



## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

### District 27 B-1 ANNUAL CONVENTION Saturday November 8, 2008 Fox Hills Resort - Mishicot, WI 54228

1. **Call to Order** @ 8:30 a.m. by Convention Chair PDG Steve Pautz
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Vern Pautz
3. **Introduction of International Director** Neil Spencer from Cocoa Beach, Florida, by PID Harry Merriman. ID Spencer will be the keynote speaker at the luncheon. ID Spencer thanked everyone for the invitation.
4. **Prayer** by PDG Tom Clausen
5. **Welcome back to Mishicot** by Village Trustee Lion Mark Rabas. Mishicot has a lot to offer and please feel free to take advantage of it while here.
  
6. **Introduction of District Governor Gary Bilke.** Thank you for coming, have a good time and remember to book your club visits. PDG Ken Wallander has the new Leo calendar for 2009 for those who ordered them. He has sold 800 this year. There still are some available for purchase.
7. **Lioness Affiliate President** Kay Zornow welcomed everyone to this year's convention. Be proud of what you have done from top to bottom. Keep up the good work.
8. **State Council Chairman** DG Wally Natynski spoke on behalf of WI Lions Association. They will be adhering to the budget for the year. The state convention for Lions of Wisconsin will be May 14-16 at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells. This will be the first year that the state is running the convention. Convention guest will be PID Jimmy Ross. DG Wally talked about the "Emerging Lion" program. Promote membership via the MERLO team. "**ASK**" There is power in numbers.
8. **Lions Eye Bank** of Wisconsin PDG Stan Carlson thanked all those who transport eyes and corneas. The Eye Bank is now in the new building. Eye Bank representative PDG Tom King talked about the 5 year Capital Expansion Program to pay for the new building. There will be an afternoon session dealing with the Eye Bank.
9. **Mission to Mexico** report by PDG Bob Showers. A mission had just returned from Mexico on November 1<sup>st</sup>. They served over 3000 people. February 19<sup>th</sup> there will be another Mission to Mexico. Thank you for your continued support.
10. **Peace Poster** entries report by Lion Dawn Christensen. There are 9 posters to be judged on this year's theme. "**Peace Begins with ME**" Instructions are posted for the judging criteria. The Peace Poster is an easy program to run and does not have to be done in fall. Plan again for next year.
11. **District Pin** for 2008-2009 is now available, see Lion Harvey Hansen. The district pin commemorates the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Louis Braille. The government will also be issuing a coin. Any club can submit a design, get your ideas to Lion Harvey. There will be 2 designs to vote on. Past convention pins are also available.

12. **MERLO REPORT** by PDG John Schwab. District 27 B1 is + 8 for the end of October. The retention rate is 90 +. Our district is doing a superb job. PDG Dean Haas spoke about the Mid Winter Conference to be held January 24<sup>th</sup> in Stevens Point. Also the Leadership training will be in February.
13. **Nominations** conducted by Lion Ralph Schneider.

**District Governor nomination** for VDG Leonard Quinn of Ripon Lions was heard from PDG Ken Wallander of Collins. VDG Leonard is a true LION. A genuine motivational speaker. He will promote Lions and their programs. The 2<sup>nd</sup> was heard from Lion Brian Calhoun, President of the Ripon Lions. Their club is proud to be sponsor of VDG Leonard. VDG Leonard never says "NO" He exemplifies what Lionism is. A Positive Person ! VDG Leonard Quinn accepted the nomination. "**WE**" will make it. If "**WE**" work together. VDG Leonard will be the "cheerleader". THANK YOU

No other nominations were heard. Motion by PDG Fred Holtz , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Sandi King to close nominations for District Governor. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Nominations for Vice District Governor** were two – Lion Jerry Post of St. Nazianz Lions and Lion Warren Nelson of Larsen Winchester Lions. The first to be nominated was Lion Jerry Post. The first nomination for Lion Jerry Post was given by Lion Wendy Hartman of St. Nazianz Lions. Lion Jerry "The Postman" always delivers. He has 25 years of experience as a Lion, been President, Secretary and presently Zone Chairman. Lion Jerry has a big Heart which is his best quality. He is always there and sees the Whole Picture. The 2<sup>nd</sup> was given by PDG Gary Colton of the Fond du lac Evening Lions. Lion Jerry is the "Go to Guy" He always has a smile. Lion Jerry accepted the nomination. "Think back about when you joined...STOP Thinking and JUST DO IT "You will not regret it, you never stop serving. Thank You.

The second nomination was for Lion Warren Nelson. The first nomination was heard from PDG Paul Tadych of Amsterdam Lions. The Lions group is like a recipe, 1<sup>st</sup> you MIX the ingredients (**become a LION**), then you add yeast and rise (**move up in leadership**), knead and rise again (**become a better LION**), and bake (**need to age and learn everything**) Do not speed up the process or it will fail. Lion Warren has followed the recipe, he has answered the call when asked, and bent over backwards to help. The 2<sup>nd</sup> was given by Lion Irv Korth of the Butte des Mort Lions. Lion Warren has been a Lion for 30+ years. He has held various Lions positions and chair positions. Lion Warren accepted the nomination. Lion Warren has been a Lion for 30 years and enjoyed all his years. He is not afraid to speak up and is a fulltime Christian. He will help anyone that needs help. Lion Warren has learned to work hard from early on. He will strive to do better and promote diabetes awareness.

No other nominations were heard. Motion by PDG Bob Showers , 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Clayton Sengbush to close nominations for Vice District Governor. **MOTION CARRIED**

**District Bowling nomination** for Collins was made by PDG Ken Wallander of Collins Lions. Collins offers 4 bowling lanes. They have hosted the bowling before, this time will be better than the last time. The 2<sup>nd</sup> was by PDG Vic Voigt also of the Collins Lions. PDG Vic " I promise that everyone **WILL** have a good time."

No other nominations were heard. Motion by Lion Bill Wessig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Jerry Post to close nominations for Bowling site for 2009-2010. **MOTION CARRIED**

There will also be an advisory vote for the site for next years district convention. There will be 4 to choose from: (alphabetical) 1) Fox Hills Resort \$ 65 2) Holiday Inn-Fond du lac \$ 79

3) Holiday Inn - Manitowoc \$ 72 4) Oshkosh Park Plaza \$ 75

12. **Motivational speaker** Dr. Michael Martin of Spring Point Project was introduced by PDG Del Peterson. Spring Point is working on replacing islet cells in human with pig islet. These islet cells are what cause diabetes. 5.6 % of the population will be diabetic. They are trying to stop the auto immune process, there are only a limited number of cadavers available for transplant. Spring Project works on growing pigs in a pure sanitary condition. The pigs grown will be used for humans. They currently use the heart, valves tissue and hopefully islet cells. This is a long and continuous process to get all the government approvals but has proven successful so far. Dr. Martin described the complete facility and sanitary procedures and the goals for the future.
13. **Lions Foundation update** was given by Foundation President PDG Tom Clausen. There were 1451 campers in 2008, 190 from our district. There were no medical problems this year. The schedule has been set for 2009. Sports raffle sales generated \$ 65,000 for Lions Camp, the 2009 sports raffle will offer a cash payout. Eyeglass intake was up. The hearing program for the district is now being handled directly thru WLF. If your district has no funds, no hearing aids will be disbursed. A special THANK YOU for the Stockbridge Lions Club who again supplied manpower on Lions Work Day to take out the docks and boats. WLF collected \$ 61,000 for the Deer Hides for Camp program. Please continue to support this project. Thanks to all the clubs for their donations and continued support. 10% of District 27 B1 clubs did NOT donate!! Our district was down \$ 6,000 in donations and now is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the state in giving. PDG Tom challenged everyone to improve this coming year. There was 141 Birch Sturms issued this year.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO RIVERS LIONS ON THEIR 85<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY !!

14. **Lions Pride Campaign** Chairman Dewey Karl talked about the PRIDE campaign and supporting Lions Camp for 53 years. Lions need to insure that the camp will continue to operate in the future, supporting Lions Pride will do this. Individuals should take pride in the future. Make PRIDE personal. \$ 25 million is the goal.

DG Gary Bilke commented that the Lions of District 27 B1 do so much, we do a great job. Be PROUD of our district. Adjourn to lunch.

### 15. **Lunch Program**

Prayer led by PDG Tom Clausen  
Introduction of Head Table by PDG Steve Pautz

Introduction of Guest Speaker ID Neil Spencer by PID Harry Merriman. ID Spencer is very personal and willing to listen. He is easy to get to know.

ID Spencer brought greetings from International President Al Brandel. The time is now to start spreading secrets. **“LIONS ARE THE BEST KEPT SECRET”** We are a global community and an international family.  
**“BUILD AND GROW” “WE ARE EVERYDAY HEROES”**

Awards presentations were given for the following : 6 First Timers Awards and Lioness Award to Lioness Cindy Buchanan, Affiliate District Treasurer from Oxford Lioness.

Featured speaker for lunch was VDG Leonard Quinn who talked about the Leader Dog program. Leader dog has issued 14,750 dogs so far. Leader Dogs have changed lives, they give the person a chance to feel normal. Leader dogs can now come equipped with GDS. Continued Lions support makes lives better. They have been in existence for 70 years. In appreciation and to celebrate their 70 years, any club that donates \$70 more than the previous year will receive a special banner patch and pin.

The Parade of Checks was held following the luncheon speech. All clubs with checks, presented them to the cabinet Secretary Treasurer.

### 16. **Afternoon Seminars:**

- A) “ Georgia on Our Minds “ Dr. Trish Blair Diabetes Camp in Georgia (former Russian Territory)
- B) Lions Eye Bank Recipient PDG Stan Carlson & Donor family Susan Bautch
- C) Diabetes Awareness – WLF PDG Tom Clausen, PDG Steve Pautz and Diabetes Chairman Lion Al Sabel
- D) Meet International Director Neil Spencer

17. **Necrology services** were held to commemorate the Lions and Lioness who have past away this last year.

18. **Voting** was held to determine the following : Vote for District Governor, Vote for Vice District Governor, Vote for district bowling tournament site, vote for district pin for 2009-2010 year, vote for district representative for peace poster competition and advisory vote for 2009 convention site.

19. **Evening Banquet** called to order at 6:30 pm by Emcee PDG Steve Pautz

Flag Ceremony presenting the flags of the United States, State of Wisconsin, the Lions International, Lions Foundation and the state of Florida were lead by various members of the Mishicot Lions Club. PDG Steve Pautz explained the history and meaning of each flag.

PDG Steve Pautz introduced the head table and visiting District Governors. He also thanked the members of the Mishicot Lions for all their help this weekend.

PDG Steve introduced the guest speaker for the evening, VDG Leonard Quinn. VDG Quinn spoke about his 50 years as a diabetic. His father died of diabetes and his family all have diabetes. VDG Leonard described how diabetes progressed in his life. Lions have helped for the prevention of the disease, and are getting close to a cure. The future deserves THANKS to the LIONS. When no one else would help, the Lions were there.

ID Neil Spencer again thanked everyone for their hospitality this weekend and the invitation. We have an outstanding district. He presented the following awards:

The International Presidents Appreciation Awards for "EVERYDAY HEROES" to:  
Lion Mary Jo Ablor, New Holstein Lions, our Public Relations Director  
Lion Merl Strelow, Fairwater Lions, our District representative on the State Convention  
PDG Tom Clausen for being there for DG Gary even though they may not see eye to eye PDG Steve Pautz the district convention chair.

President's Excellence Awards were presented to:  
Lion Kelvin Opperman – Elkhart Lake Lions  
Lion Charles Grenier – Appleton Noon Lions

Special "Everyday Heroes" Awards from President Al Brandel  
PDG Bob Showers for his work with Mission to Mexico program  
VDG Leonard Quinn for demonstrating Great Leadership

ID Neil Spencer also presented a special personal banner to:  
DG Gary Bilke, PID Harry Merriman, Council Chair DG Wally Natynski, VDG Leonard Quinn, and Lioness President Kay Zornow.

As a remembrance of his time at our convention, ID Spencer was given WI Badger clothing, "BELIEF" glass sign and a complete LIONS convention pin set.

Voting results were given by Secretary-Treasurer Dave Holschbach. He thanked Lion Ralph Schneider and his committee for find job done. There were 252 delegates, 133 Lions certified, 121 voted  
The results were :

District Governor Leonard Quinn, however the vote with the paw print was disqualified due to not being certified. (sorry Ginger)  
Vice District Governor Jerry Post  
Collins Bowling Tournament site  
Pin Design was # 2 which commemorated the ribbon  
Peace Poster # 2 which was submitted by the Brandon Lions Club  
Advisory vote for 2009 convention was Oshkosh

PDG Vic Voigt conducted the District Raffle drawing. PDG Vic thanked all of the clubs for their contribution. This years total was \$ 3,274.00 of which District 27 B1 maintains 50%.

Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Dave Holschbach reported on the Parade of Checks. The current economy has affected the donations this year, only 20 clubs contributed in comparison to 23 last year and total dollars were down by about \$ 6,000. A total of \$ 37,855 was presented.

WI Foundation & Camp	\$ 18,650	Leader dog	\$ 5,600
Quest Program	\$ 350	Diabetes	\$ 2,475
Mission to Mexico	\$ 675	27B1 Hearing	\$ 2,610
Youth Exchange	\$ 775	Eye Bank	\$ 2,175
Campaign Sight 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 750	LCIF	\$ 1,445
Lions Pride Campaign	\$ 1,500	Emergency Fund	\$ 25
Intl Hearing Dog	\$ 125	AM Diabetes	\$ 700

VDG elect Jerry Post thanked everyone for their trust. It will be tough to follow VDG Leonard.  
DG elect Leonard Quinn said enough previously.

Closing comments by DG Gary Bilke. Thank you to everyone, Thank you for a great weekend, Thank you to the dignitaries and the convention committee. Motion by PDG Steve Pautz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Gary Colton to adjourn the 33<sup>rd</sup>  
**District 27 B1 Convention. MOTION CARRIED @ 9:10 PM**

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED LION DAVE HOLSCHBACH, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer