



**District 27-B1 Cabinet 2013-2014**

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2013-2014

Row 1

Diane Henke  
Marv Henke  
Jim Zamzow  
Dawn Christensen, PDG  
Jamie Christensen  
Meg Post, IPDG  
Jerry Post, PDG  
Gary Silah

Row 2

Michael De Baere  
Vic Voigt, PDG  
Jeannette Junk  
Donna Stoeger, AP  
Myra Schneider  
Madonna Schneider  
Ken Wallander, PDG  
Wendy Hartmann  
Gregory Bielski  
Tom Clausen, PDG  
Gary Colton, PDG

Row 3

Gary Roehrig  
Vern Pautz, PDG  
Mike Helmke  
Helen Mork  
Phil Weber  
Gerry Schmidt  
Fred Gebhart  
Dave Holschbach  
Ken Rhode, PDG

**District 27-B1 Cabinet Meeting  
Sunday, August 5, 2012**

**Call to order at 1:11 P.M. – DG Dawn Christensen**

**Pledge of Allegiance – IPDG Meg Post**

**Song & Prayer – Lion Diane Henke**

**Introduction of Guests – DG Dawn**

Past International Director Mark Hintzman

Int. Director Elect Karla Harris and partner in service Clarence

**Installation of Cabinet Members – PID Mark Hintzman**

**AWARDS PRESENTATIONS**

Presentation of a special award by Immediate Past District Meg Post and PID Mark, a leadership medal (3rd largest award from International) to Lion Helen Mork.

Presentation of two Melvin Jones fellows to Lion Kay Quinn and PDG Leonard Quinn.

Presentation by DG Dawn to Meg for her excellent service to the District last year; also, PDG Vern Pautz for his work as LCI coordinator.

International Director endorsed candidate Karla Harris spoke about the Stuff the Bus event on 8/17. International President will be coming; he is doing meetings with club presidents, zone chairs and women in Lions.

**Approval of Agenda & Opening Remarks – DG Dawn**

Motion by Lion Sandy King, seconded by PDG Merle to approve the agenda as corrected; passed.

International President's theme this year is "Follow Your Dream"; "Youth are the Future" is DG Dawn's theme. Also, Dawn has set a goal of creating a campus club in Fond du Lac in conjunction with the three universities in FDL.

**Roll Call – Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Gary Silah**

Each cabinet member and guest stood and identified themselves and their position on the cabinet.

**Cabinet minutes from last meeting**

Motion by Lion Helen, to approve; passed.

**Treasurers Report – Sec-Treas Gary**

Motion by PDFG Tom, seconded by Lion Greg, to approve the budget as submitted--passed.

**Tail Twister – Lion Helen Mork**

Thanks for everyone wearing red sock, green anywhere for the next meeting; Bingo game following the meeting, \$1 per card; this meeting's money to go equally to camp, LCIF, Hope House, Diabetes and eye bank. Rules for reports, three minutes maximum. Motion by PDG Merle, Lion Jerry Pierce, to accept; passed.

**Communications – DG Meg Post and Cabinet Sec/Treasurer Gary**

Valders 75th Anniversary; thank you from Raising Hope House for our donation.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Budget proposal for 2013-2014; motion by PDG Tom, seconded by PDG Vern, to accept the budget as submitted; passed.

**Committee Reports**

**Vice District Governor – Lion Jim Zamzow**

It's good to hear about everything going on in the clubs in our district; remind them to keep their meeting fun and interesting.

**2nd Vice District Governor – Lion Marv Henke**

LCI is still lacking officer information from Berlin, Hilbert, Packwaukee, Redgranite, Waldo, Wautoma.

**Constitution and Bylaws – PDG Gary Bilke**

No report

**GMT – Lion Mike Helmke**

Membership is all our responsibility; goal for this year is to get each club in 27-B1 to have a positive growth of 1 member; also, we would like to add a campus club (per DG Dawn). LCI is also emphasizing the CEP system of improving the clubs.

**GLT – Lion Dave Holschbach**

No report

**WLF-Lion Fred Gebhart**

Summer camping season is winding down; the Pride Shoot has broken all records this year. Also, a great turnout for the Birch-Sturm golf outing this year (no numbers yet).

August 17th, Fun walk/run/ride, \$25 advance entry, \$30 at the door.

Also, we have the diabetes door hangers, see if you can get the local boy scout troops to help with the door hanger project.

**WLF-PDG Tom King**

Hasn't had his 1st meeting yet; more to come.

**Affiliate President – Lioness Donna Stoeger**

Lioness still going strong. Donna would like to see each Lioness club gain 2 new members by year's end.

**Affiliate Liaison – Lion Gerry Schmidt**

Received some questions as to why Lioness aren't in the directory (they are; just at the very end this year, instead of with their respective districts as previously).

**LCIF – PDG Vern Pautz**

Happy and unhappy to report a \$20,000 from 27-B1 last year (goal was \$25,000). And that's with only 30 clubs participating. We need the zone chairs to fire the rest up.

**USA/ Canada Leadership Forum – PDG Gary Colton**

This year September 19th-21st, in Overland Park, Kansas. A good forum to develop leaders; good place for open exchange of ideas. This year, there will be a bus going to the forum; it's starting in Pulaski, with stops in Appleton, Fond du Lac and Madison for the trip; cost about \$100 per person.

**Lions Pride – Lion Myra Schneider**

"Today's Help - Tomorrow's Hope" is the theme. \$4.2 million in funds available. Keep in mind that almost 80% of the funding is from individuals, instead of clubs.

Last year, 32 campers were sent to camp, just through the interest on the fund; this year, it will be 45. There have been 50 recipients so far of the new Ray Hempel fellowship.

For a couple years in a row, we had 100% participation in Pride from the 27-B1 clubs; we did not have that last year. Let's see if we can do that again.

**Youth Exchange – Lion Sandy King**

Was at the youth camp last week. 49 youths this year, representing 25 countries. Program only costs about \$1,700 per district, so if we could get \$20-30 per club, we're set. Always looking for host families.

**Special Olympics – PDG Ken Wallander**

Summer Olympics was held at Stevens Point; 323 athletes were there; Lions gave out 185 pair of dress glasses, 97 pair sports goggles, 4 pair of piano glasses and 6 pair of sunglasses. Next year the winter olympics will be Saturday April 5th in Oshkosh, and the summer olympics will be Friday, June 6th. They could use about 50 volunteers for the events. Contact PDG Ken if you're interested.

**Leo Chairman – Lion Joe Barth**

Needs invitations to speak at clubs; his goal is to visit about 25% of the clubs this year.

**Peace Poster – Lion Sandy King**

Working on it, but we definitely needs more clubs to participate

**Diabetes/LEPH/Sight Conservation – Lion Bonnie Strelow**

Is ready to go, let clubs know she is available for presentations

**Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling – Lion Wendy Hartmann**

As of 7/1, there are 9 applications for assistance; 3 approved, 1 denied, 5 are still pending. Wendy is available to speak at club and zone meetings; however, please note new phone number, (920) 946-1260 (they have dropped their land line).

**Lions Eye Bank of WI – Lion Phil Weber (by PDG Tom)**

A little down on donors so far, but UP on placements

**Mission to Mexico –Lion Ralph Schneider**

They are still accepting materials donations, but storage space is a problem; check with Ralph if you have anything. Lion Pat Knier is getting a group ready to go to Honduras in February. They are attempting to start a clinic down there, so Lion Pat is looking for medical supplies as well as windows, doors, wire and electrical supplies, and other building materials. Eyeglasses collections are badly needed.

**Leader Dog - Lion Jim McGee**

Not able to attend. We didn't get 100% participation this year, and donations are down about \$3,000 from the previous year.

**Leader Dog - PDG Len Quinn**

Still working with Leader Dog this year, but cutting down considerably. B.J. Blanick, a Lion from Sheboygan, is taking over a lot of it.

Also, the kennel roof collapsed, and needs to be replaced. The new design will make for a better training environment. The first bid was \$27,000,000, which was rejected out of hand. The new one they are working with was eight million, and they already have 3 million donated towards this project.

**QUEST - PDG Vern Pautz**

We have a great QUEST program, but we need to sell it. LCI has produced an excellent brochure, which should be taken and distributed by all the zone chairs.

**District Raffle – Lion Mike DeBaere**

The tickets are all printed, and will be sent out to all clubs with the convention information in early September.

**State Lions Convention – IPDG Merle Strelow**

At the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells; there are discounts for early registration. The rooms and blocked now, so reserve early. When you reserve, however, it is charged immediately to your card. \$99 for Thursday, \$119 for Friday, \$138 for Saturday.

### **District Convention – Lion Gary Silah**

There was considerable discussion this year as to whether we are having a conference or a convention; according to Lion Dave Holschbach, there is no difference with the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc as far as what we call it. Rather than burden the zone chairs with distributing the information this year, we will be mailing a packet of information to club secretaries. But zone chairs, please make a note to talk to your clubs about providing photographs of deceased members for the necrology; it makes a very beautiful presentation.

PDG Jerry announced that we are trying something new this year, with special entertainment for Friday night hospitality; a magician-comedy act.

### **District and State Bowling – Lion Bill Hilbert**

The Sheboygan Noon Lions will be your hosts this year for the annual bowling event; we hope to see many clubs participate this year. Registration sheets will be sent out to the clubs in November, and they will be available from the website as well. The event will be at Lakeshore Lanes in Sheboygan on Sunday, January 28th at 12 noon, and Saturday, February 1st at 12 noon, and one additional on Super Bowl Sunday, February 2nd at 11 a.m. (Gambler Sunday!) so there are plenty of options.

The 63rd annual Wisconsin State Lions Bowling Tournament will be in Menominee this year. Forms will be available soon on the state website.

Special thanks to the Poy Sippi Lions for an excellent job this past year.

### **Public Relations - PDG Jerry Post**

Passed out a sheet of article assignments; thanks in advance for these. If you are not on the list, don't hesitate to write an article anyway.

### **Information Technology – PDG Tom Clausen**

Let the clubs know that I can help them design a website through eclubhouse.com; it takes about an hour to create, and is very easy to update. We only have twenty clubs that have a web page; that means 50 clubs are not getting this free publicity.

### **Pin Chairman – Lion Wendy Hartmann**

The District Pin is now in the hands of the Lion Rich Koch. There had to be some adjustments; they only allow 6 colors without an additional charge. We need entries for next year; encourage clubs to enter.

### **District Bucket Raffle – PDG Meg Post**

I'm designing an insert page for the convention packets going to the clubs. Also, would appreciate an email reminder sent to all the clubs in October to help remind them and increase club participation.

### **Historian – PDG Tom Clausen**

The entire District's history is available on the website when it's needed. Now all the cabinet photos and names have been put in a book as well as added it to the site.

### **Elections & Nominations – Lion Ralph Schneider**

Need nomination papers for all candidates, including bowling and convention sites, 30 days before the convention.

### **Zone Chairmen Reports:**

#### **Region 1 Zone 1-Lion Fred Gebhart**

Clubs have been busy this summer with golf outings and parades; all doing well.

#### **Region 1 Zone 2-Lion Joe Barth**

Summer a busy time for clubs; his first zone meeting will be October 2nd, and he is experimenting with a new format, doing a learning meeting.

#### **Region 1 Zone 3-Lion Jeanette Junk**

Looking forward to her first year as zone chair; the zone is working the Manitowoc County Fair, using the profits for the Raising Hope house, as well as a 3rd grade dictionary project and a hope house for homeless people in Manitowoc.

#### **Region 2 Zone 1-Lion Mike Helmke**

Clubs very busy, and making sure that the events and well publicized. All say they need members. The Cleveland club is having a 50th Anniversary in October and the Town of Sheboygan is celebrating their 5th.

#### **Region 2 Zone 2-Lion Madonna Schneider**

Most of the clubs in the zone take the summer off; they resume in August and September.

#### **Region 2 Zone 3-Lion Gary Roehrig**

Clubs very busy right now. The first zone meeting will be September 9th in St. Cloud.

#### **Region 3 Zone 1-Lion Larry Fredrick**

Absent

#### **Region 3 Zone 2-Lion Gary Silah**

Clubs are in hibernation for the summer; the first zone meeting will be in Fond du Lac. The zone is one member down according to LCI's latest report.

#### **Region 3 Zone 3-Lion Kenneth Rivers**

Summer busy for his clubs. 1st meeting will be in October.

#### **Region 4 Zone 1-Lion Mike De Baere**

All clubs busy with summer activities. Next meeting will be late September.



**Region 4 Zone 2-Lion Greg Bielski**

All clubs have projects coming up. 1st meeting September 12th. In membership, we lost 2 but gained 1, so not doing too badly.

**Region 5 Zone 1-Lion Carl Rasmussen**

All clubs are active except for Packwaukee; no news from there. His clubs are planning to participate in the Stuff the Bus project.

**Region 5 Zone 2-Lion Jeff Reabe**

No report

**Other Business:**

Governor Dawn would like to see all zone chairs do the Club Excellence Process training; it's about 2 hours. We should work on a time that all the zone chairs could be trained at the same time; possibly at the convention?

There was some discussion about moving the time of voting at the convention. It is in the district policy manual for it to be at the end, but this can be altered by the cabinet. Motion by PDG Jerry Post, seconded by PDG Ken Wallander, to leave the times as they have been - passed.

PDG Vern made a motion to have the District put \$1,000 back into LCIF; after a discussion, there was no second to the motion.

Next meeting will be Sunday, November 10 at 8 a.m., in Manitowoc following the District Convention.

**District 27-B1 Cabinet Meeting  
Sunday, November 10, 2013**

**Call to order at 8 a.m. – DG Dawn Christensen**

**Pledge of Allegiance – IPDG Meg Post**

**Song & Prayer – Lion Diane Henke**

**Introduction of Guests – DG Dawn**  
Council Chair Sue Doell

**Roll Call – Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Gary Silah**

Each cabinet member and guest stood and identified themselves and their position on the cabinet.

**Cabinet minutes from last meeting**

Motion by PDG Tom King, seconded by Lion Ralph Schneider, to approve the minutes as distributed—passed.

**Treasurers Report – Sec-Treas Gary**

Approved as submitted

**Tail Twister – Lion Helen Mork**

Collected \$328 from the District Convention

The tail twister budget should be met after this morning's meeting

Everyone wear a scarf for the next meeting or be fined

**Communications – DG Meg Post and Cabinet Sec/Treasurer Gary**

None

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Committee Reports**

**Vice District Governor – Lion Jim Zamzow**

Thought the convention went well, but was wondering why there wasn't any Welcome Lions banner in front of the hotel; something the committee should have a look at for next year. Also, few clubs are bringing their banners to Convention.

**2nd Vice District Governor – Lion Marv Henke**

4 clubs remain that still have not reported their officers for 2013-2014.

**Constitution and Bylaws – PDG Gary Bilke**

No report

**GMT – Lion Mike Helmke**

Has completed three informational presentations since the last cabinet meeting. One club has committed to CEP early next year, and teleconferencing is continuing on a monthly basis. A new program termed 'CEP Light' being developed. More to follow.

**GLT – Lion Dave Holschbach**

Mike and I have been working closely together; by next cabinet meeting, we should have the information for the spring leadership training seminars.

**WLF-Lion Fred Gebhardt**

Directors Meeting coming up; camp needs a new 40 horse motor for the pontoon boat; the deer hide collection is the most important thing going on at the moment

**WLF-PDG Tom King**

A lot of clubs have not yet donated to camp yet this year; zone chairs, please note and encourage your clubs.

**Affiliate President – Lioness Donna Stoeger**

Has seen 6 Lioness clubs so far this year, and many are taking in new members.

**Affiliate Liaison – Lion Gerry Schmidt**

No report

**LCIF – PDG Vern Pautz**

Budget for the current year is set at \$20,000 for 27-B1. Make sure clubs keep LCIF in mind for donations.

**USA/ Canada Leadership Forum – PDG Gary Colton**

The Forum will be in Puerto Rico this coming September 11. There are flights available for around \$400 out of Minneapolis, if you book now. Otherwise, check the internet.

**Lions Pride – Lion Myra Schneider**

I hope you all had an opportunity of view the Pride display during the convention, and had a chance to talk with Dewey and Geri.

Please continue to encourage your clubs and individuals for Pride contributions.

### **Youth Exchange – Lion Sandy King**

Youth exchange was started in Wisconsin. Applications start coming in January to Lion Ray Tweedale of Arizona, who handles incoming youths. Ray puts all the applications on our website for all the Wisconsin Youth Exchange chairs to place with host families. The applications tell us their age, what activities they like, plus a personal letter telling us why they want to come to Wisconsin.

Come to our table if you have questions or want to sign up as a host family.

Youth Exchange is a good recruiter of members! Story of Vlad of Moldova, who went home to start a Leo club. He's on Facebook now with his new Lions Club activities. All started for him in Wisconsin and at our youth exchange camp in Dundee!

### **Special Olympics – PDG Ken Wallander**

Coming up in Oshkosh on April 5th. Last year, they had 48 volunteers, the most ever. They took down the event in 20 minutes.

### **Leo Chairman – Lion Joe Barth**

No report.

### **Peace Poster – Lion Sandy King**

We have 8 peace posters in the hall where you enter to vote today. Voting was based on three criteria: originality, artistic merit, expression of theme "Our World, Our Future".

1st Place winner was from the Sheboygan Noon Club; 2nd place was from Brandon; and the 3rd place winner was from Elkhart Lake.

Our District winning poster will go on to our State Convention in May; from there the Wisconsin winner will go to International. And then the International grand prize winner received a trip to the awards ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations. At the ceremony, the winner receives \$5,000 and an award. Two family members and the sponsoring Lions Club president will accompany the winner to the ceremony. There are also 23 merit award winners chosen from around the world, each receiving \$500.

New peace poster kits are available for the upcoming year from LCI by February.

### **Diabetes/LEPH/Sight Conservation – Lion Bonnie Strelow**

Did a health fair in Berlin that was very successful; the presentation is ready to go, please let clubs know.

### **Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling – Lion Wendy Hartmann**

Be sure to continue with hearing aid collections; we're in the 200% category, which means the people who don't quite qualify for the free program can get a hearing aid at the District's cost. Currently, there are 22 applications; 10 were approved, 3 denied, 2 hit the 200% category (1 withdrew), 2 covered under Medicare, 4 still pending.

### **Lions Eye Bank of WI – Lion Phil Weber**

Has completed 5 club visits and 2 zone meetings. Currently, 20 clubs in 27-B1 are doing cornea transporting, and there are many individuals who are helping out as well.

**Wisconsin Lions Missions –Lion Ralph Schneider**

No missions to Mexico at this time; working on trips to Haiti and Nicaragua. If interested, contact Bill Tautman or Pat Knier. Clubs must keep collecting eyeglasses and medical supplies.

**Leader Dog - PDG Len Quinn**

Lion Jim McGee has resigned, and IPDG Meg Post has assumed the position for the cabinet. Send all checks directly to Meg so they can be charted and passed on. In addition, PDG Jerry is now a State representative for Leader Dog.

Our Puppy Trainer was very popular with convention attendees; \$500 was collected for a Leader Dog brick.

**QUEST - PDG Vern Pautz**

Students are still getting best results, both within the United States and Internationally. No classes are currently scheduled for teacher training. They are having problems finding teachers; most want additional compensation. Currently, an after-school program is in development.

**District Raffle – Lion Mike DeBaere**

Tried mailing out the tickets this year rather than have the zone chairs distribute them; little effect on the participating clubs. The clubs who participate are the same ones year after year.

**State Lions Convention – PDG Merle Strelow**

At the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells this year. Rates are \$99 for Thursday night, \$119 for Friday, and \$129 for Saturday. When you make your reservation, they will charge your credit card with one night's stay immediately.

The State Convention will be at the Paper Valley in Appleton for 2016.

**District Convention – Lion Gary Silah**

233 Lions and Lioness registered for the convention; 205 for lunch, 65 for banquet. The 2014 convention will be held in Oshkosh; their bid won the voting handily.

**District and State Bowling – Lion Bill Hilbert**

No report

**Information Technology – PDG Tom Clausen**

Ran a table at the convention to get clubs to sign up to have a website. Some did, but there are still 40 clubs in our District that have no presence on the web.

**Pin Chairman – Lion Wendy Hartmann**

There was one submission for the voting; Wendy did it on Friday night, as there were no other submissions. Collected \$280 at the convention for pins. Historian PDG Tom needs some pins that were missing from the collection; motion passed to provide the necessary pins. We will need a new pin chair for next year.

**District Bucket Raffle – PDG Meg Post**

We had 37 baskets for prizes this year, making \$1,040. Three baskets that were not picked up were auctioned off; \$91 total was added.

**Historian – PDG Tom Clausen**

All of the history currently available is on the internet

**Elections & Nominations – Lion Ralph Schneider**

108 certified to vote, 97 voted.

Jim Zamzow was elected District Governor for 2014-2015; Marv Henke for 1st Vice; write in for Helen Mork for 2nd Vice; and Fred Gebhardt won a second term for Wisconsin Lions Foundation Director.

Eldorado Lions won the bowling; Pease Poster #1 was first in voting; and Oshkosh Best Western Premier will be the site of the 2014 District Convention.

**ALERT – Lion Chuck Rhein**

Has yet to receive the information from International; will be in touch with the Zone Chairs when ready to begin presentations.

**Zone Chairmen Reports:****Region 1 Zone 1-Lion Fred Gebhart**

All clubs active

**Region 1 Zone 2-Lion Joe Barth**

No report

**Region 1 Zone 3-Lion Jeanette Junk**

Clubs active, next zone meeting November 18th

**Region 2 Zone 1-Lion Mike Helmke**

Zone meetings have been well attended, averaging 35 per meeting. Just completed a zone wide project for Bookworm Gardens; working on a new project for next year.

**Region 2 Zone 2-Lion Madonna Schneider**

Clubs doing well except Waldo, which may not be continuing

**Region 2 Zone 3-Lion Gary Roehrig**

Is working a fundraiser, where every test drive results in a donation. Also had 22 kids for a Lions training program for grade school students.

45 members made the last zone meeting, with Fred Gebhardt the guest speaker.

**Region 3 Zone 1-Lion Larry Fredrick**

Had a training session on using the website for reporting; following the training, every club in the zone was on time with their filings. Next zone meeting will be January 15th.

**Region 3 Zone 2-Lion Gary Silah**

Clubs mostly active, net gain of one member since the last meeting.

**Region 3 Zone 3-Lion Kenneth Rivers**

Two members gained on last report; all clubs active.

**Region 4 Zone 1-Lion Mike DeBaere**

Joint zone meeting in September with Ken; about 18 members attended.

**Region 4 Zone 2-Lion Greg Bielski**

5 new members in zone, but 5 dropped as well. All clubs doing well and very active. Next zone meeting will be January 15th in Markesan.

**Region 5 Zone 1-Lion Carl Rasmussen**

All clubs very active except Packwaukee, which will most likely be dissolving.

**Region 5 Zone 2-Lion Jeff Reabe**

No report

**Other Business:**

PDG Merle Strelow reported on the problems of the Poysippi club. Motion by IPDG Meg, seconded by Phil, to put together a committee of past district governors to meet with the club and attempt to help them solve the problems -- passed.

Tail Twister needs \$25 to meet the year's budget, but there are two more cabinet meetings to go.

Our District has had their State of Wisconsin stolen from another district during the 2012 convention. Cabinet Secretary Gary will get a replacement ordered.

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m..

## Minutes of the Cabinet meeting of January 5, 2014

Called to order by DG Dawn  
Pledge led by IPDG Meg  
Prayer and Song -- Lion Diane Henke  
Introduction of Guests -- DG Dawn

Roll call by CST Lion Gary S.; approval of Cabinet minutes from November 10, 2013; approval of the Treasurer's Report.

Communications - none.

### Old Business:

Poy Sippi club problems; the committee informed the Cabinet that, for now, the club will continue to meet at the bowling alley instead of the alternate location proposed, but the members pushing for the other location will bring it up again. 5 members did resign. The committee will meet with the club again, and DG Dawn proposed that the committee meet immediately before then.

Cabinet and Poy Sippi club member Chuck Rhein protested the comments of the committee and their undue influence on the club, and resigned from the Cabinet and from the Lions organization.

### New Business:

#### Cabinet reports:

DG Elect Jim Zamzow: Jim commented on the upcoming state convention, and the expense of the hotels in the Dells.

1st DG Elect Marv Henke: No report

Constitution and Bylaws PDG Gary Bilke: There is a meeting of the Constitution and Bylaws representatives from all the districts at next week's Council of Governors meeting in Stevens Point. If anyone has any suggestions for this, please let PDG Gary know.

GLT/GMT Lion Mike Helmke: Interest in Club Excellence process is picking up; if anyone knows of a club that might be interested, let him know.

Lion Dave Holschbach: Dean Haas, Mike and Dave have been meeting periodically to discuss how the programs are working in 27-B1. Progress is definitely being made. We are looking for future leaders. Also, Officer Training is scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd and Tuesday, May 6th; we are awaiting confirmation from Moraine Park in Fond du Lac for the event, and are planning to expand the training to include Membership Chairs. We need a presenter for this presentation.



WLF Lion Fred Gebhardt: The new camping season is coming up. Deer Hides collection was up this year, as the website created a great deal of interest. The plan is to expand the functionality for next year. In addition, the Foundation received more than \$11,000 from the Department of Transportation for the Lions license plates.

Lion Tom King: absent

Lioness Affiliate President Donna Stoeger: 5 new members so far, with three more coming. The Affiliate clubs have worked 3,227 hours so far this year, and have donated \$23,051 to Lions and local projects.

Lioness Affiliate liaison Gerry Schmidt: Everything going smoothly, no report

LCIF PDG Vern Pautz: No report

USA/Canada Forum PDG Gary Colton: The event will be in Puerto Rico, which is an expensive travel. Perhaps the clubs can help individuals who wish to attend. PDG Gary has leaflets for the event.

Lions Pride Lion Myra Schneider: Keep Pride donations coming. The new campaign, "Today's Hope is Tomorrow's Help"

Youth Exchange, Lion Sandy King (by Lion Bonnie): They have lots of interest again this year; if anyone wishes to house a family, let Lion Sandy or Lion Bonnie know.

Special Olympics PDG Ken Wallander: Next Special Olympics will be at the Opening Eyes in Oshkosh on Saturday, 4/5. They will be needing about 50 volunteers.

Leo Chairman Lion Joe Barth: No report

Peace Poster Lion Sandy King (by DG Dawn): The time is NOW to get the kits ordered for the start of the fall school year.

Diabetes/LEPH/Sight Conservation Lion Bonnie Strelow: Available for presentations for zone meetings, screenings, or anything else you need.

Sight, Hearing and Eyeglass Recycling Lion Wendy Hartmann: six more applications have been added to the four they already have; 4 accepted, 3 denied but put in the 200% program, 3 still pending.

Lions Eye Bank Lion Phil Weber: Have attended a few club meeting and zone meetings, and have two more zone meetings scheduled. Hope to meet with every zone this year. Please remember LEBW with a donation, and thanks for the past support.

Wisconsin Lions Missions Lion Ralph Schneider: No report

Leader Dog IPDG Meg Post: Everybody met Slider, PDG Len's new dog (Ginger is enjoying retirement). Leader Dog received \$15,865.25 from 27-B1 so far this year (last year \$24,328). Be sure to invite IPDG Meg to zone meetings after February for coming updates.

Quest PDG Vern Pautz: no report

District Raffle Lion Mike DeBaere: Final result \$2,934, and Brandon did not win

State Lions Convention PDG Merle Strelow: Pretty much covered by DG Elect Jim

District Convention Lion Gary Silah: final numbers, 235 registered, 205 for lunch and 65 for banquet, 108 certified to vote, 97 voted. Total net profit from the convention, including raffles and \$2,000 carryover from 2012 convention, \$3,429.20. Lion Gary recommended that the entire amount be carried over to the 2014 convention. Motion by PDG Merle, seconded by PDG Jerry, to carry over the entire amount; passed.

Information Technology PDG Tom Clausen: Each club needs a publicity chairperson, to do articles and update individual club websites. An events button will allow everybody to see upcoming fundraisers and other club activities. Also, the District is now on Facebook.

Newspaper PDG Jerry Post: Please keep sending articles. Also, include photos, which need to be a separate attachment in JPEG format

Pin Chairperson Lion Wendy Hartmann: The new pin design is now in the hands of the manufacturer. The Cabinet will need a new pin chairperson, as Lion Wendy wants to concentrate on the very demanding position of Sight chair

Bucket Raffle IPDG Meg Post: Thanks for the prizes, they resulted in an OUTSTANDING bucket raffle this past year. Zone chairs need to make sure the clubs continue to participate. The Cabinet will need a new bucket raffle chair next year.

Historian, PDG Tom Clausen: Tom has donated a complete set of District 27-B1 pins to the District. The Cabinet thanked Tom for all the work he did and is doing to have the District information on the website.

Elections and Nominations, Lion Ralph Schneider: No report

Region 1 Zone 1, Lion Fred Gebhardt: The zone donated seven pair of Waders to the Camp for volunteers to use to put out the piers in the spring. Next meeting will be in February.

Region 1 Zone 2, Lion Joe Barth: No report

Region 1, Zone 3: Lion Jeanette Junk: No report

Region 2 Zone 1, Lion Mike Helmke: His zone is very active, with a number of anniversary and Christmas parties.

Region 2 Zone 2, Lion Madonna Schneider: Thanks to PDG Len Quinn for an uplifting and inspirational message to the Waldo Lions Club, who felt so energized they picked up four new members. Next zone meeting will be January 30th.

Region 2 Zone 3, Lion Gary Roehrig: all clubs are active, and are at a +4 in membership.

Region 3 Zone 1, Lion Larry Fredrick: Next meeting January 15th, with Dean Haas the guest speaker.

Region 3 Zone 2, Lion Gary Silah: Clubs doing OK, Lions clubs have no change in membership (although two clubs are behind in their reporting), but the Lioness Club did pick up 1. Next meeting in Fond du Lac.

Region 3 Zone 3, Lion Kenneth Rivers: Currently plus 10 in membership. Next meeting January 29th, combined with Lion Mike DeBaere's zone.

Region 4 Zone 1, Lion Mike DeBaere: Next meeting 1/29 with Ken.

Region 4 Zone 2, Lion Greg Bielski: all clubs active. Go Packers!

Region 5 Zone 1, Lion Carl Rasmussen: The cold winter has benefited many of his clubs, who are involved in ice fishing tournaments.

Region 5 Zone 2, Lion Jeff Reabe: Gain of four members. Some have had troubles in reporting. Next meeting to be scheduled shortly.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

DG Dawn reported that the Waldo club is working hard to rebuild, and has a good chance to succeed. Like many clubs, there is one member who is proving to be a problem.

Next meeting Sunday, April 27th at Cascade. Bring a baseball glove, tennis racket, or golf club to avoid a fine. Cabinet photo will be taken; suit and tie attire preferred.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes of the Cabinet meeting of April 27th, 2014

Called to order by DG Dawn at 1 p.m.  
Pledge led by IPDG Meg  
Prayer and Song -- Lion Diane Henke  
Introduction of Guests -- DG Dawn

Roll call by CST Lion Gary S.  
approval of Cabinet minutes from January 5, 2014  
approval of the Treasurer's Report

Tail Twister Helen Mork thanked the Cabinet for being so generous this year; also, Helen has been named State Tail Twister for the convention in Wisconsin Dells next month.

Communications - none.

New Business:

Motion by 2nd VDG Marv, seconded by Lion Helen, to have PDG Gary Colton audit the books for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014--passed

Motion by Lion Dave Holschbach, seconded by PDG Ken Wallander to transfer \$1,000 to the new account for next year -- passed.

Lion Helen Mork announced that, for health reasons, she is withdrawing as 2nd Vice District Governor. This is accepted with deep regret by the Cabinet. Helen will return as tail twister for the 2014-2015 Cabinet.

Lion Greg Bielske asked for assistance to set up a booth at the Green Lake County Fair for July 31st through August 3rd, for the purpose of informing the public of the activities of the Lions Club and hopefully to attract new members. He asked the Cabinet for advice on what to present at the fair. PDG Jerry recommends the CD from Leader Dog.

Cabinet reports:

DG Elect Jim Zamzow: There are some changes coming up as far as the Cabinet is concerned; they are all up to the Cabinet, though. Also, we should look at notifying the candidates for 2nd Vice if there will be competition for the position; the way it's done now, you usually find out if there is anyone running against you at the convention.

1st DG Elect Marv Henke: Attended the convention earlier this month for 21-C2; they had 385 Lions, Lioness, Leos and guests registered. Marv is wondering if there is anything we can do to boost our attendance; the Convention Committee will analyze what can be done.

Constitution and Bylaws PDG Gary Bilke: no report.

GMT Lion Mike Helmke: We need to get clubs introduced to Club Excellence process; we're building it into the officers training. Working on Club Excellence and Club Excellence Lite programs.

GLT Lion Dave Holschbach: Officers Training Saturday, May 10th and Tuesday, May 13th in Fond du Lac. Advance registration is coming in slowly. Looking at adding a membership module.

WLF Lion Fred Gebhardt: Visitation Day on Wednesdays this season; two sessions, 10-2 and 4-8. The available dates are filling up quickly. Work day at Camp is this Saturday, May 3rd. If you're interested in helping, let Fred know. The new Totem Pole will be completed in May, and another expansion is planned, including a 60x80 increase in the Memorial Building. This will put all camp operations under one roof.

Lioness Affiliate President Donna Stoeger: Has only 4 more clubs to visit this year; all the clubs are doing great. The Spring Banquet is Sunday, June 8th.

Lioness Affiliate liaison Gerry Schmidt: No report. Gerry does not intend to do the liaison job again next year.

LCIF PDG Vern Pautz: Disaster Relief needs have been way down so far this year. They are working on a measles inoculation education program; there is a matching funds donation to work with.

USA/Canada Forum PDG Gary Colton: Puerto Rico is the site for the September forum. Any Lion who is interested in moving ahead to leadership positions should attend, and the forum is the finest training offered. On 6/1, the registration price increases by \$20.

Lions Pride Lion Myra Schneider: Pride presented a 7.9 million dollar check to the foundation. There will be a Lions Pride fundraiser on June 14th, help needed to work it. Also, a Pride Motorcycle Ride is scheduled for 7/22.

Youth Exchange, Lion Sandy King: No report

Special Olympics PDG Ken Wallander: Opening Eyes event in Oshkosh had 126 athletes and 12 volunteer optometrists and 29 volunteer Lions (which was way down from the usual volunteers)

Leo Chairman Lion Joe Barth: No report

Peace Poster Lion Sandy King: No report

Diabetes/LEPH/Sight Conservation Lion Bonnie Strelow: Just completed a presentation in Pickett for a zone meeting. There is interest in setting up a Stride Walk and community blood sugar testing.

Sight, Hearing and Eyeglass Recycling Lion Wendy Hartmann: 10 applications currently; 1 denied, 1 approved, 2 qualified for partial payments, 6 still pending. Total for the year: 40 total, 12 denied, 20 approved, 4 partial, 6 were directed through Medicare. The partial payment option is new this year.

Lions Eye Bank Lion Phil Weber: Attending club and zone meetings. Numbers way up for the year.

Wisconsin Lions Missions: No report

Leader Dog IPDG Meg Post: Doing well with donations so far this year, \$20,684 for District so far. The kennel redesign project is proceeding as planned this spring.

Quest PDG Vern Pautz: Quest program is now in 85 countries. We need more 27-B1 schools to participate. A Mishicot local school is participating.

District Raffle Lion Mike DeBaere: Planning for November; seeking Cabinet's opinion on the option, mailing information packets to clubs, or sending them through the zone chairmen. Definite agreement on mailing.

State Lions Convention PDG Merle Strelow: the convention schedule is on the state's website.

District Convention Lion Gary Silah: Scheduled for November 14th and 15th in Oshkosh.

Information Technology PDG Tom Clausen: Still trying to get clubs to create a website, which is the modern equivalent of yellow pages advertising, and what the younger generation use when they want information

Newspaper PDG Jerry Post: Has enjoyed doing the newspaper, very rewarding but very challenging. Keep sending in articles!

Pin Chairperson Lion Wendy Hartmann: Design set, will be sending to the manufacturer in June. This will be Wendy's last year as pin chair, as she wants to concentrate on the hearing and eyeglass position.

Bucket Raffle IPDG Meg Post: did very well last year, but a larger room will be needed.

Historian, PDG Tom Clausen: All the history is now posted on the website. In addition, a complete pin collection is now there as well.

Elections and Nominations, Lion B.J.: No report

Region 1 Zone 1, Lion Fred Gebhardt: all clubs are active, and the zone donated \$500 to Restore Hope House

Region 1 Zone 2, Lion Joe Barth: No report

Region 1, Zone 3: Lion Jeanette Junk: Membership up for zone

Region 2 Zone 1, Lion Mike Helmke: Intends to put together zonewide project, and they are coming together to do more. Next meeting 4/28

Region 2 Zone 2, Lion Madonna Schneider: clubs doing well. Next meeting 5/29

Region 2 Zone 3, Lion Gary Roehrig: all clubs are active, Kiel and Elkhart Lake are working on a Cub club.

Region 3 Zone 1, Lion Larry Fredrick: No report

Region 3 Zone 2, Lion Gary Silah: Clubs doing OK, next meeting in Fond du Lac.

Region 3 Zone 3, Lion Kenneth Rivers: no report.

Region 4 Zone 1, Lion Mike DeBaere: Clubs gearing up for summer events, next meeting this coming Tuesday.

Region 4 Zone 2, Lion Greg Bielski: All clubs active, doing well.

Region 5 Zone 1, Lion Carl Rasmussen: Clubs holding steady, several upcoming events.

Region 5 Zone 2, Lion Jeff Reabe: clubs active, next meeting in May.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

PDG Tom Clausen reported that the Fond du Lac club presented a Knight of Sight fellowship for a doctor from Appleton who donated his services for cornea transplants sponsored through Lions.

Motion by PDG Tom Clausen, seconded by Lion Gary Silah, to congratulate Governor Dawn for her year as District Governor.

Next meeting Sunday, August 3rd, location to be announced.

Meeting adjourned.



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**27-B1 District Governor**  
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"Follow Your Dream" is incoming International President, Barry Palmer's theme for this new Lion year. I'm so hoping that we can all follow our dream to be better Lions, Lioness and Leos; help more people who are less fortunate than ourselves; and ask others who are not yet in our great organization to join us in serving.

I am very honored and excited to be your District Governor and am looking forward to visiting your clubs, zone meetings, events and projects and meeting and working with all of you. I hope to meet each and every one of you during the coming year. Please invite me to your Club.

I think that being a Lion is so much more than just being a club member. It's a state of being that comes from the heart. Lions, Lioness and Leos have heart. It shows every time they serve a brat or pancake with a smile; every time they plant a tree, collect used eyeglasses or clean up a park or roadway; every time a child has greater confidence in themselves at Lions Camp. I love being a Lion and Lioness. Everyone should be one!

Our organization needs higher numbers so that we can, in turn, help more people. Please "Just Ask" someone to attend one of your meetings as a guest, or help with one of your projects. A member of your church, a neighbor or someone you work with perhaps. There are still people out there who don't know who we are or what we do. It's up to us to spread the word.

My theme for the year is, "Youth Are The Future." Please invite youth to help with your service projects and events as they are the future of Lions and need to learn the joy and great satisfaction of serving others.

If you have ever thought about starting a Leo Club in your area, now's the time. We have an excellent Leo Chairperson and a host of other Lions willing and able to help you get one started.

Also, one of my top goals for this year is to start a new Campus Club in Fond du Lac. If anyone would like to help with that undertaking, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you for all you do as Lions, Lioness and Leos. Together, we can discover the best of what's next.

## Cabinet Meetings

AUGUST 4, 2013

Wild Rose

NOVEMBER 10, 2013

Holiday Inn

JANUARY 5, 2014

Van Dyne

APRIL 27, 2014

Cascade

## Lioness Making A Difference

by ADP Donna Stoeger - 920-553-2337 or donnastoeger@charter.net

First of all, thanks to Lioness Diane Schmidt for doing a great job as 27-B1 Affiliate President this past year. She did a wonderful job and will continue to be a great resource for us.

Now that July has arrived, we can start enjoying the beautiful weather that we have been waiting so long for. It is time to look ahead and plan for our coming year. Let's put a little enthusiasm into meetings so our members will enjoy coming and have some fun, too.

Those of you that have club events this summer, be sure to wear your Lioness apparel and pins; it's a good way to brag about your club and recruit members.

Speaking of membership, our Lioness membership has been in decline. Because we need our Lioness to stay strong, we need to reverse this trend. Therefore, the goal is for every club to add two new members this year.

Please invite me to visit your clubs, I look forward to meeting all of you.

"We Need You In Order To Serve."

## Hard Working And Dedicated 27-B1 Lioness

by IPADP Diane Schmidt - 920-553-1228 or dlschmidt@

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As we look back on the last Lioness year, we can all be proud of how hard our Lioness clubs have worked to support their local communities and the Wisconsin Lions Foundation (WLF).

The Lioness clubs are involved in a variety of projects throughout the year. You will find them in a food stand serving brats and hamburgers, ringing bells at Christmas for the Salvation Army, selling food at a Fall Festival food stand or any food stand in your local community this summer.

Lioness are also volunteering in classrooms, assisting younger children with reading, etc., doing vision screening, sponsoring Little League trips, Sunday Suppers, Breakfasts and Bean Bag Tournaments. They continue to collect toiletry items for Wisconsin Lions Missions and lend a helping hand to the elderly.

Some Lioness Clubs also sell flowers, candy or pizza to raise funds. The list is never ending.

As result of all these efforts, the 13 clubs in District 27-B1 have accumulated 5,640 service hours. Donations were made to all the WLF projects that totaled \$16,955 and \$22,686 to their local communities. Without the hard work of our Lioness Clubs, this would not have been accomplished.

We enjoy what we do because we do it to serve others. Remember, "We Serve, Too"

# Meet Our Vice District Governor Team

## Zamzow Takes On The Role of 1st VDG

by 1st VDG Jim Zamzow - 920-361-3015

As of July 1, Lion Jim Zamzow stepped up to the role of 27-B1 1st Vice District Governor. He was 'born a Lion' 17 years ago and tells all what a great feeling it is to be a part of the world's largest service organization.

Zamzow knows first-hand what it is like to be on the receiving side of volunteerism. When his wife was diagnosed with Alzheimer's at age 51, there was many open hearts and hands to help. She passed away six years ago and Zamzow will always remember the kindness given.

He has two daughters, Bonnie and Beth, and has owned Aladdin Cleaner and Laundry for 15 years. After 15 years in the business, working 60 plus hours a week, he is retiring to only 20 hours a week.

Zamzow's philosophy is simple, "In the Lions dictionary the word "I" does not exist. It is the word "we". As Lions, Lioness and Leos we work together to serve our communities to the best of our abilities."

He adds, "I will be a proud Lion when I run to be your District Governor for the year 2014-2015. If you need a speaker or help at any of your functions, do not hesitate to give me a call. Thank you and may you always have open hands and heart to serve others."

## Henke Excited To Serve

by 2nd VDG Marv Henke - 290-293-4278 or marvhenke@centurytel.net



2013-2014 2nd VDG

Marv Henke is looking forward to serving as 27-B1 District Governor. He promises to do his best to help our District continue in the finest tradition of our motto, "We Serve".

Back in 1976, Henke was helping the Neshkoro Lions by pulling their float in various parades with his horses. Eventually, one of the Neshkoro Lions members wanted to know why he was at all the parades, yet wasn't a member of their Lions Club. Henke's response was that

you have to be invited to be a member. Not surprisingly, one of the Lions invited him to join and he has been a Lion since 1978.

Henke served as President of the Neshkoro Lions Club in 1999-2000 and again in 2004-2005. He has also served on the Board of Directors, as Tail Twister, Lion Tamer and on the Membership Committee. At the District level, he served as Zone Chairman for seven years.

He was married in 1957, drafted into the Army in 1958 and was honorably discharged from the Military in 1964. The couple had two sons, Scott (52) and Todd (50) before his wife passed away in 1965.

In 1967, Henke married his wife of 46 years, Diane. They have a son, Ben (45) and a daughter, Crystal (42). They also have four grandsons.

Henke has been a farmer all of his life and lives on the farm he was born on. He has worked with children in his "side job" as a school bus driver for 38 years.

Henke's wife, Diane, is a charter member of the Neshkoro Lioness Club and is also a Berlin Lion; his son Todd is a Neshkoro Lion. Henke is also an honorary member of the Berlin Lions Club.

## Club News & Event



**TWO RIVERS RAMP** - On May 1st, the Two Rivers Lions Club received a letter asking for assistance in the construction of a handicap ramp for a 91 year old Two Rivers woman. The Club voted to approve the purchase of the necessary construction materials and Lions Paul Schmid and Milt Kintopf completed construction of the ramp the week of May 13th. ABOVE: Schmid and Kintopf pose in front of the finished handicap ramp.



**27-B1 LIONS CONTINUE THEIR LIONISM SPIRIT WHILE SPENDING THE WINTER MONTHS IN ARIZONA** as associate members of the Sun City, Arizona Early Birds Lions Club. Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Fridays with a 7:30 am breakfast. ABOVE (L to R): Lion Joe Charney, Maribel Lions Club; Lion Erv Karls, Fond du Lac Lions Club; Lion Alan Depies, New Holstein Lions Club.



**WAYSIDE MORRISON LIONS ANNUAL BOOYAH & BURGER DAY** was held on May 5. Booyah is a very popular treat in northeastern Wisconsin. The chicken booyah is sold either by carry out or eaten on premise. This event has been an annual fundraiser for many years. This year, three 50 gallon kettles of booyah were served in several hours. ABOVE: Lions Ray Siebert and Gary Leick stirring the soup.



**VAN DYNE LIONS 34TH ANNUAL WALLEYE TOURNAMENT** was held June 1, 2013 1st place winner's are Tony Gishkowsky and his partner James Gishkowsky total weight 22.09 lbs. They also won Largest Fish 6.74 lbs. 2nd place Steve

Hungerford and Wyn Steckbauer weight of 20.24 lbs. ABOVE (L to R): Front Tony Gishkowsky, James Gishkowsky, left back Lion Jack Hughes and Lion Tom Wendt.

## Event

JULY

**FRI, JUL 12 - SAT, JUL 13 - Town of Sheboygan Lions 6th Annual Lions Fest** at Firehouse Park-Hwy Y, Sheboygan. Friday from 5-10:30 pm; Saturday from 1-10:30 pm. Beer-Music-Brats-Burgers-Raffles all weekend. Children's Activities - Saturday 1-4 pm. Event will be held rain or shine-under the tent. Proceeds to benefit Firehouse Park.

## WLF Hearing Aid Program

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

The WLF Hearing Aid Program's intent is to help Wisconsin's financially needy individuals with hearing impairments who cannot afford to purchase a hearing aid and do not qualify for any other existing state funded assistance programs. Some of the other assistance programs you should encourage them to try first are:

- Medicaid (Title 19)
- Their local Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)
- GAMP
- Katie Beckett Program (contact local Department of Health & Human Services)
- Badger Care Plus

People in need of assistance should fill out an application which can be obtained from the WLF Office or you can request an application from 27-B1 Hearing Aid Chair Wendy Hartmann.

An applicant's financial eligibility is carefully reviewed by the District Hearing Chairperson and is either approved or denied. The number of eligible people that can be helped depends completely on the amount of funds available in the District Hearing Aid Fund.

The Hearing Aid Program is a very worthy cause and is funded solely through the collection and salvage of old hearing aids and through donations from the District, Zone, and local Lion, Lioness and Leo Clubs. That means donations to the 27-B1 Fund assist people here in 27-B1. Here in 27-B1, checks should



be made payable to WLF, with 27-B1 Hearing Program in the memo line. Checks should then be sent to:

Lion Wendy Hartmann  
17023 Cty. Rd. F  
Kiel, WI 53042

Hartmann will record the donation and send it on to the Foundation.

Clubs are also encouraged to start collecting used hearing aids. Some suggested places to ask are your local churches, pharmacies, funeral homes, nursing homes, and doctors/audiologist/hearing instrument specialists' offices.

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

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

Contact Hartmann if your club or zone would like a presentation, additional information or has questions. You should also contact Hartmann if you hear of a community member in need or hearing aids.





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**27-B1 District Governor Dawn Christensen**  
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Summer. Summer. Summer. It's hard to believe that it's already August and schools all over the country will be starting around the end of this month. Every summer seems to go by quicker.

The start of the new school year is a good opportunity to put into action some of the excellent project ideas put forth by our Immediate Past International President Wayne Madden, through his Reading Action Program as part of last year's "World of Service" theme. The Reading Action Program is a call to all Lions and Lioness to take action to bridge the gaps in the areas of literacy and education. Here are a few project ideas that your Club may want to consider:

- Being a volunteer reader at your local school or library
- Organizing a book drive
- Promoting braille literacy
- Supporting your local schools and libraries in any manner they need

No effort is too small. There are plenty of great project ideas and additional resources on the Lions International website. Some of the Clubs and Zones in our District also donate dictionaries to third grade students at the beginning of each school year, which is a fantastic idea, of a minimal cost and an easy project that also raises awareness of your Club to the community.

Then of course, for the first time ever, Lions Clubs from all across the State have been invited to participate in the one-day "Stuff the Bus" service project on August 17th, 2013. The idea is simple. Lions partner with their local school. They set a day and location to collect school supplies and/or books. They invite the community to help them "Stuff the Bus." And then they deliver the supplies to the school. All Wisconsin Lions Clubs have been encouraged to join in the effort. It costs very little to implement and will benefit children in your own local school and community. More information can be found on the Wisconsin Lions website at <http://www.wisconsinlions.org/stuffthebus/index.html>.

Last but not least, consider running a Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Over the past 25 years, more than eight million children from all over the world have participated. Fun and easy to run, little to no cost and a great way to engage youth and once again, increase awareness of your Club to the community. This year's theme is "Our World, Our Future." Please consider ordering a Peace Poster kit from Lions Clubs International Club Supplies and running a contest. All the instructions, rules and paperwork are included.

Thanks Lions, Lioness and Leos for all you do for youth and education!

# Putting The Fun In Lions

by Lion Myra Schneider - 920-458-1530 or [hmschn@att.net](mailto:hmschn@att.net)

I've been having fun in Lionism for over 55 years! You may ask, "How can that be? They didn't allow women in Lions at that time." Well, when Herb joined Lions over 55 years ago, it became a family affair.

**Fun at your club:** We have Ralph who always has at least one story/joke and people look forward to that. They will even ask where he is if he happens to miss a meeting. Have a good tail twister-making the meeting fun is one of their tasks.

One thing our tail twister did shortly after Herb died was to "honor" him by asking people to wear something denoting the Minnesota Vikings (yes, we are Viking fans) and it was fun to see how some of the members did this and also how willing some of the Packer Fans were to donate to the tail twister rather than wear "purple".

**Club activities and projects: Laugh when something goes wrong.** At one of our casino trips we suddenly realized we did not have coffee. Who can quickly go to the store and get some? Apologize to the people that arrive early by saying, "We got a late start today and the coffee isn't quite ready." Then we acted like we were working real hard at it, but chuckling to ourselves!! Coffee arrived, was made and no



**LION MYRNA SCHNEIDER HAS FUN WHEREVER SHE GOES** - Schneider encourages members to look for the fun in every Lion meeting, project fundraiser and convention. ABOVE: Schneider having fun at a recent Lions event.

fingers were pointed at anyone for not having the coffee there. The bonus, it may have brought a laugh and a fine at a meeting. That's fun.

**Attend zone meetings, district conferences/conventions and state conventions and take part in the social time.** Whether you drink Diet Pepsi or a Bud Lite, it doesn't matter. What matters is the interaction you have with Lions from other clubs and make a point of doing this. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know. Interact with other people, you can always talk to your fellow club members at a meeting or club activity. The one thing you have in common is Lionism. You will hear about their activities and the fun they have had at them.

Take part in Forums, International Conventions, and other out of state activities if you

have the opportunity and meet other Lions. Enjoy your time with other Lions and people needing assistance, as we did with Mission to Mexico.

Over the years, Herb and I took part in all of these things and we did have fun. We also attended many business meetings, seminars, dinners with great speakers and became much more informed about the great service club... Lions.

The rewards you receive as a Lion are truly the fun part of Lions. The rewards being the smile and thank you received from a scholarship recipient. The joy from the person you give a ride to Lions Camp. The happiness on the little girl's face on a Mission to Mexico when after she had received her glasses she said to her mother, "I can see my feet now!"

Yes, these things bring tears to the eyes, but also put a smile on your face.

Yes, I've had fun in Lions for over 55 years.

You, too, can have fun in Lions, but it is up to you! You need to have a positive attitude and tell yourself that you enjoy Lions. Look forward to that story that someone tells. Wonder what interesting people you will meet whether a Lion or non-Lion. No matter how mundane the task, if you try, there will be something to smile about. Have fun!!

# It's A New Lioness Year

by ADP Donna Stoeger - 920-553-2337 or [donnastoege@charter.net](mailto:donnastoege@charter.net)

Summer is almost over and it is time to get ready for a new year of fellowship and projects. Hopefully all of you had a wonderful summer and were able to enjoy all the festivals this time of year has to offer.

Many of you had children leaving for schools and colleges. You may have friends and neighbors who also will become "empty-nesters". Now is the time to invite them to join us and become a Lioness. Tell them what we are all about and "what Lioness do". Perhaps they would be interested in joining you at your next meeting.

Now is the time when many of our clubs start up for the new year of meetings after being off for the summer. This is going to be an exciting year of getting to know the Lioness Clubs better and should prove to be quite the adventure.

We, as Lioness, should be thinking of being committed to helping one another. It may just be a little thing as to make a phone call, helping a neighbor or volunteering at school. This is the time of the year when many communities have their local County Fairs. This may be an opportunity for your club to volunteer some hours and let your club be visible.

Mark your calendar for the District Convention, which will be held November 8 - 9 2013, at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc. More information is coming.

Starting in July, send your monthly P & A Reports to ADP Donna Stoeger at [donnastoege@charter.net](mailto:donnastoege@charter.net) or 1012 31st Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241.

Club Presidents, should also contact Stoeger as soon as possible to schedule your annual Affiliate President visit

"We Need You In Order To Serve."

## 2012-2013 Club Excellence Award Applications

Time is running out! 2012-13 Club Excellence Award applications need to be submitted to IPDG Meg Post by September 15.

Get the application at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org), then search on "Club Excellence Award". There are so many clubs in our district who qualify and are not recognized.

Contact IPDG Meg Post with questions  
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## Lioness Offer Amazing Service & Support

by PDG Jerry Post - 920-773-2618 or [mpost7@tds.net](mailto:mpost7@tds.net)

The Lioness of District 27-B1 have hearts that are filled with passion, care and love to give to all those less fortunate and yet have room to give more. The Lioness always offer a smile and a willing hand to help, no matter what the task.

Every month, the Lioness monthly activity reports are full of examples of Lioness giving back to so many different Lion and community organizations. Some Lioness spend their free time at nursing homes and hospitals visiting with patients or in the children's ward reading books or spending time with patients.

It seems that no matter how many things Lioness donate to, they always find room in their hearts to donate more. The Van Dyne Lion and Lioness Newsletter recently featured a photo showing 18 Van Dyne Lioness that have one more thing in common, they are all Birch-Sturm Fellows. Think of the shared commitment of these Lioness and shared pride in knowing that together they have helped so many others.

To put a monetary value on the Lioness' selfless work would be impossible because it is priceless. So next time you see a Lioness, thank her for her service and remember that she serves, too.

## Club News & Event



**POY SIPPI LIONS WELCOME SIGN RAISING, SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2013** - ABOVE (L to R): Ricky Brown Jr, Robert Brown, Lion Mike Copeland, Guiding Lion Merle Strelow, Not pictured Lion Mike Melland (photographer). Thanks to all for their hard work.



**THE LARSEN-WINCHESTER LIONESS HAD A RECENT GERANIUM SALE** - In spite of the cool spring, we sold and delivered 855 plants. Another fundraiser was a chicken barbeque, which we host with the Dale-Medina-Readfield Lions. We also hold two cribbage tournaments a year and sell wristbands for Oktoberfest.



**FOOD FOR FREEDOM DRIVE** Fond du Lac/Winnebago/Outagamie/Brown/Sheboygan Counties will get the donated food.



Thank you to Lionesses Peggy, Dawn and Cindy who went to Pick 'n Save on double coupon day and spent \$99.52 on \$158.66 worth of groceries. Good shopping gals. On the Friday before the drive, a truck came out and picked up all the groceries to be included in the 130,311 pounds collected. LEFT TOP: Lionesses Cindy Rank, Peggy Laehn and Dawn Atkinson did the shopping and showing their purchases. LEFT BOTTOM: Lionesses Peggy Laehn and Dawn Atkinson rearranging the items for pickup.



**CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF THE AMSTERDAM LIONS FALL TOUR** - Last fall, the Amsterdam Lions took Pine Haven Assisted Living residents of Pine Haven on a tour of the Northern Kettle Moraines. The Club picks up residents at Pine Haven facilities in Oostburg, and two locations in Sheboygan Falls then tours the fall beauty before making a stop at the Dairy Queen in Plymouth, then returning the residents to their campuses. The Fall Tour is popular with the residents with anywhere from 75-100 participating. It requires two coach buses to accommodate everyone. The Lions are busy planning this year's event which will mark the 20th Anniversary of the Fall Tour and will occur the first Monday in October. LOWER LEFT TOP: Residents mug for the camera. LOWER LEFT: The stop at Dairy Queen provides a popular end to a great day. ABOVE: Lions and driver in front of one of the buses.

## Event

AUGUST

**SUN, AUG 18 - Van Dyne Lion & Lioness 30th Annual Small Town USA Day** - Parade at 11 am. Chicken Dinner starts at 12 Noon until it's gone. Other picnic food available. Kickball Tournament begins at 9 am. Raffle with prizes totaling over \$4,000. Music by "The Downtowners" playing big band, 50's 60's, jazz and blues, polka and old time. All kinds of music.

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"It all started with \$400 and a hatful of ideas." - Donald P. Schuur

A quote from one of the three members of The Uptown Lions Club of Detroit who established a school to train guide dogs for the blind in 1939. Today, their dream has become what we now know as Leader Dogs for the Blind. It's a different way of seeing things, through the eyes of a Leader Dog. Every month, people from all over the world come to receive a Leader Dog. The class is a 26-day live-in training program that provides trained adult dogs to help bring increased safety and independent mobility to blind and visually impaired individuals. Leader Dogs are provided completely free to qualified individuals and are funded by donations from Lions, Lioness, Leos, individuals, foundations and corporations dedicated to community service. Lions and Leader Dog have had a partnership in service that dates back over 70 years.

In 2012, Leader Dog began a major project to implement a complete kennel redesign. In the past year, Leader Dog has been developing a plan to improve the kennel facility, driven by the need to improve the training experience of the dogs, as well as improve the quality of the dogs provided to clients. The current kennel is outdated and needs more space for human-dog interaction, more space to allow the dogs better movement, veterinary and breeding areas, and improved ventilation and air conditioning.

A kennel redesign task force has been working with an architect team to refine the project's design and scope and establish final budget numbers which will be reported to The Board of Trustees in August. The ultimate goal is to provide the optimal environment to house leader dogs in training while being as cost efficient as possible.

As you may know, Lion Mark Mansell rode his bicycle from Portland, Maine to Portland, Oregon last Summer, raising over \$100,000 for Leader Dog. This summer, from June 15th to July 8th, he and his wife, Debbie traveled by motorcycle through all 48 of the lower states and have raised nearly \$40,000 for Leader Dog through their efforts. For updates and pictures, check out their facebook page at [www.facebook.com/CyclingForLeaderDogs](http://www.facebook.com/CyclingForLeaderDogs)

What a valuable mission to empower people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for independent travel through quality Leader Dogs, highly effective instruction and innovative services!

Thank you Lions, Lioness and Leos for all you do for Leader Dogs For The Blind!

## Follow The Yellow Brick Road

by PDG Gary Colton - 920-933-2116 or [gecolton@charter.net](mailto:gecolton@charter.net)

Follow the yellow brick road to the Emerald City this September 19-21 and you will end up right in the middle of the "Land of Oz". You will be amazed at what is waiting for you at the upcoming USA/Canada Forum in Overland Park, Kansas. Just like the Scarecrow, you will receive brain power. Like the Lion, you will learn courage. And together, with the Tin Man, we'll leave with greater heart!

The Forum's theme is appropriately, "Follow the Leadership Road to Your Dreams," which is exactly what the Forum Committee is trying to accomplish over the three day Forum. The Forum's mission is to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support the programs and goals of Lions Clubs International.

This is very clear and to the point, but doesn't begin to express all the fun you'll have at the Forum! Again this year there are well over 60 exciting seminars,



THREE DAYS IN OZ will change your life.

with a wealth of information that you will be able to take back and implement within your club.

General Chair Doug Lozier has put together four keynote speakers for us. They will strengthen your everyday understanding of life and your passion to dream...

- Ed Hearn, the former world champion baseball player whose career was cut short, has a powerful message of perseverance.
- Dyna Steel, the rock and roll radio personality, has many interesting stories to tell.
- Patrick Henry Hughes is a musician and an

inspiration to all of us on how we can overcome the roadblocks that life throws at us, when we work hard and stay focused.

- Plus our International President Barry Palmer of Australia has a presentation that will take us from down under to the top of our dreams.

The Host Committee team is working hard to make sure that we all enjoy our stay in Overland Park. Plan to add an extra couple of days before or after the Forum so that you can experience the many local amenities and attractions that the Kansas City area has to offer.

There's a lot to be said about the Forum and what you will bring home, so please try to attend. Whether you are looking for brains, courage or heart, you are sure to find it all at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Overland Park, Kansas. It will change and improve your life!

To learn more or to register, visit the Forum website at <https://usacanadalionforum.org>.

## I Married A Lion

by Lion Sandy King, 27-B1 Youth Exchange Committee - 608-444-0098 or [kingranch90@gmail.com](mailto:kingranch90@gmail.com)

Well, he wasn't a Lion when I married him, but after 20 years it's hard to remember when he wasn't. Watching him get involved with Lions projects and volunteering more and more of his time, I noticed how he changed. I liked what I saw.

I remember when a friend of ours, talked to my husband about Lionism and asking if he would like to come to a local club meeting to see what they do. That was enough, because the next thing I knew he was joining the local club and he became a Lion, and he met more and more Lions in our town. The enthusiasm I saw in the beginning is ten-fold today. Over the years, as I attended conventions with my new Lion husband, I saw this same enthusiasm in all Lions I met.

So next thing I know he's club president. He showed more leadership skills, which I

didn't know he had. Next the District Governor asked him to be a Zone Chairman. So now he meets all the Lions in the eight clubs in our zone. Although he was always an organized person, these jobs increased his organization. And we met more and more Lions in our area.

When you're a Zone Chairman, you automatically are part of the District Governor's Cabinet, and guess what....you meet more and more Lions in your District. Spouses are invited to Cabinet meetings to socialize with other spouses. Wow, we sure are increasing the number of friends we have in Wisconsin, and this is just the "tip of the iceberg".

By now, I can't just sit still... I want to be a Lion too. Guess what? That same friend, Larry, nominated me to join the club with my husband, so now I felt a part of the "big picture". I can't imagine being married to a Lion and not wanting to be a Lion also.

## Time To Get Busy

by ADP Donna Stoeger - 920-553-2337 or



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September is here already and we are already three months into another year of fun and fellowship.

Many of the Lioness Clubs don't meet in the summer, yet it is still necessary for club secretaries to submit their monthly P&A reports to the Affiliate District President in order to keep accurate records of members. Getting them in on time eliminates sending out reminders and making phone calls.

Let's continue to work on recruiting new members. Remember, our goal this year is to increase club membership. We can do it!

The District Conference is scheduled for November 8-9 at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc. We have a great speaker coming that you don't want to miss. Please mark down that date. This year, along with toiletries items that 27-B1 Lionesses collect for the Conference, we are in need of small pillows and small blankets. These items will be donated to the Restoring Hope Transplant House in Middleton and made available to the residents as needed during their stay.

One of the highlights of each Affiliate District President's (ADP) year is visiting each Lioness club and learning about all the activities and service that each club provides. Club Presidents and secretaries should contact ADP Donna Stoeger as soon as possible to schedule this official visit.

Remember our motto, "We Serve, Too".

## It's Magically Delicious

by PDG Jerry Post - 920-773-2618 or [mpost7@tds.net](mailto:mpost7@tds.net)

It's time to think District Conference again. It will be at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc on November 8 and 9, 2013.

This year, we will be trying something new for Friday night hospitality. How about, now you see it, now you don't? For two hours we will be giving you a magic and comedy act. DG Dawn Christensen would like to invite the Lions of our District to a special show for all that register for the Conference. The performers will be from the Philip and Henry Magic Show. So be sure to get registered for the Conference and be ready to be amazed by the sleight of hand

Please watch the future editions



of the Wisconsin Lion for more information. The seminars and speakers will once again be a wonderful learning experience for all attendees. After the show, there will be music for those

wishing to stay longer and the Hospitality rooms for those running for office will be open.

Something else new this year, we will have a puppy raiser from Leader Dog. More on her later, but for a preview, here goes... She is one of the top puppy raisers and has had more success with her puppies becoming "Top Dogs". She has a true heart for Leader Dog and her presentation will reflect that large heart she has.

Like I said, this is just some of the preview for your Conference, keep watching the paper for full details.

Remember, this is your Conference and we will do everything possible to make it a remarkable experience for you.

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## My Inspiring Visit To Lions Camp

by Bonnie Goeser, Sherwood Lioness

On July 17, we left Sherwood on a hot muggy morning to spend the day at Lions Camp in Rosholt. We met the other visitors in the Memorial Building and were off on our tour. First stop was the Health Lodge with six rooms including four that can be isolation rooms, but the most memorable was the medical dispensary which handles all the prescription medications for the campers. The average number of prescriptions per camper is four to six and there are 150 campers! Boys line up for dispensing at one window and girls at a window on the other side of the building. Imagine the paperwork.

We moved on to the craft building and viewed the craftiness of the campers, especially the snake made out of a man's necktie. From there we strolled down the hill and saw campers honing their archery skills, viewed an amazing entertainment pit with seating made out of stone. We looked at the climbing wall (no one climbed) and toured an air conditioned cabin. Most of the campers were enjoying the lake.

We also toured the WLF Eyeglass Recycling Center. I don't see them catching up any time soon.

Lunch was in the Dining Hall with the campers followed by a wagon ride around the lake. After viewing the Honors Garden we were on our way home. A very interesting day.

## Club News & Event



**THE LION RETURNS** - ABOVE: This is the Lion that belonged to the first Lions Club in Poy Sippi. It disappeared after they disbanded. PDG Orv Kittel and 1st VDG Jim Zamzow surprised the new Poy Sippi Lions by



**SHERWOOD LIONS SHINE AT THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** - Sherwood Lion Joe Schalbach, drives the tractor down Military Road for the Memorial Day Parade. Riding in the wagon are the Sherwood Lions, including Charter members Lions Ken Kress and Joe Diederich. The more mobile Lions handed out American Flags to all the kids, young and old, while making their way uphill to the Cemetery.

presenting it to the club at a recent meeting. It took them some time to track it down, but they put the word out and Kittel said he woke up one morning and it was sitting by his garage. (Photo by Carol Bliske)

**Event**  
**SEPTEMBER**  
**SAT, SEP 28 - Valders Lions 75th Anniversary** at Mr. Lucky's in Valders. Guest speaker will be IPID Mark Hintzmann.



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It is one of the most important causes of Lionism... vision health and preventing avoidable blindness. World Sight Day is an annual day of awareness to focus global attention on blindness and visual impairment. This year's World Sight Day is October 10th and its International Theme is "Universal Eye Health" with a simple but strong call to action: "Get Your Eyes Tested."

World Sight Day was launched by Lions Clubs International in 1998 to recognize and reinforce the importance of eradicating preventable blindness. Since its inception, events such as cataract and glaucoma screenings, collection of used eyeglasses for recycling and distribution of educational materials, among other projects, have been held all over the world.

As Lion, Lioness and Leo Clubs, one of our ongoing vision health projects is the collection and distribution of millions of pairs of eyeglasses each year. Recycling a pair of eyeglasses can cost as little as 8 cents! According to the World Health Organization, 153 million people have uncorrected refractive errors that can be quickly diagnosed and easily treated. The collection and donation of used eyeglasses helps many people in developing countries to see well for the very first time in their lives. So keep on collecting and bringing them in.

Our clubs' adult and children's vision screenings are another great vision for World Sight Day in October, or anytime really. Vision screenings can be done with groups of children at a school or day care center, with seniors at senior centers or the general community. A vision screening is done to separate those who need further assessment from those who do not, and is not meant to take the place of a complete visual exam by a doctor. There is a wealth of information on the LCI website to help you organize a vision screening so please make use of this valuable resource.

Another important annual celebration is National White Cane Safety Day that occurs each October 15th. This day celebrates blind and visually impaired people's achievements. It also reminds people about how the white cane is an important tool in helping the blind and visually impaired live with greater independence. On and around this week, Clubs can help educate the public about the aspirations, hopes and abilities of people who are blind and visually impaired and help to increase awareness of the white cane as a symbol of independence.

Thank you Lions, Lioness and Leos for all you do for vision health, preventing avoidable blindness and helping the blind and visually impaired live fuller and more independent lives!

## Convention Magic

Yes, we're calling it a Conference now, but when you have a magic wand, you can wave it, say "Abracadabra" and turn it back and forth from a Conference to a Convention.

No matter what you call it, this year's District 27-B1's 38th Annual Conference is sure to please and will be held November 8th and 9th at The Holiday Inn in Manitowoc.

Registration will be open from 4-7 pm on Friday and you will want to get their early because the doors to the Hospitality Hall open at 6 pm.

The Amazing Philip and Henry Magic Show starts promptly at 7 pm. Be prepared for laughter-filled, high-energy entertainment with lots of audience participation and interaction. After the main show, professional magicians will stroll around the room performing thrilling, mind-boggling magic tricks and illusions right before your very eyes. Whew! This sounds like a lot of fun!

Registration on Saturday is 8 am until noon. Saturday morning starts with breakfast on your own and is followed by the 27-B1 Business Session. This opening session will include presentation of the flags, voting certification, our popular first-timers/newcomers orientation, awards and various informational reports. Leader Dog Puppy Raiser Beverly Kramer will give a presentation during this opening session.

The Lioness Business Session will also take place on Saturday morning.

The Noon Luncheon on Saturday will feature our keynote International guest speaker, International Director Steve Tremaroli from Huntington, New York.

Tremaroli has been a Lion since 1981, held numerous offices including President, Zone

and Region Chairperson, District Governor, Council Chairperson, Eye Bank Chairman and Foundation Trustee. International Director Tremaroli and his wife, Marianne, also a Lion, have two sons and a grandson.



Please welcome them to our District and State.

The luncheon will close with our Necrology Service and the District Bank Auction.

Afternoon seminars will include:

- Tim Wiskow, founder of Whisper Hill Clydesdales Special Needs Foundation
- Karolyn Efferson, Principal from St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic School in Two Rivers on the use of Smart Board and Chrome Book technologies
- PID Peter Cerniglia on The Restoring Hope Transplant House and how we can support this great project

Each seminar will repeat twice. Following the seminars will be voting, cocktails and the Saturday Evening Banquet, with presentations and voting results.

Don't forget to bring a gift to donate for the very popular Lion and Lioness Bucket Raffles, your Club's winning Peace Poster entry and plan to check out the many interesting table displays that will be set up in the halls.

Remember, you will only get out of our Conventions/Conferences what you put into them. And that's no illusion.

Hope to see many of our Lion, Lioness and Leo family there! Let's set a record!

## Club News & Events

**OAKFIELD LIONS LEADER DOG DONATION** - Oakfield Lions presented District Governor Dawn Christensen with a check for \$5,000 for Leader Dog at their ever-popular Steak Fry on Tuesday, August 6th. Also afterwards their members sang a couple of really good Lions songs.



**WAYSIDE MORRISON SUPPORTS SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL** - The Wayside Morrison Lions Club made a \$1,000 donation to the Syble Hopp School in Green Bay for their playground equipment. Syble Hopp is a public school that is funded through Brown County. Educational programming is provided at the school to meet the needs of children with disabilities between the ages of three to twenty one years of age residing in Brown County in the seven districts served. There are several Way-Morr area students that are helped tremendously by attending Cybil Hopp and because of that the club took this school on as one of the beneficiaries in our yearly donation budget. ABOVE: Accepting the check from Lion James Blashka, past club president is Abbie Nizzia and Mary Brick. Both are teachers at the school.

## Events

**OCTOBER**  
**SAT, OCT 19 - Van Dyne Lioness 5th Annual Rummage, Bake Sale & Light Lunch** from 8 am - 1 pm at Van Dyne Lions Park. Area residents will also be having rummage sales on that day to make it an area event. Proceeds



**TWO RIVERS LIONS 33RD ANNUAL APPLE FEST**  
**SAT, OCT 12 from 8 am to 4 pm**

**Central Park on Washington Street in downtown Two Rivers**

The main attractions include many varieties of apples from several orchard owners, apple cider, caramel apples, and other special apple products.

This special fundraising event includes over 70 craft vendors in Central Park and inside the Community House, plus outdoor entertainment.

The Two Rivers Lions will have a food stand selling brats, hamburgers, hot dogs, coffee, apple cider, soda and water.

The Two Rivers Lioness Club will be selling their Apple Fest raffle tickets for special items and cash prizes, and will also sell baked apple products.

Besides the craft vendors, activities inside the Community House will include the sale of apple products by local churches and a baking contest sponsored by the Two Rivers Lions. Come join us for a fun-filled day for everyone in the family.

*Apple Fest crowd photo courtesy of Lester Public Library*

will benefit the Tom Klatt family. Klatt is 49 years old and survived open heart surgery for an aortic dissection with a nine inch tear in his heart and many complications during a three month hospital stay.

**NOVEMBER**  
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## 2013 27-B1 Conference Registration Form - November 8th - 9th - Holiday Inn, Manitowoc WI

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

Fees	By 10/18
Registration - Lions, Lioness & Guest	\$10
Registration - Leos & Newcomers	FREE
Saturday Luncheon	\$15
Saturday Banquet	\$20

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY and FILL IN ALL APPROPRIATE BOXES and CHECK INFO BELOW NAME

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Checks payable and mail by 10/21/12 to: 27-B1 Conference  
Mail to: Lion Gary Silah, 620 E. Pioneer Rd. #12, Fond du Lac WI 54935

Amount Enclosed \$

**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** - Holiday Inn, 920-682-6000. Make sure to mention that you are with the Lions Convention for the special rate.



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Ah, November. Autumn is in full swing and the air is crisp. Fall is my favorite time of year! Winter is just around the corner. This is the time of year to plan that big family get together called Thanksgiving. A time to remember and reflect on all we have and be grateful and thankful. We as Lions, Lioness and Leos have so much to be thankful for. We're so blessed to have each other and to be able to serve others who need our help. Very blessed to have friends and family, our good health, a roof over our heads and good food to eat. So many are not so fortunate and there will always be those who need our help. Please remember this month, and always, to give thanks for all we have and help others as much as possible.

Another great thing about November, (besides eating and watching football on Thanksgiving Day) is Deer Hunting. It's so rewarding to get out in the woods every morning and enjoy the great outdoors. Fresh air, beautiful trees and wildlife await each day's walk. And then sit around the wood stove in the evenings and share stories with family and friends. Of course, filling your buck tag is a plus!

Which brings us to an easy way for deer hunters to unload their deer hides and help support Lions Camp at the same time... The Wisconsin Lions Foundation Deer Hides For Lions Camp Program. The program started in 1991 with an idea from one of the Foundation's current Directors Lion Bernie Stuttgart from Thorp. It started out small, but has now grown to over 50 collection locations around the State. The collection sites are run and maintained by various Lions Clubs, their members and others who help. Deer hides are accepted from September through the first week of January. The 2012-2013 season brought in more than \$93,000 and provided a quality camping experience to many children and adults with conditions including blindness and vision problems, hearing loss, mild cognitive disabilities and diabetes. The program to date has collected over \$500,000. If your Club has ever thought of starting a collection point in your community, if you want to locate the nearest collection point to drop off your deer hide or for more information, go to : <http://www.wlf.info/>

And last but certainly not least, please attend our District Conference November 8th and 9th at The Holiday Inn in Manitowoc. It's going to be "Magical."

Thank you Lions, Lioness and Leos for all you do for Lions Camp, your families and for others this time of year.

## Conference Offers Great Opportunities

by ADP Donna Stoeger - 920-553-2337 or donnastoege@charter.net

How time flies! November is here once again. Hope everyone enjoyed the beauty of fall, with the cooler weather and the harvest and beautiful colored leaves.

All the 27-B1 Lioness Clubs are very busy with their fall projects. There are 13 Clubs in 27-B1 with 244 members. Each and every Lioness is committed to making our communities a better place for those less fortunate than ourselves. This service provides great satisfaction, so keep working on membership.

Keep talking to your friends, neighbors and co-workers. Invite them to your meetings to inform them how the Lioness serves the public. Through the funds we raise, we donate to help our local communities and also the Wisconsin Lions Foundation to help the Hearing and Sight Impaired, Diabetes and Lions Camp to make life better for others.

This year's 27-B1 Conference will be held in Manitowoc on November 8th and 9th at the Holiday Inn and it will be a great weekend for all who attend.

The Lioness Meeting on Saturday morning offers a great opportunity to conduct Lioness business. At this meeting we need to elect a Vice President for the 2014-2015 year, she will then go on to serve as 27-B1 Affiliate District President for the 2015-2016 Lioness year. All of your clubs have received information for this position, please give this some serious consideration. It will be a rewarding experience.

Conference is a great way to meet other Lioness and get ideas from other clubs. There will be great seminars and speakers that



promise to give all Conference attendees a wonderful experience. The theme of the Conference is "Youth Are the Future" and the Lioness are sponsoring a speaker who will present on educating our youth for the future. So please plan to join us.

All clubs are also being asked to donate a \$25 raffle prize for Friday night's Raffle. Prizes need to be given to the Conference Committee by 6 pm on Friday November 8th.

Club Presidents, if you haven't scheduled your official Affiliate District President Visit yet, please do so as soon as possible.

Club secretaries, don't forget to send your monthly P & A report to donnastoege@charter.net.

A very Happy Thanksgiving to all Lions, Lioness and their families. For all the deer hunters, a safe hunt and don't forget to donate those deer hides to Lions Camp.

Remember "We Need You In Order To Serve."

## Why We Should Vote

by Ralph Schneider, 27-B1 Election & Nomination Chair -

Here's why a good Lion should always exercise their right to vote...

If you are one of the good people that think voting is a waste of time and keep complaining about how the district, state and International are a complete failure, then it is time you realize the importance of voting, and do your part towards enhancing the functioning of it. Be it an election for the different offices of your district, peace poster contest, pin design, or whatever. If you vote, you had a say.

Think of the people who have no choice to voice their opinion, your right to vote is your right to express your opinion. Do not take your right for granted. Try to appreciate the power of voting by exercising this right. Many people think my one vote does not matter. If too many people think that way, it does make a difference. When you vote, you choose the person that you think is the best person to run our Lions organizations for the next one, two or three years, depending on whatever the term may be for.

To conclude, not only think about Lions elections but all elections!!!

**all club District, State & LCI dues must be current in order for a club's delegates to vote**

## Club News & Events



### PLAINFIELD LIONS CLUB SPLASH PAD PROJECT

The Plainfield Lions Club is planning a community project to construct a Splash Pad in Plainfield's Veterans Park. A Splash Pad is a fully automated play area that creates a fun atmosphere for the entire family while providing a safe, zero-depth recreation environment that does not require lifeguard supervision. The pad will consist of three activity bays that are designed for all age groups to promote family interaction.

The Splash Pad will use a patented smart flow system to optimize water consumption. In this system, water is supplied to the play features and then drained away to a waste system in a single pass. Water conservation comes from the use of specially designed reduced-consumption nozzles and operational sequences programmed into the play features. These features will reduce water consumption by 30% to 50%.

The Splash Pad will incorporate extra anchoring devices during initial construction to allow for interchanging the position of play products and adding new ones to maximize the play value of the Splash Pad for years to come.

The estimated cost for this project is \$100,000. To date the Lions have raised \$80,000 toward the \$100,000 construction cost. Donations of any amount are tax deductible as allowed by law and can be sent to:

Plainfield Lions Splash Pad Project

c/o Bancroft State Bank  
P.O. Box 490  
123 West North Street  
Plainfield, WI 54966.

Additional donations from individuals and businesses in the Plainfield community and surrounding area are needed to complete this project by the projected groundbreaking date of May 1, 2014.

As with past Lions community projects, the club intends to use the talents, expertise and manpower of club members to reduce the overall cost of this project.

For additional information, contact Jim Morgan at 715-335-6641. Your gift will make a difference in building a better Plainfield community.

LEFT: The Club is raising funds for the Splash Pad project through a variety of fundraisers including a Brat Fry at the Plainfield Royal Market on September 7. Pictured (L to R): Tony Marinack, Bob Barker, Max Harrington, Wayne Cummings (in barn) and Mark Hennes - not pictured Jeff Reabe, Randy Van Haren, Jim Morgan.

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**SUN, NOV 10 - 27-B1 Cabinet Meeting** at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc.

## 2013 27-B1 Conference Registration Form - November 8th - 9th - Holiday Inn, Manitowoc WI

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

Fees	By 10/18
Registration - Lions, Lioness & Guest	\$10
Registration - Leos & Newcomers	FREE
Saturday Luncheon	\$15
Saturday Banquet	\$20

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY and FILL IN ALL APPROPRIATE BOXES and CHECK INFO BELOW NAME

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Checks payable and mail by 10/21/12 to: 27-B1 Conference  
Mail to: Lion Gary Silah, 620 E. Pioneer Rd. #12, Fond du Lac WI 54935

Amount Enclosed \$

**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 - Holiday Inn, 920-682-6000.** Make sure to mention that you are with the Lions Convention for the special rate.



**27-B1 District Governor Dawn Christensen**  
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What a great time of year. Holiday music is playing everywhere and the sounds of bells are ringing. Everyone is in that "giving" kind of mood. This is the time of year that everyone donates to area food pantries and runs food drives to help stock the shelves. This time of year is when they get their biggest donations.

I'd like to remind you however, that food pantries need restocking all year long. Maybe your Club could think about donating enough funds for your local food pantry to purchase a turkey or ham for a special holiday dinner for every needy family in your community. It seems like there are more people that need our help every year, and this year more than ever.

Another very worthwhile project this time of year are coats for kids and mitten programs. I always remember from the days of my childhood, my Grandmother and Aunts knitting pairs of mittens and hats to donate to those who needed them. What a great way to help keep warm the hands of all those little ones. There is also always a need for gently used clothing of all kinds, not just coats and mittens. You could consider holding drives or just putting out collection bins to meet any of these needs. Or you could have a quilting group get together on a regular basis to make quilts and blankets all year round to give at Christmas time.

Another area that always needs help this time of year are the toys for kids and presents for families kind of programs. Yes, I know there are other groups running these kinds of projects also, but we can always help them out.

How about sending cards, gift boxes and care packages to our men and women serving overseas? There's another great idea. And also let's not forget their families left back here at home. Many of them are struggling.

Very many Clubs in our District and across the State help the Salvation Army by ringing bells next to the red kettles. Always fun and worthwhile. And you get to talk to and visit with people in the community as a bonus.

I hope this finds you and your families peaceful, healthy, happy and enjoying the holiday season.

Thank you Lions, Lioness and Leos for all you do for others, to help them stay fed and warm, and happier, this time of year and all year long.

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

# Is Your Club Connected?



**ONLINE REPORTING SAVES TIME & MONEY WHILE INCREASING ACCURACY** - All club secretaries should be completing monthly membership, activity and New Officer reports online through the MyLCI system. If your club secretary is not online, perhaps another member who is could assist in these filings.

by PDG Tom Clausen, 27-B1 IT Chair - 920-922-4225 or lionsof27b1@yahoo.com

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

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

## Peace Of Mind

by Lion Myra Schneider - 920-458-1530 or hmschn@att.net

"Peace of Mind for Lions Camp and all the WLF statewide projects today and in the future" is the theme this year for the Lions Pride Endowment Fund. Last summer, the Pride Endowment Fund provided a camping experience for 45 campers. Each year, as the Endowment Fund grows, more campers experience will be provided by Pride. This will give "Peace of Mind" for the preservation of our Camp and WLF projects.

If you have never visited our Lions Camp, it behooves you to do so and realize what a gem we have here in our State. If you have never had a camper visit your club, you truly do not realize what a life changing experience our Camp provides.

Think of how your club can be creative to provide "Peace of Mind" - do a special project to promote Lions Camp which could prompt individuals in your community to support our Camp. As individuals and families, think of how you can support our Camp now and in the future. It is truly our duty and honor to provide support to Pride.

The treasurer can pay dues to International over the web via electronic withdrawal to save the check and stamp. Just go to Submit Reports on the LCI website and register for an account. All you need is your member number which is printed above your mailing label on your monthly newspaper.

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

Don't forget to check out our State website at wisconsinlions.org for just about everything you wanted to know about Wisconsin Lions.



# Happy Holidays from your B1 Cabinet

## Cabinet Meetings

JANUARY 5, 2014

Van Dyne

APRIL 27, 2014

Cascade

RSVP by contacting DG

Dawn Christensen at liondawn1@yahoo.com or

920-346-2307

## Holiday Greetings

by ADP Donna Stoeger - 920-553-2337 or donnastoeger@charter.net

As we enter this beautiful holiday season, we should think of the less fortunate among us. As Lioness, Lions and Leos, we have much to offer this troubled world. Lioness should continue our motto, "We serve, too".

Your club reports show that 27-B1 Lioness do not forget the less fortunate, the elderly, the deaf, the blind, and the children of our communities. Many Clubs contribute to the local food pantries; each pantry is in great need of our help, such as food, and someone to volunteer in putting items on shelves.

This is the time of the year to do unto others with our good deeds and thoughts. So continue your work, invite others to join our cause, and always give thanks for our great nation, our families and friends, and our Lioness, Lions, and Leo organizations.

Please keep those P&A's coming. You can go on the Lioness website at www.wisconsinlioness.org and use the form (LC-01) provided. We want to show just how much Lioness contribute in money and hours. Lioness be proud and feel good about the service you do!

Have a wonderful and safe Holiday and remember, "We Need You In Order To Serve"

# Woof, Woof!

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

That translates into, we have a new Leader Dog chair. We are sad to say that because of his job requirements Lion Jim McGee is unable to continue as the 27-B1 Leader Dog Chair. His work as Leader Dog Chair was a true tribute to his passion for the blind. Our new 27-B1 Leader Dog Chair is someone that we know equally as well, it is Immediate Past District Governor Meg Post. She was highly recommended by our favorite Leader Dog, Miss Ginger. Post has been involved with Leader Dog for several years; her partner-in-service, PDG Jerry, was the Leader Dog representative during his year as Governor. PDG Len and Lion/Lioness Kay Quinn's friendship has given Post a clear and precise view of how important these dogs are to people.

Any clubs interested in learning more about Leader Dog, please contact Post at 920-323-7080 or mpost7@tds.net and she will gladly bring your club or zone up-to-date on all that's going on at Leader Dog.

When making a donation, please make the check payable to Leader Dogs for the Blind. Also, please make sure to put District 27-B1 in the memo line. This will ensure the District and club receives recognition for the donation. The check should be sent to Post to be recorded and she will send it on to Leader Dog. Mail your donations to: P O Box 81, St. Nazianz, WI 54232.

On a different note, puppy trainer Beverly Kramer gave a very impressive seminar at last month's District Conference. She demonstrated the patience and passion needed to develop those puppies into Future Leader Dogs. She revealed some of the tricks used to teach the puppies to avoid and ignore distractions. When asked about her passion for Leader Dog, Kramer explained, "Every day Leader Dogs for the Blind in some way improves the quality of someone's life. The past 16 years spent raising and training Future Leader Dog puppies has been an adventure filled with love, new learning, excitement and of course, the pain of saying goodbye over and over. But with almost each dog, my tears of sorrow became a stranger's tears of joy. Now how could life be better?"

To thank Kramer for her dedication to Leader Dog, a hat was passed after the seminar and the \$500 collected will be sent to Leader Dog and a brick will be purchased in Kramer and Future Leader Dog Frasier's name. Special thanks to everyone at the District Conference who attended the Puppy trainer presentation and made a donation in their honor.

As usual, our District was able to bring tears to a person that shares our passion to help those that live in the color of night.

Thank you to all for being who you are, ambassadors for those in need.

## Club News



**TOWN OF SHEBOYGAN LIONS DONATED A NEW GAZEBO** for the Firehouse Park playground area in The Town of Sheboygan. The gazebo was paid for with proceeds from the 2012 Lions Fest hosted by the Club and is held in the park. The Club worked with Lowe's of Manitowoc who provided the structure at a reduced cost and had it constructed. The gazebo will provide shelter from the sun for parents who bring their kids to the park. Past donations from the Club to the Park have been a storage building, bleachers, picnic tables and park benches.

seven bags of trash were collected. The Club's area of responsibility, assigned by the Wisconsin DOT, is a section of State Highway 49 between Big Horn Drive South of Poy Sippi and County Highway North of Poy Sippi. Lions Mike Melland, Ellen Melland, Chuck Teske, Kate Teske, RaShell Meisner-Nigbor, Angela Nehring, Mike Copeland and Chuck Rhein participated.



**VAN DYNE LIONESS MAKE BLANKETS** - Ten tie blankets were made in two hours for Restoring Hope Transplant House with the material that Lioness Bonnie Hughes had purchased for this project. Hughes coordinated the material and they were neat. Lioness members working on the project were Marge Werner, Julie Aigner, Bonnie Hughes, Bev Gantner, Kathy Aigner, Roma Schram and Peggy Laehn. Not pictured: Carol Jackson, Sandy Mucche, Cindy Rank, Donna Klein and Sue Stephani. Thank you to Lioness Bonnie Hughes for purchasing the blanket material and organizing the making of these blankets.



**POY SIPPI ROADSIDE CLEAN UP** - Eight Lions participated in our first highway clean-up project on Saturday October 28th and

**CHILDREN'S VISION SCREENING** - The Club screened 95 three, four and five year olds at two local preschools in October. Three children were referred to be looked at closer by a family eye doctor. Seven Lioness and two volunteers conducted the screenings.

**VAN DYNE LIONESS "GETTING TO KNOW US" POTLUCK** - All members were given invitations to invite friends to a "Salad and Dessert" night, plus a chance to get to know a little bit more about what we do with world missions, Lion and Lioness projects and other help we give to people in our community. Guests received a book full of this information, plus members explained what we have done for projects like Lions Camp, Leader Dog, Diabetes, etc. Our special guest was a seven year old girl who attended Lions Camp during one of the Juvenile Diabetes weeks. She was accompanied by her mother and grandmother who both spoke about the experience. Throughout the evening, we watched slide shows put to music about the Lions Camp. Refreshments included wine and punch, plus coffee. Thirteen guests attended and four guests made their intentions to join. Another who could not attend is also seriously thinking of joining and a few others are still thinking about it! It was a fun night of good food - fellowship - and information. A short meeting followed.

VAN DYNE LIONESS



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## 27-B1's 38<sup>th</sup> District Convention Was A Weekend To Remember



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Welcome to 2014! I don't know where the last year went. Time has been going by so very fast. A new year is a new chance to re-evaluate goals and priorities that were made the previous year.

Many will make resolutions with unrealistic numbers and unattainable goals. Remember, when setting goals, keep them reasonable and attainable.

Everyone wants your Club to achieve! Increasing our numbers is the best way to help more people who need it. There's nothing to lose by just asking anyone you come across to a meeting, project, or fundraiser to see what Lions are all about.

Always have fun! Whatever you're doing, wear a smile on your face. Be happy and cheerful and it will spread and others will want to be a part of whatever you're a part of.

Show the world that being a Lion or Lioness is one of the greatest things on earth. Help others as much as possible, and keep up the good work.

A quote from the late Nelson Mandela; "A fundamental concern for others in our individual and community lives would go a long way in making the world the better place we so passionately dream of."

And one more by Henry David Thoreau, "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life that you've imagined. As you simplify your life ... the laws of the universe will become simpler."

Thank you, Lions, Lioness and Leos for all you do for others this year and every year. By attaining your goals and following your dreams, you make life better every day for others around the world.

### District Bowling

The 2014 Tournament will be held at Lakeshore Lanes in Sheboygan on

- Sun, Jan 26 - 12 pm
  - Sat, Feb 1 - 12 pm
  - Sun, Feb 2 - 11 am
- Because this is Super Bowl Sunday, everyone bowling this day will receive a complimentary door prize.

Deadline for registration is January 19, 2014. Entry fee is \$25/person (\$100/team). Mail checks and registration form to Lion Bill Hilbert, 2519 S. Business Dr., Sheboygan, WI 53081. If you have any questions, call Lion Bill Hilbert or Lion Todd Schaezter at Lakeshore Lanes 920-458-1352.

You can find the registration form on the District website. Download the form, fill it out, and send it in with your check and you will be all set to have some fun with fellow Lions and Lioness. Good luck to all!



by DG-E Jim Zamzow - 920-361-3015 or zamzowj43@yahoo.com

On November 7th, the eve of the 27-B1 Conference, District Governor Dawn Christensen, along with a few cabinet members picked up International Director (ID) Steve Tremaroli and his wife, Marianne, from the airport to begin his visit to 27-B1.

That evening, the Tremarolis were treated to a club visit with the Kiel Lions hosting the event. It could not have been a better meeting as the meeting was full of committee reports for fundraisers and a listing of all they donate to. What a great evening. A big thanks to Kiel Lions for showing our International guests how we do things here in 27-B1.

Friday morning it was 'Ahoj Mates' for our guests as they were treated to a breakfast that included a tour of the submarine and a Maritime Museum tour in Manitowoc along the river. Then it was back to the hotel for a little rest before the start of the Friday Night Hospitality.

Friday evening Hospitality started off with the magic act from the Philip and Henry Magic Show, which delighted the audience with many slight of hand tricks. What a night!

Saturday morning began with breakfast and the start of the Convention. The flag ceremony

was read by 2nd VDG Marv Henke. Flag carriers were Lion Veterans. Speakers began with a cornea transplant recipient who received her cornea from her daughter. What a very moving story.

After that was Leader Dog, with this year's presentation showing us what a puppy trainer does to get a dog ready for becoming a Leader Dog. Beverly Kramer did an excellent job and showed us why she is the top puppy trainer in Wisconsin. The Lions recognized her service by surprising her with a large brick in her and FLD Frasier's name. Reports from the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Lions Foundation and Restoring Hope Transplant House finished off the morning.

During the Luncheon, attendees heard a moving speech by ID Tremaroli who told us to follow our dream to make the world a better place for those in need.

Saturday afternoon we were given three seminars to attend, Whisper Hill Clydesdales Special Needs Foundation by Tim Wisow, Smart Board and Chrome Book Technologies by Karolyn Efferson and Restoring Hope Transplant House by PID Peter Cerniglia.

Voting then took place with Jim Zamzow becoming our District

Governor-Elect, Marv Henke becoming our 1st Vice District Governor-Elect and Helen Mork becoming our 2nd Vice District Governor-Elect. Congratulations to all and a big thank you for stepping up.

Lioness Affiliate President for 2014-2015 will be Lioness Cindy Rank from Van Dyne. The Bowling site is El Dorado and next year's Convention site is Oshkosh.

Lion Marianne Tremaroli was the guest speaker at the Closing Banquet. What inspiring words of encouragement for all Lions and Lioness.

The District Bank was won by the Berlin Lions club with a bid of \$6,300. Thanks to all for the fun and friendship through the auction for all the state projects.

The flags were then retired and the Convention closed.

### The Power of Lioness Shines Through

When the 27-B1 Lioness Clubs heard that Restoring Hope Transplant House was looking for personal care items, they took on the task of providing some much needed items.

The clubs were told of the need for hotel-sized toiletries, toothbrushes/paste and small blankets to be used for the residents, they immediately

responded. Some clubs had Lioness gathering to tie or sew fleece lap blankets in various patterns and bright colors. Some Lioness collected shampoo, conditioner, lotion and soap as they traveled this summer, many added deodorant, shave cream, pocket tissue and chapstick.

At the 27-B1 District Conference, an entire corner of the meeting room was filled with bags and boxes. The items were presented to Cindy Herbst, founder and house manager, along with PID Peter Cerniglia when they visited our Saturday meeting. Herbst said she was overwhelmed at the generosity of the Lioness, the care and thoughtfulness of those who made the blankets.

Talking to her later, she mentioned, "Knowing that someone cares means so much to the transplant patient. These are things that can impact the quality of life for a transplant family". They also can use small pillows with removable, washable covers, (like those designed for air flights), paper products and Ziploc bags, quart or gallon size.

It took two hotel carts and some clever packing, to get all the items in Herbst's vehicle to transport back to the Hope House.

A job well done, Thank You Lioness!

## Lions Camp Gets Donated Waders

by WLF Director Fred Gebhart

Each spring volunteers put the boats and piers into Lion Lake and each fall they remove them. Last spring's Lake Front Work Day came with a price; leaky waders. When the clubs in Region 1 Zone 1 heard about this, they came together to purchase and donate seven pairs of waders to our Lions Camp. Brillion, Chilton, Hilbert, Sherwood, Sherwood "Pride" Lioness and the Stockbridge Lions make up the zone.

The new waders proved their worth during the fall Lake Front Work Day.

Since 2006, the Stockbridge Lions have made a biannual commitment to visit our Camp for lake front work. The seasonal task is completed with the help of 10 to 15 Lions coming from as far North as Medford to Monroe in the South. Along with a tractor, backhoe and a few hand tools, the job is completed in about three to four hours.

## Happy New Year Lioness

by ADP Donna Stoeger - 920-553-2337 or donnastoege@charter.net

Happy New Year to all Lioness, Lions, and Leos. Hope our 2014 will be a healthy and a prosperous year. This Lioness year is really going fast. It's exciting to see that many clubs have been working hard at obtaining new members. Keep up the good work as we also lose some members along the way.

Now that the Holiday season is over, hopefully members' schedules will ease up so preparations for upcoming Spring events can take center stage. It's great to see that many of the clubs in 27-B1 are very active in their communities doing service projects. That is a great way to serve your area.

Volunteers are always needed year around at food pantries, homeless shelters, visiting nursing homes, home bound seniors, helping in the schools and assisting needy families, etc.

Hopefully all Lioness Clubs have included a donation in their budget for each of the Lions projects, such as the Wisconsin Lions Foundation which oversees Statewide projects such as Camp, Children's Vision Screening, Diabetes Awareness, Hearing Programs, Sight Programs, Eyeglass Recycling Center; also remember the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin, Lions Pride, Leader Dog, and other Lions projects such as Lions Clubs International Foundation. Any amounts your club can contribute to these projects is greatly appreciated.

Lioness New Year's Resolutions should be working together, "We need you in order to serve."



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Well, we've made it through December and January and now we're all just hoping there's an early spring. It's sure been a cold one! I've been on many club visitations the last two months and have thoroughly enjoyed visiting each and every one of you. If your Club has not scheduled a District Governor visit yet, please do so as soon as possible. I look forward to visiting the rest of the Clubs and hearing about all your activities and projects.

The month of February brings with it one of my favorite holidays, Valentine's Day. I hope you enjoy the day embraced in the love of friends and family. Happy Valentine's Day!

February is also Heart Health Month. Eating high-fiber cereal, drinking low-fat milk and getting your blood pressure and cholesterol numbers checked regularly are all smart ways to be "friends" with your heart and live a longer life. But, don't stop there. Heart disease is still the leading cause of death in the United States and Canada. Use these five surprisingly easy, do-it-yourself moves to help protect yourself from heart disease and save your heart:

1. Bundle up when the thermometer drops. From crisp days to bone-chilling nights, drops in temperature increase heart attack risk. In one British study, every 1.8 degree drop in temperature led to a 2% rise in heart-related problems. So stay warm and cozy.

2. Find your happy place. Depression can be worse for your heart than high cholesterol or smoking! The combination of heart disease and depression almost quadruples your mortality rate. The only solution proven to help both treatments; taking walks and exercise.

3. Evaluate yourself. Nobody knows you better than you. If you notice changes in anything or just simply don't feel up to your usual day-to-day activities, see your doctor. Antidepressants can help the emotional angle but may not erase the added heart risks. What does; physical activity.

4. Aim for optimism. Don't view the glass as half-empty. Low-level on-going gloominess triples your chances of a "heart event." Pursue interests you love and connecting more with friends and family.

5. Turn in early. Skipping on sleep not only triples your risk of heart disease, it also raises your risk for type 2 diabetes. Go to bed earlier and avoid sleep-stoppers like afternoon caffeine, before-bed stress and a too-warm or too-bright bedroom.

Simple steps like these may be all you and your heart need to live a longer, happier life. Thank you Lions, Lioness and Leos for all you do, selflessly serving others, from the heart.

## Diabetes & You

by Bonnie Strelow, 27-B1 Diabetes Chair - 920-748-7507 or trelowb@inbox.com

Diabetes is on the rise. We all know someone who is diabetic or have had family members with diabetes. Eight to ten percent of Americans are diabetics.

There are two types of diabetes;

- Type 1, which is the inability to produce insulin and is usually seen in children and adolescents.
- Type 2 is the more common and usually occurs in older adults but teens and young adults are also becoming Type 2 diabetics. The evidence of it seems to correlate with the rising rate of obesity. Type 2 diabetics produce insulin but it isn't effective enough to control their blood sugars.

At this point in time, the goal is to control blood sugars with insulin. In the future, we hope to find a cure for diabetes. Finding a cure for diabetes will greatly decrease the cost of health care because diabetics have two to three times more health care expense than non-diabetics.

Why are Lions involved in the fight against diabetes? Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness and at the 1925 International Convention of the Lions we

pledged to Helen Keller that we would be her Knights for the Blind. We need to continue the fight against diabetes to fight blindness.

What can we do for ourselves to prevent and control diabetes?

1. Regular screening with a blood test, don't skip that annual physical.
2. Control your weight.
3. Get regular exercise. That can be as simple as a daily walk. Start small with a 10 minute a day and increase to 30 minutes.
4. Last, but not least, stop smoking, keep your blood pressure under control and decrease your cholesterol levels.

As Lions Clubs, it's our duty to inform our communities of the risks involved with diabetes and to help our friends and neighbors become healthier.

March 25th is "Diabetes Alert Day." Use the month of March to get the word out. Post diabetes information in your banks, post office, libraries or other public notice bulletin boards. Better yet, contact your local hospital and offer to hold a diabetes screening at your local senior center, school, or public library.

If your Club needs help with Diabetes information, contact 27-B1 Diabetes Chair Bonnie Strelow.

## Give From The Heart

by ADP Donna Stoeger - 920-553-2337 or donnastoege@charter.net

Let's not forget, as Lioness, to show our love through our work. Share what you do for your community and invite others to get in on the "fun".

As spring approaches, our Lioness Clubs will be electing new officers. Take the opportunity to learn and grow, step out of your comfort zone and become a club officer or serve on your district cabinet.

State Convention, being held in the Wisconsin Dells May 16-17, is an excellent opportunity for each of us to expand our knowledge and experience. It may seem like a long ways off, mark your calendar to make plans to attend.

As always, continue to be thankful... thankful for the generosity of our communities, the vision of our leaders, the support of our Lions Clubs and especially the friendships we develop within our local Lioness Club and beyond.

Please keep your P & A's coming to me. Go to the Lioness website at www.wisconsinlioness.org and use the form (LC-01) provided.

Remember, "We Need You In Order To Serve."

## St. Peter Lions Annual Sub Sale



**GET YOUR SUB ON SAT, FEB 1AT THE FOND DU LAC PICK N SAVE STORES ON JOHNSON ST & PIONEER ST AND FESTIVAL FOODS** - Each year since 1995, members have built a sandwich large enough to feed Super Bowl fans. This year, a 300 foot sandwich is being built and sold at three Fond du Lac stores.

Donations are received from Cudahy, Madison and Green Bay. All total around 80 pounds of ham; 80 pounds of summer sausage, turkey and bologna; 100 pounds of cheese; 30 pounds of lettuce; 20 pounds of onions and 40 pounds of tomatoes will be received.

Members start slicing the meat and cheese a night or two before the sale. Then on Saturday morning 80 members split up to the three stores around 5:30 am to slice the fresh baked loaves and proceed to load up the sandwich. Sub sales begin around 8 am. The assembly line is made up of four 20 foot planks on milk cartons in the rear of each store. The sandwiches are cut into foot long sections then wrapped and stored in the cooler until sold to the public.

This year, the sale will be held on February 1st. Each foot long sandwich will be sold for \$6; 6" subs will be \$3. Proceeds will be directed to Fond du Lac Salvation Army, Fond du Lac ARC and Lions Pride Campaign.

## Club News



**WAYSIDE-MORRISON LION DELIVER CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** - Members of the Wayside-Morrison Lions Club were busy Saturday morning, December 21. Fifty-eight Christmas poinsettias were delivered to the area elderly and holiday shut-ins. ABOVE: Lion Ron Kiekhaefer presenting a plant to Bernard Cohen and his wife Joyce who are residents of Wayside Parkview, an assisted living facility in Wayside. This Annual Project began soon after the Club was chartered in 1951.



### ELKHART LAKE LIONS GREENHOUSE DONATION

The Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah School District recently began a fundraising campaign to build a new greenhouse on the high school site, and the Elkhart Lake Lions Club stepped forward with a donation of \$20,000.

The greenhouse is planned to be a laboratory setting for integrated studies in the fields of agri-science, biology, and the culinary arts. The project is being coordinated in conjunction with Steve Schmitt, from Jos. Schmitt and Sons. Currently \$50,000 has been raised for the project. Donations also have been received from the Hayssen Family Foundation, EL-G Education Foundation, and the EL-G FFA Alumni.

Elkhart Lake Lions President, Al Zemlicka, right, is shown

presenting the check to School District Administrator, Ann Beuchel-Haack, and Agri-Science teacher, Michelle Arbuckle. The greenhouse is in the background.

For more information on the project, or if any group or individual is interested in making a donation, call 920-876-3381.



### LIONESS GIVING A HELPING HAND

by IPAP Diane Schmidt

The 2013-14 school year finds the Two Rivers Lioness busy in the schools with their community service projects again. The Lioness teamed up with the Two Rivers Lions and assisted with Vision Screening of the 2nd and 4th graders at Magee Elementary School in Two Rivers. This is the second year the clubs have done this and the school looks forward to our organizations doing it each year. This is a very rewarding experience for both clubs.

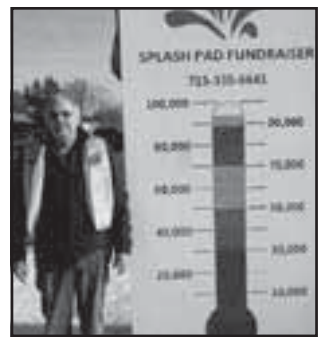
Also, the Two Rivers Lioness are back in the classrooms assisting the students and teachers in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades three mornings a week. We listen to students read, use flash cards to help them with math, work

with students with special needs and give the teachers any other assistance they may need. We give students some one-on-one time while the teacher works with a larger group of students. This is our contribution to help and develop our "Youth of the Future".



### BABY ALPACAS FEATURED AT RIPON LIONESS SPONSORED LIVING WINDOW

- If you've always wanted to pet a soft and fluffy baby alpaca, the Ripon Lioness will provide the opportunity at Ripon's Dickens of a Christmas "Living Windows." The popular holiday event was held Friday, December 6 and the Lioness were featured in the window at 311 Watson Street. The group also collected new and lightly used hats, scarves, mittens and socks of all sizes to be distributed to area schools and other community organizations. "We chose Chile as our theme for "Christmas around the World" and we are fortunate to have two baby Alpacas, which are native to Chile, as part of our Living Windows," says Lioness President Linda Neuenfeldt.



### PLAINFIELD'S SPLASH PAD GOAL IS IN SIGHT

- ABOVE: Wayne Tess, President of the Plainfield Lions Club, is shown adding to the Splashpad Fundraiser sign, located at the Bancroft State Bank in Plainfield. The fundraiser has now raised \$94,000 and is closing in on their campaign of collecting \$100,000 to construct a splashpad in Plainfield's Veterans Memorial Park. The Plainfield Lions sincerely appreciate those area individuals and businesses that have already donated to this community project. If your accountant has advised charitable end-of-the-year donations, please consider a donation to the Plainfield Lions Splashpad Fund. Your donation will help finish this fundraising campaign before the beginning of 2014. Donations of any amount can be sent to the Plainfield Lions Splashpad Building Fund at the Bancroft State Bank, P.O. Box 490, 123 West North Street, Plainfield, WI 54966.



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Diabetes is the leading cause of new cases of blindness in people ages 20-74. It is also a major cause of complications including much higher incidences of heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, kidney problems, nerve damage and amputations. Diabetes was adopted as a long-term commitment of Lions Clubs International in March 1984. The primary objective is to reduce the number of new cases of blindness caused by diabetic retinopathy (a common complication of uncontrolled diabetes) through diabetes education, early detection and treatment and support of research. Data shows that the prevalence of diabetes in the State of Wisconsin has dramatically increased over the past three years. This demonstrates the importance for each of us to renew our commitment to prevent diabetes in our State through education, awareness and screenings. There are so many ways you and your Club can help.

**Diabetes Alert Day**, sponsored by The American Diabetes Association, is held the fourth Tuesday in March each year. This year it's March 25th. It's a one-day "wake-up call" asking the American public to take the Diabetes Risk Test to find out if they are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes. You can distribute the risk test and other informational brochures to family, friends, other Lions or our Club likes to hand them out outside our Post Office and local gas station in the afternoon. Anywhere you can communicate with the most people. The brochures, posters, press releases and all the materials you need are free of charge from WLF and can be ordered by phone, fax, mail or email. I really like this project.

**The Door Hanger Project** can be done anytime during the year. I really love this project too, because it's so easy to involve youth and the project is low-key, the materials are free, once again from WLF, and it's fun and easy to do. You simply walk around your local community and distribute a small, informational two-sided door hanger on the outside of residential doors. The door hanger provides information about healthcare quality and then asks four simple questions to increase awareness of the risk of type 2 diabetes. It has great potential for fun interaction with other local youth organizations.

**Diabetes Screenings, Vision Screenings, Strides Events, Distribution of Educational Materials and Supporting Diabetes Camps** are just a few of the many additional ways you and your Club can make a difference in just one day!

Thank you.

## Hearing Aid Program Updates

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

**Medicaid Title 19** - While Medicare does not cover the cost of hearing aids, Medicaid Title 19 does. Medicaid recipients who are in need of a hearing aid should call the phone number on the back of their card for help in obtaining hearing aids.

**Low Cost Hearing Aids For Those That Don't Qualify For The WLF Hearing Aid Program** - The Wisconsin Lions Foundation (WLF) Hearing Aid Program has grown to include a 200% Program. If an applicant's household income exceeds WLF financial guidelines, it may be low enough to qualify them to purchase their own hearing aid(s) at a much reduced cost. The average cost of each hearing aid in this Program will be between \$450-\$800 depending on the type of hearing aid needed.

No payment is required until the cost of the hearing aid is verified and WLF contacts the applicant to make payment arrangements. After the receipt of the funds has been confirmed, WLF will call the applicant's audiologist to place the order for the hearing aid(s). No partial or installment payments are allowed.

To qualify for this or the traditional WLF Hearing Aid Program, those in need of



assistance should fill out an application which can be obtained from the WLF Office, at www.wlf.info or by sending an email to wendyhart@tds.net with your request.

**Your Donations Help People Here In 27-B1** - The number of eligible people we can assist depends completely on the amount of funds available in the 27-B1 District Hearing Aid Fund.

The Hearing Aid Program is funded solely through the collection and salvage of old hearing aids and through donations from 27-B1, Zones and local Lion, Lioness and Leo Clubs.

Donations should be sent to:  
Wendy Hartmann  
17023 Cty Rd F  
Kiel, WI 53042

The check should be made payable to: WLF, with 27-B1 Hearing Aid Program in the memo section. That will assure

you that your donation will get to the right place.

**Clubs Interested In Collecting Used Hearing Aids** - Some suggested locations to place collection containers include local churches, pharmacies, funeral homes, nursing homes, and doctors/audiologist/hearing instrument specialists' offices.

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

Clubs should encourage the general public to donate their unwanted or unused hearing aids to this program via posters and newspaper articles.

To learn more about the Hearing Aid Program, contact Hartmann to schedule a program or have your questions answered.

## Lioness News

by ADP Donna Stoeger - 920-553-2337 or donnastoege@charter.net

Most clubs have been busy with fundraisers during the cold season. Now is the time to keep our Lioness Clubs growing with new members coming in. Also, encourage members to step up and taking a club officer seat, becoming a committee chairperson or even becoming part of the District Cabinet. You will grow as a Lioness and learn a lot about the organization that you didn't realize before.

The titles officer, chairperson or cabinet member may sound overwhelming, you will be surprised at how simple and rewarding it is after you become involved in a leadership role. So please try a new job, be a leader! There is leadership ability in all of us, the "Challenge of Change" really feels great and rewarding. Officer Training will be held at Moraine Park in Fond du Lac on Saturday, May 3rd at 9 am and Tuesday, May 6th at 6 pm. The goal is to have each officer that attends learn something new. So please plan to attend!

This is also the time for club officers to be elected. Once you have your slate of officers and have voted them in, send their names and addresses to the District Governor and Affiliate

District President by April 1, 2014, using form LC-02 located at the Lioness website at www.wisconsinlioness.org. We want to have them in the State Directory.

It's not too early to make plans for the State Convention which will be held at the Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center, in Wisconsin Dells on May 15-17 2014. More information will be coming on this event. Members that do not attend Conventions don't realize how much they are missing. Being a member without learning the details about the WLF, LCIF and the multiple organizations or what our contributions mean, or the details of what these groups do for their communities is a great loss for you as a Lioness.

Please mark your calendar for the Affiliate Spring Banquet sponsored by Ripon Lioness on June 8. More information will be coming soon.

Congratulations to all the 27-B1 Lioness Clubs for the wonderful job they did in four months. You have brought in five new members, a total of 3,277.5 service hours and donations totaling \$23,051.32.

Lioness Clubs of 27-B1, you are doing an awesome job. Keep up the good work! Remember, "We Need You In Order To Serve."

### Club News



#### THE TWO RIVERS LIONS DONATE TO "SUNDAY SUPPER"

The Two Rivers Lions Club presented a \$250 donation to the "Sunday Supper" at St. Peter the Fisherman (SPF) Parish. The donation will be used by the Parish to purchase food for a free meal to any needy family in the local community.

The "Sunday Supper" was originally initiated by the former Holy Redeemer Catholic Parish over 15 years ago and was offered to the community at the church hall once a month. A few years ago, Fr. Tom Reynebeau, pastor of SPF, challenged the community to participate and offer this free meal once per week.

The source of this donation comes from the Lions Apple Fest held annually on the second Saturday in October.

This is the fifth year that the Two Rivers Lions have donated money to this very worthwhile community program. This is another example how this club actively supports the Lions motto, "We Serve".

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**FOND DU LAC EVENING LIONS & FOND DU LAC LIONESS CLUBS SUPPORT UNITED SINGERS** - The Clubs joined together to donate \$500 to the United Singers of the Fond du Lac Area. The Singers recently lost their benefactor, so the Clubs stepped in to help them with expenses. The Singers are a group of area residents with special needs. ABOVE: The United Singers performed at Festival Foods, singing Christmas carols the week before Christmas.



#### THE TWO RIVERS LIONS DONATE TO ECUMENICAL PANTRY

The Two Rivers Lions presented a \$700 check to Two Rivers Ecumenical Pantry (TREP). This donation by the Lions will be used to purchase food for the Pantry. TREP was formed about 10 years ago

when the local churches of Two Rivers and Mishicot community combined efforts to organize an "Ecumenical Pantry".

The parishioners of these local churches collect donated food and bring it to the Pantry, where it is sorted and organized by volunteers. TREP then offers this 'free' food to families and individuals in the local area who are experiencing financial hardships due to unemployment, low income, etc.

This is the fifth year the Two Rivers Lions have donated money to this very worthwhile community program, and is another example how Lions serve and support their local community.

Money for this donation is

derived from funds earned by the Two Rivers Lions at their Annual "Apple Fest", which is held in downtown Two Rivers during the month of October.



#### PLAINFIELD LIONS REACH THEIR SPLASHPAD FUNDRAISING GOAL

Members of the Plainfield Lions Club are shown adding the last entry on to the Splashpad Fundraising Sign indicating that they have reached their goal of raising \$100,000. The Club set out six months ago to raise money to construct a Splashpad in Plainfield's Veterans Memorial Park. The Plainfield Lions sincerely appreciate and thank those area individuals and businesses who donated to this community improvement project. An engineering contract has been signed and the Splashpad play features have been ordered. A May 1, 2014 ground breaking date has been set. The Splashpad should be fully operational sometime in mid-summer. Donations are still being accepted, earmarked to be used with the landscaping costs once the Splashpad construction has been completed. Donations of any amount can be sent to The Plainfield Lions Splashpad Building Fund at the Bancroft State Bank, P.O. Box 490, 123 West North Street, Plainfield, WI 54966. ABOVE: (L to R): Plainfield Lions Club Splashpad Fundraising and Building

Committee are Bob Barker, Jim Morgan, Jeff Reabe, Wayne Tess, and Tony Marinack. Committee member not pictured is Tyler Reabe.

#### APPLETON NOON LIONS DONATE \$10,000

- At the end of 2013, the Appleton Noon Lions Club donated \$1,000 to each of 10 non-profit community organizations. Money was raised from the Senior Living EXPO. The organizations who received donations include: Fox Cities Boys and Girls Club, Emergency Shelter, Fox Valley Warming Shelter, Harbor House, St. Joseph Food Pantry, Community Clothes Closet, COTS, LEAVEN, Salvation Army and Fox Cities Community Health Center. The Club also recognized two members with Lions of the Year awards: Treasurer Blaine Priebsch, and EXPO co-chairman Robert Simon. Knight of Sight awards went to David Lee and Otto Cox for work on the Appleton Area School District vision screening program.

### Events

**APRIL SAT, APR 5 - Wayside Morrison Lions 10th Annual Branson North Evening** featuring Maggie Mae Country Show at Cobblestone Creek, Brillion. Dinner Show. For info, call 920-864-2345.

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Earth Day is observed on April 22nd each year. On this day, enjoy the tonic of fresh air, make contact with the soil and companionship with nature. Take a walk through the woods and look for animal tracks, admire the fantastic trees and look for emerging Spring wildflowers. Go outside no matter what the weather!

This reminds me of the most memorable Earth Day for me ever, which was Earth Day April 22, 1990. I was in the service stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia and a group of us went to an Earth Day Celebration on the National Mall in Washington D.C. which was not very far from there. Little did I know I would see and hear then Senator Al Gore and actor Tom Cruise speak and then see John Denver sing "Rocky Mountain High" and some of his other songs. I will never forget it!

Ever wonder how Earth Day started? It came from an interest in gathering national support for environmental issues. In 1970, San Francisco activist, John McConnell and Senator Gaylord Nelson separately asked Americans to join in a grassroots demonstration. McConnell chose the Spring Equinox (March 21, 1970) and Nelson chose April 22nd. Millions of people participated and today Earth Day continues to be widely celebrated with events on both dates.

The most common practice of celebration is to plant new trees on Earth Day. Trees play an important role in sustaining a healthy environment. During the 2011-2012 fiscal year, as part of then International President Tam's Tree-Planting Campaign, Lions reported planting over 15 million trees! In one year! And they didn't stop there! The tree-planting program was extended and Lions continue to plant millions of trees to help make this a better planet. You can too! Join the thousands of Lions Clubs world-wide and add a tree-planting project to your calendar. Involve youth in your communities by asking a local youth group or several to help you.

Another way to help the environment all year long is Adopt-A Highway. This project involves your Club picking up trash in the ditches for a two-mile stretch, three times a year and the Highway Department puts up a nifty blue sign with your Club's name on it. Good exercise, good work and good publicity!

There are many other ways, such as recycling, that you and your Club can help protect the environment. Remember, Earth is the only home we've got!

Thank you Lions, Lioness and Leos for all you do all year long to help protect the environment and our Earth, however you do it.

# Your Club Needs You!

by Lion Dave Holschbach, 27-B1 GLT Coordinator - 920-684-0115 or [dajach@yahoo.com](mailto:dajach@yahoo.com)

Your Club, your Zone and your District need you to be a leader. Remember, the first step is the hardest! Never be afraid, we all make mistakes. You may have some hidden talents that will benefit others!

We would not be where we are now if no one ever stepped forward. Now is the time for your club to decide who will lead them into the future. Your Club elections are just around the corner, go ahead and volunteer as an officer or board member, or better yet move forward and become a zone or district cabinet member or the ultimate, District Governor. It can happen, we are all there for support and training and want you.

Long-time 27-B1 leader and current Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator Dave Holschbach explains, "Throughout my years as a club officer, District cabinet secretary, and now GLT Coordinator, I have met various club members and officers. It is surprising how many would have never gone forward because they were content at just being a member. They made the move and became

an officer in their club and never regretted it. I have seen many that have surprised me with their accomplishments.

We all think we are not capable of doing the job. It is so easy and your club members will be thankful you took the position. Talk to other members who have been in that position, I have never met a club officer who hated the job. Never look back!"

Club secretaries, remember, your club's 2014-15 New Officer Report (PU101) is due to LCI by April 15th. This is also a great time to print out your club roster and have all members check that their information is correct.

**2014-15 Officer Training** - As you begin your planning for the upcoming year, make sure your incoming officers plan to attend one of the upcoming Officer Training sessions.

- Saturday, May 10th from 9 am to 12 pm.
- Tuesday, May 13th from 6 pm to 9 pm.

All sessions will be held at Moraine Park in Fond du Lac. Look for detailed information to be sent to all clubs shortly.

Contact Holschbach if you are interested in learning more about leadership opportunities or if you have any questions.

## Club News



**SHERWOOD LIONESS 10TH ANNUAL BEANBAG TOURNAMENT** - The Club has come a long way with its Annual Beanbag Tournament by working together with the Stockbridge Lions, who made the boards. This year's Tournament had 28 teams with most people winning a door prize. There are lots of great raffles and 10 liner that anyone can participate in, even if you don't play. The prize money isn't huge, but many of the same teams come back year after year for the fun and a chance to break up the long cold winter. The Tournament is a enjoyable time for players and the helpers. ABOVE: Heather Beland had a great time competing.

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# Special Olympics Opening Eyes Volunteers Needed



**50 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - Yes, it is that time of year again... time for Special Olympics Opening Eyes. On Saturday, April 5 we will again be vision screening the athletes participating in Special Olympics. The screening will be held at the Gruenhagen Conference Center at UW Oshkosh from 8 am until 5 pm. If you can help all day, or morning or afternoon, it will be greatly appreciated. It is very rewarding, knowing you have come away with helping these athletes improve their vision. No special talent needed. You can find the "Sign up Form" on the District web site at [md27b1.org](http://md27b1.org). Contact Special Olympics Chair, PDG Ken Walander with any questions. He can be reached at 920-775-4281 or [kenkhar@sol.net](mailto:kenkhar@sol.net).

# Are We Followers Or Are We Leaders?

by PDG Jerry Post - 920-773-2618 or [mpost7@tds.net](mailto:mpost7@tds.net)

That is a question we ask ourselves quite often. To answer that, we need to look at ourselves and dig into our inner beings. Many of us say we are followers because we do not wish to have authority or do not like conflict. You are a valued member as we need individuals to help us carry out our goals to help others. We also have followers that follow because they are afraid of failure and because of that, are afraid to try to be leaders.

How many times have you heard...

- "I'll help with that"
- "Why don't we try this?"
- "This project works fine, but do you think it will work better if we try this?"
- "We need a new project and I will run it but do not want to be in charge of it."

These are not the questions of followers, they are questions that a leader would ask.

For those potential leaders who are afraid to fail, we need to help them come out of their shell and be the leaders they can be. It is okay to be afraid of failure, but as a Lion or Lioness leader, you are not alone. There is a wide network of other Lion and Lioness leaders that will not let you fail. That's right, we will not let you fail because that is our nature, and our nature is to help and build up, not to destroy.

Thirty years ago, that was me. Just a little Lion that was happy to serve any way the club needed me. What happened? I started to see what the Lions and Lioness were doing to help others. They were working together and as I stated before, would not let



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each other fail. The heart started to fill and I was not happy just being that little Lion sitting in the corner waiting to be told what to do anymore. I needed to do more and then started to take on more leadership roles and guess what? I liked it. I am now what I like to call, a cheerleader for Lions and Lioness to encourage them to be all they can.

If you still find yourself a follower, I will stand next to you and follow with you. To those that wish to pursue other options, I will stand next to you also and cheer you on. No matter what your choice, the Lions and Lioness will stand next to you and praise you for everything you do to help those in need.

Thank you for being who you are, protectors for those in need.

# Lioness

by ADP Donna Stoeger - 920-553-2337 or [donnastoeger@charter.net](mailto:donnastoeger@charter.net)

It has been very exciting to see increased membership in several of our Lioness Clubs. These new members will help our clubs with new ideas and energy. Keep up the good work.

Hopefully, by this time all Lioness Clubs have nominated their new officers for the Lioness year that begins July 2014. They are the future of your club.

Now that you have nominated them, make sure they attend one of the Officer Training sessions that will be held at Moraine Park in Fond du Lac on Saturday May 10th, at 9 am to 12 pm, and Tuesday, May 13th, at 6 pm to 9 pm. Every officer who attends will learn something, so please plan to attend!

Mark your calendar for the Spring Banquet to be hosted by the Ripon Lioness on June 8th. This is always a fun time and a chance to meet members from other clubs.

Also mark your calendar for the upcoming State Convention to be held May 15-17 at Kalahari Resorts & Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells.

It is not too early to start thinking about visiting our great Lions Camp. This year, Visitor Days begin June 11th and end the week of August 13th. Visiting Days are on Wednesdays from 10 am to 2 pm and 4 pm to 8 pm. If you have never been the Camp, it's an amazing place to go. It's just wonderful to see how happy the campers are to be there and all the things that they do and learn. You also get to see what a great staff we have working with all the campers. Our club made a visit there and had a wonderful time and came home with a sense of pride about the club's contributions to this great facility.

I have enjoyed visiting many clubs so far and I am looking forward to visiting the rest of you soon. Please contact me at [donnastoeger@charter.net](mailto:donnastoeger@charter.net) or at 920-55-2337. Please keep those P&A's coming each month. Remember, "We Need You In Order To Serve."

# Fun Facts

- If you put two straws in your mouth, one inside a drink and the other out side, you will not be able to drink through either straw.
- You can't tickle yourself.
- People that ride roller coasters have a higher chance of having blood clots in the brain.
- More than 2,500 left handed people die from using products made for a right handed person.
- A donkey will sink in quicksand, but a mule will not.



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"Blind kids can't go to Summer Camp and stuff like that." Those words, spoken by a blind teenager, started it all over 57 years ago. Overheard by Lion Ray Hempel from the Poy Sippi Lions Club, he took the idea of a camp for blind children to the Lions of The State of Wisconsin. It took off from one man to all the Lions Clubs of the State finding this beautiful piece of property on what is now called Lions Lake and passing a resolution at our State Convention to create the Camp and the Wisconsin Lions Foundation to administer the Camp.

The goals of our amazing Lions Camp are to assist each camper in the development of self-confidence, interdependence, social skills, outdoor recreational skills, environmental awareness and most importantly, a fun, safe and memorable experience.

The weekly Summer Camp Programs include sessions for the blind and visually impaired, the deaf and hard of hearing, those with mild cognitive disabilities, diabetes and adult programs. Your Wisconsin Lions Camp serves over 1,300 campers a season.

So now, have you seen your Lions Camp in action? If you have, that's super! Encourage others that have not seen it to go visit. And if you haven't ever been there, then you simply must go. It's just such an amazing experience! Anyone can attend, Lions, Lioness, Leos or guests. You can go individually or as a group. Visitor Days are held every Wednesday during the Summer camping season and you have to call and make a reservation. Your visit includes a full wagon tour of the amazing 440 acre property and 45 acre Lake, a full walking tour, meet and observe campers in action, meet and greet the full-time staff, a group photo, a visit to The Trading Post and a meal in the Dining Hall for only \$5.

You can also help out at the periodic Camp Workdays that allow you to see the Camp without campers and do some good work alongside other dedicated Lions and have a lot of fun at the same time. I've done this and I had a blast! Call the Camp Office to get your name on the list.

Just wanted to remind and encourage all of you to attend our upcoming Lions State Convention to be held May 15th-17th at The Kalahari Resort in beautiful Lake Delton. There will be so many excellent and informative seminars, great motivational speakers, the State Golf Tournament, raffles, entertainment and the fantastic camaraderie of Lions!

Thank you Lions, Lioness and Leos for all you do to serve, work and raise and donate the money to keep our fantastic Lions Camp operating and serving thousands of those in need.

## A Busy Time Of Year

by ADP Donna Stoeger - 920-553-2337 or donnastoege@charter.net

The month of May is a celebration of new growth and new beginning. By now all clubs have held elections and chosen the person to the important offices. New presidents should be setting goals, selecting committees and getting ready for your year. You are the leaders of your club. Members rely on your leadership and they are willing to serve.

Remember your newest members and make sure they have committee assignments. If you are unsure of their special skill, ask them where they would like to serve and pair them up with their sponsor for the first year. Don't let them sit on the sideline; they are there to help your club and to serve. New members may have new ideas and that is good.

Encourage your members to attend Officer Training, complete details can be found in the Officer Training story on this page. The goal is to have each member that attends learn something new. So

please plan to attend. The Lioness Spring Banquet is Sunday, June 8th, hosted by the Ripon Lioness. By now you should have received your invitation. Come join us for a fun event where 100% President, Secretary and Treasurer Awards will be presented. If you have any officers who you feel deserve one of these awards, please let me know as soon as possible.

Club secretaries, remember to continue to send your P & A each month. These monthly reports allow us to recognize all the hours of service and donations, from your members and clubs, along with tracking your total membership. We all work very hard and should be recognized.

It's not too late to make plans to attend the State Convention, to be held in Wisconsin Dells, May 15-17 at the Kalahari Resorts & Convention Center. The Convention will have many seminars available for your enjoyment and enlightenment.

Remember, "We Need You In Order To Serve."

## When you stop giving and offering something to the rest of the world, it's time to turn out the lights.

— George Burns

## Leader Dog Kennel Update

by IPDG Meg Post, 27-B1 Leader Dog Chair -

Leader Dog will soon begin their Kennel Redesign Project in conjunction with their 75th year of service to people who are blind or visually impaired.

During those 75 years, over 14,500 dogs have brought independence and self-worth to men, women, and teens all over the world. You will find Leader Dogs in many different aspects of life, company offices, under judge's courtroom benches, college dorms, under teacher's desks, just about anywhere.

In order to continue to be the best service dog school in the world and produce the best dogs, renovation and upgrading is an important factor. Beginning July 1, 2014, Leader Dog will begin a campaign to redesign the kennels. Over the years, Leader Dog has done remodeling projects and also constructed some new additions. But now it is time to redesign and make the kennel area more modern and create an environment that is best suited to successfully provide stress free and happy dogs to the many people who pass through Leader Dog's doors in search of independence.

For this to be a successful campaign, we need all Lions, Lioness, and Leo clubs to be a

part of this project. I would like to thank all the clubs who have so generously donated to Leader Dog during this Lionistic year and also in the past. Our club donations are a vital part of the success of Leader Dog. If you haven't donated to Leader Dog in the past, please consider making a donation this year. As Lions, we accepted Helen Keller's request to be Knights of the Blind. Our support of Leader Dog continues to fulfill this request.

If you haven't already done so, please read the excellent articles that have been published in the last two issues of *The Lion*, our International magazine.

As your District Leader Dog Chair, IPDG Meg Post will be attending zone meetings and individual club meetings to better inform you on this project. She has some very interesting videos to share with everyone.

Just as a reminder, Leader Dog will have a seminar at State Convention. I hope to see all of you there. We will have lots of information for you.

Also, please remember to send your Leader Dog donations to: PDG Meg Post, PO Box 81, St. Nazianz, WI 54232.

A huge thank you to all the Clubs who have already made some very generous donations.

## Officer Training

by Lion Dave Holschbach, 27-B1 GLT Coordinator - 920-684-0115 or dajach@yahoo.com

It is time for Club Officer Training. This training is not only beneficial for the club officers, but also for members thinking about a leadership role in Lionism. Lion's information changes every year and it is vital we keep up with the changes. We will also be providing information on what is expected of each officer's role in their club. Round table discussions will provide suggestions to improve your club. This will not be entirely geared toward officers, all current Lions are invited. Anyone interested in leadership and our future or being a better Lion are welcome.

Plan to attend one of the sessions:

- Saturday, May 10th**
  - 9:30 am - 12 pm
  - Moraine Park Technical College - 235 N. National Ave., Fond du Lac
  - Registration will start at 9 am. Coffee, fruit and rolls will be available. There will be a donation plate to help offset cost.

- Tuesday, May 13th**
  - 6:30 pm - 9 pm
  - Moraine Park Technical College, 235 N. National Ave., Fond du Lac
  - Registration and a build your own Sandwich Bar for \$6 start at 6:00 pm.

Lioness training will also be done at these same dates and times.

We have some great presenters lined up...

- DG-E Jim Zamzow and Lion 1st VDG-E Marv Henke will train the Presidents and Vice Presidents
- GLT Coordinator Dave Holschbach will train Secretaries and Treasurers
- PCC Dean Haas and DG Dawn Christensen will train the Zone Chairs
- PDG Meg and Jerry Post will work with the Lioness.

New this year, will be a training session for Membership chairs and anyone else interested in ideas about improving and maintaining membership. This will be conducted by GMT Coordinator Mike Helme. Learn how to encourage growth, implement orientation, and bring life and enthusiasm to the meetings.

Reservations are due to Holschbach or DG Christensen by May 2nd and should include the date and number of attendees and attendees names, along with the club contact person's name and contact information.

### send all your club news,

events & photos of

Lions in action to

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## Club News & Events



### OXFORD LIONS CLUB 59TH FISHEREE

There was plenty of lake ice as the Oxford Lions Club held their 59th Annual Fisheree on Saturday, February 15, 2014. When you consider the brutal 2014 Wisconsin winter that all of us have experienced, it was a cold but otherwise nice day to get out of the house. Fishermen enjoyed good fishing across the lake; non-fishermen came out to enjoy a hot sandwich and to buy raffle tickets.

After being located on nearby Crooked Lake in each of the past three years, the event returned to its traditional home on the Oxford Mill Pond. "In recent winters the water level on the Mill Pond was drawn down for weed-control purposes, so we had to find a new home," said Steve Mullens, president of the Oxford Lions Club. "We also had to contend with unsafe ice as the result of some mild winters. That certainly wasn't a problem this year," said Mullens.

The Fisheree dates back to the winter of 1955 and the earliest days of the (then) newly chartered Oxford Lions Club. A long-standing local tradition, it remains as the club's single largest annual

fundraising activity. Receipts from the Fisheree go a long way to fund the Club's list of projects and donations. While most of their contributions stay in the community, the Club actively supports several Lions-sponsored events, both state and international.

Longtime club member Bill Martin heads up efforts to collect cash and merchandise prizes from area businesses. "Businesses are willing to contribute and individuals support us because they know the money is put to good use, both in Oxford and around the area," said Martin.

The Fisheree headquarters is a circus-style tent set up on the ice. It's a busy place, especially at lunchtime and just before the raffle drawings. The smell of fresh brats is just too tempting as you're waiting for your name to be drawn. Club members are busy with last minute ticket sales, 50/50 cash raffles and a fundraiser the Club calls a Picnic on the Ice. It's a Rubbermaid container filled with good things to eat and drink. Ticket sales are brisk; most of the picnic baskets have a short life span after their winter is announced.

It wouldn't be a true Wisconsin Fisheree without a biggest fish Contest. The Oxford Lions offer hourly and daily prizes for fish in five species. This year's daily winners included two young fishermen who were rightfully proud of their catches.

### PICKETT LIONS SUPPORT SOME GREAT COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Pickett Lions Club donated \$3,000 to the Pickett Community Center in February. This support helps provide local day care and lunches delivered to area elderly

residents. One of the ways the Club raises funds to support this and other donations is their Annual Bowling Sweeper that was held on February 21st at T&O Lanes in Oshkosh. Sixty-eight bowlers participated in the 8-pin tap competition during an afternoon of fun, raffles, and prizes.

The Club is also building revenue through sales of Golden Heritage Honey, which is produced and packaged right in Pickett by one of our members. We are proud to have eight area businesses lending support to this year-round venture.



### AREA LIONS CLUBS SUPPORTS MISSION TO HAITI

New Holstein Lion and doctor Cheryl Roers is making her second trip to Thiotte, Haiti. Dr. Roers, an optometrist, travels to Thiotte with a medical team of doctors who work with the people to get their diabetes and blood pressure in check, along with other ailments. Dr. Roers works with the optical by administering eyeglasses to the villagers. The clubs supporting the mission financially are the New Holstein, Brillion, Chilton, Hilbert, Sherwood, Sherwood Lioness and the Stockbridge Lions. Eyeglasses for the Mission were supplied by the Wisconsin Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center

and the local optical centers. LEFT: Zone Chair Fred Gebhart presented the checks to Dr. Cheryl Roers at the New Holstein Lions Board Meeting. In response Roers said, "I am humbled by the support the Lions have provided me without even asking. I am so proud to say that I am a member of such a great organization."

## Events

### MAY

**FRI, MAY 2 - SUN, MAY 4th - Van Dyne Softball Tournament** - This is the first of three softball tournaments this year. Public welcome. Contact Lion Walt Schmid at 920-688-2496.

**SUN, MAY 18 - Van Dyne Lion and Lioness 29th Annual Country Breakfast** at Van Dyne Lions Park from 8:30 am to 1 pm. All you can eat... Pancakes, eggs, sausages, ham, applesauce, hash browns, dessert and beverage (coffee, milk, juice included). Advance adult tickets \$6.50; at the door \$7.50. Ages 4 - 10 advance - \$3.00; at the door \$4.00. 3 and under free. Advance tickets contact Lioness Marge at 920-688-2475 or cwerterm@charter.net.

**SAT, MAY 31 - 35th Annual Van Dyne Walleye Tournament** - Awards given in afternoon at Van Dyne Lions Park. Public welcome. Entry information, etc., contact Lion Tom Wendt at 920-922-8841 or Lion Jack Hughes at 920-922-1588.

### JUNE

**SUN, JUN 8 - Lioness Affiliate Spring Banquet** at Royal Ridges, Ripon. Cocktails at 4 pm. Dinner at 5 pm. Watch for your invitation.



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# It Was A Challenging Year How Much Is That Doggie In The Window?



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Here it is June 2014 and I am sitting at my computer working on my last article for the Lions newspaper as your Affiliate President. It has been a wonderful year during which I have met many wonderful hardworking and dedicated Lioness and Lions. Thank you to the clubs for allowing me to visit one of their meetings during the year. I thoroughly enjoyed my visits, meeting you and listening to what your clubs are doing. It was great to see Lioness Clubs and the different fundraisers they do because they all have different ideas and in the end they all have the same goal.

I also want to thank you for all the service you provide in your communities and beyond. You never know the lives that you touch. We are not doing our work to be thanked, but just to know that we have made life a little better for someone.

I also was amazed of the amount of donations that the Lioness Clubs give for Eye Bank, Leader Dog, Hearing Program,



Wisconsin Lions Foundation, a national community service. Keep up the good work.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped me through this year. I especially want to thank PDP Diane Schmidt, and Liaison Gerald Schmidt. They got my computer all set up for Lioness to make my job much easier, and chauffeured me to meetings. A big thank you to my Cabinet, everyone was just wonderful. Thanks to DG Dawn Christensen who did a great job this year.

I am proud to announce that Lioness Cindy Rank, who is from the Van Dyne Lioness Club, will be your next Affiliate President for the 2014-2105 year. Also, PDG Jerry Post will be your Affiliate Vice President, I am sure that both will serve our District very well.

Have a great and safe summer, always be ready to recruit new members, and remember, "We Need You In Order To Serve."

This is my final article as editor of the 27-B1 District page as I am concentrating on my new position as State Leader Dog representative. Thank you to everyone for your help and cooperation and I wish everyone the best in your future Lions endeavors.

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

What is it like to be dragged across a dance floor by a Leader Dog? Is it wrong to holler at a blind person with a Leader Dog for not asking for help? What do you do when you see the comforting between a blind person and their Leader Dog? A puppy laying down next to a trainer and not making a whine or a fuss, is that for real? Did you ever ask a blind person, where is the rest room?

Let's start with the last question first. After transferring from one bus to another, then finally arriving at our destination, I had to use the rest room. After asking a few Lions with no help, I saw a man with a Leader Dog, walked over and said, never mind, I will ask him. The answer was simple, he said to his dog "find

the restroom" and a very short time later, there I was. You see, one of the things a team like that does first is, find where the dog's parking area is, as well as the owner's facilities. It's also a good laugh when you ask directions from someone that is blind. This confuses the heck out of people standing around.

Can you imagine a puppy laying down and not making a sound? Yes, I have seen this. Puppy trainers take a lot of pride in making sure that their puppies listen to them; after all, if they don't behave as puppies, how will they behave as Leader Dogs?

To see the love and affection of a Leader Dog and their partner, just watch. I worked at a booth next to the Leader Dog booth at one of the district conventions when I looked over and saw her dog slowly get up, sit next to her and put his head on her lap, her hand immediately went on his head with a head scratch and a very big smile. That is a bond you will never forget.

Blind people are just like us. A blind gentleman with his Leader Dog was having a hard time finding a certain door and I asked if I could help. He answered,

no, we will figure it out. After a while I said to him, you seem to be having a problem, can I give you a little help. Again he said no, he is just having a little problem finding the trash can by the entrance to the door. In a stern voice I said, just a minute. Then I asked all the Lions to move away from the trash can so the dog could see it. I then said to him, "Just like us that are sighted, we all need a little help now and then." He then said, "Thank you and I will try to remember that we are all the same."

What is it like to be dragged across a dance floor by a Leader Dog? It is the most happy, funny, rewarding, exciting, most wonderful experience of my life and to find out the rest of the story, you have to ask, Lenny Quinn or myself.

How much is that doggie in the window? It is priceless. Because of the Lions and Lioness, it is of no cost to the person receiving it. To the Lions and Lioness it is simply \$40,000 worth of Lions Love. On behalf of all the puppies and Leader Dog, I thank you for everything you do to help those that live in the color of night.

## Club News & Events



**OXFORD LIONS CLUB PURCHASES CCTV MAGNIFIER**

Lion Gus Stroede, Oxford, once again enjoys reading the newspaper and outdoor sports magazines with his new ClearView text magnifier. The Oxford Lions Club purchased the device through the Sharper Vision Store of the Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired in Madison. This is the third text magnifier the club has purchased for use by area residents.

Purchases made through the Sharper Vision Store help the Wisconsin Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired provide education and services for others with visual impairments. They are located at 754 Williamson Street, Madison; their telephone number is 608-237-8100.

Vision and issues related to eyes and eye diseases are among the core missions of Lions Clubs International. To learn more about LCI and their many activities in the community, across Wisconsin and around the world, go to www.wlfinfo.



**NEARLY 150 ATTENDEES AT THE WILD ROSE ANNUAL SPORTSMAN'S DINNER**



**ROSENDALE'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT WAS A GOOD TIME FOR ALL** - Ninety children came to Taylor Park on Saturday, April 19th to get their share of the 800 eggs hidden by the Lions. Lions and local businesses donated candy and prizes for the event. Children were entered into three age groups to search for the plastic eggs filled with candy or cash. Event Chair LaDonne Smith said, "It brings the community together and everybody likes to celebrate Easter. It's a Rosendale Lions tradition and the community really appreciates it." TOP: The Easter Bunny entertains the children as they await their turn to search for eggs. LOWER LEFT: Long time Lion Ross Tarnow relaxed with the Easter Bunny. LOWER RIGHT: Lion Dave Stetter hides an egg in a tree.

The evening consisted of a number of games, door prizes and the culmination of the Canoe Raffle.

The dinner was catered by Kathy's Main Street Station of Wild Rose. Door prizes and several drawings for guns, jewelry and assorted goods were held throughout the event. Jim Malchow and his employees assisted the Club in conducting the games of chance.

Sponsors for the event were:

Dan Mielke, who provided the game of the night, Dave Hudziak, Farmers State Bank, Holly Funeral Home, Malchow Sport Shop, Martz Insurance Agency, Rosemore Village, Tom's Garage, Wild Rose Community Memorial Hospital and Wild Rose Family Dentistry. Nearly all of the Wild Rose Lions members were present to conduct games and assist the guests.

All the proceeds go to the various charities the Wild Rose

Lions support, including Leader Dogs for the Blind, Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin and the Lions Camp in Rosholt. The Club also provides scholarships and benevolences locally.

The club began selling tickets for the Canoe Raffle in the cold of January and February and is indebted to the kindness of Copp's and Stoneridge of Wautoma, and to Pick 'N Save of Waupaca for allowing tickets to be sold at their doors.

Special thanks goes to Farmers State Bank in Wild Rose for displaying the canoe and selling tickets for the club.

**BOTTOM OF 1st COLUMN:** Grand Prize Canoe Raffle winner Wayne Morgan of rural Wild Rose.



### KIEL LIONS IN REVIEW

The Kiel Lions have been very busy again this year. The biggest event for the club is their annual community picnic which is coming up in August. This is a huge three day picnic with the local Optimist Club working side by side with them. The local Boy Scouts help out by cleaning the park in the off hours so the park is ready for the next day's activities.

Another big event is the chicken and ham dinner. This event is

also a huge success because of the joint efforts of the Optimist Club, Boy Scouts, and Kiel High School Dance Team. Because of these joint efforts, multiple deliveries are made to local businesses and establishments as well as to the many people who come to Millhome Supper Club for the meal.

Other events the club is involved with are the CP Teletthon, highway clean-up, and the peace poster contest. The Kiel Lions would like to thank the other community organizations and clubs that help make all their events and activities possible. Without these groups, their events wouldn't be as enjoyable or beneficial. Thank you for your time.

Because of all this support, the club is able to provide reading machines to those who are visually impaired, as well as paying for eye exams, glasses, and collecting glasses for donation, and helping the hearing impaired.

The Boy Scouts, Kiel High School Dance Team, Kiel Fire Department, Christmas Cheer, Thanksgiving Dinner donations, Lions Camp, School Scholarships, Safety Patrol, Salvatorian Warehouse, and St. Vincent De Paul are some of the many organizations and clubs that have benefited from the Kiel Lions success each year.

The Kiel Lions Club, along with the other organizations and clubs that assist them, would not be able to do any of this without the support of their community. Because of this support, they are able to accomplish great things for those in need. Thank you for continuing to support their club and activities.

## Event

JUNE

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I'd also like to thank all the Lions, Lioness and Leos in the District for all their continued hard work, dedication and accomplishments during this Lions year. You really make a difference in the world. It really is all about the individual member, selflessly giving of their time and energy to help others. You're all so dedicated! Thank you all very much for serving.

I feel relieved, but also a little sad, because this is my last District Governor column. I will always be here to help any Lion, Lioness or Leo in any way that I can. I'm looking forward to helping our incoming District Governor Lion Jim Zamzow and incoming First Vice District Governor Lion Marv Henke with anything they need. They will both be great District Governors.

I am currently serving on the Convention Committee as Convention Chairman's Assistant (or Co-Chair if you want to call it that) and I hope to chair District Conventions in the future. Maybe even a State Convention or two! I also hope to serve on The District Cabinet for many years to come in whatever capacity is needed.

So keep up the good work of Lionism. Always remember to...

- Smile and have fun!
- Invite others to join us whenever you see the chance.
- Involve youth at every opportunity.

In the words of Helen Keller, "Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."

Thank you Lions, Lioness and Leos for all that you do!

**invite a prospective member to help at your next project**