 228 people at the dinner. The Lions cooked the ham for the dinner and the Lioness provided all the side dishes and desserts. The Lioness, also make a long time favorite, sauerkraut and dumplings. St. James donates the use of their facility for our event. After the dinner, both clubs draw for the winners of the raffle prizes donated by members of both clubs. This dinner replaces both clubs' dinner meeting for September in order to give back to the community. It is an event that is well appreciated by the seniors in the community, which is reflected by the large attendance.



**OAKFIELD LIONS TOUR UECKER-WITT FUNERAL HOME** in Fond du Lac. Shown explaining the retorts used for cremations is Lions member and Uecker-Witt employee Chris Holz. Uecker-Witt does about 900 cremations per year for 20 area funeral homes. The tour included the viewing area, casket, vault, and urn displays, family meeting room and embalming area. After the tour, the members had dinner at the Kiwanis Club of Fond du Lac Pork Chop Fest at the KC Hall.



**SHEBOYGAN FALLS LIONS COMPLETE TWO SUCCESSFUL RAFFLES** - Prizes were a 2010 Camaro Bubble Bee Transformer purchased from Sheboygan

Chevrolet and a Yamaha Scooter from Sheboygan Yamaha. ABOVE: Lions Jeffrey Romanski and Kevin Marti with winner Denise Hardt. BELOW: Carly the bumble bee.

What's happening  
in your club?

Send your club  
news, upcoming  
events and photos  
of Lions in action to

27-B1 Editor  
Mary Jo today!

# Upcoming Events & Fundraisers

**VAN DYNE LIONS 1ST ANNUAL DOUBLE CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT Sat., Dec. 11 10am**

Van Dyne Lions 1st Annual "Charlie Nitz" Double Cribbage Tournament will be held on Saturday, December 11 at 10 a.m. at the Van Dyne Lions Park. Register before December 4. Mail your \$25 entry fee per team to: Van Dyne Lions Club Box 74

Van Dyne, WI 54979  
Questions call the Tournament Committee: Charlie Nitz 235-1814, Jim Smith 235-1471, Roger Gruendemann 216-7676, Duane (Rosy) Roslanky 688-3372.

**VAN DYNE COLLECTING DEER HIDES** - The Van Dyne Lions will have a container located at Van Dyne Lions Park throughout the 2010 deer-hunting season for the placement

of deer hides. For more information, contact Lion Jack Hughes of the Van Dyne Lions Club at 922-1588.

Lions Dick Schaefer home 920-795-4773 or cell 920-960-2026, Ken Wallander 920-775-4281 and Jim Winter 920-754-4018 are also taking hides on the east side of the district. Call them for more details.

**ST. PETER LIONS CLUB TO HOST 27-B1 BOWLING TOURNAMENT Sun., Jan. 30 & Sun., Feb 6**

The St. Peter Lions Club will be hosting the 2011 District Bowling Tournament January 30th and February 6th at Luedtke's Dine-n-Bowl, www.dine-n-bowl.com in Mt. Calvary 113 Kommers St. Times are either 9am or Noon. Entry fee is \$60 per 4-person team, which includes the bowling

and prize fees. Tournament will be using 80% handicap of 220 or Highest League Average.

Payments should be made to: St. Peter Lions c/o Buzz Vermillion N7820 Fineview Rd Malone WI 53049 920-921-5309

Entry deadline is January 15, 2011. The Bowling Tournament form can be found on the 27-B1 web page www.27b1.org



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# 35th 27-B1 Convention Is One For The History Books

by DG-Elect Merle Strelow

Holiday Inn in Manitowoc was a great host for the 2010 District Convention. Attendance was up from the last two years. Many convention attendees commented that it was nice not having to leave Holiday Inn all weekend.

Friday night featured a Fish Fry, and a live band, The Ryder's, to entertain everyone with a variety of songs old and new. The theme Childhood Hero's brought out some costumes, but the Ya-Ya Girls stole the show while the Tail and Skirt Twisters kept the fun going.

Our first annual Convention Stride Walk for Diabetes Awareness started Saturday's events and was led by Lion/Lioness Kay Quinn. IPDG Leonard Quinn greeted convention First Timers and gave an inspiring talk on the opportunities Lion/Lioness offer, not only in Lionism but also in the community and their employment. ID Gary D'Orazio also addressed the group and was the first to sign their First Timer Contest forms.

District Governor Jerry Post opened the convention with a welcome and overview of the weekend of events. Lioness Affiliate President Joyce Kurtz welcomed everyone to the convention and reported on the outstanding year the 27-B1 Lioness had.

My heart has also become full. Full of the life and love of all the Lions in the world. Thanks to you. You help me open it even further and share both the good times and bad. With your passion for helping the less fortunate make the bad times seem more like an annoyance, a pesky mosquito so to speak. And the good times, well they feel like being at Disney World and I never have to leave.

As most of you know, my wife, Lion Meg, was elected to serve as our 2nd Vice Governor next year. When she was asked why she decided to do this? She answered, "I listened to my heart and my heart told me now is the time."

If the heart is full there is room for more, if the heart is empty there is room for nothing. Lions "always" have room for more. If you believe you can accomplish anything, and because we believe we can make the impossible possible.

## Lioness News

by ADP Joyce Kurtz

The Convention theme was "Making the Impossible Possible". Fiscal year 2008-09 the Wisconsin Lioness members profit for the year was \$404,948. That is a half million dollars by 2,800 Lionesses in 104 clubs statewide. You can imagine the people who were helped by this outstanding amount of money, as well as contributing to many Lions projects.

Each club has different fundraisers. As I do my visits I find and hear the enthusiasm that inspires them all.

All in the entire Lioness clubs in 27-B1 are alive and active. Keep up the good work!

Moving forward in 2011 with good wishes.

"You are braver than you believe, Stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think". -Pooh

Carroll Jackson finished off Saturday morning with an informative presentation on the technology that Leader Dog is using. Jackson spoke of the mobility and independence that first the Trekker and now the Breeze have given visually impaired. He told stories of how he was able to lead sighted people to restaurants and hotels with his equipment and, of course, his dog Hunter. Attendees also had an opportunity to go on a "Breeze Walk" with IPDG Len Quinn and Carroll Jackson.

Saturday's luncheon heard an inspiring talk from ID Gary D'Orazio along with the presentation of four Presidential Awards. Recipients of this prestigious award were:

- Lion Helen Mork
- Lion/Lioness Kay Quinn
- Lioness Ella Stanelle
- Lion Phil Weber

Lion Charlene Frederick was honored with a "Brick" at Lions Camp for her outstanding service with the Fairwater Lions.

The family of Pricilla Johnson received a Rose Bowl organ donor pin through the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin.

Lion Sandy King's seminar on youth was well received as one of the afternoon seminars. Lion/Lioness Kay Quinn's seminar on Camping for Diabetics was well attended and informative. PDG Jerry Rabbach's presentation on

the Eye Bank made everyone aware of the commitment of the people, from the transporters, techs, managing staff, that make LEBW a success. Attendees could register with the Wisconsin Donor Registry Program. www.yeswillwisconsin.com

Lion Ralph Schneider supervised the District voting. Voting results are as follows:

- Governor: Merle Strelow
- 1st Vice District Governor: Meg Post
- 2nd Vice District Governor: Dawn Christensen
- Wisconsin Lions Foundation Director: Fred Gebhart
- 2011 Bowling Host: Berlin
- 2011 Convention Site: Manitowoc Holiday Inn

Congratulations to all.

The 2010 27-B1 Convention was a well-planned, informative event. Special thanks to PDG Gary Colton and the dedicated Lions/Lionesses on the committee for making it a success. When you see them take a minute, shake their hand, because without them this great Lion/Lioness weekend would not be possible.

Plan to attend the 2011 convention. If there is a speaker you want to hear or a program you would like to see, please contact me at merles@centurytel.net or drop a note in the mail.

## Keeping Children In Sight Vision Screening Training

by Mike Helmke, Region 2 Zone 1 Chair

In fall of 2009, I was contacted by a representative of the Sheboygan County Health and Human Services Department (SCHHS), telling me that due to budget cuts, their department was no longer going to provide early childhood vision screening services to the thousands of children attending elementary schools in our county. Knowing that the Sheboygan Noon Lions Club has been providing eye screening for several years at the Early Learning Center in Sheboygan, the SCHHS representative asked me if other Sheboygan County Lions Clubs would be interested in providing these services for children within the schools in their communities.

Prior to approaching the Lions Clubs, I surveyed all schools in the county as to whether they were interested in the Lions Clubs help with this soon to be discontinued program. I also asked whether they had school staff that would be interested in receiving the training to help conduct the screenings and how many students they screen annually.

Twenty three (23) schools representing 1100 students that would be tested annually said that they were interested

in continuing the screening with Lions help. The schools also committed 24 staff members to training. With this overwhelming response, I sent out information to all clubs with Sheboygan County and District 27-B1. We eventually invited clubs from throughout the state to attend training put on by Prevent Blindness America. The training was held on September 22, 2009 at the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department. Seventy-two people received the training, the majority of which were Lions Club members.

Currently, the Sheboygan Noon and Plymouth Clubs are actively involved in ongoing screening. This year, the Noon Club has already screened 640 children. The Plymouth Club reports doing about 450 students annually.

If you or your club is interested in providing this critical service, Prevent Blindness America trains and certifies people around the country to conduct screenings that find vision problems in preschool and school-aged children. Their screening procedures are recommended by many of the nation's leading children's eye care professionals. Call Prevent Blindness America at 1-800-331-2020 or visit their web at www.preventblindness.org.

## Club News & Events



his experience at a recent club dinner. ABOVE: President Mark Benzinger and Lion Bob Mand presented Travis with the club's 50th anniversary pin. The club will be chartered for 50 years in February of 2011.

Dick Severson, Abendroth-Connelly Post Commander

**HOWARDS GROVE LIONS FIRST BRAT FRY AND BAKE SALE** was November 6th. \$1,000 was donated to the Howards Grove Boys & Girls Club to help defray operating expenses.

### Upcoming Dates

**CABINET MEETING**  
SUN, JAN 30 - Endeavor Fire Department.

**ZONE MEETINGS**  
R121 - THU, FEB 3 - Hickory Hills, Chilton; dinner 7pm.

R123 - MON, FEB 21 - Packer Inn Newton Lions; dinner 7pm.

R221 - MON, JAN 27 - Rupp's on Washington, Cleveland; dinner 7pm.

R223 - MON, JAN 10 - Lincoln St. Connection, Elkhart Lake; dinner 7pm.

R321 - WED, JAN 19 - Town Hall, Valley Road, Menasha; dinner 7pm.

R322 - MON, JAN 17 - Eden; dinner 7pm.

R421 - TUE, JAN. 18 - Jeff's On Rugby, Oshkosh; dinner 7pm, \$12.

R422 - MON, MAR 14 - Neshkoro; dinner 7pm.

R5 22 - TUE, MAR 21 - Wild Rose

Zone chairs; please let the newspaper and web master know of your meetings.

### SHEBOYGAN FALLS LIONS ASSISTED BOY SCOUT IN QUEST FOR EAGLE AWARD

Sheboygan Falls Mayor Randy Meyer was actively seeking a community volunteer to help give Sheboygan Fall's River Walk path a major face lift. It was at that point that Eagle Scout candidate Jimmy Pecquex stepped in.

Pecquex solicited and coordinated more than 100 volunteers from Boy Scout Troop 885, the Lions Club, the Kiwanis, the Rotary Club, the High School Key Club, and many others to spread new crushed stone on the River Walk.

It was a great example of community involvement, which helped Sheboygan Falls complete a much needed project with minimal taxpayer expense.

ABOVE: Jimmy Pecquex, and Lion Tim Wodach and an unidentified Boy Scout in uniform.



**WINNEBAGO EAST SHORE LIONS** sponsored Travis Petrie as a delegate to Badger Boys State in Ripon. Petrie, a senior at New Holstein High School, spoke of



**WINNEBAGO EAST SHORE & 27-B1 PEACE POSTER WINNER** - Peace Poster chair Jan Baldock is pictured with club contest and 27-B2 winner Hannah Hellman, a 7th grader at the CPES Catholic School in St. Cloud. Also pictured is Alexa Guelig, second place winner, and Carson Heus, the third place winner



**MARKEKAN LIONS ADD HANDICAP ACCESS** - Aided by donations from the American Legion and the City of Markesan, the Markesan Lions added handicap parking and walkways to their main pavilion, bathrooms and Scout Cabin at Little Green Lake. ABOVE: Markesan Lions Treasurer Dennis Triemstra (left) is shown receiving a check from

## Mission To Mexico

by Ralph Schneider, Herb & Myra Schneider

District 27-B1 has been a part of the Mission to Mexico project for the past 15-20 years as an "outgrowth" of the "Used Eyeglass Collection Program."

What is it?

1. Wisconsin started Wisconsin Mission to Mexico after several Wisconsin Lions went to Central America and Mexico with other state or multiple district missions and Wisconsin Lions decided we could do our own missions.
2. Lions clubs collect used eyeglasses and transport them to the Wisconsin Lions Recycling Center located at Lion Camp. At the Recycling Center they are screened for usage, cleaned, categorized by prescription, packaged and sorted into 62 categories for use in "Used Eyeglass Clinics."
3. Our primary purpose is to conduct clinics to examine the patients' eyes for need and provide a pair of glasses that will improve the recipients' vision to carry on a life with vision, or at least "better" vision.
4. We also purchase or get donated special vehicles such as fire trucks, ambulances, school buses, rescue/emergency vehicles. These vehicles are loaded with many

donated items such as medical equipment, school supplies (we are not taking computers) and other material such as household items and toiletry items. 27-B1 Lionesses have annually collected many items at the District Convention.

We also transport donated items by means of a Multiple District 27 Trailer pulled by a 5th wheel vehicle - this is used on all caravans for Mission to Mexico trips and also several trips by volunteers throughout the year. Several times a year commercial semis, some donated, some at a reduced fee, filled with donated materials are delivered to Mexico.

There are usually four Missions per year coordinated by Bob Showers, Bill Taubman and Gary Donaldson. Anyone interested in being part of a Mission should contact the Mission Coordinator.

Club monetary donations are needed to cover equipment expenses (auto refractors, lensometers, and trailer) and shipping cost of glasses. Mission volunteers are responsible for their own expenses for transportation, food and lodging. Your donations for Mission to Mexico should be sent to 27-B1 Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer.



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When we think of February, we think of Valentines Day, a day to share our happiness with those we love. As Lions, we can take this a step further and share our passion to help others every day.

Share your time at a nursing home or at the hospital where children and adults will not be able to be with their loved ones.

It can also be a month for renewing our goals to increase membership in our clubs. When we increase our membership, we are increasing our community service and bringing new life and hope to those less fortunate.

Over the winter months we have helped our neighbors shovel snow, help to push them out of snow banks and make sure they were safe. In February, let us show them that their safety and happiness is always on our minds. Checking in on shut-ins. Make sure they have food and warmth in their homes. Stay with them for a while and give them your time. Time is free, and as Lions, we can use our time for sharing.

Applications for previous campers have been mailed out and most campers will have their applications mailed back to Lion Camp for the new camping season. Now would be a good time for us to check with our schools and churches to see if other children or adults would benefit from the services at Lions Camp. What a way to show our love for others.

The winter months are also a time when our fundraisers are few and far between. Now would also be a good time to think of some new fundraisers or to improve on the ones we have.

A "snow run", as our club called them, was a time when we took our convertibles out, dropped the tops and drove 100 miles to raise funds. We stopped at one place where a snowmobile club was having a run and they asked me what kind of snowmobile I had; I told them I had a four-seated GM. By the time we left, we had made another two hundred dollars, had our picture taken, and all the free drinks we wanted. We would make between five to seven hundred dollars and had a blast doing it. We did this for seven years until a wind storm in the year 2000 destroyed our convertibles; we had seven of them on the last year we ran this event with 14 club members riding along.

There are other fundraisers not so crazy to have, but we have to think outside the box to find them. So get together and put our thinking caps on and see what you come up with.

With Lions, it is always a fun time and can be shared with everyone. Be my guest and help to make the impossible possible.

# Hearing Aid Program Helps Those In Need

by Wendy Hartmann, 27-B1 Hearing Aid Chairperson

The WLF Hearing Aid Program's intent is to help Wisconsin's financially needy individuals with hearing impairments who cannot afford to purchase a hearing aid and do not qualify for any other existing state funded assistance programs.

Other assistance programs you should encourage them to try first are Medicaid (Title 19), their local Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, GAMP, Katie Beckett Program (Contact local Department of Health & Human Services), and Badger Care Plus.

People in need of assistance should fill out an application, which can be obtained from WLF. An applicant's financial eligibility is carefully reviewed by the District Hearing Chair and is either approved or denied.

The number of eligible people we can assist depends completely on the amount of funds we have available in our District. Our District funds assist people in our District. Since July, our District 27-B1 has approved 13

applicants, denied two, and eight are pending. If all eight of the pending applicants are approved, some of them will need to be put on a waiting list because we currently do not have enough funds to help them all.

The Hearing Aid Program is a very worthy cause and is funded solely through donations from our District, Zones, and local Lion, Lioness, and Leo Clubs, along with the collection and salvage of old hearing aids.

I encourage all Clubs, Zones, and Districts to remember to include this worthy program when deciding where to donate funds that you have raised.

Send funds to Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Dave Holschbach (402 N 5th St., Manitowoc 54220) and make checks payable to: 27-B1 Hearing Aid Program. That will assure you that your donation will get to the right place.

I also encourage all Lions, Lioness, and Leo Clubs to start collecting used hearing aids. Some suggested places to ask are your local churches, pharmacies, funeral homes, nursing homes,

and doctors/audiologist/hearing instrument specialists' offices.

Designate a person(s) from your club to distribute canisters (with their name and contact information on it) who will pick up these donated hearing aids from these places. You can get canisters from the WLF in Rosholt or make your own.

You can encourage the general public in your area to donate their unwanted or unused hearing aids to this program via posters or newspaper articles.

I and my co-chairperson are available to come speak at your clubs and zones to provide you with more information on this program and to answer any questions you may have. Just contact me (Wendy Hartmann) at wendyhart@tds.net or Phil Weber at pmpwrber@tds.net

To receive an application for financial assistance, please contact us: Wisconsin Lions Foundation, 3834 Cty. Rd. A, Rosholt, WI 54473. 715-677-4969 Ext. 301 (ask for Meghan). Fax # 715-677-4527. mpostelnik@wlf.info.

# Housekeeping

## Keep Your Contact Information Current

Do you have a new address (either street or e-mail)? Or a new phone number? Don't forget to let your club secretary know about any updates to your personal contact information so he/she can keep your member record up-to-date.

Keeping your member record current is vital to the communication chain that starts at your club and goes all the way to Lions International. Whether one of your club members can find your telephone number to call you about an upcoming project or the State Office can mail your next Wisconsin Lion or LCI can mail your next Lion magazine to you is completely dependent on the accuracy of your member record.

So next time your contact information changes, make sure to let your club secretary know

and ensure that you don't miss out on any calls or mailings.

## Are there still Pin Traders in 27-B1?

At the last District Convention a room was set aside for Pin Traders, but no one from our District was there to sell or trade. Are there still Pin Traders in our District? There seems to be no contact person that might represent the group.

Please let 27-B1 Editor Mary Jo Abler know if there is still interest in this project. She can be reached at news27b1@yahoo.com.

If there is interest, she will connect those persons together that want to get the group going again.

If there is no interest expressed, can we eliminate the room for Pin Traders at the next convention?

send all your club news and upcoming events to 27-B1 Editor Mary Jo today!

## Club News & Events



Clubs again teamed up to sponsor the concert.



**WAY-MORR LIONS DELIVER FLOWERS** - On December 11 the Way-Morr Lions delivered 75 Christmas Poinsettia plants to shut-ins and elderly in the community. Included in this service are those who have moved into a nursing home from the area. This is a yearly event that has been continued for almost the 60 years of the club's existence. ABOVE: Lion Ron Kiekhaefer presenting a plant to Gilbert and Eunice Siebert.



**WINNEBAGO EAST SHORE AND NEW HOLSTEIN LIONS** collected food donations at the Sixth Annual Country Christmas Concert held at New Holstein High School Auditorium on December 5. The monetary proceeds are going to the Lions Pride Campaign for use at Lions Camp. The food was donated to the Broken Bread food distribution program in Fond du Lac. ABOVE: Lions and the collected food. BELOW: Winnebago East Shore Lion Roger Brandt collects tickets at the door of the Sixth Annual Country Christmas Concert in New Holstein. Six choirs combine their talents for the Grand Finale at the Country Christmas Concert in New Holstein. Winnebago East Shore and New Holstein Lions



**MONTELLO LIONS MAKE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS VISITS** - The Montello Lions made their annual Christmas visits to Joanie's Home, Golden Years, and the Montello Care Center loaded down with good cheer



**MONTELLO LIONS CHRISTMAS SPIRIT** - Noah Meadows, 1, and Kaylee Lyss, 6, visited the Montello Lions Christmas open house at St. John's on Saturday. ABOVE: Volunteer elf Francie Leonard-Nelson helped them find their way around Santa Land.

and gifts for all. Organized for years by Lion Jerry Abbitz, this year he turned the reins over to Lions Char and John Hoffmann who were happy to play Santa and Mrs. Claus. The Lions shop for personalized gifts for each resident and sing out the joy of the holiday season at each of their stops. ABOVE: Lions Char Hoffmann and Karen Weiss dance to the tunes of a singing reindeer at Montello Care Center. BELOW: Montello Lions sing out the sounds of the season at Montello Care Center, an annual event that brings the joy of Christmas to folks at the care center, Joanie's Home, and

Golden Years.



**WINNEBAGO EAST SHORE LION** Steve Koenigs accepts a food donation for the Broken Bread food distribution program from a person attending the recent Country Christmas Concert in New Holstein.

## Lioness News

by ADP Joyce Kurtz

It seems we have finally gotten through the coldest months of the year without much difficulty.

Now is the time to think of 2011 fundraising events. Many are having pizza sales and will be having brat fries very soon.

I have found, in my club visitations, how many clubs have helped needy persons in the community over the Christmas holiday by serving a meal for a family, gifts for family members, or provided coats/jackets to many.

The Projects and Activity (P&A) reports are new the last few months. On the new ones you should list the club activities and the service hours completed by members. Another portion has a place to fill in the WLF categories and also community giving. The form can be found on the WI Lioness page and categorized as #LC-01. Be sure to check it out and use the new forms.

## Upcoming Events

### FEBRUARY

**SAT, FEB 26 - Sheboygan Falls Casino Night** at Range Line Inn in Kohler, The Kiel Lions Club will provide gambling tables and dealers. Gambling, food, 50/50 raffles, silent and live auctions are part of the night's festivities.

— Contact Al Mayer 467-8166 or Brian Beeck 467-1487 for tickets.

### ZONE MEETINGS

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Zone chairs; please let the newspaper and web master know of your meetings.





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# It Has Been A Good Ride

by Tom Clausen, WLF Director

I guess I will start off by saying a big "Thank You" to all the Lions of 27-B1 for your support during my six years as your Director on the Wisconsin Lions Foundation Board. It has been a good ride and I feel a close association to the Lions of Wisconsin and the fine statewide projects that we offer our citizens through Lionism. It is a pleasure to be a part of the 20,000 Lions and Lioness who live the motto, "We Serve".

I have been asked to explain why we so desperately need your continued support of all our statewide projects, especially our flagship project, the Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholt.

Each year we serve close to 1,500 people at a cost of slightly over \$800,000. That divides out to approximately \$600 per camper for a week's excitement. Since there are 557 clubs in Wisconsin, about three campers per club attend Camp. We all know that every club is different in size and the ability to raise funds for local and state projects, but we just want to make sure that all Lions support the Camp generously.

A soothsayer once warned Caesar, "Beware the Ides of March." Well, I say beware the awakening of the Lions. Yes, many of us are coming out of hibernation and we become hungry again. Yes, we are hungry for new friendship and new growth in our communities, which we eagerly await. Hungry for new projects and refining fundraisers. Hungry to renew our passion for helping those in need.

It is also a time for our clubs to think about our future leaders. To all Lions it is a time to ask, "Is this the year I step into a leadership role or move into a new leadership role?"

Leadership training seminars are in the works and I encourage all to attend. Many presidents, secretaries and treasurers have walked away from these classes and have commented on how helpful it was to them. The only cost is your time; and with the trainers we have it will not be wasted time.

March would also be a good time for an open house at your meeting. Show others what we, as Lions, do all year long.

It is also a time when Lions Camp begins getting ready for the camping season. Give the Camp a call and see if there is anything they need to have replaced or repaired that your club could donate funds or labor for. Just like our own homes, our home for the kids at Lions Camp needs our attention.

Also, don't forget our annual donations to WLF keep the Lions Camp and other statewide projects going from year to year. But let us not forget the Lions Pride Campaign, that is our future. \$25 million sounds like an impossible dream, but as Lions know, many times we have made the impossible, possible. This dream will come true and it will happen because of the camping experience we wish for all blind, deaf, cognitively disabled and those with diabetes for generations to come.

It is also a time that our furry friends at Leader Dog could use a big Lions hug. I often think about our four legged friends and how they have become great ambassadors for our Lions cause.

They also have made dreams come true for the blind by giving that person the freedom and independence we all take for granted. Any donation is appreciated and our hearts have been helping to make the impossible, possible, for over 70 years. We all thank you for your part generosity.

My year is coming to an end, and there are a few clubs I need to visit. Please call with the date you would like me and your 2nd Vice Governor to stop by and say hello.

How are the funds received to run the Camp? We support the Camp through what we call the annual donation. Some clubs write Lions Camp on their checks and other just write WLF. Both ways go into our General Fund to run the Camp and the Foundation - everything except the special interest projects such as hearing aids, diabetes education to name a couple.

To be truthful, Lions, Lioness and Leos annual donations come to roughly \$700,000. So how do we make up the difference to fund the Camp? Donations come in from public and personal giving, interest from the Birch Stum Endowment, grants, raffles and numerous other sources.

Our goal is to get every club in the habit of donating to the general fund first and then to special projects to make certain our Camp can operate at peak performance.

If you need assistance in how to donate and what projects the Lions of Wisconsin support, you can go to wlf.info or md27b1.org and look for "How to Donate."

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# Region 2 Zone 3

by Dick Schaefer

Region 2 Zone 3 is made up of six clubs east of Lake Winnebago in Fond du Lac, Calumet, Manitowoc and Sheboygan County. All clubs support their local communities (volunteer fire departments, EMTs, families in need, and athletics), as well as Lions International and WLF projects. The clubs share meetings and anniversaries together.

Winnebago East Shore Lions entry in the peace poster contest was the winner at the district convention. They held a Christmas concert with the New Holstein Lions and collected items for the Food Pantry and sent a donation to Pride. They distribute Christmas baskets in their community. They will be celebrating their 50th anniversary on April 9th in St. Cloud. Their club sponsored several clubs in the area.

New Holstein Lions support a play land in the community park and have activities and help at the local nursing home. They sponsor a Breakfast with Santa and Fish Bowl for the C P telethon. Their main fundraiser is a Big Bucks raffle. The club celebrated their 40th anniversary in 2010.

Kiel Lions work with another organization for a community picnic with proceeds used to support the Local Park, school, Salvatorian Center, and scholarships.

They worked with the Winnebago East Shore Lions dealing blackjack for a fundraiser for a person who has brain cancer. Kiel Lions will be celebrating their 45th anniversary in May.

Green/Glen Lions work with the Wade House State Park at different activities at the park. They have fish fries, brat fries and pancake breakfasts to raise funds. Their club has been a family orientated club for the last 27 years.

Elkhart Lake Lions is active with blood drives, cancer walks, and Breakfast with Santa, Adopt a Highway clean up and CP telethon. They've built a ballpark and playland in the village. The club runs a concession stand at Road America, a good exposure for Lions. The club will celebrate their 40th anniversary in September.

St. Peter Lions hosted the district bowling in January and February. They are involved with other organizations in fundraisers at Walleye Weekend. They sponsor steak fries, brat fries, a calendar raffle and work at other functions to raise money.

The Super Sub gets the entire club members together, three one hundred yard sub sandwiches, one at Festival Foods and one at both Pick N Save stores in Fond du Lac. St. Peter is a large club from an unincorporated village, 34 years in the community.

## Special Olympics Opening Eyes

The 2011 Special Olympics Opening Eyes Program at UW-Oshkosh is quickly approaching. The date this year is April 9. Help is again needed from Lions to make this project work. Optometrists, Para-optometric Techs and Opticians are all needed to provide the quality care to the Special Olympians participating in the day's activities.

The Volunteer form is available at www.md27b1.org.

- Ten people are needed for Friday April 8 to set up from 2 pm to 5 pm if you are available.
- Fifty people will be needed for Saturday April 9. Help will be needed all day on Saturday. You can volunteer for all day or just the morning or afternoon shift.

This year PDG Ken Wallander, 920-775-4281, kenchar@lso.net or Lion Mike DeBaere, 414-305-1166 contact@habermprinting.com (attention to Mike) are co-chairing this wonderful project.

Please let one of them know as soon as possible how many hours you can be available.

Additional equipment for the project is needed and the list can be found on the form.

## Internet Here To Stay

by Tom Clausen, IT Chairman

Lions use the Internet for communicating, publicity and administration. It is here to stay as electronic communication takes over the pencil and paper. As your technology chairperson, I am here to assist you with all your Internet and electronic communication needs in Lions.

It is important that each club has a secretary with a computer and Internet access or to have some Lion assist your secretary in filling out the monthly reports. Your officer reporting PU-101 form is now submitted via the Web for speed, cost savings and accuracy. When filling in your officers for the next year, be sure to include their email address so they can get information in a timely manner. The treasurer can

also pay dues to International over the web via electronic withdrawal to save the check and stamp.

Every club should have a website. It is important that we tell everyone who we are so we get the necessary support from our communities. If you can get your own website, fine, but if you need assistance and want to do it for free, you can either have a page off of our district's website, md27b1.org or go to e-clubhouse.org and sign up for a "do it yourself" site that uses templates and is easy to use.

Don't forget to check out our state website at wisconsinlions.org for just about everything you wanted to know about Wisconsin Lions and especially for the upcoming state convention.

## Eye Glass Donations Keep Them Coming!

Please place eye glasses  
in a box and layer  
glasses to protect the  
lenses from scratching.

Eyeglasses that have  
been gathered in  
bags have come  
to the recycling  
center scratched and  
damaged.

## Happy Spring

by ADP Joyce Kurtz

Finally spring is on its way. Most clubs have been kept busy with fundraisers during this cold season. A pizza sale is always in order for those chilly months. What can be more fun than working with your fellow Lioness/Lions in a fundraiser? The feeling of camaraderie is enticing. At the end of working so hard we can enjoy a sandwich together. You get to work with all those you like or a new friend who has joined because of our great organization and our motto "We Serve".

## Club News & Events



**WINNEBAGO EAST SHORE LIONS** recently distributed over 120 Christmas baskets to the senior citizens living alone in the "Holy Land Area" of St. Cloud, Mt. Calvary, Johnsburg, Marytown and St. Anna. The Club has been doing this event for over 38 years and earns the money for this event by selling roses in March, and many other fundraising events. The Club will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in April of 2011. ABOVE: Loading cars with baskets are: Rose Mueller, Barb Tyler, and Jan Baldock.



**AMSTERDAM LIONS SCREEN ABOUT 100** - In December, Amsterdam Lions assisted with the vision screening in the Cedar Grove-Belgium School District. If problems are found, parents are notified and encouraged to take their child to an optometrist. The Amsterdam Lions also assists families with financial need with follow-up testing and glasses.



**HIGHWAY CLEAN UP DONE BY NESHKORO LIONESS & LIONS** - Since 1995, Neshkoro Lioness with the assistance of the Neshkoro Lions, have been cleaning up a two mile stretch of Highway 73 every spring and fall. ABOVE: Lioness Irene Otteson, Lion Jim Sondale, Lioness Mary Schumitsch, and Lion Art Schumitsch. Not pictured Lion Tom LaPinske and taking the picture Lioness Mary Braatz.

### Upcoming Events

**MARCH**  
SUN, MAR 6 - Cascade Lions Soup-O-Rama - 11 am-3 pm at the Cascade Lions Clubhouse. All you can eat! Adults - \$7; Children under 12 - \$3.50.

SAT, MAR 19 - Pickett Lions, Casino Night

SUN, MAR 20 - Fond du Lac Lions/Lioness Flea Market - Fairgrounds

TUE, MAR 22 - Diabetes Alert Day.

**APRIL**

SAT, APR 9 - Special Olympics - UW Oshkosh Campus see article

SAT, APR 9 - Winnebago East Shore Lions 50th Anniversary

TUE, APR 26 - Officer Training - Wautoma.

SAT, APR 30 - Spring Work Day at Camp

**MAY**

SUN, MAY 1 - Cabinet Meeting - Butte des Morts Lions Club House

SAT, MAY 7 - Officer Training - Fond du Lac, MPTC.

THU, MAY 19 - SAT, MAY 21 - State Convention - Appleton

### ZONE MEETINGS

R4 Z2 - MON, MAR 14 - Neshkoro at Napp's; dinner 7 pm.

R4 Z1 - MON, MAR 21 - Eldorado Lions hosting.

R5 Z2 - TUE, MAR 22 - Wild Rose at Pioneer Pub. Dinner 6:30 pm, cost \$9.



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# Leader Dog Continues To Change Lives

by Vic V. Voigt, 27-B1 Leader Dog Co-Chair

I would like to focus this month's article on those that have passed before us.

In 1917, Dr. William Perry Woods and Melvin Jones decided that if they joined groups that they could not only serve their own communities but could also serve communities through out the world. Because of their insight, we have the oldest and largest worldwide service organization we have today.

In 1925, Helen Keller had asked the Lions to do the impossible and become the Knights of the Blind so that no blind or deaf child, or adult, would have to endure life without a proper education.

In 1939, three men from Rochester, Michigan heard that other Guide Dog schools were refusing dogs to those that wanted more independence but because of their gender, age and race were denied. These three dedicated Lions sought to right that wrong and started the best Leader Dog school in the world; one where no legally blind person will ever be denied a companion to help them through their world of darkness.

In 1956, because of a chance talk with a blind child, Ray Hemple of Poy Sippi convinced the Lions of the State of Wisconsin, that blind children could go to camp.

Over 50 years later, the Lions of Wisconsin have the model camp for others to try to duplicate. It is not only a camp for the blind, but a camp for the deaf, mild cognitively disabled and those with diabetes, not only for children, but for adults also.

In our younger years in Lions, if it were not for the leadership and insight of those that passed before us, we would not have had the passion or the desire to continue our dreams.

Now we are almost 100 years old with no desire to slow down. We have helped millions throughout the world. Because of earthquakes, floods, tornadoes, fires, hurricanes and other natural disasters, those that had no hope before, have again hope to continue with their lives.

Our emblem shows a Lion facing two directions, one representing our past, and the other representing our future. It is because of those that passed before us, that we have a past that will not be equaled. It is also because of those that passed before us, that our future will continue to be remarkable.

Be proud of who and what we are and continue to live up to our motto, WE SERVE.

I would like for everyone to take a few moments to think about those that have guided us and helped us to grow in our service to others. We owe them a great debt, a debt of compassion and hope, that has made Lions strong and this world a better place to be.

One of the oldest Lions sponsored programs goes back to the 1930's -- yes, that's just about long before you and I were born!

To be exact, it was in 1938, three Michigan Lions started the Leader Dog Program. They started with just three dogs going out to three sight-impaired individuals. Thanks to them for having the foresight for all the Lions after them! Yes, Helen Keller "tabbed" the Lions as the "Knights of the Blind"!

You and I have the wonderful opportunity of being able, with our donations, to continue in their footsteps. Fourteen thousand dogs have been given over the years in the USA, and around the world, to help the sight impaired!

We here in Wisconsin have donated the second largest (\$173,000) to their cause. The school has changed over the past 73 years, the type of dogs, harnesses, training methods, white cane, sign language, etc. The program is so successful that many colleges that teach mobility

send their students to "Leader Dog" to show them how it is done.

Leader Dog is also the leader in the technology field for the blind. Several years ago we introduced our clients to the "Trekker" -- a 32-button device that is a computer and a GPS unit.

Two years ago, we started giving a product the "Breize" to every student that received a new dog. Later in this year, Leader Dog will offer a "free" next generation, Kaptan GPS to every Leader Dog handler in the USA at no cost.

All these things, of course, do come with a cost, but Leader Dog is committed to its clients. Over the years, 27-B1 has been one of the leaders of our State in their support of this project. For that you should be thanked. We urge all clubs in the district to consider giving something to this very worthy cause.

On behalf of all recipients of a Leader Dog who live in 27-B1, I take this opportunity to say "thank you" for changing their lives, and thank you for the dogs.

## Make The Impossible Possible

by ADP Joyce Kurtz

At our 27-B1 District Convention in Manitowoc, our motto was "Making the Impossible Possible".

In 2008-09, Wisconsin's 2,800 Lioness members in 120 clubs raised close to a half million dollars. You can imagine the people who were helped by this

outstanding amount of money, as well as contributing to many Lions projects. That is making the impossible, possible. Awesome!! Continue helping others who are less fortunate.

Food for thought, "To the world you may only be one person, but to one person you may be the world."

## Officer Training

by Dave Holschbach, 27-B1 Leadership Chair

Welcome to your term as officer of your club. Whether this is your first time or you are a returning officer, things change and there are new and fresh ideas out there.

This year we plan to expand and incorporate orientation into the trainings sessions. So it will not be geared strictly for incoming officers, other current Lions are invited, the more the merrier anyone possible thinking about being an officer is more than welcome.

There will be two sessions to choose from:

### Tuesday, April 26

CAPsell Center  
205 E. Main Street, Wautoma  
Build Your Own Sandwich Bar for \$6.

Registration: 6 pm  
Dinner/Training: 6:30-9 pm.

### Saturday, May 7

Moraine Park Technical College

Registration: 9 am  
Training: 9:30 am - 12 pm

Finalized registration forms will be sent to all Lion and Lioness clubs in the district with complete details. Find out what is available to you and your club to have a successful and organized year. Get ideas from your fellow Lions.

To get further information or questions, contact Lion Dave Holschbach at 920-684-0115 or dajach@yahoo.com.

## Special Olympics

April 9<sup>th</sup>

UW-Oshkosh

See web page for details

## What's Happening In The Fox Valley

by Eugene Hardell, Region 3 Zone 1 Chair

At our last zone meeting, all the clubs related their fundraising and projects to the rest of the clubs. This was to help other clubs to get the Lions word out to the public and help gain new members.

In Appleton, the Flag Day Parade will have the Viking Ship in the parade with all the local clubs invited to take a ride and enjoy a fellowship party after. The Appleton Evening and Menasha Lions Clubs hold their meetings together, as both clubs are on the smaller side, making for a good working relationship.

For fundraisers, they sell Entertainment books, "Dairy Queen" ice cream coupons, roses, brats; and with the permission of Pick 'n Save, parking spots for the 4th of July Fireworks. For projects they give money to a local senior center and local food pantry. They collect, clean and read used eyeglasses. They hold a Christmas party where the ticket for entry is a new blanket for a local clothes closet.

The Appleton Noon Club sells candy and has a Senior Expo and distributes thousands of dollars to local charities. They take playing cards to King Army Home, along with reading material and clothes.

The Butte des Morts Club holds a Carpfest feed and has a Fishing Tournament to raise funds. They hold a Kids' Christmas Party and Kids' Halloween Party and provide a scholarship for a local High School student.

Neenah Lions sell Yonkers coupon books, roses and have a wine tasting party. They provide dictionaries for third graders, collect eyeglasses for WLF and have a kids' fishing party.

The Larsen-Winchester Lions Club has a semi-annual pancake

breakfast where for \$5 adults, \$2.50 kids 12 and under, and under 3 years old free, you get all the potato pancakes you can eat, a scoop of scrambled eggs, some ham, apple sauce, coffee, milk, orange or tomato juice and dessert bars. If you go away hungry, it's your own fault. Along with that, there is a bucket raffle to raise funds for their scholarship fund for two \$1,000 scholarships (one to a Neenah High School senior and one to a Winneconne High School senior who take a medical course of study or a number of \$500 scholarships to a student in a Technical school Medical course).

The Larsen-Winchester's Medical locker has on loan, thousands of pieces of medical equipment to anyone in the state and also ships items to Africa and Mission to Mexico, all on a donation bases.

The Larsen-Winchester Ramp building group has built over 643 handicapped ramps and charges \$10 a foot per ramp, asking the recipient for one half and a local Lions club or other agency for the other half of the cost. Labor is free and the ramp remains the club's property to be recycled when no longer needed. Usually within one to two weeks from request to installation, a ramp will be built at the site in four to six hours with pre-built sections. Ramps are only built within a 25 mile radius of Larsen, Wisconsin, but club members will train other Lions Clubs to build ramps in their area.

Larsen-Winchester also collects eyeglasses and deer hides, supports the local Fire/Rescue Squad, provides food baskets at Christmas and glasses to the needy. They support 27-B1 projects and local school requests.

## Club News & Events

**SHEBOYGAN NOON LIONS NEW PROJECT A HIT** - by Jan Grasser - The Sheboygan Noon Lions decided to try a new fundraiser. From mid-November to mid-December the Noon Lions sold cheese gift boxes, which really contained more than cheese. The assortment consisted of cheese; cheese spread, crackers, coffee and mints. Our new project enabled our Club to give \$2,000 to the Salvation Army Food Pantry and \$300 to the Mission of Mexico. We will be doing this project again next year!

we were bowled by John Van Vegel (279) and Shelly Schneider (220), and high series of 521 by Sherry Freddin and 688 by Todd Schaezter. There were also teams from Sheboygan Falls, Kiel, Cascade, Town of Sheboygan, and Winnebago East Shore.

**ST. PETER LIONS SUPER SUB** - On Saturday, February 5, the St. Peter Lions members split up to three separate locations, each group preparing 300 feet of Sub Sandwiches. The bread was donated and baked at each store in Fond du Lac - Pick 'n Save on Pioneer Rd., Pick 'n Save on Johnson St., and Festival Foods on Hwy 23 East. The sandwiches contained approximately 80 pounds of ham, 80 pounds of summer sausage, along with turkey and bologna, about 100 pounds of cheese and then topped with about 30 pounds of lettuce,



**ST. PETER LIONS HOSTED THE DISTRICT BOWLING TOURNAMENT** - Thanks to the 24 teams that participated at Luedtke's Dine-n-Bowl in Mt. Calvary. Congratulations to teams from Sheboygan Noon, Hilbert, Markesan, Random Lake, Elkhart Lake, and Van Dyne. High Games



an 80 foot long assembly line was set up in the store aisle, and the process was repeated four times. Almost all 80 members helped out making the event move along smoothly.



**LARSEN/ WINCHESTER DICTIONARY PROJECT** - The Larsen/ Winchester Lions handed out 125 dictionaries to third graders and their teachers at Winneconne Elementary School in January. With the same dictionary in everyone's hands, teaching dictionary skills and learning will be facilitated.

20 pounds of onions and 40 pounds of tomatoes. Members procured some of the products from store vendors from as far as Madison, Cudahy and Green Bay. Early on the morning of the sale,

## Upcoming Events

### APRIL

**SAT, APR 9 - Special Olympics** - UW Oshkosh Campus

**SAT, APR 9 - Winnebago East Shore Lions 50th Anniversary**

**SUN, APR 10 - St Peter Lions Steak Fry** - Maximillion's, Mt Calvary

**TUE, APR 26 - Officer Training** - Wautoma.

### MAY

**SUN, MAY 1 - Cabinet Meeting** - Butte des Morts Lions Club House

**SAT, MAY 7 - Officer Training** - Fond du Lac, MPTC.

**THU, MAY 19 - SAT, MAY 21 - State Convention** - Appleton

### ZONE MEETINGS

**R1 Z1 - THU, APR 7 - 7 p.m.**, at Cobblestone, Brillion

**R2 Z1 - MON, APR 11** - Sheboygan Fall 7 p.m. Dinner

**R2 Z3 - MON, APR 11 - 7 p.m.** Altona Supper Club, New Holstein

**R5 Z1 - SUN, APR 3 - 6 p.m.**, Haystack Supper Club, Westfield



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## The Little Zone That Could

by Gary Silah, R2 Z2

27-B1's smallest zone still does big things.

In recent years, throughout the United States, Lions have seen a reduction in membership and even a reduction in the number of clubs.

Be it because of a generation that is losing interest in the concept of community service, economic necessities requiring people to work harder and longer than before, or simply the demands of modern family life taking needed time away from the individual. The numbers of volunteers available for service clubs like the Lions have been dwindling for many years now.

But what we haven't seen, fortunately, is a reduction of the efforts of these clubs to meet the needs of the community and the world at large.

An excellent example is the efforts of the Region 2 Zone 2 clubs in 27-B1. Despite the loss of two important clubs in this zone, Fond du Lac Noon Lions, and Dundee-Long Lake Lions, this zone has continued to show its influence, not only in their local communities, but in the district, as well.

At the first zone meeting this year, the Fond du Lac Evening Lions had some extra cases of soda left over from a fundraiser they had completed earlier that month. The zone accepted that donation, and turned the soda into a raffle that netted \$100 to the Wisconsin Lions Foundation, which they donated in the name of the late Past District Governor Milt Wood.

At the second zone meeting, each club member brought a canned good in addition to the cost of their meal that night, and ended up sending a huge box of food to the Fond du Lac Salvation Army's food pantry. A simple thing, but greatly needed and benefited many families that evening.

And there's no calculating the individual budgets of these clubs, and what they have given to local, state and international programs on behalf of Lions Clubs.

The Eden Lions, Oakfield Lions, Fond du Lac Evening Lions, Campbellsport Lions, and Fond du Lac Lionesses have had a significant impact in their communities and the Lions world at large. They stand as an example of what a dedicated group of individuals can accomplish, no matter what their numbers.

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By now we all have our lawn equipment out and are planting gardens and flowers.

May is also a time for the State Convention. It is a place where we renew our friendships and make new friends. Conventions are a great place to get new ideas to help your clubs out and I encourage all to attend. There will be new seminars and enlightening speakers to increase your passion to continue your work to help those in need. Check out the state website to see if there is anything you may be interested in. There is just a few weeks left to register for the convention and the convention committee has been working hard to give you the best convention ever.

I joined the Lions in 1982. In my travels I have listened to the words, thoughts and passion that all Lions, Lionesses and Leos have for helping the needy. I have taken those words and have written somewhat of a poem and would like to share it with you.

*When the earth shakes and the rumble makes great cities and villages fall*

*And the people find themselves with little hope.*

*Before the earth can make its last rumble, WE will always be there.*

*When the winds of the oceans bring forth the giant waves and the coastlines are flooded with water.*

*Before the last breath of Mother Nature can be felt, WE will always be there.*

*When the skies darken and the hail and the rain begin along with the mighty wind brings its fury on the earth, destroying everything in its path.*

*Before the last drop of rain can be felt, WE will always be there.*

*When the blind, the deaf, those with cognitive disabilities and diabetes need more than prayers can do, WE will always be there.*

*When floods, fire, rain, snow and other disasters fall upon the earth and the people reach out for help, WE will always be there.*

We have always been there for all in need, no matter their ethnic background, without any favoritism towards any political, religious or continental boundaries, we just simply serve. Our motto is, "We Serve".

As a Lions, we can say, "I will always be there, for I am a Lion." Thank you for being Lions, Lionesses and Leos.

**REMINDER**  
**Bring used eyeglasses to State Convention for recycling!**

## What's Going On

MAY

**SUN, MAY 1 - Oakfield Lions Pancake Day** - 8 am-1 pm at Oakfield High School Tickets \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door. Children 6 to 11- \$2.

**SUN, MAY 1 - Cabinet Meeting** - Butte des Morts Lions Club House.

**THU, MAY 5 - Kiel Lions 45th Anniversary** at Milhome Supper Club. 6 pm cocktails, 7:15 pm dinner.

**SAT, MAY 7 - Officer Training** - Fond du Lac, MPTC.

**SUN, MAY 15 - Van Dyne Lion & Lioness 26th Annual Country Breakfast** - 8:30 am - 1:00 pm Van Dyne Lions Park.

**THU, MAY 19 - SAT, MAY 21 - State Convention** - Radisson Paper Valley, Appleton.

**MON, MAY 30 - Fond Du Lac Evening Lions & Lioness Flea Market** at Fdl County Fairgrounds Expo Building. Rent a booth \$30, check to FDL Evening Lions, P.O. Box 1543, Fond du Lac, WI 54936.

JUNE

**SAT, JUN 4 - Van Dyne Lions 32nd Annual Walleye Tournament** - Van Dyne Lions Park, checks awarded in the afternoon for Tournament. Actives in park from noon - 6 pm.

**SUN, JUN 12 - 27-B1 Affiliate Spring Banquet** at Van Dyne Lions Park. 4 pm Cocktails; 5 pm Dinner (Bourbon Baked Chicken / Beef Tips). \$11/person. RSVP by Saturday June 4, 2011.

**MON, JUN 13 - New Holstein Lions 13th Annual Golf Outing** at Badger Creek Golf Course. \$50/golfer before June 6; after it will be \$60. Looking for hole sponsors - \$50 per hole.

## Lioness News

by ADP Joyce Kurtz

The month of May is a celebration of new growth and new beginnings. By now all clubs have held elections and chosen the persons to the important offices. The club secretary's job is to include these elected personnel on the P&A and LC-02 reports so that the information (name, office, address, phone and e-mail address) can be forwarded to the "powers that be" for inclusion on a database.

The Officer Training session is May 7 at MPTC, Fond du Lac. I encourage all officers to attend this meeting to meet and greet fellow officers in our district.

Coming soon is the Lions State Convention in Appleton on May 19-21. Many seminars are available for your enjoyment and enlightenment. You will find a tentative schedule listed

on page four of this newspaper for your examination. Last minute registration is available at [www.wisconsinlions.org/stateconvention.html](http://www.wisconsinlions.org/stateconvention.html).

The Lions Eye Bank is making an effort to have those of us who are willing to donate our eyes for corneal transplant on the website YesIWillWisconsin.com. This is in addition to placing a dot on our driver's license. Please register on the website and make sure the family knows of your intentions.

A big statewide PR campaign just wrapped up in March and all clubs are being encouraged to advertise their functions on the radio, newspaper or where ever possible. This is a great way to let the public know that we are indeed here and doing good deeds for all who are in need, be it local, statewide or nationally. Happy May to all!!

## Leos - Future Lions

by PDG Ken Wallander, Leo Co-Chair



As a district, we should all be working at starting a Leo club in our community.

Leo stands for Leadership Experience Opportunity. A Leo club has to be sponsored by a Lions Club, with one member of the club as an advisor to them. The club can be either affiliated with a school or with a community. There are advantages and disadvantages of the age groups, depending on how well the students relate to each other.

It is advisable to divide the

groups from 12-18 years of age, and the older ones from 18-28 years old, but you may also mix the two age groups.

Leos are encouraged to help with the Lions fundraisers and service projects. By doing so, they are learning to become future leaders and becoming service oriented.

If you'd like more information or are interested in a club presentation contact: PDG Ken Wallander Leo Co-Chair 920-775-4281 kenchar@lso.net

## Club News



### RANDOM LAKE SPREADS DIABETES EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS

The Wisconsin Diabetes Prevention and Control Program and WLF are donating sets of the *Eagle Books* to Wisconsin libraries.

In Random Lake, the Lions Club distributed a set of the *Eagle Books* to the Lakeview Community Library and each of the three area schools for young children to read and enjoy the beautiful colorful artwork and characters.

The *Eagle Books* include stories about growing strong and preventing Diabetes. The series was developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Diabetes Translation's Native Diabetes Wellness Program, in collaboration with the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee and the Indian Health Service. Each set contains four books

that were written by Native Americans Georgia Perez and brilliantly illustrated by Patrick Rolo and Lisa A. Fifield.

Young people who read these books are encouraged to eat healthy foods and learn from their elders about traditional ways of eating healthy. They will also teach children how to prevent type 2 Diabetes.

UPPER LEFT: Librarian Darla Jean Kraus is presented with a set of *Eagle Books* from Random Lake Lion Secretary Wayne Stroessner.

**Editor Note:** I, too, am impressed by these books and my club has received sets to place in our parochial and public school libraries, the city library and local eye clinic. I have also had a set sent to my grandchildren's day care. Four and five year olds are interested in this type of reading, and the colored illustrations do hold interest. This is an excellent time for them to learn about healthy choices.

Call WLF and get a few sets for your community. Don't forget to place a sticker or stamp on the books that informs readers that the books have been provided by your club.

### GENEROSITY MUST NEVER STOP

by Jan Grasser, Sheboygan Noon Lions

The Sheboygan Noon Lions heard Lori Lorenz, Social Worker for the Salvation Army in Sheboygan, speak at one of their recent meetings.

Lorenz told of the needs of the Salvation Army, some of which will be met after the renovation of the Salvation Army building on 7th St. and Pennsylvania Ave. are finished. There will be more beds available, more space for the workers and volunteers to do their work and especially more room for the food pantry. Enlarging the food pantry area will allow the Salvation Army to distribute food a little differently than the way it is done now.

When Ms. Lorenz was finished with her presentation, Sheboygan Noon Lions President Marty Shannon presented Lorenz with a check for \$2,000 to help with the food pantry.

### ELKHART LAKE LIONS DONATED AN ELECTRIC POWERED WHEEL CHAIR TO THE WISCONSIN VETERAN'S HOME

The Elkhart Lake Lions Club recently donated an electric powered wheel chair to the Wisconsin Veteran's Home at King, Wisconsin. The wheel chair was first given to Lion Gilbert Mattson from Rose Mary Baird of Chilton in memory of her husband, Mattson had a plaque made to be affixed to the

wheelchair indicating the gift.

While the Elkhart Lake Lions has a medical equipment reserve, the club decided an electric wheelchair would be better used by a medical facility. PDG Del Peterson communicated with Stan Jezeski from the Wisconsin Veteran's Home where there is a need for this kind of equipment.

The Veteran's Home at King is the largest veterans home in Wisconsin. It came into use when soldiers began returning after the Civil War. To live at the facility, the veteran must have entered service from the State of Wisconsin or must have resided in the State of Wisconsin for 12 consecutive months since their military discharge.

A spouse of a veteran can also reside at the Wisconsin Veterans Home, provided they are admitted while the veteran is at some type of facility such as an assisted living or nursing home or if the spouse is a widower.

Approximately 500 volunteers give of their time at the King facility. Most of these are former military veterans themselves.

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**CLEVELAND LIONS CONTRIBUTED \$3,000** to the construction of a new concession stand in Veteran's Park, as planned by the Cleveland Athletic Club. ABOVE (L to R): Dale Wagner, Paul Albright, Athletic Club President Lion Ron Schisel.



**GET HOOKED ON FISHING NOT DRUGS** was held on Sunday, April 3 at the Fond du Lac Aquatic Center. The event is sponsored by the Lighthouse Anglers for all area youth. The Oakfield Lions Club helps out by serving food at the event. ABOVE: Oakfield Lion Mary Champeau with four-year old Ethan Pickering and three-year old Gaven Pickering who participated in the event.



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## Tail Twister's Make Or Break A Meeting

by Helen Mork

I have held several positions since joining the Lions, but being the Cabinet Tail Twister is the most fun.

One of the Tail Twister's primary tasks is to generate humorous situations that evoke laughter while promoting harmony, good fellowship, and enthusiasm at club meetings by imposing fines on club members.

It is the Tail Twister's responsibility to keep meetings lively and interesting, involve everyone in the fun, and to earn money.

I started the year with a financial goal and split it into smaller goals for each meeting and convention. I easily surpassed my goal.

No one is exempt from being fined, but meeting a quota is not a priority, and no one should be fined too frequently. When attending a meeting, the Tail Twister should continue to circulate the room and make his/her presence known.

An observant Tail Twister can usually find reasons for assessing fines without creating false issues. A few of the rules that every Tale Twister should follow include:

- Never embarrass or insult anyone.
- Make everyone feel welcome.
- Welcome visitors, but only fine Lions.

This position provides an opportunity to be creative and use your imagination.

The Tail Twister may require a "uniform of the day" for the next meeting. For example, at one meeting everyone was required to wear red, and those that forgot were fined. Attendees were very creative in finding places to wear their red, which added to the fun.

The Tail Twister helps the president manage meetings by asserting appropriate fines. For example, speakers at our meetings are given a time limit to make their presentation. All individuals exceeding their time limit have the Tail Twister standing by their sides with the Lion Bank to receive the fine when their presentation is done.

Fines can also be levied for being noisy or inattentive. After all, keeping the club or district functioning at its best and on time is a group responsibility.

Check out the Lions International web page at www.lionsclubs.org and search on Tail Twister. It is an excellent resource for reviewing the Tail Twister detailed job description, and for obtaining many ideas for having fun when fining the members.

If you ever get the chance to serve as Tail Twister, grab it. You will get to know your members on a whole new level while using all your creativity in ways you never thought possible.

## What's Going On

JUNE

**SAT, JUN 4 - Van Dyne Lions 32nd Annual Walleye Tournament** at Van Dyne Lions Park. Activities at the park from 12 noon - 6 pm with music, raffles, food, and kickball. Fishing tournament prizes will be given out between 4 and 5.

**FRI, JUN 10 - SAT, JUN 11 - Markesan Lions Food Tent** open during the June Dairy Days Celebration.

**SUN, JUN 12 - Markesan Lions Chicken B-B-Q Dinner** with "The Uncle Ozzie Polka and Variety Music Show".

**SUN, JUN 12 - 27-B1 Affiliate Spring Banquet** - The theme this year will be "Live in the Sunshine" Cocktails at 4 pm with Dinner at 5 pm. Menu: Bourbon Baked Chicken and Beef Tips with all the trimmings. \$11/person. RSVP by June 4.

**MON, JUN 13 - New Holstein Lions 13th Annual Golf Outing** at Badger Creek Golf Course - pre-register \$50/golfer before June 6th; after it will be \$60. Looking for hole sponsors at \$50/looking.

**MON, JUN 20 - R1 Z3 Zone Social** at Aurora Medical Center, Two Rivers. 6 pm Social; 7 pm meal. \$11.

**Have you made your annual donation to Lions Camp?**

## Lioness Going Strong

by ADP Joyce Kurtz

As I sit at my computer to write my final article for my year as your Affiliate President, I think of the many times that I have been greeted with kindness at all the clubs.

June finds us right in the midst of the busy summer fundraising and project season. No matter the size of the club, we are all out raising funds and helping those in need.

Keep up the good work gals as I think we can wow them again with the amount we raise for all our community and Lion projects. Not to be forgotten:

1. The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin is asking you to register on the organ, tissue and eye registry at YesWillWisconsin.com. Organ, tissue and eye donation holds the promise of life for thousands of patients with life-threatening conditions and diseases. According to YesWillWisconsin.com, the waiting list continues to increase daily.
  - Every 11 minutes, a new person is added to the national organ donor waiting list.
  - 18 people die each day while waiting.
  - There are currently more than 1,600 people in Wisconsin on the waiting



list for an organ transplant.

- More than 6,600 people died nationwide waiting for an organ transplant in 2009

- One donor can save or enhance the lives of more than 50 people.

- Currently, more than 109,500 people are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant. Organ, tissue and eye donation holds the promise of life for thousands of patients with life-threatening conditions and diseases. Find out what it means to give the gift of life. You can provide hope and meaning by simply stating, "Yes, I Will" be an organ, tissue and eye donor.

2. A big PR campaign is going on to get all clubs to promote functions on the radio, newspaper or wherever possible. This is a great way to let everyone know that we are here and that we are doing good for all who are in need, be it local, statewide or nationally.

I thank each and every one who has allowed me to visit and enjoy the fun and friendship I have experienced at all the clubs.

Happy summer to all!!!

"Good-bye, Good-bye. Parting is such sweet sorrow". I think those words were written by someone talking about a Lion District Governor that has come to the end of his year.

It truly is with sorrow that I write this last article for you, IPDG Quinn said it best, "Never have I cried so much or laughed so much as I did spending time with the members of 27-B1".

This has been a year of great accomplishments as we grew in Lionism. We have become more than friends as we have truly become family. A family with so much compassion and caring for others that at times we forgot to take care of ourselves. And as with any family they remind us to slow down and breathe once in a while. We helped each other up when we fell, we nursed each other when we were sick, and we mourned those that passed on.

I would like to thank the cabinet for their great support, Lion Dave Holschbach for being my secretary/treasurer and most of all, my wife, Lion/Lioness Meg for putting up with me the past twelve months. I would also like to thank IPDG Lenny Quinn, his wife Kay, and we can't forget Miss Ginger. Because of his leadership, working with Quinn, has made my journey in Lions a tremendous success. Their friendship will forever be in our hearts. Your new District Governor Lion Merle will be taking the reigns of the best District in the world and he will be as proud of all of you as I will always continue to be.

My theme was, "Making The Impossible Possible", and the Lions of this District have taken our International President Sid Scroggs III theme, "Beacon of Hope" and have made the impossible possible for many that without your support would have fallen into the abyss of our society. Because of your passion, you have given hope to those that had no hope and comfort to those in need.

In raising horses it is said, treat them like thoroughbreds and they will never become nags. With Lions, Lioness and Leos treat them with respect and you will receive a fellowship in which their hearts will forever become a part of your life. Thank you all for opening your hearts and helping to further open my heart to make a better life for those in need.

Thank you also to the WLF, Pride, Leader Dog and the members of the Editorial Board. Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the board as we are on a path that will bring joy and happiness to those less fortunate for years to come.

On behalf of Meg and me, we would like to thank you for all your love, help and support. You have again continued to make the impossible possible.



**PRINCETON LIONS CLUB CONCLUDES SUCCESSFUL BOWLING BENEFIT** at Stars & Strikes Lanes in the names of past Lions Herbie Wachholz and Jim Greenwald. As a result of the event, the Princeton Lions will be able to send nearly \$650 to the Wisconsin Lions Camp and will be donating \$650 to the Jaycee Shelter House project. The owners of the local bowling alley have been very generous in hosting this event for the second year. They assisted with raffles and turned over all of the bowling fees to the Princeton Lions. Members donated food and many local businesses generously donated items for the raffles. We ran two bowling shifts and everyone had a great time.

**BERLIN LIONS CLUB ACTIVITIES** - The Berlin Lions Club held another successful Cheese Sale in December. All the cheese is purchased for the club and stored at J & T's Family Foods, whose owner is a member of the Berlin Lions. Members gather in the storeroom to pack the cheese into gift boxes for the sale. Many times the members pack between 500 and 800 gift boxes in a single session. The Club is currently taking orders for dozens of Roses for their Annual Mother's Day Rose Sale. All the profits from these successful

activities fund not only local Berlin Community Projects like the scholarships they give out annually, but also State Lions Projects such as donations to Wisconsin Lions Camp and also to Leader Dogs for the Blind.



**NESHKORO LIONESS CLUB HAS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PIZZA SALE** - by Lioness Mary Braatz - The Neshkoro Lioness Club has been doing pizza sales twice a year for the past 23 years. On March 26th, they held their Spring 2011 Pizza Sale. For many years the Lioness Club made all the pizzas themselves; but due to many different reasons, they now have the pizzas made fresh at an established business. This was the third sale using Eaton's Fresh Pizza. Lioness members take orders for a wide variety of pizza choices, then on a designated Saturday, the committee gathers to count and sort the full order. Next, each Lioness sorts their own order and some of the customers come and pick them up. Other customers get theirs delivered. The sale is advertised on marquee in the community, with walk-in customers welcome. It seems each year we find a new customer or two from the PR. Any walk-in customers are asked if they would like to be contacted for each future sale and the list of customers grows. Profit from the pizza sales go towards many different Neshkoro Community

Projects. Working together is a fun time with many groups benefiting from the fruits of our labor. When fall rolls around and you are hungry for a great pizza look no further than the Neshkoro Lioness Club and you can help us help others. ABOVE LEFT: The Neshkoro Lioness Club Pizza Sale Committee and helpers were sorting pizzas into members' individual orders for distribution to their customers.



**ST. NAZIANZ LIONS BOOK DONATION** - Students from St. Gregory School show some of the library books the school bought with donations from the St. Nazianz Lions Club and the St. Nazianz Legion Post No. 477.



**WINNEBAGO EAST SHORE LIONS DELIVERED** over 300 dozen roses sold during the annual rose sale. Pictured are Lion Mark Fritz and President Mark Benzinger organizing the roses for delivery.

## Club News

### KINGSTON LIONESS CLUB COMPLETES PROJECTS

The Club presented two \$500 scholarships; sponsored a girl to Badger Girls State; and held a pizza sale during which they sold and made over 1,200 pizzas. They donate to the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin and made/delivered 33 Christmas baskets to Kingston area seniors. They also just completed their Memorial Day Soup and Sandwich at the Kingston Legion Hall.



### WINNEBAGO EAST SHORE LIONS CELEBRATED THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

of their Charter as a Lions Club on Saturday, April 9th at the Cabaret in St. Cloud. Several area Lions clubs joined them for the celebration. Andrea Yenter, (picture) Wisconsin Lions Camp Operations Manager was the guest speaker. When Winnebago

East Shore Lions club recently celebrated their 50th Anniversary, they had the honor of having Dr. James Walsdorf, the only living charter member at the gathering. He is pictured here with his wife Ruth.

### MARKESAN LIONS CLUB WORKING HARD

- On Saturday April 23, 2011, the Markesan Lions Club held a Children's Easter Egg Hunt at Noon at the Markesan Middle School on Hwy 44. They are hard at work on their participation in Markesan June Dairy Days set for June 10-12 where they will have food Friday night and also Saturday mid-morning thru evening. There is also a parade at 7 pm. Then on Sunday at 11 am, the Lions famous Chicken Barbeque. On July 1-3, 2011 the Markesan Lions will hold their Lions Family Picnic. There will be bands, refreshments, food, fireworks and a silent auction. The fireworks on Saturday night will be held at dark. Sunday, the chicken barbeque is at 11 am, with all events at Lions Park on Little Green Lake. On July 20, 2011 they are planning the Markesan Lions Pork Roast Dinner also at the Lions Park at Little Green Lake, serving at 4 pm until gone. They also maintain the Lions Park at the lake during the summer months used by many families and organizations for various activities.

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