



**District 27-B1 Cabinet Minutes  
Sunday, August 4th 2019  
Eagles Club  
515 N Park Avenue  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935  
920-921-2705**

**CHAT FORUM Meeting - 11:30 am  
Lunch & Social 12:00-1:00 pm  
Cabinet Meeting to Start at 1:00 pm**

**Questions? Reply to this email: [dajach@yahoo.com](mailto:dajach@yahoo.com) or call 920-684-0115**

- 1. Call to order @ 12:50 pm** by District Governor Michael De Baere
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Dave Lee
- 3. Song -America the Beautiful** led by Song and Prayer Leader & Chaplain Lion Meg Post
- 4. Welcome** - Introduction of Lions Cabinet Members & Special Guests – DG Michael De Baere
- 5. Installation of Cabinet Members** by PDG Eric Holthaus, WI State GMT Chairman. Thank you for the honor of installing all cabinet members.
- 6. Roll Call** performed by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach 24 of 31 cabinet members in attendance. Special Guest Lion Tracy Wolfe, President of Sheboygan Community Lions.
- 7. Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from April 14, 2019, emailed to cabinet members. Correction made by Lion BJ Blahnik, he is not Leader Dog rep for Northern Illinois and due to his current position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, he is no longer the Leader Dog rep. PDG Jerry Post has assumed this position. Motion by Lion Ken Rivers to accept the minutes with the above correction noted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion BJ Blahnik. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 8. Approval of State District Meeting Minutes** from May 18, 2019 motion made by Lion BJ Blahnik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Helen Mork. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 9. Approval of August 4, 2019 Agenda** made by PDG Gary Colton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Don Mitchell. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 10. 2018-2019 Financial Statement** for yearend June 30, 2019 explained by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. 2018-2019 year had excess funds of \$ 3,020 due in part to the successful district convention. All expenses stayed in line with receipts. District membership was less than budgeted resulting in less revenue for the year. Motion by PDG Jerry Post to accept the year-end financial statements, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Ellen Cheney. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 11. 2019-2020 Budget** explained by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. This year's budget is based on membership of 1950, year-end 2019 membership was 1941. A balanced budget of \$49,500 was presented. Motion by Lion Don Counihan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Helen Mork to accept the 2019-2020 budget as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 12. Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork explained the 3 minute rule for reports and fines to be accessed.
- 13. Communications:** DG Michael De Baere and Lion Dave Holschbach received NONE

#### **14. Old Business:**

A. District Convention Profit for 2019 was \$ 2,300. IPDG Dave Lee explained that Brett Carroll died July 12<sup>th</sup>. He was the first in the world to undergo CAR-T cell immunotherapy. He died due to the effects of previous chemotherapy. IPDG Dave Lee made a motion to disburse \$2,500 from 2019 profit for the following: \$1,000 for a Melvin Jones in honor of Brett Carroll for childhood cancer, \$700 to the vision account to help defer the cost of future insurance for the spot cameras and \$800 to be used by DG Mike to cover non-reimbursed expenses to attend other district conventions. 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Jerry Post. **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **15. New Business:**

**A. 2018-19 Cabinet Meeting Dates** – they will be held at the Eagles Club in Fond du Lac, except for the November cabinet meeting at our district convention, which will be held at 6:00 pm on Friday November 8<sup>th</sup>. The other dates are: Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Audit Financial Books** for 2018-2019 will be performed by PDG Gary Colton.

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

A. **1st Vice District Governor** Lion Tom Wendt has been continuing his training. There are numerous meeting to attend. He is looking forward to next year and the return of current cabinet members.

B. **2nd Vice District Governor** Lion BJ Blahnik has started on his training. He has been appointed state chairman for Hunger and also policy and procedures committee.

C. **GLT** chair Lion Ken Rivers has nothing new to report. Please feel free to contact him.

**GMT** chair PDG Fred Gebhart commented that Membership has always been a problem. We need to get 100% of all Lions involved, not just GMT and Zone Chairman. Promotion and Publicity are important. Invite your community to your events. PDG Eric Holthaus, WI GMT Chair mentioned grants are available for clubs to help promote membership.

**GST** chair Lion Ellen Cheney, not a lot new. Last year she visited all zone meetings and has been promoting Lions program donations. 78-85 % clubs donate, she also reminds all clubs to update their activities on MY LION. Progress report on goals for LCI for 2019-2020 will be updated soon. She has been emailing clubs with helpful information. Lion Bonnie Strelow has been promoting MYLION and service projects.

#### **17. Zone Chairmen Reports:**

1.Zone 1 PDG Fred Gebhart first meeting will be October 1<sup>st</sup>. He is proud of his clubs and what they have all done. They are all busy with summer activities. Coming up will be their participation in county fairs and vision screening.

2.Zone 2 Lion Al Kanaugh last zone meeting was the social on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The zone awarded a Melvin Jones to Lion Eugene Rabas from Maribel Lions, a charter member for 54 years and also perfect attendance. The zone will be selling tickets for the Manitowoc County fair for their zone fundraiser. Profits to be used for a zone Melvin Jones and K-9 for vests. All clubs are active with community projects.

3.Zone 3 Lion BJ Blahnik's clubs are all working on summer activities. Plymouth Lions club is now in Zone 4. He is working on joint meetings with Zone 4. All clubs doing well.

4.Zone 4 Lion Madonna Schneider did not have a report.

5.Zone 5 Lion Don Mitchell's first zone meeting will be September 9<sup>th</sup>. All his clubs are involved in summer community activities.

6.Zone 6 Lion Dale Counihan informed everyone that Lion Larry Fredericks passed away. August 20<sup>th</sup> they will have vision training and screening. Next meeting will be in Neenah on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

7.Zone 7 Lion Tom Wendt is looking for someone to step up as zone chairman. He has been holding combined meetings with Zone 8, Lion Peggy Zickert. All clubs are active with summer activities. The Van Dyne Lions will be touring Lions camp.

8.Zone 8 Lion Peggy Zickert did not have a report.

9.Zone 9 Lion Dave Brinkman membership has increased by 5. Great Job ! He has informed all of his clubs to contact DG Michael for his club visit. He has put out feelers for Zone 9 zone

chairman. August 20<sup>th</sup> the Green Lake club is holding a membership fund raiser drive. Clubs are having difficulty with MYLION. He has been working with Lion Rose.

10. Zone 10 Lion Carl Rasmussen submitted a report. His zone meetings have been poorly attended. Some of the clubs have summer activities, however weather has been a factor in some.

11. Zone 11 Lion Dave Przekurat's clubs are all busy with summer activities. Blood drive, highway cleanup, playground maintenance and vision screening are some of the popular club activities. Next zone meeting will be October 9<sup>th</sup>.

E. **WLF** chair PDG Tom Berendes reported on the upcoming events at WI Lions Camp and Foundation. PDG Tom's 3 year term as WLF is coming to an end and he is NOT seeking re-election. **IMPORTANT the district needs to find someone to run for WLF director.** Notice must be filed 30 days prior to the District Convention in November.

D. **Constitution and Bylaws** chair PDG Jerry Post has no new updates. The question has been asked if the District Governor's term could be 2 years, NO – not possible due to LCI rules.

Newspaper Editor PDG Jerry reminded all club and attendees that there is a 2 month lead time for articles. He needs more clubs to send in information. Wild Rose Lions have submitted articles.....GREAT JOB !!!

Leader Dog – the bus trip to Leader Dog will be shortly. When Leader Dog gives out less dogs, more money is then put into technology and vice a versa. There are 56 active Leader Dog teams in Wisconsin. There were 13 new Leader Dog teams in Wisconsin this year. Lions clubs assisted 44 new clients this year. Lion BJ Blahnik also added that Leader Dog School is a leader in technology. His first dog opened the WORLD to him. His first dog recently passed away at the age of 15. MOMENT of SILENCE was observed.

E. **LCIF** Chair Lion Mary Jo Abler reported District 27 B1 came up short of their goal for 2019. 47 clubs did donate, there are some donations just recently received, which will be reported for 2020. She is available for zone and club meetings to promote donations to LCIF. If you have any problems or questions about Melvin Jones and donations, give her a call.

F. **QUEST** – Lion Mary Jo Abler needs clubs to approach schools about funds available by the Lions for Quest training. We need to get back into the schools.

G. **Lions Pride** chair Lion Myra Schneider encourages clubs to donate. Also check the information in the monthly Messenger and Pride's blog.

J. **LEO chair** Lion Gary Roehrig reported the New Holstein Leo club is very active. The Reedsville Leo club is still active with NO Lion leadership. He is trying to make contact with the club and their leader. Ripon has shown interest. The Leo club has been collecting plastic and sending it to TREX. TREX makes benches out of the plastic and resells them. Check with Lion Gary for more information.

**K. Leader Dog** - PDG Jerry Post see agenda D

L. **Pin Chairman** Lion Laurie Sasada has this year's district pins available for a cost of \$3.00. She does need to know VDE Tom's theme to start promoting next year's pin design at the convention.

**N. Peace Poster** chair Lion Laurie Sasada has peace poster kits available for this year. Designs need to be submitted for voting at the district convention.

**P. Diabetes Awareness & Action** chair position is currently available. Lion Bonnie Strelow will temporarily fill in. We need to get our diabetes boards in circulation and out in the public view. She will email clubs to let them know they are available.

Q. **Youth Exchange /Youth Outreach** chair Lion Bonnie Strelow reported camp has been completed for this year. 5 kids from 27-B1 attended. Host families are needed. There were 55 campers from 20 countries represented.

R. **Special Olympics** chair Lion Samantha Rivers was welcomed as a new member on the cabinet. She has a special needs son and that is why she is involved in Special Olympics.

S. **Environment chair** Lion Rose Berendes is working on a monarch raising project. Plant a Tree is the Wisconsin Lions project for this year.

T **MY LCI** Lion Rose Berendes reported MY LCI is working, they have finally corrected some of the problems. Please start to use MY LION, every Lion has access to this, create your account and you can see what is going on. There are still some problems, so just keep trying to get in.

U. **Hearing Preservation Awareness & Action** – Lion Wendy Hartmann did not have a report.

V. **Eyeglass Recycling** – Lion Wendy Hartmann did not have a report.

W. **Lions Eye Bank of WI** –Lion Charlie Keifenheim did not have any updates. More transporters are needed.

X. **Vision Screening** Chair PDG Fred Gebhart says there are some changes at the foundation, vision meetings are now a part of the Site & Hearing. He is getting prepped for the upcoming school year. Lions clubs are getting the schools involved. GREAT He will have more information on the camera warranty insurance at a later date.

Y. **Missions of Wisconsin** chair Lion Pat Knier sent a report. At the time of our cabinet meeting, the state Missions group is also meeting. Future missions pending are to Haiti, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic. The mission to the Pine Ridge Indians saw varied degrees of success not only in eyeglasses and sight aid but also gardening and household supplies. PDG Fred also went on the reservation mission.

Z. **District Convention** was updated by DG Michael. Lunch and Dinner meals have been set. Speakers are being arranged, featuring Puppy Dog trainers, Lions camp camper and also MY LION.

**District Raffle** Lion Dave Brinkman has the convention packets ready for the zone chairman to deliver to their clubs. The packet includes the District Raffle tickets, 50-50 raffle information and a flyer for bucket raffle donations and the convention registration form.

**District Bucket Raffle** – Lion Dave Brinkman included in the convention packet.

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

AA. **Elections & Nominations** chair Lion Irv Korth reported we are in need of a candidate for the 2nd Vice District Governor. Nominations must be received 30 days prior to the district convention. Contact DG Michael or Lion Irv.

BB. **State Lions Convention** chair PDG Ken Rhode did not have any update.

CC. **Newspaper Editor** PDG Jerry Post see agenda D

DD. **IT & Publicity** chair PDG Tom Clausen reported no change to the website, we will remain with the same company. Numerous forms are available on MD27B1 website. PLEASE use the website. The district directory is in progress.

EE. **Historian** PDG Tom Clausen reported there is a lot of information on the website since the start of District 27-B1 with pictures, minutes of each year. Club history is also available.

**18. Other Business:** DG Michael is in charge of the Lions Merchandise for Wisconsin.

Lion BJ reported there is no site for the district bowling, no interest. It may be time to consider other tournaments, Bean Bag-Cornhole ?? Motion by PDG Jerry Post to consider having a Beanbag tournament for the district, 2nd by PDG Fred Gebhart. MOTION CARRIED.

PDG Jerry Post mentioned we could put an ad in the WISCONSIN LIONS to see if any club is interested in running a district tournament.

Lion Helen Mork asked cabinet members to bring a member or someone from the zone to our next cabinet meeting since it will be at the district convention on Friday night.

PDG Tom Clausen reported the district golf outing is Friday, August 8th and there are only 3-4 foursomes. Room is still available, just show up.

**19.** Next Meeting is at District Convention at the Radisson in Fond du Lac Friday, November 8, 6pm  
**Adjournment** Motion made at 3:15 by Lion Gary Roehrig, 2nd by Lion Don Mitchell. MOTION CARRIED.



**District 27-B1 Cabinet Minutes  
Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Radisson Hotel – Fond du lac  
Cabinet Meeting to Start at 6:00 pm**

**We Serve**

**1 HOUR LIMIT FOR MEETING !!!!**

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1. **Call to order @ 6:00 pm** – DG Michael De Baere
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Dave Lee
3. **Song & Prayer** led by Song Leader & Chaplain PDG Meg Post, Song was “TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME”
4. **Welcome** - Introduction of International Director Mark Lyon and Lion Lynn from Brookfield, Connecticut by DG Michael De Baere.  
Special welcome to PID Art Marson & Lion Jo, ID candidate Lee Vrieze and Lion Mary, and Lion Sri Vasudevan, MD27 Children’s Cancer Chair.
5. **Roll Call** performed by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. 24 cabinet members and 4 Past District Governors present. Copies of Agenda, Minutes and Financial reports available.
6. **Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 motion made by Lion Wendy Hartmann, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken Rohde. **MOTION CARRIED**  
**Approval of Agenda for Cabinet Meeting November 8th**
7. **2019-2020 Financial Statement** through October 31, 2019 distributed by Cabinet Secretary Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. Motion to accept by VDG Tom Wendt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Helen Mork.  
**MOTION CARRIED**
8. **Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork reiterated the 3 minute rule and fines assessed, rules the same as always.
9. **Communications:** DG Michael De Baere and Lion Dave Holschbach – NONE received
10. **Old Business:**
  - A. Audit Financial Books for 2018-2019 was performed by PDG Gary Colton for yearend 6/30/19 IPDG David Lee’s year. Letter received stating reports are free of material mismanagement. The financial position and results of its operation and cash flow are in conformity with good bookkeeping practices. Motion to accept report by Lion Dale Counihan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken Rohde. **MOTION CARRIED**
- New Business:**
  - A. NONE
11. **Committee Reports** (Written reports for distribution or 3 minutes or less verbal per report))
  - A. **1st Vice District Governor** Lion Tom Wendt’s training continues. He has learned a lot and met new LIONS.
  - B. **2nd Vice District Governor** Lion BJ Blahnik was not in attendance but sent a report. He is continuing his training and looking forward to working with our team for his future positions.
  - C. **GLT** – Lion Ken Rivers had nothing new to report.

**GMT** – PDG Fred Gebhart reminded everyone they are responsible to work on membership, not just officers and cabinet members.

**GST** - Lion Ellen Cheney emphasized the using of MYLion and to schedule diabetes awareness projects. She continues to use e-mail for communications. She is available for zone meetings. Lion Bonnie Strelow mentioned lots of clubs not reporting service projects. She realizes that MYLion has problems which they have acknowledged. Continue trying, Lion Rose Berendes is available for help.

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

1. **Zone 1** PDG Fred Gebhart's clubs are busy preparing for the holidays. Chilton is working on the Thanksgiving Express. Brillion, Chilton, Hilbert and Stockbridge are participating in the Calumet county Christmas light show. All clubs are participating in the deer hide collection. In September they completed the county vision screening.

2. **Zone 2** Lion Al Kanaugh reported his last meeting hosted by Whitelaw Lions had K9 speaker and presented a check to him for \$ 2,200, part of the proceeds from the zone fund raiser of selling tickets for the Manitowoc County Fair. Future zone meeting dates will move to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. All clubs are active with holiday fundraisers and service activities.

3. **Zone 3** Lion BJ Blahnik has combined zones 3 & 4. Zone discussion has been learning about service and projects and new ideas. Also membership and new recruiting ideas.

4. **Zone 4** Lion Madonna Schneider not present, no report

5. **Zone 5** Lion Don Mitchell no report received.

6. **Zone 6** Lion Dale Counihan had LCIF chair Lion Mary Jo Abler as the guest speaker. She updated members with state, district and zone statistics. All clubs busy with service projects. Larsen Winchester built 45 ramps in 9 months. Appleton Noon collected 4,000 eyeglasses and 9 new members.

7. **Zone 7** Lion Tom Wendt clubs all are active.

8. **Zone 8** Lion Peggy Zickert not present, no report received.

9. **Zone 9** Lion Dave Brinkman reported net membership GAIN of 7 in his zone.. Clubs are making donations to various community and Lions activities. All clubs are very active.

10. **Zone 10** Lion Carl Rasmussen not present, no report

11. **Zone 11** Lion Dave Przekurat clubs are active in eye transport and eye screening. Most clubs involved in food pantry donations this time of the year.

D. **WLF** – PDG Tom Berendes & Lion Wendy Hartmann **DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION**

E. **Constitution and Bylaws** chair PDG Jerry Post reported the election procedures are printed and subject to review for future revisions.

F. **LCIF** chair Lion Mary Jo Abler reported the district was short on our goal. The numbers are looking good for this year. **PLEASE** use the LCI form to report your donations. She is available as a speaker for zone or other meetings. Larsen Winchester donated over \$10,000. Send donations directly to her.

F. **Lions Pride** – Lion Myra Schneider **DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION**

G. **QUEST** chair Lion Mary Jo Abler has had no interest in QUEST, money is available.

H. **LEO** chair Lion Gary Roehrig no report.

I. **Leader Dog** - PDG Jerry Post **DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION**

J. **Pin Chairman** –Lion Laurie Sasada **DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION**

K. **Peace Poster** – Lion Laurie Sasada **DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION**

L. **Diabetes Awareness & Action** currently has no chair. DG Michael reported November 14<sup>th</sup> is Diabetes Awareness Day. Go online and take the test.

M. **Youth Exchange** /Youth Outreach chair Lion Bonnie Strelow has a list of Youth camps available worldwide that youths can attend. She will receive a list in January/February of Youths coming to camp that would need housing.

- N. **Special Olympics** chair Samantha Rivers has been in contact with the Wisconsin Special Olympics office to get updated on future dates and information.
- O. **Environment chair** Lion Rose Berendes has posting on the District website for projects clubs can participate in for their service projects.
- P. **MY LCI** - Lion Rose Berendes reported membership reporting is very good. Activities not so good. She realizes and has confirmed that MYLION still has bugs in it. ID Mark Lyons also confirmed this, they are working on this constantly. She is available at anytime for help.
- Q. **Hearing Preservation Awareness & Action** rep Lion Wendy Hartmann reported only 2 applications this quarter, 1 approved and the other needs current information. Please contact WLF where your club has located their eyeglass and hearing aid containers.
- R. **Eyeglass Recycling** rep Lion Wendy Hartmann report the WLF has their trailer at the convention for eyeglasses. WLF also will take eyeglass cases to send with the glasses.
- S. **Lions Eye Bank of WI** rep Lion Charlie Keifenheim reported the call center is now located in the new office building. There has been some interest to develop a Memorial Garden at the new location. More in the future. EPIC foundation made a donation. The annual audit passed with flying colors. Thank you to the 1,875 transporters.
- T. **Vision Screening** chair PDG Fred Gebhart reported October was the busiest month with school now in session, 13,577 screened. We are considering to OP OUT for the warranty renewal, the cost is \$1,450 but a battery only costs \$500 more information in the future. We are finally able to get into the Oshkosh school system. The EYEGLASS bill is in the works yet from WLF to send to Congress. LIONS KID SIGHT thru USA – “Changing Life thru Lenses” program.
- U. **Missions of Wisconsin** Lion Pat Knier talked about the correspondence received from PCC Bill Taubman asking for each club to make a \$100 donation to WI Lions Mission for a food fund for the South Dakota Indian reservation. There is a non-profit foundation run by Lion Bob and Mary Epps. They have been supplying meals for the children on the reservations who have nothing, comparable to our schools Snak Pak programs and need money to continue the program. PDG Fred Gebhart has a video of the Lions Mission to South Dakota reservation and is available to show and talk about the mission. Lion Mary Jo, Quest chairman responded there are excess funds in the Quest Program which is designed to help youth -these kids need food. Motion by Lion Jerry Post, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Wendy Hartmann to donate 50% or \$1,600 to the WI Lions Mission for the FAMILIES WORKING TOGETHER foundation. **MOTION CARRIED**
- V. **District Convention** – PDG Gary Silah **DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION**  
**District Raffle** – Lion Dave Brinkman **DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION**  
**District Bucket Raffle** – Lion Brinkman **DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION**
- W. **Elections & Nominations** – Lion Irv Korth **DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION**
- X. **State Lions Convention** – PDG Ken Rohde **DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION**
- Y. **Newspaper Editor** PDG Jerry Post has been working with PDG Jodi Burmeister on newspaper issues.
- Z. **IT & Publicity** PDG Tom Clausen completed the upgrade to WI Lion website. January 1, 2020 there will be a password change to the website. There currently are issues with PRIVACY ACT laws which is affecting the availability of the Lions Directory, no digital access at this time. ID Mark Lyon also commented on the problems LCI is having deal with this problem also. Legal department is constantly working on what can be done. We seem to be going backwards.
- AA. **Historian** PDG Tom Clausen has the district history on display at the convention.
- 13. Other Business** - DG Michael De Baere – ENJOY THE CONVENTION !
- 14.** Next Meeting will be on January 5<sup>th</sup> at the Eagles Club in Fond du Lac.  
ID Mark Lyons commented on our meeting, there were a lot of interesting topics covered. He talked further on technology and the PRIVACY problems we are now experiencing. Lions information is valuable, OP-IN

or OP-OUT possible solution for getting LIONS information. He is looking forward to meeting all our LIONS and seeing what they have to offer and listen to THEIR stories. Lion Sri Vasudevan MD27 Children's Cancer Chair thanked the cabinet for the invite to our convention. He will have the Childhood cancer update at his session on Saturday

Motion to adjournment at 6:57 pm by PDG Ken Rohde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Pat Knier. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by Cabinet Secretary Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach





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- 1. Call to order @ 1:00 pm** by DG Mike DeBaere
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance** led by PDG Gary Silah , IPDG Dave Lee was unable to attend due to health problems, keep him in your prayers.
- 3. Song & Prayer** led by Song Leader & Chaplain Lion Meg Post Song was "AMERICA"
- 4. Welcome by** DG Mike DeBaere. He recently had a confrontation with a deer and the deer won! Doing fine, just a little sore.
- 5. Roll Call by** Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. 21 cabinet members present, guests were Lion Victoria Blahnik, Lion Monica DeBaere, Lion Diane Henke, Lion Roxanne Wendt.
- 6. Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – emailed. Motion to accept PDG Ken Rohde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Dale Counihan. MOTION CARRIED
- 7. Approval of District Convention Minutes** from November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – emailed Motion to accept PDG Ken Rohde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Helen Mork. MOTION CARRIED
- 8. Approval of January 5th, 2020 Agenda-** Lion BJ Blahnik asked to have a correction made changing District Bowling to now be District Bean Bag Tournament. SO NOTED. Motion by Lion Wendy Hartmann to accept the amended agenda with the above change made, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken Rohde. MOTION CARRIED
- 9. 2019-2020 Financial Statement** reviewed by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. We currently are ½ way through our Lions year and running ahead on budget due to successful district convention. Motion by Lion Dale Counihan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Al Kanaugh to accept as presented. MOTION CARRIED.
- 10. Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork – Standard 3 minute report, warnings given at 2 minute mark, subject to fines after 3 minutes.
- 11. Communications:** DG Mike DeBaere and Lion Dave Holschbach NONE RECEIVED
- 12. Old Business:**
  - A. District Convention Wrap up & Financial** DG Michael DeBaere & Lion Dave Holschbach. DG Michael Thank You to the committee for a WELL DONE & PROFITABLE convention. Lion Dave Holschbach reviewed the financial report for the convention. Receipts of \$13,035 Expense of \$ 9,742 netting a profit of \$ 3,292. Bucket raffle was \$ 600 more than anticipated, meal pricing was profitable. Motion by Lion Helen Mork, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Dave Brinkman to accept the convention report. MOTION CARRIED
- 13. New Business:**
  - A. March** cabinet meeting will start at 1:00 pm March 27<sup>th</sup> due to a prior commitment by the Eagles Club that day. There will be no prior discussion meeting. DG Michael will be in Hayward the previous night and should arrive on time.
- 14. Committee Reports** (Written reports for distribution or 3 minutes or less verbal per report)

**A. 1st Vice District Governor** Lion Tom Wendt has been learning a lot. He has been in St. Charles for 4 days. 1st Vice District Governor Tom's convention in 2020 will be at the Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan, zone chairs let your clubs know. It will be on November 13 & 14, more updates in the future, it will have a JUNGLE theme. He is in the process of setting up his cabinet. Thank you to the Eye Bank transporters, without them it would have cost another \$255,000 to operate the Eye Bank.

**B. 2nd Vice District Governor** Lion BJ Blahnik has also been attending a lot of training. The WLLI (Wisconsin Lions Leadership Institute) needs 20 attendees, 5 from our district at Stevens Point on February 8 & 9th. The district has training funds available. Contact Lion BJ. There is also an Advance Lions Leadership in Tomah on April 10 & 11th.

**C. GLT chair** Lion Ken Rivers had no updates. He has been attending zone meetings.

**GMT chair** PDG Fred Gebhart reminds everyone that MEMBERSHIP is important. ASK and bring a friend to your Lions functions. SHOW OFF what we do.

**GST chair** Lion Ellen Cheney has some zone meetings coming up. Communications is done primarily through email and she uses Facebook to share club activities. She will continue to keep service activities and reporting at the forefront of her communications. Lion Bonnie Strelow reported that on the west side of the lake, some clubs are doing a wonderful job of recording services, and others have not reported anything. She is available to help any clubs with recording their services. Also contact Lion Rose Berendes if help is needed.

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

1. Zone 1 PDG Fred Gebhart reported all the Christmas activities are done. 5 clubs participated in the Christmas Lights program. A lot of the clubs made donations for food pantries and also for Thanksgiving dinners. Clubs are now planning their summer activities. Reedsville Lions club currently is at STATUS QUO. He will check on what is going on with the club.

2. Zone 2 Lion Al Kanaugh clubs also have completed their Christmas projects. Manitowoc Lions are sponsoring "BOWLING BLIND" on January 26th. This is their 6th year, it's a GREAT & FUN event. All clubs are working on spring and summer activities, rose sale, fryouts. Next zone January 14th in Kellnersville.

3. Zone 3 Lion BJ Blahnik had a joint meeting with Lion Madonna Schneider Zone 4. Plymouth Lions Club is now accepting deer hides. Zone Chair Madonna has done a wonderful job organizing the zone meeting. Lion BJ recommends that Zone 3 & 4 combine to be 13 clubs. DG Michael DeBaere and 1st Vice DG Tom will work on that.

4. Zone 4 Lion Madonna Schneider....see notes above.

5. Zone 5 Lion Don Mitchell was not present and had no report.

6. Zone 6 Lion Dale Counihan reported the Menasha Lions club has folded and he also has one club that lost 10 members. PDG Fred has been working with them on vision screening. His clubs have been having discussions about Administrative and General funds. He plans to do an email blast about LCI guidelines. BE CREATIVE.....

7. Zone 7 Lion Tom Wendt has been working with Lion Peggy on combined zone meetings. He also recommends the combining of Zone 7 & 8.

8. Zone 8 Lion Peggy Zickert ..... see notes above.

9. Zone 9 Lion Dave Brinkman reported on the membership numbers of each club. He has a net drop of 2. One club had lost 10 members. 9 members became Spot camera certified. All clubs were active with holiday community fundraisers and support.

10. Zone 10 Lion Carl Rasmussen was not present but sent the following. He has various clubs preparing for their fisheries jamborees. Clubs have had discussions about LIONS liability insurance.

11. Zone 11 Lion Dave Przekurat was not present but sent the following information. All the clubs are active in community projects, Christmas baskets, food pantry donations, breakfast with Santa and eye tissue transports.

**D. WLF rep** Lion Wendy Hartmann reported camp registration starts January online. The challenge course is now in Phase 2. General maintenance is now being done at the camp. 28,737 kids have been screened

with about 10% referral. January 10th is deer hide cutoff. The Program Associate has been discontinued. 1,660 hearing aids have been recycled and given to Starkey. Diabetes will be sending out new materials. A logo change for WLF is in progress.

**E. Constitution and Bylaws chair** PDG Jerry Post presented a Voting Procedure Policy since none has existed. **PURPOSE:** Have rules in Policy to make it easier for the convention election chair or any new election chair to conduct the elections at District Convention. **WHEREAS** no policy currently exists for the convention chair to help in holding district election. The District elections shall be held in accordance with Roberts Rule of Order outlined in the District Elections Procedures from Lions Clubs International Constitutions and By-laws. Lion BJ Blahnik asked to have the Policy amended to include the election of an Eye Bank representative. Change so noted. Motion by Lion BJ Blahnik, 2nd by Lion Tom Wendt to accept the Voting Procedure Policy to include Eye Bank representative. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**F. LCIF chair** Lion Mary Jo Abler reported that as of January 1st, our district has over \$24,000 in donations, 30 clubs have donated and our donations are up from last year. She has reports for the zone chairs showing their clubs and donations and their history of donations. She is available for zone meetings to explain what LCI is and what they do for us and your community. Our district has 773 Melvin Jones, 24 new ones awarded in 2019.

**G. Lions Pride** Lion Myra Schneider did not have a report however Lion BJ Blahnik did report that \$78,000 from interest was given to WLF. They have restructured their goals, goal now is \$ 10M, currently at 8.8M.

**H. QUEST chair** Lion Mary Jo Abler had no updates and recommends disbanding the QUEST program or get a teacher to lead and pursue the program.

**I. LEO report** from Lion Gary Roehrig was about the New Holstein club which is doing well and just concluded a successful toy drive for Children's Hospital. They have collected enough plastic for another Trex bench. The club was informed by Piggly Wiggly that they will no longer be able to collect plastic and bale it for transportation. Anyone interested in starting a LEO club, contact Lion Gary.

**J. Leader Dog chair** PDG Jerry Post reported there are possibly 2 new Leader dogs in our district. Jasmine is a 14 year-old who went blind from an infection that burst. The other is a 45 year-old woman who had a brain tumor removed. There are 2 or 3 new puppy raisers in our district.

**K. Pin Chairman** Lion Laurie Sasada was not present and did not have a report. DG Michael has state and district pins available.

**L. Peace Poster** – Lion Laurie Sasada not present and did not have a report. The peace poster submitted by Elkhart Lake Lions, won the State Peace Poster contest and will be submitted to International competition.

**M. Diabetes Awareness & Action** update was given by DG Michael. There is a new book published for kids about the signs of diabetes. There are 90 books available for the district. Money was received to purchase the books.

**N. Youth Exchange /Youth Outreach** Lion Bonnie Strelow reported that the exchange kids will soon be applying. Host families will be needed to house kids for 2 to 5 weeks. Let her know if interested.

**O. Special Olympics chair** Lion Samantha Rivers reported the Special Olympics will again be held in Oshkosh on April 4th. 40 volunteers are needed from 8:30-5:30, we will use 3 cameras.

**P. Environment** – Lion Rose Berendes

**Q MY LCI** - Lion Rose Berendes

**R. Hearing Preservation Awareness & Action** rep Lion Wendy Hartmann has had 3 approvals since July 1, 2 self pay and 1 currently pending

**S. Eyeglass Recycling** rep Lion Wendy Hartmann had no current update.

**T. Lions Eye Bank of WI** –Lion Charlie Keifenheim

**U. Vision Screening chair** PDG Fred Gebhart reported since 2015 100,000 kids have been screened. Appleton Noon Lions are very active and have done 44,200. PDG Fred has talked to Ascension about purchasing a SPOT camera. He is still pursuing the Oshkosh school systems which in only doing the book program. He continues to do training classes for anyone interested. WLF has combined the diabetes and vision meetings as one, not

working out, no time to properly discuss what is working and what needs to change. Not doing justice to either program. Camera warranty cost \$1,425 and the warranty renewals will be approaching. Acuity has coverage for damage, he is still working on options. DG Fred mentions the main problem will be batteries to be replaced. Lion BJ Blahnik made a motion to not renew the warranty on the 7 cameras when they expire, we will purchase batteries as needed from our reserve account for vision, 2nd by Lion Wendy Hartmann. MOTION CARRIED

**V. Missions of Wisconsin** Lion Pat Knier submitted a report. The last mission was to Pine Ridge, SD on October 25-November 1st. They helped about 800 people with vision needs. The response to the meal program "Families Working Together" has been tremendous. Possible return mission in May. There is a joint mission with Minnesota Lions mid February to Guatemala.

**W. District Convention** chair PDG Gary Silah thanked everyone for their hard effort to have a successful convention. Information has been passed along to Lion Tom for planning of next year's convention.

**District Raffle** chair Lion Dave Brinkman sales were down due to no mailing of tickets or monies.

**District Bucket Raffle** chair Lion Dave Brinkman said the success of this year's raffle was due to the proximity of the raffle room to all of the meetings and activities.

**District and State Bowling** has now been changed to a District Bean Bag Tournament. PDG Fred Gebhart has the date set for April 5th at 11:00am at the Lakeshore Lanes in Sheboygan. 4 people to a team, 16 team brackets, need 25 volunteers, proceeds will be 50% to host club and 50% to the district.

**X Elections & Nominations** Lion Irv Korth thanked the constitutions committee for getting a policy in effect. This makes the job easier for anyone going forward.

**Y. State Lions Convention** chair PDG Ken Rohde says it will be a good convention the end of April in Stevens Point. 2021-2022 will be Wisconsin Lions centennial year. There are plans to have a parade in Green Bay that year. 1st Vice District Governor Tom Wendt will have a centennial budget to work with in preparation.

**Z. Newspaper Editor** PDG Jerry Post needs more articles and pictures. Thank you to Lion Al Depies for pictures and articles about the LEOS.

**AA. IT & Publicity** PDG Tom Clausen has 7 clubs not linked electronically. The state website has had changes due to privacy laws. There is a new office manager at the state office. The MD27 Directory page, has a new password. Contact DG Mike or Tom. Club officers are not included online due to privacy laws.

**BB. Historian** PDG Tom Clausen has the webpage and information all up to date.

#### **16. Other Business:**

DG Mike DeBaere report IPDG Dave Lee is undergoing radiation treatments. Keep him in your prayers. The Shopko Vision Program is still in effect with the Shopko Optical stores. Applications for the WLLI (Communicate like a Leader) training is available and funds are available in our Training reserve account.

Most districts have been not filling in their allotted space in the newspaper. Keep sending your articles and pictures to PDG Jerry Post. The newspaper will be printed 6 times a year starting July 2020.

Lion BJ Blahnik commented that the deadline for registration for the Regional Lions Leadership training is February 7th.

Lion Helen Mork collected \$59.00 and at next meeting wear a hat or cap or be FINED!

PDG Fred Gebhart will pursue the STATUS QUO on the Reedsville Lions Club.

DG Michael DeBaere awarded 2 NEW VOICE awards. The first to PDG Fred Gebhart and the 2nd to Lion Roxanne Wendt.

**17.** Next Meeting is at Eagles Club in Fond du Lac on Sunday March 29th at 1 PM start due to previous function at the Eagles Club before our meeting

**18. Adjournment** - Motion by PDG Ken Rohde, 2nd by Lion Ken Rivers to adjourn at 3:40 PM

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted by Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer



## District 27-B1 Cabinet Minutes Sunday, June 28th, 2020

### VIRTUAL MEETING

Jun 28, 2020 06:00 PM  
Zoom Meeting

**1. Call to order @ 6:00 pm** by DG Michael De Baere

**2. Pledge of Allegiance** led by DGE Tom Wendt

**3. Prayer** led by Lion Meg Post

**4. Welcome by** DG Michael De Baere to District 27 B1 first Virtual Cabinet Meeting. It been a very challenging year with the COVID 19. Club visits and meetings have stopped. We have all had to relearn how to do things and communicate differently. As LIONS we all learned to change and still try "TO SERVE".

**5. Roll Call** was conducted by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. 17 cabinet members were logged in via camera or phone.

**6. June 28th, 2020 Agenda-** Being our 1<sup>st</sup> virtual meeting, there was no agenda. The meeting's purpose was to check in with fellow LIONS and see how everyone is handling the pandemic, and update on any important information that needs to be shared.

**7. 2019-2020 Financial Statement** emailed and reviewed by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. The year came to an abrupt halt. Income for the year was right on budget, however expenses decreased and he anticipates an excess funds for the year of \$5,500. DG Michael would like to use \$ 3,000 to purchase 3 Birch Sturm Fellowships to be given away to deserving LIONS. Discussion pursued if this needs a cabinet vote. PDG Jerry Post says the Constitution/Bylaws allow the District Governor to use any excess current convention funds for LIONS, however, use of any excess operating funds must be voted and approved by the cabinet. Lion Dave reported the convention had a net profit of approximately \$2,700. DG Michael will use \$ 2,000 for 2 Birch Sturm Fellowships. Final financial statements will be issued prior to next cabinet meeting and reflect the money movement. Discussion pursued about what to do with any excess. Motion by Lion Dale Counihan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Dave Brinkman to delay any action on how to distribute any funds until the year is finalized. **MOTION CARRIED** Lion Dave reminded all cabinet chairs that there is plenty of funds available for various Lions programs. Please put it to use, be creative in these strange times...

**8. Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork will decide who will be fined based on how the meeting goes, no other enforcement of rules.

**9. Communications:** DG Mike DeBaere received a notice from Christy Kneisel of GAT (Global Action Team) of a \$500 donation for a success story submitted. I believe this was in reference to the great job New Holstein Lions

and Winnebago East Shore Lions have been doing with the Leo/Cub program. If the clubs need any money to help pay expenses, it is available for them to use. Some misunderstanding as to what we got, it was not a GRANT, just a donation for our submission of a success story. THANK YOU goes out to both clubs for their support of the LEO program.

**10. New Business:** MD27 Grant: PDG Clarence Harris is working on a statewide emergency grant for Covid-19 of \$10,000 per district. This should be finalized shortly. The district is looking for any Lions Clubs, hospitals, nursing homes, etc. for leads to contact so we can get them any PPE needed. If any clubs have helped purchase anything due to Covid-19, this may qualify to use these funds. DG Michael will contact various organizations to see what we can spend the grant money on. Various contacts were given and also contact Plymouth Lions Club who has done some support. Lion Dale will also help with contacts.

**11. Other Business:** DG Michael thanked everyone for what they did this year, we made it through some tough times. YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT CABINET! The cabinet appreciation gift will be given at the next cabinet meeting.

DGE Tom Wendt wanted to thank everyone for your experience and inspiration that you have given him during his journey to be District Governor. Without your support, he probably would not be where he is today!

Officially on Monday June 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm CST, there will be a virtual induction for the incoming District Governors. **CONGRATULATIONS DG TOM!** His first cabinet meeting will be Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup> at Van Dyne Lions Park.

DGE Tom presented DG Michael with an appreciation plaque from WI Lions Foundation for his year as District Governor.

Tail Twister fines of \$ 10.00 received from DG Michael, DGE Tom and Lion Dave

**12.** Next Cabinet Meeting is at Van Dyne Lions Park in Van Dyne Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**13. Adjournment** - @ 6:35 pm

Respectfully submitted by Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

Virtual Meetings are hard to take notes. I hope I heard and reported everything discussed.....LION DAVE





**WILD ROSE LIONS ANNUAL BRAT FRY RAISES \$1,000** - Half will go to the community band and half will go to the Roberts Park Project.



**RAIN, WIND, THUNDER & LIGHTENING MAKE VAN DYNE LIONS 40TH ANNUAL WALLEYE TOURNAMENT ONE OF THE MOST CHALLENGING YET** - TOP: The first-place team was Craig Bohn and Al Bohn pose with their winning plaques, \$1,000 prize money and Lion Tom Wendt and Lion Jack Hughes. They had a total of five fish with a total weight of 16.07 lbs. BOTTOM: Second place went to Scott Venne and Nick Venne winning plaques and \$850. They had five fish with a total weight of 15.43 lbs. Our largest fish winner was Mike Langenhorst and he received a plaque and \$400. His fish weighed 5.85 lbs. Thanks to all the fishermen and sponsors for their support.



**WILD ROSE ADDS 5 NEW MEMBERS** - ABOVE: Lions Elaine Nestle, Dennis Nickles, Gail Derickson, Betty Riemer, and Sandy Batten.



**WILD ROSE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT** - Around 150 kids participated. ABOVE: Winners of the nine Lions Easter Basket prizes.



**BRILLION LIONS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT DRAWS AREA KIDS** - The event started at 12:30 P. M. at a local park. There were two age groups; one for kids five and under and one for kids six to eight years old. The Lions gave 13 big bags of candy for prize eggs for each age group. They also sponsored an open swim for all at the pool in the Brillion Community Center after the Hunt.



**ST. NAZIANZ LIONS DONATE \$1,000 TO THE ST. NAZIANZ AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY** for their cemetery project to mark all the unmarked graves. ABOVE: Jerry Dewane, Historical Society President Bob Domalgowsky and St Nazianz President Scott Elliott.



**OAKFIELD LIONS CLUB RECENTLY HELD ITS 44TH ANNUAL PANCAKE DAY** - The Lions served over 500 meals and also collected over \$1,100 from the Club's scholarship bucket raffle to give out to graduating Oakfield High School seniors. ABOVE: Lions Jim Lotter and Joe Schauer having fun frying pancakes during a lull.



**DISTRICT GOLF OUTING** hosted by Fond du Lac Evening Lions Club  
FRI, AUG 9  
Tee-off 10:30 am  
Rolling Meadows Golf Course, Fond du Lac - 560 W. Rolling Meadows Dr, Fond du Lac (across from the Holiday Inn)

Open to all Lions, Lioness, Leos and their guests. Cost \$50/golfer includes: 18 holes, 1/2 cart, lunch and prizes. The format will be a 4-person scramble. Bring your friends. This just might be the catalyst to get your golfing friends to join!

Deadline to enroll is Saturday, August 3rd. The Fond du Lac Evening Lions need to reserve space on the course, so let them know your intentions early, even if you have to wait to send in your entry fee.

Register by sending in your name and entry fee to: Fond du Lac Evening Lions, P.O. Box 1704, Fond du Lac, WI 54936. Make checks payable to: Fond du Lac Evening Lions.

Questions can be answered at [fdleavinglions@gmail.com](mailto:fdleavinglions@gmail.com) or at 920-204-6864.

Send your club news, upcoming events & photos of Lions in action to [mpost7@tds.net](mailto:mpost7@tds.net)



**27-B1 LIONS & LIONESS SCREENED 75,672 KIDS VISION THROUGH MAY!** The upcoming Lionistic year, the number is expected to eclipse 100,000 screenings! This is a time to celebrate and imagine the lives these screenings have impacted. There are not enough 'thank you's' to go around.

## Funny How Time Slips Away

by IPDG Dave Lee  
- 920-739-7228 or  
drlslee@new.rr.com



Well, hello there  
My, it's been a  
long, long time  
How am I doing?  
Oh, I guess that I'm doing fine  
It's been so long now  
But it seems now,  
that it was only yesterday  
Gee, ain't it funny,  
how time slips away  
— Lyrics by Willie Nelson

It does seem like yesterday when Lion Sue and I donned the red jackets for a one-year commitment as your 27-B1 District Governor and Partner-In-Leadership.

And, it definitely has been a commitment: Plenty of preparatory training. Setting audacious goals for the District. Frequent communications to the Clubs and members. Planning our own District Convention and visiting the other nine State District Conventions. Doing our best to visit all 68 27-B1 Club meetings and delivering Club specific presentations. The 15-story rappelling for Leader Dogs

Double-Dog-Dare fundraiser. The 15 pound weight gain from all the Club dinners. And the '15 minutes' of being in the leadership spotlight on behalf of the 27-B1 Lions for the 2018-2019 Lions' year.

It has been a whirlwind year for Sue and me. We want to thank the other District Governors, the incredible leadership training teams at all levels, our own Appleton Noon Club for their encouragement and support along the way, and the 27-B1 Cabinet team. But mostly, we want to thank the amazing Lions Clubs and their wonderful members throughout 27-B1. It has been a privilege and an honor for the two of us to spend time in your meetings with your members and discover the impact that each club has on its community.

So, getting back to Willie Nelson's song:

*I gotta go now  
I guess I'll see you around  
Don't know when though  
Never know, when I'll be back in town  
But remember, what I tell you  
In time you're gonna pay  
And it's surprising,  
how time slips away*

## Have Fun Serving — Change Is Good!

by DG Mike De Baere

Another Lion year has come to an end and we are beginning another one. In life things happen and change comes about – sometimes slowly, other times it seems to happen overnight. Let's not fear!

To the members who have been a part of Lions Clubs International for many years, please share your wisdom with the new comers and the next generation – history is what makes us great. Through the years, the Lions have done many things, some of which is recognized and featured in publications all over the world; other times it is done low key and behind the scenes. No matter what, the Lions are always there to serve, whether it be cooking up brats at the local brat fry, collecting eyeglasses or picking up garbage on the side of the road. The last 100 years have been amazing and the Lions have done a lot of great things, but change is happening all around us. Let's embrace it!

My theme for this year is, 'Have fun Serving – Change is Good'.

Let's all listen to the younger generation, after all they will be the

ones carrying on this legacy in the years to come.

The past is great, we can see that, but the future is unsure. Let's instill the history in our youth and open up our own eyes to the technology and way of being that the future holds.

Yes, change is scary especially when we ourselves are not sure of what is exactly happening around us. I often times notice that my own grandchildren can use electronic devices better than I can. I know I am not alone on this! The next generation is ready and waiting, let's help them grow this Association to even bigger heights.

I cannot wait to visit each club. Please have your secretary start scheduling my appearance at your club's meeting soon. I own my own printing facility and come January 2020 it is election season so I will be very busy and may not have the time to schedule many visits.

Look in the next edition for details pertaining to our District Convention at the Radisson Hotel in Fond du Lac on November 8th - 9th.

Let's continue to serve for the next 100 years!

*You never change your life until you step out of your comfort zone; change begins at the end of your comfort zone.*

— Roy T. Bennett

## 2019-20 Cabinet Meetings

- August 4th –Eagles Club, Fond du Lac
- November 8th – Radisson Hotel, Fond du Lac (District Convention)
- January 5th – Eagles Club, Fond du Lac
- March 29th – Eagles Club, Fond du Lac





**LEO CLUB GETS NEW BENCH PRODUCED**

The Husky Hands & Heart Leo Club showed off the recently received bench they earned from Trex Industries for collecting more than 500 pounds of plastic in six months prior to May 2019. The bench has been placed in the Lions Playland area of Kiwanis Park.

Collection of plastic bags and other plastic materials was started as an environmental project to help keep plastic out of landfills through Trex Industries that uses the plastic to make

benches and decking. During the first six month period 1,919 pounds of plastic was collected.

Contributing to the plastic collection was A1 Polishing & Finishing, Salvatorian Mission Warehouse, New Holstein True Value and Sargento Cheese. Collection boxes were set up at the Elementary, Middle and High Schools and the New Holstein True Value.

Gathering plastic from the various locations were Leos Abby Voss, Adam Scholz, Ethan Barajas, and Ava Scholz, along with Leo Advisor Al Depies. The plastic was taken to Blattner's Piggly Wiggly where it is picked up by their corporate truck and then goes to Trex.

The next six month period was started May 1st and the Husky Hands & Heart Leo Club are well on their way to its next bench, so continue taking your plastic to the collection locations.

LEFT: Font row - Leo President Annika Damkot, Leo Ava Scholz a Back row: Leo Abby Voss, Lainey Thelen and Al Lefeber from A1 Polishing & Finishing, Heather Holton from Salvatorian Mission Warehouse, Leo Adam Scholz, and Leo Nicklos Koenigs.



**BRILLION LIONS CELEBRATE 90 YEARS** - On June 12, 2019, The Brillion Lions Club observed their 90th anniversary with a lady's night steak fry at the Brillion Conservation Club Hall. Some of the current Club

projects are the Easter Egg Hunt, Main street flower boxes, Spot vision screening of children, vision readers for individuals, Scholarships for Brillion High School graduates. A banquet for Brillion High School graduates and their parents, Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin, Leader Dogs For The Blind, Wisconsin Lions Camp at Rosholt, and many more. LEFT: The Brillion Lions who attended the party.



**VAN DYNE LIONS & LIONESS AT THE EL DORADO PARADE** - The parade had over 70 entries. Parade

**2019 27-B1 Convention Registration Form - November 8th & 9th - Radisson, Fond du Lac**

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

Fees	By 10/25
Registration* (Lions, Lioness & Guests)	\$15
Registration (Leos & Newcomers)	\$10
Saturday Lunch	\$22
Saturday Banquet	\$34

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<input type="checkbox"/> Lion <input type="checkbox"/> Lioness <input type="checkbox"/> Leo <input type="checkbox"/> Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Newcomer		\$	\$	\$	\$

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**BY OCTOBER 25TH Send completed registration form & checks payable to:** District 27-B1 Convention, c/o PDG Gary Silah  
620 E. Pioneer Rd., #12, Fond du Lac, WI 53935

**For Hotel Reservations & Info**  
call 920-923-1440.  
Ask for the Lions Rate

<b>Amount Enclosed</b>	\$
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attendance seemed down a bit from previous years, but much candy and Small Town USA Day/Car Show flyers were handed out. Paul did a great job at inviting many to enter into the Small Town USA Day parade. Attendees: Holly, Monica, Ali (Monica's daughter) Terry, Cindy N, Barb, Bob, Jack, Wally, Sheryl, Paul, and Holly and Eric Pamperin (Marge's grandchildren). Along the route, about 600 flyers were handed out. Marge was at the community center and handed out about 125 flyers in that area. They had a beautiful day on Sunday, but on Saturday, the hog wrestle had to be canceled because of the downpour. Marcie and Terry Waterworth were the Parade Marshalls.



**WAYSIDE-MORRISON LIONS SUPPORT DIABETES PROJECT**  
- Recently, a group of Wayside-Morrison Lions presented a \$1,000 to the Wisconsin Lions Camp at Rosholt. The money is to be used for the Lions Diabetes Project. ABOVE: Presenting the check are Lions Jim Blashka, Bob Fritsch and Marge Fritsch. Accepting the check is Andrea Yenter, Camp Director.

Send your club news, upcoming events & photos of Lions in action to [mpost7@tds.net](mailto:mpost7@tds.net)

**WILD ROSE MAKING A DIFFERENCE** - TOP: Dave Przekurat using the screener to do an eye examine. MIDDLE TOP: The Club's back pack donations to the Waushara Back Pack Project. MIDDLE BOTTOM & BOTTOM: Another great Pancake Breakfast is in the books with all the proceeds going back into the community.

# A Little Bit Of This & A Little Bit Of That

by DG Mike De Baere

On my adventure of being inducted as your District Governor, I found myself traveling 11 hours on an airplane to Milan, Italy with my fellow Council members. Once landed, we found ourselves noticing how different life is there. After multiple plenary sessions, I was officially inducted as the District Governor where we took many pictures of our current International President, Choi, 2nd Vice President Sheehan, 3rd Vice President Hill and Past International President Gudren. Mark Lyon, an International Director from Connecticut, was also in Italy – More about him in the next edition. Mark is our International Director who will be visiting us at the District Convention in November.

The Convention Registration form can be found on page 13. If you plan to attend, take note of the costs. Notice that both luncheon and banquet are buffet style. Our theme for the weekend is 'Major League Lions'. Please wear your favorite baseball attire and join us in the fun! Every club should have received their registration packets, as they were given to the Zone

Chairs at the District Cabinet Meeting that was held on August 4th. If you have not received yours, please contact me at 414-305-1166. The bucket raffle will also be happening.

On the visit to Italy, I brought home the complimentary bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash and bar soap. Please remember if these are not opened, there are many Clubs in our District that use these as part of their service projects. Often times, these items are donated to homeless shelters, military persons and others. Don't hesitate to contact someone about this if you are interested.

I still cannot wait to visit each club. Please have your secretary start scheduling my appearance at your club's meeting soon. I own my own printing facility and come January 2020 it is election season, so I will be very busy – and may not have the time to schedule many visits. Look in the next edition for even more details pertaining to our District Convention at the Radisson Hotel in Fond du Lac on November 8th and 9th.

Let's continue to have fun serving – Remember, 'Change is Good!'

## Meet LCI Director Lyons

Mark S. Lyon, from Brookfield, Connecticut, was elected to serve as International Director of Lions Clubs International at the Association in July 2018.

Director Lyon has worked in corporate legal administration and financial services for 36 years. He is currently board administration manager with Synchrony Financial.

He has been a member of the Brookfield Lions Club since 1996 and has held a number of offices within the Association, including District Governor, GLT District Coordinator, Cabinet Secretary, Multiple District Council Chair and Multiple District GLT Coordinator.

In recognition for his service, he has



received numerous awards including an International President's Award and an International Leadership Award.

He has also been recognized as a Connecticut Knight of the Blind and a Connecticut Ambassador of Sight in addition to receiving four International President's Certificate of Appreciation, he is the recipient of a number of project and service related certificates.

Director Lyon is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. His wife, Carolyn Faris Lyon, is also a longtime Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow.



# Wayside-Morrison Lions Use Music In The Park To Highlight Support Of Causes

by PDG's Meg & Jerry Post - 920-773-2618 or mpost7@tds.net

Every summer, the Wayside-Morrison Lions sponsor "Music in the Park" for area residents to enjoy at their beautiful WayMor Park.

On August 21st, four organizations were invited for a presentation of checks. This year's recipients were Leader Dog for the Blind, Syble Hopp School of DePere and Aspiro which are organizations for children and adults with differing abilities and Brown County K-9 Unit.

After each check presentation, a recipient was given a chance to explain

their organization. After the teacher from Syble Hopp thanked the Lions, a young man by the name of Josh Brandenburg proudly announced "I go to the Wisconsin Lions Camp and it is great!"

Sgt. Sanborn with his K-9 partner was next. Now, when they first arrived, his partner was all business—eyes, ears and nose all working as one. When it came time to receive their check, the doggy decided to talk to the crowd. Sgt. Sanborn tried his best to quiet his partner, but to no avail his K-9 partner was going to talk to the crowd. Sgt. Sanborn looked at the crowd, smiled



and said "he is a talker".

PDG Jerry Post received a check for Leader Dog and gave a quick talk about a young girl he had recently met at Leader Dog. Over the years, she has attended mobility classes offered by the State of Wisconsin, attended

Wisconsin Lions Camp until she turned 18 and then became a staffer. She also attended all classes available to her at Leader Dog for the Blind. She is now attending college for Environmental Journalism and will graduate in spring. Given a chance to go overseas to study for a semester, she managed to outfit her dog with special boots and the two of them climbed a mountain. She very proudly stated that with her dog she can accomplish whatever she sets her mind to.

A very special thank you goes out to the Wayside-Morrison Lions their generous donations and a fun night.

## 2019 27-B1 Convention Registration Form - November 8th & 9th - Radisson, Fond du Lac

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Club \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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# Growth & District Convention

by DG Mike De Baere

Wow! Look at the calendar... my year is already a quarter of the way over and I am just getting my feet wet, literally.

So far, the visits that I've done have really inspired me to push and get new members to help carry on the great yearly events and such that are being done by the clubs. There is so much 'serving' going on and I hope that all of it is getting entered. Some of the fundraisers and projects date back decades and some are newer.

I put a goal of 140 new members in my Lionistic year and I feel that it will happen sooner than later. I am, to some extent, going to follow IPDG David

Lee in a challenge for new members, but I have a twist. Get me close to that number with ice still on the lakes (wait that could be May) and I, along with other District Lions, will do a Polar Plunge. We'll see how this goes. Send me ideas on something crazy and fun; you name it and I will see if it is something I really, really want to do.

On to Convention stuff: I've been on this Committee for many years and it amazes me that there sure is a lot that takes place behind the scenes. All I can really say for now is that it will be a great time in Fond du Lac. Leader Dog will discuss Training and Career Change. Someone who has experienced Camp will share their

experiences and I am also working on a few other surprises along the way. Our visiting International Director is Mark Lyon. I don't know too much about him, but be assured I will by Convention time and will definitely share with you all one way or another. More details in next newsletter.

Also, a little heads up: hopefully your Zone Chair has given you the packets with Convention details. In the past this was sent in the mail, but Wisconsin Law restricts sending raffle tickets through the mail so from now on we have to count on the Zone Chairs to distribute them.

Please note: The registration form

in both last month's newsletter and the club packets had the incorrect zip code for our Convention Chair, PDG Gary Silah. This newsletter and the 27-B1 website now have the correct information. The zip code should have read 54935. Sorry for any inconvenience. I know with an extra day or two the post office will get it there.

In closing, remember to schedule your DG visits soon if you have not already done so. Don't forget to record your club's service projects. And finally, just remember to 'ASK' and Happy Halloween to my District membership. Change Is good.



**PROMOTING LIONISM** - Markesan Lion Dave Brinkman takes a picture with members of the Markesan Historical Society after providing an information brief on the history of the Lions Clubs International, State, District and Markeson Lions. Discussion included the future development of a Markesan Lions Club display preserving the history of our Lions Club for all to see.



**PLAINFIELD LIONS COMPLETED A 1.2 MILE WALKING TRAIL AT THE VETERAN'S PARK** - The 1.2 mile trail is open to everyone for

walking, running, biking, during the summer and snowshoeing, and cross country skiing in the winter. Come to Plainfield and check it out! A big thanks to Plainfield Lion George Nigh who is also the Waushara County State Highway Department Supervisor for getting the project complete. Thanks as well to the great help from the Waushara County Highway Department crew. The County put down 622 tons (32 dump truck loads of gravel) to get the project completed. LOWER LEFT: Plainfield Lions Past President Anthony Marinack and Payloader/Dump truck driver, Mark Petrusky from the Waushara County Highway Department.



**HOWARDS GROVE LIONS PURCHASED AN AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBULATOR (AED)** for the Howards Grove Fire Department First Responders. The Zoll Plus AED will be used for cardiac emergencies. Presenting the check to Howards Grove Fire Chief Tyler Wuestenhagen

were Kenneth Rohde, President of Howards Grove Lions Club and Wally Leonard, Secretary and Treasurer of the Howards Grove Lions Club. LEFT: Susan Lee, IPDG David Lee, Kenneth Rohde, Tyler Wuestenhagen, JoAnn Gadicke, Howards Grove



**PICKETT SERVES** - TOP: Pickett

Lion President Drea Bruss presents checks to two of this year's three scholarship winners. LEFT MIDDLE: Pickett Lions Eric Schultz, Steve Pfaffenroth, and John Murray installed a handicapped ramp for a local family. LEFT BOTTOM: Pickett Lion Chip Lovell and his daughter planted two trees for the Pickett Community Center.

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# Events

## NOVEMBER

### REDGRANITE LIONS HALL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

SAT, NOV 9  
8 AM - 3 PM  
Redgranite Lions Hall - 145 Dearborn St

Come and check out lots of crafters and vendors together... 20 all together in one warm spot! The kitchen will also have some delicious items available to enjoy while you shop.

### FRANCIS CREEK LIONS HOLIDAY SALE

ORDERS DUE: WED, NOV 13  
DELIVERY: SAT, NOV 23

Get your wreaths, kissing balls, candy canes, and crosses for the holiday season. Contact Mark Geiger 920-860-9740 or Joe Debilzen 920-682-2860 to place your order.



**Thanks Sponsors!** Meat Raffle Fundraiser

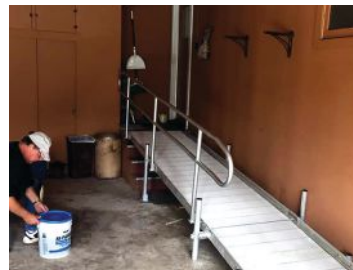
Funds we collect go to support local community projects and key Lions projects such as Lions Camps + Leader Dogs for the blind. We collect eyeglasses and transport eye tissue.

General Beer NE	Good Old Days	Yahooz
Badger Liquor	Dotjens Pizzy	Freitag Foods
Rendezvous	Wiggly	Foxtails
Quality Fast	Northside Auto	Barb Jordan
Sparks	River's Bend Resort	Holiday Wholesale
Ron McHugh	Buffalo Lake Lodge	General Beverage
Drew's Lakeside	Holiday Trac	A&W/BP Station
Johnson's Boats	Value	Fortis Bank
Freimuth American Family Insurance	Tam Bears	Log Cabin Resort
Oyster Crackers	H & H Pools	Jordan's Big 10 Pub
The Rusty Star	Town Pump	Visitor's Guide
Jett's Rivers Edge	Reader's Realm	Bentley Pharmacy
Jeanne's American Legion Bar	Chateau Tavern	Pierce American Family Insurance
Kohlhark Bakery	National Exchange Bank	

HOW DO YOU THANK YOUR SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS? Check out the banner that the Montello Lions displayed at a recent meat raffle thanking their sponsors. Kudos to the Club for soliciting so many sponsors and recognizing them in such a visible way.



FOUR CLUBS TEAM UP AT THE CALUMET COUNTY FAIR OVER LABOR DAY



NEW HOLSTEIN INSTALLS 2 MORE RAMPS



SHEBOYGAN COMMUNITY RAISES VISIBILITY THEN HAS FUN DURING FUNDRAISER - TOP: BJ Blahnik helped spread the word about Lions while raising awareness about diabetes at the Sheboygan Farmer's Market, check out our Lion's both. BOTTOM: The Club had games to keep attendees of all ages engaged during their recent Spaghetti Dinner.



WILD ROSE SERVICE EXCELLENCE PIN went to Sandy Dickson, Bev Butzlaff, Jack Dickson, Betty Riemer, Paul Fisher, Wayne Morgan, Jeff Karasek, Pat Karasek, Tom Krause, Beth Lucht, Jim Erdman, Bruce Schiefelbein, Laura Schiefelbein and Sandy Batten.



# The End of the Cycle

by DG Mike De Baere

As the leaves change colors and then fall to the ground, it is like the end of a cycle. But wait, the new buds are already on the horizon. The old leaves that have fallen will either be recycled into mulch, compost or who knows what else. So in essence they are not really gone. We as Lions can do that, not be gone or forgotten. You can honor yourself or another member with a Birch-Sturm, Melvin Jones, Knight of Sight, Tribute Bricks for Wisconsin Lions Foundation or Leader Dog For The Blind memorials.

As Lions, we work day and night on service or fundraising projects. Even as my term moves closer to completion, the next couple of District Governors to be (Lion Tom Wendt and Lion BJ Blahnik) are being trained to help keep

27-B1 as one of the most complete Districts. As the *Wisconsin Lion* has shown us, 27-B1 is always on top with vision screenings. Heck, we have two zones I believe that are closing in on 50,000 and 100,000 vision screenings.

For those Lions that go deer hunting, most of all be safe. One thing that might be worth looking into, just maybe there will be a Lions Fundraiser in your hunting area that will be serving chili, brats, and hamburgers? It is always nice to support another Lions fundraising event. In closing, I would like to wish a Very Happy Thanksgiving to my 27-B1 Lions and Lioness. Change is good.

Plans are being finalized for our upcoming District Convention. The morning will begin with the business meeting. After lunch, the afternoon

sessions of the Convention will start off with Myrna Krajnik and her Future Leader Dog in training giving a tutorial. Dr. Sri Vasudevan will then give an update on the Cytometer and the LCIF Campaign 100. We will end the day with Canine James with Fond du Lac Canine Office Ben Hargrove. Our closing banquet guest speaker will be former camper and current Camp Director, Andrea Yenter. Our visiting International Director Mark Lyon will be the featured speaker at our luncheon. Let's welcome him with open arms, even though he is a New England Patriot's fan.

There are some Lions members that are still having trouble logging into MyLion – if that is you, Lion Rose Berendes will be available for assistance.

## Meet ID Lyon

International Director Mark S. Lyon, will be the featured guest at the 27-B1 Convention.

Director Lyon has worked in corporate legal administration and financial services for 36 years.

He has been a member of the Brookfield Lions Club in Connecticut since 1996 and has held a number of offices within the Association. In recognition for his service, he has received numerous awards including an International President's Award, International President's Leadership Award and four International President's Certificate of Appreciation.

Director Lyon is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. His wife, Carolyn Faris Lyon, is also a longtime Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow.



### 2019 27-B1 Convention Registration Form - November 8th & 9th - Radisson, Fond du Lac

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Fees	By 10/25
Registration* (Lions, Lioness & Guests)	\$15
Registration (Leos & Newcomers)	\$10
Saturday Lunch	\$22
Saturday Banquet	\$34

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# Events

## DECEMBER

**NEW HOLSTEIN LIONS BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**  
SUN, DEC 8  
8 am - 12 pm  
New Holstein High School Cafeteria

Pancakes, sausage, donuts, scrambled eggs, beverages. Kids 4 & Under: Free. Ages 5-11: \$3. Adults: \$6. Free vision screening.

**OAKFIELD LIONS CLUB BLOOD DRIVE**  
FRI, DEC 13  
1:45 - 5:45 pm  
Oakfield Jr/Sr High School, Fond du Lac

## JANUARY

**MISHICOT LIONS CLUB CHILI DINNER**  
FRI, JAN 24  
4:30 - 7 pm  
Mishicot High School Cafeteria

Endless bowl of chili plus garlic bread, cookie, and drink. Music by Deb Rohr Mueller. This is Career and Technical Education Celebration and Induction Night. Home Girl's Basketball game against Manitowoc Lutheran; Game starts at 7:15 pm. \$7 per adult. \$5 for basketball players. \$4 Children 3-12. Free: Children Age 2 and under.



**District Enforcer Wants Your Service Reports By Month's End... Or Else!**



**MAN'S BEST FRIEND**  
by Lion Wendy Hartmann

Lieutenant Todd Cummings and his Canine partner, Keto, came to speak at the Lions Zone 2 Meeting on Tuesday October 8, 2019 at Seven Lakes Golf and Dining.

Lt. Cummings talked to us about the Manitowoc County Canine Unit, of which he has been a part of for over 20 years. It was very informative! He and his partner, Keto, also provided a demonstration on how Keto sniffs out hidden drugs.

Zone 2 donated \$2,200 to the Canine Unit from monies earned selling tickets at the Manitowoc County Fair.

Lions Zone 2 consists of 10 clubs.

- Francis Creek Lions
- Manitowoc Lions
- Maribel Lions
- Mishicot Lions
- Newton Lions
- St. Nazianz Lions
- Two Rivers Lions
- Two Rivers Lioness
- Valders Lions
- Whitelaw Lion

Some other programs that depend on furry friends are K9s For Independence, those with disabilities such as cognitive disabilities, and those that have diabetes that can sense when their blood sugar is high or low, cerebral palsy, those in wheelchairs, those that need something to help them keep calm. There are also dogs used in hospitals to help the patients overcome

their pain to help them heal faster. And then, of course, there is Leader Dogs for the Blind to help those that live in the color of night.

Many of the services described above would not be possible without the generous donations from Lions, Lioness and Leos within the District and State. Thank you everyone for helping to keep communities safe and protected.



**MISHICOT LIONS MEET LOCAL CAMPER** - Thank you to Claire Kemp and her wonderful parents for coming to the Lions Club meeting tonight and sharing Claire's experience at the Wisconsin Lions Camp. Claire attended the Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholt, Wisconsin for five days this past summer free of charge to the family. Claire shared stories about the fun she had and the friends she made. The Mishicot Lions Club is a proud sponsor of the Wisconsin Lions Camp.



**REDGRANITE LIONS WELCOME 6 NEW MEMBERS!**



**SHEBOYGAN NOON LIONS CLUB SUCCESSFUL WHITE CANE DRIVE** - ABOVE (right to left): Lions Kathy Siminow and Pam Oehldrich pose with Kyle from Festival Foods. Thank you Festival Foods for allowing the Lions to do the White Cane Drive at your store. Other Club members were at different businesses in the city.



**WILD ROSE LIONS RECEIVE DONATION** - A donation from Al Ruetten from Farmers State Bank to assist the Lions Club to raise additional funds to go for scholarships, vision testing equipment, eye saving projects and more. Accepting the check is Jim Erdman.

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# The Need To Serve Is High

by DG Mike De Baere

As the winter chill got a head start this year; snow for Trick or Treating, single digits in November.....BRRR!

For a moment in time perhaps some of us forgot we are in Wisconsin so the temperatures today do not necessarily reflect what the temperatures will be tomorrow. Wait just a minute and the weather will change!

Remember the holiday season is the time when the need to serve is really high. There will be empty shelves at the local food pantry; toys will be needed at the Salvation Army or Toys for Tots. Oh yes, talking about The Salvation Army, their Annual Red Kettle Drive is very important. You can volunteer your time to man one of their kettles and proudly sport your Lion's vest. If you see a Red Kettle with no one around and you have some free time—'Ring-A-Way' while you sing some Christmas songs. People are more likely to drop some money into the bucket if someone is ringing the bell.

The deer hunting season is here and you can donate the hide(s) to Lions Camp. Clubs all over the District are accepting the hides. If you can't find a drop off site, you can contact the Lions Camp and they will connect you with a drop off site. Got some extra venison? Food Pantries gladly accept the meat.

I have visited approximately 20 clubs thus far. It is really amazing how our District is showing their Lion's pride. Clubs with 50 plus members or clubs with less than 10 members are

very busy with various service projects and raising funds via food stands all summer long and now with calendar and wreath sales.

There are two areas in the District that have exceeded or are really close to exceeding 50,000 and 100,000 vision screenings in our schools. Great job Lions and Lioness!

PCC Bill Taubman is asking Wisconsin Lions to help with our Wisconsin Lions Missions Project. Our help is needed at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. PCC Bill is asking all Lions Clubs to donate towards their Back Pack Program. \$100 will provide week-end meals for school age children. When these children leave school on Friday afternoon, backpacks filled with food, are given to the children. These backpacks ensure the children will have enough to eat over the weekend. Your checks can be sent to:

Wisconsin Lions Missions  
N3391 Pine Tree Lane  
Shell Lake, WI 54871

Please find it in your heart, during this giving season, to help this worthy cause.

If I have not visited your club or zones yet, please contact me soon as the political season is sure to be a very busy one for my business.

In closing, as we say good-bye to the year 2019, I want to wish all the Lions, Lioness and Leos a Joyous Holiday Season whichever way you celebrate. I look forward to seeing all of you the clearest year of our lives...Happy 2020.

**contact DG Mike De Baere  
ASAP to schedule your  
official District Governor visit**



**POY SIPPI LIONS THANK EVERYONE THAT CAME TO THE HALLOWEEN PARTY.** The Lions love seeing all the kids in their costumes and being there for the community.



**SHEBOYGAN EVENING TRICK OR TREAT AT BOOKWORM GARDENS**



**RANDOM LAKE LIONS CHICKEN DINNER A BIG SUCCESS!**





LEFT: Distinguished Service Award Committee Chair Bob Schuh, Distinguished Service Award recipient Lia Haile, and Lions Club President and Committee Member Allan Kanugh, presented the Distinguished Service Award. Not pictured, Mary Brethouwer, Distinguished Service Award Committee member.

**MANITOWOC LIONS CLUB PROUDLY PRESENTS THE 74TH ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD TO LIA HAILE OF MANITOWOC**

Lia Haile's inspiration, thoughtfulness and continued hope to her community, has earned her this 74th Annual Distinguished Service Award.

Her initiation of the Hopeful Hearts Club in 2012 has grown to numerous projects, collection drives for many children and families.

Haile's inspirations have lead her community to work together to accomplishing her ideas of helping those in need.

Her service to Manitowoc County, to mention a few have included Hopeful Hearts Club, Backpack Buddies, school programs, clothing, meals and activities for Hope House, the Haven and other deserving causes.

Haile was named 2016 Tom Drill/ City of Manitowoc Volunteer of the Year, selected to participate in 'The Future of Good' program for young volunteers which led her to New York where she rang the bell to start the New York Stock Exchange, appeared on Rachel Ray and in *People*. She also won a \$10,000 grant from U.S. Cellular.

Her start of Hopeful Hearts began with two friends. Today, it has grown leaps and bounds to more than 1,000 members. These members have donated their time and talents/or items to her projects and are from all over the world; to include: New York, Los Angeles, San Antonio, Australia, Canada and Italy.

She is a sophomore at Lincoln High School, surprisingly she even has time for school. She participates in cross country and has aspirations of becoming a history teacher.

**APPLETON NOON CELEBRATES SERVICE & LOCAL NON-PROFITS**

The Appleton Noon Lions Club held its 2019 Holiday Party on December 16 at the Grand Meridian in Appleton during which the Club recognized the efforts of other local groups, as well as Club members. Grants totaling \$9,500 were awarded to the following community non-profit organizations: Pillars, LEAVEN, NAMI, St. Joseph Food Program, Fox Valley Memory Project, Fox Valley Veterans Council, Thompson Center, Boys and Girls Club of the Fox Valley, Riverview Gardens, COTS, Harbor House, Loaves and Fishes of the Fox Valley, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Fox Valley Lutheran Homes and Little Angels Day Care.

Representatives from each of the organizations were invited guests of the Noon Lions.

Otto Cox and Gaye Tassoul received the distinguished Lion of the Year Award for 2019.

The group also celebrated its many accomplishments in the past year which included student vision testing, third grade dictionary distribution, the Senior Expo, eye tissue transportation, donations to the Central Wisconsin Veterans Home in King, Salvation Army bell ringing, support of the Leader Dog program, rose sales fund raiser, candy bar sales, donating and securing matching funds for the Wisconsin Lions Foundation and the Lions Clubs International Foundation, as well as new a initiative around diabetes education.



**HUSKY HANDS & HEART LEO CLUB COLLECTED 288 TOYS FOR THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF WISCONSIN** - ABOVE: Leos Ava Scholz and TeKarah Gaedke helped deliver the toys to the hospital in Milwaukee before Christmas. This is the third year the Leos have collected the toys for the children at the hospital and have increased the number of toys collected each year.



**NEW HOLSTEIN LIONS DONATE TO CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY** - As part of celebrating the 50 years the New Holstein Lions served the City, the Lions donated \$5,000 to the New Holstein Fire Department. Saturday night July 11th, will be Lions night at the Fire Department's Annual Picnic with the money going for the evening entertainment and equipment that the department needs. The Club's actual anniversary date is April 9th and they will be celebrating at the Altona Super Club that evening. ABOVE: Presenting the check to Firemen Brian Carey and Brad Woelfel is President Lion Jason Dyer and other club members.



**PLAINFIELD LIONS CLUB DONATED MONEY FOR MATERIALS TO CREATE A FREE LIBRARY HUT** which is placed at the front entrance of the Tri-County School Building. TOP: Plainfield Lions Club Treasurer and retired Director of Building and Grounds, Mr. Wayne Tess. Tess designed, constructed and installed the Library. The Library consists of three doors to house all levels of books, Elementary, Middle School, and High School. BOTTOM: Esmeralda Banda, a junior art student at T-C, did all of the painting and lettering on the hut. The project/idea was presented to the Plainfield Lions by the Waushara County Health Department. The Waushara County Health Department will be working with Tess to construct and place up to seven more Free Library Huts at other schools and around the Waushara County area. Happy Reading!!

**Congratulations 27-B1 Lions & Lioness...  
over 100,000 children have been  
vision screened so far this year!**



## Conventions Offer Many Ideas

by DG Mike De Baere

Good day Lions of 27-B1.

Now that we have had a little time to recover from the District Convention, I really hope that those in attendance had a very rewarding experience and were able to get some recharging of what the Lions do.

Speaking of conventions, it is amazing how our State of Wisconsin Multiple District 27's 10 districts do their agenda at their individual Conventions. There are many similarities, but also some differences - making each one in its own way a success!

At our 27-B1 Convention last fall, we were running behind schedule, so I used the idea about the parade of checks I witnessed at another district convention to save time. I was told that for the most part the three seminars were very interesting to say the least, but there was talk that they were a little long though. The bottom line is the money gets to the right Lions project.

I was asked about our Auction Bank, I am most certain that another District will be having their very own bank at a convention really soon. Any fun and simple way to promote giving and or sharing the Lions Spirit.

In the near future, incoming District Governor Tom will be filling his cabinet position. I would hope that most of you will continue on, but if that is not the case, I ask that you please assist in finding a replacement for your position. Let's make Tom's job a little easier!

**contact DG Mike  
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official District  
Governor visit**



## Larsen-Winchester Lions Club Sets Service Milestone in 2019

The Larsen-Winchester Lions Club achieved another service milestone in 2019. According to Club President and Medical Equipment Loan Locker Manager Gerry Arens, "The club provided services, equipment, and cash donations totaling \$1,179,054, in 2019, a \$23,000 increase from 2018."

The Club focusses on two main service projects, in addition to numerous smaller projects, all benefiting the local communities.

The first main service project is building handicap ramps. A dedicated team of ramp builders constructed and installed 60 ramps in the surrounding area in 2019 according to Ramp Project Manager, Lion Bruce Stowe. They also removed another 42 ramps that were no longer needed, reusing some of the parts. The cost savings to customers for ramp installation alone averaged \$9,600 per family for a total savings of \$576,000.

The second major service project is loaning medical equipment from the Club Loan Locker warehouse, located behind the Clayton Town Hall and

Fire Department in Larsen. The Loan Locker serves the public on Tuesdays from 10 am-1 pm and Saturdays from 12 noon to 1 pm.

"In 2019, we had a very busy year," said Arens. "We loaned out 3,655 pieces of equipment to 2,374 customers, saving them \$512,750 over the cost of buying or renting the equipment."

This was a 25% over 2018 increase in both the customer base and equipment loaned. Here is a snapshot of some of the equipment loaned out:

- 676 wheelchairs
- 566 shower chairs and bath benches
- 322 four-wheeled walkers with seats
- 88 hospital beds
- 91 electric lift chairs
- 1,912+ pieces of equipment, including, commodes, two-wheel walkers, canes, grab bars and toilet assist items

Finally, the club raised funds at their spring and fall pancake breakfasts held at Winchester School. They gave

over \$44,000 from breakfast proceeds and other donations to 35 different organizations.

Locally, the Lions gave to Winneconne and Winchester food pantries, American Legion Auxiliaries in both Neenah and Winneconne for Badger State Girls, Winneconne School Trap Team and Cheer Team, American Legion youth programs, Winchester youth softball, Winchester Historical Society, Clayton Fire Department, Oshkosh Day by Day Warming Shelter, and Scholarships to both Neenah and Winneconne school districts.

"We are proud of the support the surrounding community gives us," said Arens. "And we are very honored to be a service club that for the fourth year in a row has been able to provide over \$1 million in cash and services back to the community where it is making a difference."

Larsen-Winchester Lions Club hosts their next Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 5th at the Winchester School.





**NEW HOLSTEIN DONATION TO HELP CLUB CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF SERVICE** - The Lions presented a check to the New Holstein Fire Department. The donation will be used to help the community celebrate the Club's 50th year by hiring a band for one night of the annual New Holstein Firemen's Picnic in July. The entire community is invited to help the Lions celebrate. More details to follow!



**RANDOM LAKES LIONS BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & SO MUCH MORE** - The Lions hosted a great morning of food, fun and service. The food was an all you can eat pancake, sausage, milk, juice and coffee breakfast. Santa and Mrs Claus, along with arts and crafts provided youngsters with a memorable morning. Service came through the food pantry donations from attendees and children's vision screening. The Lions teamed with Boy Scout Troop 0863 for this great community event.



**HANCOCK FISHEREE SAW A GREAT TURNOUT** - Many fish were caught. Raffles and prizes were presented. ABOVE: Grillers were kept busy all day feeding hungry attendees.



**MARKESAN RECEIVES DONATION TO PURCHASE VISION SCREENER** - Paul Salzwedel from the Green Lake County Basic Needs Foundation, presents a check to the Markesan Lions for \$7,500 for the purchase of a Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screener. The Lions District has several vision screeners that the Markesan Lions have used to do vision screening in the Markesan schools. This donation gives the Club their own vision screener.



**NEHRIG CELEBRATES A DECADE OF SERVICE** - DG Mike De Baere congratulated Poy Sippi Lion Patrick Nehring on 10 years of service with Lions.



**BUTTE DES MORTS LIONS CLUB HAS A NEW AND MUCH IMPROVED LOOK** with a brand new floor, paint job, and soon to be installed new kitchen fixtures and movable counter. Great job by Pete Ehler and Tom Herbert who spent countless hours removing the old flooring, installing the new one, painting and lot of other

work. Thanks so much to everyone who helped with the project. It will be a first-class place for the community and the public in general to use for parties, events, and programs.



**FUN FOR ALL @ PICKETT LIONS CHRISTMAS FUN DAY** - Lions Samantha Rivers and Jacob McDonald lead a game during Kids' Christmas Fun Day, held December 21st at Pickett Community Center.



**MARKESAN LIONS 1st ANNUAL FISHEREE** - TOP: The Lions promoted the event across the community, including on the Horicon Bank sign. MIDDLE: The winning northern in the kids category. BOTTOM: Lion Josh getting his check from Lion Dave for his 2nd Place prize from the 1st Annual Markesan Lions Ice Fisheree Cash Bash





## Lions' Clubs Spring Rose Sale Purchase Deadline March 24th

Delivery April 17th & 18th

approximately 30 participating Lions Clubs  
including Francis Creek Lions

### Events

#### MARCH

#### SHEBOYGAN FALLS ANNUAL CASINO NIGHT

SAT, MAR 7

Doors Open 5 pm

Chicken & Tips Buffet Dinner 6 pm

Gaming 7-10 pm

The Village @ 170 - 170 Rangeline  
Rd, Kohler

Fundraiser featuring Las Vegas style table games including craps, blackjack, Teas Hold'em and more. \$30/person includes dinner, Casino Cash and door prize entry. Tickets available at the Service Desk at Blattner's Piggly Wiggly (Falls) or by calling Ryan Romanoski at 920-254-5042.

#### LARSEN-WINCHESTER LIONESS CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

SUN, MAR 29

Registration 12 pm

Tournament 1 pm

Winchester Hill Golf Course - Cty II,  
Winchester

\$25/team. Questions - 920-836-2746.

#### APRIL

#### REDGRANITE LIONS 2ND ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

SUN, APR 4

Redgranite Elementary

Kids' Activities 12 pm

Egg Hunt 1 pm

It will again be held behind the school on the playground. This is for children up to age 12. This is a fun event and the children are on the run at 1 so please be on time if you wish to participate. Also

please bring buckets, baskets or bags to hold your eggs.

#### WAYSIDE-MORRISON DADDY D's COUNTRY GOSPEL SHOW

FRI, APR 17

6-9 pm

Cobblestone Creek - 740 W. Ryan  
St, Brillion

Fundraiser with entertainment & food  
- Branson North

Enjoy a wonderful dinner meal with chicken & beef tips and all the fixings at 6PM. Then sit back and relax with an exciting country gospel show from Daddy D's Production following the meal. They are a local band here in Green Bay. <https://daddydproductions.com/>. A ticket to our event is \$40 per person which includes meal, entertainment and prizes. Drinks and additional raffle prizes are extra cost. Request a ticket(s) here on our Facebook page or see a WayMorr Lion Club member.

#### ST NAZIANZ FUN NIGHT

SAT, APR 18

Doors Open 6 pm

Free Drawing 7pm

Drawing 9 pm

Meat's Opera Haus - 204 S 4th St

Fun Night tickets are in!

- Grand Prize - \$3,000
- 2nd - \$1,000
- 3rd - 4th - \$500
- 5th - 6th - \$250
- 7th-12th - \$100

\$100 each includes buffet, beer and soda. Four people admitted to raffle and event with each ticket. Only 120 numbers sold. 12 numbers win. Odds of winning: 1 out of 10. Get yours from any St. Nazianz Lions member or Meat's Opera Haus!



## We Serve Our Communities & The Environment

by DG Mike De Baere

As the Lionistic year continues to move forward, winter's firm grip on 27-B1 is slipping and spring is almost here. No matter what Mother Nature throws at us, the weather really doesn't slow down the Lions. Fundraisers like fishing jamborees take advantage of winter's beauty, while other fundraisers move indoors.

It is awesome to see examples of how we 'We Serve' at all the club visits, zone meetings and other District Conventions.

Earth Day is celebrated on April 22nd and it is also the 50th Anniversary. I know it is early, but planning an Earth Day service project should be right up the Lions' alley.

Potential environmental projects are all around us and can be easy to do. Here's a few ways each of us can help Mother Nature a little bit.

- Ride a bike to work
- Use energy efficient light bulbs
- Unplug electronics at night
- Recycle/reuse containers

- Last, and most likely an easy one, bring in some greenery plants; they help beautify and increase CO2

If you need specific names and phone numbers for other Clubs, feel free to contact me. I will put together the lists, but please give me a little time.

As of July, there will only be six *Wisconsin Lions* each year that will be published every other month. That means announcements will need to be planned accordingly. I will keep you updated on this change in future articles.

Now onto my picture, a big doe decided to sidetrack my visit to the Cascade Lions. If that was not enough, she decided to lay on my son's lap and by the gas pedal. It could have been a lot worse. Only five stitches for me and bruises for both Dion and I. If any Lion feels I can get the roof portion of my Lumina fixed so that a windshield can be replaced, let me know.

In closing with March's article, 'Happy April's Fools Eve'.

**contact DG Mike De Baere ASAP to schedule  
your official District Governor visit**



# Service Opportunities Aplenty

by DG Mike De Baere



What a stretch of bad news for Lions and other service organizations pertaining to the Corona Virus. Multiple cancellations, postponements of fundraisers, service projects, celebrating the anniversaries of both members and clubs.

I only had about 20 club visits left to complete my year. Hoping to get back at them before my year is complete or maybe I will fulfill them into the next Lion year, we shall see.

Yes, the ill effects will be felt when we donate to our causes and special projects close to our hearts.

But is it really bad news? I think that our founder, Melvin Jones, would have flourished during this time. He thought outside the box, and now we must follow.

What can Lions do? Many go for walks. Why not pick up a little trash along the way. Check on a neighbor who may be need a little assistance... pet needing a walk, groceries, maybe just someone to talk to.

I am seeing multiple locations providing lunches for the students. Sounds like help may be needed there also... both in man power and sponsoring a meal or part thereof.

These are all great service projects that will make a difference in the lives of those so negatively effected.

No matter how you decide to serve, make sure to send the project and amount of time you spent to your club secretary so he/she can report it.

The International Board of Directors has authorized districts and multiple districts to conduct elections via alternative means, such as mail, email, mobile application or other reasonable method. This holds true for clubs, too. Your 2020-21 Officer Elections need to be completed immediately with the results reported in MyLCI!

Stay healthy everyone – this too shall pass!



# St. Peter Lions 26th Annual Super Sub Sell Down

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**SALVATION ARMY, FOND DU LAC, ARC & WISCONSIN LIONS CAMP ACCEPT DONATIONS** - Dr. Chris Laurent - The Salvation Army Advisory Board, Gregg Owens - Sunny 97-7, AM 1170 & FM 103.3, 95 & 96-1 The Rock, Majors Kim & Jon Welch, Lion Dave Miller, Mike Retelle - Festival Foods, 1st Vice District Governor Thomas Wendt, Lion Larry Dikeman, Liz Morrell - The Arc Fond du Lac, Kevin Herrmann - Pick 'n Save.

The St. Peter Lions Club Super Sub Sell Down teamed community grocers with Radio Plus talent and challenged each team to sell a sub sandwich the length of a football field first on Super Bowl Saturday.

Festival Foods won this year's challenge, selling out just a fraction ahead of the others. In the end, it's not the competition that matters, St. Peter Lions Club member Larry Dikeman says, "Bringing community together for a good cause and living the Lions motto of 'We Serve' makes this a win-win for everyone involved, not just the location that sells out first."

The fundraiser began in 1994 and has since raised \$104,200 to help support local causes. This year, The Salvation Army of Fond du Lac County, The ARC of Fond du Lac and the Wisconsin Lions Camp,

which serves the blind, mentally challenged and diabetic, each received a \$2,000 check from event proceeds.

The Club credits everyone who pitches in to help: Sunny 97-7, 96.1 The Rock, AM1170 radio personalities Nick Rusch, Greg Owens

and Jason "Biggie" Mansmith who spearheaded the competition, each store location and this year's suppliers including Pick N Saves, Festival Foods, Badger Boiled Ham, Klement's Sausage, Belcioco Cheese, Vern's Cheese, Inc., Gibbville Cheese, Food Marketing Institute, Grande Cheese Food Service, Sartori Cheese, Henning's Wisconsin Cheese, Knaus Cheese, Saputo Cheese USA, Tommy J's Bar, Beck's Meat Processing and Wisconsin Builders Supply.

"We started the Super Sub Sell Down 26 years ago to raise funds in a novel way," Dikeman says, "and we're honored with the community support that's turned it into a tradition. We're already looking forward to next year."

# COVID-19 Updates

**PLYMOUTH LIONS** - On March 25, the Plymouth Lions Club made two donations amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. \$3,000 was donated to the Plymouth Food Pantry. In addition, \$5,000 was donated to Fresh Meals on Wheels that supports the Plymouth community. After the donation was submitted, we learned that an anonymous donor made a dollar for dollar match, so the donation was effectively \$10,000!

On April 6, the Plymouth Lions Club approved the purchase of 500 face shields from a local business. These shields will be distributed to local healthcare workers in Plymouth. Also, another \$1,000 was donated to the Plymouth Food Pantry.

**WESTFIELD LIONS** - sponsors milk for needy families in Neshkoro, Coloma, Oxford and Westfield. This not only helps the families, it helps the farmers... a win-win in my eyes. The cost for Supervalu in Westfield is approximately \$300 for 90 gallons. The Lions are donating \$600 to provide a gallon of milk to be distributed with each of the 90 meals that are given to area families. Supervalu has also agreed to provide free delivery of this milk so that no additional cost will be incurred.

**HEART OF THE VALLEY LIONS** made masks for St. Paul Home in Kaukauna. See the full update as part of the 'Lions Respond' story on page 4.

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

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**PLYMOUTH LIONS DELIVER** - reprinted with permission Sheboygan Press Media - Since the safer-at-home order went into effect in March, the Plymouth Lions Club has been meeting, via conference calls, in its quest to lend a hand to its community. "The Lions' motto is, 'We Serve'," said President Lorena McKerrow.

McKerrow said that in the last six or seven weeks, the club met often via conference call to hash out ideas about how to give a hand. Those discussions led to having Chef PJ Campbell's at The Depot make soup to be served to health care workers at Aurora Health Center in Plymouth every Thursday.

A small group of Lions, donning face masks and gloves, arrived at the Depot to pick up some 60 hot soup lunches for the staff there.

With many layoffs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Lions also decided to send donations to food banks and Meals on Wheels, in addition to the lunches of appreciation for health care workers in the city.

To see the entire story and photo package go to: <https://www.sheboyganpress.com/story/news/local/2020/04/30/plymouth-lions-club-delivers-soup-health-care-workers-amid-coronavirus/3059818001/>

**I CANNOT DO EVERYTHING, BUT I CAN DO SOMETHING** - by PDG's Meg and Jerry Post - Lions, Lioness and Leos try to practice these words from Helen Keller.

Jackie Abel, from the Fond du Lac Lioness, is a BSN-RN for a clinic in Fond du Lac and was asked to work from home to contact patients to check up on them and answer questions. She is also on call to go to the clinic.

PDG's Meg and Jerry Post have brought food to the food pantries when needed, not just when convenient. They thought it would be nice to put a smile on a few faces in St. Nazianz, so,

they made a donation to the Fire and Rescue Department to drive through the Village with a sign and horns blowing. They received more than they gave. Not just a few smiling faces but the entire Village smiled. During these times of difficulty let's go outside the box and think if for no other reason but to cheer someone up. Stay home, stay safe and see you soon.



**PLAINFIELD LIONS DONATE \$2,000 TO JOSEPH'S HOPE FOOD PANTRY** - In this time of a worldwide pandemic, food is of a great need in our local communities! The Lions also donated all the candy purchased for the Easter Egg Hunt that was cancelled. ABOVE: Lions Wayne Tess, Anthony Marinack, Kim Meyer from Royal Supermarket that donated \$100, as well, always giving a 5% discount on items purchased for the food pantry, Food Pantry Coordinator Mark Kotolski, Lion President Mark Hennes, Jim Cesar, and Max Harrington.



**PLYMOUTH LIONS DELIVER FOR FIRST RESPONDERS** - The Lions delivered 20 disposable face shields to the Cascade Fire Department & First Responders, and 30 shields to the Mount Calvary Ambulance Service. They are waiting for an opportunity to deliver hundreds of face shields to the local hospitals in Plymouth.

# Year-End Challenges

by DG Mike De Baere



My year was cut short for visiting clubs and seeing their activities. I was unable to visit four District Conventions and also the State Convention. Before everything was cancelled, I was able to visit many clubs and District Conventions where I met some really amazing Lions.

One thing for certain, Lions here and abroad have found ways to serve while social distancing. They are all thinking outside the box: Many are hosting garbage pick-ups, curbside bratfrys, fishing tournaments, making masks, helping with food issues of every kind. The numbers will most likely be down in both attendance and profits, but in the end, the activities were still completed and people got to participate and get their minds off of the virus, even for a little bit of time.

We have about 1,820 Lions, I am challenging you to:

We are only 25 Lions short of my goal of 140 new members. Let's get these 25 members before June 30th! If this challenge is met, I will sell tickets for the right to dump ice on me. Yes, I am bringing back the 'Ice Bucket Challenge'. Location and time to be determined. Proceeds will go to the needs of the District!

Pick up garbage - three miles per member for a total of 5,460 miles.

Plant trees - three trees per member over the next three to six months.

Plastic Bag Challenge - some clubs have already embraced this challenge, but I would really love it if all 66 or

so clubs would join in! The bench that you get for collecting 500 pounds is like the icing on the cake. Lions don't usually get noticed for their behind the scenes projects.

Here is my catch on this... some clubs have no problem getting 500 pounds in six months. For those clubs that are just a little short, let me know via a text and I will see if I can locate and take care of the shortage. I will also try to locate more locations for the plastic bag pick-up. Call TREX @ 1-800-BUYTREX or email to [trexrecycling.com](mailto:trexrecycling.com) to get your campaign going.

Now remember when doing these challenges to record the service projects on MyLCI.

My journey is coming to an end as your District Governor. A big, big thank you goes out to all of you!

I will highlight a few others that I would like to thank. The Cabinet, to see I got enough training to carry the year out. My District for supporting me through thick and thin. The many Past District Governors who told me that I was going to have the time of my life. The Past International Directors who kept saying we are just a phone call away. On all of those, I did make a quite a few phone calls. My club, who had to adjust the meeting nights the last few years so that I was able to make a few of the meetings. My last and final thank you goes out to the Council of Governors and my family who had to endure the loss of my presence at a couple of family functions!

Thank you all!  
I will be returning to normal life! Yeah, right!

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**27-B1 District Convention**  
November 13th - 14th  
Blue Harbor Resort, Sheboygan  
**Theme: Lions Lead the Fight (Safari)**