



MD27B1 District Cabinet Minutes

Date: Sunday, July 24, 2022

Location: Eagles Club 515 N Park Avenue Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Virtual: NO

Email: If any Question: Reply to this email – roxanne_wendt@hotmail.com or call 920-948-7787

Times: Open Discussion (Voluntary): In Person Only 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (In Person Only)

Social & Lunch: Lunch 12:00 PM Meeting 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Meeting (In Person Only)

1. Call to Order DG Dave Brinkman @ 1:pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance IPDG BJ Blahnik

3. Prayer Chaplain Lion Myra Schneider Moment of silence in remembrance of PDG Merle Strelow who was District from 2011-2012.

4. Motion to Approve Agenda DG Dave Brinkman motion made by PDG Lion Tom Wendt and 2nd by Lion Scott Scovronski **MOTION CARRIED**

5. Guest Introduction Welcome & Introduction of Guest by DG Lion Dave Brinkman. There were some clubs as guest today, they were PDGs Ken Rohde, Marv Henke along with the PDGs that are on the cabinet. PCC Lion Dean Haas, associate member of Appleton Evening Lion. We also had the pleasure of having PID Wayne Heiman install our new Officers and Zone chairs. PID Wayne also shared a couple of his favorite jokes and gave us some quotes to remember.

a. Kindness of the Heart (We serve)

b. Share the joys of being a Lion tell your story

c. Think big when (We Serve)

6. Cabinet Introduction DG Dave Brinkman

7. District Cabinet Installation PID Wayne Heiman

8. Roll Call Was completed by Sec. Lion Roxanne. There were 24 cabinet members present along with 5 more guests.

9. 2022-2023 Club Recognition DG Dave Brinkman gave to IPDG Lion BJ Blahnik 2020-2021 plaque of recognition for his year as governor. DG Dave has a challenge for the top 10 teams in My Lion.

10. Tail Twister **Lion Kathy Bargaquast** was excused, however Thank You to Lion Bonnie Hughes for stepping in and collecting some fines. Whoever didn't wear their hat or went over there 3 minutes in time. She collected \$22.00

11. Communication **DG Dave Brinkman** via email. New member orientation folders were handed out.

12. Secretary's Report **CS Lion Roxanne Wendt** Requested that all cabinet members try getting reports in on time and there may be a change in reports coming out next month a. **Motion for approval from state convention meeting**, 2022 Cabinet Minutes which was Emailed July 22,2022 a motion was made by Lion Dick Karl, and 2nd by Lion Vince Treague. **MOTION CARRIED**

13. Treasurer's Report **PDG Lion Jerry Post** everything was put on screen for everyone to see last year budget by PDG Lion Jerry Post gave everyone a copy of report also 2022-2023 MD-27 District Financial Budget. Nothing has changed since last meeting.

13a. District Financial Report a Motion was made by Greg Kubichka 2nd by John Steffen **Motion Carried**

13b. District Budget, discussion on raffle ticket being sold to public then money needs to go to the public. Everyone received copies A Motion was made by IPDG Lion BJ Blahnik 2nd Staate Hayward. **Motion Carried**

13c. District Audit, Radisson Budget everyone received copy

14. Old Business: Grant Administrator Update Holyland Food Pantry Ground has been broken and site is in progress. \$3,000 check was sent to cooler distributor directly. Total cost of project is \$850,000. Will continue to follow progress and update LCIF appropriately.

15. New Business:

16. Committee Reports

a. **IPDG BJ Blahnik** (Report 1-B)

Status Update on ABCM Playground by IPDG BJ Blahnik Above & Beyond Children's Museum (ABCM) Purple Octopus Playground Matching Grant. \$50,000, FROM LCIF, was received and submitted to ABCM. B1 raised \$26,225 in total and matching \$25,000 was received from personal donation from Jay Christopher. This totaled \$101,225 towards this project from B1. ABCM's goal was a total project of \$500,000. Ground has been broken and playground pieces are beginning to be constructed. Money raised was for the rubber surfacing around the playground equipment. Will continue to monitor progress and keep both LCIF and B1 updated.

b. **1st Vice District Governor** Lion Greg Kubichka

Keep your books that DG Dave got you updated that will be very helpful and you can pick your own committee to work with you in your groups.

c. **2nd Vice District Governor** Lion Dave Holschbach (Report 2-1 & 2-N)

I am off to a quick start. It's been quite a change from one position to another and getting reorganized. Friday July 15th was my first training session in Wisconsin Rapids for vice district governor. I met 8 of my fellow vice district governors with the tenth needing to be elected yet. So far as 2nd Vice district Governor I have done 4 club officer installations along with the recent officer training for secretaries completed on July 10th. Recently I completed my first club visit to the Manitowoc Lions. The focus was on "TELL YOUR STORY" Which is DG Dave's theme for this year, and communicating to your community what your club does. At that same visit I made a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award presentation on behalf of District 27 B1. Lion Paul Tittle was very instrumental in initiating Wisconsin ACT 257. This was signed into law April 15th. The new law allows Wisconsin to reuse eyeglasses recycled at our Eyeglass center in the state with no liability. The Melvin Jones was in appreciation for all of his efforts, this took 4 years. I will be coordinating my other club visits in the upcoming weeks. Looking forward to the next step in my LIONS LIFE. I'll be in touch.

d. GLT Chair PDG Lion Tom Wendt (Report 2-Q)

GLT PDG Lion Tom Wendt 27B1 Club Officer training: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasure and Club Administrator 22 attendees 5 trainers. Very positive feedback, will be evaluating for future training. GLT training state level is once a month with State GLT Geri Schlender. We will be doing public training coming up also. If you're doing public appearance do vision screening.

MD 27 GLT Meetings and Training: Have not met this year, meetings to begin in September, unsure if in person or virtual.

Lions Forum Calgary Canada: PDG/GLT Lion Tom and District Secretary Lion Roxanne, will be attending the annual Forum in Calgary Canada this September. Lion Tom has completed and will be receiving his Doctorate degree from Lion's University Lion Roxanne completed and will be receiving her Master's degree from Lion's University.

27B1 Public Appearances: Several 27B1 Clubs are making public appearances to promote what Lions do within our district along with fund raisers and service projects at venues such as County Fairs, Farmers Market and parades.

e. GST chair Lion Vincent Treague (Report 2-Q)

Lions are great at fund raising. Reached out to the service Chairs for Diabetes, environment and Hunger. Would like to organize a team approach emphasizing service. Will monitor the service reporting and reach out to clubs that are not reporting. Lan to surpass the goal of 90% of clubs reporting. What sets us apart is our service. DG Dave added 5 causes environment, vision, hunger, cancer, diabetes awareness.

f. GMT Chair PDG Lion Fred Gebhart

Membership promotion is always important and so is retention whenever you do fund raising such as Brat Fry, roadside clean up. Invite a friend or a neighbor. Then ask them to be a new member and try and keep our membership up. Maybe we could relocate members to a different location instead of them leaving the lions. Keep our members in our club invite your neighbor over.

g. District Convention Chair PDG Lion Mike DeBaere

District Convention planned for Nov. 11th & 12th at the Radisson Hotel in FDL, He is having a military theme in honor of Veteran's Day. We serve our Country, now we serve our community. For those coming on Friday they will offer a special Friday Fish Fry in the dining room. Friday night hospitality which will include music and games. Saturday ID Dianne Pitts giving her keynote address. Awards presentations along with Quinn's Cowboy Hat auction with all proceeds going to Leader Dog. To make reservations call Radisson at 920-923-1440 Rooms are \$109.00 includes coupon for 2 free drinks and breakfast each night. 10% Dining coupon per hotel guest. Have Zone Chairs pass out their convention packets. Old Glory Honor Flight one of the seminars. 1st by Mary Jo Abler and 2nd by PDG Fred Gebhart **Motion Carried**
Convention financial Report copies given by PDG Lion Jerry Post
Copies were given out

h. District Diabetes Lion Chair Lion Jacqueline Abel was not present. No Report at this time.

i. District Elections and Nominations Chair PDG Lion Tom Wendt (Report 2-P)
New Information coming out.

j. District Environment Chair Lion Bonnie Hughes (Report 1-A)

I'll start this report by introducing myself. My name is Bonnie Hughes I have been a Lioness for 38 years of the Van Dyne Lioness club before joining our Lions club. I have held a lot of positions on the Lioness District board but being the Environment chair on our Lions district board is new to me. I guess I'll learn more about this position as the year passes. Last year our District Environment Chair (Roxanne) Had requested all clubs in the district to do community garbage cleanup of roadways. This made such a difference in all our communities. It really surprises me of all the people who still throw their trash out of their vehicle windows. This year I would like to continue this project it not only cleans up the ditches and roadways but the walking is good for all of us. Also I would like everyone to start saving their plastic bags – (grocery bags bread bags TP bags all plastic coverings etc.) To be used towards having a bench made for some place in the district bring your bags to the convention or to zone meetings or our next cabinet meeting or even to your own meetings to start collecting for our convention. We need to collect 500lbs we are going to have a separate account just for district 27-B1. Please all help out and get it out to all the clubs.

k. District Guiding Lion Coordinator PDG Lion Tom Wendt (Report 2-P)

District 27 B1 did complete Guiding Lion training at last year's District Convention conclusion for 16 new Guiding Lions, thus increasing the availability of Guiding Lions for assisting clubs in any and all requests. We are in the process of developing a list of the Guiding Lions within the District to allow clubs with questions or concerns to contact trained individuals. The role of the Guiding Lion Program is to assist newly chartered, established or rebuilding clubs. Watch for more upcoming information and what the Guiding Lions can do for you and your club.

l. District Hunger Chair Lion Amber Konen (Report 1-A)

My report is I'm still researching my new role and responsibilities and will have more information for the next meeting.

m. District Information/Public Relations/Historian Chair PDG Lion Tom Clausen

Zone chairs should encourage clubs to use internet, Facebook and e-clubhouse. Send PDG Tom any club history to add to the district webpage. Be sure to let him know of any fundraisers to add to the calendar. LCI is pushing to have all club members to have an account on lionsclub.org. Club secretaries should update email addresses for members so they receive all the information from International. PDG Tom will update the resolutions approved at the convention.

n. District LCI/My Lion Chair DG Dave Brinkman

DG Lion David Brinkman has put a lot of effort into keeping reporting up to date and teaching everyone. Anyone needs help he willing to help you out just let him know.

o. District LCIF Coordinator Lion Mary Jo Abler

Campaign 100 has closed. It was a great success. It appears the Foundation goal was met and exceeded. Final numbers have not been released yet, but looks to be \$340,000,000. As of 7/22/22 our District numbers indicate this year's total to be \$140,177.3750 of our 63 clubs donated, that is nearly 80% of our clubs. Three clubs have been awarded Model Club status. I think we have maybe 3 more that took the opportunity to Pledge their balance. (Over half way to goal) When they meet their goal, they will be listed. With the Pledge paperwork being sent in, it will give those clubs up to 3 years to make the goal. Two very large personal donations really put us over the top. All the personal donations were greatly appreciated. I want to try to get to every Zone to talk about our Foundation in the next year. I have emailed the Zone chairs that request and wait for their replies on setting dates. I would prefer not to do winter months, especially across the district. The position of LCIF Club Chair is still part of the club officers. If clubs do not have someone listed, the secretary will get any information I might send out. I would suggest, the clubs appoint someone and get it into LCI directory. Just don't send back to me an email that the person is not the Club Chair! I think non secretary would be better. Secretaries have so many things they are involved in. Some clubs were still not aware of Campaign 100. The word was not getting to membership. Someone that really would like to know more about our Foundation and how it works. Then promote it to club.

p. District Leader Dog PDG Lion Meg Post (Report 2-L)

Leader Dog chair PDG Lion Meg Post Leader Dog would like to extend a huge thank you to all Lions clubs for their continued support and generous donations this past fiscal year. MD-27 donated a total of \$187,814.87. That is over \$51,000 more than last fiscal year. Great Job!! Our district donated \$26,735. We were not first this year-we were beat out by A1 (\$56,873.50). Leader Dog matched 116 dogs with clients this past fiscal year. Orientation & Mobility (White Cane) served 90 clients. Clients came from 39 states and also Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, Nova Scotia, and Spain. Summer Experience Camp welcomed 14 teens ages 16 & 17 back to campus this year. Students from 10 different states came together for a week of leadership and independent travel skill training, crafts, rope course challenges and more! The teens surprised the LD technology team with a few added benefits of the handheld GPS units! Leader Dog will again welcome 1st VDG's to visit the campus during August and September. Taking the Lead podcasts have been a huge success. You can listen to

all of the podcasts via the LD website. The goal of this podcast is to bring awareness of not only the blindness community but also the free services provided by Leader Dog. Please take time to check out the Leader Dog website. There are client videos, monthly newsletters, club reports and of course the gift shop. Feel free to contact me with any questions or to schedule a club visit. I would love to introduce your club members to Leader Dog.

q. District Leo Chair PDG Lion Gary Silah

Chair Lion Gary Silah was present, reported that we currently have one Leo Club-New Holstein chartered in 2017 and have 22 members and one in Reedsville started in 2012 but has no reports in LCI. He will be doing more research into this and getting back to us.

r. District Lions Eyebank of Wisconsin Lion Charlie Keifenheim

Director Lion Chuck Keifenheim not present but PCC Dean Haas spoke and said that they had for the first time since COVID that had 100 donors and the building has sold.

s. District Membership Retention Chair Lion Dave Holschbach (Report 2-M)

We are off to a bad start as of July 13th, we have dropped 15 members from 4 clubs. We realized most of these should have been done before year end. I have stressed in my secretary training that members should show as dropped in MyLCI when the club got notified, even if they have paid their dues thru the end of the billing whether 12/31 or 6/30. REMEMBER your club shows them on your roster effective January 1 and July 1 and your club will be billed for them as a member by LCI and the state, NO CREDITS will be issued!! I have been asked by District Governor Dave to be the RETENTION chair. My focus will be to get accurate member numbers and work with clubs to RETAIN their membership. We will try to avoid having to go to exit interviews. I will be in contact with club secretary to see how things are going.

t. District Newspaper Editor Lion Terry Erbstoesser (Report 1 E)

Everything going well was worried about not getting enough stuff now has plenty of article. Thank You DG Dave Brinkman would like a district newsletter to come out to everyone. Mary Jo said it would be nice to know more about GST, GLT, GMT PDG Meg said Dave Holschbach has a very good power point on it.

u. District Peace Poster/Pin Chair Lion Laurie Sasada (Reports 1H)

Peace Poster: update by Lion Laurie Sasada this year theme is Lead with Compassion. Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible. Kits have been on sales Department at International Headquarters. Clubs should bring their winning posters to District Convention, November 11-12 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in FDL. November 15: Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.

District Pins: Pins are here and ready for purchase, they are \$3.00 each. Start planning designs for next year's District pin. (2023-2024). Designs can be sent to: Lion Laurie @ (sasadalaurie@gmail.com) Laurie Sasada, PO Box 33 Fairwater, WI 53931 or bring to District Convention in November. All designs will be displayed and

voted on at Convention. 2022-2023 Pin Design was created by Lion Dave Holschbach. We also have state pins for \$3.00

v. District Pediatric Cancer Chair PDG Lion Dave Lee (Report 1D & 1F)

Pediatric Cancer by PDG Lion Dave Lee. Although I will not be attending the upcoming B1 cabinet meeting, here are several thoughts regarding district childhood cancer: Lion SRI and PDG Dave led an initiative for the Council of Governors (2021-2022) to approve a concept of endorsing a Wisconsin Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation – unfortunately the DG vote was 5 ‘for’ and 5 ‘opposed’. IPDG BJ was appointed by the Council of Governors as the ad hoc committee chair for this proposal in 2021-2022, and the august committee group (cc’d above) was in favor of the COG endorsing this initiative. Given the obvious statewide enthusiasm among Wisconsin Lions for supporting childhood cancer and the fact that this is one of the five global focus areas for LCI, the DG voting outcome was disappointing. It would take virtually a unanimous request from the 2022-2023 district governors for Lion SRI and me to consider renewing efforts along these lines. For possible district-only childhood cancer activities this year, here are several ideas: We could have a special breakfast the morning of the district convention that would be dedicated to a childhood cancer fundraiser. It could include an interesting speaker with a brief message (example Joe Dean), there could be voluntary donations made by attendees, and/or clubs could be encouraged to take up cash collections on behalf of childhood cancer and make these donations at the breakfast. A 50:50 raffle could help build the fund. Joe Dean (formerly with the MACC Fund) is the author of My Dog Named Hope, which is a children’s book about a family dealing with childhood cancer. A program could be created to fund the purchase of these books for distribution within the district. Lion SRI has provided an LCI idea sheet for possible childhood cancer projects which is attached. Clubs within the district should be actively considering how they can give service to childhood cancer efforts. Of course, the initiative that we feel has the most merit is launching a Wisconsin Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, but this effort would need to be embraced’ by current DGs for us to be willing to proceed. (Report 1D)

w. District Raffle Lion John Stephen (Report 1A)

There is no report on the district raffle. The tickets will be handed out on Sunday. Zone chairs to collect raffle tickets from the clubs.

x. District Research and Planning Committee Lion Dave Holschbach (Report 2-K)

Being 2nd Vice District Governor, I have been asked to try and develop research and long-range planning working into my years. It is something we have tried but never progressed on. I am open for suggestions on things to consider for the future of our district. The immediate focus will be to work with Constitution and Bylaws to get proper documentation on the district website, we have too many versions and the district policies they need to be updated.

y. District Restoring Hope Transplant House Lion Barb Leichtfuss (Report 2-P)

House update by Lion Barb Leichtfuss. June 2022 • Our occupancy rates have returned to pre-Covid numbers as transplants and hospital restrictions have normalized

closer to normal. • The new Program Director for Transplant at UW Health visited RHTH last week and was so moved by our efforts that she would like to volunteer on a monthly basis. She will also be promoting the house throughout the transplant program and is excited to get more engaged in the fundraising efforts for expansion. This was a truly exciting meeting as our ongoing relationship with UW Hospital is so vital. This house is a perfect complement to a world-class transplant hospital and in the words of the head of transplantation, “the greatest resource for our transplant families!” • For the moment, UW Hospital is now allowing 2 caregivers per day to visit each family. This is a huge difference in the support of patients and also for our overall guest stays. • The new UW Health Transplant Clinic is finally scheduled to open in a few months. That project, made possible by a generous donation from Pleasant Rowland has endured many of the increases and significant delays we have feared with our own construction. When finished, it will be such a major improvement for our families and make our work here at RHTH even more critical going forward. • We have continued to see a record number of guests from the Milwaukee, Kenosha, Racine areas after Froedtert stopped performing some critical types of organ transplants. Had a night this past week with 3 Milwaukee families. • With Covid precautions in place, we are very proud of the fact that no cases of Covid have ever been traced back to RHTH. This is especially critical given the immune compromised cases we see in transplantation. Covid remains a very serious issue in the transplant community. As such, we maintain similar standards to the hospital for the protection of our high-risk guests. • Lions from several area clubs continue to find ways to support this house from speaking on our behalf, maintenance, opening new doors, donation much needed food and supplies to volunteer work days...it all makes such a huge difference. Please contact Cindy Herbst at any time at 608-831-1726 or via email at restoringhope@tds.net

z. District Special Olympics Chair PDG Lion Fred Gebhart

He has not received any update on Special Olympics in April. He will keep us informed.

aa. District Vision Chair PDG Lion Fred Gebhart

PDG Fred is a certified vision screener trainer. Prevent Blindness is going to charge Lion members to be trained. We have the Plus Optic and Spot cameras in our district. WI Lions want to be more independent for training. The Plus Optic & Spot device is so we can be more independent. Because the foundation is to prevent blindness with the Lions the device was catching so much more than the spot charts. We have certified trainer throughout our district, and we wanted to become more independent. In March we had 50 brand new Lions trainers come in and 6 into our district. Mary Jo asked if we should get recertified after so many years. Refresher courses are always good.

bb. District Youth Camp & Exchange Chair Lion Patricia Shikoski chair Lion Pat

Shikoski was present.

cc. Wisconsin Lions Mission Lion Pat Knier

PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION While we haven't yet been successful getting another eyeglass mission there we have taken three loads of things to the Families Working Together Foundation located on the reservation. The Kesslers and us each pulled a trailer load out there in December and the Kesslers went out again in

June. Hopefully we will be able to make the right connections to have another mission there soon. A couple things we learned about the items we take out there. They have no use for knickknacks and other items that are mostly decorative/ornamental. What they do need is sporting goods like basketballs, baseballs, bats, ball gloves etc. Let's work on that. And of course, they continue to need household items, winter clothing, and more.

Our EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM reached out to the LIONS OF KENTUCKY to see if we could help the victims of the December 10th tornado. Lion Pat Knier first brought up the idea and ultimately worked with the clubs in his zone to collect a trailer load of needed items. We sent out a communication statewide and had a very good response. Many clubs and individuals responded with financial assistance as well as donations of items needed. We collected about \$10,000 to support the mission. In late April we left for Mayfield, KY with the Lions trailer full. We connected with Lion Knier in Mayfield where both trailers were unloaded at a large distribution center. They were excited about things unloaded. Past International Director Eugenio Roman and Lion Tom Bredesen have been planning an eyeglass mission to the Dominican Republic. He and his wife have a team of people who have worked out the logistics to conduct a mission in Higüey, Dominican Republic from Sunday, February 5th until Sunday, February 12, 2023.

dd. Constitution & Bylaws/Policies and Procedures PDG Lion Jerry Post

Sent everyone a copy of the updated Bylaws to everyone.

New Policy for Past District Governor's and Cabinet members that pass away to be discuss further when 2nd VDG Lion Dave Holschbach is back. Leader dog Brick? Lions Camp Honor Wall \$250.00 from Jerry Post does not want award for this. Would recognize everyone past and present.

a) Under Elections and campaign process Item (1) Change from "Campaigning to be equal for all candidates, at all times, until the day of nominations and elections. Pamphlets, buttons, wearing apparel, stickers etc., none of these are to be allowed the day of election. (Exception will be, display table is allowed) Change to "Campaigning to be equal for all candidates, at all times, with Pamphlets, buttons, wearing apparel, stickers etc., will be allowed until two hours before voting. **Lion Vince Treague made a motion 2nd by FVDG Lion Greg Kubichka MOTION CARRIED**

b) Added to convention policy change "This person shall be from the district and be an active member of a club in the district and this person shall not be a spouse or significant other of the District Governor, **motion made by FVDG Lion Greg Kubichka 2nd by IPDG BJ Blahnik MOTION CARRIED**

c) Change to "This person shall be from the district and be an active member in good standing of a club in the district and this person should not be a spouse or significant other of the District Governor, 1st Vice-District Governor, or 2nd Vice-District Governor. In the event that the spouse or significant other of the District Governor, 1st Vice-District Governor, or 2nd Vice-District Governor is chosen, they shall forfeit any rights to extra room, registration and meals. 1st Vice-District Governor, or 2nd Vice District Governor. **Lion Mary Jo Abler made a motion**

ee. WLF Director/Pride/Hearing Aids/Birch Sturm Lion Dick Karl (Reports 1-G)

Pride/Will be attending the LPEF Board of Directors meeting and the LPEF Annual meeting on 7/22.

Birch/Sturm chair Lion Dick Karl. Will be presenting a Ray Hempel and Melvin Jones at St. Nazianz upcoming club meeting 7/21 and will also be presenting a Ray Hempel at upcoming Sheboygan Evening Club event 7/26.

Hearing/Eyeglasses Dick Karl. Will be working with my predecessor Past WLF Director Lion Wendy on the Hearing Aid Program procedures in the near future.

Trainings / Dates to Remember

1. **USA/Canada Forum** Calgary Canada on September 5 - 8th. 2022
2. **State Convention** May 11-13, 2023 Stevens Point, WI
3. **International Convention** Boston July 7 - 11, 2023.
4. **District/State Events**
5. **District Bowling**
6. **State Bowling** 72nd Annual Wisconsin Lions Bowling Tournament February -- March 2023 Hosted by The Menomonie Lions
7. **District Bean Bag Tournament?**
8. **Pride Shoot** June 10, 2023
9. **State Curling** January 2023

17. Zone Chair Reports:

- a. Zone 1 Lion Wes Grube
- b. Zone 2 Lion Staate Hayward
- c. Zone 3 Lion Mike Roberts
- d. Zone 4 Lion Bill Singer
- e. Zone 5 Lion Pat Knier
- f. Zone 6 Lion Vincent Treague (Report 2-R)
- g. Zone 7 Lion Josh Blatz
- h. Zone 8 Lion Barb Leichtfuss (Report 2-R)
- i. Zone 9 Lion Scott Scovronski (Report 2-R)
- j. Zone 10 Lion Laurie Sasada New
- k. Zone 11 Lion Dave Prezkurat (Report 2-R)

18. Other Business

- a. Comments: Change our meeting date from Oct. 9th to Oct. 2nd
- b. District Polo Shirts Lion Roxanne looking into it we would purchase our own shirts so that we would all look the same. (Lions Logo 27-B1 District Chairperson)
- c. Questions – Everyone

19. You are requested to attend our Cabinet Meetings

Oct. 2, Nov. 11 at the Radisson with ID, Jan. 29, March 12, and State Convention).

20. August 11 Convention Meeting (Executive Meeting) at the Radisson

21. Meeting Adjournment - Motion made by IPDG Lion BJ Blahnik, 2nd by Lion John Stephen at 4:05 pm to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

NEXT MEETING Sunday, October 2, 2022 at the Eagles Club FDL

Respectfully submitted Dist. Sec. Lion Roxanne Wendt 7/27/2022



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Times:

Open Discussion (Voluntary): In Person Only 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (In Person Only)

Social & Lunch: Lunch 12:00 PM Meeting 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Meeting (In Person Only)

Agenda: 10/2/22

1. **Call to Order** DG Dave Brinkman @ 1:pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** PDG Tom Wendt
3. **Prayer** Chaplain Lion Myra Schneider Moment of silence
4. **Motion to Approve Agenda** DG Dave Brinkman motion made by PDG Lion Tom Wendt and 2nd by Lion Scott Scovronski **MOTION CARRIED**
5. **Roll Call** Was completed by Sec. Lion Roxanne Wendt
There were 30 cabinet members present along with 4 more guests.
6. **Tail Twister** **Lion Kathy Bargenguast** Lion Kathy Bargenguast was dressed for her theme very cute. At district convention for cabinet meeting wear something patriotic or military for our meeting when we meet the ID.
7. **Communication** DG Dave Brinkman Talked about raffles and who gave us a raffle license A & B and how our money is spent. The difference between the two.
8. **Secretary's Report** **CS Lion Roxanne Wendt** If anyone would like a cabinet shirt order directly through Bee Seen. Please send in your reports it sure makes the job so much easier to get out all you information to share with everyone.
9. **Treasurer's Report** **PDG Lion Jerry Post** Check book is balanced as of Yesterday. Thanks to Jerry for helping the checkbook out till it could build up the funds coming in again. Treasurer's Report Given to everyone. (Report Given)

9a District Financial Report a Motion was made by
Lion Gary Silah 2nd by Fred Gebhart **Motion
Carried**

9b District Audit, Report was sent by Dave Holschbach
and it should be officially closed (Report Sent)

10. Old Business:

- a. **Memorial Fund idea** Going to move to Executive Team bring
to Jan. meeting Dave also has raffle tickets to sell. Motion Carried
by Fred Gebhart 2nd by Scott Scovronski **Motion Carried**
**Who is the Executive Team? DG Dave Brinkman, Treasurer,
Secretary, GLT, GST, GMT, 1st Vice DG, 2nd Vice DG.**

11. New Business:

- a. District Raffle/ All money to go to charity. 1st a lion filled with
all kinds of stuff 2nd 5 Posters Army, Navy, Air force.
Coast Guard, Marines. DG Dave talked on Raffles on a class
A & B.
- a. Gary Silah: **Important Change to Policy and Procedures Manual**
The District Convention Policy currently reads:
Section 3 Convention Compensation
- a. Registration, Meals, and Rooms for two nights will be paid for the
Following: 4. Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer
PDG Gary Silah Made a Motion that it reads:
Section 3 Convention Compensations
- a. Registration, Meals, and Rooms for two nights will be paid for the
following: **4. Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer (if a combined
position) or Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer (if a
separated position)**
Motion Made by PDG BJ 2nd by Dick Karls Motion Carried
Discuss in favor of the change by Dave Lee and Dave Holschbach
Dave Lee would like to see us take the money out of training &
Education fund. Jerry Post against
**Take to Executive team to decide where money will come
from.**

12. Committee Reports

- i. **IPDG Lion BJ Blahnik**
 - a. Present, added to his 2 grants Purple Octopus over 5000 people have used it. DG BJ on Oct.23 leaving to get his new leader dog. (Report Sent)
- ii. **1st Vice District Governor Lion Greg Kubichka**
 - a. Present, for zone chairs get everything up to date with all your meeting dates. Send to the district web site. Had a great experience in Michigan with a leader dog.
- iii. **2nd Vice District Governor Lion Dave Holschbach (Report Sent)**
 - a. Present, introduce himself since he missed the first cabinet meeting and report was sent.
- iv. **GLT Chair PDG Lion Tom Wendt (Report Sent)**
 - a. Present, Mention about a wonderful leader in the lions PDG Dave Lee was inducted into the Appleton High school Hall of Fame.
- v. **GST Chair Lion Vincent Treague (Report Sent)**
 - a. Present, Running a workshop for 27-B1 service chair for 2 hours on Nov. 29 to 30 how to close out your service projects. Check to see how many clubs even have service chairs.
- vi. **GMT Chair PDG Lion Fred Gebhart**
 - a. Present, keeping membership up 21 clubs in growth and 17 came in at 0. Talked about the club excellent award you can get it even if you stay even and do not gain members just do not lose members. Last year 4 clubs received the club excellent awards.
- vii. **District Convention Chair PDG Lion Mike DeBaere**
 - a. Present, District Convention planned for Nov. 11th & 12th at the Radisson Hotel in FDL, He is having a military theme in honor of Veteran's Day. We serve our Country, now we serve our community. For those coming on Friday they will offer a special Friday Fish Fry in the dining room. Friday night hospitality which will include music and games. Saturday ID Dianne Pitts giving her keynote address. Awards presentations along with Quinn's Cowboy Hat auction with all proceeds going to Leader Dog. To make reservations call Radisson at 920-923-1440 Rooms are \$109.00 includes coupon for 2 free drinks and breakfast each night. 10% Dining coupon per hotel guest. Have Zone Chairs pass out their convention packets. Old Glory Honor Flight one of the seminars. **Get your registrations in.**
- viii. **District Diabetes Lion Chair Lion Jacqueline Abel**
 - a. Present, No Report currently collecting new information.
- ix. **District Elections and Nominations Chair PDG Lion Gary Colton**
 - a. Present, the deadline for this year's nominations paperwork is 30 days before the start of the convention, which is Oct. 12, 2022 As of today, I have received paperwork for one candidate District Governor, one for 2nd Vice District Governor, one for 1st Vice District

Governor and one for WLF Director. The nominations committee will be reviewing all paperwork and forwarding the nominations to the Elections Committee.

- x. **District Environment Chair Lion Bonnie Hughes**
 - a. Present, Garbage pickup clean the roadsides and parks for the month of Oct. and keep track of your miles and send back to Bonnie. Report Sent
- xi. **District Hunger Chair Lion Amber Konen**
 - a. Not Present,
- xii. **District Information/Public Relations/Historian Chair PDG Lion Tom Clausen**
 - a. Present, everything was said.
- xiii. **District LCI/My Lion Chair DG Dave Brinkman**
 - a. DG Lion David Brinkman has put a lot of effort into keeping reporting up to date and teaching everyone. Anyone needs help he willing to help you out just let him know.
- xiv. **District LCIF Coordinator Lion Mary Jo Abler**
 - a. Present, her goal is to get the other 13 clubs to donate just something and hope the cabinet and the lions will support her. Report Sent
- xv. **District Leader Dog PDG Lion Meg Post**
 - a. Present, Report Sent
- xvi. **District Leo Chair PDG Lion Gary Silah**
 - a. Present, brand new club hoping to come to convention. Report sent
- xvii. **District Lions Eyebank of Wisconsin Lion Charlie Keifenheim**
 - a. Not present, No Report
- xviii. **District Newspaper Editor Lion Terry Erbstoesser**
 - a. Not present, No Report
- xix. **District Peace Poster/Pin Chair Lion Laurie Sasada**
 - a. Not present due to injury, Report Sent
- xx. **District Pediatric Cancer Chair PDG Lion Dave Lee**
 - a. Present, Request for the cabinet to purchase 100 books at \$1000.00 and the money would go to childhood cancer. **Motion made by Meg Post to take it out of the Quest fund 2nd by John Steffen.** and report sent
- xxi. **District Raffle Lion John Stephen**
 - a. Present, Hope everyone got their tickets they are all out now. report sent
- xxii. **District Restoring Hope Transplant House Lion Barb Leichtfuss**
 - a. Not Present, Sent report

- xxiii. **District Special Olympics Chair PDG Lion Fred Gebhart**
 - a. Special Olympics was on Sept.17. Had a truck convoy, bean bag toss, and run with the cop.

- xxiv. **District Vision Chair PDG Lion Fred Gebhart**
 - a. Present, going to get into the Oshkosh schools and having Van Dynes lions help. Nurse from Oshkosh is making out a schedule for us to come in. 600 kids to cover in Oshkosh. Also turned in a bill for paper, ink for his printer for his certification cards he prints out.
 - b.
- xxv. **District Youth Camp & Exchange Chair Lion Patricia Shikoski**
 - a. Present, Hope you enjoyed her letter that was sent. Sent report
- xxvi. **Wisconsin Lions Mission Lion Pat Knier**
 - a. Present, Sent report
- xxvii. **Constitution & Bylaws/Policies and Procedures PDG Lion Jerry Post**
- xxviii. **WLF Director/Pride/Hearing Aids/Birch Sturm Lion Dick Karl**
 - a. Present, added new report and he also has eye glass containers with him. Sent report

13. Treasurer's Report

| LIONS OF DISTRICT 27 B 1 | | | | | |
|--|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 2022 - 2023 BUDGET | | | | | |
| * as approved Cabinet Meeting 7/24/2022 | | | | | |
| | Total Budget | % of Total Budget | Budget Amount | Actual Amount | 9/30/2022 |
| Receipts | | | | | |
| 2021-2022 Cabinet Brought Forward | 0.00 | 100% | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Interest | 50.00 | 100% | 50.00 | 1.99 | |
| Total Transfer | 250.00 | 100% | 250.00 | 22.00 | |
| Dues: District Account (4.50 x 1825) | 8,212.50 | 100% | 8,212.50 | 3,543.70 | |
| District Convention (.50 x 1825) | 912.50 | 100% | 912.50 | 787.50 | |
| State Account (10.50 x 1825) | 19,162.50 | 100% | 19,162.50 | 7,449.73 | |
| State Account Funds Discount - 10% | (945.00) | 100% | (945.00) | 410.28 | |
| State Bonding (10.46 x 63) | 660.00 | 100% | 660.00 | 568.18 | |
| District 27B1 Training funds (1.50 x 1825) | 2,737.50 | 100% | 2,737.50 | 1,181.25 | |
| 90-90 raffle | 750.00 | 100% | 750.00 | | |
| District Plan | 600.00 | 100% | 600.00 | | |
| District Raffle | 7,500.00 | 100% | 7,500.00 | | |
| District Convention | 12,000.00 | 100% | 12,000.00 | 774.00 | |
| Budget Raffle | 1,500.00 | 100% | 1,500.00 | 0.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 285.00 | 100% | 285.00 | 50.00 | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 53,726.60 | | 53,726.60 | 14,788.66 | |
| Expenditures | | | | | |
| State Dues | 18,217.50 | 100% | 18,217.50 | 9,209.40 | |
| State Bonding | 660.00 | 100% | 660.00 | 675.36 | |
| Office supplies | 400.00 | 100% | 400.00 | 144.75 | |
| District Conventions | 1,750.00 | 100% | 1,750.00 | | |
| 1st Vice District Governor | 900.00 | 100% | 900.00 | 0.00 | |
| 2nd Vice District Governor | 900.00 | 100% | 900.00 | 0.00 | |
| Zone Chairman (11 @ 145.00) | 1,595.00 | 100% | 1,595.00 | | |
| District Chairman: 24 @ 75.00 | 1,800.00 | 100% | 1,800.00 | | |
| Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer | 700.00 | 100% | 700.00 | | |
| WLF Chairmen (2 @800.00) | 1,200.00 | 100% | 1,200.00 | | |
| Cabinet Meeting Dinners | 1,600.00 | 100% | 1,600.00 | 487.28 | |
| Appreciation Awards & Peace Poster | 950.00 | 100% | 950.00 | | |
| Scrabble Director | 400.00 | 100% | 400.00 | 0.00 | |
| GMTCLTICST | 600.00 | 100% | 600.00 | 0.00 | |
| Training and Education \$1.50*1825 | 2,737.50 | 100% | 2,737.50 | 233.11 | |
| District Plan | 450.00 | 100% | 450.00 | 489.50 | |
| GLT & GMT-Officer Training | 0.00 | 100% | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Miscellaneous & Photos | 528.00 | 100% | 528.00 | | |
| District Raffle | 3,750.00 | 100% | 3,750.00 | | |
| District Raffle License | 51.00 | | | | |
| District Raffle Printing | 150.00 | | | | |
| District Convention | 14,371.00 | 100% | 14,371.00 | | |
| Transfer to next year (ring account) | 0.00 | 100% | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 53,726.60 | | 53,726.60 | 11,286.00 | |
| EXCESS for remainder of year | 0.00 | | | | 3,492.66 |

| LIONS OF DISTRICT 27 B 1 | | | |
|---|------------|--------|------------|
| RESTRICTED FUNDS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 | | | |
| QUEST | RECEIVED | SPENT | BALANCE |
| Carryover 8/30/22 | \$1,609.89 | | |
| Spent | | 0.00 | \$1,609.89 |
| LION MEMORIAL FUND | | | |
| Carryover 8/30/22 | \$234.50 | | |
| Spent | | 0.00 | \$234.50 |
| YOUTH EXCHANGE & OUTREACH | | | |
| Carryover 8/30/22 | \$3,273.95 | | |
| Spent | | 0.00 | \$3,273.95 |
| HEARING | | | |
| Carryover 8/30/22 | \$6.00 | | |
| Spent | | 0.00 | \$6.00 |
| BIRCH STURMWAY HEMPEL | | | |
| Carryover 8/30/22 | \$0.00 | | |
| Spent | | 480.00 | \$480.00 |
| WISCONSIN LIONS MISSION | | | |
| Carryover 8/30/22 | \$4,377.69 | | |
| Spent | | 0.00 | \$4,377.69 |
| EMERGENCY FUND | | | |
| Carryover 8/30/22 | \$2,007.45 | | |
| Spent | | | \$2,007.45 |
| DIABETES FOUNDATION | | | |
| Carryover 8/30/22 | \$3,608.73 | | |
| Spent | | 0.00 | \$3,608.73 |
| LOI GRANT | | | |
| Carryover 8/30/22 | \$0.00 | | |
| Spent | | | \$0.00 |
| VISION SCREENING | | | |
| Carryover 8/30/22 | \$9,091.04 | | |
| Spent | | 451.30 | \$8,639.74 |
| DISTRICT TRAINING FUNDS | | | |
| Carryover 8/30/22 | \$7,439.28 | | |
| Spent | | 293.11 | \$7,146.18 |
| TOTAL UNDESIGNATED FUNDS | | | |

| | | | | |
|----------------|-------------|--------|--------|-------------|
| CHRYSTAL ROOMS | \$11,882.14 | | | |
| REVENUE | | 481.00 | | |
| EXPENSE | | | 144.41 | |
| BALANCE | | | | \$11,882.73 |

District Audit



Audit.pdf

15. New Business

Important Change to Policy and Procedures Manual

Written by PDG Gary Silah

As of this current year, the position of Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer has been split into two separate posts. Frankly, as a former 3-time CST, I applaud separating these two difficult and important jobs for our district.

This change, however, does necessitate a change in our policy and procedures manual. Compensation for the rooms at the District Convention is based on the combined position. It is my belief that these provided rooms are not a perk or a gift for the Secretary and Treasurer. They are provided because both of these Lions are needed to be at the convention for the entire time and are a necessary expense for the convention.

Therefore, I am bringing the following modification to the Policy and Procedures Manual before the Cabinet. I believe that this needs to be passed immediately and put into effect before the 2022 District Convention.

The District Convention Policy currently reads:

Section 3 Convention Compensations

a. Registration, Meals, and Rooms for two nights will be paid for the following:

4. Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer

I make a motion that this section read:

Section 3 Convention Compensations

a. Registration, Meals, and Rooms for two nights will be paid for the following:

4. Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer (if a combined position) or

Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer (if a separated position)

(the highlighted portion is the operative change)

Personally, it is my belief that this position should never be combined again, but that's just me. By the way, in researching this change, I discovered that there are other references to this position in both the Bylaws and the P&P that should be updated as well. But this is something that can wait, and this one must be done immediately to be in place before the convention.

16. Committee Reports

i. IPDG Lion BJ Blahnik

Hello,

My reports are as follows:

Holyland Food Pantry:

Construction of Food Pantry is about 75% complete. Cooler, which was purchased through LCIF Community Grant, should be installed approximately October 12. Scheduled opening date is set for November 1. Will continue updating as I get more details.

Purple Octopus Playground:

Grand opening was August 27. FVDG Lion Greg, SVDG Lion Dave as well as Lion members of the sponsor clubs were in attendance. Approximately 100 people attended the Grand opening. The rubber surfacing worked great as we witnessed a child fall off of the swing and did not get hurt. Display of donor boards, showing Lions support, were great. The Lions are very well promoted for this project. Working with Above & Beyond Children's Museum to track amount of participants utilizing the playground. It is being used every day by many. A lot of praise was given to our organization.

Thank you,

IPDG Lion BJ

iii. 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Dave Holschbach

It's been quite a change from one position to another and still getting reorganized.

My first official GREEN JACKET appearance was for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the ABOVE and BEYOND CHILDRENS MUSEUM playground. This was a District 27B1 project last year. My second vice district governor training session was held September 30th in Marshfield. Online training for 2nd Vice District Governor has been completed. There are currently 8 other fellow vice district governors with the tenth needing to be elected yet. We zoom meet once a month to discuss planning and questions

So far as 2nd Vice district Governor I have done one club visitation, some club officer installations, new member initiations and a Melvin Jones Fellowship presentation. I have 3 more club visits coming up in October. Trying to coordinate with the other 7 clubs for visits. TOUGH trying to get clubs to respond to my request! Continue working with DG Dave and the Executive Committee with planning for the future and my years to come.

Looking forward to the next step in my LIONS LIFE. I'll be in touch.

iv. GLT Chair PDG Lion Tom Wendt

District 27 B1 October Cabinet meeting. GLT Report

Multiple District GLT monthly zoom meetings continue with reports from all District GLTs in attendance. All District GLTs are finalizing both club officer and zone chair training, which most included President, treasure, Secretary, Club Administrator, and anyone interested in those positions in the future. An interesting point from one other GLT is they now call their training a Workshop rather than training, removes the stigma I've attended training before.

District 27B1 is evaluating our officer training from last May to decide if there might be changes to next year's training such as curriculum, dates/times and venue.

Upcoming training opportunities

ELLI (Emerging Lions Leadership Institute)

October 21, 22, 23, 2022, Lions Camp

27B1 District Convention November 11 & 12, 2022

Fond du Lac.

On a personal note myself and Cabinet Secretary Lion Roxanne attended the USA / Canada Forum in Calgary in early September, which as always was a great leaning and exciting Lion experience.

Lastly please let all your clubs know to contact me with any Leadership questions or experiences

V. GST Chair Lion Vincent Treaque

GST Report

Met with the service chairs for Diabetes, Environment and Hunger. Discussed their duties and offered my assistance if needed,

Will monitor the service reporting and reach out to clubs that are not reporting. Contacted the clubs that have been inactive for 24 months or more. Plan to surpass the goal of 90% of clubs reporting.

Attended meeting for all GSTs in the state. Discussed holding a training for Service Coordinators so they better understand how to use the reporting tool, the importance of reporting, and discuss planning for service projects. Tentatively scheduling that training for November 29th or 30th. It will be held in the evening in Appleton.

x. District Environment Chairperson Lion Bonnie Hughes

I would like to dedicate the month of October to the cleanup of our community ditches. This was done last year and what a big difference it made in our communities! Not only was it fun to walk with other members but the exercise was good for all of us. I would like someone from each club to record your miles and submit them to me by November 1st. (Jbhughes70@hotmail.com or call me at 9203796507) It will be interesting to see how many miles our District has walked for this effort.

The last report I mentioned collecting plastic bags (grocery, pet food, bird seed, shipping wrapped.) and bringing them to our District Convention in November. If your club doesn't plan on coming to the convention, please get your bags to your District Zone Chairperson. According to the amounts of plastic your club donates your name will go into a drawing for a beautiful heavy District 27-B1 bench to be placed in their community wherever they choose. Our Van Dyne Club has been doing this for some time now and for every 500# you get this bench. It really is beautiful! Good luck and start collecting!

Submitted by
Lion Bonnie Hughes
Environment Chair

xv. District LCIF Coordinator Lion Mary Jo Abler

Campaign 100

We did it – together!

Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service was huge success

More than \$300 million dollars was raised for Campaign 100, donations are still coming in.

Thank you to the clubs and personal donations that made it happen. I have not been able to total our District for the last 4 years. Hopefully by convention I will have those numbers. Because of your support LCIF we can continue to make a difference.

Throughout the campaign, 5,475 clubs worldwide committed to becoming model clubs. Number of club members X \$500.00= Club goal.

There are some clubs that obtained at least Model club statue within our District. Some were offered the time to pledge their final balance.—these clubs were close.

LARSEN-WINCHESTER District 27 B1 Model Club

FAIR WATER District 27 B1 Model Club

OXFORD District 27 B1 Model Club

Appleton Evening Pledge

Neenah Pledge

50 of our 63 Clubs donated this last Lionistic year, 80% of clubs. Each year since I have Chaired LCIF I have seen a slight increase. I hope it is because I have tried to spread the word about our Foundation.

The 13 clubs that did not donate will likely be contacted. All clubs are asked to support LCIF each year. The amount is not as important as their dedication to our Foundation.

We also had over 40 Lions in our District that gave personal donations. I would like to see that number increase through the next years.

Thank you to the clubs and LIONS who donated to Campaign 100. With these donations and your continued support of LCIF, Lions can continue to serve our communities, our State and a world that is in need.

I encourage fellow Lions that use Facebook to check out Lions Clubs International Foundation Facebook page to find out what our Foundation is doing.

I find 'Global Lions Forum' interesting as it comes up with questions on how clubs do certain things. Many ideas shared. It also talks of new things happening.
Grants have been sent to many counties around Ukraine to fund Humanitarian Services.
Puerto Rico also is getting Humanitarians Grants.
I am certain Florida will also be getting funding, depending on damages from the recent hurricane. Clubs should consider sending funds to assist in this area.

xv. District Leader Dog PDG Lion Meg Post

October 2, 2022 Cabinet Meeting

Leader Dog Report

There is not much to report to date. We had our first quarterly district chair virtual meeting this past week. The Puppy Sponsorship mailing will be sent out to all clubs in mid-October. The meeting focused on Orientation & Mobility. The first quarter update will be available within the next week or two. I will share that information at the convention.

On National Assistance Dog Day, the Gary Sinise Foundation announced a \$350,000 grant to Leader Dogs for the Blind to support our service to veterans, defenders and first responders who are blind or visually impaired with highly skilled guide dogs. 17% of Leader Dog clients are veterans & 1st Responders. As part of the grant, the Gary Sinise Foundation is sponsoring seven Future Leader Dogs. The first two dogs are named Forest (yellow lab) & Jenny (black lab). I will have more information at the district convention at the Leader Dog display table.

Taking the Lead podcasts have been a huge success. You can listen to all twenty-five podcasts via the LD website. The goal of this podcast is to bring awareness of not only the blindness community but also the free services provided by Leader Dog.

Please take time to check out the Leader Dog website. There are client videos, monthly newsletters, club reports and of course the gift shop.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or to schedule a club visit. I would love to introduce your club members to Leader Dog.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Meg Post

B1 District LD Chair mpost7@tds.net

xvii District Leo Chairperson PDG Lion Gary Silah

Leo Club Chair

Report to the Cabinet 10/2/2022

I have been informed that the Reedsville Lions Club is still hanging on to the Leo club. Both their advisors retired a couple years ago, and so far, they haven't found anyone to take it over. They have now been advised that they should release their charter, because it is against international policy to have a Leo Club without advisors, for liability purposes. I believe that they are starting the process to release it.

The Kiel Leo Club is now officially chartered. I have reached out to them, to arrange a date and time to speak to them and find out if there is anything they need from the district. I am awaiting their response.

xx. District Newspaper Editor Lion Terry Erbstoesser

Editor 27B1 Report Nothing to report

xxi. District Peace Poster/ Pin Lion Laurie Sasada

Peace Poster: 2022-2023 Contest This year’s theme is Lead with Compassion

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible

Kits have been on sale since January 15 and can be purchased through October 1, 2022, from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. Clubs should bring their winning Posters to District Convention, November 11-12 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Fond du lac. November 15: Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.
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District 27-B1 2022-2023 Pins

Pins are here and ready for purchase, they are \$3.00 each.

Start planning designs for next year’s District pin. (2023-2024) Designs can be sent to Lion Laurie @ sasadalaurie@gmail.com / Laurie Sasada PO Box 33 Fairwater, Wi. 53931 or bring to District Convention in November. All designs will be displayed and voted on at Convention.

2022-2023 Pin design was created by Lion Dave Holschbach

xxii. District Pediatric Cancer PDG Lion Dave Lee

For my input on childhood cancer at the meeting, I plan to recommend that the district support purchasing books “My Dog Named Hope”, a book about kids dealing with childhood cancer and written by Joe Dean. Some of us have seen Joe Dean (at the time VP of marketing for the MAAC Fund) at A2’s convention a few years ago – Joe, John McGlocklin, and Lion SRI teamed together to support the messaging for the flow cytometer challenge.

Joe has 100 of these books and he would be happy to give them to us in return for a \$1,000 contribution to their family trust that designates toward childhood cancer.

I am recommending that B1 obtains these books. They could be distributed, one to each B1 club, for sharing with an area school, nurse, or family dealing with childhood cancer. It would be a cost-effective way for doing something constructive on behalf of one of Lions 5 global causes and impacting all B1 clubs. Distribution could be done via DG/VDG club visits or by giving copies to the zone chairs for distribution. The leftover books could be a supply for other opportunities within the district and for requests by clubs for additional copies. It would be nice if this could be considered for approval at the meeting. Thanks.

Dave Lee

xxiii. District Raffle Lion John Stephen

All clubs should have their raffle tickets. If any club does not have their tickets, please let me know. Also, if any clubs need extra tickets, please let me know and i will see that you get extra tickets. The clubs can turn in their ticket stubs and money to me at the cabinet meeting or bring them to me at the convention. Thank you all for helping to sell tickets. Lion John Stephen

xxv. District Restoring Hope Transplant House Lion Barb Leichtfuss

Restoring Hope Transplant House Report September 26, 2022, 1. The Van Dyne Lions Club has purchased a few items for the house: jigsaw puzzles, books, etc. I will arrange to have them delivered; hopefully by meeting with Cindy Herbst at the house. 2. Cindy is at a fund-raising outing this Monday, so I was not able to talk to her, but she will return my call on Tuesday, the 27th. My main question is whether she wants a display table at the District Convention and if she wants me to set it up, etc. 3. No new concerns or needs have been brought to my attention from the house, so I am assuming everything is going along smoothly. I have included their report from June of 2022. If I learn anything new, I will share it. Respectfully submitted, Lion Barb Leichtfuss Restoring Hope 27B1 Liaison

xxviii. District Youth Camp & Exchange Lion Patricia Shikoski

I've been wanting to travel for a long time, but I have only had a few opportunities to do so. As a kid who grew up in a small, rural town of barely 3,000 people, small trips to other states or a school trip to Washington D.C. can seem like a big deal. However, as someone who also grew up listening to their Dad's stories of all the places he's been to around the world, I dreamed of bigger trips and bigger adventures. The Lions Club gave me my first opportunity to travel out of the United States, and with their help, I was able to spend two and a half wonderful weeks in Poland.

While there, not only was I able to be a full-on tourist, reading every single informational pamphlet and buying an excessive amount of refrigerator magnets, I was also able to become fully immersed in their culture. This opportunity blessed me with being able to stay with three different, wonderful host families. They fed me pierogi and pork chops, taught me about their history, and helped me when I became unbelievably frustrated when I was unable to tell whether the bottled water was carbonated or not. I also easily made friends; and I am not good at meeting new people. I get anxious, weird, and standoff-ish. I'm not even good at talking to my own relatives sometimes, but the people I met while on this trip changed my life and made me feel very welcome.

During the Lions Youth Exchange Camp stay in Poland, I met people from around the entire world and made lasting friendships and, kind-of, learned how to sail and tie some knots. During my stay there, I learned about so many different cultures. I bonded with people over simply just describing what an average day for me in the United States is like. I'm not going to lie, I thought it was going to be awkward when we all started talking about our different cultures, I was expecting some fighting about politics and stuff like that; that never happened. Instead, while we were sharing our different cultures and our lives, we learned that we were not so different. We all understood and could empathize, to a certain extent, with everyone's experiences through life. We all had anxieties, we all had weird family members, we all liked playing volleyball, and most importantly, we all had no idea what we were doing when we were sailing.

Never in my life have I ever made friends so easily, and not just a friend you only talk to once a year because you are wishing them a happy birthday over facebook, but actual life-long friends. I made deeper connections with the people I met during this trip, then I did with anyone I spent those four years of highschool with. I became so close with my actual assigned host family I cried when I realized I only had one more day with them. I cried when the mini vacation to the Baltic Sea, where two other host families temporarily adopted me, was over. I bawled my eyes out when I left the Lions Club Camp, and I mean bawled. It was a full-on ugly cry and I have the pictures to prove it. The Lions Club gave me an incredible opportunity this summer, and I will forever be grateful for the entire organization because of what they offered and showed me.



xxix Wisconsin Lions Mission Lion Pat Knier

Wisconsin Lions Mission Cabinet report-9-2-22

*SUMMER MEETING AND PICNIC

WHEN The date is August 28th. The meeting will start at 9:49 AM. Between COVID and the civil strife in Central American countries we have been pretty much shut down the last 2+ years. We have to continue to explore opportunities and places for eyeglass missions.

*PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION While we have not yet been successful getting another eyeglass mission there we have taken three loads of things to the Families Working Together Foundation located on the reservation. The Bill Taubman and Rudy Kessler each pulled a trailer load out there in December and the Kesslers went out again in June.

*Our EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM reached out to the LIONS OF KENTUCKY to see if we could help the victims of the December 10th tornado. Lion Pat Knier first brought up the idea and ultimately worked with the clubs in his zone to collect a trailer load of needed items. We sent out a communication statewide and had a very good response. Many clubs and individuals responded with financial assistance as well as donations of items needed. We collected about \$10,000 to support the mission. In late April we left for Mayfield, KY with the Lions trailer full. We connected with Lion Knier in Mayfield where both trailers were unloaded at a large distribution center. They were excited about all the things unloaded.

*Past International Director Eugenio Roman and I have been planning an eyeglass mission to the Dominican Republic. He and his wife have a team of people who have worked out the logistics to conduct a mission in Higuey, Dominican Republic from Sunday, February 5th until Sunday, February 12, 2023.

xxxii WLF Director/Pride/Hearing aids/Birch Sturm Lion Dick Karl

B1 District Cabinet Report 10/2/22 WLF Director Lion Dick

Wisconsin Lions Birch-Sturm Memorial Fund

Statements of Activities Year End 12/31/2021

Total Revenues & other Support 292,549

Total Expenses 23,950

Change in Net Assets from Operations 268,599

Non-Operating Activities

Gain (Loss) on Investments 835,041

Change in Net Assets 1,103,640

Net Assets – Beginning 7,382,157

Net Assets – Ending 8,485,797

Statements of Financial Position Year End 12/31/2021

Assets

Cash 75,150

Investments 8,412,320

Total Assets 8,487,470

Total Liabilities and Net Assets 8,487,470

Statements of Cash Flow Year End 12/31/2021

Cash Flow from Operating Activities

Change in Net Assets 1,105,295

Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net assets

To Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities

Interest & Dividends Reinvested (277,073)

Net Loss (Gain) on Investments (835,041)

Fees Paid from Investments 68,609

Change in Operating Liabilities

Accounts Payable (1,701)

Total Adjustments (1,045,206)

Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities 60,089

Cash Flows from Investing Activities

Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities (80,051)

Net Change in Cash (19,112)

Cash – Beginning 95,112

Cash – Ending 75,150

NOTE: B1 had 50 Birch – Sturm Fellowships Awarded; 8 as Progressive

in 2021. That is more than 4 times the next highest district total.

CONGRATULATIONS B1 LIONS THANK FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Lions Pride Endowment Fund

14th Lions Pride Clay Shoot @ Milford Hills Hunt Club on June 11th was a success with 149 shooters & netting \$37,890. Mark your calendars for 6/10 2023 for the 15th Shoot.

LPEF website has been updated & refreshed. Foundation had presence at 9 of the 10 District Conventions as well as the 2022 State Convention. Where WLF (Past) President Darrel Banks was presented Ray Hempel Fellowship and a check for WLF of \$100,000.

Though the \$10 million dollar goal has been reached the LPEF is not going away. The fund balance as of August 25th was \$9,691,025. There is still a need to keep donations coming to the fund.

Hearing Aide Assistance

I have processed 4 applications for hearing aid assistance.

Wisconsin Lions Foundation Diabetes Awareness The 2nd Children's Diabetes Book is being promoted Sept./Oct. on Face Book & Constant Contact Mailings. Clubs will be allowed 10 books each beginning in November. Will have 10 books at meeting for ZC to promote at zone meetings.

The board is reviewing a number of promotional fliers, pamphlets & brochures to find the best for release in 2023.

Resource Development/Public Relations

Reviewing 4 Committee Policies for update. BIRCH – STURM GOLF OUTING netted \$30,090.73 with 134 Golfers. HUSTLE S'MORES netted \$8,202.47. DEER HIDE COLLECTION will be receiving a check from the buyer for \$80,588.50.

Will be coming out soon

Camp Operations/Property

Summer Camp Recap

One week of camping was canceled due to covid affecting staff & campers. The Who's Who List will be coming out soon. 2023 schedule is posted and Thursday night departure will continue next year. Andrea is looking into internship for future staffer is presently checking with a few colleges & universities. Off season bookings for 2022 are at \$135,000 and as of August the 2023 they are at \$65,000.

Buildings Update

Partial roof replacement on the Memorial Building – Sept. Duplexes 7 & 8 will be resided this fall & next spring. AC unit in Cabin 6 was replaced. Ice Machine in Kitchen replaced. Solar Panels installed on Cabin 1.

Grounds Update

5 security cameras to be installed – Sept. Totem Pole was fixed and painted in July. Lake Loop trail to begin work – Sept. The Board approve the purchase of a used dump truck (with new tires) & low milage for \$8,000

WLF Hearing Aid Program

MD 27-B1 Hearing Chairperson

Dick Karl

The Wisconsin Lions Foundation Hearing Aid Program's intent is to help Wisconsin's financially needy individuals with hearing impairments who cannot afford to purchase or repair a hearing aid and do not qualify for any other existing state funded assistance programs. Other programs you should encourage them to try first are: Medicaid (Title 19), their local Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), GAMP, Katie Beckett Program (contact your local Department of Health and Human Services), and Badger Care Plus.

People in need of assistance should fill out an application which can be obtained from the WLF office. An applicant's financial eligibility is carefully reviewed by the District Hearing Chairperson and is either approved or denied. The number of eligible people you can assist depends completely on the amount of funds you have available in your District.

The Hearing Program is a very worthy cause and is **Funded Solely** through the collection and salvage of used hearing aids and through donations from your District, Zones, and local Lion & Leo Clubs. I encourage that you have raised. Checks should be sent to the WLF and should be made payable to Wisconsin Lions Foundation with a notation in the memo – 27-B1 Hearing Program. That will assure your donation will get to the right place.

I also encourage All Lion & Leo Clubs to start collecting used hearing aids. **Some suggested places to ask are local churches, pharmacies, funeral homes, nursing homes, and Doctors/Audiologists/Hearing Instruments Specialists' offices.** Designate a person(s) from your club to distribute canisters – small plastic buckets – (with their name and Club and contact info on it) who will pick up the donated hearing aids. You can get canisters from WLF in Rosholt or contact me. You can also encourage the general public in your community to donate their unwanted or unused/used hearing aids to this program via posters or newspaper ads.

I am available to speak at your zone or club meeting to help provide you with more information on this program and to answer any questions you may have. I am also available to come and speak as your WLF Director on other foundation programs. Contact me Dick Karl at rkacacia75@gmail.com or 920-912-1786.

For applications for financial assistance please contact us by writing, calling, faxing, or e-mail

Wisconsin Lions Foundation

3834 Cty. Rd. A

Rosholt, WI 54473

715-677-4969 Ext. 302 or ask for Liz Shelley

lshelley@wlf.info

Fax # 715-677-4527

Trainings / Dates to Remember

1. **USA/Canada Forum** Reno, NV Sept. 21-23, 2023
2. **State Convention** May 11-13, 2023, Stevens Point, WI
3. **International Convention** in Boston July 7 - 11, 2023.
4. **District/State Events**
 - District Bowling**
 5. **State Bowling** 72nd Annual Wisconsin Lions Bowling Tournament
February 27- April 22, 2023, Hosted by The Menomonie
Lions
 6. **District Bean Bag Tournament?**
 7. **Pride Shoot** June 10, 2023
 8. **State Curling** Medford Jan. 7-9

16. Zone Chair Reports:

- a. Zone 1 Lion Wes Grube
- b. Zone 2 Lion Staate Hayward Having his 1st zone meeting 3rd week in Oct.
- c. Zone 3 Lion Mike Roberts Zone meeting later this month Oct 17th,
- d. Zone 4 Lion Bill Singer
- e. Zone 5 Lion Pat Knier (Report Sent)
- f. Zone 6 Lion Vincent Treague (Report Sent) Zone meeting in Oct. medical equipment locker has been supported **motion made by PDG Jerry post and 2nd by IPDG BJ Blahnik**
- g. Zone 7 Lion Josh Blatz
- h. Zone 8 Lion Barb Leichtfuss (Report Sent)
- i. Zone 9 Lion Scott Scovronski (Report Sent)
- j. Zone 10 Lion Bill Fletcher
- k. Zone 11 Lion Dave Prezkurat (Report Sent) Poy Sippi has 5 new members

Zone Chairs

Zone 5 Chair Lion Pat Knier

Lions Cabinet Zone report

We have our first Zone Meeting for this Lion Year on October 3rd starting at 6PM hosted by the New Holstein club at the Altona.

I do not have club reports back yet for 3 of my clubs but this is what I have so far from 2 of them.

KIEL; donations; Donated \$1,905.00 to Kiel Boy Scouts recharter fee.

\$646.95 for Gas & Tolls for Kentucky Relief with Kiel Lions Trailer.

\$100.00 Saint Vincent De Paul.

\$100.00 Christian Thrift store.

\$1,263.00 Mayfield Lions Club – Kentucky relief book sales.

\$250.00 Schleswig 4-Hn Club.

\$500.00 Linda Wasmer – Second Half Scholarship.

\$250.00 WES Conservation Club – Youth Outdoor Day.

1,053.00 Anchor Lanes – Parade Candy

\$1,000.00 KASD – 5th Grade Trip.

\$250.00 Pat Nett – Golf outing.

\$500.00 Kennedy Kutzer – 2nd Half Scholarship

\$1,000.00 Jason Klauck 1st & 2nd Half Scholarship.

\$50.00 Dist. 27-B1 Birch Sturm – IPDG Fellowship

Membership gain/loss 0

New Holstein; Service-

SERVICE: HOURS

Tissue Transports (X11) 33

Grocery bag collection & take to Festival Foods for banding. 50

Leo Club advisor 19

Tissue Transport Dispatcher 10

Grill Food for Firefighters Picnic 35

Vision Screening 18

Filled Lions Playland sandbox with sand - 3.5 tons 4

FUNDRAISERS: HOURS

Brat Fry 5/14 63

Golf outing 6/13 70

Airport breakfast 7/24 60

DONATIONS: AMOUNT

(2) High School Scholarships

LCIF

NH Firefighters

Brothertown Fishing Club

Towards an award for IPDG BJ Blahnik

NH Chamber of Commerce golf outing

NH Booster Club

NH Leo Club - towards banner

NH School District (1) Elem. School club, (1) MidNH School District (1) Elem. School club, (1) Middle School club & (1) HS club.

MEMBERSHIP:

52 Gain/Loss 0

Zone 6 chair Lion Vincent Treaque

Have held 3 meetings for club Presidents and Vice-Presidents. Discussed the areas where clubs are succeeding and areas that need attention. A comment by all clubs has been membership.

Have schedule visits at all clubs. Intend to review the role of the zone chair, the purpose of the Presidents Meetings and the Zone Meeting and provide support for any projects or events they are holding.

Am assisting in organizing a satellite Medical Equipment Locker o supplement what is provided by the Larsen Winchester Club. A committee has been established with representatives from the clubs. Plan is to invite clubs from District 27B2 that are in close proximity to also become involved. We are scheduling club visits to present the idea and solicit their support.

Zone 8 Chair Lion Barb Leichtfuss

27B1 Zone 8 Report September 2022 We had a zone meeting on September 21, 2022 sponsored by the Rosendale Lions. ALL 6 CLUBS WERE IN ATTENDANCE! Speakers were DG David Brinkman (Service), Lion Mary Jo Abler (LCIF) and Lion Roxanne Wendt who announced that she will be running for 2nd Vice District Governor. Lion Michael DeBaere discussed the Peace Poster. PDG Tom Wendt discussed GLT and reviewed the Club Excellence Award. Lion Bonnie Hughes, Environment chairman, designated October as roadway clean-up month. All clubs should report their hours spent on this project to zone chair, Lion Barb Leichtfuss. All 6 clubs have paid their dues for this year! The clubs were reminded to complete their monthly membership reports and any activities their clubs perform. I attended the Rosendale Chicken BBQ and Ripon's general meeting in July and also installed new officers in the Rosendale and Pickett Lions' Clubs. All of the convention packets were delivered to the clubs. If any clubs needed their convention tickets or raffle prizes taken to the convention, they should contact Lion Barb Leichtfuss.

Respectfully submitted, Lion Barb Leichtfuss Zone 8 Chairman

Zone 9 Chair Lion Scott Scovronski

Over the last few months, I have visited two of my clubs. First was a dinner meeting with the Neshkoro Lions club it was a great time talking with everyone. I then went to the picnic and car show they had. The rain put a damper on the car show and lawnmower races but did not dampen the Lions spirits. It was a great afternoon.

The second club I visited was the Berlin Lions. What an awesome group of people. Had a great time talking with all of them and answering questions they had.

My first Zone meeting will be November 1st at the Berlin Lions.

Lion Scott Scovronski

Zone 11 Lion Dave Prezkurat

had their first zone meeting on September 6, 2022, District Governor Dave Brinkman was the Speaker.

There 56 Lions present representing Five of the six clubs in our zone.

Many of the clubs gave out scholarships, had brat fries, bingo, helped distribute food for the food pantry over the summer. Now are starting to think about fisheries and other winter projects.

Coloma celebrated their clubs 50th anniversary.

Wild Rose celebrated their clubs 70th anniversary.

Several clubs have gotten new members.

Dave Przekurat, Zone11 Chairman

17. Other Business

- a. Comments Bring Plastic to the convention to get your name in for the Bench.
- b. District Polo Shirts can be ordered just call Bee Seen
- c. Donation to the Eagles of \$200.00 for the use of the club house for all our meeting. **A motion was made by PDG Tom Wendt and 2nd by Vince Treague**

18. You are requested to attend our Cabinet Meetings

(Nov. 11 at the Radisson with ID, Jan. 29, March 12, and State Convention).

19. Meeting Adjournment - Motion made by PDG Tom Wendt 2nd by Lion Mary Jo Abler at 3:35 pm to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

NEXT MEETING Friday, Nov. 11, 2022, at the Radisson FDL with the ID

Respectfully submitted Dist. Sec. Roxanne Wendt 10/6/2022



MD27B1 District Cabinet Minutes

Date: Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023

Location: Eagles Club 515 N Park Avenue Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Virtual: NO

Email: If any Question: Reply to this email – roxanne_wendt@hotmail.com or call 920-948-7787

Times: **Open Discussion** (Voluntary): In Person Only 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (In Person Only)

Social & Lunch: Lunch 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Meeting 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Meeting (In Person Only)

Agenda: 1/29/23

1. **Call to Order** DG Dave Brinkman @ 1:pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** IPDG Lion BJ Blahnik
3. **Prayer** Chaplain Lion Myra Schneider Moment of silence
For zone chair Scott Scovronski (Auto accident) & PDG Ken Rohde (Past away)
4. **Motion to Approve Agenda** Motion to approve agenda by **Bill Fletcher 2nd by John Stephen Motion Carried**
5. **Roll Call** Was completed by Sec. Lion Roxanne Wendt
There were 29 cabinet members present along with 2 more guests.
6. **Tail Twister** Lion Bonnie Hughes step in as Tail Twister for lion Kathy Bargaquist brought in \$31.00
7. **Communication** DG Dave Brinkman nothing at this point
8. **Secretary's Report** CS Lion Roxanne Wendt Nothing to Report
9. **Treasurer's Report** PDG Lion Jerry Post We had a big profit and showed how the hotel compensated us money back for mistakes and donations given. Out of the Quest fund to pay PDG Dave Lee for the books. We got 60 books. \$500.00 From Tom's article where it should go.
Motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by 1st VDG Lion Greg Kubichka and 2nd by Lion Bill Fletcher Motion Carried

10. Old Business:

- a. Gave away another bench to the district (Environmental Chair Lion Bonnie Hughes) **Elkhart Lake Won the bench Congratulations Thanks** to Birthday Girl Pat for picking it.
- b. Need to make a motion stating Purple Octopus MAT20202-27B1 Final Report has to be approved. (IPDG Lion BJ Blahnik) (Report Sent Pg ,3,4,5,6) **IPDG Lion BJ made the motion and 2nd by Lion John Stephen Motion Carried**

11. New Business:

- a. **Memorial Fund idea** Memorial Fund idea went to the Executive Team their recommendation was #4) **IPDG Lion BJ made the motion and 2nd by 1st VDG Lion Greg Kubichka**
- b. Need a change in location from Par 5 to Radisson Hotel in Fond du Lac for 2023 -2024 27–B1 Convention lack of communication by Par 5 (1st VDG Lion Greg Kubichka) **Lion Bonnie Hughes made the motion and 2nd by Lion Barb Leichtfuss Motion Carried**
- b. To give the \$500.00 from the GLT success story from PDG Tom Wendt to the vision trailer. **Motion made by Lion Bonnie Hughes and 2nd by Lion Barb Leichtfuss Motion Carried**
- c. Dave will donate his whole stipend to the vision trailer if were in the positive in membership at the end of his year.

12. Committee Reports

1. **IPDG Lion BJ Blahnik** Present, (Report Sent Pg 2,3,4,5)
Is our new Council Chair for 2023 -2024
Congratulations
2. **District Governor Elect Lion Greg Kubichka** (Present) Meeting for convention
 1. 2023-2024 Anyone interested in helping it will be on Feb.15 at 10:30 at the Radisson in FDL. State News, Newspaper is costing a lot of money talking about making changes on that because of the cost. Not everyone reads the online news compared to

getting the book. District Training let him know what you would like to see in training. (Report Sent Pg 1)

3. **1st Vice District Governor Elect Lion Dave Holschbach** (Report Sent Pg 1)
 1. Working together with DGE Greg & 2nd VDGE Roxanne putting a cabinet position together. If someone is interested let them know you can even work on them as team.
4. **GLT Chair PDG Lion Tom Wendt** Present (Report Sent Pg 6)
5. **GST Chair DG Dave Brinkman**
6. **GMT Chair PDG Lion Fred Gebhart** Present
 - a. Talked on membership how to get new members.
7. **District Convention Chair PDG Lion Mike De Baere** Present (Report Given Pg 18)
 - a. Convention turned out very good thanked IPDG BJ for raising the price of raffle tickets. Talked on who should have more or less time. Need pads to write on Mike will donate them. Have more options on food choices.
8. **District Diabetes Lion Chair Lion Jacqueline Abel** (Not Present)
9. **District Elections and Nominations Chair PDG Lion Gary Colton**
(Present Report Given Pg 18) Thanked his committee.
10. **District Environment Chair Lion Bonnie Hughes**
 - a. Present, Garbage pickup clean the roadsides and parks for the month of April and keep track of your miles and send back to Bonnie since that didn't go over very well.
(Present Report Sent Pg 8)
11. **District Hunger Chair Lion Amber Konen** Not Present, No Report
12. **District Information/Public Relations/Historian Chair PDG Lion Tom Clausen**
 - a. Present, No Report
13. **District LCI/My Lion Chair DG Dave Brinkman**
 - a. New policy shouldn't be too different should be close to the old policy.
14. **DG Lion David Brinkman** has put a lot of effort into keeping reporting up to date and teaching everyone. Anyone needs help he willing to help you out just let him know.
15. **District LCIF Coordinator Lion Mary Jo Abler** Present, (Report Sent Pg 8)
 - a. Her and DG Dave shouldn't have to play the middle man trying to get the money from the clubs.
Please remember to support LCIF
16. **District Leader Dog PDG Lion Meg Post** Present, (Report Sent Pg 9)
 - a. Please go on the Website to read their reports and watch the videos very interesting we met IPDG BJ new Leader Dog Jackson 5.
17. **District Leo Chair PDG Lion Gary Silah** Present, No Report

18. District Lions Eyebank of Wisconsin Lion Charlie Keifenheim

- a. Present, (Report Given Pg 17)

19. District Newspaper Editor Lion Terry Erbstoesser

- a. Present, please keep sending in your articles.

20. District Peace Poster/Pin Chair Lion Laurie Sasada

- a. Present, (Report Sent Pg 11,12) State Peace Poster was won by Maryn Van Zon who got \$100.00 competed between all 10 districts. Also has district pins to sell.

21. District Pediatric Cancer Chair PDG Lion Dave Lee

- a. Present, Thank You to DG Dave for making sure the Childhood cancer books get out to everyone.
- b. there was a motion to change the quest fund to childhood cancer fund for a \$1000.00 Motion **made by Meg Post to take it out of the Quest fund 2nd by John Steffen.** Give Childhood cancer books to school's churches, families.
- c. Congrats to PDG for being asked for represent us on State level for Childhood cancer. and report sent

22. District Raffle Lion John Stephen

- a. Present, did a great job selling tickets and had fun.

23. District Restoring Hope Transplant House Lion Barb Leichtfuss

- a. Present, (sent report Pg 22) Had a wonderful talk with Cindy and how burned out they all are. The house is thinking about raising their rates. They could really use money more then anything else and in April were thinking about going and cleaning their house.

24. District Special Olympics Chair PDG Lion Fred Gebhart

- a. Present, (Reports 12,19,20) Doing Polar plunge right now if anyone interested. Letters out for all volunteers for the special Olympics. Last time they requested for the spot camera to be there. Send out to all the clubs who were involved in the past they need about 50 people. April 15th, 2023 can look it up online. (SpecialOlympicsWisconsin.org) (SOWIOE@thevtc.com) print out form and sign it.

25. District Vision Chair PDG Lion Fred Gebhart

- a. Vision Traylor will cost \$8200.00 and the whole state will use it. Training with the trainers with the binders we 6 trainer as of now.

26. District Youth Camp & Exchange Chair Lion Patricia Shikoski

- a. Present, (Sent report Pg 10 & 11)

27. Wisconsin Lions Mission Lion Pat Knier

- a. Not Present, (Sent report 13,14,15)

28. Constitution & Bylaws/Policies and Procedures PDG Lion Jerry Post

29. WLF Director/Pride/Hearing Aids/Birch Sturm Lion Dick Karl

- a. Not Present, Sent report

30. Trainings / Dates to Remember

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| 1.USA/Canada Forum | Reno, NV Sept. 21-23, 2023 |
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| 5.District Bowling | |
| 6.State Bowling | 72 nd Annual Wisconsin Lions Bowling Tournament February 25- April 22, 2023, Hosted by The Menomonie Lions Bowl, 1501 N. Broadway St. Menomonie. 73 rd Annual Wisconsin Lions Bowling Tournament Feb. – March – April 2024 Hosted by The Tichigan Lake Lions |
| 7.District Bean Bag Tournament? | |
| 8.Pride Shoot | June 10,2023 |
| 9.State Curling | Medford Jan. 7-9 |

31. Zone Chair Reports:

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| a. Zone 1 | Lion Wes Grube | |
| b. Zone 2 | Lion Staate Hayward | |
| c. Zone 3 | Lion Mike Roberts | |
| d. Zone 4 | Lion Bill Singer | (Report Sent Pg Zone 1) |
| e. Zone 5 | Lion Pat Knier | (Report Sent Pg Zone 1) |
| f. Zone 6 | Lion Sue Lee | (Report Sent Pg Zone 2 & 3) |
| g. Zone 7 | Lion Josh Blatz | |
| h. Zone 8 | Lion Barb Leichtfuss | (Report Sent Pg Zone 1) |
| i. Zone 9 | Lion Scott Scovronski | |
| j. Zone 10 | Lion Bill Fletcher | (Report Sent Pg Zone 3) |
| k Zone 11 | Lion Dave Prezkurat | (Report Sent Pg Zone 2) |

32. Other Business

33. You are requested to attend our Cabinet Meetings

(March 12, and State Convention).

- 34. Meeting Adjournment** - Motion made by PDG Tom Wendt 2nd by Lion Bonnie Hughes at
4:00 pm to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

NEXT MEETING March 12, 2023

Respectfully submitted Dist. Sec. 2nd VDGE Roxanne Wendt 2/4/23

Cabinet Note's for Jan. 29, 2023

1st VDG Lion Greg Kubichka

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Cabinet Members

We have been having difficult times communicating with Par 5 for 2023-2024 District Convention.

Can We please get your support to change location to Radisson Hotel in Fond Du Lac. Dates are available.

Thank You

DGE Greg Kubichka

Second VDG Lion Dave Holschbach

LIONS of DISTRICT 27 B-1

2nd Vice District Governor Notes – January 3rd cabinet

Since our last cabinet meeting, I have completed my third 2nd Vice District Governor training in Marshfield. The early training has just covered a lot of basic speaking and communication skills. Starting next training we will begin to work on more specific District Governor procedures, protocol and committee chairs. I have been asked to be on the Finance committee by District Governor Dave, perfect for my background. THANKS DG DAVE

We now have a full slate of 10 2nd vice district governors, a 50-50 mix. We zoom meet once a month to discuss planning and questions. We seem to be meshing very good together. Lot of FUN times but also taking care of business.

So far as 2nd Vice district Governor I have done various club visitation throughout the district, some club officer installations, new member initiations and also a Melvin Jones Fellowship presentation and membership awards.

I continue working with DG Dave and the Executive Committee with planning for the future and my years to come. Currently working with 1st Vice District Governor Greg on cabinet positions. We would like to have our committee chairs flow with back-to-back years. Contact either one of us. I plan to send emails to clubs asking for any member interested on being a member of our cabinet. We would love to have a pool of LIONS to choose from. Also beginning to form ideas for my district convention.

My theme plan is "LIONS...Always there for YOU "This is something that I have always mentioned to everyone, that I am always there for you.

Looking forward to the next step in my LIONS LIFE. I'll be in touch.

PURPLE OCTOPUS GRANT

DATE WHO AMOUNTS

16-Nov Maribel Lions 400.00

21-Jan Random Lake 300.00

4-Feb Howards Grove 400.00

14-Feb Sherwood 400.00

14-Feb Fond du lac Evening 200.00

14-Feb Kiel 400.00

21-Feb Appleton Noon 100.00

28-Feb Francis Creek 400.00

transferred 3/6 2,600.00 8

8-Mar Plymouth 400.00

8-Mar Waldo 400.00

28-Mar Sheboygan Noon 2,500.00

28-Mar Cleveland 400.00

28-Mar Appleton Evening 100.00

28-Mar Adell 400.00

28-Mar Amsterdam 100.00

28-Mar Stockbridge 400.00 16

transfer 4/5 4,700.00

direct Town of Sheboygan 5000

direct Sheboygan Evening 1500

direct Sheboygan Evening 1000 18

19-Apr Winnebago East shore 400.00

19-Apr Elkhart Lake 400.00

19-Apr Howards Grove 500.00

19-Apr Hilbert 500.00

19-Apr Wayside Morrison 400.00

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19-Apr Kingston 400.00 24

transfer 5/2 2,600.00

A Purple Octopus is Coming to Town

Written By: BJ Blahnik

Lions of District B1, we are very excited to announce a LCIF Grant has been submitted for a total project of \$100,000 with \$50,000 to be raised by the Lions of District B1. This project will be to support the construction of the Purple Octopus Playground at the Above & Beyond Children's Museum in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. You may ask yourself, why would the Lions and Lions Clubs who do not live in the Sheboygan area support a project like this when it is not close to my town? That is a great question and our answer is, this is more than a playground.

The Above & Beyond Children's Museum (ABCM) is a location where children can go to learn, explore and make memories with their families. Children have the ability to be interactive with all things onsite. This means development of fine motor skills, the art of learning how something works and a safe area to just have fun. Many schools outside the Sheboygan Area will bus their students to this location for field trips which truly makes ABCM open to everyone. The Purple Octopus Playground will be a location for all abilities to play and open to the public for no charge. The playground will be available 24/7 for all to enjoy.

The overall cost of the project is \$500,000 and with the Lions support we will be contributing \$100,000 which will be used to provide the final rubber stamp and give the Purple Octopus its home. The rubber surfacing which will provide safety for all, while children and families are playing on and around the Purple Octopus as well as have varying colors to help the visually impaired to know, for instance, how far the swings come out and avoid being hit or kicked. The idea of just supplying a rubber surfacing may not be all that exciting but in fact, it is the most important part of the playground. Without this important step, the playground would not meet the requirements to be disclosed as an all-abilities playground and would also not allow for the 5 Star ADA Accessible rating.

For those of you who do not know how a matching grant works. The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) matching grant works like this. Lions clubs, within a District, apply to LCIF for supporting a project, before it begins, based on specific criteria. The Lions will raise half of the money and if approved, LCIF will donate the remaining half. This money comes from your yearly donations to LCIF and when a club or individual donates more than \$1,000 you have the opportunity to receive a Melvin Jones recognition plaque. This plaque is considered a very personal recognition because your gift, and the interest raised from it, will echo into the future and help make our world a better place. The Sheboygan Evening, Sheboygan Noon and Town of Sheboygan Lions Clubs have committed to be the primary sponsors of the Purple Octopus Playground as well as a donation from a private donor to support the cause. The B1 District is asking all Lions Clubs to consider a \$400 donation, from each club, to the Above & Beyond Children's Museum with checks made payable to Town of Sheboygan Lions Club with Memo Line Stating Purple Octopus to the address of 727 Oak Tree Rd., Sheboygan, WI 53083. Please send your donations before May 15, 2022. Thank you in advance for all of your support and helping the B1 District showcase our Centennial project.

A Purple Octopus is Coming to Town

Written By: BJ Blahnik

- 1) LCIF grant tracking number – MAT20202-27B1
- 2) Approved grant amount (US\$) - \$50,000 totaling \$100,000 from Lions towards total project cost of \$500,000+
- 3) Date the project started and date of completion – April 2022-August 2022
- 4) Community or region where project was implemented – Sheboygan, WI

Narrative Details

- 5. Describe the local situation that encouraged the Lions to pursue this project.

5) The Above & Beyond Children's Museum successfully installed a 5-star certified ADA and All Abilities-accessible public outdoor playground at the Above & Beyond Children's Museum outdoor green space. This project was born of the understanding that Downtown Sheboygan did not have a public outdoor play space designed specifically for children that is ADA & All Abilities-accessible. Installing a playground within the City limits now guarantees that people of all socio-economic levels can engage with it. The playground has all-access components including a wheelchair transfer platform in the head of the octopus, a ground level accessible nest swing, and all-around ground level heights for accessing equipment. The rubber surfacing for which MD27-B1 requested funding has multiple colors to clearly display different surface heights and a darker color under the swing set to show visually-impaired persons how far the swing will swing out.

- 6. Provide a detailed description of the grant project activities and the benefit to the community.

6) At the completion of the equipment installation, Lions Club rubber surfacing was poured and in place by July 2022. The rubber surfacing guarantees safety to all who play on the playground. Fall heights were carefully measured to ensure a soft landing for children. The multiple colors clearly mark the difference in heights throughout the playground and a darker color under the swing set outlines the swing radius for visually-impaired persons.

- 7. Did the project achieve its goal? If not, explain.

7) The playground has been a resounding success. It is fully accessible and the rubber surfacing is a main highlight of the space with its vibrant colors and softer surface that adds an extra layer of protection for all who visit.

- 8. Detail any challenges Lions faced in implementing the project.

8) The Above & Beyond Children's Museum met with one challenge as concepts for the rubber surfacing were decided. The colors had to have enough difference between tones to discern between them and many of the colors were very similar. As a solution, the museum director worked with the rubber surfacing company to infuse brighter crystals and darker crystals into the standard tones to ensure the color difference was obvious. As for any challenges from a Lions perspective, there were no challenges raising the funds for this project.

- 9. Number of Lions members directly involved in the implementation of the project?

9) With regards to support from the MD27B1 Lions, we had full support from the B1 District cabinet and from club perspective we had participation from roughly half of the clubs located within the B1 District. On the day of the grand opening, we had representation from 10+ local clubs & Cabinet members. In an estimated total of all of these clubs and District, an estimated 1,000 Lions were involved to help this cause be a success.

Impact on Grant Beneficiaries

- 10. Number of direct beneficiaries from the grant funded project. Explain how this total was calculated.

10) Sheboygan County has a population of 115,340, and 27% of that population is youth. We anticipated, in its first year, that 25% of those youth and their families would visit the playground at least once, equaling an estimate of 7,786 attendees in the first year. The playground has already seen around 7,000 attendees utilize the play space according to grand opening attendance numbers.

· 11. Number of in-direct beneficiaries from the grant funded project. Explain how this total was calculated.

11) The entire population of Sheboygan County (115,340) benefits from the playground as a space to meet and gather due to the surrounding landscaping in the green space. Additionally, tourists to Sheboygan benefit from the play space, or 8,000 to 10,000 attendees annually, according to the County's tourism statistics.

· 12. Did the project provide a short or long-term impact? If the grant project is expected to provide an ongoing impact in the community, please estimate this impact in future years for direct and indirect beneficiaries.

12) As a long-term outdoor exhibit, the playground is meant to last at least 10 years though with routine maintenance that number will likely double. With 8,000 to 10,000 visitors estimated on an annual basis, the playground is projected to welcome at least 80,000 in the next 10 years.

· 13. Explain how this project helped the community to learn more about Lions.

13) The Above & Beyond Children's Museum highlighted the involvement of the Lions Club in the project through social media posts, inclusion in newspaper press releases, inclusion in all newsletter mentions of the playground, and through Lions Club volunteers being at assorted events leading up to the Grand Opening Celebration. Additionally, the Lions Club MD27-B1 and LCIF were recognized at the Celebration event and on the donor plaque for the playground.*As for direct showcase on how the Lions impact this project now and in the future are based off of not only logoing and media awareness, the public is made aware of how Lions make a difference when tours are given talking about the Centennial Trees planted on site, which were donated by the District for our Environmental goals, discussions why the Lions focused on the rubber surfacing with multiple colors to help the Visually Impaired and Lions engraving within the surrounding pickets. Information is on display at the museum and it is clearly defined both organizations are there to help support our youth.14. Include testimonials from and action photographs of the project beneficiaries.14) Photos for the Playground Grand Opening Celebration are attached.

Financial Details

A completed and accurate record of funds received and expenses incurred must be reported. Follow the budget format below in reporting this information. The report must include:

- n Original paid invoices, receipts and supporting documentation for all equipment purchased, costs incurred, and construction work paid for with grant funds, per the approved budget.
- n The serial numbers for all major equipment items (i.e. medical equipment, computers, laptops, vehicles, etc.) purchased.
- n Copies of bank statements for the project bank account, showing interest if applicable.

· n Any unused LCIF grant funds and interest accrued on those funds should be returned to LCIF.

LCIF Identification and Project Publicity

· Provide photographs of the completed project showing all grant funded equipment and/or the construction (interior and exterior views). All projects must recognize the involvement of LCIF. Include photographs of the actual LCIF recognition (i.e., plaque, permanent signage, etc.).

· Include copies of any media publicity Lions received promoting this project in the community. Will provide via email

Report Endorsement

· All reports must be reviewed and approved by the District Cabinet (District-level grants) or the Multiple District Council (Multiple District-level grants) before being submitted to LCIF. Please include evidence in the form of meeting minutes to document that the cabinet or council has reviewed the final report and approves the submission to LCIF.

| Funds | Prior year balance | Income | Expense | Balance |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Donor Match - Jay Christopher | | | \$25,000.00 | |
| 4-1-2022 Lions Club | | | \$2,600.00 | |
| 4-15-22 Lions Club | | | \$4,700.00 | |
| 5-27-22 Lions Club Sheboygan | | | \$2,100.00 | |
| 5-27-22 Lions Club WI | | | \$2,600.00 | |
| 6-21-22 Lions Club WI | | | \$5,725.00 | |
| 6-21-22 Lions Club WI | | | \$6,275.00 | |
| 6-21-22 Lions Club WI | | | \$51,000.00 | |
| 10-3-22 Joe Schimdt Rubber mat Floor | | \$100,000.00 | | |

District GLT Coordinator PDG Lion Tom Wendt

GLT Multiple District monthly meetings continue, emphasizing training dates, quarterly District Updates/Needs and upcoming district conventions opportunities.

Multiple District GLT Chair and LCIF/LCI Chief of Technology stresses the importance for clubs to begin new club officer selection process to have new officers selected and have them reported by 6/15/2023 deadline All service activity before 6/1/2023 reported by 6/15/2023 All donations to LCIF before 6/15/2023 for recognition for current year.

Importance of these dates/deadlines is because of the new system (Lion Portal) conversion timeframe of 7/15/2023 - 7/24/2023

More information and training schedule will be coming as we receive more information.

Remember to encourage and emphasize all clubs to apply for the Club Excellence Award, every club should qualify.

Recent training: RLLI 1/13,14,15/2023 Well attended.

Training opportunities:

We are currently discussing possible officer training dates for 27B1

Faculty Development Institute (FDL) April 26-30, Stevens Point

We have several upcoming MD 27 district conventions scheduled with several training opportunities, check there web sites.

For more information on these opportunities contact GLT Tom Wendt

Thanks for all you do

GLT Tom Wendt

District GMT PDG LionFred Gebhart

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III. Ongoing Business

- A. District Vision Screening Chairs' reports
- i. A1-4,751 screened, 597 referred, 31 unable to screen. Recently certified 116 trainers.
 - ii. A2-9,000 screened, 1,600 referred and the high referral rate is in the Milwaukee Public School System where there are many repeat referrals due to the inability to get glasses/transportation.
 - iii. B1-23,941 screened, 2,937 referred
 - iv. B2-no report
 - v. C1-2,706 screenings, 330 referrals
 - vi. C2-5,666 screened, 657 referred
 - vii. D1-6,327 screened, 629 referred, doing a joint screening training the Dells.
 - viii. D2-7 clubs reported 2,684 screenings, 326 referred
 - ix. E1-15 clubs have done screening, will be sending reports to WLF
 - x. E2-Hartvig reported she just received numbers from 12 screenings
- B. Voucher program for free eyeglasses – Discussion took place regarding locations of Shopko Optical and underutilizing the vouchers. Providing transportation to see an eye professional for a child referred could be an issue in some areas.

IV. Old Business

- A. Vision Screening training materials – Three sets are available: general, SPOT and PlusOptix. Discussion was held on who should be providing these materials. It was agreed that WLF will be responsible for the costs of printing and distribution. Discussion turned to the unification of forms, how to report numbers, the KidSight database information and that all should run through the new Project Director, Keith Mueller, who starts Monday. He will work on these and target getting these forms to Vision Screening Chairs who should be working directly with Mueller. Hartvig reminded the group the KidSight database will only list one club for each training, one screening device and asks for ages. Additional clubs and device information is listed in the notes section of the database for each event.
- B. WLF Certification – certification should be for five years as discussed. WLF will maintain a training database.

V. New Business

- A. Certification tracking will be handled by WLF.
- B. Material printing costs will be WLF's responsibility.
- C. 2023 Budget – Discussion of the cost of materials to add to the budget. Hartvig recommended adding \$2,000 to the budget for these WLF materials. **M-Rosman; S-Dulmes to add \$2,000 to the vision screening budget for materials – moving from \$5,000 - \$7,000. Motion carried.**
- D. Vision Screening Policy 3.4 – Discussion of changes took place. Hartvig reviewed the changes with the committee. **M-Gebhart; S-Dulmes to submit the revised Policy for a first reading to the Board today. Motion carried.**

Our plastic bag collection for a new bench from district 27 – B1 at our convention was really a great success mainly thanks to the Elkhart Lake Lions and all the help from our past district governor Tom Wendt. We collected four trailers full of plastic bags. For every 50 pounds or less we give one entry to win the bench. Elkhart Lake Lions had 21 entries most clubs had 1 Sheboygan Lions had 12 entries Van Dyne lions had 4. At the luncheon we had our International Director choose the winner. Van Dyne won the bench. We do have enough plastic bags to draw again in the spring for another bench. The same tickets will be used. Thanks to all the clubs that brought bags. Several club members asked me about the project as they had no information about it. I gave them information sheets to take back to their clubs. All lions were impressed at how great the bench looked so hopefully more clubs will start collecting bags for their own clubs. I did ask also all Zone Chairman to get this information to their clubs but not all zones had even met yet. A lot of people don't look at the web page is there another way to reach all clubs?

Last October I asked all clubs to do roadside cleaning up. The only clubs I heard from was Brandon and Van Dyne. So, I would like to try this again and have the clean up the spring. So, inform your clubs to do so in the month of April I hope to hear from a lot of clubs of the miles they covered.

Bonnie Hughes environment chair person.

District LCIF Coordinator Lion Mary Jo Abler

District 27 B1 has a goal set by LCIF of \$47,022.00 for this year. We are at about 25% of the goal through the first half of the year. \$10,262.00

Due to the success of Campaign 100, our District Clubs could name 100 Melvin Jones Fellowships. I hope Clubs will start to use their credits or transfer them over to the District for use.

I want to continue to encourage online donating to LCIF. The DONATE button is a very useful tool. It asks all the information needed to credit the club.

If you still want to donate by check, I have no problem with clubs or individuals sending directly to LCIF Donor Assistance at the address on the form. Please do fill in all the information. Club ID, call back number, where the donation should be applied, etc.

A credit/debit card is needed to do the **online** donation. I encourage clubs to get a debit card to complement their checking account. I did have one Secretary tell me his club does not want the debit card, so he uses his personal credit card to make the donation, and then the club reimburses him. Whatever works!

The ability to name a MJF is also available on line. The program asks the questions needed to set the request up. Remember it still does take 4-6 weeks to get plaque.

If a club does not know what they have for credits, have them contact me.

Recently on the **Global Lions Forum** Facebook page there was information on the system change over sometime after July 1st. LCIF is requesting that donations get to them by early June to get entered for the end of the year.

It was also encouraged that all end of the year information be sent by early June at the latest. It is expected that when the changeover to new system happens, there will be confusion – no really!!

No date for changeover at this time, just be sure information is into old system. Part of bringing in new system will be doing a transfer of data.

In closing, please remember to personally support LCIF with your donations.

District Leader Dog, Lion PDG Meg Post

As of December 16, 2022, B1 donations to Leader Dog total, \$14,892.00. A huge thank you to IPDG BJ Blahnik and his club, Town of Sheboygan Lions, for their generous donation of \$5,000 as part of the Lion's Bank Auction at our district convention in November. Also, a huge thank you to 1st VDG Greg and his wife Amy, for their generous donation of \$2,000 with the winning bid for PDG Quinn's Cowboy Hat. Leader Dog is very thankful for these generous donations!

Second quarter update (July 2022 thru December 2022) shows 69 Leader Dogs have been placed with clients. Orientation & Mobility (White Cane) clients: 65.

Summer Experience is provided free of charge at Leader Dogs for the Blind's Rochester Hills, Michigan campus to those who are legally blind, 16 or 17 years of age, (24 students accepted on a first come first serve basis) regardless of whether they plan to train with a guide dog. Public transportation to and from a client's home to the Leader Dog campus and accommodations and meals while training is also provided free of charge. This free program combines fun activities with exploring mobility options like guide dog travel, discovering leadership skills and building friendships with peers facing similar challenges. Campers receive a free Human Ware GPS to help increase their travel independence. They also have the opportunity to learn about living and working with a guide dog. This program will take place the week of June 25th thru July 1st.

The United Kingdom guide dog organization has over 1,000 people on its waiting list. They reached out to Leader Dog to see if they could help. After sharing their applications, Leader Dog screened them and selected 4 people who have had guide dogs in the past. The UK sent their Guide Dog mobility specialists (training professionals) and these 4 clients to Leader Dog in September and they received Leader Dogs and our training. The UK Guide Dog mobility specialists will continue to support the UK clients in their home country.

The Team that trained Leader Dogs for people who are Deaf-blind had now expanded its services thanks to a partnership with PAWS for a Cause. Deader Dog team members recently trained Future Leader Dog "Mio" to meet all of Leader Dog's guide dog standards and then they turned "Mio" over to a PAWS with a Cause team member who then trained "Mio" to also respond to the needs of a client who is Blind and has additional mobility needs due to cerebral palsy. It is Leader Dogs hope that combining the expertise of both organizations will allow Leader Dog to better serve the diverse needs of their clients.

Please take time to go on the Leader Dog website and look around. Click on the Lions Clubs tab and then the Resources tab and you can read current and past issues of their magazine, Update. You can also listen to client stories as well as check out the Leader Dog Fast Facts. All are very interesting. As you can see, your donations are being put to good use.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Meg Post

General Camp Schedule 2023

Sunday August 13 Campers arrive at camp 2:00PM to 4:00 PM

Registration, get acquainted games,

Camp Tours, USA Presentations, swim test

Monday August 14 Day at Camp

Swim tests, sports, waterfront activities,

social time, crafts, country presentations,

Native American Indian presentation, evening bonfire and socializing.

Tuesday August 15 Day at Camp

Sports, waterfront activities, social time, crafts, country presentations,

Evening bonfire and socializing.

Wednesday August 16 Bus Trip to Madison Wisconsin

Visit the State Capitol, Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin

Shopping on State Street, Marshall Lions Picnic.

Thursday August 17 Visitors Day at Camp

Un-Olympic sports competition,

Dinner with Visiting District Governors and

Vice District Governors, other dignitaries,

Leader Dog, World Chats, country presentations.

Friday August 18 Day at Camp

Sports, swimming, crafts, field tournaments, Cook-Out, Fish Fry,

Un-Olympic Awards, group photo, Peace Poster.

Country presentations, Dance night at camp.

Saturday August 19 Day at Camp

Various activities, Camp Book & Video,

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Country presentations, talent show, start camp clean-up. Bonfire and socializing.

Sunday August 20 Goodbye from Camp

Continental breakfast, Host families' pick-up campers at 9:30 am.

Time to shed tears!

District Newspaper Editor Lion Terry Erbstoesser

Submissions have been coming in steadily until recently. I suspect there are fewer club activities over the holidays and winter months. Please continue to submit material for the newsletter...share your story!

Terry Erbstoesser

B1 Editor

District PEACE POSTER: Laurie Sasada

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.

THE 2023-2024 CONTEST

Dare to Dream

To a young person, a dream isn't just a wish, hope or desire — it's a path, a goal, an ambition. But achieving that dream takes hard work. So this year, we're asking young people to show how they'll turn their dream of a peaceful world into reality.

Peace Poster Contest Deadlines

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

- **January 15:** Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **October 1:** Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **November 15:** Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.

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- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 15:** Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **February 1:** International winners notified on or before this date.

District Pin Design: Lion Laurie Sasada

Below is the winning Pin Design for the 2023-2024 Lions year.

I will send it to the designer in time to have a proof of the pin design by the next Cabinet Meeting so it can be voted on.

I will also have a count of pins I still have from previous years.

District Raffle, Lion John Stephen

Has nothing to report.

District Special Olympic PDG Lion Fred Gebhart

Fellow Lions I have contacted Special Olympics Director, Melissa Schoenbrodt and they are putting together an Opening Eyes event at the Special Olympics at UW Oshkosh on Saturday April 15th.

This an online form or you can send it by mail.

Let me know who all plans on volunteering.

Thanks, take care everyone.

Dear Potential Special Olympics Wisconsin Opening Eyes Volunteer:

Special Olympics Wisconsin (SOWI) is offering free health screenings at the Special Olympics Wisconsin Spring Sports Tournament in Oshkosh on April 15, 2023. Opening Eyes is one of four health screenings being offered. It provides vision assessments to SOWI athletes. Athletes in need of prescription glasses receive dress and/or sport/swim goggles, which are mailed to their local program manager about 10-12 weeks after the event. Athletes that do not require prescription glasses receive designer sun glasses when exiting the venue. Screenings will be held in the Gruenhagen Conference Center on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (after 4pm doors will close and no new athletes will enter).

If you would like to volunteer please sign up by contacting Dr. Heather Motisi or Kim Jelinske at The Vision Therapy Center at 262-784-9201 or sowie@thevtc.com.

Screening/Assessment Site:

The screening and assessment area will be held in the Gruenhagen Conference Center Titan Lounge located on the first floor:

Gruenhagen Conference Center (UW Oshkosh campus)
208 Osceola Street
Oshkosh, WI 54901
920-424-1106

The rooms used in Gruenhagen for the Healthy Athletes disciplines are:

Healthy Hearing – Library

Opening Eyes – Titan Lounge

Lunch – Badger State Room (in basement of Gruenhagen)

Fun Fitness – Kolf Fieldhouse

Special Smiles – Kolf Fieldhouse

Lunch will be provided in the Badger State room located in the basement of Gruenhagen.

Equipment:

Optometrist volunteers please bring your hand instruments (ophthalmoscope, retinoscope, transilluminator) and prescription pad.

Attire:

Casual attire, volunteers will be given an Opening Eyes tee shirt at the time of your arrival to wear for the day. Occasionally rooms get warm, so we recommend bringing a water bottle to keep with you throughout the day.

Parking:

Parking is available in in the parking ramp on High Street & Osceola. A parking pass is not needed, the university will not be ticketing during the Special Olympics event.

Schedule:

Saturday, April 15, 2023

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Volunteer Check-In & Training Session

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Vision assessments (doors close at 4:00pm, no new athletes after that time)

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

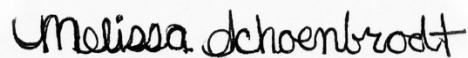
Volunteers shift out for lunch

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Pack-up supplies/equipment

I am looking forward to meeting all of you in Oshkosh. If I can be of any assistance prior to the Opening Eyes event, please feel free to contact me directly at 608-442-5676 or e-mail mschoenbrodt@specialolympicswisconsin.org. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to supporting Special Olympics Wisconsin and our Opening Eyes program with your valued volunteer contribution. You inspire greatness within the athletes and within us.

Sincerely,



Melissa Schoenbrodt
Director of Health Programs
Sincerely,
PDG Fred Gebhart

***Wisconsin Lions Mission Lion Pat Knier**

Lions Cabinet Meeting Report-1-29-23

Higuey, Dominican Republic. The mission is set for February 5-12, 2023. There will be 4 Lions Clubs from the DR helping with the mission. 11,844 pairs of glasses were shipped to Higuey.

August of this year brought heavy rains (21 inches in 2 hours) to southeast Kentucky

hill country and caused horrific flooding, killing 18 people and destroying 100's of homes,

bridges, and more. In October the Kessler's pulled one Lions trailer and Lion Bill Taubman another and delivered 2 loads of household items to help people in Hindman and Neon KY. Again, greatly appreciated.

In September the Kessler's made a trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation with a

load of household items for them. All of this is made possible because of the support of

Lions from all over the state.

It was generally agreed that going forward everyone will have to have been through a more

advanced training session before you will be able to participate in a mission. It is our

responsibility to organize training opportunities for you and it is your responsibility to

participate. Thus, a training session was held after the meeting.

Some years ago, WLM volunteered to assist the Recycling Center by picking up loads

of glasses in Nebraska and later expanded to include South Dakota and Iowa. It was a

somewhat selfish offer because we wanted the recycling center to have a good supply of

glasses so that we could get the glasses and prescriptions that we need for our missions.

Since that time about every ten months, we go to Omaha and get 100,000 or more used

glasses. Every couple year we go to Sioux Falls. While we have picked up 11,000 – 13,000

from a club in Iowa for the last few years, now we get all of Iowa's.

"Needs For Families Working Together" on the Pine Ridge Reservation

Single mattresses, Sewing machines, Fabrics, Cotton, Cotton/Polyester, Fleece, Denim

Used Jeans, Baby blankets, sewing supplies, Simple patterns, (all sizes—used is ok.), Threads (need not be full spools), Quilt pattern books (Simple ones), Mirror to use to check "fit"

Shower curtains, (plastic with shower curtain hooks)

Kitchen supplies, Dishes, Pots and Pans, Mixing bowls, Canning jars and lids, Canner with lid, Cookie sheets, Cookie jars or tins, Pitchers, glasses, and cups, Dish towels and dish cloths

Clothing:, Newborn Babies: Blankets, Booties,, "Sleepers", Laundry soaps, Towels, Kindergarten through High School! All ages and sizes for both Men and Women. Winter coats and Jackets, mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, caps, etc. All sizes and types. Clothing: All sizes: Women, men, kids, teens, and babies

Shoes and Boots: All sizes, gently used!! Extra Shoelaces. Shoe Polish

Bedding: Twin and bunk: Sheets, blankets, Pillowcases, Pillows, Infant/Toddler: Everything!!, Individual needs: Age-appropriate toys for all ages: Puzzles, books, Dolls, games, crafts, etc.

Kids' Books and Videos, Coloring Books, Crayons: Fat and Skinny! School scissors (blunt and sharp), Pencils, Chalk—White and Colors, Pencil Sharpener, Blackboard and erasers

Hygiene needs: Hand soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.

Outside Needs: Rakes, shovels, hoses, hoes, hammers, hand saws, clotheslines, and posts

Elderly and special needs: 30 Gallon gas LP tanks

Shower stools, Canes, Crutches, Walkers, Wheelchairs, Canes

District WLF Director/ Pride/Hearing Aids/ Birch Sturm Lion Dick Karl

Hearing Aid

Processed a total of 7 applications for Hearing Aids. 2 were rejected, one for financial reasons and the other due to permanent residency.

Birch-Sturm Memorial/Lions Pride Endowment Funds

Nothing to report

Wisconsin Lions Foundation

New promo material for Diabetes Awareness

Sent Coffee Cup Sleeves to Jackie Abel Diabetes Awareness Chair for Zone Chairs to get to clubs. Club members to take samples to businesses to solicit their help in promoting Diabetes Awareness. There is a web site on the front and a QR code on the back that people can get info from about Diabetes. The Sleeves are FREE and come in

cases of 1300 with free shipping from Wisconsin Lions Foundation. Contact Keith Mueller at kmueller@wlf.info or 715-677-4969.

State Convention in Stevens Point – Lions Camp Social Thursday May 11th. Go to the Wisconsin Lion for information.

Here is the hotel list for Menomonie.

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Please pass on to the clubs in your District.

Lion Bruce Voight

McFarland Lions Secretary

27D1 Administrator

Lions State Bowling Committee, Sec/Tr

(608) 838-9626

(608) 572-9173

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Playdium Lanes Inc.
DBA Lakeshore Lanes Inc.
Bill Hilbert
2519 S Business Dr.
Sheboygan, Wis. 53081
920-458-1352

27-B1 Cabinet Meeting Report

Jan. 29th, 2023

LIONS EYE BANK OF WISCONSIN

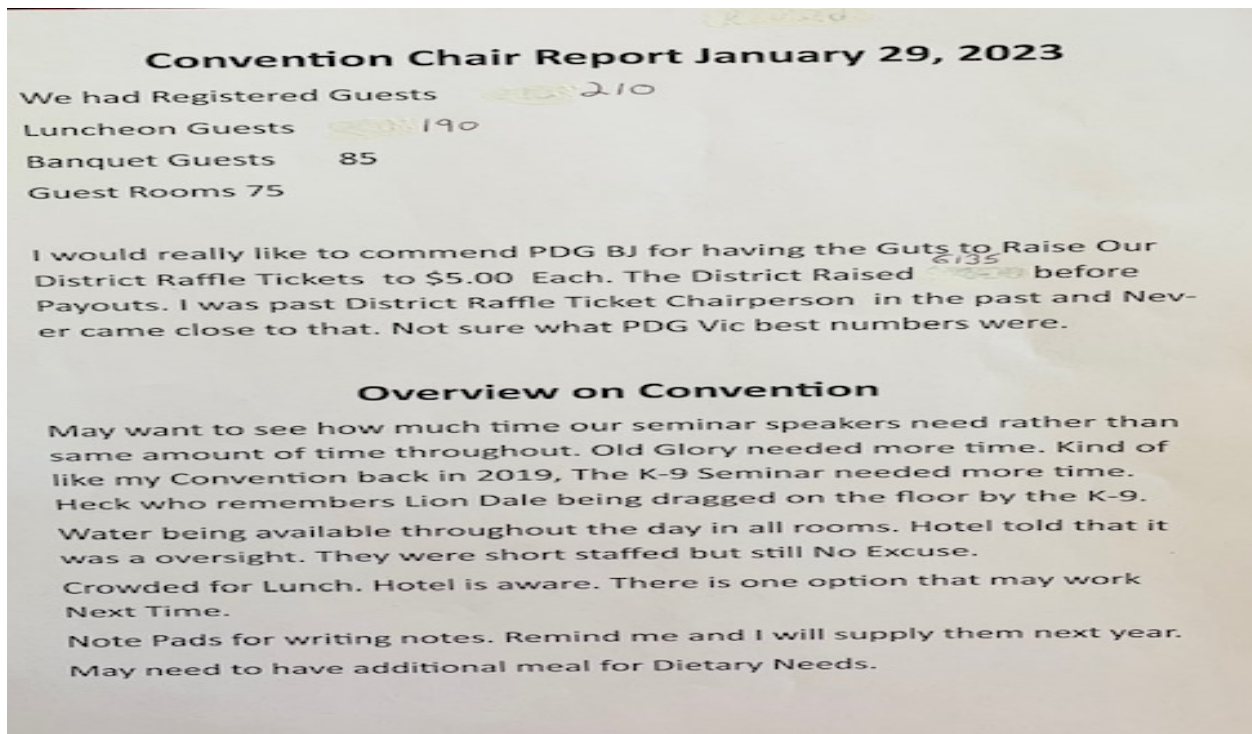
The district is about half way to reaching the monetary donation goal for the Lion year.

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| Tissue Donations: | September | 70 |
| | October | 57 |
| | November | 90 |
| | December | 90 |

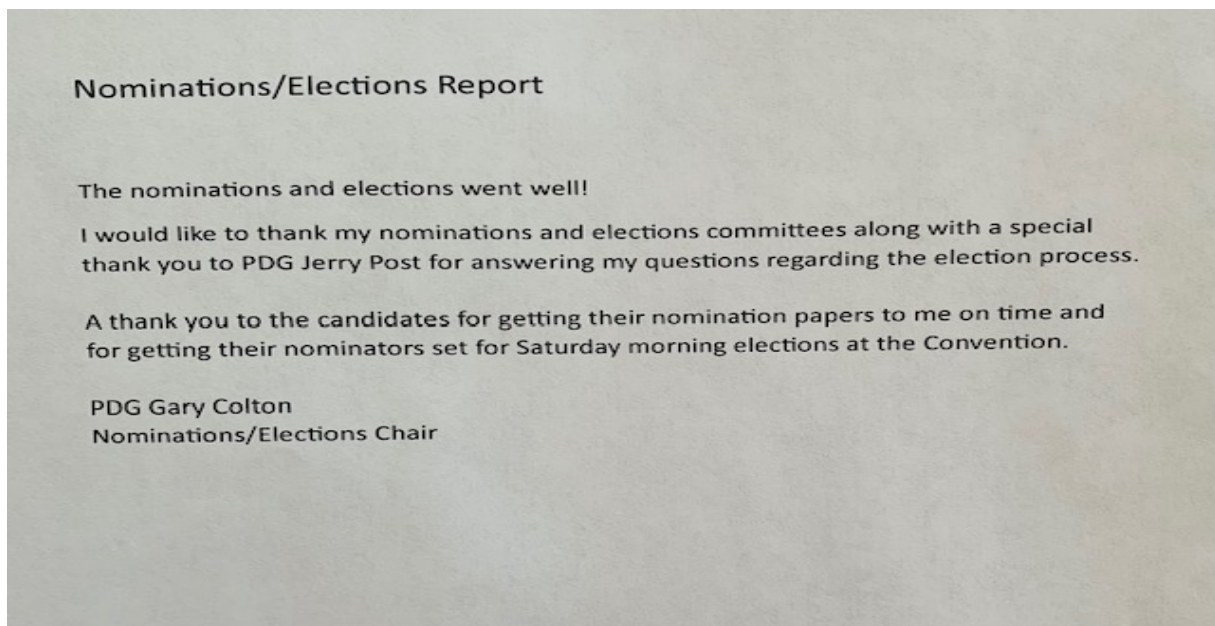
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| Wisconsin Surgeries | September | 58 |
| | October | 73 |
| | November | 75 |
| | December | 56 |

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| Non Wisconsin Surgeries | September | 66 |
| | October | 70 |
| | November | 75 |
| | December | 47 |

LEBW Transplantation Rate for 2022 88%



District Elections PDG Gary Colton



Special Olympics Wisconsin
Opening Eyes VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Location: UW Oshkosh, Gruenhagen Conference Center,
 208 Osceola Street, Oshkosh, WI



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Date: Saturday April 15, 2023 **Volunteer Shift:** 8:30am – 5:30pm

Volunteer Registration Deadline: Monday March 27, 2023

8:30-10:00am volunteer check-in and orientation

10:00am-5:30pm Opening Eyes venue open (no new athletes after 4pm)

| VOLUNTEER INFORMATION (* Required Field) | | |
|--|--|---|
| * First Name: | * Last Name: | |
| * Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): | <input type="checkbox"/> Female Identity | <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Other Gender |
| * Address: | | |
| * City: | * State: | * Postal Code: |
| * Mobile Phone: | * E-mail: | |
| Employer: | | |
| Do you have a disability: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Is your disability an Intellectual Disability: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA | | |
| I am a (please select one): <input type="checkbox"/> Optometrist <input type="checkbox"/> Optician <input type="checkbox"/> Ophthalmic Technicians <input type="checkbox"/> Lions Club member <input type="checkbox"/> Optometry student <input type="checkbox"/> non-clinical volunteer | | |
| Race/Ethnicity: | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American <input type="checkbox"/> More than one race <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> White or Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latinx | | |
| Language(s): Mark all that apply | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list): | | |
| EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION | | |
| Name: | | |
| Phone: | | |
| Relationship: | | |
| GROUP INFORMATION | | |
| Name of Club/Association, Volunteer Organization, Business/Employer or Civic Group: | | |

Have you volunteered with Special Olympics before? **Yes** **No**

If yes, what volunteer job did you do?

If you would like to volunteer, return forms to sowieo@thevtc.com or mail to:

The Vision Therapy Center – Opening Eyes

13255 W. Bluemound Rd. #200

Brookfield, WI 53005

Questions, contact Kim at 262-784-9201

Special Olympics
Wisconsin



Opening Eyes VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

I agree to the following:

1. **Ability to Participate.** I am physically able to take part in Special Olympics activities. I know there is a risk of injury.
2. **Likeness Release.** I give permission to Special Olympics, Inc., Special Olympics games/local organizing committees, and Special Olympics accredited Programs (collectively “Special Olympics”) and Special Olympics partners and sponsors to use my likeness, photo, video, name, voice, words, and biographical information to promote Special Olympics, raise funds for Special Olympics, and acknowledge partners’ and sponsors’ support for Special Olympics.
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| Name: | |
| VOLUNTEER SIGNATURE (required for adult with capacity to sign legal documents) | |
| I have read and understand this form. If I have questions, I will ask. By signing, I agree to this form. | |
| Volunteer Signature: | Date: |

District Restoring Hope Transplant House Lion Barb Leichtfuss

Restoring Hope Transplant House
January, 2023

I had the opportunity to have a lengthy telephone call with Cindy Herbst at the House. Her first statement was that things were going "very well". But they have their hands very full at this time. She describes their business as being "over the top" as the home residents are very sick, much more than usual. This leads to the staff working especially hard and sometimes facing burnout. "Stretched to the limit" over the past 4 months. They have received some help from the transplant staff that work at UW-M who come in as volunteers.

The residents' caregivers are also facing increased weariness and anxiety as they deal with very sick individuals and are often sent home with a lot on their plate. This includes physically assisting the resident as well as financial burdens, which have been made worse by the current state of the economy: prices of groceries, gas, heating, etc.

Also, because of the economy, they are moving slowly in their construction plans. Rather than planning on having their expansion completed by this summer, it will be at least closer to fall if not later. Prices of materials are very high right now, as we all know.

During the COVID epidemic, the house lost about \$200k, so they are trying to get caught up financially. Because of this, the house is considering raising the nightly rates to \$45.00 which doesn't sound like a lot, but the people that stay there are dismayed that the price is going up. They have been hit with not only health issues, but financial issues that accompany the illness and treatment costs/losses.

I asked what help she needed most, so I am listing a few ideas she gave me:

Gift cards to Target or Aldi's; she declined groceries because of the special dietary needs of the residents.

CASH

- Hobby like items:** magazines, puzzles, puzzle books, farmers' almanacs: new or used
- Note: The magazines most appreciated are about nature, Wisconsin, etc. Glamour and travel magazines are unrealistic in lifting their spirits; these things are low on their priority list due to their illness and confinement.

THEY NO LONGER NEED TOILETRY ITEMS.

Please pass these needs on to all of our district clubs. Cindy also mentioned that many of the recipients at the house are not aware of all the Lions Clubs do; she does have pamphlets to hand out but I guess we need to "tell our story" (Thanks Dave!) loud and clear!

One thing she would like is if we would plan on coming on a weekend to do cleaning at the house. Let's plan a weekend and get it done! Anyone helping at the house needs to have had the COVID vaccines and wear a mask while there.

Cindy also suggested we have her speak at a Cabinet Meeting via Zoom so she can give a good synopsis of what the house is doing: needs, services, etc.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Barb Leichtfuss
Restoring Hope Liaison

Zone Chair Note's Jan. 29, 2023

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Zone Chair Reports

Zone #4 Lion Bill Singer

2 separate bricks one for past District Governors and one for past District Cabinet Members

Zone #5 Lion Pat Knier

We have a Zone meeting scheduled for Monday, February 20th, at Blanke's Supper Club in Johnsburg. Social hour at 5 PM and call to order at 6PM.

All clubs in the zone are active and have many fund raisers in the planning. One of those being between the Winnebago East Shore and Kiel Lions Clubs jointly hosting casino events for various companies and organizations' entertainment. They have also jointly held their Christmas Party. Two of the clubs show 0% net growth while three clubs show a loss of membership. Two of the clubs show no report but that may result from a problem in the system as before. Only one club shows a donation to LCIF for current fiscal year, and I know that is not

Zone #8 Lion Barb Leichtfuss

All of the Zone 8 clubs are working on their usual annual fundraisers. Pickett Lions will have several new members that will be installed in February. Van Dyne Lions are up to 80 members. At our zone meeting on January 18, we discussed the district wanting to purchase an eyeglass trailer; information on how to contribute to this project was shared. Suggestions were made to check if any grant money would be available or to ask local businesses for help. Our next zone meeting focusing on leadership in Lions will be held sometime in March, sponsored by the Van Dyne Lions.
Respectfully submitted Lion Barb Leichtfuss Zone 8 chair.

Zone meeting on January 16th had members from 5 clubs attending.

Some of the activities the clubs are doing are:

- * Various community activities for Christmas, giving out food baskets, breakfast with Santa, toy collection.
- * Several clubs are having fisheries
- * Help pack and give out boxes for the food pantry.
- * Bingo, Sportsmen Banquet and gun raffles.
- * Eye Bank Transport

Zone# 6 Lion Sue Lee

27B1 Zone 6 - Zone Chair Lion Sue Lee Second Zone Meeting, January 26, 2023, Hosted by the Appleton Evening Lions; Focus on Membership In Attendance 22 Lions, 4 of 5 Zone Clubs - Representatives from Appleton Evening, Appleton Noon, Butte des Morts, and Neenah Lions Clubs, DG Dave Brinkman, District GMT Chair PDG Fred Gebhart, and Guest Lion Mike Mallow from Kenosha Lions who recently moved to the area and was checking out area clubs to join. Clubs shared activities since last Zone Meeting Appleton Evening - Dictionaries to 3rd graders; eyeglass collection 2x/mo Appleton Noon - Eye tissue transport (19); Vision Screening; Senior Expo with ~\$5000 in profits awarded to 5 nonprofits at Eggnog Party; Highway cleanup; Meal packaging at Loaves and Fishes; Cash and supplies to King Vet Home; Salvation Army Bell Ringing with \$10,000 match from member Mary Beth Nienhaus; Eyeglass collection; Candy and Coffee sales; Exploration of United Way grant to cover eyeglasses. FV Medical Loan Locker Update - Mtgs w/other area clubs; 9 clubs have pledged a total of \$62,000 support over the next 3 years; \$100,000 private donation promised; exploring sites for temporary housing with plans to build in the future. Butte des Morts - Planning for Carpfest, August 2023; eyeglass collection (looking for old mailbox) Larsen-Winchester - not in attendance but sent report - ramp building, Medical Loan locker avg 60 patrons/wk; 13 loads of medical equipment delivered to Orphan Grain Train, Westfield WI; successful Pancake Breakfast; Trex benches; Highway cleanup; Donation >\$20,000; delivered food boxes and fruit baskets; Basketball court completed; funding a pavilion near bb court; plan to insulate and heat med locker; received Model Club status based on donations to LCIF Neenah - eyeglass collection; eye tissue transport; vision screening Focus on Membership - DG Dave Brinkman gave opening remarks about the importance of telling your story, reporting activities (changes are coming to MyLCI), Club Excellence Award and the importance of increasing or at least maintaining membership to be eligible. He stressed looking to your family and friends and people you meet out in the community, at a restaurant or bar, for new members. Clubs shared their concerns and success with the membership challenge. Neenah recently lost a 61-year member who passed away and this spring long time member and former Zone Chair Dale Counihan will move out of state. He reported it has been difficult to increase their 12-member count. The same concern is shared by Appleton evening whose membership count is 9. Butte des Morts' membership remains steady at about 18. Larsen-Winchester has a healthy membership of 58 and Sec. Karolyn Sinanan believes their activities and structured concise meetings are a draw. Appleton Noon has lost several members who passed away in the last 2 years but has added 4 new members recently bringing its membership to 49. Visibility in the community with the Senior Expo brought in two members and personal contact and an "ask" brought in the other two. District GMT Chair PDG Fred Gebhart, speaker for the night, shared his thoughts on maintaining and increasing membership. The approach varies by the type of club and area. It is important to expose your club to the community and ask for help with your service activities. Invite a friend, look for payback, think about why you joined and why you are still a Lion. Celebrate your successes. Fred also gave an update on the plans for a new eyeglass trailer and the used eyeglass bill recently passed by the state legislature. It is now legal to give used eyeglasses to those in need in Wisconsin through approved missions. Wisconsin is only the 4th state to make this legal. DG Dave Brinkman gave out membership resource material to the clubs present. The Takeaway

from the information presented and the membership discussion - To attract potential members expose your club to the community, be visible, "Tell Your Story", invite people to help with your service activities, look to your family and friends for new members as well as people you interact with in the community, and the thing we hear again and again, "Just Ask!" Respectfully submitted,
Zone Chair Lion Sue Lee

Zone 10 Lion Bill Fletcher

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Westfield Lions, conducted their annual gun show last Sept. There were over 90 vendors present, they will also be having their yearly Fisheries on Feb 4th.

Montello Lions, Had their yearly Halloween Haunted Hayride 10-21 to 10-22. They will also be having their annual Fisheries on Jan 28th

Unfortunately, nothing to report for Oxford and Endeavor Lions.

I did reach out to those clubs, never heard anything back from them.

William Fletcher

Zone 10 Chairman

Correction to my club reports.

Endeavor- Held their yearly Fall Tractor Pull'

Westfield's Fall gun show was on, 10/13 & 10/14, 550 were in attendance over the 2 days.



MD27B1 District Cabinet Minutes

Date: Sunday, March 12, 2023

Location: Eagles Club 515 N Park Avenue Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Virtual: NO

Email: If any Question: Reply to this email – roxanne_wendt@hotmail.com or call 920-948-7787

Times: **Club Officer Workshop Training:** In Person Only 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM (In Person Only)

Meeting & Dinner: Meeting 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM **Dinner 4:00 PM**

Meeting (In Person Only)

Agenda: 3/12/23

1. **Call to Order** DG Dave Brinkman @ 2:pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** IPDG Lion BJ Blahnik
3. **Prayer** Chaplain Lion Myra Schneider Moment of silence

4. **Motion to Approve Agenda** **Motion to approve agenda by Tom Wendt 2nd by Staate Hayward Motion Carried**

5. **Guest Introduction** DG Dave Brinkman, Jean Prezkurat & Pat Karasekin

6. **Roll Call** Was completed by Sec. Lion Roxanne Wendt
There were 26 cabinet members present along with 2 more guests.

7. **Tail Twister** Lion Bonnie Hughes step in as Tail Twister for Lion Kathy Bargaquast brought in \$29.00.

8. **Communication** DG Dave Brinkman nothing at this point

9. **Secretary's Report** CS Lion Roxanne Wendt Nothing to Report

10. **Treasurer's Report** PDG Lion Jerry Post, 4 clubs still owe their dues yet. Every club must have their dues Paid for them to vote at State Convention. Has everything approved for the bricks for PDGs that pass away. For past PDG's and cabinet members a memorial brick. \$1000.00 for childhood cancer and they received a very nice plaque.
Motion made to accept the treasurer report by John Stephen 2nd by Tom Wendt Copy of Treasurer's report

11. Old Business:

No Old Business

12. New Business:

- a. Location from Par 5 to Radisson Hotel in Fond du Lac for 2023 -2024
27–B1 Convention has been changed and an update from 1st VDG Lion Greg and convention chair 2024 PDG Lion Tom Wendt to get all the packets out to the clubs a lot of new stuff in them. Eating in the Dark A bigger hospitality room in the pool area with free beer & soda. Will be lightning a car on fire for others to put out the fire with fire extinguisher.
- b. DG Dave Brinkman would like to have a get together in June for his Cabinet, an appreciation day for you and your family.

13. Committee Reports

- i. **IPDG Lion BJ Blahnik** Present, (Report Sent Pg 1)
 - a. Would like to close out on the Community impact Grant for the Holyland Food Pantry for closure on this grant. Motion made by IPDG BJ Blahnik and second VDG Greg Kubichka **Motion Carried**
- ii. **District Governor Elect Lion Greg Kubichka** (Present) Future Cabinet meeting for
 - a. 2023-2024 July 30, 2023, Oct. 8, 2023, Jan.21, 2024, March 10, 2024 State Convention May 17-18, 2024. Jan. will probably be a Zoom meeting. Let DGE Greg knows if anyone would like him to come for a club visit. Cabinet position open yet if you're interested yet.
- iii. **1st Vice District Governor Elect Lion Dave Holschbach** (Report Sent Pg 1)
Working together with DGE Greg & 2nd VDGE Roxanne putting a cabinet position together. If someone is interested let them know you can even work on them as team.
- iv. **GLT Chair PDG Lion Tom Wendt** Present (Report Sent Pg 2)
For clubs to apply for the club excellent awards. Looking at July for another training.
- v. **GST Chair DG Dave Brinkman** Congratulation to our District. MyLion will be shut down so get all your stuff in before it is shut down.
- vi. **GMT Chair PDG Lion Fred Gebhart** Present
- vii. **District Convention Chair PDG Lion Mike De Baere** Not Present (Nothing to Report)
- viii. **District Diabetes Lion Chair Lion Jacqueline Abel** (Not Present, No Report)
- ix. **District Elections and Nominations Chair PDG Lion Gary Colton** (Not Present, No Report)

- x. **District Environment Chair Lion Bonnie Hughes**
 - a. Present, Garbage pickup clean the roadsides and parks for the month of April and keep track of your miles and send back to Bonnie since that didn't go over very well. April 22 is Earth Day wonderful day to pick up garbage. (Present Report Sent Pg 3)

- xi. **District Hunger Chair Lion Amber Konen** (Not Present, No Report)

- xii. **District Information/Public Relations/Historian Chair PDG Lion Tom Clausen**
 - a. (Report Sent Pg.3)

- xiii. **District LCI/My Lion Chair DG Dave Brinkman**
 - a. New policy shouldn't be too different should be close to the old policy.

- xiv. **District LCIF Coordinator Lion Mary Jo Abler** Present, (Report Sent Pg 9)
 - a. Please remember to support LCIF and you can give personal donations. Any question on LCIF please contact Mary Jo.

- xv. **District Leader Dog PDG Lion Meg Post** Present, (Report Sent Pg 3)

- xvi. **District Leo Chair PDG Lion Gary Silah** (Not Present, No Report)
 - a. Leo there doing a dance in May

- xvii. **District Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin Lion Charlie Keifenheim**
 - a. Present, (No Report) More to come in the future.

- xviii. **District Newspaper Editor Lion Terry Erbstoesser**
 - a. (Not Present,) please keep sending in your articles. (Report Sent Pg 8)

- xix. **District Peace Poster/Pin Chair Lion Laurie Sasada** (Present Report Sent Pg 16 & 17)
 - a. Present, showed us the District Pin for 2023-2024 A motion was made by IPDG Lion BJ Blahnik and 2nd by Lion John Stephen. **Motion Carried**
 - b. PDG Lion Tom Wendt made a recommendation for ordering 200 pins and IPDG Lion BJ Blahnik 2nd the motion. **Motion Carried**
 - c. Pin that was voted on at District convention will charge \$3.00 for the pins.
 - d. Dave & Laurie will be starting a new club making 64 clubs.

- xx. **District Pediatric Cancer Chair PDG Lion Dave Lee**
 - a. Gave the \$1000.00 to the Family foundation for childhood cancer. Gave all the books out to all the clubs.

- xxi. **District Raffle Lion John Stephen**

- xxii. **District Restoring Hope Transplant House Lion Barb Leichtfuss**
 - a. Present, (sent report Pg 7) Had a wonderful talk with Cindy and how burned out they all are. The house is thinking about raising their rates. They could really use money more then anything else and in April were thinking about going and cleaning their house. But she has not got back to her.

- xxiii. **District Special Olympics Chair PDG Lion Fred Gebhart**
 - a. Present, Letters out camera to be there. Send out to all the clubs who were involved in the past they need about 50 people. April 15th, 2023 can look it up online. (SpecialOlympicsWisconsin.org)
 - i. (SOWIOE@thevtc.com) print out form and sign it.

- xxiv. **District Vision Chair PDG Lion Fred Gebhart**
 - a. Vision Tractor will cost \$8,200.00 and the whole state will use it. Training with the trainers with the binders we 6 trainer as of now.

- xxv. **District Youth Camp & Exchange Chair Lion Patricia Shikoski**
 - a. Present, (Sent report Pg 10 & 11)

- xxvi. **Wisconsin Lions Mission Lion Pat Knier**
 - a. Not Present, (Sent report 13,14,15)

- xxvii. **Constitution & Bylaws/Policies and Procedures PDG Lion Jerry Post**
 - a. Motion made to accept the bylaws by VDG Lion Greg Kubichka and 2nd by PDG Lion Tom Wendt Motion Carried

- xxviii. **WLF Director/Pride/Hearing Aids/Birch Sturm Lion Dick Karl**
 - a. Present, Sent report

2. Trainings / Dates to Remember

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| 1.USA/Canada Forum | Reno, NV Sept. 21-23, 2023 |
| 2.State Convention | May 11-13, 2023, Stevens Point, WI |
| 3.International Convention | in Boston July 7 - 11, 2023. |
| 4.District/State Events | District Convention 2023*2024 Radisson Hotel in FDL |
| 5.District Bowling | |
| 6.State Bowling | 72 nd Annual Wisconsin Lions Bowling Tournament February 25- April 22, 2023, Hosted by The Menomonie Lions Bowl, 1501 N. Broadway St. Menomonie. 73 rd Annual Wisconsin Lions Bowling Tournament Feb. – March – April 2024 Hosted by The Tichigan Lake Lions |
| 7.District Bean Bag Tournament? | |
| 8.Pride Shoot | June 10,2023 |
| 9.State Curling | Medford |

31. Zone Chair Reports:

- a. Zone 1 Lion Wes Grube
- b. Zone 2 Lion Staate Hayward
- c. Zone 3 Lion Mike Roberts
- d. Zone 4 Lion Bill Singer
- e. Zone 5 Lion Pat Knier (Report Sent Pg Zone 18)
- f. Zone 6 Lion Sue Lee
- g. Zone 7 Lion Josh Blatz
- h. Zone 8 Lion Barb Leichtfuss (Report Sent Pg Zone 18)
- i. Zone 9 Lion Scott Scovronski
- j. Zone 10 Lion Bill Fletcher (Report Sent Pg Zone 19)
- k. Zone 11 Lion Dave Prezkurat (Report Sent Pg Zone 19)

32. Other Business

33.

(Hope to see you at State Convention).

34. Meeting Adjournment - Motion made by PDG Tom Wendt 2nd by Lion Bonnie Hughes at 4:00 pm to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

NEXT MEETING State Convention

Respectfully submitted Dist. Sec. 2nd VDGE Roxanne Wendt 3/16/23

2nd Vice District Governor Notes – Dave Holschbach

Since our last cabinet meeting, I have completed my fourth 2nd Vice District Governor training in Marshfield. We are now beginning to work on more specific District Governor procedures, protocol and committee chairs. I have been asked to be on the State Budget committee by District Governor Dave, perfect for my background and future plans to be COG treasurer. THANKS DG DAVE

We now have a full slate of 10 2nd vice district governors, a 50-50 mix. We zoom meet once a month to discuss planning and questions. We seem to be meshing very good together. Lot of FUN times but also taking care of business.

Not much new activity since last meeting. I had one additional club visitation. I do have another club visit, zone visits and officer installations coming up. Get your new club officers elected and recorded by June15th due to the update of the LION PORTAL.

I am currently working with this year's Convention Committee in planning for 2023 and 2024 District Convention at Radisson in Fond du lac. My district convention will be held at the same site. Also beginning to form ideas for my district convention.

Currently working with District Governor Elect Greg on cabinet positions. We would like to have our committee chairs flow back-to-back. Contact either one of us, checking with clubs for any members interested on being a member of our cabinet. We would love to have a pool of LIONS to choose from.

My theme plan is "LIONS...Always there for YOU " This is something that I have always mentioned to everyone, that I am always there for you.

Looking forward to the next step in my LIONS LIFE. I'll be in touch.

IPDG BJ Blahnik

Holyland Food Pantry District Community Impact Grant Final Report



27 B1 GLT 3/12/2023 Cabinet Meeting Report

GLT Multiple District monthly zoom meetings continue to discuss District training and Club Officer training.

No updates on the new and upcoming Lion Portal reporting system, looking at July.

Again remember to encourage all clubs in 27B1 to apply for Club Excellence Award, I know there are plenty of clubs who qualify just need to be reminded, questions, contact me.

Special Olympics

Anyone interested in volunteering for the Special Olympics in Oshkosh on April 15, 2023 contact me for contact information and times.

Training

We are still discussing Club Officer Training, things to consider, when, which month, which day of the week, location, topics that need to be emphasized.

FDI Training April 26 - 30 , we have 3 members from 27B1 who have applied, I can't really say who did just yet but I'm hoping to get an answer any day.

Always remember for an interesting time and always great training there are numerous fellow District Conventions in March and April, some nearby check out the Lion magazine.

District 27B1 Convention Chair update:

Plans and events continue to be discussed, Zone Chair packets are ready and will be distributed. Never too early to promote a convention which we promise will be featuring exciting and fun filled activities.

Thanks for all you do

GLT. PDG Tom Wendt

District Childhood Cancer PDG Lion Dave Lee

District Childhood Cancer account

Author: PDG Dave Lee

Co-author: PDG Jerry Post

Date of Origin: 2/12/2023

Purpose: To set guidelines for dispersing funds to Childhood cancer

Whereas no policy exists for dispersing of Childhood cancer funds from district 27-B1, the following guidelines shall be used.

Funds from the 27-B1 district Childhood cancer account are intended to support efforts, primarily within Wisconsin, to benefit children and families with childhood cancer as determined and approved by the 27-B1 district cabinet.

At our last cabinet meeting, I suggested that all clubs participate in roadside cleanup. The month of April will be designated for this purpose. Please let all your clubs know then inform me of how many miles each member participated in doing this great environment project. Spring is coming and it's a great time to get out in the fresh air. Just carry a garbage bag along when you go for a walk and start collecting the garbage you find along your way. April 22 is "EARTH DAY" what better way to celebrate it is by keeping it free of trash just keep me informed of club miles.

* Please also keep collecting plastic bags so our district could again giveaway a bench at this year's convention.

Submitted by
Bonnie Hughes
Environment chairperson

District Leader Dog PDG Lion Meg Post

As of February 28, 2023, clubs have donated a total of \$19,485. Thank you for your donations.

The next quarterly zoom meeting will take place mid-April.

There is a new way to donate to Leader Dog. It is called PAWS 365. By committing to monthly donations to Leader Dog, you are ensuring continued support to Leader Dog to always provide services to the visually impaired. You can learn more about PAWS 365 by going to the Leader Dog website.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Meg Post

B1 District LD Chair mpost7@tds.net

District Public Relations/Historian PDG Tom Clausen

IT, Public Relations, Historian

Website is up to date.

District Calendar isn't used too much by clubs. Either people are complacent, or they don't do too much outside their community. A lot has to do with too much information nowadays and it slips their minds. Too much to do. Or they just use Facebook. That is where I get the most calendar dates from. It is hard to tell if the effort is worth it because there is no way to tell how much the calendar is used. But not to do it would mean failure.

All the history is up to date and posted on the district's website for all to see 24/7. If a club wants to have their history on the website, have them contact me at lionsof27b1@gmail.com

District mailing list is populated with 192 Lions (presidents, secretaries, treasurers, cabinet members). Every now and then someone ops out, but rare. All emails sent to the district is on the website on the History page

Fellow Lions Kim Jelinske is looking for early registration forms to be sent in to better set up and schedule personal for the Special Olympics, April 15th.

Dan Weber, I already sent yours in.

Thanks everyone take care.



District Youth Exchange Lion Pat Shikoski

General Camp Schedule 2023

Sunday August 13 Campers arrive at camp 2:00PM to 4:00 PM

Registration, get acquainted games,

Camp Tours, USA Presentations, swim test

Monday August 14 Day at Camp

Swim tests, sports, waterfront activities,

social time, crafts, country presentations,

Native American Indian presentation, evening bonfire and socializing.

Tuesday August 15 Day at Camp

Sports, waterfront activities, social time, crafts, country presentations,

Evening bonfire and socializing.

Wednesday August 16 Bus Trip to Madison Wisconsin

Visit the State Capitol, Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin

Shopping on State Street, Marshall Lions Picnic.

Thursday August 17 Visitors Day at Camp

Un-Olympic sports competition,

Dinner with Visiting District Governors and

Vice District Governors, other dignitaries,

Leader Dog, World Chats, country presentations.

Friday August 18 Day at Camp

Sports, swimming, crafts, field tournaments, Cook-Out, Fish Fry,

Un-Olympic Awards, group photo, Peace Poster.

Country presentations, Dance night at camp.

Saturday August 19 Day at Camp

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Various activities, Camp Book & Video,

Country presentations, talent show, start camp clean-up. Bonfire and socializing.

Sunday August 20 Goodbye from Camp

Continental breakfast, Host families' pick-up campers at 9:30 am.

Time to shed tears!

District Restoring Hope Transplant House Lion Barb Leichtfuss

Restoring Hope Transplant House: I continue to encourage support of this project, as they are working so hard. They need financial help. I have not heard back as to if they will allow us to do their spring cleaning. They need to be extremely careful because of the COVID 19 virus. I haven't heard from Cindy lately; I have an email out to her. I will share any news I may have at the meeting on March 12th

. Respectfully submitted,

Lion Barb Leichtfuss

RHTH Laisson

District Hearing Lion Dick Karl

To date I have processed 8 Hearing Aid Applications. 2 were denied, one for financial reasons and the other for non-residency.

Have attended 7 club meetings & 3 zone meetings (13 clubs). I have passed out a letter of introduction (see attached), recycle containers, and fliers on the recycling hearing aids. Put together a trifold poster board with info for display at B1 District Convention and Club & Zone meetings.

I have had some questions directed to me why we purchase new aids when we recycle the used one. They are some members not sure where the money comes from to purchase the new ones. I have explained the process at those meetings and have also asked that the clubs look at their donations to not just send all to camp ops. But split some of the budget to other programs directly.

Birch-Sturm Memorial Lion Dick Karl

No report

Lions Pride Endowment Fund

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15th Annual Lions Pride Sporting Clay Shoot is June 10, 2023 at Milford Hills, Johnson Creek. Online registration opens soon. Looking for shooters, volunteers, raffle and auction items.

In the final stages of the 2022 annual audit.

PID Wayne and Lion Renee are alternately attending District Conventions, to help create continued awareness and communicate updates about Lions Pride.

The Board has submitted formal request to solicit funds for the 2023-2024 Lions year.

Next Pride Board of Directors Meeting tentatively scheduled for Wed. April 19, 2023

Submitted by

LPEF President Lion Renee Peterson

WLF Board Meeting

Plans are being made to improve the hard courts. A request is being sent to Council of Governors. There will be no cost to WLF because of 2 donations that will cover the specific costs.

The approved Diabetes Awareness materials are ready. Jackie will have a small amount to distribute at the cabinet meeting. Clubs can order the materials including the coffee sleeves from Project Director Keith Mueller at kmueller@wlf.info or call 715-677-4969.

The WLF Project Reports will be presented to the COG ON May 11, 2023.

A number of Policy changes were read into the minutes and voted

B1 Birch-Sturm/Lions Pride/

Hearing Chair & WLF Director

Lion Dick Karl

District Newspaper Editor Lion Terry Erbstoesser

For the last couple of newsletters, I've had to put out a request to clubs for articles. I know that this time of year tends to be a little slower for activities but please consider sending articles for the things your club has going on. Tell your story!

Terry Erbstoesser

Wisconsin Lions Missions: Dominican Republic District Chair Pat Knier

The eyeglasses arrived in port on November 10, but were being held for an exorbitant amount before the port official would release them. Most everyone had arrived on February 5, but our local Higuey Lions group didn't have the glasses. One doctor and his wife decided to leave and booked resort rooms in Punta Cana. This left us with Dr. Alan and two other doctors, but because Ramona had a leg issue they were only going to stay until Thursday.

The Local Lions contacted every government official they knew and finally late on Wednesday we had the glasses, after only a \$250 fee. The 31 of us volunteers were ecstatic that we would be able to salvage the mission. However, because those who had registrations for Tuesday and Wednesday decided to come on Thursday, along with those already scheduled, the open-air auditorium was semi-organized chaos. We left the hotel at 7:15 am Thursday and worked until 8pm. Our group of volunteers was fantastic, but given that most of us are retired, 13-hour days was not going to be sustainable. We served as many as possible Friday, Saturday, (until 6 pm each day) and worked with half a group on Sunday to reach that 3,500 served mark. The local Lions were fantastically supportive with food, transportation etc., culminating in a celebratory dinner Saturday night (because half the group was flying out on Sunday). It was definitely a project to remember, and as usual we volunteers received much satisfaction from serving others!

Lion Fred Gebhart may want to report on the small trailer for eyeglass distribution to needy in Wisconsin.

LCIF 27 B1 District Coordinator District Lion Mary Jo Abler

I have the District Numbers available with me if anyone wants to check for MJF credits.

Thank you to the Cabinet members who donated to LCIF at last meeting. I think the totals were \$400.00+.

I hope in the future each of you become regular donators. On line donations are so simple to do.

In time, I will be asking each who donated if they want their credits to go to their club, or the District toward a future MJF. (District can always use the credits to name a District MJF,)

I do hope the rest of the Cabinet members considers a personal donation in the future. Remember, amount is your choice.

International would like to see re-occurring donations, like monthly auto donations. I don't care, donate when you can and how much you can.

I have been attending Zoom Meetings given by leaders at International. Very interesting things I always go away with.

PDG Fred and I are working on a grant for the eye glass trainer. I think we have our direction now.

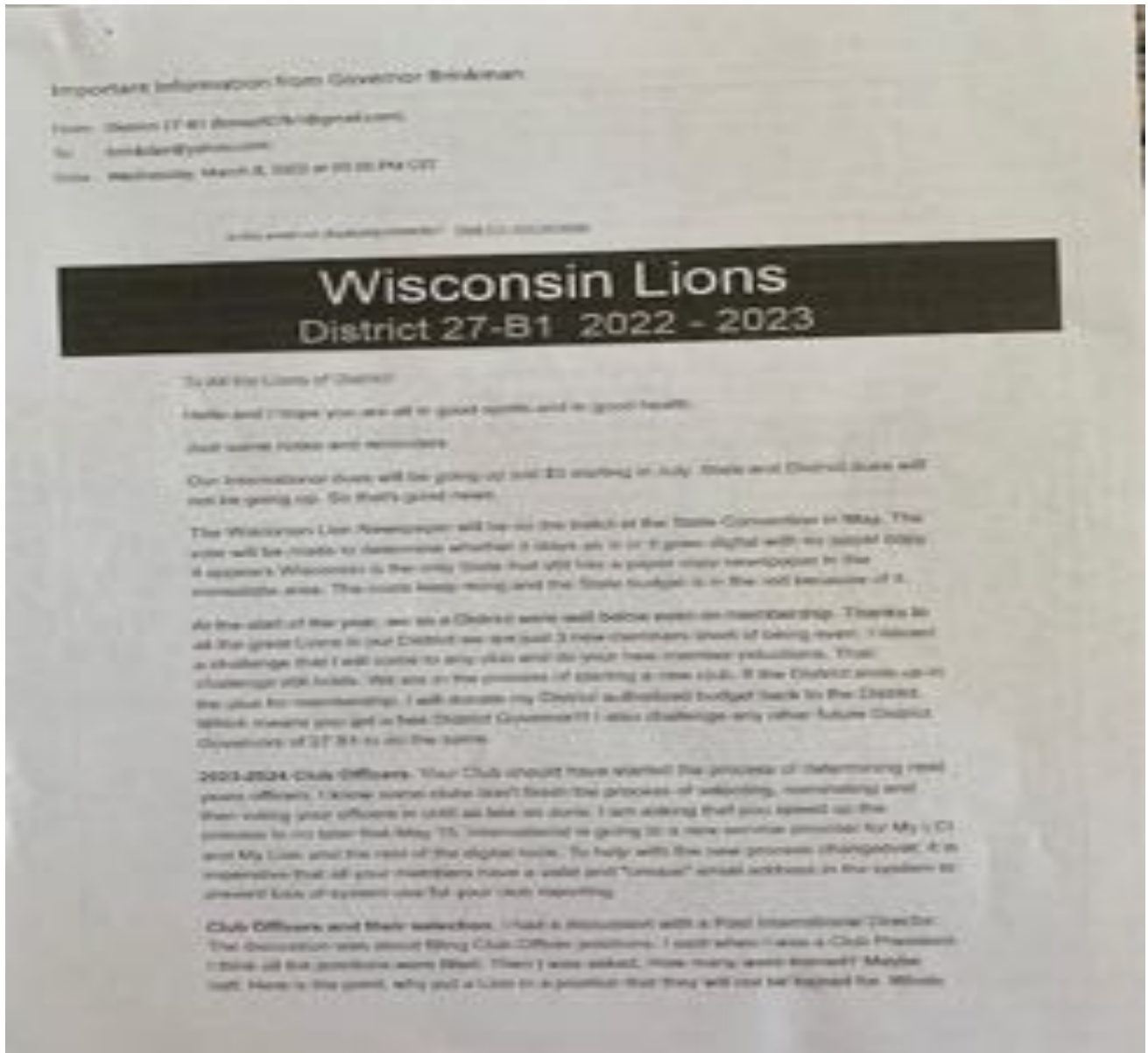
I have also an interest in the Mt Calvary Ambulance Service. (They have transported me 2 times!!)

They are looking for funding for a new ambulance. I have been working with the person looking into funding, and have mentioned to Winnebago East Shore Lions, it would be their area.

Now that our winter is almost over, I would like to schedule a few more Zone or Club meetings. Every time I do talk at a meeting, I find so many Lions that don't understand why they should donate to our Foundation on a regular basis. I need to spread the word.

We are at 28% (\$14,000) of our yearly goal of \$47,022.00 at this point, with 4 months left in this Lionistic year. Going slowly at this point. The last quarter of the year is usually the largest donations. Please encourage clubs to get their donations in early this year due to the changeover in systems, and to help my heart a bit!!

Any questions, I am always available.



the next I agreed to what's the use and I was guilty of that too. So the bottom line is if you are going to put a name in a club officer position, they need to be trained so they can fulfill the duties of that position to your club. As your District Governor, it is our duty to train District Club Officers. We will be holding training opportunities before the new Lions Year and continue after that. When you get the training date information please get your officers scheduled.

The District Club Service Challenge and District Club Membership Challenge are in some good races which are going down to the wire. Look on our website on the Resources page and look for Governor's Read 2199999.

Club LCOF donations are at 20 of 62 clubs have donated so far. I know we have time and there are a lot of clubs that donate to LCOF in June. I would ask that you make your donations earlier based on the paycheck mileage book. Thanks for supporting your foundation, individual donations are also a possibility. Go on lionsyears.lionsclubs.org and search for a "DONATE" button. Be the Difference!

Don't forget your other worthy donations like in Wisconsin Lions Camp, Wisconsin Lions Eye Bank, Leader Steps for the Blind and so many more.

Club Excellence Award. There will be many more clubs that will be able to get this award this year because the requirement to have added a new member is no longer required. Information on applying for this award is attached on LCOJ 462226.

Membership. Since July 1, 2022, the District has added 14 new members with Van Dyke Lions adding 7 and Whitman Lions with 8 and Sharnwood Lions, Shetbarger Falls Lions, DeLoreo Lions, Merlot Lions, Eden Lions all with 5 new members. Great job. Actually any club that goes plus is doing great. With the good comes some bad news, we have lost 62 Lions leave our district. Some were Lions who moved away, they still count against us. We need to find ways to reach those members better if you are away some of the losses. The District has done well and you must all feel good for your part. The time to build your membership is NOW. Do not wait. Some clubs have faltered in the past because they "aged" out. If your club grows, just think of all those things Lions do for their communities that will be lost.

New Member Orientation. Along with training your club officers, we will conduct a new member orientation seminar and we will probably make it regional so that you won't have to drive so far. Look for it 2023 about being a Lion.

Service Activity Reporting. The last thing you do after every meeting, fund raise, donation or service activity covering childhood cancer, diabetes awareness, environment, hunger and vision is to report it on MY LION. I consider reporting your club's activities on MY LION every bit as important as your Club Secretary records the minutes of your meetings. Think of reporting on MY LION as your "Activity Minutes." A written record of what your club has done for your community and beyond. It has been said that the new Lions Portal that is set to go online the second week of July will not be very difficult to navigate. If you need help reporting your activities, please ask for help and you will receive it. I have asked Lions thru the process of reporting on MY LION in as little as 30 minutes. Hardest thing is having a Lions account so you can get in the program.

EMAIL ADDRESSES. Club Secretaries it is your function to ensure all your club members have a valid email address in My LCI. New mailing labels will not receive this message because members (have no email address in My LCI. There is too much more information that International sends out that never makes it to our Lions members. Help us help you by getting that contact information updated.

Goals. I have talked the creation of either club goals or personal goals that you want to accomplish. Goals are determined with the acronym SMART. They are Specific, they are Measurable, they are Achievable, they are Realistic and they are Time driven. So if I want to say that my goal is to add 5 new members to my club by the end of the year. Think ok but if my goal is I would like to add 20 new members to my club by the end of the year that's not going to work. Not realistic or achievable. Setting goals gives you something to stand for, a focus point, the year your progress, can you change or modify your goals. SMART. This process can also be for your club position also. One of your goals could be that your club adds a new service activity. Not to hard to do just think of something that will have a community impact.

There is always the best! Our International President has said this on numerous occasions. There is always more than one way to accomplish something.

I am still promoting the District Calendar, which is on our website, for advertising your clubs activities. DistrictCalendar@lions.org is the email address to send whatever event your club is doing for some free advertising.

"Tell Your Story" is tell the District media this year and all year. Tell your clubs story with articles and pictures of your activities. Facebook, other social media platforms, local newspapers, submitting to the District Editor for inclusion in the Wisconsin Lions Newspaper, local news. Don't be the best kept secret in your community anymore. **SHARE** like a Lion and be proud of all the things our organizations do.

Thank you for your efforts this year and lets finish stronger than we started!

How is Lions?

District Governor Dale Brinkner

This email is sent to presidents, secretaries and treasurers and all club members to ensure that these messages get to all clubs since not every officer has an email listed in My LCI. Please designate a member to forward this and all district emails to the members in your club. The state and international have the ability to send to all Lions, but the district does not, so please help get the word out. Remind your members that all of the district emails are archived on our district's website on the History page. Just click the link to read all the past correspondence.

Thank you,

FDG Tom Cluett, IT Chairman

| LEADS OF DISTRICT 27 R 1 | | | | | | | |
|--|----|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 2022 - 2023 BUDGET | | | | | | | |
| * as approved Cabinet Meeting 1/14/2022 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 2022/2023 | | * change date to each month end | |
| | | Total Budget | % of Total Budget | Budget Amount | Actual Amount | variance | |
| Receipts | | | | | | | |
| 2021-2022 Cabinet Brought Forward | | 0.00 | 100% | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Interest | | 50.00 | 75% | 25.00 | 14.75 | (10.25) | 9.97 |
| Tax Ties | | 200.00 | 50% | 120.00 | 200.00 | 180.00 | 234.94 |
| Dues: District Account (4.50 x 1825) | | 8,212.50 | 85% | 8,980.63 | 7,534.50 | (921.88) | 7,624.50 |
| District Convention (.50 x 1825) | -- | 912.50 | 100% | 912.50 | 822.00 | (90.50) | 922.00 |
| State Account (10.50 x 1825) | | 19,162.50 | 85% | 16,298.12 | 18,905.35 | 817.23 | 18,895.34 |
| State Account Family Discount - 10% | | (945.00) | 85% | (801.25) | (600.00) | (198.75) | (620.00) |
| State Bonding (10.48 x 83) | | 869.00 | 100% | 860.00 | 870.26 | 10.26 | 870.26 |
| District 2784 Training Funds (1.50 x 1825) | | 2,737.50 | 85% | 2,326.94 | 2,518.00 | 191.03 | 2,518.00 |
| 50-50 raffle | -- | 750.00 | 100% | 750.00 | 993.00 | 243.00 | 993.00 |
| District Pina | | 400.00 | 75% | 450.00 | 250.00 | (150.00) | 249.90 |
| District Raffle | | 7,800.00 | 100% | 7,300.00 | 6,134.00 | (1,165.00) | 6,134.00 |
| District Convention | -- | 12,000.00 | 100% | 12,000.00 | 10,718.51 | (1,281.49) | 10,718.51 |
| Nuclear Raffle | -- | 1,800.00 | 100% | 1,800.00 | 1,700.00 | (100.00) | 1,700.00 |
| Guest Auditor | | | 100% | | (25.00) | (25.00) | (25.00) |
| Van Wagon | | | 100% | | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Consistent Donation | | | 100% | | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | 285.00 | 100% | 285.00 | 80.00 | (205.00) | 80.00 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | 43,725.00 | | 40,048.64 | 48,675.86 | 30,05.04 | 48,675.86 |
| Expenditures | | | | | | | |
| State Dues | | 18,217.50 | 100% | 18,217.60 | 18,228.20 | (14.70) | 18,228.20 |
| State Bonding | | 860.00 | 100% | 860.00 | 870.26 | (10.26) | 870.26 |
| Office supplies | | 400.00 | 75% | 300.00 | 204.76 | (95.24) | 204.75 |
| District Governor | | 1,750.00 | 100% | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1st Vice District Governor | | 900.00 | 0% | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2nd Vice District Governor | | 900.00 | 0% | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| District Chairman (11 @ 145.00) | | 1,595.00 | 0% | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| District Chairman 24 @ 75.00 | | 1,800.00 | 0% | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer (2 @ 150.00) | | 300.00 | 0% | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| MLJ Chairman (2 @ 100.00) | | 200.00 | 0% | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

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|---|----|------------------|------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Cabinet Meeting Dinner | | 1,800.00 | 75% | 1,350.00 | 990.00 | (300.00) | 990.00 |
| Appreciation Awards & Peace Poster | | 950.00 | 100% | 950.00 | 90.00 | (860.00) | 90.00 |
| EyeBank Credits | | 400.00 | 0% | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| GMTCOLFOST | | 600.00 | 0% | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Training and Education \$1.50 x 1825 | | 2,737.50 | 100% | 2,737.50 | 1,525.89 | (1,211.61) | 1,525.89 |
| District Pina | | 400.00 | 100% | 400.00 | 400.00 | (0.00) | 400.00 |
| OLT & GMT Officer Training | | 0.00 | 0% | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous & Photos | | 525.00 | 100% | 525.00 | 200.00 | (325.00) | 200.00 |
| District Raffle | | 3,750.00 | 100% | 3,750.00 | 3,067.50 | (682.50) | 3,067.50 |
| District Raffle License | | 50.00 | 0% | 0.00 | | | |
| District Raffle Printing | | 150.00 | 0% | 150.00 | | | |
| District Convention | -- | 14,371.00 | 100% | 14,371.00 | 12,500.00 | (1,871.00) | 12,500.00 |
| Transfer to next year using account | | 0.00 | 100% | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | | 43,725.00 | | 43,388.00 | 38,155.84 | (5,232.16) | 38,155.84 |
| EXCESS for remainder of year | | 0.00 | | | 11,520.02 | | 11,520.02 |
| EXCESS checkbook from prior year | | | | | | 11,603.34 | 0.00 |
| Carryover to next year | | | | | | | 11,520.02 |

| LIONS OF DISTRICT 27 881 | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|------------|----------|----------|---------|------------|
| RESTRICTED FUNDS AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 2013 | | | | | | |
| | | | RECEIVED | SPENT | BALANCE | |
| CHILDREN'S PEDIATRIC CANCER FUND | | | | | | |
| ***** | Carryover 6/30/12 | \$1,009.89 | | | | |
| | Receipts | | 0.00 | | | |
| | Spent | | | 1,000.00 | | \$99.89 |
| LIONS MEMORIAL FUND | | | | | | |
| ***** | Carryover 6/30/12 | \$204.80 | | | | |
| | Receipts | | 266.50 | | | |
| | Spent | | | 506.00 | | \$6.30 |
| YOUTH EXCHANGE & OUTREACH | | | | | | |
| ***** | Carryover 6/30/12 | \$3,273.88 | | | | |
| | Receipts | | 550.00 | | | |
| | Spent | | | 0.00 | | \$3,823.88 |
| HEARING | | | | | | |
| ***** | Carryover 6/30/12 | \$0.00 | | | | |
| | Receipts | | 0.00 | | | |
| | Spent | | | 0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| BIRCH STURMWAY MEMPHIS | | | | | | |
| ***** | Carryover 6/30/12 | \$0.00 | | | | |
| | Receipts | | 1,400.00 | | | |
| | Spent | | | 1,400.00 | | \$400.00 |
| WISCONSIN LIONS MISSION | | | | | | |
| ***** | Carryover 6/30/12 | \$4,277.69 | | | | |
| | Receipts | | 720.00 | | | |
| | Spent | | | 1,200.00 | | \$3,800.69 |
| EMERGENCY FUND | | | | | | |
| ***** | Carryover 6/30/12 | \$2,007.45 | | | | |
| | Receipts | | 26.00 | | | |
| | Spent | | | 0.00 | | \$2,033.45 |
| QUARTER FOUNDATION | | | | | | |
| ***** | Carryover 6/30/12 | \$1,006.73 | | | | |
| | Receipts | | 0.00 | | | |
| | Spent | | | 0.00 | | \$1,006.73 |
| S.O. GRANT | | | | | | |
| ***** | Carryover 6/30/12 | \$0.00 | | | | |
| | Receipts | | 0.00 | | | |
| | Spent | | | 0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| VISION SCREENING | | | | | | |
| ***** | Carryover 6/30/12 | \$9,091.04 | | | | |
| | Receipts | | 0.00 | | | |
| | Spent | | | 1,163.23 | | \$7,927.81 |
| DISTRICT TRAINING FUNDS | | | | | | |
| ***** | Carryover 6/30/12 | \$7,436.29 | | | | |
| | Receipts | | 0.00 | | | |
| | Spent | | | 1,206.00 | | \$6,230.29 |

| | | | RECEIVED | SPENT | BALANCE |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|--|----------|----------|--------------------|
| EYEGASS TRAILER FUNDS | | | | | |
| ***** | Carryover 6/30/22 | | | | |
| | Receipts | | 1,250.00 | | |
| | Spent | | | 0.00 | |
| | BALANCE | | | | \$1,250.00 |
| TOTAL UNDESIGNATED FUNDS | | | | | |
| | Carryover 6/30/22 | | | | \$31,642.14 |
| | Receipts | | 4,015.50 | | |
| | Spent | | | 6,309.12 | |
| | BALANCE | | | | \$29,268.52 |

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- 1,000 Pins @ \$1.70 each + \$55 UPS shipping (Total = \$1,755)
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Zone Chair Reports

Zone 5 Meeting;

All members were encouraged to bring non perishable food items for the Holyland Food Pantry.

Our meeting was hosted by St. Peter Lions club and held at Blanck's Supper club in Johnsburg with 35 members attending.

Second Vice district Governor Lion Greg Kubichka attended and gave a talk on membership asking members to think about why they became a member.

It was also noted to keep track of community needs and showcase club activities. He stated only a small percentage of drops were due to death,

and many are because of social differences members felt from the club. The District Cabinet is also needing people to step into open positions for any interested Lions.

WLF Director Fred Gebhart spoke to the group about work being done in vision screening in the zone noting that we are second in the nation. Volunteers are needed for Special

Olympics Participants screening on April 15th. Planning is ongoing to purchase and fill a trailer with 4000 to 5000 glasses for screening in Wisconsin communities in need.

Next Zone meeting is scheduled for May 15th hosted by Winnebago East Shore club.

Zone 8 Chair Lion Barb Leichtfuss

Cabinet Report Zone 8 March 12, 2023 I have visited all 6 clubs in Zone 8 this past year. I have also attended some of their fund-raisers and social events, pitching in to help when necessary. One of the clubs has not reported their membership since October of 2022 so I sent an email as a reminder. IF their number of members has remained the same, we have an overall +4 for the zone, making 213 Lions as of the end of February. My last zone meeting was held in Green Lake, sponsored by the Ripon Lions on January 18th, 2023. The speaker was DG Dave Brinkman, speaking on membership. The last zone meeting for this fiscal year will be held on Wednesday, March 29th, 2023 at the Pizza Ranch on highway 23 in Fond du Lac. It will be sponsored by the Van Dyne Lions. The speaker will be PDG Tom Wendt, speaking on leadership in Lions. All 6 clubs are busy preparing for their busy fund-raising season. There were no overall concerns from any of them that need to be addressed by the cabinet. During my visits and zone meetings, I have encouraged clubs to especially support the Restoring Hope Transplant House, as they are extremely busy and have been financially affected by the COVID 19 quarantine. The Eyeglass Trailer project was also encouraged, giving Wisconsin residents the opportunity to get the needed vision assistance once this is up and running. 2nd VDG Roxanne Wendt still has Shopko vouchers available for needy children for eye exams and glasses. Respectfully submitted, Lion Barb Leichtfuss Zone 8 Chair

Zone 10 report. Zone Chair Bill Fletcher

Upcoming club events.

Endeavor- Weekly bingo till November and their 68th annual Broiler Fest July 15th.

Oxford- Held their 68th annual Fisheree.

Westfield- Will have their annual Easter Egg hunt on, 4/8/2003.

Montello- Vision screening Mar. 8th

Zone 11 Zone Chair Lion Dave Przekurat

Most clubs are working on Easter Egg Hunts.

Coloma & Hancock had fisherees.

Plainfield had a pancake breakfast, Appreciation Dinner for Sponsors coming up.

Poy Sippi had a drive up brat fry. Making and selling pizzas.

Red Granite held a glow light bingo.

Wild Rose having a gun raffle, bingo, drive thru pork dinner. Pack boxes for food distribution.

Next Zone Meeting is April 26th at Red Granite.



MD27-B1 Cabinet Meeting

MD27B1 District Caucus Minutes

Date: Saturday, May 13, 2023

Location: Holiday Inn & Convention Center– Time: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Agenda:

- 1) **Meeting called to Order @ 9:30 am** by DG Lion Dave Brinkman.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Lion BJ Blahnik.
- 3) **ID Lee Vrieze** Introduce our Guest International Director Robert Lee and his wife Pamela, who is also a Lion from Honolulu, Hawaii. First time to Wisconsin. He loved our Lions camp and wished they had one like it. Thanked all of us for being Lions.
- 4) **DG Dave Brinkman**, thanked everyone on the cabinet said we had a pretty good year. All our goals were pretty well met and will be starting a new club real soon called Markesan Grand River Lions. LCIF donation are ahead from a \$100,000.00 King foundation donation.
- 5) **Roll Call by 2nd VDGE Lion Roxanne Wendt**
16 District 27-B1 Cabinet members and 11 guests in attendance.
- 6) **GLT - PDG Lion Thomas Wendt** Working on the training just waiting for final approval from DGE Greg Kubichka. There will be two locations with many classes offered. Try and get your clubs to attend and get the information to make your club a stronger club. Two dates two locations to better accommodate everyone. Lions Workshop July 15, 2023 St. Nazianz & July 29, 2023 Ripon. Registration Forms will be available soon on our district website.
- 7) **GMT –PDG Lion Fred Gebhart** Get members involved
- 8) **GST - DG Lion Dave Brinkman** A lot of work still needs to be done in the clubs getting them to put their information in. 2nd VDGE Lion Dave Holschbach really enjoyed getting out and getting to the clubs and meeting with them.
- 9) **WLF - PDG Lion Fred Gebhart** 275 some people who came to camp that didn't even come to the convention maybe they should do it more often. Was nice seeing all these new Lions coming in.

- 10) **Restoring Hope House- Lion Barb Leichtfuss** She had a nice talk with Cindy they are very busy. Van Dyne sent Aldi gift cards witch they really appreciated.
- 11) **LCIF Lion Mary Jo Abler** We are at the top in the State we are doing really well. Encourage the clubs to donate and for individuals to do personal donations. We are rated number 1.
- 12) **Zone Chair Lion Sue Lee** had two meetings coming into the year.
- 13) **Childhood Cancer PDG Lion Dave Lee**, was recently in touch with them and they are going through a leadership change. The Lee family will be going there for a tour in the near future. They are in need of more equipment for their two new places in Milwaukee & Madison. They have been using the flow cytometers before and after blood transfusion.
- 14) **Lion Laurie Sasada – Peace Poster/ Pin Chair** Will be ordering the new pin real soon. Take a look at the beautiful display of peace posters out in the hallway. B-1 again won first place. We would really like to get more schools involved this next year.
- 15) **PDG Lion Fred Gebhart** Eyeglass recycling trailer update; this idea was to purchase one of these and keep it at the foundation will not work. But a problem with liability and scheduling we will not purchase one for the state. Each district will supply their own trailer. PDG Fred Gebhart requested the district to purchase a diabetes tri-fold for Appleton Noon Lions for \$233.00 he will give to PDG Dave & Lion Sue Lee. Motion was made to purchase this.

Motion Made by PDG Lion Jerry Post 2nd made by PDG Lion Gary Silah Motion Carried

16) Honors & Recognition by DG Lion Dave Brinkman to

IPDG BJ Blahnik, he received the Ray Hempel Fellowship Award. He thanked everyone and DG Dave and the cabinet on a wonderful year.

**Hope to see everyone at the cabinet appreciation gifts & award party
June 4th, 2023**

Motion to adjourn meeting @ 9:54 am by IPDG Lion BJ BLahnik, 2nd by PDG Lion Fred Gebhart.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted Cabinet Secretary 2nd VDGE Lion Roxanne Wendt



Appleton Noon Lions Club One Hundred Days of Service Centennial Project

BY LION SUE LEE

The Appleton Noon Lions club received its charter in 1922 as one of the first Lions clubs in Wisconsin. Besides planning a fun banquet to mark the centennial, club president **Sue Lee** introduced the 100 Days of Service project to honor the Lions of the past and the service that they had provided over the last century. Members were challenged to identify needs in the community and come up with creative service activities to add to their existing service. The 100 Days of Service launched on the charter centennial date of March 1, 2022.

By May 22nd, the day of the centennial banquet, the club had reached 78 Days of Service. Not surprisingly, many of these service days were vision-related. 28 of the days consisted of spot vision screening at various area schools and 17 service days from April's eye tissue transports. For the 78th service day which occurred on the centennial banquet day, attendees were asked to bring children's books for donating to area non-profits. More than 80 books were collected. Days in between included Easter plastic packaging and delivery, flower planting at Dunlap School, plastic collecting and Trex bench donation, eyeglass collecting, pillowcase sewing and donation to COTS homeless shelter, Easter candy collection for Freedom From Hunger, Bingo at the Appleton Retirement Community and many others.

The 100 Days of Service project has helped to remind the Appleton Noon members that the most fulfilling and appreciated service projects are hands-on and from the heart. As the club's 100 Days of Service project approaches its goal, it has been a significant journey benefiting the community but also benefiting the club members with self-discovery and pride.



BERLIN LIONS CLUB – On May 3, the Berlin Lions had a very ambitious monthly meeting agenda. They were proud to share that 26,505 students have been vision screened since January, with 3,207 referred for further evaluation.



PDG **Marv Henke** inducts new member, **Cloe Zindars**, into the Berlin Lions Club, flanked by her grandparents and sponsors Lions **Rose and Gene Fink**.



Library Director, **Chris Kalupa**, demonstrates the DaVinci Pro to members **Lion Sandy**, Lions new President **Sue**, and Lions **Bill, Gene, Dick, and Chuck**.



Lions **Rose, Gene, Jerry, Sue, Chuck, Dick, and Sandy** present a check to Berlin Library Director, **Chris Kalupa**, to purchase a DaVinci Pro high-performance desktop video magnifier featuring a full page text to speech (OCR) 3 in 1 camera used for visually impaired patrons.



PDG **Marv Henke** swore in New Lion Officers (back row): **Jerry, Victor, Bill, Lisa, Chuck, Gene and Dick** (front row): **Gene, Sandy, Paul and Sue**.



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RANDOM LAKE LIONS CLUB – Congratulations to **Wayne Stroessner**, finalist for Lions spirit award from Zone 34. Also pictured are Zone Chair Lion **Dick Karl** (right) and Zone Chair Elect Lion **Mike Roberts** (center).



NEW HOLSTEIN LIONS CLUB – *The Husky Hands & Heart Leo Club collected their first 28 lbs. of plastic from a local business in 2018. On May 4, with the collection from the True Value Store, the Club reached the 10 ton mark! The plastic is reused by Trex Inc. to produce plastic benches and patio decking. After the local club transports the plastic to Fond du Lac's Festival Food Store, it's collected into 1,000 lb. bails and Trex picks it up. Because of the amount of plastic collected, the local Leos and Lions have received 14 free park benches from Trex. The benches are located in the New Holstein area plus one in Green Bay's Heritage Hill State Park. Thanks to the local store, local citizens, Salvatorian Center Warehouse, and other local industries for keeping that much plastic out of the landfills. Pictured are the proprietors of True Value, **Mellisa Reese** and **Jeff Dietz** and two of the Leo members that have done the collection this school year, **Anna Jacobs** and **Quintin Pierquet**. The Lions members that handle collection are **Charles Jeanty** and **Al Depies**. For more of the story, read "Young People Making the World a Better Place!" on page 9.*



WAYMORR LIONS CLUB – *Lion **Gary Leick** along with his brother, **Tom**, built a 28-foot wood ramp for a community member of Hollandtown at the beginning of April.*



CASCADE LIONS CLUB – *On Memorial Day, the Club hosted their annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Brat Fry at the Cascade Lions Hall. The ceremony, held in conjunction with the Cascade Legion, included a choir, the local Boy Scout troop, and a local minister as the guest speaker. During the ceremony, Lion **August Grahl** reported that the Veterans Memorial dedication will occur later this summer. The Brat Fry served a few hundred people and included raffle baskets and the raffling of a 55" TV. Pictured are Lion **Rick Raab** and Lion **Jesse Bliesner** manning the grills. Thanks to all the Lions members that help put on this event every year and the Cascade community that continually shows their support.*

FROM THE 27-B1 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

DAVE BRINKMAN

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Hello to all 1,800+ Lions in 63 clubs that make up District 27-B1 and our two LEO Clubs. I want to start by saying that what an honor it is for me to serve as your District Governor for the next Lions' year. My pledge, as your District Governor, is to do all I can to make our clubs better. Talking with numerous clubs and Lions across the state, being a Lion may be our communities' best-kept secret. The District's theme for this year is "Tell Your Story." We need to ensure that our communities are aware of all the great things our clubs do. The list is extensive... from newspaper articles, flyers, roadside banners, Facebook pages, and more "Tell Your Story" stories for your communities. Prepare your "elevator" speeches when you get the chance to discuss your club activities with others. You may find there is a new member waiting. Inviting non-Lions members to your events will surely generate some interest. Reporting your club activities on MyLion potentially allows the entire 1.4 million Lions worldwide to see what your clubs have been doing. Anyone needing help on MyLion, please let me know. This is the first year we are using the Global Membership Approach (GMA). Our first focus area is "member retention" by re-motivating existing members with fellowship and exciting service. The second focus area is "getting new members" to join our clubs. Both focus areas should be discussed at the club level with the development of some membership goals for your club. I will leave it here for now and I and the Vice District Governors look forward to club visits and attending your club activities. Please get them on the district calendar by sending an email to lionsof27b1@gmail.com. Your District Cabinet is waiting to assist you in any way also. Let's have a great year!



SHERWOOD LIONS CLUB – *Two new members were inducted bringing their membership to 41 Lions. New Lion **Sarah Vande Hey** was sponsored by her dad, Lion **Tom Vande Hey**. New Lion **Heather Hocks** was sponsored by Lion **Henry Renn**. They were formally inducted by WLF Director Lion **Fred Gebhart**. Welcome to Lions!*

WALDO LIONS CLUB – *The 32nd annual Waldo Lions pork chop dinner fundraiser was held on April 30th. An evening of food, music and fun was enjoyed by all. Pictured are **Alex Lohman**, **Natalie Loudon**, **Vanessa Arbuckle**, **Andy Chuvan**, **Jen Schneider**, **Jacob Faust**, **Matt Schultz**, **Mike Jones**, **Dorris Jones**, some of our youthful helpers, and a whole lot of satisfied customers!*



District 27-B1 Convention

BY 2ND VDG DAVE HOLSCHBACH

The District 27 B1 convention planning team has an AWESOME convention planned for November 11th and 12th at the Radisson Hotel in Fond du lac. District Governor Dave Brinkman's Friday night hospitality has a military theme in honor of Veteran's Day, "**WE SERVED OUR COUNTRY, NOW WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY**". Our special guest will be International Director Dianne Pitts and her husband, Dr. Joe Pitts from Chappells, South Carolina.

For those coming on Friday, the hotel has their special Friday Fish Fry available in the dining room. The hotel is also offering a 10% discount on all meals for registered hotel guests. After that great meal, come to the Friday night hospitality, which will include music and games. Costume theme is military; come dressed in your favorite military branch of the service.

District Governor Dave will officially open the convention with a presentation of the flag. Local veterans will carry the various flags. There will also be a salute to all branches of the service to thank them for their service. The Service of Remembrance will take place to honor all those Lions who have passed since our last convention. If your club has lost a member, please send a picture to PDG Tom Clausen at lionsof27b1@gmail.com so these Lions can be respectfully remembered. This will be followed by district business reports and nominations. A POWER HOUR will present various Lions project updates.

Lunch will follow with ID Dianne Pitts giving her Keynote Address. Awards presentations along with the annual District Bank Auction and something new this year; PDG Len Quinn's special cowboy hat will be auctioned off with all proceeds going to Leader Dog. A special thank you to Lion Kay Quinn for this donation.

Three seminars will be provided after lunch. The first will be a speaker on the "Old Glory" Honor Flight. Second seminar will be on Scams and Fraud. And the third seminar will be LCIF Grants presented by ID Pitts.

Voting will take place 15 minutes after the last seminar.

The Saturday night banquet will include guest speaker Dr. Joe Pitts. Voting and raffle results will also be announced. Governor Dave will officially close the convention.

Registration form tentative agenda and display table registrations can be found on the district website; lionsof27b1@gmail.com.

So, mark your calendars because you don't want to miss out on a fun weekend of Lions Spirit!

Any new Lions who are "1st Timers" to a convention, make sure to pick up a contest sheet to fill out. Prizes will be awarded.

DIANNE J. PITTS INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR – Dr.

Dianne J. Pitts, from Chappells, South Carolina, was elected to serve a two-year term as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 103rd International Convention, June 25-29, 2021. Director Pitts was an educator for 28 years and has twice received recognition as District Teacher of the Year. She is a contributing author to two textbooks and the published author of a three-volume Bible study for middle schoolers. She now uses her knowledge and experience to help Lions as well as other non-profit and charitable organizations with grant writing and presentations. She first joined as a member of the Gaffney Lions Club in 1994. And since 2010, she has served with the Greenwood Lions Club. She has held a number of offices with the association, including district governor, district Lions Quest chairperson, multiple district council chairperson and multiple district LCIF Campaign 100 chairperson. She has also served as faculty for multiple Lions Leadership Institutes and learning programs as well as webinars. In recognition of her service, she has received numerous awards, including several International President's Awards and International President's Certificates of Appreciation. Director Pitts is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. She has also been recognized as a Progressive Dr. Franklin G. Mason Fellow. In addition to her Lions activities, Director Pitts is active in numerous civic and professional organizations including the South Carolina Education Association and the Nation Educational Association. She is also co-director of her local soup kitchen. Director Pitts is married to Dr. Joe Pitts, a 50-year Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.



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47TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
NOVEMBER 11TH & 12TH, 2022
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center
625 W Rolling Meadows Dr.
Fond du Lac, WI 54937
1-920-923-1440
Group Name: Lions Club
Ask for Lions Rate \$109.00
Cut Off Date: October 21, 2022**

CLUB NAME: _____

Contact Person: _____

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*** Please Type or Print Clearly. Circle Title Above Name
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NEVER BEEN TO A LION'S CONVENTION?? Be sure to mark the "NEWCOMER" choice above and participate in a newcomer contest. It's great fun and will help you get the most out of your convention experience!

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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LIONS STATE BOWLING

DISTRICT B1 - INTERESTED IN HOSTING THE 2025 LIONS STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT?

Now is your chance to host the Lions State Bowling Tournament. If your club or group of clubs would like to host the 2025 tournament, please submit your application before December 15, 2022. Applications and more information are available on the Wisconsin Lions website wisconsinlions.org/bowling or contact, Lion Bruce Voight, WLSBC Secretary at bvoight@charter.net / 608-572-9173.



STOCKBRIDGE LIONS CLUB – Local fishermen donated their time and fishing boats to treat area veterans to a day of fishing on Lake Winnebago June 12th. **Tom Welch** and **Gary Zahringer** set up the 18 boats and assigned veterans to each boat. Fish were cleaned and bagged for each veteran. The Club donated \$500 towards the food and prizes and also took part in the event. Pictured are fisherman Lion **Dick Schumacher**, veterans Lion **Fred Gebhart** and Lion **Ron Mullenbach**.



PICKETT LIONS CLUB – Members built a ramp for a rural resident of Pickett. She had been unable to leave her house for several months since she started using a walker and reached out to a neighbor who is a member of the Pickett Lions. Pictured are Lions **Todd Messerschmidt**, **Eric Schultz**, and **Steve Pfaffenroth**.



OAKFIELD LIONS CLUB – Seven Oakfield High School Seniors were presented with scholarships. The club sponsors 4 Blood Drives during the year and because of the great turn out, the Red Cross was able to provide \$2,500 for scholarships and the club provided the balance. There were three \$750 and four \$600 scholarships. Most students helped with blood drives or donated blood. Pictured are Lion **Ed Smith**, **Mallory Schaefer**, **Jack Fox**, **Isabella Backhaus**, **Emily Patterson**, **Ethan Batchelder**, **Nora Waltz**, **Courtney Kaufman**, Lion **Al Messner**.



VAN DYNE LIONS CLUB – The Walleye Tournament, one of their biggest fundraisers of the year, was held June 4th with up to 150 teams participating. After the tournament, everyone was invited to the Van Dyne Lions Park to enjoy food, beverages and music. Cash prizes were presented to the top 30 teams and for the first and second largest fish. Pictured are Lions **Tom Briski**, **Tom Wendt**, and **Roxanne Wendt** with first place winners **Scott Skupas** and **Joshua Roloff** who had a total weight of 12.4 lbs and received a check for \$1,000.



WAYMORR LIONS CLUB – The first Music in the Park Night was held June 14th with the ACME Picker band performing for 200 people. Guests enjoyed free ice cream sundaes and food to purchase on behalf of the WayMorr Youth Sports organization.

FROM THE 27-B1 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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We are into our third month of the Lions year and I would like to share a few things with you. The first thing is regarding member retention. At the Zone meetings last year, I discussed setting club membership goals. Setting goals for member retention and for attaining new members gives your clubs a focus and something to strive for. We must look at ways of improving member retention. The number one cause of why Lions leave a club is because of some form of conflict.

Next, look for an email coming out soon about the Club Challenge Awards in Membership and Service. The good news is that we have all eleven Zone Chairperson positions filled without any zones being combined, so kudos to those who stepped up to fill those very important positions. Zone Chairpersons are the link between clubs and the district.

Please continue to report your club activities in My Lion! If you need help with this, please feel free to ask. My contact information is above.

Lastly, the District Convention is November 11-12, 2022, at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Fond du Lac. Friday night's theme is "We served our Country, now we serve our communities" a tribute to veterans since November 11 is Veterans Day.

Thank you to all 1800+ Lions for all you do to make our communities better. If you need any help, please call. The District Cabinet is here to support you in any way we can.



WAYMOR LIONS CLUB – New officers were inducted in June with Vice District Governor **Greg Kabichka** from the Chilton Lions Club assisting. Congratulations to all members. Pictured are club Directors Lion **Bill Kempen**, Lion **Dan Vercauteren** (President), Lion **Bob Fritsch**, Lion **Pat McGuire** (Past President), and Lion **John Wagner**.



PICKETT LIONS CLUB – Two scholarships were presented at the Ripon High School award night. Pictured are **Amanda Beck**, Lion **Chad Lisowe**, and **Jade Moreno-Valdez**.



HILBERT LIONS CLUB – The Club received a huge thank you for their continued support and donation to the Calumet County Sheriff's Office K-9 unit. The K-9s wouldn't exist without the support of groups like yours!



COLOMA LIONS CLUB – The Club celebrated their 50th anniversary at their annual Community Appreciation Picnic held at the Coloma Community Park on August 15th. There were over 100 fellow Lions and members of the community that joined in the celebration, including District Governor **Dave Brinkman**, Zone Chairperson **David Przekurat** from the Wild Rose Lions Club, **Max Harrington** from the Plainfield Lions and other Lion members from Plainfield and Hancock. The celebration couldn't have happened without the help of members and their families. Community businesses made donations to make the anniversary a success.



The Coloma Lions Club was chartered May 30, 1972 and the rest is history. Charter member Arden Bandt spoke about the history of the club. District Governor Dave Brinkman congratulated the Club on their success and recognized the history of the Club. Max Harrington of the Plainfield Lions Club talked about his role in sponsoring the Coloma Lions Club fifty years ago. He and Jim Wenzel met with community members of Coloma to talk about the benefits of having a Lions Club. When there is a need by a group or someone in the community, the Coloma Lions Club is ready to step up.



MARKESAN LIONS CLUB – On Labor Day, the Club held their annual chicken BBQ. They served 400 meals and sold out in about an hour and a half. It was a great day for a barbecue.



HEART OF THE VALLEY LIONS CLUB – On July 30, the Club held a Stuff the Bus event at Walmart on Calumet St. in Appleton. It was made possible by a number of generous supporters, including Kobussen Bus Inc. in Kaukauna and Dixon Ticonderoga in Appleton. The club worked with the schools to identify a list of the most needed supplies. They received an overwhelming response from the community. In addition to supply donations, they received over \$2,000 in monetary donations; these monies were used to purchase gift cards for gym shoes.

DISTRICT 27-B1 VISION-SCREENING PROGRAM – The school vision-screening program was started in 2014 by the Appleton Noon Lions after purchasing their first screening device in the fall of 2013. It was made by PediaVision and called the SPOT vision-screening camera.



Lions clubs throughout the United States have acquired the SPOT screener for use in vision-screenings. In 2015, the Wisconsin Lions Foundation received a \$100,000 LCIF Grant where each district could acquire three screening devices of their choice. B1 District chose the SPOT screener and currently has 134 trained screeners with six certified trainers. At present, B1 District has eleven SPOT vision-screening devices of which seven are district owned and four are club owned.

The screenings not only include schools but also community functions, daycares, and county fairs. In 2019 we eclipsed the 100,000 mark at 106,521 students screened with 11,584 referrals. PID Doctor **Ed Cordes** challenged the nations Lions to screen one million students between August 15, 2021, and December 31, 2021, in response to the Covid-19 school closings. District B1 came in second in the nation with 21,504 screenings and 2,709 referred. The bottom line to all these numbers are the thousands of lives we have impacted by improving the quality of vision.



Winnebago East Shore, St. Peter and Van Dyne Lions Clubs combined efforts and set up a Lions booth in the Expo Center at the Fond du Lac County Fair. They provided vision-screening to any child accompanied by an adult.



St. Peter and Winnebago East Shore Lions Clubs set up a vision-screening training and refresher class for the upcoming school year. The training and certification were conducted by PDG **Fred Gebhart** in which seven Lions were certified and six Lions renewed.



The **Cleveland Lions Club** held a vision training class in which 11 members attended and were certified. The class was conducted by certified instructor PDG Fred Gebhart. They were trained on the WelchAllyn SPOT device under the district vision-screening program.



Since beginning a Spot vision-screening program in 2014, the **Appleton Noon Lions Club** has vision screened more than 73,000 young people. The club has referred more than 7,000 students for professional follow up eye exams as a result of the Spot vision-screening.



Montello Lions Club held a vision-screening at Montello City Park on the first weekend of May. They screened 29 kids.



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WILD ROSE LIONS CLUB – The Club celebrated their 70th Anniversary. Past presidents **Jim Erdman, Dave Przekurat, Patricia Karasek, Joe Turcotte** and **Jack Dickson** spoke of the highlights of their prospective years. The 70th Anniversary logo was used throughout the celebration.



WILD ROSE LIONS CLUB – The theme for this year's parade for Party on the Pond was Hometown Heroes. The Club chose to honor their senior members by having them ride on their float. The combined years of service is 187 years! Pictured is **Jim Morgenroth, Jack Dickson, Dave Przekurat, Jim Erdman**, not pictured is **Sandy Dickson**.



MISHICOT LIONS CLUB – Thanks goes out to **Kambrya** who repainted all of the Mishicot Little Libraries. She did a fantastic job!



WILD ROSE LIONS CLUB – The Club hosted the 27-B1 Zone Meeting on Monday, September 6th. The tri-yearly Zone Meetings are intended to help the various Waushara County clubs connect and share ideas and successes, while enjoying a meal and social hour. The guest speaker was DG **Dave Brinkman**. The focus of the evening was "Being of Service." He challenged the clubs to go into their communities and seek out the needs and then come up with plans to meet those needs to the best of their abilities. Mr. Brinkman also encouraged the clubs to "Tell Their Story," often the community is unaware that they have a local Lions Club but they don't understand the reach and scope of the Lions Club International. There are five types of service excellence events that all clubs host yearly; Hunger, Vision, Diabetes Awareness, Environment, and Childhood Cancer. The clubs 27-B1 clubs excel in this commitment.

FROM THE 27-B1 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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Hello Lions and Leos of 27 B1,

We are in the final days leading up to the District Convention, which is November 11-12. If you haven't registered yet, don't fret, you can register at the convention which is being held at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Fond du Lac. More information can be found on the District 27-B1 website, wilionsb1.org. The schedule is full with 3 seminars; the first on Old Glory Honor Flights, followed by the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department brief on Internet Scams and Fraud and finishing it off is International Director **Dianne Pitts'** discussion on Lions Club International Foundation. Come join us for some good old-fashioned Lions fellowship and a chance to win some raffle prizes to boot.

As the District progresses through the year, we are moving closer to achieving the goals the District has established. The question I would like to ask, has your club established goals? Something that your club would like to accomplish during the year? How about individual goals? Maybe there is something you would like to accomplish as Club President or Club Service Chair? **SMART** is the acronym for characteristics of goals:

- S** – Specific - clear and describes what will be accomplished
- M** – Measurable - so you can measure progress
- A** – Actionable - having control over accomplishing the goal
- R** – Realistic - challenging and not something that is impossible
- T** – Time-bound - have a target end date to keep process focused

Clubs and individuals who set goals that are SMART have a higher chance of achieving greater success. A quick example: I would like to add 38 new members to my club by the end of the year. Not realistic is it? How about, I would like to add three new members to my club by the end of the year. More like it. At your next club meeting take a couple of minutes and think about some SMART goals you think you or your club can establish before years end. If you get stuck, let me know if I can help. My contact information is on the page.



WAYSIDE MORRISON LIONS CLUB – The last Music in the Park was hosted for the season. Bent Grass Band from Green Bay performed for a crowd of over 600 people. Because of the outstanding community support throughout the year, the club was able to give back to five different organizations; WI Lions Camp, Leader Dog, Syboll Hopp School in DePere, ASPIRIO, and the Brown County K9 Unit.



VAN DYNE LIONS CLUB – A \$1000 check was presented to the DAV and a \$1000 check to the Am Vets. The funds were raised at their annual Smalltown Days and car show on August 20th. The theme of this year's event was "Smalltown Salutes Veterans." Members of both the DAV and Am Vets held a flag raising ceremony at the event, marched in the parade and helped with the car show. Pictured are (l to r): Lion **Brian Seffern, Jeff Bedward, Steve Chestna**, Lion President **Scott Scouronski**



District 27-B1 Convention Summary

BY TOM CLAUSSEN

On November 11th and 12th, the Lions and Leos of 27-B1 hosted the 47th Annual Convention of District 27-B1 at the Radisson Convention Center in Fond du Lac. International Director **Dr. Dianne Pitts** from Chappells, South Carolina addressed the audience. 215 attended the convention, which is about average for the past eight years.

Friday night hospitality was a military or red, white and blue theme in honor of Veterans Day celebrations. Music and dancing was provided by **Marc Mega**.

Saturday, opening ceremony began at 8:30am with a flag presentation. A remembrance ceremony and nominations for offices took place before lunch along with a “power hour” of presentations from the Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin, Leader Dog, LCIF and Restoring Hope Transplant House. The day continued with seminars, raffles, lunch and finalized with a banquet with guest speakers and awards.

Presidential Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to **Patricia Karasek** from Wild Rose Lions and **Barbara Leichtfuss** from Van Dyne Lions. Seven Melvin Jones Fellowships were awarded to Fairwater Lions members PDG **Merle Strelow** (posthumously), **Bonnie Strelow**, **Beverly Karst**, **William and Linda Kuehn**, **Kathleen Schuster** and **Dave Tapper**. The awards culminated with a Presidential Award medal presented to Immediate Past District Governor **BJ Blahnik** for his outstanding contributions to Lions over his career as a Lion.

The “Lions Bank” was purchased for the next year by IPDG BJ and **Victoria Blahnik** on behalf of the Town of Sheboygan Lions with donations to Leader Dogs totaling \$5,000. Lion **Kay Quinn** again auctioned off PDG **Len Quinn’s** cowboy hat which was given to him by PDG **Tom King** when he visited Len in Hospice. The hat went for \$2,000 from a high bid by District Governor-Elect **Greg Kabichka**. Proceeds will go to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Every club was asked to bring a gift or two to be included in our successful “Bucket Raffle”.

The District Raffle results are:

- 1st - Campbellsport Lions
- 2nd - Sherwood Lions
- 3rd - Coloma Lions
- 4th - New Holstein Lions
- 5th - **Brian & Barb Rabas**
- 6th - **Joe Deblizen**

Voting results are as follows:

- District Governor, Greg Kubichka, Chilton Lions
- First Vice District Governor, **Dave Holschbach**, Mishicot Lions
- Second Vice District Governor, **Roxanne Wendt**, Van Dyne Lions

WLF Director, **Fred Gebhart**, Stockbridge Lions

The Peace Poster was won by **Maryn Van Zon** from Rosendale Brandon Middle School and pin design four won, “Growing with Lions”, will be the 2023-24 district pin.

The convention site for 2024 will return to the Radisson in Fond du Lac.



Recipients of the International President’s Certificate of Appreciation award presented by PID **Don Noland**. Pictured are (l to r): Appleton Noon Lions; **Sue Lee**, **Louise Ebert**, and **Tom O’Hearn**. Also receiving the award but not pictured is Lion **Karl Blahnik**.



FRANCIS CREEK LIONS CLUB – The club recently celebrated their 60th Anniversary. They were honored to have DG **Dave** attend and were joined by Lions from the Manitowoc, Maribel and Mishicot clubs. Several individuals were recognized but the two highlights of the evening were; Lion **Kenneth Petersen** (top picture) was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship and Lion **Art Ewen** (Bottom picture) was awarded for being the sole remaining Charter Member and 100% attendance for 60 years!





SHEBOYGAN NOON LIONS CLUB – The club teamed up with Festival Foods to promote the White Cane Drive. Each year, the Sheboygan Noon Lions collect money to be used to purchase eyeglasses, hearing aids and magnifiers to help people read. The money is also used to help with the Leader Dog Program, Lions Camp, student scholarships, Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin and Lions Clubs International Foundation. Money collected is dispersed where it is needed. The Lions cover many businesses in a one-day collection. It is a very rewarding experience to hear the stories that people tell about how the Lions Clubs have helped them in the past and now they want to give back. Pictured: Lions **Judy Aldag** and **Pam Oehldrich**.



APPLETON NOON LIONS CLUB – Nine Lions participated in the roadside clean-up on Tuesday, October 11th, cleaning 2 miles of Cty Hwy N which is northeast of Appleton.



WAYSIDE MORRISON LIONS CLUB – On September 1st, the club had the opportunity to building another wooden handicap ramp for a Wayside community member in need. It is so great to serve our amazing community. Pictured are: Lion **Gary Leick** and community member **Dennis**. Thank you very much gentlemen!



SHEBOYGAN NOON LIONS CLUB – The club teamed up with American Legion Post 555 for Trunk-or-Treat. They collected a total of 360 pounds of food for the Sheboygan Salvation Army Food Pantry.



BRILLION LIONS CLUB – On October 13th, the club had **Erick Wagner** as a speaker. Erick is the nephew of Brillion Lions Club member **Ken Wagner**. Erick is blind and in May of 2022 he got a dog named Cosmo from Leader Dog for the Blind. The Brillion Lions Club has sponsored Leader Dog for the Blind for decades. Pictured are (l to r): **Wally Wagner** (Erick's father), Erick Wagner, Ken Wagner, and Club President **Eldore Buboltz** with Cosmo in front.

FROM THE 27-B1 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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Season's Greetings and I hope you've all had a Happy New Year to start off the second half of this Lions' year. I hope everyone has had a safe holiday season. I know there have been a lot of club Christmas parties, so celebrate all the great things you do for your communities.

I would like to thank all those who either attended or helped to put on a great District Convention in November. The evaluations were extraordinary and the convention was well received by all those who attended. From the Old Glory Honor Flight, to the Fond Du Lac County Sheriff's Department, to the Friday night entertainment the one and only Billy Shears Band, everything was nothing but AWESOME. Thank you all and special thanks to our International Director guest **Dianne Pitts** for some inspirational comments. Finally, our District service projects, the Trex Plastic Challenge and Fondy Food Pantry were huge successes also.

We start off the second half of this Lion's year with Zone Meetings that will focus on membership. Our number one goal is member retention. What do we do to keep our members in our clubs? Another focus is new membership. Gaining new members allows our clubs to continue to serve our communities for years to come with new ideas. Let's work to keep our Lions and gain new ones.



VAN DYNE LIONS CLUB – Lions **Bev Gantner**, **Barb Leichtfuss** and **Nancy Schumacher** assisted with the local food pantry, Ruby's Pantry, through St. John's Lutheran Church, Oshkosh.



VAN DYNE LIONS CLUB – On Saturday, October 29th, the club hosted trick-or-treat for the community on the new Veterans Trail that runs through the woods at the Van Dyne Lion's park. It was a beautiful day and hundreds of trick-or-treaters walked through the 1/4 mile trail that was decorated for the occasion.



CHILTON LIONS CLUB – For several years, the Club has matched the funds raised by Chilton Middle School students to purchase Christmas gifts for teenagers in the community. This year, the students broke a record raising \$4,000 that was matched by the Chilton Lions Club. The students also raised money through a Go Fund Me drive to accumulate nearly \$10,000. The students shop for the gifts as well. Shown presenting the \$4,000 matching donation to middle school student council representatives is Chilton Lions President **Rick Jaeckels**.



NEW HOLSTEIN LEOS CLUB – The Husky Hands & Heart Leos Club delivered toys to the Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin-Neenah. The toys were delivered in early December for distribution to pediatric hospital patients at Christmas.



Maryn Van Zon from the Rosendale-Brandon Intermediate School was chosen as the Multiple District Peace Poster winner. Along with a district check, she also received a check from the State Lions for \$100. Her Peace Poster was sent to Oak Brook, IL for the international competition.



CHILTON LIONS CLUB – The Club supported the 39th Thanksgiving Day Express. Members and volunteers from the community gathered at the Chilton Eagles Club to prepare and distribute 437 bountiful meals on Thanksgiving Day morning to individuals and families in Calumet County and surrounding areas. Many members from the community donated pumpkin pies, and the Chilton Lions Club coordinated the hot and cold meal packaging. The area local fire departments did meal deliveries. The group’s motto is “A Warm Meal and a Kind Word.”



Congratulations to the newly elected Lions: PDG **Fred Gebhart**, WLF Director; **Roxanne Wendt**, Second Vice District Governor Elect; **Greg Kubichka**, District Governor Elect; **Dave Brinkman**, District Governor; **Dave Holschbach**, First Vice District Governor Elect; PDG **Jerry Post**, Cabinet Treasurer. Thank you for your service!



KIEL LIONS CLUB – Club members built a handicap ramp for a local resident. They had the help of the Kiel High School shop class to cut the raw lumber to size for fabrication.



ST PETER LIONS CLUB – The Club will be holding a **BRAT FRY** on May 6, 2023 at W3727 Hwy WH, Malone, WI. The picture is from the 2022 Brat Fry.



HOWARDS GROVE LIONS CLUB – In December 2022, members filled sand pails for the residents of Howards Grove. The pails are distributed free of charge at two banks, one credit union and the Piggly Wiggly in Howards Grove. The local Boy Scout troop helped out with this annual project.



MISHICOT LIONS CLUB – **Myrna Kraynik** shared her story about being a Leader Dog trainer with the Club. She is currently training her 12th leader dog **Elsie**. She receives the dogs as puppies and it takes 14 months to properly train a dog. Myrna volunteers her time as a trainer and pays for **Elsie’s** food, vet bills, and additional expenses.



Mishicot Lion Second Vice District Governor Dave Holschbach out serving the community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ATTENTION: From 27B1 District Convention Committee
 November 10 & 11, 2023
 Change in Venue for 27B1 Convention:
 New location -
 Radisson Hotel & Conference Center,
 625 W. Rolling Meadows Dr., Fond du Lac
 • Watch for convention packets and more details coming soon.
 • Early questions, contact Convention Committee or Convention Chair PDG Tom Wendt.

Send your District Calendar additions to lionsof27b1@gmail.com

VAN DYNE LIONS CLUB – The annual Christmas Party was held for club members and spouses. They were entertained by comedian **Lee Lycan** but the highlight of the evening was when the “Van Dyne Sisters” came out and sang a couple of songs from the movie Sister Act. Pictured are the “Van Dyne Sisters” with PDG **Gary Silah**, PDG **Fred Gebhart**, 1st vice DG **Dave Holschbach**, PDG **Thomas Wendt**.



WINNEBAGO EAST SHORE LIONS CLUB – On January 20th, members helped out community member **Dwight Sattler** of Pipe by building and installing a ramp in his garage. Pictured (l to r): Dwight, and WESL members **Val Thome**, **Dick Schroeder**, **Dick Fuhrmann**, **Gary Roehrig**, **Paul Merten**, **Joe Bord**, and **Tony Pauly**.



SHERWOOD LIONS CLUB – District Governor **Dave Brinkman** had the honor of inducting five new members into the Club. They are from left to right Lions **Ted Stumpf**, **Rodger Kaser**, **Cheryl Rietveld**, **Dan Meyerhofer**, and **Nick Schmieder**.



MARIBEL LIONS CLUB – A successful 2022 was completed with their annual Christmas Party December 20th. Pictured: President **Kevin Habeck** and wife **Mistine**, along with VDG **Dave Holsbach**.



SHEBOYGAN NOON LIONS CLUB – The Club participated in the Salvation Army's Adopt a Family Christmas project. On the right is **Jane Marotz** from the Salvation Army and on the left is **Pam Oehldrich** of the Sheboygan Noon Lions Club.

FROM THE 27-B1 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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Hello, Lions of District 27 B1! I hope you had a chance to attend your zone meetings to listen to some ideas about member retention and how to recruit new members. Watch for the results of the District Membership Challenge Award at the end of March. At the District Cabinet meeting at the end of January, I put out that I would come to your club and induct any new members you bring into your club, so give me a call or email me at the above contact information if you would like me to do it.

The next couple of months you should be working on the nominations and elections for your club officers for the 2023-2024 year. Lions International is going to put in place a new MyLCI/My Lion so it is extremely important to get your new club officers into MyLCI as soon as possible. The new system is supposed to be active sometime in July 2023. As of this printing, we don't have a schedule yet for training on the new system. Please be sure to update your club member's email addresses and phone numbers because it will be your email address that's the key to getting into the new system.

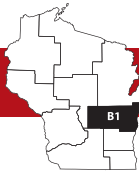
We have started the process of preparing to conduct club officer workshops sometime starting in May. I have heard some club officers say that they don't need the training, but I can assure you that even if you have been a club secretary for 30 years, you will learn something new. You do not need to be a club officer to attend. Any Lion showing a desire to learn something new should sign up. We will provide lunch, and you can get some mileage reimbursement.

Finally, there are still several months to go to qualify for a Club Excellence Award. Meeting the criteria allows the club to get a distinctive patch for your club banner and the club president gets a pin. Nice to put that feather in your cap. Look for more information from the District. If you would like me to install your 2023-2024 club officers, please let me know so I can get your club scheduled. Thanks for all you do!

WAYMORR LIONS CLUB

On Saturday, April 8th, the Club will hold their annual free **CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT** at Brown County WayMorr Park. Registration starts at 9AM. It is free to children 10 years old and younger. Children are asked to bring their own baskets/pails/bags to collect plastic eggs. They will also receive a treat bag. Pictured from last year's event: Lion **Marjorie Fritsch** and Lion **Lori McGuire**.





PLYMOUTH LIONS CLUB & OTHER CLUBS IN ZONE 3 – On January 9th, the Plymouth Lions Club was able to successfully deliver over 400 deer hides to the Lions Camp in Rosholt. The partnerships established with other Lions clubs in Zone 3 have been key to this contribution to WLF and Lions Camp. Zone 3 works together to collect donations, preserve the hides and store many pallets during the deer hunting season. Other substantial contributors included local businesses that advertised and collected hides for the Plymouth Lions. In addition, local butchers and farmers as well as the Wisconsin DNR and other sportsmen that helped establish donation sites with carcass disposal dumpsters. This is truly an example of the community coming together to help those around us. The Plymouth Lions and the Clubs in Zone 3 are already looking forward to next season! Wisconsin DNR and other sportsmen that helped establish donation sites with carcass disposal dumpsters.



WILD ROSE LIONS CLUB – At the February meeting, the Club acknowledged and honored members with a Vision Award Pin as part of the Global Cause initiative. Members volunteered their time to become certified in the usage of the Spot Vision Camera and then volunteered at various schools and community functions to offer free testing. Last year 25,821 children were tested in the 27 B1 District, of those 3,142 were referred for further testing by an optometrist. Pictured are (l to r): **Jim Morgenroth, Dave Przekurat, Betty Reimer, Diane Pinter, Sandy Batton, Laura Scheifelbein.**



OAKFIELD LIONS CLUB – Recently, the Lions served the food for “Get Hooked on Fishing, Not Drugs,” a program sponsored by the Lighthouse Anglers of Fond du Lac. The program was held at the Fond du Lac Aquatic Center. There was a casting contest in the pool for school aged children with many rods and reels given out for prizes. The children were entertained by the Oakfield Lion mascot. Pictured are (l to r): **Back row - Ed and Linda Smith, Vic Jewson, Diane Kuslits, Judi and Al Messner. Front row - Oakfield Lion mascot Clayton Reed and Karen Bovee-Kern.**

VALDERS LIONS CLUB – Members installed their first wheelchair ramp in Valders with the assistance of the Sherwood Lions Club. Pictured are: Valders Lions **Bob Wigen, Dan Sabel and Roger Hallberg** along with several Sherwood Lions members.



OXFORD LIONS CLUB – The annual Fisherie was held February 18th. Cash prizes were awarded for the largest fish caught in five species. There was also a cash raffle, 50/50 raffles and lots of door prizes. The Fisherie is a big fundraiser for the Club and has been held for the past 68 years.



STOCKBRIDGE AND CHILTON LIONS CLUB – The Clubs presented checks to the Kolbe Family Memorial Foundation for use in their effort to build an “all inclusive” area to Chilton’s Nenning Park. Pictured are (l to r): Stockbridge Lion **Marvin Thiel, The Kolbe Family members; Ron, Sandy, Emily, and Luke Kolbe, Chilton Lion Rick Jaeckels.**



VAN DYNE LIONS CLUB – On February 25th, the Lions made over 2700 pizzas for their annual pizza sale. It was a long day but it included fun and laughs.



Sheboygan Lions 20th Anniversary Celebration

Lions Fest on Friday, June 23, 12-10:30pm at Firehouse Park
 • Bands start at 2pm with the North Drumline performing during the break.
 Banquet on July 30 at Town & Country Restaurant

Wayside Morrison Lions Club Music in the Park 2023

6-8pm, Shelter building located at Brown County WayMor Park at 3832 Park Road, Greenleaf
June 7 – Homemade Brew
June 21 – Eddie Larson & Classic Memories
July 5 – ACME Pickers
July 19 – North 40
August 9 – Biscuit Creek Band
August 23 – Bent Grass
 • Free music & vanilla ice cream & toppings
 • Burgers & drinks available for purchase
 • Bring us your used eyeglasses, used hearing aids, new/unused hearing aid batteries, old cell phones, and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.
 • The Brown County Bookmobile will also be on site for all to enjoy.

SAVE THE DATE!

District 27-B1 Lions Workshop
July 15 – 212 Church St., St. Nazianz
July 29 – 401 W. Fond du Lac St., Ripon
 • 2 Sessions: 10am-12:00pm
 Lunch 2 Sessions: 1-3pm
 • Zone Chairs Current & Future – 3-4:30pm
 • Watch for more details Questions contact GLT/PDG Tom Wendt, trwendt@hotmail.com, 920-517-2724

Send your District Calendar additions to lionsof27b1@gmail.com



CHILTON LIONS CLUB – Chilton Mayor **Tom Reinl** honored the Chilton Lions Club for 50 years of service to the community. Pictured are (l to r): Lion **Derek McDermott, Mayor Reinl, Lions Rick Jaeckels, Greg Garton Sr., Terry Friederiches.**

SHEBOYGAN NOON LIONS CLUB – Lt. **Heather** and Lt. **Wiley Gladney** from the Sheboygan Salvation Army spoke about the many wonderful things they do for people in the community. After the presentation, Club President **Lion Lea Thibodeau** presented them with a check to help them reach some of their goals.



ST. PETER AND WINNEBAGO EAST SHORE LIONS CLUB – Recently, the two Clubs teamed up to write a matching grant through LCIF for a walk-in cooler and freezer at the Holyland Food Pantry. Both Clubs have been big supporters of the food pantry since its start in 2014. Because of both Club's donations they were able to secure a \$3,000 grant through LCIF. Both Clubs also donate meats to the pantry for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Pictured: St. Peter Lions- **Joe Buechel, Doug Simon, and Larry Dikeman** and Winnebago East Shore Lions- **Mark Fritz, Gary Roehrig, and Joe Bord.**



RANDOM LAKE LIONS CLUB – The Club, together with Gabe from ADAPTIVE Technology Resources, are surging ahead with a new glasses mounted reader. It is in testing with Random Lake Lion **Ken Borchart**. The glasses mounted reader can be programed to recognize faces and can read newspapers, menus, etc. It can also be programed to tell time. With almost 400 programmable functions they are just getting to learn what this can do and how it can help those with vision challenges in the community. Pictured are: Lions President **Bill Singer, Ken Borchart** and **Gabe** from Adaptive Technology Recourses.

MISHICOT LIONS CLUB – The Club has been busy! They had their Chili Dinner on January 26th at the Mishicot High School in partnership with Mishicot FFA; a rose sale/delivery April 20th; and Fryout on May 13th at the Mishicot Cenex. \$500 scholarships were awarded to two Mishicot High School graduates. One Badger Girl and one Badger Boy are being sponsored this year.

FROM THE 27-B1 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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Hello to all the great Lions of District 27 B1,

It has been my greatest honor and pleasure to serve as your District Governor for the Lions 2022-2023 year. It has been an "Awesome" experience getting out to know the Lions of our District through club and zone meetings, and Lions events. Before I get into the thank you's, let's dive into what is left for this year.

Club Excellence Awards, we will have a lot of clubs eligible for this award but many clubs don't know what it is or how to qualify. Go to lionsclubs.org and do a search for club excellence awards and it will pop up. The District will send out a copy for your club to go over.

For those that use My Lion or My LCI, that system is being replaced. It would appear that International will shut down the current system on June 15th and turn on the new system July 15th. What does that mean to you? You have to get your 2023-24 club officers (including their email addresses) and service activities reported before June 15th. Annual donations to LCIF, Leader Dog, Wisconsin Lions Camp, Lions Eyebank of Wisconsin, and so many more will not be affected but in order to report them in My Lion, you will have to report them before June 15th.

If you have new members, get them reported before June 15th as well. District Awards for Service and Membership will be tallied no later than June 1. The last three months of the Lions year typically have the most drops in membership. Let's correct that trend and keep our Lions members engaged and informed of all your club activities.

June 4th we will have a District Appreciation Day at the Van Dyne Lions Park from 1-4 PM. Watch for an email from the District.

We've had many accomplishments to date. We had an exceptional District Convention. The evaluations sheets that were turned in and the personal feedback received from those in attendance from our District and across the state was exceptional. Many thanks to **Jerry** and **Meg Post, Tom** and **Roxanne Wendt, Mike DeBaere**, all the raffle folks, including the Hustlin' Bushwackers, who sold a record number of 50-50 raffle tickets. Everyone on the committee did an excellent job. Another big accomplishment has been our service reporting on My Lion. Our District led the way across the ten Districts in the state.

A big thanks to all those who served on the District Cabinet. It's been a great year across the District. You should all be proud of what you do for your communities. Let us finish up strong in membership and show the state who we are. July you will have a new District Governor, **Greg Kubichka**. Show him the same support you showed the current District leaders.

Thank you for your support,
DG Dave Brinkman

CHILTON LIONS CLUB

– A "Big Bucks Raffle" was held, which turned out to be their biggest fundraiser to date. Pictured: The 50th Anniversary Chilton Lions members present at the raffle.

