



*District 27-B1 Cabinet*  
*2014-2015*



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Row 1

Leonard Quinn, PDG  
Tom Berendes  
Diane Henke  
Marv Henke  
Gary Silah, DG  
Dawn Christensen, IPDG  
Fred Gebhart  
Dave Holschbach  
B.J. Blahnik

Row 2

Kay Quinn  
Michael De Baere  
Ken Rivers  
Tom Clausen, PDG  
Phil Weber  
Ken Wallander, PDG  
Bonnie Strelow  
Merle Strelow, PDG  
Vern Pautz, PDG  
Meg Post, PDG  
Jerry Post, PDG  
Vic Voigt, PDG

Row 3

Otto Cox  
Gerry Schmidt  
Mike Helmke  
Jeffrey Reabe  
Gregory Bielski  
Gary Roehrig  
Myra Schneider  
Wendy Hartmann  
Madonna Schneider  
Ken Rhode, PDG  
Gary Colton, PDG



District 27-B1 Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, August 3, 2014  
Eagles Club 515 North Park Ave, Fond du Lac, 54935

1. **Call to order** @ 1:00 P.M. by DG Gary Silah
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Dawn Christensen
3. **Song & Prayer** led by Lion Diane Henke
4. **Welcome & Introduction** of special guests PID Peter Cerniglia and spouse Joanne by DG Gary Silah. Also introduction of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Marv Henke and any PDG present.
5. **Roll Call** by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Dave Holschbach and introduction of any spouses attending.
6. **Installation of Cabinet Members** by PID Peter Cerniglia PID Peter is feeling good after losing 60 pounds. Thank you to DG Gary for stepping forward to fill the vacancy. PID Peter reviewed each position and their specific job responsibilities are. Zone Chairman are VERY IMPORTANT they are the link for future district chairs. PID Peter also talked about the HOPE HOUSE and the future. These people now have someone to talk. PDGs Meg and Jerry Post are great source for information and presentations. District 27 B1 are 'GIVERS". All cabinet members were properly swore in.
7. **Approval of Agenda**, an addition was made to the agenda adding QUEST to Committee report H. Motion to accept the agenda with the addition by PDG Vern Pautz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Wendy Hartmann. MOTION CARRIED
8. **Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 made by DPG Ken Rohde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Helen Mork. MOTION CARRIED
9. **Final Treasurers Report for Lion year 2013-2014** has not been submitted for approval yet. Tabled to next cabinet meeting. Subject to audit.
10. **Approval of Special Cabinet Minutes** from June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 was made by PDG Merle Strelow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Sandy King. MOTION CARRIED. PDG Len Quinn spoke on behalf of all members of the cabinet and all LIONS of 27B1. THANK YOU to DG Gary for his dedication and stepping forward. Help and guidance is available from all for anyone.
11. **2014-2015 Budget** presented by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Dave Holschbach. He apologized for the delay in presenting a budget. The budget is based on 2115 members, no changes from previous year. Pin budget is an unknown, hopefully it will break even. The undesignated funds report will follow at a future date awaiting the final audit. Program chairs were reminded to use the money that has been donated for their programs. Motion made by Lion Mike Helmke to accept the budget as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Merle Strelow. MOTION

CARRIED

**12. Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork reminded everyone of the 3 minute rule. Maximum for your report, \$1.00 per minute for using excess time. She did not have an increase in her budget this year, so things should go smoothly. Lion Helen has a new cell phone number 608-897-1325

**13. Communications:** DG Gary Silah and Lion Dave Holschbach have not received any.

**14. Old Business:**

A: PU 101 10 clubs. There are 10 clubs who have not filed their PU 101 for 2015. Lion Dave read the clubs and asked the zone chairman or any other members to get them filed.

**15. New Business:**

A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor candidates. There presently are no candidates to fill the current 2<sup>nd</sup> vice district governor opening. Lion Jim Zamzow is still interested in fulfilling the position if his health improves and will go through the proper channels for nomination. GLT coordinator PDG Merle will pursue this challenge. We need 2 candidates to fill the positions, 1 immediately and 1 to run for nomination in November.

B. 2014-2015 Meeting sites and dates are printed and distributed.

C. Congrats to Lion Mike Helmke and Lion BJ Blahnik for the article on front page of the WIS LIONS newspaper about the Blind Sailors coming to Sheboygan. They each spoke about what a great opportunity this is for the LIONS to support. Lions need to show support. LION STRONG!

Lions clubs can sponsor teams and provide cheering sections. There are 75 participants. Great way to showcase WISCONSIN and the LIONS OF 27B1!!

D. LEBW awards presented by Lion Phil Weber. Lion Phil presented a KNIGHT OF SIGHT award to IPDG Dawn Christensen and also to Past Lioness Affiliate Donna Stoeger. IPDG Dawn commented that this is not her award....it is ALL of the LIONS and LIONESS and LEO....they deserve it.

E. IPDG Dawn presented the following awards. PDG Merle Strelow and PDG Jerry Post the EXTENSION AWARD for getting and KEEPING the Poy Sippi Lion Club. District Chair awards were given to Diabetes chair Lion Bonnie Strelow, Hearing chair Lion Wendy Hartmann and Leo chair Lion Joe Barth. An International Presidents award was given to PDG Len Quinn. 'FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS'

F: DG GARY presented the COUNCIL CHAIR award to IPDG Dawn.

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

A. Vice District Governor Lion Marv Henke thanked PID Peter for showing there IS a cure for diabetes, it can be done. VG Marv has been on the cabinet for 9-10 years, he intends to follow the path given to be a better leader and intends to be the best he can.

B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor position still remains OPEN.....any takers ????

C. Constitution/Bylaws chair position was accepted by IPDG Dawn. More information to follow at future cabinet meetings.

D. Youth Exchange chair Lion Sandy King was moved forward in the program so she could return to a recovering husband PDG Tom King. Wisconsin hosted 54 youths from 24 countries. Camp Vista just ended with 52 campers and a very successful training. Camp experience is getting easier each year due to the many LIONS who volunteer. 8 of 10 DG attended camp. Zone chairman please remind your clubs to donate.

E. Peace Poster chair Lion Sandy reminded everyone that this year's kits were available in February. Let's get some posters for our District Convention in November!!

F. GLT/GMT – Chair - Lion Marv Henke

1. GMT chair Lion Mike Helmke has teamed with VPG Marv to look for LEADERS! Their goal is to STRENGTHEN MEMBERS, specifically clubs with less than 20 members of which there are 18. The district goal is to increase membership by increasing CHARTER STRENGTH!

DG Gary is going to push current membership NOT getting new clubs. Let's work with what we have. Our 71 clubs are well established we can do it with the GREAT MEMBERS WE HAVE!



2. GLT chair PDG Merle Strelow announced the state GLT chair is PDG Greg Pryor. They are working on getting more members involved in leadership. There are great webinars that LIONS can get right at home. If anyone has ideas.....let him know!

G. WLF rep Lion Fred Gebhart reported the new Totem Pole is up. September 20<sup>th</sup> will be the dedication. August 16<sup>th</sup> will be the Fun Run. There are only 2 weeks remaining at camp. Vision screening will be the major emphasis this year. WHERE DO WE STAND AS A DISTRICT. Let Lion Fred know what you are doing for visions screening.

H. Affiliate President Lioness Cindy Rank was not present so PDG Jerry Post stepped in. Most of the Lioness clubs have been in hibernation for the summer. Membership is +5

I. Affiliate Liaison Lion Gerald Schmidt had no report at this time.

J. LCIF & QUEST chair PDG Vern Pautz reported LCI had a successful year, over budget! Thanks to 27 B1 donations. He has not received a final yearend report. QUEST needs to get more involved in more schools. Money and training is available. Many become LIONS members after training. The program stops BULLYING....There have been newspaper articles and more to follow. QUEST will help develop membership.

K. USA/ Canada Leadership Forum chair PDG Gary Colton reported is will soon be here in Puerto Rico this year. Enjoy a vacation and seminars all at the same time!!

L. Lions Pride chair Lion Myra Schneider reported the endowment fund supported 59 students this year. All clubs in the district have contributed. There have been 76 Ray Hemple awards given. She is available to speak on LIONS PRIDE at any time.

M. Special Olympics chair PDG Ken Wallander reported the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Truck Convoy for Special Olympics is coming soon. Also the Special Olympics Eye Opening in Oshkosh will be on Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

N. Leo Chairman –Lion Joe Barth not present – no report

O. Diabetes/LEPH/Sight Conservation Lion Bonnie Strelow did not have much to report. She has been active in booths for the County Fair. She is also available to speak at any time.

P. Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling chair Lion Wendy Hartmann did not have a lot to report on. There was 1 approval and 6 denials for various reasons.

Q. Pin chair Lion Wendy Hartmann has agreed to temporarily fill the position to finalize last years pin design that was voted on at the convention. She needs approval to order the pins. Motion made by PDG Jerry Post to order 200 pins at a cost of \$2.10 and sell for \$3.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Len Quinn. MOTION CARRIED 1 pin to be given to Historian PDG Tom Clausen, Lion Wendy will do so.

R. Lions Eye Bank of WI rep Lion Phil Weber gave a THANK YOU to District 27 B1 for meeting their goal.. The annual meeting showed a positive return. 807 donations and 1607 corneas. They are finding new sources to market the eyes and corneas and tissue.

S. Missions of Wisconsin rep Lion Fred Gebhart reported there will be 2 missions, 1 in November and 1 in February for eyes. They are working on a in state response team. There will also be a Haiti Medical Mission. 4 districts have only donated to the state fund. Our district has \$9000. He will research and report at the next meeting where funds are needed.

T. Leader Dog chair Lion BJ Blahnik has received a list of the clubs that have donated and will followup for more donations. Lion BJ is available for speaking. PDG Len reported that Leader Dog has surpassed their goal, but don't stop now.....

U. District Raffle chair Lion Mike De Baere is working on the secretary list for mailing the district raffle tickets to the clubs. He anticipates to do this early September. Watch your mailbox. Hoping for better success this year.

V. State Lions Convention chair PDG Merle Strelow reported this year's State Convention will be in Lake Geneva at the ABBEY. Reservations are now open.....

W. District Convention chair IPDG Dawn Christensen, the district convention will be in Oshkosh at the Best Western on Friday and Saturday November 14 & 15. She has a good committee. The theme for the Friday hospitality will be CASINO NIGHT. Currently there are 6 sites bidding for the 2015 convention. 4 seminars.....Haiti, campers, Lioness and Leader Dog

X. District and State Bowling – Lion Bill Hilbert not present – no report

Y. IT PDG Tom Clausen is trying to get the state directory up to date. District websites for clubs has been slow. He is waiting on the state so that he can update the district website.

Z. Newspaper Editor Lion Mike De Baere asks.....PLEASE SEND ME ARTICLES!!!!

AA. District Bucket Raffle chair Lion Mike DeBaere has packets going out to the clubs with all of the information, information for ads for the convention program, bucket raffle request.....etc.

BB. Historian PDG Tom Clausen reported everything up to date.

CC. Elections & Nominations chair Lion BJ Blahnik had nothing to report at this time.

DD. Advisory/Long Range Planning – PDG Tom King – no report

**17. Zone Chairmen Reports:**

1. Region 1 Zone 1 Lion Fred Gebhart, clubs busy, parades, 7<sup>th</sup> year for the Lions booth at the County Fair. His zone has been self motivated.

2. Region 1 Zone 2 Lion Joe Barth – not present – no report

3. Region 1 Zone 3 Lion Jeannette Junk – not present – no report

4. Region 2 Zone 1 Lion Mike Helmke, Town of Sheboygan had an excellent idea for LIONFEST. They had a door hanger bag asking for used glasses, hearing aids. He is having excellent club participation in fund raisers and between clubs.

5. Region 2 Zone 2 Lion Madonna Schneider submitted the following: All her clubs remain healthy. Club visits will start in September –October. Lion Glen Laubenstein of Random Lake recently passed away. Zone meetings are: August 26<sup>th</sup>, January 26<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup>. See you at the convention.

6. Region 2 Zone 3 Lion Gary Roehring is working hard. His zone is +6 for membership. They took 40 Lino Cubs to camp on Monday. What a THRILL! The Cubs also participated in parades. Zone meeting will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in September.

7. Region 3 Zone 1 Lion ????????

8. Region 3 Zone 3 Lion Ken Rivers – not present – no report

9. Region 4 Zone 1 Lion Kay Quinn has 5 clubs and 1 Lioness club. All clubs have been busy all summer. Her 1<sup>st</sup> zone meeting will be in September. She is trying to help cut costs and trying a potluck for her zone meeting. Hoping for a good year.

10. Region 4 Zone 2 Lion Greg Bielski – not present. PDG Merle Strelow did report that Lion Greg is at the fair setting up a Zone Lin Booth. First time effort...GOOD LUCK. Zone meetings are planned.

11. Region 5 Zone 1 Lion Helen Mork has returned. She took over for Lion Carl. Thank you Carl. All the clubs have been involved in summer activities. She is in the process of arranging her zone meeting.

12. Region 5 Zone 2 Lion Jeff Reabe – not present – no report.

**18. Other Business-DG Gary Silah**

i. Lion Wendy Hartmann asked zone chairman to collect used hearing aids and eyeglasses.

ii. Lion Mike DeBaere will add a note in the convention packet to also donate hearing aids and eyeglasses.

iii. We also collect sunglasses.

iv. Next Meeting Sunday morning after District Convention in Oshkosh, approximate time 7:30-8:00 time to follow with agenda.

**19. Motion to Adjourn at 3:50 pm by PDG Ken Rohde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Gary Colton.**

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted.....Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer





District 27-B1 District Conference Minutes  
Friday-Saturday November 14 & 15, 2014  
Best Western Premier – 1 N Main St – Oshkosh, WI 54901

Friday night opening of the District 27 B1 conference started with “Fast and Fun Casino Night” in the ballrooms.

District 27 B1 Conference was officially called to order @ 8:30 A.M. by District Governor DG Gary Silah.

Presentation of flags were carried by Military Veterans. Lion Diane Henke explained the history and significance of the US flag, Wisconsin flag, New Hampshire flag, Lions Club International, Wisconsin Lions Foundation and Lions Eyebank of Wisconsin.

Pledge of Allegiance led by IPDG Dawn Christensen. Opening prayer by District Chaplain Diane Henke.

District Governor Gary Silah welcomed all Lions, Lioness, Leos and guests. He discussed this year's International President's theme of “Strengthen the Pride.” He also introduced the conference special guest, International Director Ed Farrington from New Hampshire.

Welcome to Oshkosh from Mayor Burk Tower. He thanked all Lions for their service to their communities. “YOU make a DIFFERENCE” He talked about the history of Oshkosh, the events and what they have to offer and invited everyone to come back and enjoy the city.

Lioness Affiliate President Cindy thanked everyone for attending. There are 13 Lioness clubs in our district. The Lioness PRIDE themselves in helping their communities and others in need.

Council Chair PDG Connie LeClair-Meyer gave the STATE of the STATE report. MD 27 membership started the year at 18,391 members and now is at 18,354, a decline of 26. Service projects in the district are 191 service projects, 27 vision projects, 31 hunger projects, 5 environment projects and 154 miscellaneous projects. District 27 B1 is lacking in LEADERSHIP. Currently there is no 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor in line. She sent out a plea to get someone. Training is available. We are all there to help. “How do we get people?” Currently the budget for the Lions Foundation is balanced. The monthly WI Lions Newspaper is expensive. DG Gary Silah is on the Personnel Committee and Birch Sturm Committee.

Peace Poster chair Lion Sandy King said there will be 6 Peace Posters vote on. This year's theme is “Peace, Love and Understanding.” Voting guidelines will be posted.

Youth Exchange chair also Lion Sandy King, mentioned Youth camp is located in District 27B1. Our district however is the lowest in donations and activity. They are in need of host families for 16-20 year old and are open for sending youths to other countries.

District 27 B1 news editor Lion Mike DeBaere mentioned our District 27 B1 page is ‘BORING.’ We need to get better articles and more action photos. PLEASE send them to him, remember the lead time needed for publishing.

Lion Wendy Hartmann the district pin chair mentioned there are currently 3 pin designs to be voted on. Anyone is free to submit a design, just draw it up and post it by the voting area. The winning design gets \$25.00

Hearing and Speech chairman Lion Wendy Hartmann has had 12 applications for hearing aids, 3 denials, 3 approval and 2 pending. Lion Wendy mentioned a SPECIAL PROJECT she would like to see District 27 B1 support. Previously District 27B1 was the number 1 supporter for the Hearing Loop Project. BABY GREYSEN FUND is for a special hearing aid need for baby Greysen, who was born with no left ear and ear canal. He would need a special hearing aid which cost \$8000 is needed now while he is developing. Funds need to be collected by December 31, 2014. She is asking for donations from Lions clubs. Motion on the floor made by PDG Merle Strelow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Sandy King that District 27 B1 support the "BABY GREYSEN FUND" program. **MOTION CARRIED** "THANK YOU." More info on website. Lion Wendy challenged each club to donate \$100 within the next 6 weeks.

Quest chairman PDG Vern Pautz talked about the Quest Program. Quest is the best program out there, but it is not being used. Money is available, it is not expensive. Quest teaches skills for kids on different levels. There have been many positive results. "LETS GET IT INTO THE SCHOOLS" Youth are our FUTURE.

Nominations were conducted by Lions BJ Blahnik.

First nomination was for District Governor elect. WLF Lion Fred Gebhart did the first nomination for Lion Marv Henke. Lion Marv is a dedicated LION. He ready to step up and will do a super job. Second nomination was done by PDG Merle Strelow. He is proud to be the second for Lion Marv. Lion Marv has completed all of the training and has done extra. Lion Marv Henke did accept the nomination. He thanked everyone for their support throughout the past years. "WE SERVE, not I SERVE" "I WILL DO THIS STANDING UP" Call to the floor 3 times for any other nominations. Motion by PDG Ken Rhode, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Merle Strelow to close nominations. **MOTION CARRIED**

Second nomination was for First District Governor. There were no nominations filed. Call to the floor 3 times for any nominations. NO NOMINATIONS RECEIVED. Motion by PDG Merle Strelow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken Rhode to close nominations. **MOTION CARRIED**

Third nomination was for Second District Governor. There are none on the ballot. PDG Merle Strelow came forward with a nomination for WLF Lion Fred Gebhart of Stockbridge Lions. Lion Fred is very active in the club. He is also Zone Chairman, WLF Director and on the WLF committees. Please consider his nomination. He does have his wife's blessing. The second nomination was given by PDG Tom Clausen. Lion Fred is a TRUE BLUE LION! He is proud to support him. Lion Fred Gebhart did accept the nomination. He thanked PDGs Merle and Tom for the nomination. "WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN." He has learned to anticipate what will come. THANK YOU! Call to the floor 3 times for any other nominations. Motion by PDG Vern Pautz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Merle Strelow to close nominations. **MOTION CARRIED** Lion Fred's name will be added to the ballot.

The fourth nomination on the floor was for the bowling site for 2016. Poy Sippi Lions club is interested in hosting it. Poy Sippi President nominated their club to host and Vice President Jay made a second for Poy Sippi to host. No other nominations. Call to the floor 3 times for any other nominations. Motion by PDG Merle Strelow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken Rohde to close nominations. **MOTION CARRIED**

The fifth nomination was for the Advisory site for 2015 conference site. There will be 4 sites to be voted on. Alphabetically they are: Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan, Fox Hills Resort in Mishicot, Heidel House in Green Lake and Radisson Paper Valley in Appleton. Blue Harbor Resort did not have a representative but was offering rates at \$99. Fox Hills Resort has the dates of October 30<sup>th</sup> or November 6<sup>th</sup> available. PDG Vern represented Mishicot Lions and Fox Hills Resort, they are offering a rate of \$70 with a rebate of \$8. They have hosted the conference 5-6 times. They would also have special rate of \$159 for condos. Heidel House Resort had a representative manning their booth. They are offering a rate of \$69. Radisson Paper Valley is offering a rate of \$81 on the November 12<sup>th</sup> weekend. They will offer complimentary meeting space. They are located in downtown Appleton and accessible to the vibrant downtown area, just outside their doors. Call to the floor 3 times for any other nominations. Motion by PDG Merle Strelow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken Rohde to close nominations. **MOTION CARRIED** The question of the date for the convention was asked. It will be decided by the voting. Nominations officially closed by Lion BJ Blahnik.

DG Gary commented that it is impossible to do the job alone. He has 3 special International Presidents Award of Appreciation to present. The awards were given out by ID Ed Farrington. The first award was given to Cabinet Secretary Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. With the short notice of DG Gary becoming District Governor, he needed a lot of help and organization, Lion Dave accepted the challenge. The second award was given to Lion Mike De Baere who has helped as District Editor and District Raffle chair along with District Convention. The third award was given to WLF Lion Fred Gebhart who has been WLF representative, zone chairman and now has accepted nomination for 2nd District Governor.



PDG Merle Strelow asked if nominations could be reopened, he now has a candidate for the vacant 1<sup>st</sup> District Governor. Nominations are officially closed. Any possible candidate will have to be a write in or cabinet appointed.

WLF Lion Fred Gebhart representing Wisconsin Lions Missions reported that there currently is a mission to Haiti. They are still working on missions to Mexico. Lions Missions are helping those that need help. This is not only for out of the country but also helping IN STATE for disaster programs.

Lion BJ Blahnik, our Leader Dog representative, reported that the special funding for the canine development center is under construction and funding has surpassed what was expected. Lion BJ is available for speaking to clubs, zones.....anyone. There currently are 55 active guide dogs. The financial goal of Leader Dog has been met. Please continue your support.

WLF President Lee Vrieze thanked Lions for their support. He gave recognition to the District 27B1 WLF representative PDG Tom King and Lion Fred Gebhart, he also asked the Program Associate to stand. Kids Sight USA is a new LCI project. The Quest program and Diabetes Awareness are expanding. There were 1335 campers this past year. The camp is in need of male counselors. Deer Hide collection is now going on, last year's proceeds were \$96,000.

LEBW President PDG Shirley Lemke introduced District 27 B1 representative Lion Phil Weber. There were 877 recipients for eye transplants and 220 other. They are hired new staff and more surgeons. They are always in need of donations for technology advancements. Currently they are working with Shopko stores for "PROJECT EYECARE PROGRAM." Thanks to all LIONS for your support and the KNIGHT of SIGHT awards given. All transporters stood for recognition and applause.

PID Peter Cerniglia reported on the Wisconsin Lions Project, "RESTORING HOPE TRANSPLANT HOUSE". Restoring Hope is a home away from home for the family of transplant patients. It is a safe environment and a very understanding atmosphere. Currently it is always full. They are looking for a 3 year capital expansion campaign fund to add 11 more rooms. They would like each district to commit to \$10,000 per year. Every little bit helps.

Lions Pride Executive Director Lion Geri Schlender put out a challenge to donate more. The donations are not enough to cover costs. This year's interest was enough to cover the cost of 40 campers. They anticipate this year's interest to cover 101 campers. District 27B1 had 100% participation. Special THANK YOU to Cleveland Lions for leading the way in major donations, they are a great supporter of the program and 1<sup>st</sup> in donations. 8% donations come from corporations, 22 % comes from Lions Clubs and the other 70% comes from individuals. There are various awards and programs to donate to.

## BREAK FOR LUNCH

Luncheon program called to order at 11:30 am.  
Pledge of Allegiance led by IPDG Dawn Christensen  
Song and Prayer led by Lion Chaplain Diane Henke

DG Gary Silah introduced all District Governors, Past International Directors, WLF Representatives, Eyebank Directors, Past District Governors and other dignitaries. This covered the majority of the crowd. He then asked everyone not mentioned to stand for recognition.

PID Mark Hintzmann introduced the conference special guest International Director Ed Farrington from New Hampshire. This is ID Ed's first conference speaking. ID Ed is very easy to talk to.

ID Ed Farrington talked about LCI Centennial Service Program and "STRENGTHEN PRIDE"  
He also talked about engaging youth and helping them. Share in vision and sight programs. He also talked about various LCI programs. Thank you to Wisconsin Lions for their time and service. He presented DG Gary and others with special gifts.

Special donation was made to Lions Camp. PDG Len Quinn talked about Lion Tony Baranek of Ripon called forward to receive a donation from Lion Tony Baranek estate in the amount of \$ 46,671.64.

District 27B1 presented a Birch Sturm award to IPDG Dawn Christensen.

The annual district auction was held for the travelling Lions Bank. PDG Merle Strelow gave the rules. The Lions Bank is PROTECTED and cannot be stolen. Final bid was from FAIRWATER LIONS for \$4500.00. A second auction was held for the refreshment cooler won by ID Ed's wife. The final bid was also from FAIRWATER for \$ 300.00.

Necrology Service followed remembering 34 Lions and 1 Lioness.

Parade of checks followed, results at the Evening Banquet by Lion Dave Holschbach, CST

Four Afternoon Sessions were held after lunch. They were "Walking Into the Dim with the Power of Vision" "Chelsea and Her Service Dog, Harken" "The Camper Experience" and "Haiti Medical Mission of Wisconsin, Inc."

Delegate voting to follow sessions.

## DINNER

Saturday evening Governors Banquet was called to order at 6:35 pm by DG Gary Silah. PID Mark Hintzmann passed the honor of introduction of guest speaker to his wife Lion Jayne. She introduced Lion Elaine Farrington.

Lion Elaine talked about how ID Ed got involved in Lions. He originally joined because he was running for school board and wanted to show he was involved in the community. Lion Elaine joined 5 years later due to being involved in the Lions projects. ID Ed wanted to be a part of an organization that benefits the community. ID Ed mentioned joining the Lions Club was the best thing he ever did.

Gifts were exchanged between ID Ed and DG Gary. DG Gary said there are a lot of perks with being the District Governor, the best is meeting new friends.

DG Gary presented two Certificates of Appreciation. The first, to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Marv Henke for being a GUIDING LION. The second was given to IPDG Dawn Christensen for being the mentor for District Governor Gary and also in appreciation for her term as District Governor.

The parade of check results were given by CST Lion Dave Holschbach. There were a total of 18 clubs and 1 individual that donated. A total of 15 different Lions programs were supported. Total donations amount to \$ 41,485.00.

Election results were given by Lion BJ Blahnik. District Governor Elect is Lion Marv Henke, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor elect was write in candidate Lion Tom Berendes, President of the Oxford Lions, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor elect Lion Fred Gebhart. District Bowling host will be Poy Sippi Lions Club. On a very close vote, the advisory site for the 2015 District Conference was Radisson Paper Valley in Appleton. The winning pin design was # 2 the Eye Glasses and Peace Poster winner was # 1.

Voting results from the Lioness given by Lioness Cindy Rank were Vice President Bonnie Glaeser from Sherwood Pride and President Elect Lioness/Lion Jerry Post.

District Raffle winners were drawn by Lion Elaine Farrington. A total of \$3200 was raised. \$ 1,532.50 was disbursed between 6 winners. 1<sup>st</sup> place Lioness Karen Ewald, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place Coloma Lions, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Chilton Lions, 5<sup>th</sup> place Neshkoro Lions and 6<sup>th</sup> place Lion Ken Brzezinski.

Closing invocation given by Lion Diane Henke.

The New Hampshire flag was retired and given to ID Ed Farrington.

DG Gary Silah officially called the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual District 27 B1 Conference closed.

Adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Lion Dave Holschbach      Cabinet Secretary Treasurer





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4. **Welcome by DG Gary & Introduction** of ID Ed Farrington. ID Ed had a GREAT weekend. He will remember this weekend forever. THANK YOU He excused himself and Lion Elaine, they have to catch a flight back home.
  
5. **Roll Call** by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Dave Holschbach. 31 cabinet members present
6. **Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from August 3, 2014 motion made by Lion Sandy King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Mike Helmke. **MOTION CARRIED**
7. **Approval of Agenda** with an addition of New Business motion made by PDG Ken Rhode, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Tom King. **MOTION CARRIED**
  
8. **2014-2015 Financial Statement** issued by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Dave Holschbach through the month of October. Motion made by PDG Merle Strelow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Tom Clausen to accept. **MOTION CARRIED**
  
9. **Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork collected \$ 317.00 including the cabinet meeting. Lion Helen reviewed the 3 minute rule. Any extension of time must be approved by DG Gary without penalty. \$1 per minute penalty over 3 minutes. Questions from cabinet will not deduct from time of report. DG Gary congratulated Lion Helen on an excellent job this weekend.
  
13. **NO Communications** received by DG Gary Silah or Lion Dave Holschbach.
  
13. **Old Business:**
  - A: 2014 financial audit is not completed yet. DG Gary has partially sent the information to PDG Gary Colton for review. He will correct this and get everything needed to him. He made a sincere apology to everyone for his error. Lion Marv thanked DG Gary for stepping forward and admitting the error.
  
14. **New Business:**
  - A. 2014 convention wrap up & comments were given by conference chair IPDG Dawn Christensen. There were 251 registered, 218 for lunch and 69 for dinner. Having the seminars in one room back to back was a great idea and had many favorable comments. We should consider a 10 minute break between each session. Also consider if doing another casino night to give everyone attending a free chip voucher, one chip leads to buying more or at least trying the games Casino night very successful. We should also try to get the Lion and Lioness meetings combined so all can enjoy the business meeting. PDG Len asked if we should consider having the cabinet meeting on Friday evening like some other districts do. Discussion followed as to what others do,

what would fit into everyone's schedule, would this decrease in Saturday night banquet. This decision should be left for the District Governor to decide. IPDG Dawn and her committee did a great job, Thank you for their work. Motion made by Lion Ken Rivers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Jerry Post to donate the \$600 from Casino night to the Baby Greysen Fund. **MOTION CARRIED**

B. Nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor & 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice DG elect were done during the conference. WLF Lion Fred Gebhart was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. There were 39 votes for a write in candidate Lion Tom Berendes of Oxford Lions. PDG Merle met him during the first break. Lion Tom came from District D2, he is retired and moved to Oxford and immediately became the club president. Lion Sandy King know Lion Tom and will be a very good district governor, he had plans to move forward in D2. He is more than qualified. Being a write in, he has been elected, there is no need to hold a special cabinet appointment.

C. The district has additional funds available to award a Birch Sturm. Committee members IPDG Dawn Christensen, PDG Merle Strelow and PGD Tom King will determine a deserving recipient.

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

A. Vice District Governor Elect Lion Marv Henke thanked everyone for voting him to be the next District Governor. Things are beginning to come back in line.

B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Elect Lion Fred Gebhart would like to see some guidelines and forms for the position. Thank you for your support.

C. Constitution/Bylaws chair IPDG Dawn Christensen mentioned the constitution and bylaws are totally out of date. She needs a committee to help clean it up. She will chair the committee along with other Past District Governors to make corrections and recommendations. DG Gary and VDGE Marv will help. Also need a policy for Zone Chairman selection and election.

D. GLT/GMT – Chair DG elect Lion Marv Henke has a meeting coming up with PCC Dean Haas and GLT PDG Merle Strelow.

1. GMT chair Lion Mike Helmke asked if everyone has seen the Healthcare Assessment report that is issued by LCI.. District 27B1 currently is down 6 in membership and some clubs are behind in reporting monthly membership. Zone chairs please followup with your clubs.

2. GLT chair PDG Merle Strelow asked that all secretaries report their club membership on time, some clubs are lagging.

E. WLF representative Lion Fred Gebhart talked about vision screening which is 1 of 6 state projects. WLF is working on a LCI grant to purchase vision cameras. It was decided that District 27 B1 would need 6 cameras. They are talking about getting the "SPOT" camera which is the most versatile. PDG Tom King had nothing additional.

F. Affiliate President Lioness Cindy Rank gave an update of their conference meeting. She announced the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place pin designs. Lion/Lioness Jerry Post was elected Affiliate President and Lioness Bonnie was elected Vice President. Lioness agreed to give the proceeds from their Bucket Raffle to the BABY GREYSEN FUND. There currently are 238 Lioness in the district.. Lioness Cindy learned a lot and thanked everyone for their support.

G. Affiliate Liaison Lion Gerald Schmidt had no report.

H. LCIF chair PDG Vern Pautz thanked everyone that donated during the parade of checks, there was \$1,400 collected.

I. QUEST chair PDG Vern Pautz said in house training is available and very inexpensive. There are 2 teachers who are fully trained on QUEST and would be willing to train others. The QUEST program does take time but is very beneficial. Motion made by PDG Jerry Post, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Merle Strelow to designate \$1000 in funds for training and supplies. **MOTION CARRIED** Anyone interested or want more information contact PDG Vern Pautz.

J. USA/ Canada Leadership Forum chair PDG Gary Colton reported that next year's forum will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This has very valuable seminars. It will be held September 17-19, 2015. District 27B2 is planning on sending a bus. More information to follow at the January cabinet meeting.

K. Lions Pride representative Lion Myra Schneider thanked District 27B1 for 100% participation. It is more than just club support.

L. Youth Exchange /Youth Outreach Lion Sandy King did her report at the District Conference, nothing additional to add. She would like to see more host families.

M. Special Olympics chair PDG Ken Wallander was not present. He did send the following report, the Special Olympics Opening Eyes in Oshkosh will be on Saturday April 11, 2015. He will be sending more info to the clubs next year as volunteers are appreciated. He also mentioned that he is on the list for DEER HIDE Collection for Lions Camp. Spread the word !!

N. Leo Chairman Lion Joe Barth was not present and did not submit a report.

O. Peace Poster chair Lion Sandy King recapped the 3 winners. 1<sup>st</sup> Elkhart Lake Lions, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brandon Lions and 3<sup>rd</sup> Rosendale Lions.

P. Diabetes/LEPH/Sight Conservation chair Lion Bonnie Strelow sent a report. Since our last meeting, the Lions have provided diabetes information at the Green Lake County Fair, CHN Diabetes Fair, zone meetings in Two Rivers and Pickett. Please call if you would like her to attend a zone meeting, club meeting or health fair in your area. They will be getting a new tri-board for diabetes display for \$500 from the current funds in the account.

Q. Pin Chairman Lion Wendy Hartmann reported there were 5 submissions for voting. The winning entry was the eyeglasses submitted by Lion Wendy. She did have pin sales at the conference in the amount of \$ 345.00

R. Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling chair Lion Wendy Hartmann has 6 pending applications for hearing aids. She again talked about the BABY GREYSEN FUND and has a flyer for promotion to collect funds. The KING Foundation will match funds collected, **THANK YOU** PDG Tom Clausen will be sure to get the information on the district website. The address to send donations is :BABY GREYSEN FUND c/o Lion Wendy Hartmann, 17023 Cty Rd F, Kiel, WI 53042 Lion Mike De Baere, our district newspaper editor will make sure the article gets in the WI Lions Newspaper.

S. Lions Eye Bank of WI chair Lion Phil Weber mentioned the district has a goal of \$18,000. Lions Eye Bank is currently searching for a new Executive Director and Technology Director. The current Executive Director term ends July 1, 2015. Special appreciation to the dispatchers and transporters.

T. Missions of Wisconsin representative Lion Fred Gebhart announced that the district's assessment was raised to \$500 and has been paid. Currently there is a mission in Haiti. Lions are still working with Mexico to continue the program.

U. Leader Dog chair Lion BJ Blahnik reported the Canine Development Program is in full swing. The campaign is for a 5 year pledge. The program is doing very well. Thank you for being a speaker at the conference seminar.

V. District Raffle chair Lion Mike De Baere reported a total of \$3200 was collected for the district raffle. Winning tickets were drawn at the Governor's banquet on Saturday.

W. State Lions Convention representative PDG Merle Strelow reminded everyone to watch the WI Lions Newspaper for updates and information.

X. District Convention chair IPDG Dawn Christensen reported about this year's conference in the New Business portion of the agenda.

Y. District and State Bowling chair Lion Bill Hilbert was not present. Lion Mike Helmke mentioned to see conference program for dates and information.

Z. IT chair PDG Tom Clausen reported there are 38 clubs with websites and [e-clubhouse.com](http://e-clubhouse.com) sites. The district now has a new website address. E-mail address and links are on the website, along with the constitution and policies for review. Currently Hilbert Lions and Wautoma Lions do not have any information in the district directory. LCI has not appointed a district IT representative who can access the directory and make changes as needed. Our designated representative is DG Gary Silah. Any changes needed can be sent to him.

AA. Newspaper Editor Lion Mike De Baere asks that clubs submit ACTION photos for publication not just awards presentations. He will be submitting an article immediately to WI

Lions Newspaper about the BABY GREYSEN FUND.

BB. District Bucket Raffle chair Lion Mike DeBaere collected \$965.00. Lion Mike De Baere made a motion that District 27B1 donate these funds to BABY GREYSEN FUND, 2<sup>nd</sup> made by PDG Tom King. **MOTION CARRIED**

CC. Historian PDG Tom Clausen has history all up to date and on the website.

DD. Elections & Nominations chair Lion BJ Blahnik explained there were a few hiccups but all went well. Motion made by PDG Merle Strelow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken Rhode to destroy the ballots. **MOTION CARRIED**

EE. Advisory/Long Range Planning chair PDG Tom King has no current projects.

Zone Chairmen Reports:

1. Region 1 Zone 1 Lion Fred Gebhart reported all the clubs are busy and active. Zone project this year may be more picnic tables.

2. Region 1 Zone 2 Lion Joe Barth not present and no report.

3. Region 1 Zone 3 Lion Jeannette Junk, not present and not report.

4. Region 2 Zone 1 Lion Mike Helmke zone hosted the Blind Sailor Race and had great support from throughout the state. AWESOME Support!! Lion BJ Blahnik mentioned the partnership between Blind Sailors Organization and LCI was great. 25 clubs in the state support this project. Special THANK YOU to PDG Ken Rhode who was there every day !

5. Region 2 Zone 2 Lion Madonna Schneider reported all her clubs are doing alright. They all have had successful fundraisers over the past few months.

6. Region 2 Zone 3 Lion Gary Roehring reported membership in his zone is a PLUS, however they may be losing a club, Green Glen Lions have voted to disband and transfer to other clubs. The Cub program has been very successful and is really going well with new members.

7. Region 3 Zone 1 Lion Otto Cox's zone has been active in the Senior Expo. Zone meetings have been going well. Next meeting January 7<sup>th</sup>.

8. Region 3 Zone 3 Lion Ken Rivers membership has stayed even. His clubs are active in collecting deer hides. Senior meals program is ongoing. All his clubs have been sharing labor to help each other with projects.

9. Region 4 Zone 1 Lion Kay Quinn tried Pot Luck for meals at the zone. She did get more Lions to show. Her first zone meeting had "Youth" as a theme. Next meeting will have "Blind" as a theme. She has 5 small clubs and is experiencing growth problems.

10. Region 4 Zone 2 Lion Greg Bielski will the DGE Marv Henke as speaker for the December meeting, the Kingston Lioness will be host.

11. Region 5 Zone 1 Lion Helen Mork has set December 9<sup>th</sup> for her next zone meeting. Westfield Lions have become very active in the district and have been spending their money. 500 meals were served. They have been getting new members with 4 pending. All clubs are active.

12. Region 5 Zone 2 Lion Jeff Reabe is +2 in membership. Their zone has had 1 member who is outstanding for fundraisers, the club is going to present him with a Melvin Jones Award. 2 of his clubs are having problems with MYLCI, he is helping them out. Zone attendance is good, pushing clubs to pay for members to attend.

PDG Tom King reminded zone chairs to ask clubs to donate to WLF.

PDG Ken Rhode asked to donate tail twister collection to go towards BABY GREYSEN Fund, however this money is designated for the district operating fund.

DGE Marv Henke reminded everyone that November is Veterans Month.

#### 16. Other Business-DG Gary Silah

A. Green Glen Lions Club has gone from 21 members to currently 13. They have decided to cancel their charter. There is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, we are not sure what can be done, since the decision has been made. If they drop their charter, they must spend all their money first or LCI will take it all. Their members are willing to transfer to others clubs. Update at the January Cabinet Meeting.

B. DG Gary presented PDG Merle Strelow with a special award from LCI for being a Guiding Lion. CONGRATS.....

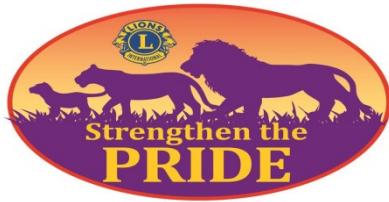
C. IPDG Dawn Christensen asked permission to take the district banner and update it. It is 8 years behind for District Governors. GRANTED



**D. Next Meeting January 4<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm Maribel Community Center**

Motion to adjourn at 11:30 am by PDG Merle Strelow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken Rhode

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS .....**



District 27-B1 Cabinet Minutes  
Sunday, January 4, 2015  
Maribel Lions Park & Community Center  
County Rd Z between I-43 and Maribel Road

Questions-reply to this e-mail [dajach@yahoo.com](mailto:dajach@yahoo.com) or call 920-684-0115

1. **Call to order** @ 1:00 P.M. – DG Gary Silah
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by PGD Meg Post
3. **Song & Prayer** led by Lion Diane Henke – God Bless America
4. **Welcome & Introduction** special guests by DG Gary Silah. Introduction of VGE Lion Tom Berendes from Oxford Lions. Lion Tom explained how he has been active in another district and was planning to move forward. He currently is the President of the Oxford Lions Club and was highly recommended and will do a tremendous job.
5. **Roll Call** by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Dave Holschbach was conducted and 21 of 37 cabinet members present along with 3 guests.
6. **Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from August 3, 2014 motion was made by Lion Gary Roehrig and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Fred Gebhart. **MOTION CARRIED**
7. **Approval of Agenda** made by Lion Phil Weber and second by PDG Gary Colton.  
**MOTION CARRIED**
8. **2014-2015 Financial Statement** - Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Dave Holschbach.were reviewed. There are 3 separate reports, the first the actual cabinet budget. We currently are ahead of the budget however we have more expenses in the second half. The second report is the current balances of the Non Budget Programs. Lion Dave reminded the cabinet chairs of funds in their accounts to be used. The third report was the financial report for the District Conference recently completed. The convention showed a loss of \$ 2,400, after adding the profit from the district raffle, the loss was only \$900. We did have to pay for name badges this year for \$115 and the meals were priced at our cost to try keep the cost down for Lions Members. With no increase in prices, there were various meals which were complimentary and had to be absorbed by the district. Proceeds from the Casino Night and the Bucket Raffle were voted to be donated. Lion Dave recommended next year not to vote to donate any of the proceeds until the final report is compiled, to see if there is any profit. Motion made by PDG Merle Strelow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Len Quinn to accept. **MOTION CARRIED**
9. **Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork reminded everyone of the 3 minute rule, unless approved prior by DG Gary.. She will also be collecting fines for the camp. Currently she is at \$377 of a budget of \$500.....LOOK OUT
10. **Communications:** DG Gary Silah and Lion Dave Holschbach have not received any.

## 11. Old Business:

**A:** 2014 financial audit update by DG Gary. Most of the information has been forwarded to PDG Gary Colton. DG Gary is missing some bank statements and will get them ordered.

**B.** Greenbush-Glenbeulah Lions Club status. The club is definitely handing in their charter. DG Gary met with the club, however it was too late. Their reasoning was, it is too hard to get new members. Most members will be transferring to other clubs. The paperwork is in progress to surrender their charter. We wish we could have responded sooner to prevent this. We need to be sure everyone is aware of any problems with clubs.

## 12. New Business:

**A.** Baby Greysen update by Lion Wendy Hartmann. She could not be present since her son was returning to the marines in San Diego. She did send a report. We did it, we set a goal and it was accomplished. Baby Greysen has his hearing aid thanks to Lions and Lioness of District 27 B1. We set a goal of \$8,000 for the BAHA hearing aid, where Childrens Hospital heard the family's insurance would not cover the cost and the LIONS were raising funds, they discounted the price to \$5,957. A check was received on December 15 and the hearing aid was ordered immediately. The Lions of District 27B1 have raised \$13,245.87, the remaining funds will be put in the district's hearing fund to be used for hearing aids.. Lion Wendy met with the family and told them of the GOOD NEWS, words cannot describe their emotions. Lion Wendy did have this to say **"THANK YOU so much for making this possible! You made a huge difference in this baby's life! District 27 B-1..you have done a great thing here, you have changed a life for the better! God Bless you all!"** The Lioness will be sponsoring Baby Greysen's family at next year's District Conference.

**B.** Conference financial was covered by Lion Dave in the District Financial statement section above. PDG Tom Clausen asked if we should show any excess conference funds carryover on the financial statement. DG Gary Silah has been asked by VDG Marv Henke to chair the conference committee for next year. PDG Merle Strelow asked the convention committee to possibly consider having our cabinet meeting on Friday night to save money for room rental and breakfast. He thought more may show up. PDG Tom Clausen also put out the idea of having the cabinet meeting Saturday morning prior to the Conference General Session and open it up to all Lions to see what the District Cabinet is all about and possibly stimulate for involvement. This is something that VDG Marv will have to consider, since this will be in his term. All these ideas will be considered for next year. Lion Dave recommended that maybe the cabinet should vote at the April meeting for this format, timeframe would have to be strictly enforced. This information than can be given to zone chairman to let everyone know.

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

**A.** Vice District Governor Lion Marv Henke asked if anyone would be interested in the Stone Cellar of Appleton hosting the cabinet meeting after the District Conference. VDG Marv should set his own schedule and try to keep the meetings centralized.

a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Lion Tom Berendes thanked everyone and had nothing more to add.

**B.** Constitution/Bylaws chair IPDG Dawn Christensen sent a note that the committee will meet to formulate recommendation for corrections and updates at the next cabinet meeting. PDG Jerry Post mentioned that the cabinet needs to have a policy for Zone Chairman elections, and this must be decided now since elections are coming up soon. Motion made by PDG Jerry Post that the District Cabinet set a policy that Zone Chairman can be elected by the zone clubs, if the zone does not elect a zone chairman, one can be selected by the District Governor. 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Merle Strelow.

**MOTION CARRIED** Lion Phil Weber would also like to see the cabinet set a policy for the district's selection for the WI Eyebank representative to be reviewed by LEBW.

**C.** GLT/GMT Chair Lion Marv Henke met with PCC Dean Haas and PDG Merle to layout plans for VDG Marv's upcoming year.

1. GMT Lion Mike Helmke was not present, PDG Merle reported that he trained and tested 12 Lion members to be Guiding Lions for the district. This is a 3 year term, would like to see all Zone Chairman trained to help clubs with their problems and develop new clubs. They will

also work on developing facts and qualifications for anyone wanting to be a District Governor.

2. GLT PDG Merle Strelow is working on Officer Training. Plan is to switch to more handouts for clubs and focus on what is expected of them. We need New OFFICERS

**D.** WLF Lion Fred Gebhart reported deer hides are still being collected. Registration forms for next years campers have been sent out. The Kids Raffle tickets were distributed. Club Program Associates need to be updated. Vision screening and camera grant from LCI is still in progress. Appleton Noon Lions have a camera and Lion Fred will learn more from them. We are hoping for 6 cameras to cover the district. When we receive them, it will be posted on the District Website and a schedule for use determined.

**E.** Affiliate President Lioness Cindy Rank sent her report. Their membership is at 238 and made approximately \$3,000 in donations in November and December. All of the Lioness clubs are very active through the holidays. PDG Jerry Post added that Lions International wants the Lioness to remain as LIONESS. They are working on more acknowledgement and recognition for LIONESS CLUBS.

**F.** Affiliate Liaison Lion Gerald Schmidt had nothing additional to report.

**G.** LCIF chair PDG Vern Pautz sent the following. The Gates Foundation is again matching funds for the measles program through LCIF

**H.** QUEST chair PDG Vern Pautz is working on a program for establishing trainers for the QUEST program, district money is available. The local program in Mishicot has generated more members for their club.

**I.** USA/ Canada Leadership Forum chair PDG Gary Colton has brochures for the 2015 forum. It will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan September 17-18-19.

**J.** Lions Pride representative Lion Myra Schneider not present.

**K.** Youth Exchange /Youth Outreach chair Lion Sandy King not present. Lion Bonnie Strelow did report that the International students are currently applying and now is the time to get the best selection if you are interested in hosting a student. Host families are needed.

**L.** Special Olympics chair PDG Ken Wallander reminded everyone that OPENING EYES will again be in Oshkosh on Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>. He needs 50 volunteers. He will email the information and volunteer form to all clubs.

**M.** Leo Chairman Lion Joe Barth was not present and had no report.

**N.** Peace Poster Lion Sandy King theme for 2015 is 'SHARE PEACE' Peace poster kits go on sale in January.

**O.** Diabetes/LEPH/Sight Conservation chair Lion Bonnie Strelow had nothing new to report, she is available to speak at zone meeting. New Diabetes display is on order.

**P.** Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling chair Lion Wendy Hartmann did give an update in the new business section. She has had 5 new applications this quarter, 2 denials and 3 pending.

**Q.** Lions Eye Bank of WI representative Lion Phil Weber reported LEBW had open house in December, well attended and will be an annual event. He is scheduled to speak at some upcoming zone meetings. Transporting of eyes has gone up in volume. LEBW still needs your donations. The search for an Executive Director and Tech director continues.

**R.** Missions of Wisconsin representative Lion Fred Gebhart has their state meeting coming up in January. The Haiti mission was for vision only. There is a mission to Nicaragua scheduled for the end of February with 32 attending.

**S.** Leader Dog Lion BJ Blahnik was not present. PDG Len Quinn reported on his behalf. Leader Dog is doing FANTASTIC!! The Kennel Project is very close to meeting it's goal. They are training more dogs for social atmosphere and are servicing more people. The Kennel Program is a 5 year pledge. Our district received 6-7 dogs last year. PDG Jerry and PDG Meg are our district Kennel Project experts.

**T.** District Raffle chair Lion Mike De Baere's report was included in conference financial.

**U.** State Lions Convention rep PDG Merle Strelow had no new information. WI State Convention housing information has been sent out.



V. District Convention chair IPDG Dawn Christensen was not present. See Above

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

X. IT chair PDG Tom Clausen has added the district bowling at Eldorado to the website.

The state IT committee is looking at software to manage the mailing of the monthly Lions Newspaper to send only requested issues to save costs. Very expensive to send now. The district now has an advisor who can access and change club information, along with training president and secretary on the internet usage, he is DG Gary Silah.

Y. Newspaper Editor Lion Mike De Baere reminded everyone that deadline for articles is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month for the next month publication. Needs more club action photos.

Z. Pin Chairman Lion Wendy Hartmann had nothing new to report.

AA. District Bucket Raffle Lion Mike DeBaere, see conference report above.

BB. Historian PDG Tom Clausen had nothing new to report.

CC. Elections & Nominations chair Lion BJ Blahnik was not present.

DD. Advisory/Long Range Planning chair PDG Tom King was not present.

#### 14. Zone Chairmen Reports:

1. Region 1 Zone 1 Lion Fred Gebhart clubs have all finished their holiday projects. Next zone meeting will be 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in February. His speaker will be a doctor who is going on the Haiti Mission. February 7<sup>th</sup> the Cub Club will be having a Vision Screening.

2. Region 1 Zone 2 Lion Joe Barth, not present, no report.

3. Region 1 Zone 3 Lion Jeannette Junk's zone is involved in fund raisers and selling a lot of tickets. Manitowoc Lions is trying a new fund raiser on January 25<sup>th</sup> "Bowling Blind" All the clubs were involved with Christmas at Camp Snawa and potentially may pick up new members.

4. Region 2 Zone 1 Lion Mike Helmke, not present, no report.

5. Region 2 Zone 2 Lion Madonna Schneider was not present by sent the following information. Her clubs remain active and are planning their spring fund raisers. Her next zone meeting will be Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Cascade Lions Hall.

6. Region 2 Zone 3 Lion Gary Roehring is working hard partnering with the FFA and St Peter's Lions Club for a Food Pantry in their area. Response has been tremendous and a very cooperative effort. They never knew there was a need for this in the community !!

7. Region 3 Zone 1 Lion Otto Cox has a zone meeting on Wednesday January 7<sup>th</sup>. Leader Dog rep Lion BJ Blahnik and WI Eyebank rep Lion Phil Weber are speakers. He was curious if any Lions had an update on the Shopko Eye Program. Lion Phil Weber know some members who are affiliated with Shopko and thinks they are still working on the program.

8. Region 3 Zone 3 Lion Ken Rivers, not present, no report.

9. Region 4 Zone 1 Lion Kay Quinn reported the Ripon Lions hosted the Zone Christmas get together, about 50 people attended. All her clubs are small so there are no major activities. Omro started a Food Pantry and it is going GOOD. They saw a need in the community and responded.. Her next zone meeting will have the theme '**BLINDNESS**'

10. Region 4 Zone 2 Lion Greg Bielski, not present, no report

11. Region 5 Zone 1 Lion Helen Mork's Westfield and Oxford clubs are doing great. Lion Phill Weber from LEBW was her speaker last zone meeting and is looking for someone for her next.

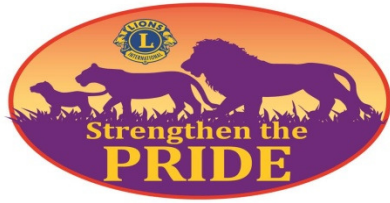
12. Region 5 Zone 2 Lion Jeff Reabe's clubs are making donations. Officer and membership reporting is up to date. He is having some political problems in the zone, cabinet members will help to solve the problem.

#### 15. Other Business-DG Gary Silah

A. PDG Jerry Post reported there is a winning club for the Baby Greysen Fundraiser for limo, etc. when the date is determined he will let the cabinet know so they can also participate.

- B. PDG Gary Colton added that District 27B2 will be hosting a bus to go to the USA/Canada forum in September, more information to follow
  - C. Next Meeting April 26<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm CJ's Ripon
16. Motion for Adjournment by PDG Merle Strelow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Jerry Post @ 2:50 pm  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.....LION DAVE HOLSCHBACH, CST**



District 27-B1 Cabinet Minutes  
Sunday, April 26, 2015  
CJ ' s of Ripon  
W3201 Cork Street, Ripon 54971

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1. **Call to order** @ 1:00 P.M. – DG Gary Silah
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Dawn Christensen
3. **Song & Prayer** led by Lion Diane Henke "God Bless America"
  
4. **Welcome & Introduction** special guests by DG Gary Silah. Special welcome to Lion Rose Berendes, wife of VDGE Tom Berendes, Lion Mike Hartmann and Lion Mike Helmke introduced his replacement for Zone Chairman, Lion Ellen Cheney, President of Sheboygan Evening Lions. DG Gary Silah said **"WE MADE IT! THANK YOU, YOU ALL MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO STEP IN, I AM PROUD OF THIS CABINET"**
  
5. **Roll Call** was taken by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Dave Holschbach. 27 Cabinet members and 5 PDG present.
6. **Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from January 4th, 2015 motion made by PDG Ken Rohde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Tom Clausen. **MOTION CARRIED**
  
7. Two additions made to the published agenda, WLF representative Lion Fred Gebhart asked for additional time to talk about the Vision Screening "SPOT" Camera and PDG Meg Post asked for time to talk about the Leader Dog Capital Kennel Renovation. Motion for approval of Agenda with the additions by PDG Jerry Post, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Ken Rivers. **MOTION CARRIED**
  
8. **2014-2015 Financial Statement** - Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Dave Holschbach distributed the financial statements through March 31, 2015 showing positive cash of \$ 8,000. Based on the remainder of the year, we will anticipate about \$700 additional income and expenses of \$11,500. This will net to a loss this year of (\$2500). He reminded cabinet members that this year's District Conference was a loss of (\$2300) He reminded the Conference Committee to review their prices this year so there will not be a loss going forward and to not make commitments for donation until the financial report is complete. Also distributed the current balances in the Non Budget Funds. Motion by Lion Mike Helmke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Gary Roehrig to approve the financial statements. **MOTION CARRIED** Lion Dave also reminded cabinet members to turn in their Cabinet Reimbursement Form and check will be written today.
  
9. **Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork could not make the meeting and asked VGDE Tom Berendes to step in for her and make her budget. Lion Tom reminded everyone the same rules as always.
  
10. **Communications:** DG Gary Silah and Lion Dave Holschbach – none received.
  
11. **Old Business:**  
A: **2014 financial audit** PDG Gary updated everyone to the status. Late January/February he and PDG Tom Clausen received most of the information, an extension was filed until February 15<sup>th</sup> at which time he filed the report. He currently is missing 5 months of statements to properly document all checks. Final numbers seem to agree and funds seem to be properly transferred. PDG Gary's outcome was there was very poor record keeping. He wants to send a proper tax report. Motion made by PDG Merle Strelow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken Rohde to have PDG Gary Colton continue to get the 5 months and

continue the audit. **MOTION CARRIED** PDG Vern Pautz is trying to verify the LCIF account from 2 years ago. There seems to be \$85 transferred to the District, where is it? More to follow.

**B. Membership drop** Green Glen/Glenbelah, there has been no mention of any of the past members joining another club. All their funds have been properly disbursed. There has been no contact with the 14 members. Zone Chair Gary will follow up.

## 12. New Business:

**A. PHOTOS** to be taken after meeting.

**B. Vision SPOT Camera** – WLF Lion Fred Gebhart. The information on the District grant is changing weekly. The district is eligible for 5 cameras. Hopefully by the end of May, he will know if the grant is approved. Insurance on the cameras will be covered by WLF. Lion Fred would like to develop a list of who wants to use the cameras. We will have to establish district rules and regulations. Appleton Noon Lions currently have a camera and WLF is proposing to purchase. Each camera cost \$7050, if we get the matching grant, the total would be \$ 17,625. Lion Fred has club interest in donating to the costs. DG Gary recommended a policy must be made for use of the cameras. Lion Fred will chair the committee along with Lions BJ Blahnik, Gary Roehrig, PDG Vern Pautz. Motion to move on.. **MOTION CARRIED**

**C. Leader Dog Kennel Renovation** was updated by PDG Meg Post. District 27B1 is NOT contributing to this capital campaign, only \$8000. Valders Lions sponsored a community Public seminar about Leader Dog. She has made a request to the Zone Chairman to promote this. Currently the fund is at 1.4 m of the 3.0 m needed. This is an ongoing campaign, pledges are accepted.

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

**A. Vice District Governor** - Lion Marv Henke has set his cabinet meeting dates for next year. They are Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Fairwater Lions Clubhouse, Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup> at Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton-District Conference, Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> at Van Dyne Lions Clubhouse and Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Red Granite Lions. DGE Marv has his cabinet set for next year. He is in need of a chair for Youth Exchange and Peace Poster. He hopes for a FANTASTIC YEAR.

**B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor** – Lion Tom Berendes had nothing to report,

**C. Constitution/Bylaws** - IPDG Dawn Christensen has recommended a lot of verbage to correct. She recommends any mention of Vice District Governor to be sure to include 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. ADD mention of Zone Chairman appointed by District Governor unless the Zone Chairman is elected at a zone meeting. She also recommends that added to the Convention/Conference Policy would be the Lioness will be responsible for a speaker at the District Conference/Convention. Motion made by PDG Jerry Post, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Wendy Hartmann to ADD to the Policy that the Lioness will be responsible for providing one (1) speaker for the annual District Conference. **MOTION CARRIED** IPDG Dawn will help incoming chair PDG Jerry Post with the constitution changes.

**D. GLT/GMT Chair** - Lion Marv Henke noting additional

**1. GMT** chair Lion Mike Helmke reviewed the Club Health Assessment. The district is currently at 70 clubs, however membership is down (39). It is critical that clubs report online. Lion Mike is available for speaking. JUST ASK for MEMBERS

**2. GLT** chair PDG Merle Strelow has Officer Training on May 2<sup>nd</sup> & May 5<sup>th</sup> in Fond du Lac. He has a special speaker for the Presidents. Zone chairman training to fit their schedule. Be sure to report Centennial projects and activities.

**E. WLF rep**– Lion Fred Gebhart had a fire update at camp, the tractor has been replaced with a BIGGER and Better. 4 visitor days are already full. Camp is getting ready for the campers.

**F. Affiliate President Lioness** Cindy Rank as not present, however VP Lioness Jerry Post gave an update. 7 new members and no drops. Lioness will have a hospitality at the state convention. Over \$350,000 donated statewide. Lioness will be sponsoring Baby Greysen at the district conference.

**G. Affiliate Liaison** Lion Gerald Schmidt reported everything is running smooth.



**H. LCIF** chair PDG Vern Pautz reported on 20 clubs have made donations. District goal is \$50,000. Gates Foundation is still making matching funds.

**I. QUEST** chair PDG Vern Pautz is disappointed that there is no activity. We have funds to use in our district. Consider this for your school systems. QUEST is an excellent teaching system for the youth and also potential for membership. Contact PDG Vern if interested, Mishicot Schools do use it.

**J. USA/ Canada Leadership Forum** will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan September 16-20<sup>th</sup>. PDG Gary Colton has information and registration forms. District 27B2 will have a bus for only \$175. PDG Len Quinn also mentioned that Leader Dog will be one of the sponsors this year and will have seminars and also available to walk with a Leader Dog.

**K. Lions Pride** chair Lion Myra Schneider reminded everyone to read the articles in the newspaper and information sent to clubs. Clubs are continuing to send donations.

**L. Youth Exchange /Youth Outreach** Lion Sandy King did not have a report.

**M. Special Olympics** chair PDG Ken Wallander had a horrendous start to this year's event. They changed the times for everything this year 11-5 pm on Saturday only and no Friday. 144 screened and 87 were prescribed. ONLY 20 LIONS volunteered this year.

**N. Leo** Chairman Lion Joe Barth was not present-no report.

**O. Peace Poster** chair Lion Sandy King was not present-no report.

**P. Diabetes/LEPH/Sight Conservation** chair Lion Bonnie Strelow has received a new display board. Motion made by PDH Jerry Post, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Meg Post to pay \$500 for the new poster display and also to donate \$ 500 for Diabetes Camp. **MOTION CARRIED** The old display will be donated to the Library.

**Q. Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling** chair Lion Wendy Hartmann had received 11 applications, 3 approved, 2 partial pays and 3 pending. Baby Greysen funds were over and above! Excess funds put in hearing fund for those in need. Winning club for the highest donation of \$900 was WINNEBAGO EASTSHORE. Thank for all the clubs that donated. TREMENDOUS! Baby Greysen family will talk at this year's conference.

**R. Lions Eye Bank of WI** rep Lion Phil Weber reported a new director at Eyebank. They now have their own website and have control over it. There will be a special announcement at the State Convention.

**S. Missions of Wisconsin** rep Lion Fred Gebhart reported there were missions in November and February to Nicaragua. The next mission will be in December. The Texan Lions are looking to do a mission to the Yucatan in the future. Wisconsin Missions is organizing 24-30 Lions to be a disaster crew for help in the US.

**T. Leader Dog** chair Lion BJ Blahnik thanked PDG Meg for the update on the Kennel campaign. He reminded everyone to specify on their checks for Leader Dog if it is for general funds or kennel campaign.

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

**V. State Lions Convention** chair PDG Merle Strelow reminds everyone the State convention is May 14-15-16. District 27B1 meeting will be on Saturday @ 10:30 am.

**W. District Convention** chair IPDG Dawn Christensen has not had a followup yet, IPDG Dawn and DGE Marv Henke will meet after the state convention. IPDG Dawn will be leaving the district and DG Gary will assume that position. PDG Jerry Post has arranged for camper Bradley to return as a speaker for the conference. He currently is a senior in high school and will talk about life after the camper experience.

**X. District and State Bowling** Lion Bill Hilbert was not present, no report.

**Y. IT** chair PDG Tom Clausen is available to have seminars at zone meetings.

**Z. Newspaper Editor** Lion Mike De Baere will be sending requests to clubs on various themes for their input for newspaper articles.

**AA. Pin Chairman** Lion Wendy Hartmann turned in sales of \$93. She showed various layouts for the winning design, which was a pair of oval glasses. The district usually purchases 300 pins, she is recommending 200 or 250 only, pins have not been selling. The selling price should remain at \$ 3.00. Motion made by IPDG Dawn to purchase 200 pins at a cost of \$2.10, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken Rohde.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BB. District Bucket Raffle** chair Lion Mike DeBaere is trying to locate the tub of raffle buckets. Has anyone seen them ?????

**CC. Historian** PDG Tom Clausen has no new update.

**DD.** Elections & Nominations chair Lion BJ Blahnik did not have any update. Please remember to file nomination papers!!

**EE. Advisory/Long Range Planning** PDG Tom King was not present, no report.

## **DG GARY THANKED EVERYONE FOR BEING A CHAIRMAN ON THE CABINET**

### **15. Zone Chairmen Reports:**

1. **Region 1 Zone 1** Lion Fred Gebhart's clubs are busy this summer raising money.
2. **Region 1 Zone 2** Lion Joe Barth, not present, no report.
3. **Region 1 Zone 3** Lion Jeannette Junk last zone meeting was hosted by Collins Lions on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Valders Lions are hosting a Leader Dog program. All clubs attended and are busy with fund raisers. They are looking for Melvin Jones nominees. Guest speaker was Amy Fricke who spoke about the Manitowoc Fire Dept fundraiser.
4. **Region 2 Zone 1** Lion Mike Helmke last zone meeting was Monday. He has been zone chairman for 4 years. He introduced Lion Ellen Cheney his replacement. In August the blind youth sailing group will be in Sheboygan. **THANK YOU MIKE !**
5. **Region 2 Zone 2** Lion Madonna Schneider helped install 5 new members for Waldo Lions, a few years ago they were thinking of folding. Thank you to PDG Meg and PDG Jerry for their support to help keep the club going. Her next zone meeting is Tuesday.
6. **Region 2 Zone 3** Lion Gary Roehring last zone meeting was Tuesday. All clubs are doing. They had received a call of a Milwaukee person in need of glasses. Gary's club donated the funds. Does the District have a contact for situations like this ? Lion Wendy Hartmann is our vision contact and she will get more information from Gary and check it out. Lion Phil Weber had an update on the Shopko program. Shopko wants each Lions Club to have a single contact, they will issue 5 vouchers good for exam, they prefer to use them on youth.
7. **Region 3 Zone 1** Lion Otto Cox's January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting had Lion BJ Blahnik as guest speaker on the importance of guide dogs. Clubs discussed vision screening and eye exams. Next meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> with Lion Wendy Hartmann to speak on the hearing program.
8. **Region 3 Zone 3** Lion Ken Rivers last meeting was March 18<sup>th</sup>, WLF rep Lion Fred Gebhart was speaker. Clubs are involved in highway cleanup, Easter egg hunt, fishing tournaments and raffles.
9. **Region 4 Zone 1** Lion Kay Quinn's attendance was low due to meal costs, so she changed their format and went to potluck. Attendance now averages 35-45. She has used centennial themes for each meeting. The first was youth followed by blind, and then membership. Lion Bev Karst has agreed to be zone chairman next year. Clubs are very strong. She was very thankful for the opportunity to be a zone chairman. **THANK YOU KAY**
10. **Region 4 Zone 2** Lion Greg Bielski had Ashley Henke speak at the December meeting, she is hearing impaired. There was an article and picture in the paper. March meeting dealt with veterans and the problems they now face. The zone plans to have a booth at the county fair again this year. Zone is +1 for membership.
11. **Region 5 Zone 1** Lion Helen Mork was not present but sent a report. The clubs in her zone are doing fine. They are active in spring road cleanup, fisherees, spaghetti dinners and other fund raisers. The zone is having a trip to Lions Camp on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Oxford Lioness are doing well.
12. **Region 5 Zone 2** Lion Jeff Reabe February was hosted by Poy Sippi to help build their administrative funds. Their April zone will elect a zone Melvin Jones. PDG Merle Strelow has helped fire up the clubs. The new zone chairman will be from Wild Rose Lions – Jack. All clubs are active in the community. WE all need to do something that people SEE.....to help get new members. **THANK YOU JEFF**

**DG GARY.....THANK YOU TO ALL ZONE CHAIRMAN FOR AN EXCELLENT JOB !!**

### **15. Other Business-DG Gary Silah**

- A. **District Meeting at State** Convention on Saturday @ 10:30 am
- B. **DGE Marv Henke** has set dates and location for 2015-2016 cabinet and has chairmen set.
- C. PDG Merle presented certificates to 12 Lions who became **GUIDING LIONS**. There will be an article and picture for the Lions Newspaper, this will let clubs know who is out there to help them.

**16.** Adjournment by DG Gary Silah at 4:00 pm. Appreciation gifts were given.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.....Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer**



## STATE CONVENTION DISTRICT MINUTES

District 27 B-1 Meeting

Saturday May 16, 2015

Wisconsin State Lions Convention

Geneva Room 7 - Abbey - Fontana, WI

1. **Call to Order @ 10:00 a.m.** by District Governor Gary Silah
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Welcome and Opening Remarks** by DG Gary Silah. It has been a great convention so far. DG Gary said it has been a very tumultuous year, but interesting. It was hard to step in without ANY training. To thank those who helped him make it through, he presented the INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS Leadership awards at the luncheon to IPDG Dawn Christensen and PDG Meg Post. THANK YOU all for the support given to help him make it through the year.
4. **New Business:**
  - A. **Voting Resolutions** were explained by IPDG Dawn Christensen. #1 wants to allow the State Convention committee to be able to select other weeks for the State Convention in the future. #2 Would like to make the state constitution agree with International so that the Council Chair can be a current or past district governor.
  - B. **District Policy** would like to have a policy written whereby the Lioness of District 27B1 will provide a seminar at the annual district convention/conference. The district policy must also be updated to recognize a zone chairman can either be elected or selected by the District Governor.
  - C. **WLF Representative** Fred Gebhart gave a status of district "SPOT" camera grants, procedures & fees. The grant has been written and accepted. Final decision should be received by the end of June. District 27 B1 would like to purchase 5 cameras at a cost of \$17,600 with the grant money. WLF would cover the insurance needed. Clubs can make donations to help pay for them. We will be setting a policy in the future when the purchase is completed along with training. Motion made by PDG Merle Strelow that the district treasurer create a District Vision Screening Account as a non-designated fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Lon Biedenbender from Random Lake Lions. A priority policy will have to be established. Call for motion. MOTION CARRIED. It will be in good hands with Lion Fred.

**D. Other District business:**

**Lioness** VP Jerry Post updated everyone about the Lioness. There are 13 clubs and have had 12 new members. Lioness throughout the state have contributed over 6,700 hours of service with donations in excess of \$350,000.

**Officer training** chair PDG Merle Strelow was disappointed, there was poor turnout and a lot of last minute cancellations. He is contemplating having the training next year the end of March or early April. There were good trainers to help. THANK YOU PDG MERLE.

**Youth Exchange** Bonnie Strelow mentioned they need 1 more host family for a 17 year old from Mexico. It is a lot of fun to host a family.

PDG Gary Colton, District Chair for the **USA/Canada forum** mentioned you can go online to register. There will be a bus trip for \$175.00, contact him for details.

Cabinet Secretary Dave Holschbach reminded everyone that copies of the cabinet **minutes, convention minutes** and state minutes are available on the District 27B1 website.

5. **Comments from DGE Marv Henke**, he thanked those he has contacted to be on his cabinet for next year. He agrees with PDG Merle Strelow that there should be officer training earlier than has been in the past. DG Gary mentioned the district will be in good hands with DGE Marv. DGE Marv's theme will be "**FOLLOW YOUR PATH**"
6. **Special presentation** to DG Gary Silah by Lion Bob Newton from the Sheboygan Falls Lions for his year of service to District 27B1.
7. **Other Open comments from the floor** – VDGE Tom Berendes commented that it will be an interesting year coming up. We will need to keep clubs in line and up to date on what is happening.
8. **Lion Fred Gebhart** also asked that zone chairman get their schedule for the upcoming to DGE Marv as soon as possible. PDG Merle Strelow will be holding a zone chairman training in the future.
9. **PDG Meg Post mentioned that the Valders Lions club** along with Lion BJ Blahnik held a community Leader Dog presentation. 60-65 people attended. GREAT JOB ! That following Monday, one of those in attendance added Leader Dog to their estate !



10. **DG Gary** said it has been quite a year, he did his best. It was a wonderful and rewarding year, he became a much better leader with everyone's help. He is proud of his accomplishments. **THANK YOU EVERYONE !**
11. **Motion by PDG Tom Clausen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Merle Strelow that District 27 B1 go on record to THANK DG Gary for stepping forward. MOTION CARRIED**
12. **PDG Tom Clausen, district IT chair** reminded all secretaries to get their member information up to date, address, email, phone etc. DG Gary Silah is District 27 B1 MyLCI representative and can help any club get their information up to date. Big Push next year to get more current.
13. **Motion at 11:10 am to Adjournment** by PDG Jerry Post, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Irv Korth to adjourn. **MOTION DID NOT CARRY !**
14. **PDG Merle asked that clubs share duties** with the new and old members for better harmony and future leaders.
15. **Motion at 11:13 am to Adjournment** by Lion Lon Bienenbender of Random Lake Lions, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Mike Helmke, Sheboygan Evening Lions **MOTION CARRIED**
16. Voting Certification- 40 Lions, 37 voted.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.....Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer



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27-B1 District Governor Gary Silah gsilah@charter.net 920/960-0882

Doing whatever needs to be done ... in service to Lions.

It is with deep regret that I announce the resignation of Lion Jim Zamzow as 1st Vice District Governor. Lion Jim has experienced some health problems during the last several months, and decided that he could no longer perform the duties required of the position. In his many years as a Lion, Jim served his district, his club and his community ably and well, and we thank him for his efforts and wish him well in this new challenge he is facing. We also look forward to the time that he is feeling ready to return as a leader in this District.

I have been asked to assume the position of District Governor next month. The history of the 27-B1 District Leadership has been one of superb and dedicated service, and it will be difficult to live up to the legacy that has been set here under the best of circumstances. Without the training and experience afforded to 2nd and 1st Vice District Governors under the Lions leadership system, it will be even more challenging for me to fulfill this role. What will make it possible for me to succeed is the support and assistance of the very talented group of past leaders in this District, as well as the hard work and dedication of the Lions of 27-B1, a very outstanding group of people in a very outstanding organization.

One of the first things I was presented with was choosing a theme to carry through my year as Governor. I have decided that the best theme I can use for this year is "Doing Whatever Needs to be Done ... In service to Lions." It's what I have always lived by in Lions, and I believe that most of you do, too. It's what I think makes ours the finest service organization in the world.

I have always served my club and my District as needed, stepping in no matter what was asked or required, and doing the best job I could. Certainly, I had considered a run for District Governor to be something I wanted to do at some point, preferably when I was retired and my schedule was a bit more open than it is now. But things don't always work out the way you plan, or even imagine. It doesn't matter; the job still needs to be done.

I apologize in advance for the many mistakes I'll be making this coming year, and I express my appreciation in advance for all the assistance and support the Lions of this District will give me. Because if there is one thing I've learned in twenty-five years as a Lion, it's that I can count on the 27-B1 Lions to step up as needed and help me get the job done.

Doing whatever needs to be done ... In Service to Lions.

If nothing else, I promise it will be a very exciting year.

# My First Year As A Zone Chair

by ZC Jeannette Junk - 920-901-3808 or jeannettejunk@att.net

My first year as a Zone Chair has gone very quickly and it has been a year of learning. As the Region 3 Zone 1 Chair, I have had the privilege to work with seven great clubs. It has been interesting to hear about what they are doing and who they are helping in their communities. This has also been the year that I have been able to talk to other Zone Chairs and hear what they are doing. These conversations have provided me with a number of ideas and great information that has helped me to get ideas as to what I can do to help the clubs in my Zone.

I, like everyone else in the Lions organization, am concerned with our membership. I have been trying to find new and exciting ways to work on increasing our membership. I have been looking at how we can attract more of the younger people. I feel that the way to the younger people is through the schools and the children's parents. To that end, I would like to see our Zone sponsor a Cub Club. I have heard of another zone that has a Cub club. I feel that the children need a way to give back to the community and

this would be a way to help them achieve that.

Another thing I would like to work on as Zone Chair is unifying the clubs. I was just at the State Convention and went to a seminar on Stuff The Bus. This is where you collect school supplies for children that need them. I would like the Zone to do this as a whole. We already do delivering of dictionaries to the third graders in our zone. I think we could make this a big success if all of us do it together. It will also be a way we can work together, as well as have fun together and show others what we do. This could get us some exposure and maybe some new members.

Yes, it has been a year of learning. It is not all about when you have meetings and what awards get given out when. To me, it is about how do I serve the clubs I represent and how do I help them get even better and stronger.

I look forward to another year of learning and fun.

EDITOR'S NOTE: If you are interested in becoming a Zone Chair, contact DG Gary Silah for more information.

# Zamzow Steps Down

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

Due to medical issues, our District Governor-Elect James Zamzow has resigned his position. He is greatly saddened by this decision but in his heart knew that it would be the right choice at this time. The District Cabinet will be having a meeting and the position will be filled by the time International convention arrives.

He will also be asking that he be moved to the Second Vice-District Governor position. This was a difficult decision he had to make and please join me in wishing him the best of health so he may continue his dream of becoming a District Governor of the great District of 27-B1.

Please also welcome our newly appointed District Governor Gary Silah and do everything you can to support him. Also, please give the District Cabinet a big round of applause for giving up an evening to attend this meeting so that our District may continue to run as a union of one with the wonderful work of our Lions, Lioness and Leos.

# 27-B1 Editor Needed

After a number of years of service, PDGs Meg and Jerry Post are ready to retire from their job as the 27-B1 District Wisconsin Lion Editor. That means 27-B1 is actively seeking a great communicator who will replace them as soon as possible.

- To be successful, the candidate must be excited about what our District does and tell others about it.
- He/She will also be responsible for collecting and editing articles for the monthly 27-B1 Wisconsin Lion page.
- No newspaper or graphic design experience is necessary. But you must have the ability to edit submitted articles and write articles as needed.

- You must also have a word processing program and internet access.
- The individual(s) who steps up will not be alone. He/She will work with very capable leaders from around the District and State who are more than willing to help you and ensure your success.

As District Editor, you will spend anywhere from 2-4 hours a month promoting, gathering and editing submissions and proofing the 27-B1 page.

If you are interested in learning more or volunteering for this important position, contact District Governor Gary Silah at 920-960-0882 or gsilah@charter.net or PDG Meg or Jerry Post at 920-773-2618 or mpost7@tds.net.

# Meet ADP Cindy Rank

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

Lioness Cindy Rank will be serving as the 27-B1 Affiliate District President for the 2014-15 Lion year. A Lioness since 2010, she has served as Vice President and President of the Van Dyne Lions clubs from 2011-2013.

She and her husband Mike have been married for 35 years and enjoy travel, good food and being with their families. They have two children and one grandchild.

When asked how has being a Lioness changed your life, Rank responded, "The answer to this is simple... I have met many people who I would never have met before. I have learned about many helping hand programs and the people who have given their life to them. I have seen people give of themselves and the smiles on their faces when they are doing so. And in all of these differing things, there is one factor that is prominent... people. People that make a difference in others' lives, people that make

this organization a great place to volunteer, people that do not hesitate to say, "Yes, I will help." Being a Lioness has changed my life for the better. It gives me hope that we can all work together for a common cause, service to others in our communities and the world. I would like my term to be defined by my work as an eye tissue transport volunteer and as an organ tissue donor. I would encourage clubs to get the word out about "Yes I Will Donate" can be found at: <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/apply/donor.htm> and the need for blood donations in your communities."

Rank is looking forward to meeting many more people as she visits your clubs and learns about your giving work for the Lioness. "Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved." Helen Keller

# Why Have Songs At Lions Club Meetings?

by Lion Diane D. Henke - 920-293-4278 or 13dee@centurytel.net

We Lions seem to have a love of singing songs at a meeting. Many of the songs we sing are patriotic songs, like "America, the Beautiful" and "God Bless America". Patriotic songs pierce your heart, sometimes with pride and sometimes with sorrow. Patriotic songs bring chills to your spine. When we sing or listen to a patriotic song, it reminds us how lucky we are to live in America, the land of the free and the home of the brave. Such songs remind us of our fighting men and women, especially those who gave their lives so we can be free.

Other songs are sure to make us very enthusiastic about Lionism. Songs like "I've got that Lions Spirit" or "I'd rather belong to the Lions".

Singing at Lions Club meetings allows members to join together at the beginning of the meeting. It prepares us for the business at hand, making us all part of a

cohesive group who can tackle anything.

Lions are all about service. Lions are everyday heroes who improve our communities and help those in need. But, the social dimension of being a Lion is also important. Singing helps bind us together. Singing at club meetings ultimately brings clubs even closer together and enriches the experience of being a Lion. Singing lifts everyone's mood and makes everything brighter.

If your club does not make a habit of starting your meetings with a song or two, you might want to try it. You may find that your meeting goes better when everyone is made to feel like they are all members of the group.

If your club opens their meetings with a song, make sure you keep singing at every meeting. Singing together will bring everyone at the meeting together. Then, together, see what you can accomplish to make your community a better place for everyone.

## Club News & Events

### Events

#### WAY-MORR LIONS ANNOUNCE SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE

The Wayside Morrison Lions Club will again be hosting five music nights at Way-Morr Park this summer.

- July 2, Fairland, Rass Family from Door County
- July 23, Wayside Morrison Concert Band
- Aug 13, Home Made Brew from Appleton area
- Aug 27, Bent Grass from Green Bay

As always, the Lions will be serving free ice cream throughout the evening and the Way-Morr Youth Sports will be providing hamburgers, brats, chicken sandwiches and refreshments.

The events are on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 8:15 pm and the public is asked to bring their lawn chairs.

We will again be accepting food items from any one that wishes to donate to our local food pantry and a drop box to recycle used eyeglasses will be provided.

The Brown County Book Mobile Library will be present on all evenings.

send all your club news, events & photos of Lions in action to 27-B1 Editors Meg & Jerry Post at mpost7@tds.net



VAN DYNE LION & LIONESS 29th ANNUAL COUNTRY BREAKFAST A HUGE SUCCESS - The Van Dyne Lions and Lioness Clubs served 601 people from 8:30 am - 1 pm. They used 90 pounds of pancake mix, five gallons of syrup, 123 dozen eggs, 75 pounds of ham, 94 pounds of sausage links, 20 boxes of hash browns which had to be activated, 18 jars of applesauce, 11 gallons of milk, 10 gallons of chocolate milk, 15 gallons of orange juice, besides the desserts which were donated by Lion and Lioness members. Helping on Sunday were 23 Lioness, 23 Lions, and four friends. A busy crew! The profit was about \$2,500. ABOVE: Serving pancakes are Lioness Lisa Freiberg, Rita Binder, Sandy Muche, and Nancy Krumbein.



REGION 1 ZONE 1 CONTRIBUTES TO RESTORING HOPE TRANSPLANT HOUSE - Restoring Hope Transplant House was the recipient of a \$500 check from Region 1 Zone 1 clubs. The clubs are as follows: Brillion, Chilton, Hilbert, Sherwood, Sherwood (Pride) Lioness, and the Stockbridge Lions. Zone Chairman, Fred Gebhart, presented the check to PID Peter Cerniglia at the State Convention in Wisconsin Dells. The check was all possible from the

proceeds from the zone meeting raffles. This is again is another example of Lionism in Reaching, Touching, and Improving peoples lives.



SHEBOYGAN FALLS DONATES TO LOCAL MAN - The Sheboyan Falls Lions donated \$500 to Ceil Lorenz toward the purchase of a vision screener. Pictured is Lion Mike Lorge, Ceil Lorenz and Lion Al Mayer





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July 1st marked the start of a new Lions year, and now is the time for all the clubs to start their planning on how to make 2014-2015 the best year ever.

International President Joe Preston's theme for the year is 'Strengthen the Pride'. A "Pride" is a close-knit family of Lions. The Lions Clubs are such a Pride, with each member working together toward a common goal. This, combined with the more traditional definition of "pride", a feeling of happiness that you get when you or someone you know does something good, truly defines us as Lions.

President Joe says we can 'Strengthen the Pride' by bringing the full Lions family closer together, working in a spirit of cooperation and understanding, with each Lion doing their share.

This theme really ties into one of my major goals this year. We have so many clubs in 27-B1 with long and storied histories, clubs that have done so much for their communities, their District and Lions Clubs International. We need to work together to make all our clubs stronger, more able to do the work we all share. There are too many clubs in our District that need new members, that have been struggling for years to accomplish their goals with members working harder and harder because they need more dedicated Lions to help out.

This year, my priority is to work with the Global Membership and Leadership Teams to find a way to strengthen the clubs in our District. I'd like to see every club in our District up to Charter strength, and see our larger, more powerful clubs become even stronger. I know membership growth is a challenge in today's world, but we have clubs in our area that are increasing and we have to find a way to use these techniques to bring in new members to all clubs in 27-B1.

LCI also has many devices to help strengthen our clubs. Don't hesitate to use the resources of International and the District to achieve your membership goals. Stronger clubs benefit us all, and I can't think of a more worthwhile goal than to take our already outstanding District and make it even more powerful and better than ever. 27-B1 has always been a leader in Wisconsin and LCI, and there is no question that more dedicated, enthusiastic Lions in our District will continue the legacy of service that has been one of our trademarks.

Remember, my theme, "Doing Whatever Needs To Be Done." You have a whole team of dedicated Lions in the cabinet and at LCI, and we're there to assist you in whatever you need. Working together, we can all indeed "Strengthen the Pride" and reap the benefits for our clubs and ourselves.

# There Is Always Hope At the House

by PDG's Jerry & Meg Post - 920-773-2618 or mpost7@ids.net & Restoring Hope Transplant House Executive Director Cindy Herbst - 608-831-1726 or restoringhope@ids.net

During the State Convention, Restoring Hope Transplant House (RHTH) shared a list of items they need for the House with attendees. As PDGs Meg and Jerry Post were driving home, they talked about the list and one thing on it that really caught their eye... two laptop computers.

The Posts came up with a plan and implemented it as soon as they got home. They contacted PDG Merle Strelow and he contacted his 'computer guy' about getting us a good price on a computer. A day later, Strelow shared the good news that his 'computer guy' would sell a laptop to the Lions for a very low cost as long as it was being donated to RHTH.

The Posts then approached their home Club, St. Nazianz, at their May 15th meeting, asking them to sponsor the entire amount. The Club agreed.

Oh, and about that second laptop from the Wish List, thanks to Strelow's computer guy and a super low price, the Posts and Strelows each donated another laptop to RHTH.

The Posts delivered the laptop to RHTH on Saturday, May 17th. As it turned out, the staff and guests at the House that day were not only very grateful and excited to receive the laptop, they were celebrating one of the guest's 21st birthday. She had just received a double lung transplant and was



A DAY OF CELEBRATION - on the same day that PDGs Meg and Jerry Post delivered the Restoring Hope Transplant House Wish List laptops, the staff and guests were celebrating a 21st birthday.

recovering at RHTH.

**Chelsey's Story** - Chelsey came to RHTH because she was staying locally and because the staff had taken precautions for her and her family so that her recovery would benefit her and her family. RHTH is cleaner and less traveled than the hospital, so it is safer for her to be at the House. While she was at RHTH, she was able to get her strength, eat right, and not have the constant interruption that happens at the hospital.

Chelsey has had cystic fibrosis since birth, so you can only imagine the intensity of that kind of care and concern for mom and dad. As Chelsey grew, she knew how sick she was and how much energy, effort and financial strain her condition was for her and the entire family. Their stay at RHTH allowed them to be close to the hospital, and allowed her entire family to get their bearings. They could nap and relax.

She did so well at the House, that she actually left a week earlier than they all expected. Chelsey is the second double lung transplant recipient that has been able to leave RHTH ahead of schedule.

Her doctor, who was initially hesitant to send Chelsey to the House, okayed her stay at RHTH because of all the precautions taken by the staff. After the great care she was given and she healed so well, the doctor made the comment that he would never hesitate to send a patient to RHTH again.

**Cindy's Perspective** - When caregiver guests arrive at RHTH after a long day they often remark, "Cindy, do you know how scared I have been and what a load this has been to carry by myself?" There is much pressure to be attentive 24/7; to be an expert in the disease, to give up your own health and concerns. The dreams

and things you enjoy. This House is so much more than affordable and a clean bed.

In a recent communication from RHTH Executive Director Cindy Herbst to the Posts following the Affiliate Banquet, Herbst shared the following:

"I realized last night as I was speaking from my heart, I realize to the Lions and Lioness Club, you are MY Cindy. The place where I can hopefully come and say, "Do you know how amazing yet heavy this dream can be for us to serve so many and we would not change it for a minute, but a home is always at its best in community. And when you all listen and fill in the gaps, together we can make all the difference in the world."

Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Speaking of Herbst's presentation at the Affiliate Banquet on the June 7th, many Lioness and Lioness Clubs presented her with gifts that were also on the "Wish List." The Van Dyne Lioness also made and donated special homemade lap pillows.

They say that a thank you means the most when said at least five times, so from the entire staff of RHTH and all the patients who have stayed and will stay at the House,

Thank you!  
Thank you!  
Thank you!  
Thank you!  
Thank you!  
Thank you!  
You continue to make a difference!

## Putting Our Pin Into Action



VAN DYNE LIONS CLUB 35TH ANNUAL WALLEY TOURNAMENT was held on May 31, 2014 with weigh-in at Wendt's On the Lake dock. The posting of the results and awards and prizes, along with all other activities were held at the Van Dyne Lions Park. ABOVE: First Place Winners, back row Lion Tom Wendt, front row - Lion Jack Hughes, Andy Barthels, Mike Borkowski.



TWO RIVERS LIONESS CLUB RUMMAGE SALE BENEFITS MIRACLE LEAGUE - \$735 of the Rummage Sale proceeds is supporting the building of the Miracle League of the Lakeshore rubberized baseball diamond at the Dewey Street Park in Manitowoc. ABOVE (L to R): Taking part in the presentation at Dewey Street Park are front row: ball players Denna Grirowapp, Jacob Herda, president of The Miracle League of the Lakeshore, and Lucas Smith. Back Row: Cathy Lambries, Two Rivers Lioness Board Member and Rummage Sale Coordinator; Nicole Herda, Miracle League; Laura Ziemer, Miracle League; and Karen Ewald, Two Rivers Lioness Club Treasurer.



TWO RIVERS LIONS COMPLETE HANDICAP RAMP - The Two Rivers Lions Club completed construction of a handicap ramp for the wife of Lloyd Wilda of Two Rivers, who has mobility issues. This is the third handicap ramp project completed by the Two Rivers Lions within the past 12 months. ABOVE (L to R): Participating in this community service project were Gerry Schmidt, Club Secretary, Paul Schmid, Club President and Milt Kintopf, Project Chairperson.

## DeBaere Steps Up As New B1 Editor

We are proud to announce that Lion Michael De Baere of the Brandon Lions Club has stepped forward to become the next 27-B1 District Editor. Says De Baere, "I feel honored that District Governor Gary Silah asked me to take over this position from PDGs Jerry and Meg Post. The Posts have agreed to work with me during the transition. In my opinion this is a good fit as I am now the editor of the 27-B1 News and also owner of Haber M&M Printing, Inc. I would personally like to thank the Posts for all their work as 27-B1 Editors the past few years! They have done a great job!"

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## New Lions Cub Club

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The new Lions Cub Club, which has formed in the rural New Holstein and "Holyland" areas, is already making an impact—not unlike the Leader Dog Program, the youths were able to see firsthand last Saturday.

About 10 members of the Cub Club—open to any youths 4 years old through junior high, regardless of where they live—gathered at the Marytown Community Center to listen to Lion Len Quinn of Ripon and to see his Leader Dog, Slider, in action.

A yellow Labrador Retriever, Slider is Quinn's third Leader Dog to help him with his visual impairment. The Leader Dog Program is 75 years old. Lions Clubs around the world play a key role in helping to fund the program as many years ago the Lions promised Helen Keller that they would be the "Knights of the Blind."

As of about two weeks ago, 14,658 dogs had been placed with



CUB CLUB MEMBERS MEET SLIDER after learning about Leader Dog from PDG Len Quinn.

people in need, Quinn said. About 80% of them are Labradors, with the remainder being German Shepherds and Golden Retrievers.

Slider was trained at a school in Rochester Hills, Mich., the largest dog training facility in the U.S. Quinn said it costs about \$41,000 to train each dog, but people who are blind and/or deaf or otherwise disabled receive the dogs for free, thanks to donations from Lions and many others. Lions donate about \$2 million per year of the

\$11 million budget required to train the dogs.

The training cost might have sounded like a lot of money to the audience assembled in the room Saturday until they got a look at what Slider and other dogs like him can do. Quinn said some dogs are taught to literally read American sign language to serve people who are deaf and blind.

Slider started his training at six weeks old at Fort Dodge Prison in Iowa, where he spent 16 weeks receiving basic obedience training through a program which involves the prisoners. Then it was back to the facility in Michigan which is one of only two in the world to have all three levels of dog trainers on staff, including master trainers.

The people who eventually get the dogs also travel to Michigan to receive training. "Training the person is harder than training the dog, I guarantee it," Quinn said.

Slider never barks because he cannot follow orders while barking, Quinn said. His training is so advanced that he is taught "intelligent disobedience."

## Events

### WAY-MORR LIONS SUMMER MUSIC SCHMULE

The Wayside Morrison Lions Club will again be hosting five music nights at Way-Morr Park this summer.

- Aug 13, Home Made Brew from Appleton area
- Aug 27, Bent Grass from Green Bay

From 6:15 to 8:15 pm. Bring your lawn chairs. Food and refreshments available.

We will again be accepting food items from any one that wishes to donate to our local food pantry and a drop box to recycle used eyeglasses will be provided.



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### District Conference Just Around The Corner

The 2014 27-B1 District Conference will be held at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center in Oshkosh, November 14 and 15.

A mailing will be sent out to all club secretaries the first week in September, but here's a few items for your club to begin considering:

- Bucket Raffle - Each club is being asked to donate a prize for this popular fundraiser.
• Advertising Sales - Clubs have an opportunity to raise funds by selling ads in the District Conference Program.
• 2016 District Pin Design Contest - Also, if you have creative members in your club here is their chance to put those skills to use and come up with the new design for the 2016 District Pin.

If your club has a new Secretary this year, please send his/her contact information to mike@habermprinting.com.

Look for more details in the October Wisconsin Lion.

All Lions, Lioness & Leos are invited to attend...

27-B1 Cabinet Meeting Sun., Nov. 16th 8 am Best Western Waterfront, Oshkosh

Have you noticed that the Lions year is going so quickly? How can we accomplish all the things we want to do with the year almost a quarter of the way over?

As Lions officers, one goal all of us share is a strong desire to make this year an exceptional one... the best ever for our clubs and District.

The Lions District Cabinet - The Cabinet is filled with intelligent, experienced Lions whose expertise extends to a wide range of areas. I can't begin to tell you how valuable their assistance has been to me.

There are leadership people who can help you identify and train future club leaders and give them the knowledge and confidence they need to take office.

Are your meetings becoming boring and routine? We have many District Chairs who can provide programs on a multitude of subjects, free of charge, to not only spice up interest, but also keep you up-to-date on everything happening in Lions.

Having trouble building up enthusiasm about writing that donation check for a Lions program? There is a chair for every one of those programs who would be glad to come to your meetings, answer any questions and let you know the tremendous good these programs are doing throughout the world.

Or would you just like to recapture the thrill you had when you joined Lions? Invite one of our Wisconsin Lions Foundation Directors to your meeting. I don't know anyone who can be unimpressed with our Lions Camp and what it does.

And of course, don't forget to arrange for your club's District Governor visit. My presentation will absolutely convince your members that anyone can become a Lions leader.

You can find a complete list of Cabinet Chairpersons in the soon to be released Directory. Remember, all these resources are there to help you. Don't hesitate to use them.

### Putting Our Pin Into Action



### CLUBS WORK TOGETHER TO PROMOTE LIONISM AT THE GREEN LAKE COUNTY FAIR

Thank you to Zone Chairman Lion Greg Bielski for his good idea of renting a booth at the Green Lake County Fair! It gave area Lions Clubs the opportunity to show the people in Green Lake County what Lions and Lioness are all about...

and good relations in the Zone. The booth was filled with Lions and Lioness from Thursday through Sunday.

Lion Richard Waldburg from the Berlin Lions Club made quite a hit with his Leader Dog. He told people about our commitment to the community, Leader Dog, Eye Bank, and Lions Camp.

The clubs are following up with the 18 fair-goers who expressed interest in learning more about Lions and Lioness. One of those 18 will be coming to the Princeton Lions meeting.

Above and beyond raising awareness for our great Association, we received \$63 in un-solicited donations.

The Lions and Lioness donated a total of 148 hours during the Fair. This event showed how we can all work together and makes a unified effort for the good of all.

### Thanks To You, LEBW Can Provide The Gift Of Sight

by Phil Weber, 27-B1 LEBW Director

These volunteers drive an average of 30,000 miles a month. See if you or your club can support this service project.

Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin's mission is to improve the quality of life of the citizens of Wisconsin through the Gift of Sight. We continually support this mission through donations of corneas, processing of the tissue, and transportation of tissue from donation to the surgeons.

How can your club support this mission? 2,800 Lions/Lioness are involved in transporting eye tissue from about 265 clubs.

First person consent for organ donation can only be done on the donor registry. Having an orange dot on your drivers license helps, but is not first person consent.

Keep up with your Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin and go to their web site at www.lebw.org.

### Miracle League Hits It Out Of The Park



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

An old advertising jingle espoused the American dream to be 'Baseball, hot dogs, apple pie and Chevrolet.' For some, the dream of playing baseball was only a dream, that is until the Miracle League became a reality.

The Miracle League allows everyone who wants to play baseball to play, no matter their disability. Blind, deaf, mild or severe cognitive, in wheelchairs, even those with Cerebral Palsy or Multiple Sclerosis are all experiencing the joy of participating in America's past time, all at no cost to the players.

The first hurdle was to raise over \$1 million to get a league started and build the special field required to accommodate the different types of disabilities the players have. The organizers expected this to be a multi-year adventure, but with the help of the St. Nazianz Lions and other groups who helped to spread the word about the Miracle League, they had the funds in a few short months.

The teams are sponsored by other community organizations, individuals and corporations, including Lions International.

When the St. Nazianz Lions heard about this project at a zone meeting, they knew they wanted to be a team sponsor. The St. Nazianz team played their first game against the Manitowoc Kianis and a great time was had by the players and spectators alike.

A member of the Valders Lions was in attendance and reports that Valders just sponsored a team, as well. That Lion also thanked all who are supporting the Miracle League as his granddaughter has CP and is able to play baseball for the first time.

How does a person open their heart and give everything, then when needed, find a way to open their heart even further? To find the answer, simply find someone in a purple and gold vest and ask them, they will tell you.

Thank you Lions, Lioness and Leos for being the champions of those with differing disabilities. To find out more about the Miracle League, visit www.miracleleague.com.

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By now, you've seen and read many things about the upcoming Lions District Convention in Oshkosh next month. For you new members (and even for those of you who aren't so new) I would like to deal with the question, "What is a Lions Convention all about?"

It's all about learning. There are many informative seminars at a Lions convention, dealing with International and District projects and other points of interest. The General Session on Saturday morning also has many presentations to inform the clubs of what is going on. Seminars include Leader Dog, The Camp Experience, and Service Dogs, just a part of what's in store. Also, International Director Ed Farrington from New Hampshire will be speaking on what's happening at the International level.

But even more important is the many other Lions you will meet at the convention, from all over the District, who are willing to share what their clubs are doing, how they are trying to recruit members, how they are making their varied fundraisers work, and all the other things you can take back to your Lions club to make it better than it was.

It's all about enthusiasm. It's pretty easy to get fired up about something when you're surrounded by people who share your interests. Lions conventions are an excellent opportunity to discuss events and swap stories with fellow Lions, and in doing so, renew your excitement about all things Lions.

You'll also hear a lot of stories of the good Lions are doing all over the world, guaranteed to make you proud and happy about being a Lion.

It's all about camaraderie. This is a rare opportunity to meet and become friends with Lions from around the area, and share your zeal and excitement about being a Lion with someone who will really understand.

And, there's no better feeling than "being part of the team" that is changing the world, one project at a time.

It's all about fun. From the hospitality room on Friday with a Casino Night event to the banquet on Saturday, there are good times to be had wherever you look. The Best Western in Oshkosh is a premier facility in the center of the District, and there are numerous ways to have a great time.

What's it all about? It's about being there. Don't miss it!

Conference information and tickets have been sent to all secretaries. If your club has not received the packet, please contact Michael De Baere. Consider purchasing the tickets as this helps keep the District dues at a minimum.

## Lioness Went To The Dogs

by AP Cindy Rank, Lioness Bonnie Hughes, Lioness Pat Pettit and PDG Jerry Post

Service dogs that is. This is a seminar sponsored by the Affiliate Lioness of 27-B1. Come to the District Conference in November and hear the heartwarming story of Chelsea Gerow and her service dog Harken. Having CP since birth, her parents never dreamed she would have the life she now has because of a chance phone call and the help from the Lions and Lioness. Hear about the hopes and dreams she had and fulfilled them one obstacle at a time. Graduating High school, technical college and finally getting a place of her own with the help of her best friend and service dog Harken. Hear about the courage she has for her future endeavors and gratefulness she has for all those that helped make her dreams come true. A story you will not forget.

As the District Conference nears, the District Cabinet members would like to see a big attendance from our Lioness Clubs. Come meet new members and reconnect with old friends. Have a great time in the downtown Oshkosh area at the newly renovated Premier Best Western Hotel. There are many restaurants and wine bars to visit, or just sit, relax and enjoy the view of the Fox River on the Riverwalk. Encourage your new members to attend the Conference. They will learn more about the Lions and Lioness organizations and gain insight for future club endeavors. We look forward to seeing all of the clubs represented this year and hope you have a wonderful



Conference.

The Lioness will also need to address other business at our Affiliate meeting. Again this year, we will be voting on a new pin design. As you know, last year we decided to go with the idea of gemstones with a short saying pertaining to that gem. Last year a diamond was chosen with the wording "lioness like diamonds outshine all others" we want to keep the same format throughout the series using a different gemstone with each pin. So please put on your thinking caps and submit a design by Friday evening of the Conference. The design should be in color and on a regular piece of computer paper.

Spring banquet location and sponsor club needed. If any wish to host, please have it known at the convention so we can vote on it.

A vice president will need to be elected, also. To be elected, a Lioness needs to have served as a vice-president, president, secretary or treasurer in the club. With a different set up for the seminars, we might want to think ahead of time so we will be able to attend the great seminars that the Conference Committee has lined up for us.

## Putting Our Pin Into Action



### ST. NAZIANZ LIONS STUFF A SCHOOL

- by PDG Jerry Post - For over 10 years, the students at St. Gregory Parish decorated the bags for the Lions to hand out at Halloween filled with goodies. To show their gratitude, the Lions bought all the school supplies that the students needed for one year. ABOVE: Receiving the school supplies are, Principal Rita Steffen, students Andrick Lira, Josie Stock and Deric Lira. From the Lions Meg Post, President Mike Hartmann, Wendy Hartmann and Shirley Jochmann.

### send all your club news, events & photos of

#### Lions in action to

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## Events

### SAT, Oct 18 - Van Dyne Lion & Lioness Pizza Sale

This fundraiser is for an area family whose five year-old daughter has vision problems not covered by insurance. Therapy, several sets of glasses, and transportation costs are over \$10,000. Thrivent will supplement the profit. Orders must be in by October 9. Contact Lioness Marge Werner at 920-688-2475 or cvernerm@charter.net for prices and information.

# The Day I Met Pretty Boy Floyd

by PDG Jerry Post - 920-773-2618 or mpost7@jds.net

Not the Floyd from the Alcatraz Prison but the Floyd from the Iowa Prison. When the bus from Wisconsin filled with the Vice-District Governors for their visit to Leader Dog for the Blind, Meg and I were also invited along. On the way to Leader Dog for the Blind we had some information for them and played some trivia until we arrived. On Friday night, we were pretty much on our own and on Saturday morning we were treated to a buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Instead of sitting with those from Wisconsin, Meg and I try to sit with others to get some different ideas on fundraising and donations. Kathleen Breen, who works for Leader Dog, brought a blind lady named Gretchen by us and asked if she could sit with us. Our answer was, 'you bet she can'. As we were talking to her, she told us her story about her blindness.

She started to lose her sight at age 11 and it gradually became worse. She became very efficient with a cane and was content with the way she was getting around. For over 30 years she worked for the State Department in her home State of Michigan, but had a dream to write books.

She followed her dream and started to write children's books. Her publisher asked why she did not have any blind children in her books and after some prodding she began to write with blind children in her stories.

Writing about blind children made her do some researches on options open for the blind. One of them was getting a Leader Dog. Although not quite sure she

wanted a Dog, she applied. After her application was accepted and she then came to Leader Dog and met others like her, her fears were put to rest. Another reason for getting a Leader Dog was because she got lost in her own front yard.

Now for her dog. The day came for her to meet her dog for the first time and was instructed on what to do. They told her that her dogs name was Floyd, was puppy trained at a prison in Iowa and named after the notorious "Pretty Boy Floyd."

When the door opened up, she called for Floyd and he ran to her, gave her a big dog kiss and ate the treats she had for him. She then told us how she put her arms around him and started to cry, knowing that this was the right decision she had made.

Gretchen received Floyd in September of 2013, and now cannot imagine her life without him. What did her husband say when he met Floyd for the first time? He said, "Hello, son." Now her biggest problem is telling her husband that Floyd is not his hunting dog or a go fetch it dog, but is her eyes and that is what Floyd enjoys doing.

She also told us on how much more freedom she has because of Floyd and how safe she feels with him around her.

This is another match made possible because of the dedication of the Lions family to help those in need.

On behalf of Gretchen, Pretty Boy Floyd and all those that live in the color of night, thank you for making over 14,600 matches like this possible over the past 75 years.

Learn more about Leader Dog at www.leaderdog.org.

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We need leaders to step up. Leadership is critical to the overall success of any organization, including Lions Clubs. An effective leader provides the vision, guidance and motivation necessary for a club or District to continue to fulfill its mission of providing quality, relevant service to communities around the world.

What is a Lions leader? Well, everyone's style of leadership is different. To become an effective leader, you need to learn what style works best for your personality, how to communicate your ideas and plan to your group, and then how to motivate them to help you execute your plan for the club or district.

Sound difficult? Of course it is, but then anything worthwhile is not easy. And this is what discourages most people to try. But here's the best part, because that's where the Lions organization comes in. The Lions Global Leadership system has many different methods of training and guidance, set up to help anyone willing to learn how to be an effective leader. From online courses, to one-on-one mentoring and personal assistance, to powerful group sessions and activities, Lions leadership training is a fantastic tool to help you unlock your personal potential to lead and effect change. And it's all available to you just by asking.

Training on the District level is done at Club Officers training. Communicate Like A Leader is available from the State, as well, where spend a weekend with other Lions leaders honing your communications skills. And for advanced training, there is nothing like the USA/Canada Forum.

And the best part is, all of these new techniques and skills are not just for Lions work, but will help in every part of your life, from getting along with family and friends to moving up in your career. Lions training in these areas, we've been assured, is right up there with the best University courses and private training systems of the major corporations.

Of course, the question in everyone's mind is, do I have what it takes to be a leader? Really, all it takes is having the desire to make things better than they are. Someone who is willing to step up and be heard, to take the Lion by the mane (so to speak) and move forward. If you have the desire and the motivation, we can help you with the rest. You provide the time and energy to do the job; we give you the skill sets to make it happen.

If you are interested, contact your club president, zone chairman, or District Governor. Believe me, the rewards far outweigh the efforts put in.



BRING YOUR PEACE POSTER ENTRIES TO THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE OR MAIL THEM TO DG GARY SILAH BY NOVEMBER 15th - Reminder to those Clubs participating in the 2014-15 Lions International Peace Poster Contest - the winning poster for each local contest sponsored by a Lions Club is due to DG Gary Silah by November 15, 2014. All posters should visually represent this year's Contest theme, "Peace, Love & Understanding". DG Silah, with the help of Conference attendees, will select one winning poster from all those submitted from the Clubs in 27-B1 to enter into the MD27 Peace Poster competition. The winner of the level of the Contest will be forwarded to Lions International to be judged against entries from around the world.

The International grand prize winner will receive a trip to the award ceremony where he/she will receive a cash award of \$5,000 and an engraved plaque. Two of the winner's family members, including the winners parent/guardian and the sponsoring Lions Club member will accompany the winner to the awards ceremony.

23 merit award winners will also receive a \$500 cash award and a certificate of achievement.

Good luck to all those who entered, the Conference attendees are looking forward to judging them at the Conference!

### Vice District Governors Needed

The time is now to step up to the plate and serve as District Governor and lead the 2,100 Lions in 71 Clubs across 27-B1.

Depending on how many candidates step up, the following scenarios will play out at the District Conference:

If only one Lion steps up, the Cabinet will need to appoint one 2nd Vice District Governor at the Sunday, November 16th Cabinet Meeting.

Or if two Lions step up, certified Conference Delegates will elect a 1st Vice District Governor, as well as a 2nd Vice District Governor during voting on Saturday, November 15th.

In order to be qualified for these two vital leadership roles, candidates must have served as either Zone Chair or Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer.

Nominations papers must be submitted as directed on the form ASAP. Find the paperwork at http://md27b1.org in the Documents and Forms section.

The door's wide open. Now is the time to move up to one of these important leadership positions.

If you have any questions or concerns, call DG Gary Silah at 920-960-0882 or IPDG Dawn Christiansen at 920-346-2307.

### Farrington To Keynote District Convention



It is with great please that DG Gary Silah and the Convention Committee welcome International Director Edward Farrington to be our special guest and the key note speaker at our 39th Annual District 27-B1 Conference which will be held November 14-15 at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center in Oshkosh.

Farrington, from Milford, New Hampshire, was elected to serve a two-year term as a Director of Lions Clubs International at the Association's 97th International Convention held in Toronto, Canada, in July 2014.

He has been a member of the Milford Lions Club since 1995, where he has held many offices within the Association, including District Governor, Council Chairperson, District LCIF Chairperson, Multiple District Convention Chairperson and District GLT Coordinator.

For recognition of his service to the Association, he has received numerous awards; including 100% Club President Award, District Club President of the Year, an International President's

Certificate of Appreciation and an International Leadership Award. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Farrington has been active in numerous professional and community organizations, including board member for the Milford planning board, school board, budget committee and ethics committee.

Director Farrington and his wife, Elaine, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, have three daughters and six grandchildren. Let's give the Farringtons a warm 27-B1 welcome.

### CONVENTION REMINDERS

**Raffle Tickets** - Secretaries, please get the tickets & money back to Lion Michael De Baere, at the address listed on the top of this page, by 11/13 at the latest.

**Conference Book Ads** - Last minute ads are being accepted.

**Bucket Raffle Prize** - Each Club is asked to bring a prize to the Convention, please don't forget it.

**For complete Conference details & all the last minute Conference news, go to http://md27b1.org**

### 2014 27-B1 Conference Registration - Nov 14th - 15th - Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center, Oshkosh

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Club \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Fees	By 10/31
Registration - Lions, Lioness & Guest	\$10
Registration - Leos & Newcomers	FREE
Saturday Luncheon	\$18
Saturday Banquet	\$23

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Checks payable and mail by 10/31/14 to: 27-B1 Conference

Mail to: IPDG Dawn Christiansen, 620 W. Bowen Street, Brandon, WI 53919

Amount Enclosed	\$
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Never been to a Lions Convention? Be sure to mark the 'Newcomer' choice above and participate in our Newcomer Contest. It's great fun and it will help you get the most out of your Convention experience. **Convention Lodging** - Best Western Premier, 920-230-1900.

Make sure to mention that you are with the Lions Convention for the special rate.



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As we move inevitably into December, our thoughts naturally turn to the upcoming Holiday season. Our attention turns to the season of parties, getting together with family and friends, decorating, and, of course, shopping for 'that perfect gift.'

As Lions, of course, we are also well aware that not everyone is in that position. As such, Lions Clubs throughout the District and the world are starting many projects designed to make the holidays a little brighter for those less fortunate.

This is nothing new for Lions Clubs, of course. The Holiday season is referred to as 'The Season of Giving', but that is not really special to us. Giving for Lions Clubs is a year-round thing.

This Holiday season, please take a moment to reflect on this and all the good your efforts have done. President Joe Preston's theme this year is 'Strengthen the Pride.'

Thank you, and I wish all of you Happy Holidays and a joyous and prosperous New Year.

# Fill The Shelves Helping Baby Greysen



THE HUNGRY NEED OUR HELP - As the Holiday season approaches, we, as Lions, need to remember that there are those less fortunate than ourselves. Food pantry's and shelter's needs always increase, not only this Holiday season, but also as the weather turns cold.

by Wendy Hartmann, 27-B2 Hearing Chair - 920-946-1260 or wendyhart@ids.net

Baby Greysen arrived on August 23rd, a month before his due date. His family's initial joy at his safe arrival quickly turned to concern when on September 30th, Greysen was diagnosed with Microtia.

In Baby Greysen's case, his left ear is "perfect" and the cochlear nerve in the right ear developed perfectly, but he has no ear canal in that ear.

According to Wikipedia, this system involves implanting a small titanium implant that is ossintegrated with the bone behind the patient's ear and uses the skull to conduct sound.

Unfortunately, the insurance company will not cover any of Baby Greysen's hearing aid costs and will only cover 50% of the hearing test cost.

A further complication is that Baby Greysen needs his BAHHA



hearing aid within the next two months to keep his development on track!

That's where the Lions come in. District 27-B1, along with the St. Nazianz Lions Club, have agreed to raise the money needed for Baby Greysen's hearing expenses by Christmas.

27-B2 Hearing Aid Chair Wendy Hartmann explains, "A separate hearing fund to help Baby Greysen has been set up. Lions needs to help this little baby, so please help with what you can."

To help encourage donations, the Club that donates the most to this cause will have ...

- Hartmann attend one of the Club's upcoming meetings to speak about District Hearing Projects. To add to the fun, during that visit, one of the winning Club's members will get to throw a pie in Hartmann's face. The use of limousine service donated by Lion Mike Hartmann.

Contact Hartmann for more information on the Baby Greysen Fund or any District Hearing Projects.

If you can, please send checks payable to:

The Baby Greysen Fund c/o Lion Wendy Hartmann 27-B2 Hearing Chair 17023 County Road F Kiel, WI 53042

Says DG Gary Silah, "Your donations will make it possible for Baby Greysen to develop in the same ways that those born with perfect hearing do. What better way for our Lions Clubs to live up to our motto, We Serve, than to help this special baby."

## Happy Holidays Lions, Lioness & Leos of 27-B1! from DG Gary & 27-B1 Editor Michael De Baere

### Putting Our Pin Into Action



#### WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY IN UNITED STATES

by Dale Schaber, Appleton Noon Lions - 920-739-6041 or dschaber@athnet.net

White Cane Safety Day celebrates blind and visually impaired people's achievements in the United States on October 15 every year. It also reminds people that the white cane is an important tool in helping the blind and the visually impaired live with greater independence.

White canes are recognized for providing the blind and visually impaired with greater mobility, allowing them to participate more within their communities. Blind and visually impaired people have used canes as mobility tools for centuries, but it was not until after World War I that the white cane was properly introduced.

The United States Congress, by joint resolution, approved

on October 6, 1964, designated October 15 of each year as White Cane Safety Day. By 1978, the number of visually impaired people who achieved a lot of independence through the white cane had greatly increased. Promotions on the benefits of the white cane proved to be successful and they are still continuing.

On October 15, 2014, Daphne Kennett led Appleton Noon Lions, along with blind and visually impaired friends on a celebration walk from the Thompson Community Center to the Performing Arts Center and back again. The walk celebrates the 50th Anniversary of White Cane Safety Day in the United States.

Sgt. David H. Lund, Support Services Specialist in the Appleton Police Department, provided the photographs from the event.



#### VAN DYNE LION & LIONESS PIZZA SALE BENEFITS HAASE

- Five year old Allie Haase from Van Dyne suffers from vision problems and her insurance will not cover her medical bills. To help the family cover these costs, the Van Dyne Lions and Lioness raised \$3,229.95 during their recent Pizza Sale.

### Events

For more information on these activities please contact the Lions Clubs directly

- DECEMBER TUE, DEC 2 - Fairwater Lions Christmas Dinner SUN, DEC 7 - New Holstein Lions Breakfast With Santa SAT, DEC 13 - Wild Rose Lions Community Christmas - Wild Rose Lions Building 8-11 am. MON, DEC 22 - Appleton Noon Lions Annual Egg Nog Party

send all your club news, events & photos of Lions in action to 27-B1 Editor Mike DeBaere mike@habermmprinting.com

## It's Hard To Be Humble

by PDG/ADP-E Jerry Post - 920-773-2618 or mpost7@ids.net

Lions, Lioness and Leos are perfect in everything they do to help those in need, but we are too humble to show it. Lioness Ella Stanelle gave us a demonstration on how to wear our Lioness pin to not only show our pride, but to use it as an advertising tool to get others to ask what we are all about.

Yes, we are perfect in every way. We help those who cannot see, those that cannot hear, those that need food and those that need clothing and shelter. We help those that had fires, those with Hurricanes, floods, tornados and other disasters.

When you ask a Lion, Lioness or Leo why they did what they did to help others, we just smile and tell them, that's what we do and go back to what we were doing as if no one had ever stopped to talk to us.

are just some things I collected.

Wear your pins and your vest and Lions apparel at every chance you get. Then be ready with a talk on how to try to convince them to check out a Lions or Lioness Club near them. I am a Proud Lion, a Proud Lioness and I was also an honorary Leo until they disbanded. If I am not showing a pin or shirt or vest that wears I am a member, I carry a Camp Deer Hide pen to not only talk about, but to give to them as a gift.

Don't be ashamed or humble for the things we do, but show our pride and dedication to help all those in need. If nothing else, we will have given them something to think about and possibly found a new friend. Our visiting ID from New Hampshire stopped me Saturday night and said something I will never forget. He said thank you for telling me some of the other stories about what all your different clubs do to serve, I never realized that there was so many things we have not thought about and your District is already doing them.

When you are as perfect as a Lion, Lioness or Leo in doing what we do to help others, we should change the words and be singing, "Oh Lord it's hard to be humble, when you are helping so many in need."

Best wishes to all and enjoy the Holidays.





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As the New Year begins, many of us have participated in the time-honored tradition of making New Year's resolutions. Every person has room for improvement, and the resolution is designed to give you a goal of personal improvement during the upcoming year.

Lions Clubs can all use some improvement, too, so I would suggest that every Lion make a New Year's resolution for the improvement of their club... Ask 1 person to become a Lion this year.

International President Joe Preston's Ask 1 Program is based on a simple premise... If every one of the 1.36 million Lions worldwide would ask one person to join, our membership would do very well in the coming year. Certainly, not everyone will say 'yes' to the invitation. Many people lead very active and complicated lives, and the concept of adding to their already overburdened schedule is not an easy one to accept. And of course, it is natural for us not to enjoy being told 'no', so we tend to avoid situations where we will be turned down. But the benefits far outweigh the risks.

Just imagine how much more your club could achieve with some new members. You can expand your ability to serve, bring fresh ideas, more energy and new skills to your club.

And, Lions isn't a difficult sell. Just speak from the heart. Remember why you joined, why you are willing to give your time and effort to the organization. The passion of a dedicated Lion is sometimes all you will need to persuade some people. Get them to come to a meeting, meet all the other passionate Lions in your club and see the kind of work you are doing. As I said, you can't get everybody, but you will get some. And some is what we need.

If you need any suggestions as to how to proceed, go to the International Lions website at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and download the 'Just Ask' brochure or the 'Ask 1' brochure. There are some excellent ideas on how to make a quality 'ask' for your club.

So, please add Ask 1 to your list of New Year's resolutions for 2015 and let's all try to keep it. It's a good way to Strengthen the Pride for the new year.

**Let our New Year's resolution be this: we will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word.**  
—Goran Persson

# What A Great Conference

## Lioness News

by ADP Cindy Rank - 920-410-8241 or [lionesscindy@gmail.com](mailto:lionesscindy@gmail.com)

It has been a busy and exciting time. This past November, the 27-B1 Conference was held on Friday, November 14 and Saturday, November 15 at the Oshkosh Convention Center and was a great learning experience for all.

Meeting International Director Ed Farrington and his wife, Elaine, and many more people from the different clubs was a highlight of the weekend. My home club, the Van Dyne Lion and Lioness, hosted a meeting and fish fry for the Director on Thursday night. Friday afternoon and evening were spent at the Convention Center, setting up the Lioness Display and enjoying Casino night. Thank you to all the clubs who participated and sent or brought information on their clubs endeavors and members.

The meeting on Saturday included a demonstration by Lioness Ella Stanelle on how to attract more members. Stanelle suggested wearing Lioness pins on clothing, scarves, coats, hats, etc...instead of just at meetings and functions. Perhaps, 'Just Put A Pin On It' will be our new catch phrase!

The clubs present decided to vote for two pin designs this year and complete the series by voting for the last pin at next year's meeting. Winners of the pin selections were:

- 2015-16, Lioness Bonnie Hughes of Van Dyne, design by granddaughter Violet Hughes.
- 2016-17 pin was created by Lioness Ella Stanelle of the Fond du Lac Lioness Clubs.

Congratulations to both Lioness. A \$25 check will be presented to the clubs of these talented Lioness. Thank you to everyone that participated and helped at the convention.

A special thanks to Lioness Bonnie Glaeser for accepting the Vice President nomination for 2015-2016. She will be working with 2015-2016 27-B1 Affiliate District President Jerry Post and it will be an interesting year for both of them.

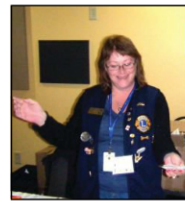
If your club has not already done so, contact ADP Cindy Rank to schedule her visit. Have a very Happy New Year.

## Increase Attendance At Your Next Fundraiser

Many Clubs share details of their upcoming fundraisers in the 'Events' section of this page so that all Lions can attend.

At the recent District Convention it was stated that when Lion Members are traveling for personal engagements often times they would like to attend an event held by other Lions Clubs.

So, keep sending those activities in for publication and if your club has a website listed on the District Page, make sure that it is updated regularly with current events and details.



by IPDG Dawn Christensen, Conference Coordinator - 920-346-2307 or [liondawn1@yahoo.com](mailto:liondawn1@yahoo.com)

Lions, Lioness, Leos and guests found the 39th Annual District 27-B1 Conference had plenty to offer.

After being picked up at the airport on Thursday, International Director Ed Farrington and his wife, Lion Elaine, were treated to a tour of our Wisconsin Lions Camp which was followed up that evening with a splendid visit to The Van Dyne Lion and Lioness Fish Fry at their Clubhouse. On Friday, a tour of the EAA Museum was on the agenda.

The Conference kicked off on Friday night with a Fast and Fun Casino Night that raised \$600 which was donated to The Baby Greysen Hearing Aid Fund.

The very full day on Saturday began with the Opening Session, called to order by District Governor Gary Silah, which included a Flag Presentation Ceremony with the flags being carried by Veterans in honor of Veteran's Day, a welcome to Oshkosh by Mayor Burk Tower,

and many various project reports, speeches, nominations and information.

The Lioness Business Session was held after a report to the District by Affiliate District President Cindy Rank.

The hallways were lined with over 30 display tables providing all means of educational information, project ideas, pin traders and raffles.

The All-Conference Luncheon featured our keynote speaker, ID Ed Farrington, who spoke about Strengthening The Pride. A very special donation of \$46,671.64 was made to The Wisconsin Lions Camp by The Estate of Lion Tony Vranak from Ripon.

The Annual District Bank Auction was won by the Fairwater Lions.

The Necrology Service honored the passing of 34 Lions and one Lioness. The Luncheon closed with the parade of checks that raised \$41,485 for various District and State project funds.

Four afternoon seminars were held...

- Walking Into The Dim with The Power of Vision

- Chelsea and her Service Dog, Harken
- The Camper Experience
- Haiti Medical Missions of Wisconsin Inc.

Voting by certified delegates followed the seminars.

The Saturday Evening Governor's Banquet featured our International Guest Speaker, Lion Elaine Farrington. Election results were given by District Elections and Nominations Chair, Lion BJ Blahnik as follows:

- District Governor-Elect - Lion Marvin Henke
- 1st Vice District Governor-Elect - Lion Tom Berendes
- 2nd Vice District Governor-Elect - Lion Fred Gebhart
- 2016 District Bowling Tournament Host - Poy Sippi Lions Club
- 2015 District Conference Site - The Radisson Paper Valley Hotel and Convention Center in Appleton
- Winning District Pin Design #2 (glasses design) submitted by Lion Wendy Hartmann

- Peace Poster Contest #1 submitted by The Elkhart Lake Lions Club.

The Lioness voting results were given by Affiliate District President Lioness Cindy Rank as follows:

- Affiliate District President-Elect Lion/Lioness PDG Jerry Post
- Affiliate District Vice President-Elect - Lioness Bonnie Glaser

The District Raffle was drawn. The flags were retired with the New Hampshire flag being presented to ID Farrington.

Two-hundred and fifty-one Lions, Lioness, Leos and guests attended this year's Conference. If you weren't among them, you missed a lot of educational opportunities, fun, laughter, information, surprises, good food, raffles, games, conversation, great ideas and much, much more.

You are encouraged to make every effort to attend the next one, the 40th Annual District Conference in 2015.

Anyone see Jethro at this Conference?





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Now that winter is in full swing, I'm sure all of us have had the same feeling at one time or another... it's a good night to stay home, light a nice fire in the fireplace and relax. But instead, we have a Lions meeting to go to. This is why it is very important for club officers to keep meetings fun, interesting and beneficial to the members. It seems to me that this would be a good time to offer some suggestions as to how to make that happen. These suggestions are primarily for the president, or whoever is presiding over the meeting; but a lot of the information below will help the attendees understand how to keep the meeting on track, as well.

First of all, plan your meeting in advance. Have an agenda laid out and follow it. It's important that a meeting cover all the material it needs to, without a lot of wasted effort. It doesn't even hurt to rehearse what you're planning to say, so it comes out smoother. Also, plan ahead as to what materials you'll need, so everything is there when you need it.

Next, execute the agenda in an orderly fashion, each item flowing into the next to keep the meeting moving. Don't worry if there's some discussion here and there. It's very important to get members' input on what the club is doing; that's the whole purpose of meetings. There's nothing wrong with a free-flowing exchange of ideas. Don't allow the discussion to become an argument, however, or to take off on tangents far away from the topic at hand.

Keep it light! Find ways to inject humor and entertainment into the meeting. Make sure your tail twister is engaged and having fun with the members. Laugh a little! It'll make everything easier. And lastly, make sure the meeting is interesting to the members. Have guest speakers frequently. Remember, the District Cabinet is filled with Lions who have a great deal of information on International and State projects which your members will find not only informative, but inspirational as well. The District Directory is filled with people who are eager to present what they are working on to your club members. And if you haven't invited your District Governor for his annual visit yet, get that on the calendar right away.

With a little effort, we can turn your members from saying, "Darn, another Lions meeting tonight!" to saying, "Wow! I get to go to the Lions meeting tonight!" See you all soon.

## Lions Meet Needs

Baby Greysen Goal Exceeded



by Wendy Hartmann, 27-B2 Hearing Chair - 920-946-1260 or wendyharti@uds.net

The Lions of 27-B1 were charged with raising \$8,000 by Christmas to fund a special hearing aid for Baby Greysen. Hearing Chair Wendy Hartmann reports that 22 Lions Clubs donated to this Project and we have exceeded the goal raising \$13,245.87. The remainder of the funds will be deposited into the 27-B1 Hearing Fund in Baby Greysen's name for either more help to this family or to other individuals in 27-B1 who are in need of a hearing aid.

Greysen's parents are speechless in what to say in order to thank the Lions for their support. Greysen's mother reports that the device was ordered on December 15th and that Greysen

has had the device since before the New Year.

Special thanks to the insurance company for reducing the cost of the device and to PDG Tom and Sandy King and the King Foundation for being a major sponsor of this Project.

Hartmann asks that clubs stop donating to the Baby Greysen Fund. Club donations to the 27-B1 Hearing Fund are always welcomed as this Project is never ending.

## Lion Tony Vranak Continues To Serve

Ripon Lions Club member Tony Vranak died unexpectedly last fall as the result of an auto accident. Vranak lived the life of a faithful Lion by serving the less fortunate. Many years ago, Vranak accompanied PDG Milt Wood and his wife to the Lions Camp. It was a trip that he never forgot. He often talked about what a wonderful experience the Camp gives to those special kids. When his will was made public, it was a shock to find out that a trip that he took many years before would be responsible for his donating more than \$40,000 to the Camp.

If any other Lions members wish to do as Vranak did and have a Lions organization become a beneficiary in your personal will, please contact an attorney or financial advisor. The Wisconsin Lions Camp thanks Lion Tony for his generous contribution!

## Are You Up For A Challenge

2015 has finally arrived! On January 1, 2015, many people made those New Year's resolutions. Let all Lions members make a couple united resolutions this year.

Number one, let's each ask one person a month to be a guest at our club meetings. An individual who attends a Lions meeting is one step closer to becoming a member.

Number two, we Lions are not getting younger and need younger members to help us carry on the Lions legacy and motto, "We Serve".

Young potential Lions members are everywhere! Visit local colleges and universities. Students are always required to have volunteer hours.

Current Lion members should invite their spouse/significant other, children and/or grandchildren to join their club. There are special family dues rates available.

Young individuals are our future and we Lions need to embrace them now!

Contact 27-B1 GMT Coordinator Mike Helmke for additional ideas, 920-452-7901 or mike.helmke@yahoo.com.

## Opening Eyes Volunteers Needed



TIME WELL-SPENT MAKING A DIFFERENCE - It is February already and there is just over a month left of the cold winter weather, hopefully! Lions, Lioness and Leos are encouraged to volunteer on Saturday, April 11 at the Special Olympics Lions International Opening Eyes Program. They need the help!

Volunteers meet at the Grudenhagen Conference Center (800 Algoma Boulevard, Oshkosh) starting at 8 am. The athletes screening will be held from 9 am until 4 pm. Not available all day? No problem. Volunteer in the morning, afternoon or all day! Volunteers that are able to help with cleanup after the screening is complete, are greatly appreciated.

Volunteers with no experience are welcome! This activity is a beneficial and enjoyable experience for both athletes and volunteers!

Contact Ken Wallander with any questions or to volunteer at 920-775-4281 or kenchar@sol.net.

## Putting Our Pin Into Action



HOWARDS GROVE SAND PAIL PROJECT - On December 6th, the Howards Grove Lions Club filled sand pails for the community. People of the community, along with businesses in the Howards Grove Area, are welcome to take a pail of sand at no cost. Individuals may also take a pail of



MONTELLO LIONS ANNUAL HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HAYRIDE - On October 18th, over 100 volunteers helped to bring this event to the community. Along with the Hayride, food and refreshments were served. 2014's event was such a success, that this year it will extend to two days. ABOVE: The brat wagon pictured is used for this event and others throughout the year.

sand for their personal use. They can use this pail of sand either on their home sidewalks or in their vehicle to use whenever an 'icy' situation occurs. A total of 256 pails of sand were filled this year by the Howards Grove Lions. These sand pails are free to the community. All labor is done by the Howards Grove Lions. A total of 33 man hours were donated to make this event a success. The sand pails were divided among the Piggly Wiggly, National Exchange Bank, Howards Grove Meat Market, Cleveland State Bank, Kohler Credit Union Branch and Kuhlow Barber Shop.

TOP LEFT: Lion Wally Leonard mixing sand. MIDDLE LEFT: Lion Al Rohde at his trailer with sand. BOTTOM LEFT: Lion Veryl Graf at front of one of the trailers. Lion (Doc) Hanke in back of trailer. Lion Al Rohde at the back of the trailer.

## Event

FEBRUARY

SAT, FEB 7 - SUN, FEB 8 - 2015 Lion District 27-B1 Bowling Tournament, hosted by the Eldorado Lions Club, held at Generations Lanes, N7676 County Highway C in Eldorado. Bowl at 12 or 3 pm. Generations Lanes will be serving breakfast from 10 am - 12 pm. The registration deadline has already passed, but why not come out to support your fellow Lions.

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invite a prospective member to help at your next project

## Leader Dog Quiz

- At what age are new puppies generally given to the puppy raisers?
  - 9 weeks
  - 7 weeks
  - 4 weeks
  - 2 weeks
- When do the puppy raisers return the dogs to Leader Dog?
  - 6 months
  - 8 months
  - 10 months
  - 13 months
- How much dog food does Leader Dog go through in ONE month?
  - 500 pounds
  - 1,000 pounds
  - 4,000 pounds
  - 6,600 pounds
- What is the cost for dog food for the month?
  - \$20,000
  - \$15,000
  - \$10,000
  - \$0
- How many dogs can Leader Dog kennel at one time?
  - 500
  - 300
  - 100
  - 50
- How long is the 'resident' course where the client learns to use the dog?
  - 2 months
  - 1 month
  - 26 days
  - 14 days
- What is the total approximate cost to raise and train a Leader Dog?
  - \$10,000
  - \$20,000
  - \$30,000
  - \$37,000
- What is the total cost to the client, including airfare and residency at Leader Dog, and the cost of the dog, vaccinations and equipment?
  - \$40,000
  - \$30,000
  - \$20,000
  - \$0
- How many other "Leader Dogs for the Blind" organizations are there in the world?
  - 15
  - 13
  - 7
  - 0
- What is the average career length of a Leader Dog before they are retired?
  - 15 years
  - 10 years
  - 8 years
  - 5 years
- Once you have been given a Leader Dog, you cannot reapply for another.
  - True
  - False
- How many Leader Dogs have been issued to blind persons since their start in 1939.
  - 1,000
  - 8,000
  - 10,000
  - 14,600

Key: 1. B; 2. D; 3. D; 4. D (Every kibble is donated by Purina); 5. B; 6. C; 7. D; 8. D; 9. D; 10. C or B; 11. False; 12. D





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March 24th is Diabetes Alert Day. Raising awareness about diabetes is one of Lions International's primary focuses. I would like to take a moment to discuss a few things about it.

Currently, it is estimated that there are 23.7 million people with diabetes in the United States alone; and this number is expected to nearly double in the next 25 years.

Unfortunately, these numbers are more than just a statistical game to me. You see, I'm one of them. I was diagnosed about 10 years ago. I had no idea I was even at risk for it. I have no family history of the disease, and up to that point, I had never had any serious medical issues. I had no "diabetes awareness". The information I had on it at this point came from the Lions focus on the disease.

I fall into the "Type 2" category, which is often referred to as "adult onset." In type 2, the pancreas either does not produce enough insulin or the body cannot properly use the insulin that is produced. Mine is well controlled with oral medication, careful diet monitoring, and exercise.

Why is this a Lions problem? Our primary focus is vision, and people with diabetes are at risk of losing their sight due to diabetic retinopathy. This is a condition caused by weakening and scarring of the blood vessels which lie on top of the retina, the thin lining at the back of the eye. Approximately 2 percent of all people who have diabetes for 15 years become blind, and about 10 percent develop a severe visual impairment. Remembering the numbers above, that's a big chunk of people.

During March, LCI has several recommendations for the clubs on activities that can increase diabetes awareness. They include: Organize a Stride Walk to promote diabetes awareness.

Contact local health professionals to organize vision and blood glucose screenings in accordance with local health laws.

Distribute diabetes brochures at local health fairs (such materials are available through our District or WLF).

Provide funding or medical equipment to a local healthcare facility for diabetes diagnosis or treatment.

Publish the diabetes weeks at Camp among local schools and healthcare facilities.

If your club would like more information, contact B1 Diabetes Coordinator Bonnie Strelow at strelowb@inbox.com. She does excellent presentations for clubs and zones on request.

I personally would like to thank you for your efforts. All of our projects are important and impact many lives. None more so than when they hit where you live.

## Dining Blind Proves To Be An Eye Opening Experience

On February 11th, Brandon Lions hosted a Zone Meeting at CJ's at the Wayside in Ripon. At this event, Zone Chair Kay Quinn decided that it would be an educational and interesting experience if all Lions in attendance would eat a complete meal while being 'blind'. This was a very unique experience for those who use sight every day.

Among the many in attendance and participating in this experience was current District Governor Gary Silah.

The meal included a ham sandwich, macaroni salad, potato chips and a pickle spear. The placement of all food and drink items was meticulous. Each ham sandwich was precisely located at 6 o'clock on the plate, each macaroni salad was located just right of 6 o'clock on the plate. The potato chips were at 2 o'clock and the pickle spear was at 10 o'clock.

Lions members were instructed to place their hands on the edge of their table and then to move their index fingers to locate where their plate was sitting. They then were told to move their fingers around the edge of the plate to know where everything was located.

After completing his own meal



**EATING BLIND WAS A LEARNING EXPERIENCE** for most of the attendees at the February 11th Zone Meeting in Ripon, including Ripon Lioness Caroline Retzlaff and Ripon Lion President Don Rezlaff.

as a 'blind man', Lion Michael De Baere removed his blindfold and began looking around at those who were still eating. "There was no rhyme or reason how macaroni salad, potato chips and pieces of ham sandwiches were spread all over people's plates, the table and the floor. I now know why Kay Quinn and other assistants/companions of those who are without sight always talk the blind individual through where everything is located on their plate," said De Baere.

After the experience, PDG

Lion Len Quinn and Lion Shirley Schmid gave speeches about how what each Lion in the room did for just one meal is what they do every day of their life. Quinn and Schmid both have limited vision capabilities.

It was stated that all who participated were very thankful that the meal given was something simple and not spaghetti and meatballs or Chinese food, or tacos seeing that those things would have been so much harder to eat. A ham sandwich was difficult enough for most!

## More Opening Eyes Volunteers Still Needed



**TIME WELL-SPENT MAKING A DIFFERENCE** - Reminder! Special Olympics Lions International Opening Eyes still needs volunteers on Saturday, April 11. Volunteers meet at the Grudenhagen Conference Center (800 Algoma Boulevard, Oshkosh) starting at 8 am. The athletes screening will be held from 9 am until 4 pm. Not available all day? No problem. Volunteer in the morning, afternoon or all day! Volunteers that are able to help with cleanup after the screening is complete, are greatly appreciated.

Volunteers with no experience are welcome! This activity is a beneficial and enjoyable experience for both athletes and volunteers!  
Contact Ken Wallander with any questions or to volunteer at 920-775-4281 or kenchar@sol.net.

## Branson Comes To Wayside Morrison



**WAYSIDE MORRISON LIONS ARE PREPARING TO HOST THE 11TH ANNUAL BRANSON NORTH SHOW** March 28 at Cobblestone in Brillion. This year's entertainment is Daddy's Country Jamboree. The evening starts at 5 pm. There is a country-style chicken and ribs dinner at 6:00 pm and entertainment to follow. There will be many door prizes given throughout the evening. \$35 per person. Tickets are available by contacting Lion Ron Kiekhaefer at 920-864-2345.

## Lioness Keeping Busy

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

Spring is coming!...It doesn't look like it yet, but it is. And with it come many projects and activities. The next few months will be filled with club visits to Kingston, Sherwood, Ripon, Neshkoro, Larsen/Winchester, Two Rivers and Adel. With May and June being fairly open, there is still time to schedule a club visit, simply contact ADP Cindy Rank at lionesscindy@gmail.com or 920-410-8241.

Special thanks go out to 27-B1 Affiliate District President-Elect Jerry Post and Affiliate Vice President-Elect Bonnie Glaeser, for their outstanding service and commitment to the Lioness of 27-B1 and Wisconsin.

Hopefully, many of you will follow their lead and step up to a leadership position by running for an officer position within your club. You may think, "I don't

have the time", "I don't know how to use the computer", or "I'm not cut out for the position". But you may find out that you are more than you think you are and that you can do many great things with the help of others.

Even if you're not ready now, attend the Officer Training seminar, go to your Zone meetings and the District Conference. You will meet new friends and find new ideas to take back to your clubs and receive guidance for the new endeavor you have chosen.

The very best to all in the coming months and always remember...we are Lioness. And we serve in any way we can.

Upcoming events include: Special Olympics in Oshkosh on April 11th, State Convention in Fontana, May 14th-16th. 27-B1 Officer Training dates are still to be announced.

Thank you for all of your service.

## Bragging Or Sharing?

by ADP-E/PDG Jerry Post - 920-773-2618 or mpost7@lds.net

As Lions, Lioness and Leos, we are asked to promote the things we do for others and also for the things we do to earn the money to help others. They say it's our bragging rights. But is it really bragging or is it sharing?

When it comes to fundraisers/donations, using the term bragging is okay, but by sharing ideas with other clubs, we might share some of our good fortune with others who need our help.

When St. Nazianz Lions was looking for a new fundraiser, the New Holstein Lions shared their Big Bucks idea, and because of that, the Club doubled their donations.

The Plymouth Lions Badger Tail Gate Party gave St. Nazianz the idea for their Super Bowl Raffle for Kids at Lions Camp Raffle. In turn, the St. Nazianz Super Bowl Raffle inspired the Sherwood Lioness and the Van Dyne Lioness to raffle off a TV for a fundraiser. Van Dyne Lioness also tried a laptop computer instead and did quite well.

If you wish to call it bragging, that is okay, but try to use the word sharing and that might help get others to try something new and think outside the box once in a while.

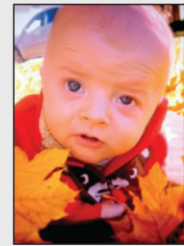
The Lions, Lioness and Leos do wonderful things for others and hopefully more of you will share what you do by submitting stories about your fundraisers and projects for the 27-B1 page of the Wisconsin Lion.

For those that have shared their thoughts in the paper; thank you; for those that have not, please do so as we all need more ideas to share with each other.

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## Final Baby Greysen Report

by Wendy Hartmann, 27-B1 Hearing Chair - 920-946-1260 or wendyhart@lds.net



The final numbers are in on the Baby Greysen fund. The Lions and Lioness of District 27-B1 raised a grand total of \$13,805.87! Wow! There was never a doubt! 30 Lions Clubs, four Lioness Clubs, the Lioness Affiliate, several individual Lions, the District Cabinet, and the King Foundation all contributed to this worthy cause.

After receiving a huge discount from the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, the final device cost was \$5,957.80. The remainder of the donated funds, \$7,848.07, was put into the 27-B1 District Hearing Fund to help other needy people in the District receive hearing aids. So this project not only helped Baby Greysen, but will help many others in the future! Gotta love it!

Greysen's hearing device was ordered on December 15th and arrived at Children's Hospital of Milwaukee on January 2nd. Baby Greysen received his appointment on February 6th!

His parents said "We are in awe of what the Lions and Lioness have accomplished for Greysen and how quickly they

did it! You are amazing and God sent! We are so thankful that words cannot even express it!"

A special thanks from 27-B1 Hearing Chair Wendy Hartmann goes out to all the Lions, Lioness, and the King Foundation for their generous donations to this special project! Said Hartmann, "It is all of you that have once again made this success story possible! You made a huge difference in this baby's life! District 27-B1...you have done a great thing here; you have changed a life for the better!"

Clubs and zones interested in learning more about the 27-B1 Hearing Program should contact Hartmann for a presentation or for information on how to apply for a hearing aid grant.





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27-B1 District Governor Gary Silah gsilah@charter.net 920/960-0882

What a great day I had today! I was naughty and skipped a committee meeting to join several of my fellow MD27 Governors in opening the State Bowling Tournament in Burlington. Okay, so I didn't exactly skip the meeting, I was told by my committee chair that they could manage without me for one meeting.

Traditionally, the District Governors bowl against the State Bowling committee as part of the opening day festivities. A good time was had by all. And the District Governors actually won! Many thanks to the handicap system.

This is something every Lions Club should do every now and then. We work hard for our communities and our clubs, and we should take a break and have some fun with our fellow Lions.

Do a bowling tournament or maybe golf. Score some ball tickets. Or maybe just throw some steaks on the grill and have a picnic. Anything to relax and blow off some steam together. Now that the weather's improving, we need to get out a little. There's nothing like a springtime outing to shed those winter blues. And there's no one better to have a party with than your fellow Lions Club members.

Sure, there are disputes between some of your members. Every club has those. We are all passionate about what we do, and we all have the same goal; to make our club better. We just have differing opinions on how to achieve it. That's fine. That's natural. The important thing is to not let these disputes interfere with the operation of the club and our desire to get the job done.

Never forget, there are two things you will always have in common with your fellow Lions; a dedication to a great and worthwhile cause, and the tremendous achievements you and your fellow members have already given to your community, your District, and Lions International by working together.

So take a moment and do something together.

Have a good time. Relax a little. Enjoy each other's company. You earned it and you deserve it.

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## Opening Eyes Has Made Changes!



This just in! The 2015 Special Olympics Lions International Opening Eyes Program has changed the hours of operation! The Special Olympics Lions International Opening Eyes Program on Saturday, April 11, 2015 now has Volunteer check-in and orientation from 9:30 am -11 am at the Grudenhagen Conference Center (208 Osceola, Oshkosh). Even with the hours changing,

this event is approaching quickly and volunteers are needed! This activity is a beneficial and enjoyable experience for both athletes and volunteers. The new daily schedule is as follows:
• 9:30 - 11 am - Volunteer check-in & Orientation
• 11 am - 5 pm - Opening Eyes venue open (no new athletes after 4 pm)
• 5 pm - Pack-up supplies/equipment

### Looking For A New Leadership Challenge?

District Governor-Elect Marv Henke is currently looking for people to fill cabinet positions for the next Lion year.

If you are interested or want more info, contact him at 920-293-4278 or marvhenke@centurytel.net

## Officer Training

Hear ye, hear ye, the 2015 27-B1 Officer Training will be held in May for all Lions, Lioness and Leos... 27-B1 Training is scheduled for May 2nd and May 5th at the Fond Du Lac Moraine Park Campus (235 N. National Ave., Fond Du Lac 54936-1940).

- Saturday, May 2nd from 9:30 am-Noon
- Tuesday, May 5th from 6:30-8:30 pm A bag lunch and drink will be available with advanced orders and cost. It will be served at 6 pm.

This year's Training will include how Clubs submit their Annual Club Officer Report (PU101) online in the MyLCI system. Other training items will include:

- Use of the LCI website and District website.
- This will also include special training for the logging of Centennial Service Challenge hours and activities. Lions Clubs International will be 100 years old in 2017 and 27-B1 will be celebrating with them.
- Club Presidents will receive hand outs for events and special Community involvement projects.

Lions need to be aware of our commitments to enrich lives of ours through service.

Contact PDG Merle Strelow at Merles3749@yahoo.com or 920-295-2236 to register or with any questions.

## Membership Tutu Challenge

In return the membership chair would have to do a challenge... Many Lions Clubs have decreasing membership. Lions Clubs are not alone in this challenge, but how can this be fixed? Of course the most logic way of getting more members is the old slogan, "Just ask". Sometimes that just isn't enough and Lions need to think outside of the box.

At a recent Brandon Lions meeting there was a challenge brought forward to bring 11 new members, which was double the size of their current club.

### Putting Our Pin Into Action



MANITOWOC CONTINUES TRADITION OF DONATING DICTIONARIES - Each year, the Manitowoc Lions donate dictionaries to the third grade students in the City of Manitowoc. ABOVE: Lion Glenn Pfeiffer (left) and Lion Roger Sisel (right) pose with some of the third graders from Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic School in Manitowoc.

remain committed to helping the city make the park a reality. LOWER LEFT (L to R): Brian Beeck (Sheboygan Falls Lions and Park Board Member), Bob Hackel (Park Board President) and Al Mayer (Sheboygan Falls Lions President).



SHEBOYGAN FALLS DONATES TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL - The Sheboygan Falls Lions, along with Kohler Police Athletic League (KPAL), visited Children's Hospital in Milwaukee on Monday, January 19, to tour the facilities and present them with a donation from our 2014 Oktoberfest event. The Lions Club and KPAL will be partnering with Children's Hospital in the future and looking for additional ways to support the Hospital and all that they do for children and their families. ABOVE: Gary Beaudoin (Oktoberfest Chair - Sheboygan Falls Lions), Al Mayer (President - Sheboygan Falls Lions), Bob Heirs (President - KPAL) and Jeff Romanoski (Oktoberfest Chair - KPAL).



SHEBOYGAN FALLS HELPS MAKE PARK A REALITY - The Sheboygan Falls Lions recently made a donation of \$5,000 to the Park Board to help them reach their goal of \$25,000 in matching funds which was required for a grant they received from the county. Helping to make the park on Bluebird Lane a reality is one of the Lions Club priorities and the members

## What Do You Know?

1. What is the name of the Leader Dogs for the Blind quarterly newsletter for Lions? (*The Mane Event*)
2. What is the name of the President & CEO for Leader Dogs for the Blind? (*Susan M. Daniels*)
3. What were the first 2 breeds used as Leader Dogs? (*Dobermans & German Shepherds*)
4. What is the annual budget for Leader Dogs for the Blind? (*\$11 million*)
5. What percentage of the annual budget is donated by Lions? (*20%*)
6. What is the combined percentage of the annual budget that comes from State, Federal and United Way? (*Zero*)
7. How many days do clients spend on campus training with their Leader Dog? (*26 days*)
8. How much does it cost a client/student to obtain a Leader Dog? (*Zero; all costs are covered by Leader Dogs for the Blind*)
9. What is the lead time to produce a Leader Dog Team? (*About 2 years*)
10. What is the gestation period for a dog? (*9 weeks, about 63 days*)



11. How many volunteers are on Campus every day? (*About 50*)
12. How many gallons of Puppy Poop is picked up during an average week in Puppy Land? (*About 57 gallons*)
13. How long does a puppy stay in the care of a Puppy Raiser? (*12-14 months*)
14. How much are Puppy Raisers paid to raise a puppy? (*Zero. They volunteer their services.*)
15. What is the term given to a puppy/dog that does not make it to graduation? (*Career Change*)
16. Approximately how many families in the U.S. and Canada serve as Puppy Raisers? (*450*)
17. Each year Leader Dogs for the Blind recognizes the Lions Clubs who have donated \$5000 or more during the fiscal year, with a certificate, banner patch and pins for every member. What is the name of that award? (*Top Dog*)
18. What is the minimum age to receive a Leader Dog? (*16*)

## Lioness News

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

A recent visit to the Reedsville Lioness Club proved what a group of fantastic ladies they are. The Club put on a chili dinner at the Reedsville Elementary School during the basketball games and if you are in the area next year in February, you will want to check it out. Three Nesco roasters full of all you can eat chili were on the menu. If you're not a chili eater, there were also huge grilled cheese sandwiches available. Attending these great fundraisers and even getting to participate is one of the best parts of serving as Affiliate District President.

The dates for Officer Training have been announced. 27-B1 Training for all Lion, Lioness and Leo officers is scheduled for May 2nd and May 5th at Fond Du Lac Moraine Park Campus, 235 N. National Ave., Fond Du Lac 54936-1940

The Saturday, May 2nd will be held from 9:30 am until Noon

The Tuesday, May 5th session will be held from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm A bag lunch and drink will be available with advanced orders and cost. That will be



served at 6 pm

Please encourage any members who are officers or any who are thinking of becoming involved, to attend. There will be breakout sessions on accessing the online Lions/Lioness website and obtaining information and forms they will be using.

The Lioness will have a display of photos from the Districts in Wisconsin, as many of you submitted photos for the 27-B1 Conference. If you have taken those photos back to your clubs, please resubmit or send them as soon as possible so they can be added to the collage that will be displayed at State Convention in Lake Geneva on May 16, 2015. Send your photos to: ADP Cindy Rank 7498 Howlett Rd Oshkosh, WI 54902 lionesscindy@gmail.com

Thanks to all of you for your continued dedication and service to the Lioness clubs of District 27-B1.





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It's New Officers time for Lions Clubs!

This is an exciting time of year for the clubs. Hopefully, all of you have completed your election process and have some new people in place to move our clubs ahead for another Lions year. Some innovative ideas and some different approaches to what the clubs are doing. Fresh energy gets us all charged up for a new time of giving. This is what keeps our clubs going, moving ahead in our quest to improve our communities and change the lives of the people in them. The work we do is so important, and making our clubs stronger and better is the way to ensure we continue to do this even better that we have before.

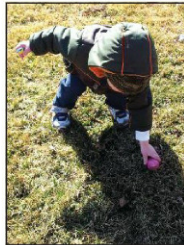
Equally important is the reporting of the new club officers to Lions Clubs International. There are exciting things happening at LCI, particularly now that our 100 year anniversary is approaching, and it is vital that all new Lions Club officers are kept informed of the events and activities going on at every level. But the only way this can happen is for the officers to be reported to International, with current addresses and email contact information, so they can receive the updates and pass them along to club members. Accurate reporting ensures that all the information gets through to the people that need it.

And your District officers can help. We have Officers Training Sessions that go through the reporting process, with easy and clear demonstrations on the club secretaries can keep the flow of information going correctly. If you missed those sessions, please don't hesitate to contact me for assistance. A new program was set up this last year with a person from each District receiving special training and access to assist club secretaries with the reporting process. I'll be doing that job for our District, so if you need anything for this important task, just let me know. I will do whatever has to be done to make sure your reporting gets through accurately.

And club members, please remember that you bear some responsibility to this, as well. If you aren't getting your International or State magazine, be sure to let your club secretary know. If they're not coming, then there is an inaccuracy in your member record and your secretary can take care of it. Also, there are many Lions officers who are not as good with computers as some members. If you are good with the computer, volunteer to assist with the reporting process.

Let's all work together to get our clubs where we want them to be. After all, our goal is the same: To Strengthen The Pride for Lions everywhere.

# District 27-B1 Lions Easter Fun For All



Many Lions Clubs in 27-B1 hosted their annual Easter activities for the children during the weeks leading up to the Easter holiday. It appears that Mother Nature was on the Lions' side during such activities. Even though there were cool days with wind, it was nothing too horrible where the activities had to be cancelled.

The Brandon Lions, in conjunction with the Brandon Fire Department, hosted 130 children during their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4. They also had a visit from the Easter Bunny who was available for hugs and pictures. Four children's bicycles were given away as door prizes.

The Elkhart Lake Lions hosted an Easter Egg Hunt on April 4 at the Sheboygan County Marsh

Park. Sixty children attended, which is down from last year. Easter Bunny made an appearance to entertain the children.

Princeton Lions Annual Easter Egg Hunt that was held on Sunday, March 29, was a cold rainy day with ice in the gravel of the park, but the weather cleared just in time for the hunt. The Lions try not to disappoint the children that come with such excitement on their faces for the hunt. One mother came from Ripon, 18 miles away, so that her three year old daughter could enjoy the hunt. The Lions hid 36 dozen Russell Stover chocolate caramel eggs in the Princeton City Park. After the children found the eggs, they all received a toy and went home happy. Even though the weather was cold, the smiles of the children made the

work well worth it.

The Rosendale Lions teamed up with the Laconia High School National Honor Society to stuff and hide over 900 eggs that more than 100 children enjoyed at the Lions Easter Egg Hunt in Rosendale. Over \$100 in cash prizes, plus all kinds of candy donated by the Rosendale Lions were enjoyed. As you can see from the photos, the children had fun collecting eggs. Past District Governor Tom Koch said, "It was cold and windy, but it did not seem to bother the children."

Addilyn and Isabella Daul were among the 265 kids that showed up at the Annual Wayside-Morrison Lions Easter Egg Hunt at Way-Morr Park Saturday. With a little help from their dad, Adam, they were able to be successful.

"The weather was a bit chilly but didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the egg hunters," according to Lion Marge Fritsch, Chairperson of the event. Over 2,400 eggs were hidden in the park.

The Wild Rose Lions held their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th at Roberts Park starting at noon. There were three Easter baskets for three different age groups and when they found the egg with the special number in it, they won that basket. The Lions make sure no one goes away empty handed with every child getting a bag of candy, and of course, they get to keep all the eggs they find.

All Lions Clubs thank everyone who volunteered and made these events possible. They hope that people return again next year!

## Berlin Lions Step In To Fill A Need



A GREAT PROJECT FOR THE COMMUNITY & LIONS ALIKE - Top: Lion Greg Blaskowski and student Riley Johnson conducting the Random Dot E test. BOTTOM: Ann Budde with student Marshall Hess conducting vision screening.

Vision screening for school children had been provided by Green Lake County for many years. With budget cuts, the screening stopped. The Berlin Lions Club sent Lion Greg Blaskowski, his wife Celeste and All Saints Teacher Jill Jensen to vision screening certification class sponsored by Lions International. The Berlin Lions Club paid for the materials and supplies needed to conduct vision screening. This year, the Club was able to conduct vision screenings on every child at All Saints Catholic School.

With the help of volunteers, Ann and Larry Budde, Nancy Schmitz, Jill Jensen, Celeste and Greg Blaskowski, vision tests were conducted on 166 children with 31 referrals for further professional vision testing.

One test in particular, called the Stereopsis Test (also called the Random Dot E test), checks to see if both eyes are working together. If gone uncorrected, this results in a condition called "Lazy eye", which could result in the loss of vision in one eye. This is a condition that needs to be treated at a very young age in order to correct the problem. This year, 10 young children were referred on for further vision evaluation.

Lions International and the Berlin Lions Club are committed to serving the needs of the community through vision screening.

Send all your club news, events & photos of Lions

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### Putting Our Pin Into Action



**SHERWOOD LIONESS BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT** - by Bonnie Goeser - On February 28, the Sherwood Lioness held their 11th Annual Bean Bag Tournament at Waverly Beach, Menasha. Fourteen teams squared off at noon to battle for cash prizes and bragging rights. Also available were basket bucket raffles, 50/50 raffles, 10-liners and a booze raffle. In addition, most received an invaluable door prize. This is the Club's main fundraiser and funds local service projects.

**THE FOND DU LAC EVENING LIONS FIRST FLEA MARKET OF THE 2015 SEASON WAS MARCH 22ND** - The Market, worked in conjunction with the Fond du Lac Lioness, is one of the major fundraisers for both organizations. This year, the Clubs are working to rebrand the Market, expanding to a Community Market that will encompass antiques, farmers market and crafts into the show. It is hoped that the expanded market will spark renewed interest in the event. The next Community Market will be Sunday, May 17th at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds. See you there!

### What A Great Organization

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



Club visits have been going well and have provided opportunities to meet so many wonderful people. My travels have taken me to Kingston, Wautoma for the Neshkoro Lioness Club, Sherwood and Ripon. All of these groups have one thing in common... they have Lioness members who care about their communities and their clubs. Thank you for inviting me to join you.

New officers should be elected by now and officer training takes place in Fond du Lac at Moraine Park Technical College on May

2nd and May 5th. State Convention is being held in Fontana on Lake Geneva, May 14th - 16th. Get your reservations in if you haven't already. You can find more information on the front page and page 4 of this issue.

The Spring Banquet will be held on June 14th at the Van Dyne Lions Park in Van Dyne.

Thank you to everyone who helped me during my Presidency. I have truly enjoyed all of the events, club visits and people I have met in the past year. This is truly a great organization and I am proud to be a part of it.





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Well, here I am, in my last month as District Governor, and I've got to tell you: I can't believe how fast this year has gone.

It does seem like just last month when I was at the International Convention in Toronto, completing training and preparing for my year, full of lofty ideas and great ways I could work towards making this fine District even better. And I did get some good things done, and I did run out of time for others, but overall I think it was a good year. I met a lot of great Lions and saw the operation of the great clubs in this District. I learned a lot about being a Lion, and hopefully helped other members learn a little, too.

Of course, this year did begin a little tumultuously, and I certainly wasn't as prepared as I should have been for this task. That it was successful at all is directly related to the help and support I have had from this great District, and I would like to take a moment here to show some appreciation. I won't name names here; I have a limit on the size of this column, and it wouldn't fit, so I'll just be general about it.

First of all I'd like to thank my Secretary-Treasurer and the members of the Cabinet. Under most circumstances, this is a highly dedicated and hard-working group. Under a very unprepared Governor, it's twice as difficult. These wonderful Lions rose to the challenge and gave me everything I needed and then some. Thanks to you all.

Leadership in this District has always been exceptional, and we are blessed with a group of Past District Governors here that are still active and willing to help out in every way. They were helping me constantly, not only when I asked, but actually anticipating when I'd run into trouble and guiding me through it.

And even outside the District, we have exceptional people running our State and International Lions offices, and they were always there to assist the new boy, making it possible for the District to run smoothly.

And then we have the extraordinary group of people who run the other nine Districts in Wisconsin, guided by our Council Chair. To every one of them, I say thank you for your patience, your support, and your willingness to help out.

And finally, I wish to thank every 27-B1 Lion, Lioness and Leo. It is your hard work and dedication that makes Lions the best service organization in the world. Your efforts this past year made this an exceptional District, and made me proud.

I'll still be around, joining the PDGs working toward the betterment of 27-B1, but I will always cherish this special year and all the members who worked so hard to help me through it.

# It's Only A Hug! Opening Eyes Final Numbers

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This is a personal story of how one Lion Past District Governor serves as a Lioness and is soon to be 27-B1 Lioness Affiliate District President.

To introduce myself, I am the new Lioness ADP for the next year. Yes, I am a man, and yes, I am a PDG.

When a Lioness sitting at my table asked how a man can be a Lioness, Lioness Patti Weber gave this answer, "Why can't he be a Lioness, all you need is a heart."

As Lioness we have hearts the size of a full moon with just as bright smiles to go with it. When we don't have the money to buy items needed, we buy the material and make the items. I will never forget when the Restoring Hope Transplant House needed certain items and some Lioness got out their sewing machines and handmade the items needed until they filled a van with everything they made.

A few months ago I revived the Neshkoro Lioness Hug Card and brought them to the State Convention for the Lioness to hand out. I received more



enjoyment than I could have dreamed of. Almost everywhere I looked there was someone with a Lioness Hug Card. After our general meeting, I challenged all Lionesses to hand out as many as I did, which at the time was 200 that I printed for myself. One Lioness stood up and looked at me and said I will have that by the end of the day. She held up her name tag and turned it around showing a Lioness Hug Card and said, I love hugs and I got seven of them from people I did not know just by showing them the card on the way to this meeting.

When others saw the cards, they laughed, smiled or took a card and handed it to someone,

just to get a hug. Friendship, fellowship and togetherness; just a few things we can share because of a simple card and a hug to go with it. A hug can do so much; give comfort, give praise, reassure someone that everything will be okay or simply to say hello. A simple gesture that means so much to others, are we sure that "it's only a hug?"

I want to thank all of you for giving me this opportunity to share my passion of being a Lioness. It's going to be a great year with lots of great things and successes for the Lioness of 27-B1. I look forward to working with you all to strengthen our Lioness Clubs.



**VOLUNTEERS AGAIN MADE OPENING EYES A HUGE SUCCESS - On Saturday, April 11, 2015, the Special Olympics Lions International Opening Eyes Program screened 144 athletes. Of those, 87 athletes received prescription eyewear. Sixty-one volunteers, including Lions Members, were on hand to make this event a success.**

## Why a Lioness/Lion?

I'm a Lioness/Lion as you can see,

But why is this important, especially to me?

It makes me feel needed and of use, I can help alleviate suffering, waste and abuse.

I get involved with people in need, I give of myself and forget about greed.

For I know that I'm helping in a special way,

The deaf and the blind each and every day.

I share and I give in my own fashion, The Love of Lioness/Lions, their time and compassion.

It's a special opportunity, as you can see,

To share my one gift And that gift is ME.

## Putting Our Pin Into Action



**PRINCETON LIONS 9 PIN TAP TOURNAMENT BENEFITS LOCAL WOMAN**

The Princeton Lions held a nine pin tap bowling tournament Saturday, April 18, 2015, at the Stars and Strikes four lane bowling alley in Princeton. The funds were earmarked for Linda Nimphius a local lady fighting cancer. Her cost for chemo therapy is quite expensive, and not all covered by insurance. She also has two sons that are disabled. Her husband works hard to keep the family running.

Ten Lions started the day at 11 and they all worked until 8 pm. Six more Lions came in to work part of the day, totaling over 100 hours of service that day. Many other hours were spent soliciting businesses for prizes, and working up advertisements, and cooking the lunch and dinners for the bowlers and patrons that bought tickets.

The final tally was just \$80 short of \$3,000. The Sunday after, two Lion families thought that just didn't sound right, so



**WAYSIDE MORISON LIONS ANNUAL BOOYAH, BRAT & BURGER FED THE MASSES on Sunday, May 3rd at Way-Morr Park. The beautiful weather brought out droves of hungry customers and the event was sold out by 11:30 pm. ABOVE: Lions Ray Siebert and Clarice Hacka stirring the booyah.**

they paid \$40 each to bring the total up to \$3,000. That's what Lions do. A big thank you to Rick and Laurie and Ron and Sherry. This is the largest amount the Club ever made from this yearly fundraiser. Each year, the Club designates how the money raised will be allocated. This year was special in that a friend and neighbor in need could be helped. Lions serve and we help the community and we donate to Lions Camp, Leader Dog and Eye Bank, but it is so good to help families in need.

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Commerce where Dietz co-chairs one of the committees. They are active in the community, and are a real asset to Princeton and huge supporters of the Princeton Lions Club.

**APPLETON NOON SUPPORTS VISION PROJECTS - The Appleton Noon Lions Club will be transporting eyes in June. So far, 2,572 small people have been screened this year. A big thank you to Dave Lee and helpers who have done a fantastic job being a "Knight of Sight."**

## Where there's a need, there's a Lion

### Events

**JUNE SUN, JUN 14 - Lioness Spring Banquet** at 9 pm - Monday, June 15 @ 12 am - Van Dyne Lions Park.

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