



*District 27-B1 Cabinet
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Row 1

Leonard Quinn, PDG
Kay Quinn
Mike De Baere
David Lee
Fred Gebhart, DG
Tom Berendes, PDFG
Rose Berendes
B.J. Blahnik

Row 2

Bonnie Strelow
Jerry Post, PDG
Meg Post, PDG
Dave Holschbach
Helen Mork
Dennis Schwartz
Wendy Hartmann
Shirley Geoffrey
Tom Barns
Gary Roehrig

Row 3

Ken Rhode, PDG
Tom Clausen, PDG
Laurie Sasada
Dave Brinkman
Mary Jo Abler
Peggy Zwickert
Dave Przekurat
Phil Weber
Ken Rivers
Ken Wallander, PDG



**District 27-B1 Cabinet Minutes
Sunday, August 6th, 2017
Eagles Clubhouse
515 N Park Avenue
Fond du lac, WI 54935**

Questions? Reply to this email: dajach@yahoo.com or call 920-684-0115

1. **Called to order** @ 1:25 pm – DG Fred Gebhart
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Tom Berendes
3. **Song & Prayer** led by Song Leader & Chaplain Lion Kay Quinn. The songs were “Happy Birthday Lions” and “God bless America”
4. **Welcome** and Introduction of new Lions Cabinet Members & Special Guests by DG Fred Gebhart
5. **Installation of Cabinet Members** by PID Wayne Heiman . PID Heiman talked about “The Power of WE” from our Lions International President and other Words of Wisdom. All cabinet members were properly installed. PID Heiman also talked about the Yellowstone Trail. There are plans for a 1917 Oakland auto to tour the Yellowstone Trail in Wisconsin to help celebrate LIONS Centennial. Information will be sent to the Lions Clubs on the trail to help celebrate.
6. **Roll Call** was taken by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach with special recognition for new cabinet members. 31 cabinet members in attendance.
7. **Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from April 2, 2017 motion made by PDG Ken Rohde, 2nd by Lion Mary Jo Abler to accept as printed. **MOTION CARRIED**
8. **Approval of State District Meeting Minutes** from May 6, 2017 motion made by PDG Ken Rohde, 2nd by 1st VDG Dave Lee to accept as printed. **MOTION CARRIED**
9. **Approval of August 6, 2017 Agenda** made by PDG Gary Silah, 2nd by Lion Gary Roehrig. **MOTION CARRIED**
10. **2016-2017 Financial Statement** reviewed by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. Motion by PDG Jerry Post, 2nd by Lion Wendy Hartmann to accept the report. **MOTION CARRIED**
11. **2017-2018 Budget** reviewed by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. IPDG Tom Berendes questioned if we should have more funds in the budget for training. Unfortunately, due to limited membership the funds are not available for this year’s budget. IPDG Tom asked if we can have a dues increase to help fund training. Lion BJ Blahnik mentioned there are procedures to be followed and voted on. Any changes would affect future budgets. Discussion pursued, district dues have not been raised for years. IPDG Tom mentioned we need more money in the budget for training of upcoming Lions and to get more Lions to step forward. He recommends that we should increase the district dues by \$1.50, this money could be designated for training. PDG Ken Rohde agrees we should make a change from \$4.50 to \$6.00. PDG Jerry Post, Constitutions and bylaws chair will draw up a proposal for the cabinet approval, so that this can be voted on at the district convention. Cabinet members will be sent the proposal for YES or NO vote, then, we will move forward. Lion Pat Knier recommends we show the current dues breakdown and why we need an increase. Motion made by

Lion Bonnie Strelow to have PDG Jerry Post write up a proposal to increase dues effect 2018 budget year by \$1.50, 2nd by PDG Ken Rohde. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by IPDG Tom Berendes, 2nd by Lion Helen Mork to accept the 2017/2018 budget as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

12. Tail Twister Lion Helen Mork reminded everyone no phones, fines will be levied. The next cabinet meeting will be a MISS MATCH theme and also you must wear your pin. Reminder about the 3 minute rule. Your report can NOT last longer than 3 minutes. Clicker notice at 2 minutes, after 3 minutes a fine will be imposed. Anything longer can be preapproved by DG Fred.

13. Communications: DG Fred Gebhart and Lion Dave Holschbach. Letter received from PDG Vern Pautz thanking the Lions of 27B1 for the privilege of being on the cabinet for over 40 years. Many changes over the years. Membership and lost clubs were a big setback. We had a very good year collecting \$29,915 in funds for LCI.

District 27B2 will be sponsoring a bus to Leader Dog October 13 & 14th. More info later.

14. Old Business:

A. Camp tables : PDG Ken Wallander, Lion Gary Roehrig and DG Fred with other fellow Lions completed 16 picnic tables and then another 12 additional for Lions Camp. Thank you to the clubs that contributed funds.

15. New Business:

B. **2017-18 Cabinet Meeting Dates** – Friday November 10 at Holiday Inn, Manitowoc, Sunday February 11th & Sunday April 15th Eagles Club Fond du Lac. Pre cabinet meetings will start at 11:30 at the Eagles Club.

C. **Audit Financial Books** for 2016-2017. PDG Gary Colton has agreed to perform an audit on the district books for the year ending June 30, 2017. Update at the cabinet meeting in November.

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

A. **1st[†] Vice District Governor** Lion David Lee is looking forward to this year. He has benefitted by some good training and hopes everyone else will take advantage of what is out there. Commendations to DG Fred from the Appleton Noon Lions for an exceptional induction of officers and a new member. He has been very fortunate to work with IPDG Tom and DG Fred.

B. **2nd Vice District Governor** Lion Mike DeBaere first council meeting is coming up. He is looking forward to this year.

C. **Constitution and Bylaws** - PDG Jerry Post reported a change was suggested on the by-law for the convention criteria, he is waiting for more information, also suggestions for voting procedure.

Leader Dog – PDG Jerry Post reported there will be an upcoming trip to Leader Dog for the incoming Vice District Governors. They are now training dogs to help blind people with diabetes.

Newspaper Editor PDG Jerry Post has some great articles coming in. We do great things and should tell everyone about it. This is **'YOUR NEWSPAPER** not the editor's. Please send articles!! DG Fred wants more information about Vision Screening and what the clubs are doing. Trivia information will be a fill in.

District Convention – PDG Jerry Post - **100 years equals Miles of Smiles.** We are doing great. Seminars are nurses on vision screening, mother donating son's organs, WLF, Lions Pride, restoring Hope transplant house and a prisoner raising a puppy for Leader Dog.

D. **GMT** – Lion Dennis Schwartz Ask that the Zone Chairman invite him for membership.

GLT – Lion Ken Rivers is just getting oriented at his new position. PDG Merle Strelow is helping him with the transition.

E. **WLF** – IPDG Tom Berendes is still in training for WLF. He has a lot to learn. Lion Wendy Hartmann reminded the next event at Lions Camp is SMORES HUSTLE. IPDG Tom and Lion Wendy's 1st board meeting is coming up shortly.

- F. **Affiliate President** – Lioness Cindy Rank did not submit a report.
- G. **Affiliate Liaison** Lion/Lioness PDG Meg Post reported the loss of 3 Lioness clubs in the district. Currently there are 10 clubs and 187 members.
- H. **LCIF** chair Lion Mary Jo Abler has been working with clubs that have credits pending with LCIF. Many clubs are not aware of their funds being held. Contact Lion Mary Jo with any questions. She will monitor the activity. 60% of the clubs donated in 2016 year. Our district goal is \$ 29,700 in donations.
- I. **QUEST** chair Lion Mary Jo Abler reported New Holstein Elementary is using Quest, they are combining it with other programs. Mishicot also has teachers trained.
LEO chair Lion Mary Jo reported the New Holstein and Winnebago East Shore Lions are working together on a club. Lion Gary Roehrig is working with them. There were questions from the Kiwanis as to why the school systems did not support the Key Club. Bottom Line ...the LIONS provide the leadership and supervision. The school district does not have to supply employees.
- J. **Pin Chairman** Lion Laurie Sasada has the current district pin available for \$ 3.00. DG Fred also has his governor pin available.
Peace Poster kits are now available according to Lion Laurie Sasada. Entries must be received before or district convention. This year's theme is "**Future of Peace**"
- K. **USA/Canada Leadership Forum** chair PDG Gary Colton submitted this report, USA/Canada Lions Leadership forum is to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees. This is the largest Lions training event in the world. He hopes those looking for further their leadership roles in our district attend this forum.
- L. **Lions Pride** chair Lion Myra Schneider reported the PRIDE Shoot was successful. On the 8th, there was a Harley Friendship ride to Lions camp. These are not LIONS ! They were impressed with our camp and what we do.
- M. **Youth Exchange** /Youth Outreach chair Lion Bonnie Strelow reported Youth Exchange camp end on Sunday August 6th. There were 53 youths from 25 countries. The campers had a group project of making blankets for the needy. Lion Bonnie distributed them to cabinet members who know of groups that can use them. Youth exchange will continue to use Camp Vista, Lions Camp cannot, according to by laws, guarantee a week for use.
- N. **Special Olympics** chair PDG Ken Wallander reported at the April vision screening in Oshkosh that 209 were screened, 191 prescription goggles and 5 recommendations. There were 18 Lions and 5 Lioness volunteers. Next Special Olympics in Oshkosh will be April 7th, more later.
- O. **Peace Poster** – see above
- P. **Environment** chair Lion Rose Berendes reminds everyone that the environment is one of the centennial challenges. RECYCLE – REUSE
MY LCI chair Lion Rose also reported that all clubs are doing great and co-operating. For 10 months we had 100%. Call her for any help that your club may need. This job takes persistence.
- Q. **Diabetes Awareness & Action** rep Lion Bonnie Strelow has the display available at any time. Recently it was used in New Holstein and Sheboygan. The new Centennial Challenge for 2017/2018 does include diabetes.
- R. **Hearing Preservation Awareness & Action** chair Lion Wendy Hartmann had 9 applications, 2 denials, 2 approved and 4 pending for hearing aids. Remember this is a donation and donation slips can be given for salvage value.
- S. **Eyeglass Recycling** rep Lion Wendy Hartmann reported 295,308 eyeglasses were collected during the statewide challenge.
- T. **Lions Eye Bank of WI** has purchased land for a new building with building to start September 2017 and be completed in 1 year per Lion Phil Weber. We still need donations from Lions

Clubs to help fund the family donor program. Thank you to all the transporters. Zone Chairman, get his business card to distribute to your clubs.

U. **Missions of Wisconsin** chair Lion Pat Knier thanked District 27 B1 for their donation of the fire truck and 8,000 glasses recently sent to Mexico. Annual Missions of Wisconsin meeting will be in 2 weeks. Next trip planned to Nicaragua.

V. **Vision Screening** chair 1st VDG David Lee reported the Appleton Noon Lions are working with Ascension Health this year to get all the schools in Appleton screened, they will work with the Lions and have a goal of 11,000. Our district will be ahead of the other districts. DG Fred reported that Wisconsin's goal is to have 100,000 screened. There currently are 6 cameras in the district.

W. **Leader Dog** reported earlier above

X. **District Convention** reported earlier above

District Raffle chair 2nd VDG Mike DeBaere information will be coming shortly to the clubs See you at the convention. SELL- SELL- SELL

District Bucket Raffle chair Lion Shirley Geoffroy hopes to do better than last year. Better location and she will have help from the Manitowoc and Two Rivers Lions.

District and State Bowling rep Lion Bill Hilbert had no report.

Y. **Elections & Nominations** chair Lion BJ Blahnik mentioned we will have the following to vote at this year's convention, District Bowling site, convention site, WI Eye Bank director and 2nd vice district governor. The nomination procedure is good, however the election and voting procedure need some changes in the future. Lion BJ will do a survey and get input.

Z. **State Lions Convention** will be in Oconomowoc the first weekend in May per PDG Ken Rhode. Wisconsin will celebrate 100 years of Lions in 2022.

AA. **Newspaper Editor** report was given earlier, see above

BB. **IT & Publicity** PDG Tom Clausen reported the district website is up to date. A lot of clubs have websites. E-clubhouse.org is a free website and very easy to use. The state directory will be out shortly.

CC. **Historian** PDG Tom Clausen is up to date with information.

DD. **Advisory/Long Range Planning** chair PDG Gary Silah did not have any state meeting last year. Any ideas from the district or the upcoming officers?

Lion BJ Blahnik reported that Blind Sailing with SEAS has met their \$30,000 goal, the simulator has been ordered. SEAS has been working regionally. More to come at later cabinet meeting.

17. Zone Chairmen Reports:

1. Zone 1 Lion Phil Weber has 3 meetings scheduled for the upcoming year. Reedsville and Wayside Morrison Lions clubs were added to his zone. To help simplify the driving, all his meetings will be held at the Cobblestone in Brillion in October, February and April. He is working on setting his speaker list.

2. Zone 2 Lion Al Kanugh zone chair had 4 new clubs added to his zone, Francis Creek, Maribel, Mishicot and Whitelaw. At their June social, they presented 2 Knight of Sight awards to a Two Rivers Lion and Lioness. A Melvin Jones will be added at the September meeting. Their zone projects include taking tickets at the Manitowoc County Fair, dictionaries for 3 graders, Hope House (a shelter for women and children) and the Haven (a shelter for men). Upcoming meetings in September, November, March and June.

3. Zone 3 Lion BJ Blahnik is still getting setup after taking over for Lion Ellen Cheney. Cleveland Lions will host his September meeting. All clubs are very active and Vision Screening will be the zone project for 2017/2018. The Sheboygan Community Lions club has been chartered and

has set September 9th as charter night at the Sheboygan Yacht Club. Their first meeting was in July with 20 members. Lion Ellen Cheney did submit a report with a wrap-up for her years as zone chairman. She is mentoring Lion BJ

4. Zone 4 Lion Madonna Schneider was not present and had no report.

5. Zone 5 rep Lion Gary Roehrig clubs are all busy with summer activities. There is a prospective LEO club starting in the New Holstein school system with currently 10 members. Startup planned for September.

6. Zone 6 Lion Tom Barnes was not present and had no report.

7. Zone 7 OPEN

8. Zone 8 Lion Peggy Zickert is returning as zone chairman and working on her schedule for the upcoming year. She recently had Brandon and Ripon and Ripon Lioness join the zone.

9. Zone 9 Lion Dave Brinkman first zone meeting will be at Fairwater Lions. He is working on his zone schedule. Clubs have added Facebook pages.

10. Zone 10 Lion Carl Rasmussen was not present and had no report.

11. Zone 11 Lion Dave Przekurat reported his clubs are very active with fundraisers. Many have scholarships and participate in vision screening. His next meeting will be in Wautoma.

18. Other Business - DG Fred Gebhart

A: IPDG Tom Berendes updated everyone on the LCI \$100,000 grant request from the "Dare to Dream" handicapped playground from the Plymouth Lions. It has been approved, ground has been broken. The LIONS logo will be a part of the project.

Lion PDG Tom Clausen is currently the State IT chair and Lion Mary Jo Abler is the State Quest chair. GOOD LUCK on your new position.

Next Meeting is at District Convention at Manitowoc Friday November 10, 6-7PM

19. Adjournment – Motion made by Lion Helen Mork and 2nd by Lion Gary Roehrig to adjourn at 4:10 pm. **MOTION CARRIED**

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We Serve

District 27 B1 Cabinet Meeting Minutes - Friday, November 10th, 2017

Holiday Inn - Manitowoc

Due to the passing of PID Karla Harris, meeting was conducted by 1st Vice District Governor Dave Lee

Questions? Reply to this email: dajach@yahoo.com or call 920-684-0115

1. **Call to order @ 6:00 pm** – 1st Vice District Governor – Lion David Lee
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Lion Helen Mork
3. **Prayer** led by PDG Meg Post in respects to PID Karla Harris.
Song led by 1st Vice District Governor – Lion David Lee – My Country tis of Thee
4. **Welcome** - 1st Vice District Governor – Lion David Lee Introduction of any guest present that are not on the cabinet and PDGs
5. **Roll Call** – Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach performed
6. **Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from August 6th, 2017 made by PDG Ken Rohde, 2nd by Lion Wendy Hartmann. **MOTION CARRIED**
7. **2017-2018 Financial Statement** through October 31 explained by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. Currently on budget, November will have the convention revenue and expenses. Motion to accept by Lion Ken Rivers, 2nd by Lion Helen Mork **MOTION CARRIED**
8. **Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork explained the cabinet 3 minute rule. 1st Vice District Governor – Lion David Lee made an immediate donation to cover all of the mistakes he will make during our meeting.
9. **Communications:** 1st Vice District Governor Lion David Lee and Lion Dave Holschbach-NONE
10. **Old Business:**
 - A. Audit Financial Books for 2016-2017 was performed by PDG Gary Colton. He submitted the following statement: “The financial position of the Lions of District 27-B1 as of June 30, 2017 and the results of its operations and cash flow for the year are in conformity with generally accepted good bookkeeping practices.”
11. **New Business:**
 - A. Disaster relief donation of \$3000 was made on behalf of District 27-B1 to LCIF for 3 future Melvin Jones. After a discussion with DG Fred and Lion Pat Knier, the Missions of WI chair approval was given to use funds from our Missions Account.
 - B. Family & Women Specialist report was given by PDG Jeri Schlender, she represents B-1 & B-2 districts. Their goal is to engage all those who want to serve an opportunity and determine that the local Lions club is the best avenue for them to join in service. They are still in the organizational stages.
12. **Committee Reports** (Written reports for distribution or 3 minutes or less verbal)
 - A. 1st Vice District Governor Lion David Lee and 2nd Vice Governor Mike De Baere have gone to many training classes with more to come.
GMT chair Lion Dennis Schwartz not present

GLT chair Lion Ken Rivers had nothing new to report

B. WLF reps IPDG Tom Berendes & Lion Wendy Hartman....DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION

C. Affiliate President Lioness Cindy Rank.....DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION

D. Affiliate Liaison Lion/Lioness PDG Meg Post – nothing to report

E-1 Constitution & By Laws chair PDG Jerry Post..... DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION

E-2 Leader Dog chair PDG Jerry PostDEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION

E-3 Newspaper Editor PDG Jerry Post says THANK YOU – THANK YOU. He has enough articles to take us through 2 months. GREAT articles, keep them coming.

E-4 District Convention chair PDG Jerry Post.....NO REPORT NECESSARY

F-1 LCIF rep Lion Mary Jo Abler gave a THANK YOU to District 27B-1 for its donation to disaster relief. She has been working on status updates of donations for clubs. Any clubs interested in the installments, please call her. Our district is at 40% of the goal. Her goal is to see 100% participation of clubs, encourage clubs to donate, amounts do not have to be large.

F-2 QUEST chair Lion Mary Jo Abler has not gotten any feedback from the New Holstein school system on the use of QUEST. She would like to know if other clubs and schools are using any of the training or materials.

F-3 Leo Chairman Lion Mary Jo Abler reported that the New Holstein Leo club is off to a great start. 17 charter members and they are involved with the Lions Club

G. USA/Canada Leadership Forum chair PDG Gary Colton reported last year's forum was in Portland Oregon. This year's will be in Columbus Ohio and Wisconsin's own PID Mark Hintzman is the chair.

H-1. Centennial Celebration chair PDG Ken Rhode no updates

H-2 State Lions Convention chair PDG Ken Rhode, Convention in Oconomowoc this year, the first weekend in May.

I. Lions Pride rep Lion Myra Schneider.....DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION

J-1 Youth Exchange /Youth Outreach chair Lion Bonnie Strelow will not have any activity until January/February. At that time they will be looking for host families.

J-2 Diabetes Awareness & Action chair Lion Bonnie Strelow has a display table at the convention. Next week is Diabetes Awareness

K. Special Olympics chair PDG Ken Wallander is recovering from a stroke. Keep him in your prayers.

L-1 Peace Poster chair Lion Laurie Sasada has the posters on display across from the voting room. Currently 4 to choose from.

L-2 Pin Chairman Lion Laurie Sasada has 1 design, designs can still be accepted.

M. Environment chair Lion Rose Berendes not present. She did report, she is raising Monarch butterflies and releasing them to nature to do their work. Her monarch pin design was selected for the WI Lion state pin. BUY SOME! 21 clubs have done an environmental project, fall roadside cleanup is the most popular.

MY LCI update, clubs are continuing to get their reports on time. Clubs should appoint a member to be their Club Service Chair to get the reporting done in MY LCI. Last year 52 of 68 clubs met all 4 centennial challenges, this translate into a real impact in our communities. Let's do even better this year. Any questions or problems, give her a call

N-1 Hearing Preservation Awareness & Action chair Lion Wendy Hartman had 4 approvals, 4 denials and 1 partial. The district received \$ 1800 for the hearing fund for our share of the Starkey recycling.

N-2. Eyeglass Recycling rep Lion Wendy Hartmann has a board meeting on December 1st.

O. Lions Eye Bank of WI rep Lion Phil Weber reported the land purchase is complete. 38% increase in donors and recovered cornea. Transplant rate is 73%.Donated tissue also has many uses.

P. Missions of Wisconsin rep Lion Pat Knier reported there have been successful missions to El Salvador and Nicaragua and Haiti. There on missions planned for February 17th and February 25th. They are trying to develop new locations. Wisconsin collected \$ 18,000 for disaster relief.

- Q. Vision Screening chair 1st VDG David Lee..... DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION
- R. District Raffle – Lion Mike De Baere.....REPORT AT CONVENTION BANQUET
- S. District and State Bowling chair Lion Bill Hilbert, not present. Sheboygan Lions will be hosting the district bowling in January and February.
- T-1. IT & Publicity rep PDG Tom Clausen is also the state chair. The state wants to get clubs involved in websites and having an instruction book.
- T-2 Historian PDG Tom Clausen is up to date on website.
- U. District Bucket Raffle chair Lion Shirley Geoffroy.....NO REPORT NECESSARY
- V. Elections & Nominations Lion BJ Blahnik.....DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION
- W. Advisory/Long Range Planning rep PDG Gary Silah has no update.

13. Zone Chairmen Reports: WRITTEN REPORTS must be submitted. Only major discussions

1. Zone 1 Lion Phil Weber zone meeting was well attended. DG Fred talked about the Spot camera and vision screening, most his clubs are involved in the program. Hilbert and Sherwood are involved in cornea transport. All the Lions Clubs in his zone donated \$ 14,850 to state and local projects.
2. Zone 2 Lion Al Kanaugh zone membership has grown by 4. Clubs are all working on holiday projects and fundraisers. Two Rivers is conducting vision screening. Manitowoc will have the 4th annual Bowling Blind event.
3. Zone 3 Lion BJ Blahnik, not present, no report.
4. Zone 4 Lion Madonna Schneider clubs are all staying active with holiday projects and fund raisers.
5. Zone 5 Lion Gary Roehrig, not present, no report.
6. Zone 6 Lion Tom Barnes, not present, no report
7. Zone 7 open
8. Zone 8 Lion Peggy Zickert, not present, no report
9. Zone 9 Lion Dave Brinkman is working on a monthly zone events calendar. He has been in contact with all of his clubs. Markesan will be installing their first woman LION and also a first husband/wife LIONS. All clubs very active.
10. Zone 10 Lion Carl Rasmussen clubs are active in many community projects. Membership slightly down.
11. Zone 11 Lion Dave Przekurat clubs are very active. Plainfield purchased and installed \$20,000 playground equipment. Poy Sippi working on many community betterment projects. Wild Rose donated 6,000 pounds of squash to the local food pantries, NONE left. All clubs have holiday activities.

SOME OF THE ZONE CHAIRMANS are having trouble getting into MY LCI, they will contact Lion Rose Berendes and PDG Tom Clausen.

14. Other Business - 1st Vice District Governor – Lion David Lee

- A: Next Meeting dates February 11th and April 15th at the Eagles Club in Fond du lac.
- B. Wisconsin Lions Missions has a display
- C. Lion Mike De Baere is still selling District Raffle tickets.
Hospitality suites will open at 9:00 pm

15. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by PDG Ken Rohde, 2nd by Lion Al Kanaugh at 6:50 PM

MOTION CARRIED



**District 27-B1 Cabinet Minutes
Sunday, February 11th, 2018
Eagles Clubhouse
515 N Park Avenue
Fond du lac, WI 54935**

**VDGS & GMT & GLT & ZONE CHAIRMAN Meet @ 11:30 am
Lunch & Social 12:30-1:30 pm
Cabinet Meeting to Start at 1:30 pm**

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1. **Call to order** @ 1:30 pm – DG Fred Gebhart
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Tom Berendes
3. **Song & Prayer** led by Song Leader & Chaplain Lion Kay Quinn. Special memorial moment for PDG Ken Wallander who recently passed away. Song "LIONS SONG"
4. **Guest** : Introduction of guest PDG GLT State Chairman Eric Holthaus, other guests Lions Dan Weber, Charlie Kiefenheim LEBW director elect from St Peter Lions and Lion Don Mitchell from Kiel Lions Zone 5 chairman elect.
5. **Roll Call** by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach-28 cabinet members present
6. **Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from November 10th, 2017 motion made by DG Gary Silah, 2nd by PDG Ken Rohde.

MOTION CARRIED

7. **Approval of District Convention Meeting Minutes** from November 11th, 2017 BY PDG Ken Rohde, 2nd by Lion Gary Roehrig. **MOTION CARRIED**

8. **Approval of February 11, 2018 Agenda** motion made by Lion Helen Mork, 2nd by Lion Shirley Geoffroy.

MOTION CARRIED

9. **2017-2018 Financial Statement** explained by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. Current financial is in line with budget, he projects profit for the year due to district convention making a \$3,000 profit. Reminded program chairs there is money to spend in the program according to the non-budgeted funds. Motion made by Lion Wendy Hartmann, 2nd by PDG Ken Rohde to accept the report. **MOTION CARRIED**

10. **Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork reminded all of the 3 minute rule for reports. April meeting, anyone without GREEN will be fined.

11. **Communications:** DG Fred Gebhart and Lion Dave Holschbach received none.

12. **Old Business:**

A. **NONE** to discuss

13. **New Business:**

A. **2017 District Convention Financial** showed a profit for 2017. PDG Jerry Post explained that there were various items that were donated, some of them were, Lioness no cost for Friday decorations, NO Charge from Lions for running Friday Casino night, District bucket raffle, 50/50 raffled exceeded expectation and no reimbursement for gift to PID. PDG Jerry said "LIONS are Very Generous!"

B. **2nd Vice District Governor Elect** update was given by Lion BJ Blahnik. The 2nd Vice District Governor position was vacant at convention time. The District HARSHIP policy was put in effect, within 2 weeks from the convention; the position

must be filled and has been. Lion Tom Wendt from St Peter has accepted the position. DG Fred Gebhart confirmed that Lion Tom has met all of the obligations. Cabinet must vote to accept, paper ballot not need. No opposition was heard, nomination was accepted by the cabinet. Lion Tom has been a member of the Van Dyne Lions and is currently their president. Why did he come forward ? He really believes in LIONS. He mentioned he has a lot to learn and big shoes to fill. THANK YOU

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

A. **1st Vice District Governor** Lion David Lee is finalizing his cabinet for 2018/2019. Anyone not interested in serving next year let him know, or if you would like to chair another program let him know. Zone chairman please consider moving up in leadership. His goals for 2018/2019 will be in membership and leadership. DG Fred reported that GMT Lion Dennis Schwartz is working on a game plan for next year. GLT Lion Ken Rivers is still wondering what he should be going. DG Fred will work and mentor him for next year. 2nd Vice District Governor-Lion Mike De Baere has had a slow start on training.

B. **WLF Rep** Lion Wendy Hartmann has zones 1-5 and IPDG Tom Berendes has zones 6-11 Lion Wendy has handouts for zone chairman and also raffle tickets. Be sure your clubs report any vision screening being done to meet the challenge. IPDG Tom reported our district is leading the state in vision screening. The Lions Camp rope course is going to need replacement. Trees are dying, they are looking to add a zip line, it will cost 1.5 M. Major fundraiser in 2018-2019 year.

C. **Affiliate President** Lioness Cindy Rank was not present and had no report.

D. **Affiliate Liaison** Lion/Lioness PDG Meg Post reported no meeting since District Convention.

E-1 **Constitution & By Laws** chair PDG Jerry Post thanked everyone for supporting the \$1.50 increase in dues for leadership training. He is working on changing the numbers in the convention policy to reflect current counts. He will get the updated constitution on zip drives for future year leaders.

E-2 **Leader Dog** chair PDG Jerry Post reported Wisconsin is # 4 in donations and District 27B1 is 7th in the state. Linda McClain was the speaker at the VGD trip to Leader Dogs. This is her 50th anniversary and is now on her 13th leader dog. PDG Jerry gave VDGE Dave a miniature brick from Leader Dogs.

E-3 **Newspaper** Editor PDG Jerry Post thanked the clubs for submitting articles and pictures. Keep up the great work. DON'T stop.

E-4 **District Convention** chair PDG Jerry Post has accepted the chair for the 2018 District in Appleton. We made a profit of \$3,200 this year. A lot of SMILES and LAUGHS this year. Meg and Jerry have zip drives with information and ideas on how to put on a convention.

F-1 **LCIF** chair Lion Mary Jo Abler has been busy working with clubs to convert donor Melvin Jones to club Melvin Jones. The district had over \$4,000 credits in limbo, now down to \$300. Our district has had 38 clubs donate totaling \$ 25,200 our goal is \$ 34,000. Lions club just donate something. Some donations do not have proper recognition. Donations do come back to our area via disaster relief and LCI grants. 7 clubs have not donated in 5 years.

F-2 **QUEST** Lion Mary Jo Abler has the New Holstein schools currently using QUEST in their curriculum. They have been impressed with the lessons. Any interested contact Lion Mary Jo. There are funds available to help in training. She will work with Lions clubs to get Quest into the school systems.

F-3 **Leo Chairman** –Lion Mary Jo Abler reported our district now has 2 Leo clubs. The newly formed Husky Hand and Hearts club sponsored by the Winnebago East Shore and New Holstein. They have been active in fundraisers and eye glass collection. The LEOS are taking control ! She has not received any information or reports on the Leo Club in Reedsville. Hopefully they do not fold. DG Fred has talked to the Reedsville club. The Leo Club is working independently and has maybe 20 members. DG Fred will continue to clarify what is happening.

G. **USA/Canada Leadership Forum** chair PDG Gary Colton says get information on the website. This year's forum is in Columbus Ohio September 20-22nd and PID Mark Hintzmann is the chair. Over 80 Great Leadership Forums. Theme is "Building TEAMS with Leadership"

H-1. **Centennial Celebration** chair PDG Ken Rohde reports Wisconsin's centennial will be in 2022.

H-2 **State Lions Convention** has been moved to Lake Geneva stated by PDG Ken Rohde. The sailing simulator will be revealed.

I. **Lions Pride** chair Lion Myra Schneider reported the board continues to take good care of the money donated. Currently the endowment is at 8M. This year PRIDE gave \$ 115,000 to WLF. Every dollar helps, it goes to a good cause.

J-1 **Youth Exchange /Youth Outreach** Lion Bonnie Strelow reported youths are applying for camp. Anyone interested in hosting a youth, please contact her.

J-2 **Diabetes Awareness & Action** Lion Bonnie Strelow reminded everyone Diabetes Alert Day in March 27th. Encourage your club to plan a diabetes event. Lion Bonnie is available anytime. DG Fred is on the Diabetes Awareness Committee. Our district is in need of another tri-fold diabetes display. Motion made by Lion BJ Blahnik, 2nd by Lion Wendy Hartmann to purchase a 2nd display. Cost is approximately \$500. **MOTION CARRIED** PDG GLT State Chairman Eric Holthaus reported there will be a capital campaign announced at this year's International Convention for diabetes. Wisconsin's WLF is a leader in Diabetes Awareness

K. **Special Olympics** – Char Wallander will get DG Fred all the information on the April 7th Special Olympics in Oshkosh. 2nd VDG Lion Mike De Baere will help work the event, HELP is needed. Someone will have to bring one of the spot cameras.

L-1 **Peace Posters** kits are now available per Lion Laurie Sasada. This year's theme is "KINDNESS MATTERS". Order online at Lions supply.

L-2 **Pin** Chairman Lion Laurie Sasada will have pricing at the next cabinet meeting. This year's pin design winner was Kailie Sasada.

M-1 **Environment** chair Lion Rose Berendes keeps in contact with all the clubs for the environment centennial challenge. She is promoting the state pin with the Monarch Butterfly. There will be a booth at the state convention.

M-2 **My LCI** chair Lion Rose Berendes says the club secretaries have been super responsive. Our district has had 16/17 months at 100% reporting. 11 clubs have done all 5 centennial challenges. 20 clubs no activity reported. It is becoming more and more important to report.

N-1 **Hearing Preservation Awareness & Action** rep Lion Wendy Hartmann has had slow activity. 1 denied, 1 approval and 2 self pay. Lion Wendy has always demanded 2 financial status reports. This will now become a statewide policy.

N-2. **Eyeglass Recycling** chair Lion Wendy Hartmann will be going to WLF and taking glasses to the recycling center.

O. **Lions Eye Bank of WI** rep Lion Phil Weber reported groundbreaking was done for the new facility. LEBW has launched a new website with more information for transporters. Thank you to all Lions/Lioness transporters. They continually need donations to support their grants.

P. **Wisconsin Lions Missions** chair Lion Pat Knier has 2 missions in February to El Salvador and Nicaragua. There may be a possible mission to Cuba and Haiti. Shipping things to foreign countries has become very expensive. Lion Pat is available for meetings.

Q. **Vision Screening** DG Fred reported Wisconsin Lions have a challenge to screen 100,000 by the end of April. District 27 B1 has 25,135 screened. DG Fred has trained 14 Lions for vision screening and the district currently has 7 SPOT cameras. It is best to work through the school nurses for getting into schools for vision screening.

R. **District Raffle** chair Lion Mike De Baere had no update.

S. **District and State Bowling**: State bowling will be in Monroe February 24-April 16 per PDG Eric. Lion Myra reported due to no support, the District bowling had to be cancelled. Emails and calls were made with no response. We have to consider other options, 9 pin tournament, bean bag tournament, blind bowling, scotch doubles, age restriction? Be Creative! Maybe send out a district survey.

T-1. **IT & Publicity** PDG Tom Clausen warned everyone to watch out for scammers, could be posing as a club president to get money for false claims. 75% of clubs have websites or Facebook links. Instructions on state website on how to get FREE website.

T-2 **Historian** information is up to date per PDG Tom Clausen. Check to make sure the Melvin Jones and other awards are up to date.

U. **District Bucket Raffle** chair Lion Shirley Geoffroy thanked everyone for their help and success of last year's raffle.

V. **Elections & Nominations** chair Lion BJ Blahnik needs to destroy the ballots from the convention. Motion by PDG Ken Rohde to destroy the ballots, 2nd by Lion Helen Mork. **MOTION CARRIED**

W. **Advisory/Long Range Planning** – PDG Gary Silah needs some input.

15. Zone Chairmen Reports:

1. **Zone 1** Lion Phil Weber last meeting February 6th. All clubs in attendance. A few clubs are very active with vision screening, Cornea transporting, blood drives and various activities. Next zone meeting April 3rd, speaker Dr. Cheryl Roers and her Haiti mission and WLF Lion Wendy Hartmann.

2. **Zone 2** Lion Al Kanaugh clubs are all active in Rose Sales, blind bowling, village rummage sales, food pantries, vision screening and other community projects.

3. **Zone 3** Lion BJ Blahnik clubs are very active. Plymouth's Dare to Dream Park is now open to the disadvantaged. Next zone meeting at Rupp's in Cleveland. Sailing Simulator will be unveiled at the state convention.

4. **Zone 4** Lion Madonna Schneider reported all her clubs are healthy and active.

5. **Zone 5** Lion Gary Roehrig handed his report over to incoming zone chair Lion don Mitchell. He reported a 4 member increase. Thank you to Lion Al Depies and Lion Katie Karl for making the Husky Hand and Heart Leo club become a reality. Thank you to St Peter Lions for all of their vision screening. All clubs are active in community projects.

6. **Zone 6** Lion Tom Barnes was not present and had no report. His zone meeting was cancelled due to weather and will be rescheduled.

7. **Zone 7** open

8. **Zone 8** Lion Peggy Zickert was not present and had no report.

9. **Zone 9** Lion Dave Brinkmann reported no change in membership. Green Lake Lions has a 100% Melvin Jones membership. Clubs active in vision screening, food pantries, eyeglass collection, scholarships and other community projects. The Kingston Lioness have voted to disband.

10. **Zone 10** Lion Carl Rasmussen clubs are active in fisherees. LOTS of FISH

11. **Zone 11** Lion Dave Przekurat was not present and had no report.

16. Other Business - DG Fred Gebhart

A: **Next Meeting date** April 15th same place same time. Zone chairman get ideas for Lion Dave's year to help keep the district growing. Round table discussion at 11:30 am, available to all LIONS !

Other Business ;

1. PDG Eric is chairman of the Birch Sturm committee, his term ends and is looking for a replacement.

2. PDG Jerry Post reported the Lioness donated the convention buttons they had for future conventions.

3. PDG Len Quinn would like to see a speaker system at future meetings.

4. WLF Lion Wendy has Lions Camp for Kids raffle tickets.

5. DG Fred made the following presentations: IPDG Tom Berendes received a commemorative plaque from Lions Club International in recognition for running District 27B1. DG Fred also presented IPDG Tom with a Ray Hempel Fellowship from District 27-B1 for his service to the district.

6. DG Fred also presented Lion Rose Berendes with a Melvin Jones Fellowship as a personal thank you for all the help she has been to him and the district.

7. DG Fred has 2017-2018 chairman and zone chairman pins available.

8. Tail Twister Helen collected \$ 48.00

9. Question about where are the district cabinet photos taken at the first cabinet meeting. DG Fred will contact Lion Jerry Jahns.

10. Guiding Lions are needed; it is a 2 year term and can be done online.

11. Leadership Programs to start in the future, more at the April meeting.

Motion for **Adjournment** by Lion Wendy Hartmann, 2nd by Lion BJ Blahnik . **MOTION CARRIED**



We Serve

**District 27-B1 Cabinet Minutes
Sunday, April 22nd, 2018
Eagles Clubhouse
515 N Park Avenue
Fond du lac, WI 54935**

**VDGS & GMT & GLT & ZONE CHAIRMAN Meet @ 11:30 am
Lunch & Social 12:30-1:30 pm
Cabinet Meeting to Start at 1:30 pm**

Questions? Reply to this email: dajach@yahoo.com or call 920-684-0115

1. **Call to order** @ 1:30 pm – DG Fred Gebhart
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Tom Berendes
3. **Song & Prayer** led by Song Leader & Chaplain Lion Kay Quinn. Song was “We are Lions”
4. **Welcome** and **THANK YOU** to caterers for a job well done this year and able to make the switch due to last weeks snowstorm.
5. **Roll Call** by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. 24 Lions cabinet members in attendance.
6. **Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from February 11th, 2018 motion made by PDG Ken Rohde, 2nd by Lion Helen Mork.

MOTION CARRIED

7. **Approval of April 15, 2018 Agenda**, with the New Business discussion to be after the Constitution & By Laws report. Motion by PDG Jerry Post, 2nd by Lion Wendy Hartmann to accept the agenda with the change so noted.

MOTION CARRIED

8. **2017-2018 Financial Statement** through March 31, 2018 explained by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. We anticipate only \$300 more in revenue by the end of the fiscal year and \$12,000 in expenses. We should show a profit of \$2,000 for the year. Motion by PDG Ken Rohde, 2nd by Lion Phil Weber to accept the report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

9. **Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork stills needs to collect \$89 to meet her budget, she will not be at the state convention to collect. She explained the 3 minute rule for reports. Thank you for a GREAT YEAR!

10. **Communications:** DG Fred Gebhart and Lion Dave Holschbach NONE received.

11. Old Business:

A. Guiding Lions Program and training will be deferred to DGE Dave Lee's year. PDG Merle Strelow reported, It is a 3 year term. PDG Merle, IPDG Tom Berendes and Lion Rose Berendes have renewed their training. At the first cabinet meeting next year, there will be an option to take the training.

12. New Business:

- A. **Leadership Funds policy**-deferred to after Constitution and By Laws.
- B. **Cabinet Reimbursement** forms were sent out, please be sure to give to Lion Dave for payment.
- C. **WI State Lions Convention** update by PDG Ken Rohde. Everything is going good after the unexpected move to Lake Geneva. The SEAS simulator will be at the convention Friday morning.

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

- A. **1st Vice District Governor Lion David Lee's** theme for next year will be “**BE the DIFFERENCE**” Strive to **BE** the difference, **MAKE** a difference. Concentration will be on **SERVICE – MEMBERSHIP – LEADERSHIP – LCIF** and other Funding and MOST of all **HAVE FUN** More concentration on diabetes this upcoming year with some

HANDS on activities. He will be instituting GAT – Global Action Team - West side of the Lake versus the East side of the Lake. Competition between members, women and leadership. Possibility of a district golf outing in fall?

GMT Lion Dennis Schwartz's job is to come to your club. He is there for Public Relations and Motivation, NEED Help -Give him a call.

GLT Lion Ken Rivers had no report. 2nd Vice District Governor Mike Debaere attended Communicate Like a Leader and plans to attend USA Canada forum, Training continues.

B. **WLF representative** Lion Wendy Hartmann reminded everyone that the Vision Screening challenge ends April 30th. Our district has 3 times more than the others. \$1 M has been raised for deer hides over the years. Visitor days at camp starts on Wednesday June 13th. IPDG Tom Berendes commented that the Honors Garden is expanding to be twice the size, room for more donations. Lions camp is in need of more male counselors.

C. **Affiliate President** Cindy Rank was not present and had no report.

D. **Affiliate Liaison** Lion/Lioness PDG Meg Post reported there are 10 Lioness clubs with membership of 177. The Kinston Lioness will be disbanding June 30th, 2018. The Lioness spring banquet will be June 10th hosted by the Two Rivers Lioness.

E-1 **Constitution & By Laws** chair PDG Jerry Post read the guidelines for dispersing funds from monies collected from the dues increase designated for Leadership training. The guidelines were read into record and a copy was given to all cabinet members in attendance. Limitations and rules were set as guidelines with the District Governor having the final consent. Motion made by Lion Bonnie Strelow, 2nd by Lion Helen Mork to accept the guidelines for dispersing the funds as presented. PDG Merle Strelow questioned what happens to the funds at year end. Lion Dave Holschbach explained based on current membership we are looking at an annual amount collected of \$ 2,900. Any excess funds collected will be rolled over annually into a non budgeted account to be used in future years

MOTION CARRIED.

E-2 **Leader Dog** chair PDG Jerry Post reported the 1st Vice District Governors bus to Leader Dog is coming along. He will contact clubs for donations. PDG Jerry & PDG Meg have been given the title Wisconsin Lions Event coordinators.

E-3 **Newspaper** Editor PDG Jerry Post needs articles. He finally has run out! He will help if needed.

E-4 **District Convention** chair PDG Jerry Post reported DGE Dave and Lion Sue have some GREAT ideas for the upcoming district convention in November. They are still getting organized. He gave a compliment to Joyce Gebhart, it was a pleasure working with her last year, her smile, laughter and positive attitude has given Meg and himself years they thought they had lost..

F-1 **LCIF** rep Lion Mary Jo Abler reported old personal donations for Melvin Jones credits are nearly completed. Our district is at 82% of the goal of \$ 34,200. 47 of 69 clubs have donated. Remind your club to appoint a LCIF coordinator.

F-2 **QUEST** chair Lion Mary Jo Abler has sent inquiries to clubs asking if they know of any schools that are using QUEST or had used it. Waiting on responses. Zone chairman be sure to mention at zone meeting.

F-3 **LEO** Chairman Lion Mary Jo Abler. DG Fred and Lion Gary Roehrig and Lion Al Depas have been working with the New Holstein club. They will work to get up to speed with the Reedsville Leo club. They seem to be active with NO leadership. Elkhart Lake and Kiel are looking at potential LEO clubs

G. **USA/Canada Leadership Forum** rep PDG Gary Colton reminded everyone that the Forum will be in Columbus Ohio on September 20-22nd. Our own Wisconsin PID Mark Hintzmann is the General Chair.

H. **State Lions Convention** chair PDG Ken Rohde reminded everyone the state Lions Convention is May 3rd to May 5th in Lake Geneva.

I. **Lions Pride** Lion Myra Schneider was unable to attend and thanked all the clubs for their continued support for PRIDE. Congratulations to Cleveland Lions who recently gave out 5 Ray Hempel awards.

J-1 **Youth Exchange /Youth Outreach** Lion Bonnie Strelow asked for donations, the annual fee for camp is \$1700, our account is short. Lions Rose Berendes and Lion Bonnie are the only 2 Lions in our district that are housing a student. There are 52 students from 23 countries attending. 7 students are in need of homes.

J-2 **Diabetes Awareness & Action** chair Lion Bonnie Strelow mentioned the 2 Diabetes boards are in constant use, KEEP it GOING! Lion Bonnie made a motion to take \$1000 from the Diabetes account as a donation for the Diabetes Camp Week, 2nd boy PDG Ken Rohde. **MOTION CARRIED.**

K. **Special Olympics** was updated by DG Fred. At the vision screening in April, 3 SPOT cameras were used. Lion Larry Dikeman took control. There were 185 athletes screened. Thanks for the help – St Peters 9 Lions, New Holstein 2 Lions, Manitowoc 2 Lions, Two Rivers Lions 2 and 1 Two Rivers Lioness,, Van Dyne Lions 1 and Van Dyne Lioness 4. DG Fred will chair this next year.

L-1 **Peace Poster** chair Lion Laurie Sasada reported the new kits were available January 1st and are good through October 1st. She will send a blast and email to the clubs. This year's theme is "**KINDNESS MATTERS**"

L-2 **Pin Chairman** Lion Laurie Sasada past around the proof for the approved pin design. Discussion about how many to order. 2017 we ordered 200 and all are gone. Cost varies based on quantity. Motion by Lion Wendy, 2nd by PDG Gary Colton to order 250 at a cost of \$ 1.85. **MOTION CARRIED** They will sell for **\$3.00**

M-1 **Environment** chair Lion Rose Berendes reported 32 clubs have met the environment challenge. She is getting request for monarch butterfly information for the environment. She will have a table at the state Lions convention.

M-2 **My LCI** Lion Rose Berendes has 14 clubs that have met all 5 challenges for the year and 14 others that have done no challenges. Some clubs do wait until year end. Our district has had 16-17 months of 100% MY LCI reporting.

N-1 **Hearing Preservation Awareness & Action** chair Lion Wendy Hartmann had 3 applications this quarter with 1 denial and 2 self pay.

N-2. **Eye Glass Recycling** rep Lion Wendy Hartmann asked everyone to push eyeglass and hearing aid collection. Tuesday April 23 morning .the Lions Foundation eye glass trailer will be at Holiday Inn - Manitowoc and then at Meridian in Appleton

O. **Lions Eye Bank of WI** is building a new facility in Madison per Lion Phil Weber. The current building is not large enough for 48 employees. It will cost 2.9 M but due to the generous Lions donations, a capital fund raising campaign is not necessary. Lion Phil is completing his term. Lion Charlie Kiefenheim of St Peters Lions has stepped forward. **THANK YOU LION PHIL !**

P. **Wisconsin Lions Missions** chair Lion Pat Knier reported 2 successful mission in February & March. 30 Lions went to Nicaragua in February and attended 3,500 people. The same group of 32 Lions went to El Salvador in March and serviced 4,500 people. Plans are to repeat in 2019. Another group is planning a Haiti trip in November 2018. Please have Lions sign up for "Lions Emergency Response Team" to help local disasters.

Q. **Vision Screening** DG Fred reported 27B1 surpassed all other district on vision screening challenge. Other districts are struggling to report. THANK YOU to those who run the program. Need to work on the Oshkosh school district. **ALL IS GOOD !!** They are finding kids with issues !! 1st VDG David Lee Appleton Noon Lions has screened 13,000. Remember you must get the school's permission

R. **District Raffle** chair Lion Mike DeBaere had the best year ever last year. Hopes to do the same this year.

S. **District and State Bowling** – Lion Bill Hilbert - no report

T-1. **IT & Publicity** chair PDG Tom Clausen has made a video of an applicant for Leader Dog. It takes Motivation and Commitment to use IT. Club websites are not growing. Lion Rose Berendes has headed up the district Facebook page. PDG Tom is not getting an input for the district calendar. It's a slow process but were are getting there.

T-2 **Historian** PDG Tom Clausen is all up to date. He does get reports from LCI, WI Eyebank and WI Lions Foundation on fellowship awards. Lions Pride is not sending him information.

U. **District Bucket Raffle** Lion Shirley Geoffroy could use SMALLER buckets and MORE gifts for next year.

V. **Elections & Nominations** chair Lion BJ Blahnik reported in from Maryland and asked that everyone vote at the state Lions convention. He did have a personal message for PDG Len Quinn !

W. **Advisory/Long Range Planning** PDG Gary Silah no new information !

14. Zone Chairmen Reports:

1. **Zone 1 Lion Phil Weber** last zone meeting was April 3rd. All Lions clubs were in attendance. All his meetings are held at the same location.. Lion Wendy Hartmann and Dr. Cheryl Roas were guest speakers. Dr. Roas talked about her mission to Haiti. Zone donations were given to Haiti.

2. **Zone 2 Lion Al Kanaugh** next zone meeting will be June 18th hosted by the Newton Lions. Lion Al will be zone chairman again next year and will have a Maribel Lion shadowing him. Maribel Lions hosted his last zone meeting. Lion Wendy Hartmann was guest speaker. All the clubs report on their activities.

3. **Zone 3 Lion BJ Blahnik** reported the Plymouth Lions Stayer park grant in complete. Ribbon cutting May 19th at 1:00 pm.. The SEAS Sailing Simulator will be at the WI Lions state convention for the ribbon cutting. Lion Wendy Hartmann updated the zone on all of the latest from WLF and Lions Camp. Deputy Patrick Runge talked about their 3D imaging Project. Lion BJ reminded all clubs to submit their officers on MY LCI for next year.

4. **Zone 4 Lion Madonna Schneider** was not present - no report.

5. **Zone 5 Lion Gary Roehrig** zone is at +6. All clubs are active and some have successful fundraisers. Some clubs are contemplating Melvin Jones, Birch Sturm, Ray Hempel and Knight of Sight awards. The all have a busy summer coming up. Next zone meeting April 23rd @ Elkhart Lake.

6. **Zone 6 Lion Tom Barnes** was not present - No Report.

7. **Zone 7 open**

8. **Zone 8 Lion Peggy Zickert** last meeting was hosted by the Van Dyne Lions with 60 people attending. Rosendale Lions will have their 50th anniversary. All clubs are active for the summer and awarding scholarships.

9. **Zone 9 Lion Dave Brinkman** has 185 Lions in the zone which is a net (3). At his last meeting hosted by Neshkoro there was 65 Lions in attendance. All his clubs are looking to add membership. Lion Dave was re-elected as Zone chairman- **WELCOME BACK !** All clubs are busy with activities. He is working with Lion Rose to get all clubs reporting on MY LCI.

10. **Zone 10 Lion Carl Rasmussen** clubs are working on spending their money from the fisherees. All clubs have election of officers on their agenda. The clubs are looking at a very busy summer.

11. **Zone 11 Lion Dave Przekurat** clubs are busy with student appreciation and scholarships, Easter Egg Hunt, fisherees, brat fry, eye transport, pizza sales and numerous other fund raisers.

15. Other Business - DG Fred Gebhart

A: Yearend RECAP - DG Fred has 2 months to go! **'ITS BEEN A PLEASURE BEING GOVERNOR'** Look at all we do as a district, others districts are beginning to copy us, we set the standards. **"BE PROUD B-1"**

SPECIAL THANKS 1. PDG Meg & Jerry Post for taking over the District Convention and Newspaper. These are the biggest projects. Other districts do not compare. DG Fred always knew what was going on and everything stayed on schedule ! **WE SURPASS !**

2. Lion Mary Jo Abler for her perseverance on getting LCI club funds cleared up and proper recognition.

3. Lion Rose Berendes for her dilligent work with MY LCI and keeping accuracy and reports upto date.

She has set an example for the other districts.

THANK YOU ! Don't forget your gift from DG Fred.

B. DGE David Lee - Next Year's Cabinet Members & Meeting dates are:

Sunday August 5th 12:30 at the Grende meridian in Appleton

Friday November 9th, 6:00 pm at the district convention at Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton

Sunday February 10th 12:30 at Grande Meridian in Appleton

Sunday April 14th at 12:30- at the Grande Meridian

New cabinet members for next year will be GMT (West) PDG Merle Strelow GMT (East) IPDG Fred Gebhart GST Lion Bonnie Strelow (West) GST (East) Lion Ellen Cheney. IPDG Fred will take over chair for Vision Screening and Special Olympics

DGE Dave Lee's theme is **"BE THE DIFFERENCE:**

Lion Helen Mork.....Thank You, she surpassed her goal.

Motion for Adjournment at 3:55 pm- by Lion Dennis Schwartz, 2nd by Lion Helen Mork **MOTION CARRIED.**



We Serve

District 27-B1 State Convention Minutes Saturday May 5, 2018

**Grand Geneva Resort - Lake Geneva
Meeting to start at 9:00 am to 10:45 am**

CERTIFICATION TO TAKE PLACE DURING SCHEDULED MEEING TIME
CST Dave Holschbach

1. **Call to order** @ 9:00 am by DG Fred Gebhart
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Tom Berendes
3. **Prayer** led by DG Fred Gebhart
4. **Welcome by** DG Fred Gebhart. DG Fred is in the "FINAL COUNTDOWN" "It has been a Quick and Painless year."
5. **Introduction** of Cabinet Members in attendance and description of what they do.

6. **Old Business:**

A. DG Fred - Remarks- gave a Year wrap up. He is still busy with things to do before the end of his term. The year went by so fast. **Thank you for your support.** His focus has always been on vision screening and this year District 27B1 has the most in the state. There is still work to be done. He would like to see eyeglass buckets in schools..Officer training is always available. MY LION and MYLCI are having some changes please have patience and be sure to report all of your service projects and hours of service.

B. Leadership Funds: Cabinet Secretary Dave Holschbach explained starting July 1, 2018 there will be a district fund for Officer training. The referendum was approved at the last convention to add \$ 1.50 per member annually to the billable dues. Based on current membership, this will generate approximately \$2,900 annually. The monies will be set aside in a Non-Budgeted Funds account, any monies remaining at yearend will rollover into this account for future use. At the last cabinet meeting the guidelines were approved by the cabinet members. Lion Dave read the rules and guidelines. He encouraged all clubs to do more training and submit their bills, MONEY is available .This will be a learning project for the district. DGE Dave Lee added ELLI (Emerging Lions Leadership Institute) is available for prospective Club Presidents.

C. Special guest appearances by PIP Moore. PID Mark Hintzmann introduced our special guest from Alabama-PIP Moore. It has been a pleasure to attend our state convention and appreciated the offer to come. Changes in Lions is inevitable, Lions are ready for the changes for the future. Wisconsin Lions due **GREAT WORK. WISCONSIN LIONS TAKE THE LEAD IN LIONISM ! THANK YOU !!**

7. New Business:

A. DGE David Lee Plans for 2018 - 2019. DGE Dave Lee thanked DG Fred and Lion Dave and all of the cabinet members for a great year. His theme will be "**BE the DIFFERENCE**" Continue to grow DO NOT stop. He will have some aggressive goals, but we can do it ! His focus will be Diabetes, Let the community know what we do and some friendly competition between EAST and WEST

B. 1st VDE Mike De Baere Plans for 2018-2019 is to concentrate on our AGING Lions problem, we need YOUTH. And more volunteering and to have a FUN year.

D. IPDG Jerry Post 2018 district convention is at Appleton Paper Valley Hotel plans for the convention are coming together. There will be some exciting things. MORE to come. Spouses play an important part.

E. Presentation by Lion Bob Newton of the Sheboygan Falls Lions to DG Fred of a custom handmade wooden bowl with a penny for the current year in thanks to his service to District 27 B1.

F. PCC Dean Haas spoke on behalf of the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin. The new building will open the end of September. NO capital campaign was needed. There are more and more donors. A potential new club in Little Chute/Kimberly area.

DG Fred introduced Lion Charlie Kiefenheim from St Peters Lions as the new district representative for LEBW and also Lion Charlie Kolb of the Cleveland Lions who in on the Board of Directors for Lions Pride. The Oshkosh Lakeshore Lions will be disbanding June 30, 2018, however they have found new clubs.

A new LEO club is in the works for the New Holstein and Winnebago East Shore and potential Leo clubs in Elkhart Lake and Kiel. They will continue to work with the Reedsville Leo Club and give guidance where needed.

8. Closing Remarks by DG Fred "It has been a pleasure to YOUR district Governor. Our district sets the STANDARD for others to FOLLOW" Get all you club members involved. We are all ONE FAMILY. Standing Ovation for DG Fred and Joyce

IPDG Tom Berendes asked if the district had funds available for sponsorship in the PRIDE Shoot. Lion Dave replied YES due to many LIONS not asking for their budget reimbursements. Motion made by IPDG Tom for the district to sponsor a shooting station at a cost of \$250 at the LIONS PRIDE SHOOT, 2nd by PDG Ken Rohde. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Lion Dave certified 37 Lions members for voting and 34 actually voted.

9. Adjournment motion by PDG Ken Rohde, 2nd by Lion Bonnie Strelow to adjourn at 10:25 am. **MOTION CARRIED.**



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Post Steps Up As 27-B1 Editor

by 27-B1 Editor Jerry Post - 920-773-2618 or mpost7@tds.net

District Governor (DG) Fred Gebhart has some ideas for the 27-B1 pages of the *Wisconsin Lion* newspaper.

First, he would like all clubs or zone that do eye screening to turn the counts in for that month and every month after.

Second, will be a “Now For The Rest Of The Story” that will appear periodically. This story will provide a series of clues for the reader to guess who it is or why it happened. That section will be on only Lions and Lions projects. An example would be:

- Clues
- Raised peanuts for profit
 - Was in the senate
 - Donated to many humanitarian projects through his foundation
 - Is a Lion

Now for the rest of the story...

- Former United States President Jimmy Carter

This section might also include information on Lions Camp, the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin, Restoring Hope Transplant House, Leader Dogs for the Blind and other Lions sponsored charities. Lions and Lioness are also encouraged to share their best recipes. These will be used when space needs to be filled.

Says new 27-B1 Editor Jerry Post, “The description of District Editor says to write articles when needed, but please do not have me do that because this is your paper, not mine.”

As always, please send your club and zone activities, along with photos in each month to mpost7@tds.net. Stories from everyone are always welcome and they can inspire other clubs with new project ideas.

Remember, your paper your news.

Send your club news,
upcoming events &
photos of Lions in action
to mpost7@tds.net

Dare To Dream Park Reaches \$600,000 Fundraising Goal

The Plymouth Lions Club recently announced that they have achieved their goal in securing the \$600,000 in funding necessary to proceed with the equipment order and build for the new Stayer Park in downtown Plymouth. Capping the fund raising effort was the news that Lions Club International Foundation has agreed to assist the club with this project by awarding a grant of \$100,000 earmarked for the park.

“This year is the 100th anniversary of Lions Clubs, and Lions Clubs International is encouraging local clubs to celebrate with Centennial Projects in partnership with their communities; especially those fitting the overall mission of Lions, to support the blind and handicapped, to support children, and to build and support our communities. Lions International feels the Plymouth Lions’ Dare to Dream project for Stayer Park is a great example of meeting those causes, and made a substantial commitment of their own for our local community. It’s pretty special to have them commit so greatly to a local project it,” said Randy Kulow, president of Plymouth Lions Club.



BANK FIRST DONATES TO NEW STAYER PARK - Bank First became one of the generous donors toward the Stayer Park project in Plymouth by their donation of \$5,000. ABOVE (L to r): Jerry Baltus, Plymouth Lions Club, Todd Neils, Brian Yerges, City Administrator, Kevin Loose, Plymouth Lions Foundation President, and John Mueller, Bank First Vice President.

Based on reaching the funding goal for the project, Brian Yerges, City Administrator, advised that the order for the playground equipment has been placed. Beginning of the installation for the equipment is tentatively scheduled for August 21, which is anticipated to take about three weeks. In the meantime, work continues along the Mullet River to relocate utility wiring, build the new public restroom and plaza stage, relocate the dog park,

and repave and reconfigure the parking area.

“Although Plymouth Lions Club and Lions Clubs International Foundation together contributed \$207,000 to this project, we couldn’t have done it without the generous support of several corporate and private citizens. All of these will receive recognition publicly as the project unfolds, but we especially have to thank Johnsonville Sausage and the Stayer Foundation for wanting to preserve the Stayer family’s heritage in Plymouth with their commitment of one-half of the project’s cost”, said Kevin Loose, president of the Plymouth Lions Foundation.

“We believe Stayer Park will become the jewel of Plymouth’s park system, and together with the city’s beautification effort in this area, is going to transform the look and usage of downtown. The Mullet River Corridor study really set the stage for improving the land use and environmental compatibility for this project, not to mention the overall beautification of this area of the city”, said Jerry Baltus of the Plymouth Lions Foundation.



Events

JULY

TOWN OF SHEBOYGAN LIONS FEST

FRI, JUL 7 - SAT, JUL 8

Firehouse Park on Hwy Y

VAN DYNE LIONS CAR SHOW

SAT, JUL 22

AUGUST

NEW HOLSTEIN LIONS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION & DEDICATION

SAT, AUG 5

Lions Park

CLEVELAND DAIRYLAND DAYS

SAT, AUG 5

VALDERS SUMMER PICNIC

SAT, AUG 5 - SUN, AUG 6

Valders Park

Baseball, tractor pull and car show. Other things also to help keep everyone busy and have fun.

VAN DYNE SMALL TOWN DAY

SUN, AUG 20

REGION 1 ZONE 3 LIONS TICKET SALES AT THE MANITOWOC COUNTY FAIR

WED, AUG 23 - SUN, AUG 27

The Francis Creek, Manitowoc, Maribel, Newton, St. Nazianz, Two Rivers, Two Rivers Lioness, Valders and Whitelaw Clubs will be selling tickets at the Manitowoc County Fair. The money raised will donate to the Manitowoc Hope House, the Haven in Manitowoc and to buy dictionaries for the 3rd graders in their area.

Lioness News

by ADP Cindy Rank - 920-410-8241 or cmr1660@gmail.com

Lioness Cindy Rank is returning for her second term as Affiliate District President and is looking forward to the upcoming year... visiting clubs and events and meeting all of you again.

Her goal for this term is educating the clubs about the Bridge and Branch programs that are being offered through Lions Clubs International. Says Rank, "I still have a few facts to figure out, but I will keep your Area Directors informed of any and all information that I find."

Lioness are very important to their communities as they tend to the growth and well being of their respective communities. Lions and Lioness alike have an underlying goal to serve those in need, which is so important!"

Lioness are strong women, and yes, men, who work diligently to make a better world for those in need. Adds Rank, "I would like to see that tradition carried on in our communities by keeping Lioness programs, and you as members, our top priority. I wish you well in the upcoming year!"

Helen Keller once said, "Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it."

A Song Can Set The Tone For Your Meetings

by 27-B1 Chaplain/Songleader Lion Kay Quinn

Each Lion/ Lioness meeting should begin with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a song. Some suggested songs that everyone knows are *God Bless America, America, America the Beautiful, Lions Spirit Song*. Here's an inspiring song that might not be so familiar, sung to the tune of *America the Beautiful*.

The Lion's Hymn

by PCC Connie LeCleir-Meyer

We meet in love and fellowship, we clasp each others hand.

To help a brother on his way, the lions firmly stand.

This motto of the Lion's club, they give to every man.

That day by day in every way, do good where'er you can

Be faithful, loyal staunch and true, that is the Lion's creed.

Be up and ready at all times, to do a kindly deed.

A light to guide us on our way, the book of books shall be,

And just reward shall come to those who serve in loyalty!

Working Together & Having Fun

by DG Fred Gebhart

As another Lionistic year comes to an end and another begins with our motto, 'We Serve', our mission, as Lions, is to continue to support our communities and help the less fortunate. Also the celebration of our Centennial Challenge continues with the addition of a fifth challenge, Diabetes. So all together we have Environment, Vision, Hunger, Youth, and now Diabetes.

Diabetes is one of the main causes of blindness and it has changed how we look at food today. So how can we promote this as part of our Challenge? We talk about how old Lions are and along with that come tired feet so let's use our youth because they have "Happy Feet" and are full of energy.

The Lions Foundation has a number of brochures and informational tools to promote diabetes awareness. Contact your Foundation Directors, Lion Wendy Hartmann and incoming Director, IPDG Tom Berendes, for materials on diabetes.

As an example, contact your schools this fall in promoting diabetes through a parent letter along with the brochures. October, is the Boy Scouts' food drive for the hungry and using the diabetes door hangers is another way for awareness in your communities.

Be creative in using the opportunity where you can interact with your schools, churches, and community activities. We also have our District Diabetes Chairperson, Bonnie Strelow,

who has a display along with her presentation.

As your Governor this year, I would like to continue the great efforts of IPDG Tom and Lion Rose in the club reporting of membership and club activities. Lion Rose, as sometimes referred to as "The Nag" will continue her work in educating and follow ups of club reporting on MyLCI.

Communication is the key to keeping people together whether it is on the Governor's level or the club's membership level. It can be tough for a Governor to have knowledge of what clubs are doing especially when there are 68 District clubs to contend with. Zone Chairmen will be my life line with their zone meeting reports. My son and I have created an online form for all zone meetings which will be part of our training at the first cabinet meeting, 11:30 am August 6th at the Fond du Lac Eagles Club. This will be a three to four month report of the club's activities, fundraisers, and donations. I hope to work with all Zone Chairmen in using this form for all zone meetings. In researching the past, not all zones provided a report to the Governor. I'm asking all Zone Chairmen to have their zone meeting schedules finalized for the year at our first Cabinet Meeting.

In summarizing my upcoming year as your Governor, I expect your best efforts in going forward, to work together, and have fun and enjoy this special Centennial year as a Lion.

Vision Screening Corner

Children's Vision Screening is an important project for most Clubs in 27-B1. Each month, the *Vision Screening Corner* will celebrate this fantastic project by publishing the name of the Club(s) that conducted vision screenings the month prior to publication, along with the location and number of children screened and referred.

To add your screening, simply send

the information to mpost7@tds.net.

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ST NAZIANZ LIONS - Screened 31 at St Gregory and St Nazianz. Five were referred, included a less than 8 month old baby.

WILD ROSE LIONS & LIONESS - Screened children at Blue Ribbon Days in Wautoma.



Lions Taking On Diabetes

by Lion Bonnie Strelow - 920-748-7507 or strelowbonnie@outlook.com

Having diabetes means that your blood glucose or blood sugar is too high. An organ called the pancreas produces a substance called insulin that helps your body turn glucose into energy at the cell level. When you have diabetes, the pancreas isn't making enough insulin for your body.

When your blood glucose is too high it can cause damage to the heart, eyes, kidneys, and nerves. That damage results in kidney failure, diabetic retinopathy, amputation of extremities and painful nerve damage.

You may wonder why Lions have diabetic awareness as a project. It all

started in 1925 when Helen Keller asked the Lions to be the 'Knights of the Blind' and help eliminate preventable blindness. Diabetes is the largest single cause of blindness in the industrialized world so fits perfectly into the Lions' mission. As a matter of fact, working to halt diabetes is now the fifth Centennial Service Challenge.

Here in Wisconsin, Lions have been working to educate their communities about diabetes for years. 27-B1 has an information board that can be displayed at community events, local stores, libraries, pancake breakfasts, brat frys, etc, the possibilities are endless. The Wisconsin Lions Foundation (WLF) and American Diabetes Association,

have a multitude of materials available that can be distributed in conjunction with the display of the diabetes awareness board and there is even info that can be placed on the doorknobs.

Clubs can also sponsor activities that increase physical activity such as a 5k walk/run, a dance-a-thon, an area bike tour, a group dog walk, anything that gets people moving. Any of these activities could be classified as a Strides event. Plan to give out information on diabetes and let people know that by increasing their activity level, they decrease their risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

Remember the Lions' pledge to Helen Keller and do your part in



helping to halt diabetes. For more information, contact 27-B1 Diabetes Chair Bonnie Strelow or or Liz Shelley at 715-677-4969.

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Club _____

Contact _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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The Next 100 Years

by DG Fred Gebhart

The International Convention is in the books and it was a great experience meeting with District Governors from all over the world and these United States. The language barrier wasn't too much of a challenge, but it took some getting used to. The stories created a personal bond and an educational lesson in how Lions in other countries connect with their communities. Chicago provided the perfect setting for Lions all over the world to come together to show their colors and celebrate 100 years of Lionism. So the next step in going forward for the next 100 years is how we adjust to the changing times. But no matter what country or what District you are from, it still comes down to what works in our District.

Our District Convention preparations is well on its way with the theme of "100 Years Created Miles of Smiles". The Holiday Inn in Manitowoc will be the site of our Convention, November 10th and 11th. It all starts Friday night November 10th with our Casino Night and a chance to win some prizes along with some great fellowship.

Saturday we plan to put together more testimonials on how we impact the lives of others. We often do not see what the end results of our time, our efforts, and our donations. New this year, we are hoping all attendees will support diabetes awareness in the Strides Walk. This will be on the registration form along with more details. We all know we can use the exercise and what a great way to show your support for diabetes awareness. Mother Nature will determine the location of the walk inside or outside and she has yet to be wrong.

Our International guest will be a Past International Director who resides in Alaska and I'm sure he can tell a few stories of his own of the frozen tundra. So let's your calendars and start planning for a great time with your fellow Lions and maybe some new ones.



VAN DYNE LIONS CLUB 38TH ANNUAL WALLEYE TOURNAMENT A HUGE SUCCESS - June 3rd turned out to be a beautiful day with wonderful music by Redfish Mix, great food and a lot of prizes. The Lions are thankful to all who attended and to all of the sponsors. ABOVE: 1st place team Lion Tom Wendt, Scott Neitzel, Lion Travis Puls and Lion Jack Hughes



STOCKBRIDGE LIONS 3RD ANNUAL WALLEYE TOURNAMENT started on Friday, June 2nd with registration and rules of engagement. Saturday morning started at 4 am with the first flight signing in and launching followed at 4:30 am for the second flight. There were 120 boats entered in the Tournament. The fish fared better than the fishermen with 61 teams without a walleye and 23 teams with less than 2 pounds of fish. Still, it was another successful fundraiser for the Stockbridge Lions which benefits the community and Lions State programs.



PICKETT LIONS HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK ALL SUMMER, PROMOTING THE LIONS PRIDE ENDLESS SUMMER RIDE - This event is sponsored by 48 restaurants and bars in our area, and supported by donations from many other area businesses. Participants can get their book stamped all summer, earning additional entries in the prize drawing. This year's grand prize was a



STOCKBRIDGE LIONS LOOKING GOOD - The Firemen's Parade provided an opportunity for the Stockbridge Lions to enter their float and hand out Beanie Babies and balloons for the kids.

John Deere Gator XUV 560 or \$5000. The prize party was held August 26 at Jaspers in Pickett.



KIEL LIONS CLUB RESPONDS TO A FIRE that destroyed two barns in the Rural Kiel area by serving lunch for 70 plus workers. The Kiel Lions purchased a noon lunch from Rick's Piggly Wiggly (Kiel) for 70 plus volunteers replacing the two barns and served lunch for the workers. ABOVE: Lions John Kovach and Lion Judy Walsdorf with Diane Schmitt (Piggly Wiggly employee) with her father Ken Turba.



NEW HOLSTEIN, ELKHART LAKE &

KIEL CELEBRATE - the new year with entertainment by the Kiel Area Youth Theatre. LOWER LEFT: Receiving the \$1,400 donation from the Kiel Lions Club for this year's performance are Emilee Wirtz and Sophie Skrepinski with Lion Bernard 'Pat' Knier.

APPLETON NOON LIONS HAD A GREAT DAY AT LIONS CAMP - The weather was perfect, the limo fantastic and the Camp, beautiful. The Lions also learned about the eyeglass recycling done right there on the grounds--one of seven in the United States. The Lions eyeglass recycling program not only gets the glasses ready for distribution to third world countries, but also utilizes inmates at State prisons. On top of that, the eyeglasses that cannot be recycled offer precious metals that are cashed in. A fantastic use of space, skill, and resources that would go unused without the Lions involvement. Way to Roar Lions!! On top of that, the Lions Camp offers learning and recreational opportunities for children of varying degrees of disabilities that would not be able to participate at other camps. Attendees also saw the table that the Tassoul charity donated along with the Tassoul family--how wonderful. And it is a beautiful place to have a picnic and tour. Another big roar for Lions!



KIEL CELEBRATES THE CENTENNIAL - 'Where There's A Need, There's A Lion'. This is the motto of the 100th Anniversary of Lions International. During the year a banner celebrating the Lions International is circulating between local Clubs. As participating members in the organization and operation of the Kiel Community picnic, the Kiel Lions Club proudly hung the banner at the 2017 Kiel Community Picnic Food stand throughout the celebration. ABOVE: Kiel Lions Willy Mueller and Lloyd Bornemann with the banner. The Kiel Lions Club, jointly with the Kiel Optimist Club host the Kiel Community picnic each year.



VAN DYNE CHILD ID PROJECT GOES WELL - An estimated 25 ID sheets were printed by the Lioness and Thrivent Action Team from 2-4 pm at the Lion and Lioness Chicken Dinner. ABOVE (L to R): Seated are Rhonda Pazdzioch from Thrivent, daughter Amber Miller, and daughter-in-law Miracle Dukelow. Standing is Cheri Cearns, family friend Wendy Holmes and daughter-in-law Hannah Dukelow. The Thrivent Action Team funds were used to purchase scholastic books that we used as prizes for the children's games.

Send your club news, upcoming events & photos of Lions in action to mpost7@tds.net

MyLCI Reported August Club Service Activities

BRANDON - Donations to support the Brandon Food Pantry. Lion Hours: 6. People Served: 60.

BRILLION - Football Fryout. Interclub Golf Outing with Brillion Athletic Association. Total Lions: 18. People Served: 500. Funds Donated: \$150.

CLEVELAND - Dairyland Festival Care Show/Craft Fair. Lion Hours: 600. Funds Raised: \$2,000.

COLOMA - Each August the Coloma Lions Club sponsors a Community Picnic, the purpose being to build community spirit, good will with the public and to thank the community for participation in and support of the fund raising activities of our club. The club provides a free meal and entertainment. Lion Hours: 50. People Served 125. Funds Donated: \$400.

ELKHART LAKE - Road America Food Stand - open for 10 days. Monthly meeting. Lion Hours: 866. Funds Raised: \$6,019.

ENDEAVOR - Weekly Bingo with concession stand. Lion Volunteer Picnic. Lion Hours: 100.

HOWARDS GROVE - Nursing home visits. Blood Drive. Northside Food Pantry distribution. Member attended Cabinet Meeting. Transportation for blind Lion. Audit. Wheel chair ramp repair. Collected use hearing aid batteries, cell phones, eyeglasses. Evergreen bush replacement. Lion Hours: 134. People Served: 34.

KIEL - Lion Hours: 174.

LARSEN-WINCHESTER - Used eyeglass collection. Volunteer at food pantry. Remove wheel chair ramp that is no longer needed. Build ramps in warehouse prior to installation. Construct wheel chair ramps. Operate Medical Equipment Loan Locker. Donate used medical equipment. Write/send thank you notes. Collect empty pill bottles. Sell placement ads for pancake breakfast. Lion Hours:

494. People Served: 600. Funds Raised: \$1,000.

MARKESAN - Donations to: LCIF, WLF, Lions Pride & Green Lake Area Animal Shelter. Lion Hours: 5. Funds donated: \$1,000.

MENASHA - Brat Frys. Lion Hours: 109. Funds Raised: \$371.

MONTELLO - Pick up & deliver food for Marquette County Care & Share Food Bank. Lion Hours: 100. People Served: 200.

NEW HOLSTEIN - Lions Fountain & community gathering with food, refreshments, games, entertainment... and unveiling of the Lions fountain the club purchased and installed. Eye tissue transport. Lion Hours: 275. People Served: 105.

NEWTON - Weekly raffle. Lion Hours: 12. Funds Raised: \$720.

OAKFIELD - Eye tissue transport. Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin donation. Lion House: 4. Funds Donated: \$300.

OXFORD - Hole sponsorship at Annual Marquette County Crime Stoppers Golf Scramble. Lion Hours: 17. Funds Donated: \$300.

PLAINFIELD - Donated Freddy the Fire Truck playground equipment. Lion Hours: 8. People Served: 100. Funds Donated: \$2,250.

POY SIPPI - Monthly food collection for local food pantry. Paper recycling. Lion Hours: 3. People Served: 20.

PRINCETON - Add wood chips, landscape, tend flowers and weed at Megow Park. Water flowers throughout the city. Daily recycle waste to the city. Lion Hours: 2,318. People Served: 4,856.

ROSENDALE - Donated to Crashin' For A Cause. Other donations include: High School Band uniforms & bike ride for diabetes. People Served: 101. Funds Donated: \$1,350.

SHEBOYGAN EVENING - Stuff the Bus - Collected notebooks, folders & pencils for at risk students. Sight impaired adult transportation. Above & Beyond Children's Museum donation. Volunteer at Bookworm Gardens. Donation to Children's Hospital for purchase of books. Vision screening Early Learning Center & Lake Country Academy in Sheboygan. Lion Hours: 286. People Served: 853. Funds Raised: \$1,200. Funds Donated: \$1,400.

SHEBOYGAN FALLS - Vision screening. Provided information & answered questions at Lakeshore Weekend. Diabetes. Lion Hours: 30. People Served: 250.

SHEBOYGAN NOON - Area Eye Bank Transporter Support Group dinner. Brat Day Parade. Lion Hours: 50.

SHERWOOD - 2017 Robin Hood Golf Outing. Donation to Reach Counseling. Lion Hours: 30. Funds Raised: \$4,600. Funds Donated: \$1,533.

ST PETER - Monthly meeting to discuss needs & fundraising opportunities. Lion Hours: 24.

VAN DYNE - Small Town Days included a Parade and picnic, petting zoo, games and chicken dinner. In addition to being a social community event it is also a major fundraiser to support our Lions/Lioness projects. Lion Hours: 400. People Served: 500. Funds Raised: \$5,000.

AUGUST TOTALS:

- **Lion Hours: 6,094**
- **People Served: 8,294.**
- **Trees Planted: 2**
- **Hearing Aids Collected: 14**
- **Eyeglasses Collected: 70**
- **Funds Raised: \$20,910**
- **Funds Donated: \$8,699**
- **Total Activities: 94**
- **Participating Clubs: 26 (38%)**



Taking On The Challenge Of Vision Screening

by DG Fred Gebhart

With the Fall season in full swing, the school year has begun, along with our vision screening program.

In the horticulture field, their saying about plants goes... the first year you crawl, second year you leap, and the third year you run. We are beginning our third year in vision screening our schools. The early screening schedules are showing many new schools getting onboard in vision screening with the screening device (WelchAllyn Spot Screener). Our target age group is the preschool to six years because of the difficulty of screening with the Snellen Eye charts.

I cannot thank the Lions and

Lioness enough for getting involved with the vision screening program. With our District of eight counties, it does take a small army of Lions and Lioness to cover our schools. All the counties have welcomed us to their screening program in total amazement of the time saving and efficiency of the screening device. There are over 130 Lions and Lioness trained in the use of the Spot screener, along with more than 35 nurses.

As Wisconsin Lions, we are once again given a challenge to vision screen 100,000 children this year. Last year our District screened over 17,000 kids and I am looking that this year to screen 20,000.

Our International President, Naresh

Aggarwal's theme is, 'The Power of We' and that translates into what we do as Lions and Lioness to come together to serve others in need. To break it down even further it has three parts

- The Call to Action
- The Call to Service
- The Future is Now

This is not something new or hard to understand, but is reinforcing what we do. This is why Lions and Lioness are special in the way they join hands to give a helping hand to the less fortunate. We see it in our communities and throughout the world, 'Where There's A Need, There's Lion'. We have a proud heritage to follow as we enter the final year of our centennial celebration.

Our District Convention is coming up fast and early reservations helps the Convention Committee in preparing details.

We are looking for clubs to donate items for the bucket raffle and your contact person is Lion Shirley Geoffroy at shygeo3@yahoo.com or 920-229-7524.

The program booklet is looking for ads a great way to expose your club's activities to the District and your contact person is 2VDG Mike De Baere at contact@habermmprinting.com or 414-305-1166.

Bring your gambling skills Friday night and enjoy the seminars on Saturday, along with your fellow Lions.

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CAN YOU PICTURE A 130-FOOT WHEELCHAIR RAMP?

They couldn't get it all in any picture, but the Larsen/Winchester Lions built it anyway. It took two days, a warehouse full of parts and 14 Lions, but they did it. By far, the biggest one yet, this one was built on a hillside near New London. To complicate the situation, the house was an A-Frame with a garage built on the ground level.

This ramp was number 939 according to ramp chair, Bruce Stowe, and one to be proud of. The Lions have been building ramps for 29 years and have developed specialized tools to help them do the job. In addition, they have trained other Lions Clubs in the area to build them. The Grand Chute Lions, who use many of their ideas, have built over 300 and are counting, too.

The Lions build in an area of up to 25 miles from Larsen. Excluded from this area is the city of Oshkosh, where the restrictive building codes prohibit their method of construction. State and Federal codes allow for only one inch of fall for each foot of ramp. On a hillside such as the one in New London, this can complicate design and construction.



A WORD IS A WORD
by PDG Jerry Post

Every year, the nine clubs of Region 1 Zone 3 sell tickets at the Manitowoc County Fair and donate the proceeds of their profits to different Lions and other charities.

One place that they donate to is dictionaries to third graders in their communities. One year, the Lions heard a young person say, "Is this really mine, I never owned a book of my own," which unfortunately is true in many cases.

Years after the Lions distributed their first books, a young man walked over by and asked, "Are you delivering books to third graders?" When the Lions said yes, he reached into his backpack and pulled out the dictionary that he received as a third grader. This young man was a freshman in high school and has carried it with him to school ever since he received it.

The students smiled when they received their books and years later the Lions smile when they find out they still have them.

ABOVE: Valders Lions Ron Jones distributing dictionaries to third graders at St. Mary school in Clarks Mills, Wisconsin.



SHEBOYGAN NOON LIONS TEAM FOR WHITE CANE DRIVE - Each year, the Lions collect money to be used to buy eyeglasses, hearing aids, help with the



PLAINFIELD LIONS PURCHASE & INSTALL ANOTHER PLAYGROUND STRUCTURE OVER THE SUMMER - This one was placed at the Mill Street Park on the north side of Plainfield. The goal of this park update was so the children would not have to cross Hwy 73 to get to Veterans Park where the Club's last playground update was done. The Mill Street Park update cost over \$20,000 and took over 200 man hours collectively to install. The Plainfield Lions would like to thank the very generous community members who attend the Annual Sportsman's Night Fundraiser to support the Plainfield Lions community activities! Without their support, these great community projects could never be done!

Leader Dog Program, magnifiers to help people read, Lions Camp, Student Scholarships, Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin, Lions Clubs International Foundation. Money collected is dispersed where it is needed. The Lions cover many area businesses in a one day collection. It is a very rewarding experience to hear some of the stories that people tell about how the Lions have helped them in the past, and now they want to give back. LOWER LEFT: Festival Foods teamed up with the The Sheboygan Noon Lions Club to be one of the stores to promote the White Cane Drive.



LIONS/LIONESS/ELKS DONATE DICTIONARIES - As a joint project between the Manitowoc Elks Club and the Lions and Lioness of Zone 2 of District 27-B1, the Lions, Lioness, and Elks delivered dictionaries to 3rd graders throughout Manitowoc County. The goal is to assist students to become good writers, active readers, and creative thinkers by providing students a gift of their own personal dictionary. The Zone 2 Lions and Lioness earned the funds for the dictionaries by a zone project of selling entry tickets to the Manitowoc County Fair.





Past International Director Jerimiah “Doc” Myers Story

Past International Director Jerimiah “Doc” Myers will be the special guest at the upcoming 27-B1 Convention, November 10th-11th at Holiday Inn in Manitowoc.

Myers was raised in villages and logging camps in Alaska before it was joined into statehood. His dad fished and logged and his mother baked pies for the only restaurant in the little island village. His dad played cowboy music in C on the guitar and his mom, country in G, and it seemed everyone in the family tree had an instrument.

For nearly three years of his youth, he was an inpatient in the Shriner’s Children’s Hospital impaired by tuberculosis of the cartilage in the legs. Overcoming this, it never seemed a problem in life, but he now sports four artificial joints.

Life was filled with adventure and education from many places. He finally settled down in western Alaska and became the traveling eye doctor, giving care from Dutch Harbor to his home in Kodiak, a 1,600-mile round trip.

It was about that time when he joined the Lions Club, now some 35 years ago. Feeling as though there was a debt to pay for having the best medical care, free as a child, he took on the Lions challenge of ‘Knights for the Blind’.

In 2004, he was given a Lions Humanitarian recognition for 20 years of Alaskan service in vision care. The following year he became Governor of District 49-A of North America. It was soon after he served as Council Chair for the Multiple District. In 2008, in Bangkok, he was installed on the board of International Directors for President Brandel and then served one more year under President Sid Scuggs.

For seven of the US Canada Forums he produced and starred in the “Dr.



Love Traveling Sponsorship Show”. It featured a cast of 40, including LCI Presidents, their wives and the Lions choir of anyone loving to sing. Several performance festivals at International Conventions featured Myers as a musical special. He now has been honored as an inspirational International speaker from District 1-A in Chicago, where Lions began, to the Multiple District of Florida. He has been invited to speak at over 50 conventions over the past eight years.

Life has been very good, raising four children that all found their niche in life, from a medical dermatologist to a plumber. He is now a proud grandfather of six grandchildren. Myer’s better half, Kris Jones who teaches second graders for a couple more years, will retire and then they can spend more time traveling and working on the farm they have in Maui.

Myers’ visit is a blend of music, motivation and humor that begins when the plane lands and lingers when he leaves. His guitar accompanies him, as well as a plethora of music and rich stories. The ambience is fun, the flavor is from the North, and the heart is that of a Lion.

Embrace The Need

by DG Fred Gebhart

As the Summer slips away, a multitude of fall colors begin to appear as Mother Nature prepares for winter. Vacations end, school begins, and Lions and Lioness Clubs are getting back in the swing of things. Many Clubs continue to operate serving their communities and conducting their fundraisers throughout the summer. In my visits of zones and clubs, one thing they have in common is the need to serve others. They do not wait for the opportunity to come knocking but to seek it and that is why Lions and Lionesses are so special.

The key to the survival for any Club is membership and how we approach it? Are there any clear-cut solutions or define answers? All Districts are different, all states are different, and all countries are different. There are too many contributing factors to come down to one successful solution. One common factor I have encountered on my visits to strong and growing clubs is community intervention.

Van Dyne Lions and Lioness have over 40 members in each club of a community of less than 500. I was honored to be part of their Small Town Days celebration, to include a parade. They brought their community together at their Lions Park with a fry out, games for the kids, and a kick ball tournament. A band provided music

for the older generation and a time to socialize.

The Neshkoro Lions, population 422, treated their senior citizens to a buffet dinner, raffles, and a fun night of socializing. As the evening came to an end I heard one gentleman ask ‘What do I need to do to join the Lions?’

Still another, I installed two members in the Cascade Lions club with three prospective members observing wanting to know more about Lions.

My own club, the Stockbridge Lions, after vision screening their school, last year, the principal, a teacher, and the athletic director became Lions. This year the school administrator is planning on joining.

The list continues to grow, all with communities between 300 and 600 people. So finding a way to communicate and embrace your communities may be a key to strengthen your club.

Your Convention is just around the corner... so do not forget we need donated gifts for the bucket raffle, bring your used eyeglasses/hearing aids, and come to enjoy what we have to offer. Experience the Convention and you will be going back to your Club with a story to tell. Get your registrations in early so we can better prepare for your Convention and from the Convention Committee, we thank you.

Vision Screening Corner

Children’s Vision Screening is an important project for most Clubs in 27-B1. To add your screening, simply send the information to mpost7@tds.net.

STOCKBRIDGE LIONS - Stockbridge Elementary School. 4K - 14 screened, 2 referrals. 5K - 18 screened, 3 referrals.

BRILLION & STOCKBRIDGE LIONS - Brillion Elementary School. 4K - 44 screened, 3 referrals. 5K - 71 screened, 9 referrals.

ST PETER & STOCKBRIDGE LIONS - three new schools in the Fond du Lac School District. 4K - 131 screened, 12 referrals. 5K - 130 screened, 23 referrals.

STOCKBRIDGE LIONS - three Hilbert schools. Pre K - 23 screened, 0 referrals. 4K - 77 screened, 11 referrals. 5K - 61 screened, 8 referrals.

NEW HOLSTEIN & STOCKBRIDGE LIONS - New Holstein Elementary School. 4K - 28 screened, 6 referrals. 5K - 77 were screened, 6 referrals. 2 teacher requests, 0 referrals.

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Vision Screening

At this point, over 30 Lions/Lioness clubs are involved in the vision screening program with over 145 Lions, Lioness, and nurses handling the screening process. At the end of October, 27-B1 had screened over 12,700 students for the District Screening Challenge.

STOCKBRIDGE LIONS screened the St Michael/St Mary School at Clarks Mills in Manitowoc County. This covered 3K through 4th Grade, resulting in 27 students screened and no referrals, five were already wearing glasses.

ELKHART LAKE LIONS - screened their community school's 4K, 5K, and 1st Graders in three hours. 104 screened and four referrals.



ST PETER LIONS vision screening team has screened 603 students with 69 referrals which covered 17 schools or locations. Volunteer hours totaling 63 hours and their vision screening team continues to grow.

APPLETON NOON put up some big numbers with 5,296 screened and 517 referrals and putting in 218 hours of service.

PLYMOUTH LIONS screened their school district; screening 874 students and 54 referrals.

TWO RIVERS LIONS/LIONESS screened 648 with 67 referrals in two days.

MANITOWOC & BRILLION LIONS screened 1,741 students with 201 referrals.



APPLETON NOON LIONS CENTENNIAL PROJECT AT LIONS PARK on the east side of Appleton (near Appleton East High School). It includes a grill and picnic table with handicapped access, and it is located next to a preexisting playground with handicapped access.



SHEBOYGAN EVENING LIONS CELEBRATED LIONS WORLD WIDE SERVICE DAY IN SPECTACULAR FASHION - On Saturday, October 14, seven Evening Lions took part in a Rock the Block Celebration. Members of the Franklin Park Neighborhood Pride group sponsored a block clean up to enhance the quality of their neighborhood. The Lions did edging, raking and general picking up of trash and debris. They also worked along with the local Habitat for Humanity

affiliate who is working with neighborhood revitalization, as well as the Sheboygan Police Department and Department of Public Works. Despite the rain, there were 40-50 volunteers. Culver's donated ice cream and Texas Roadhouse made sliders for the workers.



PICKETT LIONS PRIDE ENDLESS SUMMER RIDE - The grand prize was a John Deere Gator XUV, with \$2,000 worth of additional place prizes. Although the day was cool and threatened rain, there were over 300 participants and guests at the event. They took part in food, drink, bucket raffles, 50/50 raffles, and a live auction. There were also special donations this year of a Simplicity snowblower, Harley limited edition collectibles, and a wheelbarrow of booze, that were raffled separately. The Ride was a big success and a lot of fun for everyone attending.



HOW MANY PDG'S DOES IT TAKE TO SERVE A DONUT? The answer is five. The Fond du Lac Evening Lions have been serving donuts, hamburger, brats and many other items for those attending the Fond du Lac Gun Show. As the Fond du Lac Lions and Fond du Lac Lioness have always worked together when needed, the Gun Show is no different. As being a member of the Valders Lions and the Fond du Lac Lioness PDG Meg Post and PDG/PADP Jerry Post were glad to help out this year. ABOVE (L to R): In the back kitchen are Erv Karls and Frank Bartzen. By the counter are PDG's Gary Silah, Gary Colton, Tom Clausen, Meg Post and PDG/PADP Jerry Post. Fun was had by all and the hours seemed like minutes. This is the true meaning of the Lioness Logo, "We Serve Together".



VAN DYNE LIONESS PARK IMPROVEMENTS - TOP: Silhouette that is to be placed in the park. BOTTOM: The dragon and the daisy in the front. This was taken before the Key Club came in to paint the spots.



Manitowoc Lions 4th Annual Bowling Blind

The Manitowoc Lions, along with 2018 Event Sponsor, Novak's Service Center, encourage you to join in the Club's resolve to serve the community and provide awareness of the challenges faced by the blind and visually impaired. We need your help! In this year, Lions around the world are celebrating the centennial year of Lions Clubs International.

On Sunday, January 28, 2018, (no football that day) the Manitowoc Lions are providing for you an opportunity to experience what it is like to be blind or visually impaired. The Club will be hosting their 4th Annual Bowling Blind Fundraiser. This event includes team bowling, door prizes, cash prizes, 50/50 raffles, and a silent auction.

The event will be held in Manitowoc at Meadow Lanes North from noon until 4 pm. Each bowler will bowl three (3) games, two (2) of those games while wearing glasses designed to obscure their vision. Each team will have a "spotter" who will walk with the visually impaired bowler to the line and point them in the right direction. Bowlers 12 years of age or older are invited to participate. Youth under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. This

opportunity is meant to be a fun event, yet it will also create an awareness of the challenges that blind and visually impaired face each day. Please note this is not a Wisconsin American Bowling Congress sanctioned event.

There are several ways that you, as an individual or as an organization/business can help. You may:

- Sponsor a team of 5 bowlers - \$ 75 per team (you supply the bowlers or the Lions will provide bowlers).
- Put A Name on the Lane: Advertise your company/business by sponsoring a lane (advertising poster placed above each lane on the alleys) for a donation of \$50.
- Provide a cash donation, a door prize, an item for the silent auction.

Proceeds will be used for: Peter's Pantry; Manitowoc Police Department K-9 Unit; Wisconsin Lions Camp and local community needs/projects.

For further information and registration, call Lion Claudia at 920-657-1572 or Lion Staate at 920-905-3339 after 5 pm.

Reflecting On Our Service

As Jack Frost is nipping at our heels, we are making a mad dash to complete those yard projects before the white fluffy stuff settles in and takes over. Autumn colors have disappeared, Thanksgiving has passed and Christmas and New Year's are just around the corner. This is a time to reflect on what we have and what we have to offer.

Lions around the world look at what we have to share, our time, our talents, the art of giving. We know we are gifted, but what about the people, both young and old, that struggle with special needs. Many live in a world with no way out, but roads littered with challenges ending in dead ends and no sense of direction. Wisconsin Lions, with open arms, gently caress these fragile lives and give them an opportunity to have fun and forget their struggles.

Yes, we have our Lions Camp, a cure to mend any broken spirit and break through any barriers of life. Diabetes comes to mind and it can be

one of most life changing detours in a young child's life. No set solution but a confusing challenge of what's happening to me. Our Lions Camp provides these kids with a time of their life while giving their moms and dads a break from the never ending task of monitoring their child's sugar levels.

Diabetes has been added to this year's Centennial Challenge, along with youth, hunger, environment, and vision. Just a reminder to continue your online reporting on MyLCI and also to continue working on your Centennial Challenges.

Our vision screening program continues to grow with more schools getting on board with the Spot vision screener. The demand by schools for screenings is overwhelming and need to purchase a seventh Spot screener for the District. By the end of October we will have screened over 12,000 students for the 100,000 State Challenge. This is a tribute to our vision screen team that makes it all this possible.

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Reporting Your Service

Based on MyLCI Club service reporting through October 31, 2017, 27-B1 Lions...

- Lion Hours: 1,168
- People Served: 3,135
- Eyeglasses Collected: 163
- Funds Raised: \$315
- Funds Donated: \$17,507
- Clubs Reporting: 11 (16%)

These numbers are obviously very low when you consider that the Clubs are reporting having screened the

vision of over 12,000 children across the District.

Club Presidents and Secretaries, please go back and file all of your club's activities since July 1, 2017 in MyLCI.

If you need assistance with navigating the MyLCI system, contact Lion Rose Berendes at 608-792-0664 or rberendes1950@gmail.com. She can answer all your questions and help you file any missing club activities.



MANITOWOC RECOGNIZES NOVAK

The Manitowoc Lions Club held their 72 Annual Distinguished Service Award meeting and Christmas party at Knox's Silver Valley Supper Club on Thursday, December 21st.

This year's recipient was Jeremiah Novak and the wording on the plaque read as follows:

The Manitowoc Lions Club proudly presents its 72 Annual Distinguished Service Award to Jeremiah Novak. Novak was pursuing his career and passion to become a chef. With his commitment to his family and community, he chose to return to Manitowoc, to help out his family when his father needed him. He brought that same drive and compassion to his community. He ran for public office and was elected to his first term as City Alderman. He became president of the Manitowoc City Center Association and Chairman of the Membership Growth at the Chamber. He got involved in local events such as Balloon Glow, Ice on Eight, and Windigo Fest, just to name a few. He is a sponsor of local high school sports and a tremendous supporter of the Manitowoc Lions Club. His efforts to make our community better are endless and we are much better for his support. Therefore it is with great pride that the Manitowoc Lions Club bestows on you this Seventy Second Annual Distinguished Service Award.

ABOVE: Bob Schuh-First Vice-President of the Manitowoc Lions Club, Jeremiah Novak-recipient of the Manitowoc Lions Club 72 Annual Distinguished Service Award, Rebecca Novak-Jeremiah's wife, and Roxanne Staveness-Distinguished Service Award committee member, and not pictured, Al Kanugh-Distinguished Service Award committee chair.



VAN DYNE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA - On December 16th, about 85 parents, grandparents, and kids came to see Santa at Van Dyne Lions Park. ABOVE: Elf / Lioness Roxanne, making friends with Aubrey who came to see Santa. Even the "older" kids got in the action of telling Santa what they want for Christmas.



WILD ROSE LIONS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS BY HOSTING A FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST of cakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, milk, and juice. Three hundred twenty one meals were served. Children selected a free toy, coloring book with crayons and a McDonald's coupon. Santa and Mrs. Santa were there, too.

WILD ROSE REMEMBERS VETS AT CHRISTMAS - Wild Rose Lions invited their Bingo players to fill out a Christmas Card for Veterans at the December 7th game. Fifty-four cards were delivered to the Vets Home in King, Wisconsin.

WORKING HAND AND HAND TO BUILD DIABETES AWARENESS IN HOWARDS GROVE - During Diabetes Awareness Month of November, Diabetes Chairperson Lion Veryl Graf put together the Door Hanger Project in the Howards Grove Village Area. He contacted the Cub Scout Leader to ask for volunteers to help the Lions as in the past to distribute the Door Hangers in the Howards Grove area. The request was accepted and the Lions worked hand and hand with them. The Lions that helped were Past President Veryl Graf and his wife, Janet, as well as Lion Willard Kuhlow, new member Lion Allen Van De Loo, Lion Julia

Leonhard and Lion Wally Leonhard. All of those mentioned donated their time after Graf laid out the areas that needed to be covered in the local area. The project took 42 Lion hours.

HOWARDS GROVE LIONS HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE - Five Lions and two volunteers filled 236 ice cream pails with a sand/calcium chloride mix for the public to use for free. They delivered the buckets to local banks, credit unions, Piggly Wiggly Grocery Store and the local butcher shop in Howards Grove, for the Public to use. Thanks to Lion Al Rohde and wife, Bev, for use of the garage and trailer. Lion Ren Rohde, Lion Roy Gadicke and Lion Wally Leonhard for filling the pails, and Lion Julia Leonhard for capping the pails with the help from Bev Rohde and a one person from her bowling team.



SHEBOYGAN NOON TEAMS WITH FESTIVAL FOODS TO PROMOTE WHITE CANE DRIVE - Each year, the Lions collect money to be used to buy eyeglasses, hearing aids, help with the Leader Dog Program, magnifiers to help people read, Lions Camp, student scholarships, Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin and Lions Clubs International Foundation. Money collected is dispersed where it is needed. The Lions cover many area businesses in a one day collection. It is a very rewarding experience to hear some of the stories that people tell you about how the Lions Clubs have helped them in the past, and now they want to give back. ABOVE: Kyle from Festival Foods and Pam Oehldrich from the Sheboygan Noon Lions Club.



Saving Vision One Child At A Time

As of December 31st, 27-B1 Clubs report 28,657 children screened with 3,432 referrals. That is almost a third of the Centennial Vision Screening goal for the State of screening 100,000 children's vision from May 1, 2017 - April 30, 2018.

Keep screening the children in your area and keep reporting your numbers to DG-E Dave Lee at drslee@new.rr.com.

APPLETON NOON - has Spot vision screened 29,398 students since beginning the screening program in January 2014. Of those students, 2,693 have been referred for follow up professional eye care. The Club expected to surpass 30,000 students screened before Christmas, and that should be a newsworthy achievement. Just to put some numbers into perspective for this fall, Appleton Noon has Spot vision screened 8,609 students since September 27th and 896 of those have been out-of-range. It is possible that they may reach 10,000 students screened this fall by the time of Christmas break, but that outcome is more uncertain.



KIEL LIONS screened KCP and Zielanis Elementary in Kiel with 193 screened and eight referrals.



ELKHART LAKE LIONS screened the Valders Elementary School screening 365 students with 27 referrals.

six Van Dyne Lioness members, Fond du Lac Lioness members and guests attended the Lioness annual Christmas party at Van Dyne. Lion/Lioness Jerry and Lion/Lioness Meg Post, along with District Governor Fred Gebhart and Lioness Affiliate President Cindy Rank (a member of the Van Dyne Lioness Club) were the honored guests. Lion/Lioness Jerry Post was the auctioneer for the 54 sets of items auctioned off.

VALDERS BREAKFAST WITH SANTA - The Lions served about 125 adults and children a breakfast of sausage, pancakes, eggs and donut holes followed by a visit with Santa and a gift. Fifteen Lions were there to serve and greet all those that came.



VAN DYNE & FOND DU LAC LIONESS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY - Forty-

Working Together To Serve The Needs Of Our Communities

by DG Fred Gebhart

As we surpass the holiday season with families coming together to share hugs and exchange smiles, old friendships are rekindled of stories gone by, and cherish the gifts we take for granted each day, we tend to put Christmas away for another year. To people in need, Christmas is about survival to get through the day or reflect on what they need. One thing is for certain the need to help others will always exist whether on the world stage or just in our backyards.

As Lions and Lioness, we look back on what was accomplished in 2017 and look forward to what needs to be accomplished in 2018, as our International logo indicates. With the New Year comes new ideas, a time to be creative, or everything is perfect and leave well enough alone. You can be proud of what we accomplished as Lions and Lioness in our District.

All too often, we do not see the results of our time and labor, but deep down inside we know we made a positive difference. In my travels I see first-hand how Lions and Lioness Clubs impact their communities. Community involvement is the key to show what we can do and be rewarded with membership growth. Small town rural clubs and larger community clubs

has no distinction when it comes to comparing club projects or fundraisers. The results show the tenacity Lions and Lioness have, no matter the size of the community. Clubs working together to achieve goals is another example of family and unity to make this world a better place. As Lions, we should not have borders or lines to cross to lending a helping hand, the world is our playground.

Centennial Challenge Banner Patches are being given out and congratulations goes out to the District with all 68 clubs getting involved and 50 clubs achieving all four challenges. I know Lion Rose Berendes had a large part in making this all happen on MyLCI reporting.

This year's challenge... Diabetes has been added to the original four of Vision, Youth, Hunger, and Environment.

Here in Wisconsin, we also have a Vision Screening Challenge to screen the vision of 100,000 students and children screened throughout the State of Wisconsin. This Challenge runs from May 2017 to April 2018. Your Club vision screening team makes it all this possible. Make sure to report all children screened to District Vision Screening Chair, DG-E Dave Lee at drslee@new.rr.com.

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LARSEN-WINCHESTER LIONS CLUB SET SERVICE MILESTONE IN 2017

The Larsen-Winchester Lions Club achieved a service milestone in 2017. According to Club Secretary and Medical Equipment Loan Locker Manager, Lion Gerry Arens, the Club provided services, equipment, and cash donations totaling \$1,041,049, in 2017; a \$40,000 increase from 2016. The Club focusses on two main service projects, in addition to numerous smaller projects, all benefiting the local communities.

The first main service project is building handicap ramps. A dedicated team of ramp builders constructed and installed 48 ramps in the surrounding area in 2017 according to Ramp Project Manager, Lion Bruce Stowe. They also removed another 29 ramps that were no longer needed, reusing some of their parts. The cost savings to customers for ramp installation alone averaged \$9,600 per family for a total savings of \$460,000.

The second major service project is loaning medical equipment from the Club Warehouse, located in the village of Larsen. The Loan Locker serves the public on Tuesdays from 10 am-1 pm and Saturdays from 12 noon to 1 pm.

“In 2017, we had a very busy year,” said Arens. “We loaned out 2,660 pieces of equipment to 1,727 customers, saving them \$470,000 over the cost of buying or renting the equipment.” In 2017, both the customer base and equipment loaned, increased 10 percent over 2016.

A snapshot of some of the equipment loaned out reads like this:

- 534 wheelchairs
- 459 shower stools and bath benches
- 280 four-wheeled walkers with seats



NEW HOLSTEIN & WINNEBAGO EAST SHORE LIONS CLUBS TEAM UP FOR VISION SCREENING - The Clubs worked together to screen the children at the New Holstein Elementary School during Child Development Days. These are two to four year old children coming into the upcoming Fall school year where 64 were screened with four referrals. Participating Lions from New Holstein, Mary Jo Abler and Marty Buechel, with Kathy Roehrig from the Winnebago East Shore Lions Clubs.



- 105 hospital beds
- 91 electric lift chairs
- Over 1,174 other pieces of equipment, including, commodes, canes, two-wheel walkers, grab bars and toilet assist items

In addition, the Club provided \$91,000 to two mission trips including the International Children’s Fund in Neenah. All donations of new and used medical equipment were sent to Africa where they were used by many different aid groups, including Doctors Without Borders.

Finally, the Club raised funds at their spring and fall pancake breakfasts held at Winchester School. They gave over \$19,000 from breakfast proceeds and other donations to 26 different organizations.

Locally, the Lions gave to: Winneconne and Winchester food pantries

Clayton Cub Scouts
American Legion Auxiliaries in both Neenah and Winneconne for Badger State Girls

Winneconne School Trap Team
American Legion youth programs
Winchester youth softball
Winchester and Clayton Fire Departments
Scholarships to both Neenah and Winneconne school districts.

“We are proud of the support the surrounding community gives us,” said Club President, Lion Tom Arens, “and we are very honored to return the money to the community where it can make a difference.”



LIONS CLUBS PARTNER TO INSTALL WHEELCHAIR RAMP

The Larsen-Winchester Lions Club recently partnered with members of the New London Lions and Manawa Lions Clubs to construct a wheelchair ramp in the city of Weyauwega. Lion Bruce

Stowe, Ramp Program manager for Larsen-Winchester Lion Club took the lead in building the 10 ramp sections at the Club’s warehouse in Larsen. According to Stowe, the 75-foot long ramp was bigger than the average ramp the Club normally installs and was officially ramp number 968 in the Club’s long history of building handicap ramps dating back to 1989.

Stowe reached out to members of New London and Manawa Lions Clubs who were more than willing to contribute labor to assemble the ramp sections on site at a home in rural Weyauwega. It was nice to serve with other clubs to help achieve goals together, and we all worked well together to get the ramp built on a very cold day in February.

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Your Lion Family Is Here For You

by PDG/PADP Jerry Post - 920-773-2618 or mpost7@tds.net

Lions and Lioness are always helping anyone that needs help. Whether it is a tornado, fire, flood, earthquake or any other disaster, Lions and Lioness also help those who find themselves in the hospital, a nursing home or just confined to a bed. Lions and Lioness help children and adults, male or female, no matter what creed or ethnic background. Special fundraisers are held to assist those with medical problems, helping to pay their bills. Lions and Lioness offer rides to doctor appointments, to the grocery store, shopping or anywhere else they may need to go.

So often Lions and Lioness are so busy helping others, they forget to take care of themselves. Who do they call when they need help?

Too many times, Lions and Lioness try to hide their problems because they may be too proud to admit they need help or are embarrassed because they were unable to fix something that broke and could not afford to fix it. Lions and Lioness are here for each other, too. When someone does not accept their help, Lions and Lioness feel bad and wonder what they did wrong. Lions and Lioness are all family, besides helping others, they have the need to help their family.

So, next time you need help, please do not hide. Let your Lions and Lioness family help, because that is what family does. Take care and keep each other in your heart.

Event

APRIL

LARSEN-WINCHESTER PANCAKE
BREAKFAST

SUN, APR 8
Winchester School

Wendt Steps Up As Incoming 2nd Vice District Governor

27-B1's 2nd Vice District Governor-Elect, Thomas Wendt, is very excited about stepping up to this next level of leadership and the opportunities for involvement within the District.

Wendt has been an active member and leader in the Van Dyne Lions since 1995. He is currently serving as President, a position he has held several times. Wendt has also served as treasurer and secretary, and has been a board member since first joining the Club. Wendt chairs several fundraisers within the Club, including their Annual Walleye Fishing Tournament.

Wendt spent 35 years in the Fond du Lac City Fire Department, retiring as Fire Prevention Division Chief. He is past President of the Wisconsin State Fire Inspectors Association, past President of his Parish Council and past Board Member of the North Fond du Lac Boys Baseball.

Tom is a Melvin Jones Fellow from the Lions Clubs International



Foundation, awarded by the Van Dyne Lions and is proud of family tradition within the Van Dyne Lions including his father and

brother who were instrumental in chartering the club over 40 years ago.

He states his main reason for pursuing the 2nd Vice Governor position is how proud he is of the what the Lions stand for on the local, state and international level.

He is married to Van Dyne Lioness Roxanne, who in addition to her Lioness activities, is the unofficial co-chair for Van Dyne Walleye Tournament, doing the majority of the registration. They also have five children and 15 grandchildren.

Sharpening Leadership Skills Vital To Every Club

by DG Fred Gebhart

As I begin this article, I cannot help but feel the loss of a special friend and Lion with the passing of Lion Ken Wallander. Just this past summer, we were at my place painting picnic tables for our Lions Camp. I heard many stories of our Lions Camp because it was very dear to his heart. So many people will miss Kenny because of his kindness and his willingness to lend a helping hand.

As my year as Governor continues, I find it interesting, educational, and rewarding interacting with my District Clubs. The passion to serve their communities is evident in every visit. I had the privilege to hand out and award the 2016-2017 level four Challenge Patch to 50 of 68 clubs while the remaining 18 clubs took part in the Challenge at different levels.

Through education we can strengthen our District as it continues to grow in the leadership roles. At this point in time our District has secured our leadership for the next four years and more to come.

The program, Communicate Like A Leader, is a great leadership tool and we have five signed up. There will be more programs to come for the coming year, along with a membership program.

In my club visits, I see potential leaders and sharpening their skills is so important. No one wants to be put in a position until they are confident to take on the responsibilities and duties required. This will take a team effort and mentoring is going to be a key issue to make this all possible. A district is only as strong as their leaders and the leaders are only as strong as their members. Planning, along with teamwork, can prove to secure the future of a strong and healthy club.



THE NEVER ENDING SEASON - by PDG/PADP Jerry Post - There is a State Farm Neighborhood of Good commercial that shows a soup kitchen serving many people during the Holidays. As the time goes by there are less and less people stopping to get some soup, sandwich, drink and a warm place to eat. At the end of the commercial it says, the time for giving never ends. There are many places that during the Holidays have drop offs for nonperishable foods, which were always full, to bring to the food pantries. As the Holidays start to diminish, so does the food being donated for those in need. At the Parish where PDG Meg Post works, there is a place in back of church which had to be taken to the food pantry every Monday morning. Now they only fill a large size bin. The Easter holiday is coming and the bin will start to fill more often again, and as always after that holiday it will fill much slower again. Lions and Lioness of District 27-B1, let's not forget those in need. Let's keep an eye on area food pantries and keep them full at all times, as the need for giving never ends. Says PDG Jerry Post, "I asked a Lion once where his community for giving was and he answered the name of his town. Lions and Lioness, our community is the world and we need to serve the world." Thanks to everyone for always being there for all those in need, but let's not forget that the season never ends.



Events

APRIL

LARSEN-WINCHESTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUN, APR 8
Winchester School



WAYSIDE MORRISON LIONS 18TH ANNUAL BRANSON NORTH SHOW
FRI, APRIL 13
Cobblestone Inn, Brillion

The featured band is Maggie Mae and her Heartland Country Band from Oxford, Wisconsin. In the past, this show featured bands from Branson, Texas and Tennessee. The Club decided to bring in this very popular local band for this year's show.

The evening begins at 6 pm with a country style chicken and fish dinner for the 400 plus attendees. The 2 hour show begins after the meal with door prizes throughout the evening.

Tickets are \$40 each and can be obtained by calling 920-864-2151.

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POLKA SUNDAY - by *Lioness Amber Konen* - On February 25th the Fond du Lac Lioness sponsored a Polka Dance at the American Legion Hall in Fond du Lac. One-hundred and thirty-four Polka fans came to dance, listen to the music or just to socialize with friends. Everyone was enjoying the friendship of each other and the music. Then one of the participants became ill and passed out. As the organizer went into the hall to dial 911, two of the Fond du Lac Lioness, who are nurses, immediately did what they were trained to do. They only did what needed to be done until the paramedics arrived. When the paramedics arrived the Lady was awake and coherent and a few minutes later the lady was helped to the foyer where the paramedics took her vitals at different intervals to make sure she was okay. After a while the lady said she was okay and did not want to leave the dance. The paramedics checked her vitals once more and advised her about complications that could arise and then left. The Lions saying is, 'Where There Is A Need There Is A Lion'. The Lioness new saying is, 'Where There Is An Emergency. There Is A Lioness'. Keep safe and please advise anyone with problems with illness to please take the advice of the paramedics, it could help save their life.



THE NEED TO SERVE TOGETHER - by *PDG Gary Silah* - The Fond du Lac Lioness has run a fundraiser at the FDL County Fairgrounds for about ten years. Twice a year the Lioness man the food stand at the local flea market. As the years went by their club

was getting smaller and it was getting harder to handle the food stand. About four years ago, the group handling the vendors at the flea market decided to quit and the Fond du Lac Lions were approached to take over the vendor/admissions aspect of the flea market. Together the Lions and Lioness now handle the entire flea market. As you have read from a previous issue, this is not the first adventure together and it will not be the last. Both clubs have male and female members and enjoy each other's individual groups, not only working together but also playing together at joint meetings and get together at holiday parties. We not only serve but, 'We Serve Together'.



VAN DYNE LIONESS - Lioness Sandy and Lioness Marge helped with the vision screening at St. Paul's in NFDL. We worked with two St. Peter's Lions. It took only an hour to screen 38 kids and two were given recommendations to see a doctor.



Reported MyLCI Club Activities February 2018

AMSTERDAM - Preschool vision screening - 29 screened, seven referrals. Lion Hours: 42. People Served: 29.

BERLIN - Vision screening. Lion Hours: 2. People Served: 29.

BRANDON - Donation to Brandon Food Pantry. Pizza sale. Lion Hours: 13. People Served: 46.

EDEN - Donations to LCIF, Eye Bank Transporters, Solution Center/Salvation Army, Boy Scouts & vision screener. Lion Hours: 12. Funds Donated: \$500.

ELKHART LAKE - Donations to Boy Scouts & Cerebral Palsy. Lion Hours: 40. Funds Donated: \$1,100.

FOND DU LAC EVENING - Purchased eyeglasses for Huber inmate. Sold Mint Trays. Lion Hours: 16. People Served: 1. Funds Raised: \$30. Funds Donated: \$115.

GREEN LAKE - Donations to WLF Diabetes project & Leaders Dogs for the Blind. Lion Hours: 2. People Served: 2. Funds Donated: \$450.

HANCOCK - LCIF donation. Fundraiser for family with medical needs. Rural youth safety day. Conservation Camp for 5th graders. Blue Ribbon Kids Day. Camp Hope donation. People Served: 250. Funds Donated: \$1,220.

HOWARDS GROVE - Assist with Bingo at nursing home. Changed whole house water filter for individual that is partially disabled at this time, and should not climb steps now due to cast on left leg. Sponsored blood drive. Used eyeglass collection. Filled bags of food for needy. Collected hearing aids & batteries. Lion Hours: 140. People Served: 36. Funds Donated: \$125.

LARSEN-WINCHESTER - Donated gas card for cancer patient. Volunteer at homeless shelter, food pantry &

nursing home. Collect used eyeglasses & hearing aids. Take Wheel Chair Ramps down after customer no longer needs them. Build Ramps in Warehouse prior to installation. Construct Wheel Chair Ramps. Donate used medical equipment. Donation to Larsen-Winchester Lioness Club. Write and Send Thank You Notes and Cards. Medical Equipment Loan Locker. Lion Hours: 415. People Served: 863. Funds Donated: \$700.

MARKESAN - Eyeglass collection. Monthly raffle. Prepared and sold Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Brats during the prize phase of the Vandy's Lakeside Pub Fisheree. Participated in a Homeless/ Indigent person meeting for the City of Markesan. Donated \$500 to an 18 year old high school student who has contracted leukemia. Donations to Girls Basketball Club, Little Green Lake Fisheree, Fruit Basket. Scholarship payments for three. Farmer's Night social. Lion Hours: 377. People Served: 3. Funds Raised: \$3,278. Funds Donated: \$2,226.

MISHICOT - Chili dinner. Printed & distributed club brochure. Collected eyeglasses. Lion Hours: 30. People Served: 1,400. Funds Raised: \$900. Funds Donated: \$375.

MONTELLO - Pick up and deliver food to the food bank. Every Thursday is distribution day. People Served: 300.

NEW HOLSTEIN - Tissue transport. Household waste recycling. Vision screening. Lion Hours: 183. People Served: 37.

OAKFIELD - Post prom donation. Tissue transport. Lion Hours: 4. Funds Donated: \$50.

OXFORD - 63rd annual event with food/beverages sales, raffle tickets, 50/50 raffles, cash prizes, and merchandise prizes. Purchase fleece and make shawls for transplant clients at the Restoring Hope Transplant

House. Westfield area schools vision screening. Lion Hours: 624. People Served: 124. Funds Raised: \$6,000. Funds Donated: \$70.

POY SIPPI - Monthly meeting/food pantry collection. Household trash recycling. Lion Hours: 31. People Served: 58.

PRINCETON - Blood drive. People Served: 1,214.

REEDSVILLE - Sweetheart Dance for 3rd graders. Lion Hours: 12. People Served: 200. Funds Raised: \$350.

SHEBOYGAN EVENING - Volunteer at Habitat for Humanity Re-Store. Used eyeglass & aluminum can collection. Vision screenings. Lion Hours: 22. People Served: 167. Funds Raised: \$41.

SHEBOYGAN NOON - Raffle. Salvation Army/Food Pantry donation. Casino bus trip. Lion Hours: 120. Funds Raised: \$2,179. Funds Donated: \$500.

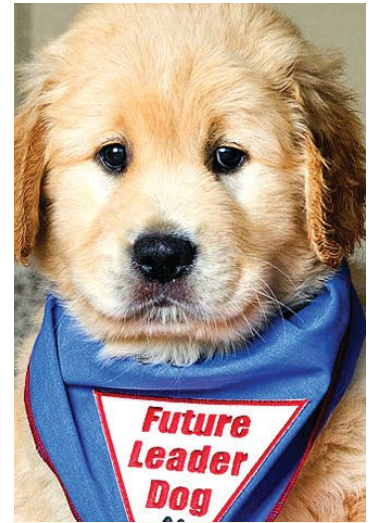
TOWN OF SHEBOYGAN - Donation to Kindred Hearts Families & Sheboygan Rec Department to sponsor two youth sports teams. People Served: 125. Funds Donated: \$750.

VALDERS - Eye therapy for young boy. Lion Hours: 120. People Served: 1. Funds Raised: \$1,800. Funds Donated: \$1,800.

VAN DYNE - Battle of the Bags clean up. Vision screening. Lion Hours: 29. People Served: 34. Funds Raised: \$750.

27-B1 FEBRUARY 2018 REPORTED TOTALS

- Lion Hours: 2,256
- People Served: 4,907
- Funds Raised: \$15,328
- Funds Donated: \$12,730
- Participating Clubs: 26 (38%)



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Your club can now show your support in a new way, through a Puppy Sponsorship. For \$500, you receive:

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VAN DYNE LIONESS & LIONS MAKE 10 BLANKETS FOR RESTORING HOPE TRANSPLANT HOUSE - TOP: Lioness Sandy Muche with Lionesses Marilyn Shady and Nancy Krumbein in the background. LOWER LEFT: Lion Jim Binder helped with the tying of the blankets. LOWER RIGHT: Lionesses Roxanne Wendt and Jodi Schmitt.



Neither Rain Nor Snow Shall Keep The Valders Easter Bunny From Her Rounds

by PDG/Lioness Meg Post

On Saturday, March 31, Valders had its Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the kids of Valders. They say that if you don't like the weather in Wisconsin, just wait an hour and it will change. This adage proved to be true. The weather started with rain at 8 am, an hour later it turned to snow, then an hour later turned back to rain. At about 10:40 am, the weather cleared and children of all ages began to show up.

It took 20 Lions and volunteers two hours to pack 1,200 eggs with candy and place them on the lawn in the Village Park.



When the time arrived, approximately 100 kids were taken to the area set aside for their age group to find their eggs. It only took them 15 minutes to find all the eggs and return to the community shelter where they emptied their eggs and received their Easter Egg Hunt prizes.

They say Lions and Lioness do not get paid for their work, but they got paid that day, all with smiles, hugs and lots of laughter. There was a little girl that was afraid of the Easter Bunny at first, then about 10 minutes later, mom had a hard time getting her away to find her eggs. The Club sees this every year and still cannot get enough of it.

Events

MAY

VAN DYNE LION & LIONESS COUNTRY BREAKFAST

SUN, MAY 20
8:30 am - 1 pm
Van Dyne Lions Park

Advance tickets available from members for \$7 / \$8 at the door. 4-10 years old \$4 / \$5 at the door. 3 and under free. Questions? Contact Marge Werner at 920-479-1926 or margewerner73@gmail.com

JUNE

VAN DYNE LIONS WALLEYE TOURNAMENT

SAT, JUN 2

Contact Lion Tom Wendt at 920-517-2724 for information or to enter.



VAN DYNE LIONS & LIONESS VOLUNTEER AT OPENING EYES - Seated: Julie Aigner, Kathy Aigner, Marge Werner. Back Row: Sandy Muche and Mark Cook.

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and ham dinner with all the trimmings.

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Joan Schmid, Secretary
c/o Two Rivers Lioness Club
2802 – 42nd Street, Two Rivers WI 54241
schmidjoan@gmail.com or 920-553-8887

Lioness Clubs, are asked to donate a \$25 Raffle Prize for the Banquet.

Ensuring Our Clubs' Futures

by DG Fred Gebhart

As we look in the mirror each morning, we may see a wrinkle or spot that wasn't there before. These are the signs of another day older and your happy feet are not as happy as they use to be. As Governor, I see the same wrinkles and spots in my Lions Clubs. As the saying goes, the average age of the Lions clubs continue to go up.

The mighty oak tree stands strong and reaches for the sky. As it grows, its branches reach out and provides Mother Nature food and protection for the animals and people around. It has weathered winter and summer storms, brought beauty in the Fall and new growth in the Spring. It may have survived a lightning strike but it will not survive the unending hands of time.

So goes the health of our Lions Clubs if we do not look at our membership. Time has taken a toll on some clubs, and as the mighty oak tree, they can only stand so long. We can walk down the street asking people if they will lend a hand on a roadside clean up or help with a community project. Odds are that you will get a number of volunteers to help; but when you ask them to join the Lions Club their

response is of hesitation or don't call me, I'll call you.

Lions is all about service and helping the less fortunate, but to break that comment to a club is the challenge. We know the people are out there to volunteer, so we need to take a different approach to asking. Our clubs are being officered to death with 15 or more positions to fill or doubled up. This is scary for a member that just wants to volunteer his or her time to help out. We all know life styles have changed so the challenge is how do we market our membership. The answer is out there, we need to figure out how to connect the dots. It starts with our youth, their talents and their need to help others. How do we connect with our schools and expose them to our service through vision screening, eyeglass recycling, diabetes awareness, and community activities? To have a strong sports or academic program, we start young to develop their talents. This isn't going to happen overnight, but we do not want the hands of time to predict our fate. Even the mighty oak started from a small acorn.

Lions Facts: Past & Present Quiz

1. What year was the first convention of Lions Clubs International held?
a. 1912 b. 1917 c. 1922
2. Circle the statistic that comes closest to the current figures of Lions Clubs International.
a. 29,789 clubs with 1,188,000 members in 130 countries and geographical areas.
b. 39,286 clubs with 1,243,000 members in 165 countries and geographical areas.
c. 46,178 clubs with 1.45 million members in 208 countries and geographical areas.
3. The LION magazine, which first appeared in 1918, is now printed in how many languages?
a. 11 b. 15 c. 21
4. A Lion may transfer to any club in the world providing the new club accepts him or her.
a. True b. False
5. Since a club follows the principles of the association and the international constitution, it may not adopt its own club constitution to suit its particular requirements.
a) True b) False



RIPPLE EFFECT - St Peter Lions vision screened the Eden school. Graymont Manufacturing learned of the project and decided to make a \$2,000 donation to the District vision screening program. ABOVE: Dennis Compton of Graymont Manufacturing presenting \$2,000 check to Dan Weber and Dick Marion of St Peter Lions Club for Lions District 27-B1 vision screening program.



THE HUSKY HANDS & HEART LEO CLUB OF NEW HOLSTEIN COLLECTED 284 TOYS IN DECEMBER FOR THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF WISCONSIN - These toys were taken to Milwaukee prior to Christmas for distribution to the patients of the hospital. This newly formed club also collected 86 pairs of used eyeglasses in September and distributed cookies for the residence of Willowdale Nursing Home before Christmas. The Club was organized in August 2017 and was chartered by Lion International in October 2017. ABOVE: President, Alexa Guelig (right) and Vice President Alli Caird (left) are at the hospital when they took the toys down.

Event

JUNE

VAN DYNE LIONS WALLEYE TOURNAMENT

SAT, JUN 2

Contact Lion Tom Wendt at 920-517-2724 for information or to enter.

Reported April 2018 MyLCI Club Activities

AMSTERDAM - Brat fry. Lion Hours: 70. People Served: 250. Funds Donated: \$467.

APPLETON NOON - Vision Screening. Lion Hours: 26. People Served: 510.

BERLIN - Eyeglass collection. Transferred Spot screener to Oxford. Donated to individual in need of medical assistance. Lion Hours: 11. People Served: 1. Funds Donated: \$200.

BRANDON - Food pantry donation. Lion Hours: 8. People Served: 50.

ELDORADO - Donations to LCIF, Brandon Food Pantry, Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin, Leader Dog, Laconia High School Scholarships. Hole sponsorship. Lion Hours: 44. People Served: 1,156. Funds Donated: \$2,325.

ELKHART LAKE - Donations to Juvenile Diabetes, Youth Exchange, & Badger Boys State. Purchased decals for Veteran's Park. Vision screening. Lion Hours: 45. Funds Donated: \$3,270.

ENDEAVOR - Eye tissue transport. Lion Hours: 184. People Served: 48.

FAIR WATER - Diabetes education at Health Fair. Vision screening. Lion Hours: 10. People Served: 198.

FOND DU LAC EVENING - Produced video for Leader Dog applicant. Distributed diabetes door hangers at gun show food booth. Transported eye tissue. Service mint trays. Donation to WLF. Lion Hours: 267. People Served: 518. Funds Raised: \$1,315. Funds Donated: \$712.

FRANCIS CREEK - Rose sale. Donation to Kathy's House. Lion Hours: 100. Funds Raised: \$1,500. Funds Donated: \$200.

HOWARDS GROVE - Bingo at nursing home. Blood drive. Eyeglass & hearing aid collection. Northside Food Pantry distribution & sorting.

Lion Hours: 113. People Served: 371.

KINGSTON - Cash Bash. Lion Hours: 80.

LARSEN-WINCHESTER - Donations to International Children's Fund, LCIF, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Can Do Canines, Canine Companions for Independence, WLF. Provided lockable metal file cabinet to Oshkosh Day-By-Day Shelter. Veteran assistance. Fox Valley Veterans Council donation. Blood donations. Eyeglass & hearing aid collection. Volunteer at food pantry. Pancake Breakfast. Build and remove wheelchair ramps. Donate used medical equipment. Volunteer at county ADRC or on their committees. Pill bottle collection. Donation to local cancer patient. Lion Hours: 443. People Served: 1,118. Funds Donated: \$5,310.

MARKESAN - Visited Berlin Lions. Donation to local woman injured in a hit & run accident. Donations to Wisconsin Football Coaches Association/Wisconsin Children's Hospital, Sno Drifters Car Show. Attended Rosendale 50th Anniversary. Vision screening. Lion Hours: 167. People Served: 49. Funds Donated: \$350.

MENASHA - Brat fry. Rose sale. Eyeglass recycling. Lion Hours: 78. Funds Raised: \$607.

MONTELLO - Waterfall clean up. Pick up & deliver food to the food bank each Thursday. Annual Spaghetti Dinner. People Served: 572.

NEENAH - Eyeglass collection. Provide child with eyeglasses. Rose sales. Club-wide recycling of paper, plastic, aluminum. Lion Hours: 116. People Served: 13. Funds Raised: \$1,800.

NEW HOLSTEIN - Special Olympics. Tissue transport. Rose Sale. Big Bucks Raffle. Provide two scholarships. Sponsor Little Kickers soccer league.

Lion Hours: 448. People Served: 168. Funds Raised: \$16,790. Funds Donated: \$1,200.

NEWTON - Weekly raffle. Lion Hours: 18. Funds Raised: \$680.

OAKFIELD - Eye tissue transport. Donations to Teach Appreciation Day & Wisconsin Lions Camp Counselors. Lion Hours: 2. Funds Donated: \$300.

OXFORD - Donations to Westfield Post Prom, Bookworms & Camp Counselor Backpacks. Roadside clean up. Attended Rosendale 50th Anniversary. Vision screening. Lion Hours: 110. Number Served: 34. Funds Donated: \$250.

PLYMOUTH - Fish Boil. Lion Hours: 90. Funds Raised: \$2,000.

POY SIPPI - Lion food donations & household trash recycling. Lion Hours: 11. People Served: 56.

RIPON - Donation to St. Jude's. Lion Hours: 20. People Served: 500. Funds Donated: \$200.

ROSENDALE - Celebrated 50th Anniversary. Lion Hours: 110. People Served: 114.

SHEBOYGAN EVENING - Volunteer at Habitat for Humanity ReStore. Transport sight impaired to monthly meetings. Volunteer at Above & Beyond Children's Museum. Donation to Safe Harbor & Wisconsin Lions Camp. Lion Hours: 72. People Served: 10,404. Funds Donated: \$340.

SHEBOYGAN NOON - Donation to Lions Pride. Casino bus trip. Vision screening. Lion Hours: 106. People Served: 117. Funds Raised: \$1,667. Funds Donated: \$25.

27-B1 APRIL REPORTED TOTALS

- Lion Hours: 4,865
- People Served: 19,592
- Funds Raised: \$26,899
- Funds Donated: \$20,766
- Participating Clubs: 36 (52%)



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- Choose the Lions Clubs International mission statement:
 - To Create and Foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary service through community involvement in their international cooperation.
 - To Serve
 - To improve one's community by providing service and funds to worthy causes.
- When was the mission statement adopted?
 - 1912
 - 1917
 - 1922
 - 1990
- Which of these represents the largest international service commitment of Lions?
 - Sight First
 - Youth Exchange
 - Lions-Quest
- A majority of Lions districts are composed of a minimum of 35 clubs with at least 1,250 members.
 - True
 - False

Proud To Be Part Of 27-B1

by DG Fred Gebhart

With my term as Governor nearing the end, I find myself looking back and analyzing what just happened.

I started with goals, not knowing where they would fit in, but kept an open mind as to what would work. Along came unexpected challenges and the satisfaction of solving them through resources.

In the past, I have heard, 'If I can do it anybody can'. I can say that being a Governor is not for everyone because it takes dedication and most of all time to attend to issues. I can say I am very fortunate and proud to be part of District 27-B1.

To put in words, thank you and it starts with our Convention Committee. The Governor's Convention is a special time where the District can present ourselves to the rest of the Districts in Wisconsin. At the end of the two day celebration, all the time, talent, and efforts are unveiled by the smiles and comments expressed by the attendees. The old saying goes, "It all looks good on paper" but PDGs Jerry and Meg Post kept everyone in the loop as to what is going on and when. As Governor, it was great to see it all unfold to bring Lions, Lioness, and Leos together throughout the District and State.

Next is the Cabinet, they are the communication lines throughout the District to the Governor. The input by all made my term as Governor a rewarding experience.

On top of all the success, there is so much to build on to better our District. It starts with the leadership program to promote training sessions and seminars. There are a number of upcoming leaders willing to take the challenge, which strengthens our future.

There are changes coming as we go forward, so I am asking clubs to have patience and not give up to frustration. We are working on a training and education team to ease the burden of reporting activities.

I have seen and learned a lot in my travels throughout the District and our motto, 'We Serve' is embraced by all Lions and Lioness in their communities.

I would like to also thank all the vision screening teams in the District for making a difference in the kids, students, and families we have impacted.

In closing, I'm asking to support our incoming Governor, Dave Lee, as our District continues to go forward in making a difference or even, 'Be the Difference'.

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