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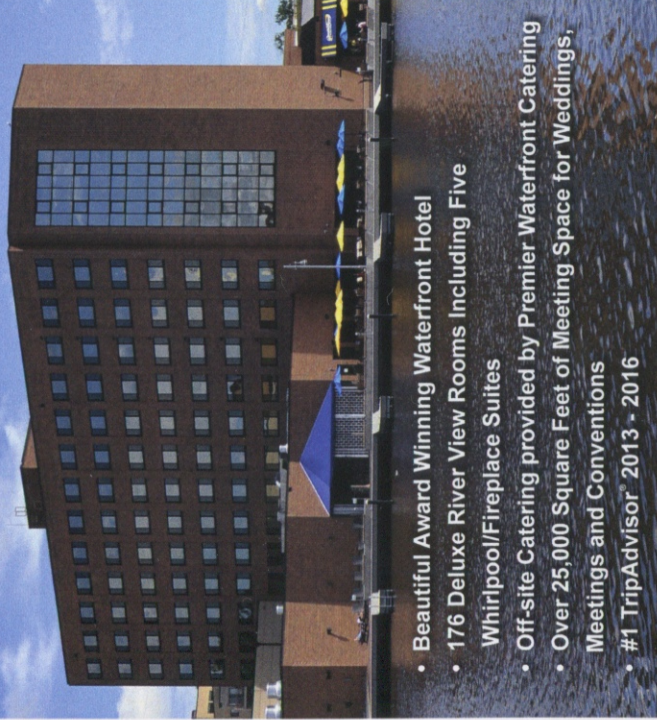
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Dave Holschbach

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November 8th and 9th 2024



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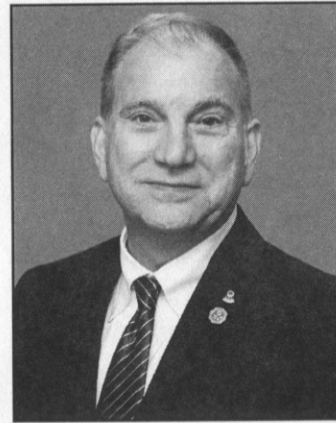


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JUDGE ANTHONY W. PARADISO INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Judge Anthony W. Paradiso from Rockville Centre, New York, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105th International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, July 7 through July 11, 2023.

Director Paradiso has more than 30 years of law experience and is currently a district court judge responsible for the adjudication of criminal cases in Nassau County, New York.

Looking for an opportunity to give back to his community for the scholarships that allowed him to attend college and later, law school, he was drawn to the service that Lions were providing. He joined the Rockville Centre Lions Club in 1996 where he has continuously served ever since. In addition to his leadership at the district level, he has held a number of offices within the association including multiple district council parliamentarian. He also served as the Lions Clubs International's representative to the UN Office on Drugs and Crime from 2010 to 2023. He has been a group leader for multiple DGE seminars, a panel moderator for LDUN and a forum presenter.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the Brandel-Murphy Miracles Through Service Award and Robert J. Uplinger Award. He is also the recipient of multiple International President's Awards and International President's Leadership Awards. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Paradiso is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is an executive director and past president of the Columbian Lawyers Association of Nassau County, a past director for the Nassau County Bar Association and past president for the District Court Judges' Association.

When not engaged in Lion service, Director Paradiso enjoys traveling, art appreciation and sharing good food and wine with friends.



Welcome to the 49th Annual District 27 B1 Lions Convention!

On behalf of the convention committee and myself, we are thrilled to have you here. Whether this is your first convention, or you've been with us before, we're eager to share what promises to be a **FANTASTIC** experience with you.

This year's theme, "**BACK TO YOUR ROOTS**", is all about reflecting on how we've become the people and Lions

we are today. We are all unique, each with a special journey, and this weekend is the perfect time to celebrate that. I personally grew up on a 100-acre family farm, one of 11 Catholic children. Through the hard work, community, and shared experiences, I learned the value of helping others—a value we all carry as Lions. We work hard, but we also know how to have a great time and celebrate together.

Over the next few days, we have an exciting lineup of seminars focused on Lions programs, the impact we're making, and what the future holds. We are honored to welcome our special guest, International Director Anthony Paradiso from New York. He was drawn to Lions through his desire to give back to the community, joining the Rockville Centre Lions Club in 1996, and continues to serve with passion. Be sure to take the opportunity to chat with him and learn from his experiences. **WE SERVE**

As we gather here this weekend, I encourage you to relax, enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Lions, and **REJUVENATE** for the year ahead. There will be plenty of opportunities to exchange ideas, engage in thoughtful discussions, and explore new avenues for personal and district growth.

I truly hope you enjoy this **FANTASTIC** weekend. Together, we'll make this convention one to remember!

DG Dave Holschbach



Thank You for Attending the 2024 MD27B1 Lions Clubs District Convention

Hello Lions, LEOs and Guests.

I would thank you for attending the MD27 B1 District convention. This year District Governor Lion Dave Holschbach really wanted to focus on the reasons we are Lions, the core values of Lion's and the great things the Lions of B1 do and support. Taking a look back to your roots.

The convention committee really think we touched on that by focusing the seminars on the projects and programs of Wisconsin lions. This convention is filled with opportunities to learn about what new things are happening with the many Wisconsin Lions Projects, programs, the Portal, way's we can recognize and award our fellow lions and more. Please enjoy the many seminars' opportunities during the convention.

Thank you to our special guests, Internation Director Anthony Pasadiso and Lion Maureen Jordan, ID Host Connie LeCleir-Meyer and Lion Mike Meyer.

Thank you to Radisson Convention Center and all the amazing enthusiastic lions for attending this convention.

I would like to send a special thank you to all the committee members this could not have been a success without you.

Enjoy the celebration it will be fantastic!

Yours in Lionism,
Convention Chair Lion Victoria Blahnik



**1st VDG Roxanne Wendt
For District Governor 2025-2026**

Hello Fellow Lions, I'd like to use this opportunity to tell everyone a little about myself and my passion for Lions and what we do locally, state wide and all over the world.

My Lions journey began in 1993 as my mother-in law persuaded me to join the Lioness, she was a very dedicated charter member a past Birch Sturm and her passion impressed me and I knew then I wanted to become involved. It didn't take long and I became a board member, chaired numerous fund raisers and service projects and with little persuasion became President in 2019. As my journey continued my passion for what we do as Lions continued as I became more involved with conventions, cabinet chair and training opportunities I met so many fellow Lion members and life long friends, our Lion family.

I believe one of my most significant opportunities was when my husband PDG Thomas Wendt became 27 B1 District Governor and I had the opportunity to meet so many more Lions as his Partner in Service, as we attended conventions state wide and those wonderful club visits.

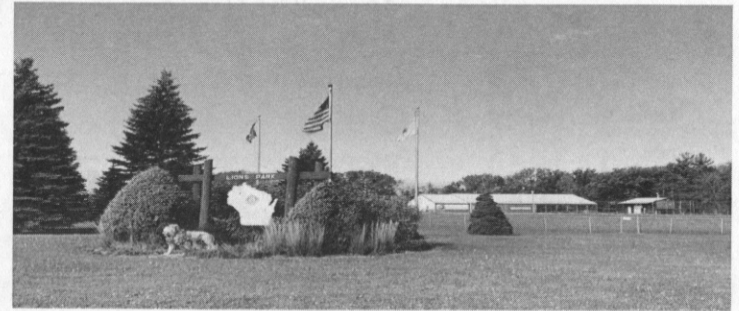
I have been involved with Lions for over 31 years and my enthusiasm increases with every year, I am so excited to take on the position as 27B1 District Governor and look forward to meeting all my fellow Lions.

I need to thank so many individuals for their support and encouragement to pursue this position, beginning with my home club the Van Dyne Lions for their support and endorsement, my fellow district cabinet members, my family and of course my Partner in Service who told me time and time again, if I can do it, you can MGLT/PDG Tom.

I appreciate your support and endorsement and remember I'll always be a phone call away.

Thank you all

1st VDG Roxanne Wendt



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Our Main Fundraisers

Pizza Sale - February

Country Breakfast - May

Walleye Tournament - June

Smalltown USA Days /Car Show - August

Breakfast with Santa - December

Annual Service Projects

2 Times a year Blood Drive - Eye Tissue Transporting

Roadside Clean-Up - Vision Screening - Environmental Projects

Poinsettias For Elderly & Shut-Ins - Breakfast with Santa - Lion Camp for Kids

Deer Hide Collection for Lions Camp - WestLake Medical Locker - Trick or Treat

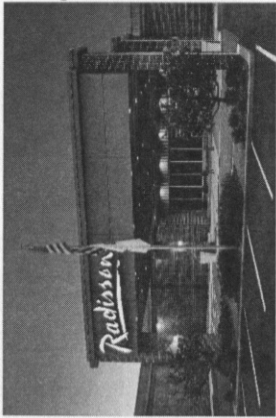
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1st VDG Roanne Wendt & 2nd VDG Barb Leichtfuss

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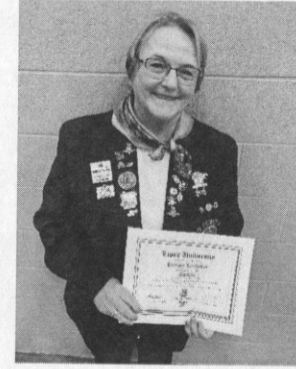


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Greetings from your Second Vice District Governor, Barb Leichtfuss from the Van Dyne Lions club!

I have served in Lionism for over 20 years. My husband, Robert, is a charter member of the Van Dyne Club.

In a nutshell, besides being a Lion, I am a retired Registered Nurse, church secretary/organist, wife, grandmother and great-grandmother. Keeps me busy and on my toes, which is where I want to be!

It's a big world out there with many needs. I am thankful for being able to serve others as I am able.

What is gratitude? "the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness." Sounds like us Lions and Leos!

As I approach, hopefully with your support, becoming your first vice District Governor, I feel a sense of gratitude:

Number one, for Lions international that provides a platform for us to serve our world and local communities in their needs.

Number two, the enthusiasm health and willingness of Lions and Leos to step up and meet the challenges.

Number three, the empathy our members feel for others.

Number four, the coming together of members to form effective teams, using their unique skills and talents to make a difference in the world.

I hope that all of you have a very successful, fulfilling and fun-filled year! I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming two years!

In service,

2VDG Lion Barb Leichtfuss



Congratulations to all Birch-Sturm Fellows in District 27-B1!

On behalf of the Birch-Sturm Memorial Fund Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support.

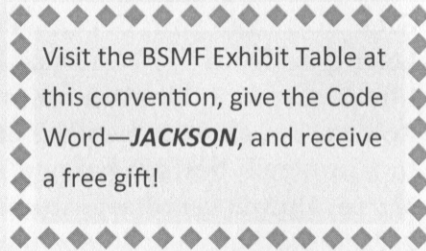
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I would love to be YOUR 2nd Vice District Governor

I'm Lion Laurie Sasada from the Grand River Lions Club

Welcome to this years District Convention! I have always enjoyed coming to District and State Conventions, it is a great way to meet other Lions and become a part of an even bigger Lions family!

A little about me, I was born and raised in Fairwater, where I still live and raised my family. I have been married to my husband Jim for 33 years and we have 2 children. Jared and his wife Alison my daughter Kailie, her husband Nathan, and my granddaughter Brynleigh. I became a Lion in 1994 when my dad Lion Jimmie Stellmacher asked me to join the Fairwater Lions Club, where he was a Charter Member. I have always been very active in my clubs, serving on the Board of Directors and holding positions of Tail Twister, Treasurer, Secretary and President. In 2015 I was asked to be on the 27-B1 Cabinet and have been on ever since, holding the positions of Pin/Peace Poster Chairperson, Zone Chair and Cabinet Secretary. Below are a few other accomplishments I am very proud of.



2020 – Birch Sturm Fellowship

2022 – International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation

2023 – Melvin Jones Fellow

2024 – Charter a new club the Grand River Lions Club, Lions University Bachelor's Degree

Certified Vision Screener

Certified Guiding Lion – 2021

Certified Eye Bank Transporter - 2024

I look forward to meeting each and everyone of you during this convention, please consider me for your next 2nd VDG for 2025-2026 Lions year!

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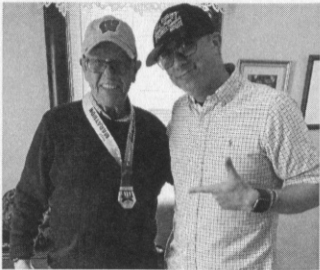
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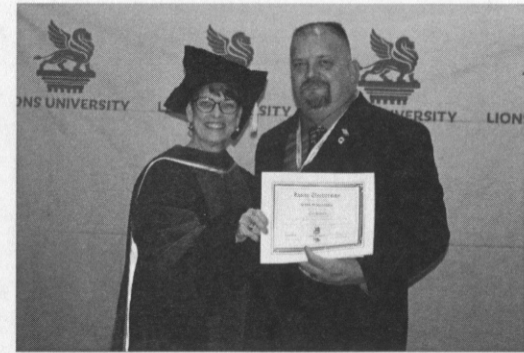
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I would like to introduce myself as our 27B1 District LCIF Coordinator, Scott Scovronski, Past Zone Chairman and Partner in Service to our SVDG Lion Barb Leichtfuss.

I've been a Van Dyne Lion for almost ten years, having served as club vice-president, president and the club's meat chef! (My smoked meats are yummy!) I've been on the 27B1 Cabinet for three years as a Zone Chairman.

Personally, I will be getting married next September to Lion Barb Meitzen. I have six children and nine grandchildren. My fur-babies include four cats and 2 lady dogs! I served in the U.S. Army Special Operations Aviation Regiment for six years. I'm also involved with the Disabled American Vets.

I'm inspired to know more about Lionism. I've attended the ALLI: Advanced Lions Leadership Institute and earned my bachelor's and master's degrees through the Lions University and have attended two very informational USA/Canada forums. The more I learn about Lionism, the more I want to learn! I have been honored in receiving both the Birch-Sturm and Melvin Jones awards.

I'm hoping that you will all support LCIF at this convention by buying a vote for \$10.00. The winning PID's "prize" is to kiss a fish! We have eight candidates; please vote for one and watch the fun!

Yours in service,
Lion Scott



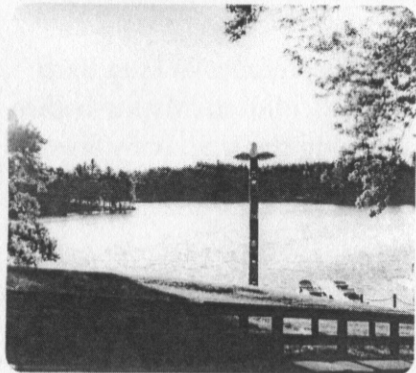
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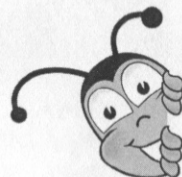


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LEGACY OF QUINN'S HAT

On many events PDG Tom King's hat was stolen and auctioned by PDG Len Quinn to raise funds for Lions projects. On Tom's final visit with Quinn he placed his hat on Quinn and said "it's yours my friend." The hat continues to be auctioned with funds going to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

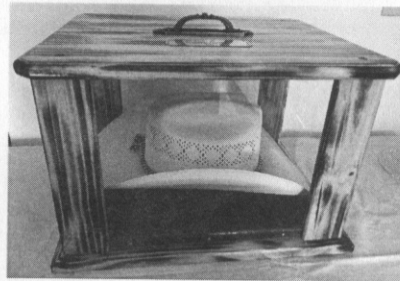
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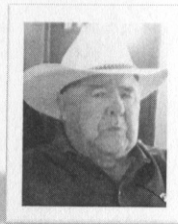


"THE ONLY HAPPINESS YOU GET TO KEEP IS

THE HAPPINESS YOU GIVE AWAY" GOOD LUCK

GOD BLESS AND MAY YOU KNOW NOTHING

BUT HAPPINESS,".LEN QUINN



BIDDING RULES FOR "QUINN'S COWBOY HAT" AUCTION

1. Bidding is open to all convention attendees (does not have to be a Lion)
2. All monies received will be donated to Leader Dogs for the Blind
3. Check is to be made out directly to Leader Dog (memo line Dist. MD27-B1)
4. Money needs to be paid to Dist. Treasurer, PDG Jerry Post, by end of convention
5. This bidding cannot be part of a club's annual donation
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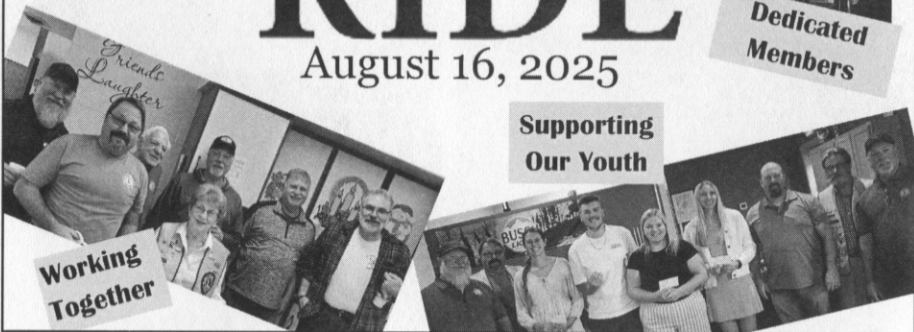
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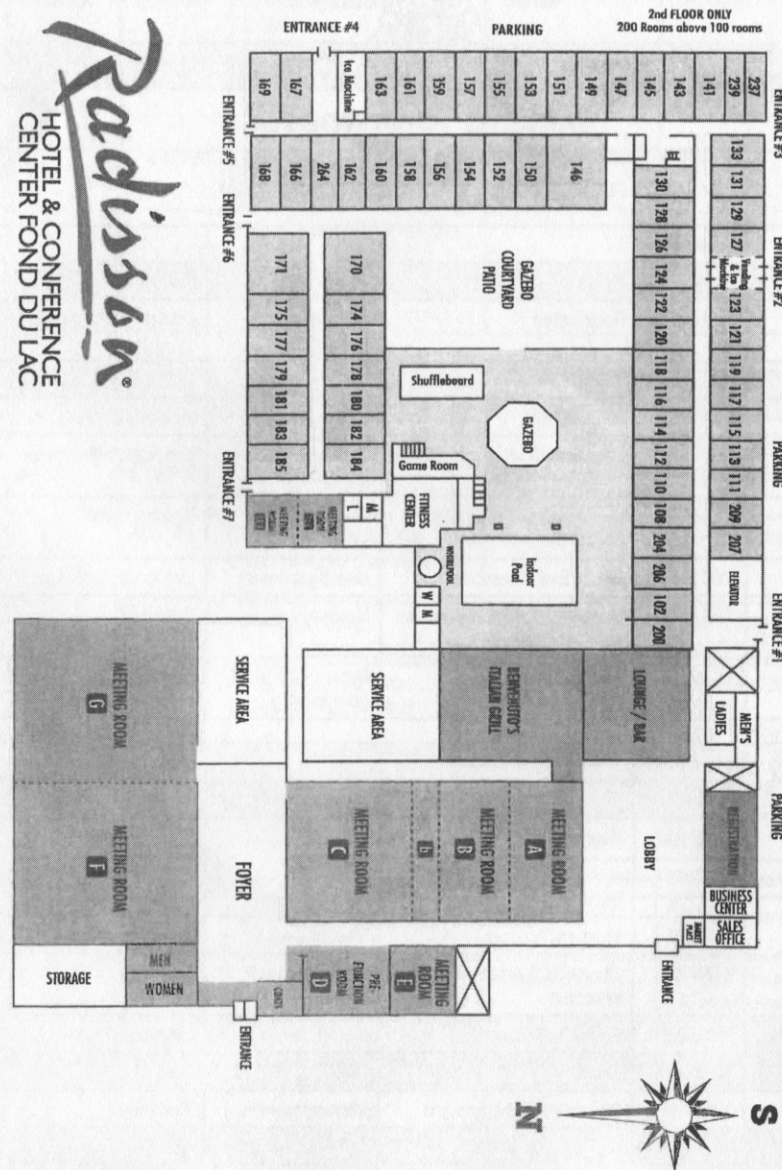
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- CHECK-IN TIME: 3:00 pm CHECK-OUT TIME: 11:00 am



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Friday	Nov 8th			
Begin	Ending	Event	Location	Presenter
3:30 PM	8:00 PM	Registration	Convention Entrance	Convention Committee
4:00 PM	6:00 PM	Vision Screening Certification	Meeting room A	PDG Lion Fred Gebhart
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Lions Portal	Meeting room B*	IPID Lion Lee Vrieze
4:00 PM	8:00 PM	Bucket Raffle & District Raffle	Meeting area B and D	Convention Committee
4:00 PM	8:00 PM	Lion Programs & Vendor Displays	Meeting area C	Various Lions
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	LEBW Eye Transporter	Meeting room B*	Lion Adam Crowson
7:00 PM	7:30 PM	Meet the International Director - ID Anthony Paradiso	Meeting room E	Everyone
7:00 PM	10:00 PM	Hospitality	Rooms 188/189 & gazebo area	Everyone

Sat.	Nov 9th			
Begin	Ending	Event	Location	Presenter
7:00 AM	12:00 PM	Registration	Convention Committee	Convention Committee
8:00 AM	2:30 PM	Delegate Certification	Main Entrance	Lion Earlene Samz
8:00 AM	4:00 PM	Vendors/Displays	Meeting area C	Various Lions
8:00 AM	8:30 AM	Opening Ceremony & Welcome	Meeting room F and G*	Everyone
8:30 AM	9:45 AM	Business Session		Everyone
9:45 AM	10:00 AM	Break	N/A	N/A
10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Service of Remembrance	Meeting room F	Everyone
10:30 AM	10:45 AM	Break	N/A	N/A
10:45 AM	11:30 AM	Wis Missions-Pine Ridge Native American's SD	Meeting room A*	Lion Pat Knier
10:45 AM	11:30 AM	Youth Exchange	Meeting room B*	Lion Melissa Twedale & Leo Liza
10:45 AM	11:30 AM	Leader Dogs for the Blind	Meeting room E*	Lion Liz Fryseth & Leader dog Sunny
10:45 AM	11:30 AM	WLF/Pride/Birch-Sturm	Meeting room F and G*	PDG Pat Hart, Lion Renee Peterson & PDG Brian Dulmas

10:45 AM	11:30 AM	ID Meeting w/DG's, FVDG's & SVDG's	188/189	invite only
11:30 AM	12:00 PM	Break	N/A	N/A
12:00 PM		Lunch	Meeting room F and G	N/A
		Introduction of Head Table & Guests		
		Introduction of Guest ID-PID Connie LeCleire Meyer		
		International Guest Speaker-ID Anthony Paradiso		N/A
	2:15 PM	Awards & Recognition		N/A
2:15 PM	2:30 PM	Break	N/A	N/A
2:30 PM		Raffles Close		Convention Committee
2:30 PM	3:15 PM	Great News from your Local Lions Medical Lockers	Meeting room A	Medical Locker Lions
2:30 PM	3:15 PM	LEO Club -Elevate your community by chartering a LEO Club	Meeting room B *	LEO-Lion Trevor Nauta
2:30 PM	3:15 PM	Lions Eye Bank	Meeting room E *	Dawn Lyons-Wood W/ Lion Adam Crowson
2:30 PM	3:15 PM	AI LionsMarket2Grow: There's an app for that	Meeting room F and G*	Lion Daniel Elkins & PCC Lion Tammy Rockenbach
3:15 PM	3:30 PM	Break	N/A	N/A
3:30 PM	4:00 PM	Restoring Hope Transplant House	Meeting room A	Lion Cindy Herbst and a B1 family
3:30 PM	4:00 PM	Lions Portal	Meeting room B*	IPID Lion Lee Vrieze
3:30 PM	4:00 PM	Learn about Awards and Recognition	Meeting room E	PCC Lion Tammy Rockenbach
3:30 PM	4:00 PM	LCIF	Meeting room F *	PID Lion Connie LeCleire Meyer
4:00 PM	4:15 PM	Break	N/A	N/A
4:15 PM	4:45 PM	Voting or 15 minutes after last seminar if later	Meeting room E	Delegates
4:45 PM	5:00 PM	Break	N/A	N/A
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Social	Meeting room G	N/A
6:00 PM		Banquet		N/A
		Lions Camp		Lion Andrea Yenter & local campers
	8:00 PM	Convention Closing & Voting results		N/A
		Hospitality reopens after convention closes	Meeting room 188/189	Everyone

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THE BIRCH-STURM FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Birch-Sturm Fellowship Program was created by the Wisconsin Lions Foundation to honor those Lions, Lionesses, Leos and non-Lions who exemplify undying dedication and commitment to the work of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation and the humanitarian works that it supports. The Fellowship honors Wisconsin only International Presidents, Frank V. Birch and Clarence L. Sturm. Both were great supporters of the Foundation.

In order to become a Birch-Sturm Fellow a commitment of \$1,000.00 must be made to the foundation. After this commitment has been met, the Birch-Sturm Fellow will receive a plaque with his/her name on it, a Fellow lapel pin and the name will be inscribed on the Birch-Sturm Fellowship Master Plaque honoring all Birch Sturm Fellows.



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Lions and Leos who wish to peruse leadership roles within their club will benefit from the ELLI. Lions Clubs International develop strategies for being and effective leader.

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Date: January 17-19 2025

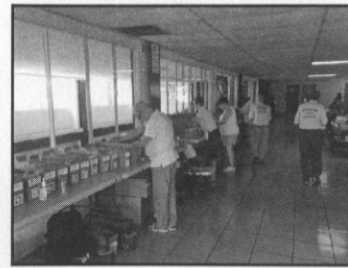
Location: Wisconsin Lion's Camp, Rosholt Wis.

For application and further information contact

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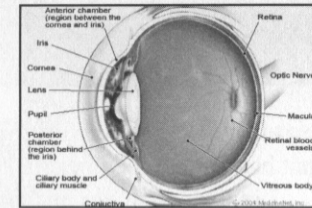
Lion Pat Knier | Wisconsin Missions

The Wisconsin Lions Mission group has taken those used eyeglasses that we all collect to many parts of the world.

Recently they have done missions in Guatemala, Dominican Republic, and the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South

Dakota. They take equipment such as Lensometer, Spot Cameras, Auto Refractors, and fitting tools, along with 5,000 to 12,000 used eyeglasses of various powers to fit the needs of 1,500 to 5,000 people from the areas we are serving.

Lion Pat Knier will give a presentation at the district Convention on Saturday at 10:45 to 11:30.



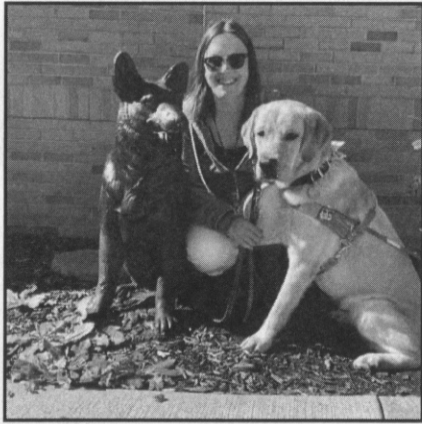
ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Lion Melissa Tweedale | Youth Exchange

Melissa has been involved with Lions Club International her entire life thanks to incredibly generous and charitable influences of her dad, Lion Ray Tweedale. She became a Leo as soon as she was eligible in middle school and continued on to becoming a Lions member with her induction as a Lion member performed by the Rovereto Lions

Club in Italy on behalf of the Richfield Lions Club in MD 27-A2.

With her father involved in the Lions Youth Exchange Program, their family hosted many youths visiting in Wisconsin for Camp Vista in Campbellsport. As a high schooler in 2009, Melissa traveled to the Campania Region of Italy for a host family stay and traveling camp as an outgoing youth in the program. Loving and appreciating her own youth exchange experience, she became a counselor every summer after that for the Wisconsin Lions Youth Exchange Camp. After a few years as a counselor, she wanted to get even more involved with the program and also joined the Youth Exchange Planning Committee as a Co-Chair of 27-A2. In 2019, Melissa was nominated to be the Camp Director for the Wisconsin Program and has served in that role since. Through this program, she has made countless friends worldwide, learned about many different cultures, traveled to visit some of the camp's youth in their own countries, and appreciates every year of her involvement with Lions Youth Exchange.



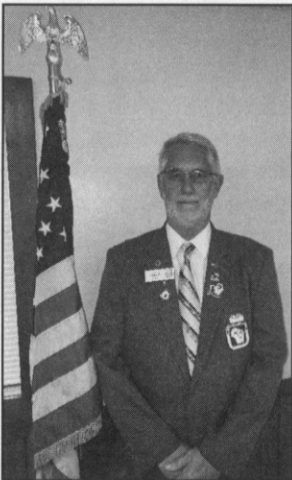
ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Lion Elizabeth Fryseth
Leader Dogs for the Blind

Elizabeth “Liz” Fryseth is proud to call Wisconsin her home, born and raised in different counties. She has persevered many obstacles that most will have never thought possible. Liz was born prematurely at 23 weeks and survived. She was diagnosed with retinopathy of prematurity and has lived with visual

impairment her whole life. While life changes so has her vision, however that has not stopped her!

Liz lives with her husband Lion Scott, children, New Leader Dog “Sunny,” retired Leader Dogs “Bennett” and “Ellie”. Liz Fryseth is a now busy wife and parent who enjoys knitting, camping and gardening. Liz is currently working a a Housing Navigator for a local nonprofit. She serves on various community committees, boards, and is an active in her Lions Club. As a Lion, Liz serves as the Leader Dog Chair for the district. She is also a youth mentor, strong advocate, and motivational speaker. She was awarded the 2023 YWCA Tribute to Outstanding Women Award for Social Justice.

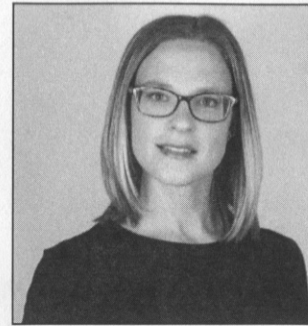


ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Lion Patrick Hart | WLF

I have been a Lion since 2002. Have held most club offices moving up to District Governor 2017/2018. I have been an active member on our D2 District Cabinet since 2009. I am on my sixth and final year on the Wisconsin Lions Foundation and am its current President. The six years on the WLF Board have been the most rewarding of my Lions career. The smiles I see on the faces of the campers is all I need to keep me going.

In the end, I’m a Lion – Just like you.

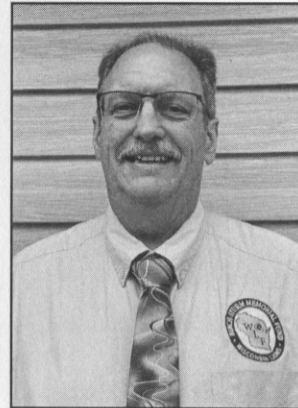


ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Lion Renee Peterson | Lions Pride



Renee Peterson has worked at Horicon Bank for over 24 years, serving in many capacities within the company, most recently as People and Culture Manager, Vice President. In this position she is responsible for managing the talent acquisition and development and all areas of training at the Bank. Having worked in multiple areas of the bank allows for a more diverse skillset of the banking industry. Along with volunteering as President of the Lions Pride Endowment, Renee is also a member of the Horicon Lions Club, National SHRM and the Treasurer of the Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Lion Brian Dulmes | Birch-Sturm

Hello Fellow Lions. I have been on the Birch-Sturm Memorial Fund board for the last three years. I was the Council Representative, then I was elected to the board as Secretary and now I am the Vice President. I have been a member of the Cadott Lions Club since 2009 serving in varied capacities at the club and district Level. I was the 27-E1 District Governor in 2022-2023. My wife Barb, has been a Lion since 2012 is instrumental to my life in Lions and is involved with the district as well and is currently the Second Vice District Governor and the Newspaper Editor. We have been married for 37 years and have three sons, two daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren.

It is truly a pleasure to serve the Lions of Wisconsin on the Birch-Sturm Memorial Fund Board where we are providing help the Wisconsin Lions Foundation so that their projects can be carried out to help many people.

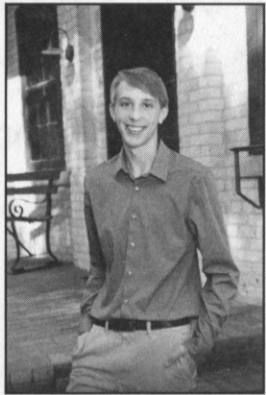
ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Medical Lockers Representatives from 27-B1 Lions

Great News from your Local Lions Medical Lockers

The Lions of District B1 have been expanding our efforts to support those in need of medical equipment. Come listen to the progress of the brand new WestLake Medical Locker in Van Dyne, the recently opened Fox Valley Medical Locker and the Larson-Winchester Medical Locker. You will receive an update on the great services each of these amazing programs and how each of them are supporting their communities. You will hear great stories and learn how all of you can help.

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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Leo-Lion Trevor Nauta | Leo Club

I am a freshman at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a direct admit student to the Wisconsin School of Business, pursuing a double major in Finance, Investment & Banking, and Political Science. I was a Leo for all four years in high school and am now a Leo-Lion in the Grafton Lions Club. I had the privilege to serve as the Grafton Leo Club President for two years and in my senior year I was appointed to serve as the first

District 27-A2 Leo Cabinet Liaison. During my time as a Leo Club President, we increased our membership from 20 to 80 students. We expanded the club from just being in the high school into the local middle school. I also led fundraising efforts for multiple charities including a \$3,600 donation to the Wisconsin Lions Camp. Due to these accomplishments, I was honored to be selected as the first Leo of the Year in the state of Wisconsin. Currently I am serving as the Multiple District Leo-Lion Liaison being the first in the state to hold this position. I am excited to spread awareness about Leos and share what opportunities are in the Leo program so more young people can get involved in Leos and with Lions Clubs International.

Thank you,
Leo-Lion Trevor



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Lion Dawn Lyons-Wood | Lions Eye Bank

In February 2015, Emily Lyons was involved in a snowmobile accident. Emily passed away during her freshman year at UW-La Crosse; she was on a path to become an optometrist. After the accident, Emily's family was approached by a donor liaison regarding organ donation. They were shocked to find out that not only was Emily registered to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor on her driver's license, but she even went so far as to register online as well. Emily was able to provide the gift of sight, by restoring vision for two residents in need of a corneal transplants right here in Wisconsin. Emily also donated her tissue and organs which saved the lives of six people and improved the lives of more than 50 people.

Now a mother on a mission, Dawn Lyons-Wood continues to advocate and promote organ, eye, and tissue donation. Dawn joined the Beaver Dam Lions Club and feels strongly about the power of donation, "In a time of sadness, all we can do is focus on the positive. To me, Emily's donation is our only positive. People who chose to donate do it out of kindness and love. Since Emily's accident, my life has taken a completely different path. Due to this path, I have met some of the most amazing, loving, kind, and compassionate families."

Come hear Dawn's story and how your district has helped the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin continue to give the gift of sight in Wisconsin and around the world.



Service of Remembrance



Songs of the Angels (Dufford)

May songs of the angels welcome you and guide you along your way.
May the smiles of the martyrs greet your own as darkness turns into day.
Every fear will be undone, and death will be no more,
As songs of the angels bring you home before the face of God.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Lion Cindy Herbst -
Restoring Hope
Transplant House

Cindy Herbst

is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of Restoring Hope Transplant House in Middleton. Restoring Hope is a non-profit home-away-from-home for transplant patients and caregivers as they seek life-saving care at nearby UW Hospital and Clinics and the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital for solid organ, bone marrow and stem cell transplantation.

Prior to RHTH, Cindy had experience in hotel management and events, pastoral care and hospice.

Cindy and her leadership group along with house manager Eric Hybert opened the doors to transplant families in January of 2013. They are excited to celebrate over 10 years of miraculous moments and lifelong friendships. Lions of Wisconsin have been so instrumental in making this past decade of great moments and life-saving transformations possible through your kindness and loyal support.



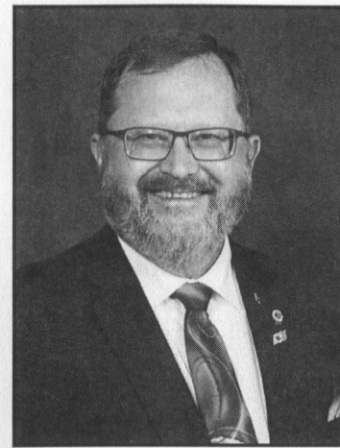
ABOUT THE SPEAKER

PCC Tammy Rockenbach | AI Lions and Awards

Tammy joined the Lioness in 1992. New to the community, she felt this was a way to meet people. In 2007-2008 she was the Affiliate District President, the equivalent to a District Governor in Lioness.

After working on numerous conventions, both at state and district levels, she was challenged to join the Lions. In 2004, Tammy joined the Lions with her partner-in-service as her sponsor. Joining the cabinet in 2008 as Women in Lions, she moved to GMT chair person in 2014. In 2017, she was the cabinet secretary and then she ran for 2nd VDG. She was the District Governor in 2020-2021 Council Chair in 2022-2023 and is currently the Global Membership Approach co-chair and Global Membership Chair for the Multiple District.

While serving as District Governor, Tammy was the council representative for Restoring Hope Transplant House. While neither she nor her family has used the house, she is a transplant family and feels very passionately about Restoring Hope Transplant House.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

IPID Lee Vrieze | Lions Portal

Lee Vrieze from Jim Falls, Wisconsin, USA was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 104th International Convention, June 24 through June 28, 2022.

Director Vrieze works professionally as an information technology infrastructure manager and has obtained multiple computer certifications, including CISSP, VCP, CCNA and CMNA. His over 40 years of information technology experience has included

over 11 years of information technology consulting, technical designs and implementations, project management, and personnel management.

He has been an active member of the Jim Falls Lions Club since 2001 and has held multiple offices within the association including district governor, vice council chairperson, multiple district global membership champion, multiple district resolutions constitution and bylaws chairperson, and multiple district technology chairperson.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the International President's Award, the International President's Leadership Award, multiple International President's Certificates of Appreciation, and the GAT Chairperson's Award. Director Vrieze is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Vrieze has been active in numerous professional and community organizations, including Information Systems Security Association, Moose International and Knights of Columbus. He is an active member of his church and serves as cantor and parish council member.

Director Vrieze and his wife, Mary, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have been married for over 43 years and have two children, two grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Both Director Vrieze and Lion Mary been recognized at the multiple district level as Progressive Birch-Sturm Fellows and have served as Presidents of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

PID Connie LeCleir-Meyer | LCIF

Connie LeCleir-Meyer from Mondovi, Wisconsin, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 100th International Convention held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, June 30 through July 4, 2017.

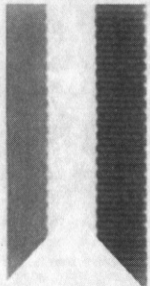
Director LeCleir-Meyer is a senior training program manager.

A member of the Altoona Lions Club, and a Lion since 2000, she has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, district governor and district and multiple district GLT coordinator.

In recognition of her service to the association, Director LeCleir-Meyer has received numerous awards, including an International Leadership Award and an International President's Award. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Director LeCleir-Meyer has been active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the American Legion, National Association of Professional Women, Boy Scouts of America and her church choir.

Director LeCleir-Meyer's husband, Michael, is also a Lion.



VETERANS Thank You for Your Service



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Lion Andrea Yenter | Lions Camp

Andrea Yenter has a long history with the Wisconsin Lions Camp. She was originally introduced to Camp in 1987 at the age of nine. She has a moderate to severe hearing loss and attended during the deaf or hard of hearing sessions. After just one time, she was hooked and attended every year through 1993 as a youth camper. She volunteered the

summer of 1994 for a few weeks, and then worked the summers of 1995-1999 in various roles. After the summer of 1999, a full time position for Program Coordinator opened up and she was hired. 2001 saw Andrea take over as the Assistant Camp Operations Manager after the previous one "retired" from camping. In 2003, she stepped into the role of Camp Director and has been in that role ever since. 2024 was her 21st year in this role. As the Camp Director, Andrea is responsible for the overall coordination, implementation and operation of the Wisconsin Lions Camp.

Andrea is currently a member and Secretary of both the Rosholt Lions Club and Rosholt Area First Responders. She also serves as the chair of the American Camp Association's National Volunteer Engagement Committee. She puts her knowledge of camp accreditation to good use as a visitor for ACA every summer, assisting camps in the accreditation process. Those roles allow her to keep our Wisconsin Lions Camp's reputation of excellence in the forefront of camping locally and nationally. Andrea and her spouse Craig share their home with their flock of chickens, their cat Maximus and a large garden which has taught Andrea all about canning, pickling and processing all the produce Craig grows. Andrea's son Andrew is 20 and working full-time in his career machining, welding and fabricating.



*Many thanks
to the hard-working committee who helped
make this convention a success!*

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS
Wisconsin District 27-B1

Howard Heimke * 1967-1968	John W. Damrow * 1996-1997
Verne J. Ruhl * 1968-1969	Patrick Champeau * 1997-1998
Herbert Schneider * 1969-1970	Deloran "Del" Peterson * .. 1998-1999
Donald Leverntz * 1970-1971	Thomas Clausen..... 1999-2000
Evertt M. Lee * 1971-1972	Steve R. Groene 2000-2001
Ray E. Kauffung * 1972-1973	Orville Kittel * 2001-2002
Max Harrington..... 1973-1974	Edward Filemyr * 2002-2003
Donald H. Kringel * 1974-1975	Tom King 2003-2004
Donald J. Mattison * 1975-1976	Richard Christianson..... 2004-2005
John Schneider, Jr. * 1976-1977	Gary Colton 2005-2006
Clement P. Schoenborn * ...1977-1978	Kenneth Wallander * 2006-2007
Clarence Weller..... 1978-1979	Vernon F. Pautz * 2007-2008
Orvin T. Doede * 1979-1980	Gary Bilke..... 2008-2009
Glenn Murty * 1980-1981	Leonard Quinn * 2009-2010
Frederick J. Holtz * 1981-1982	Jerry Post..... 2010-2011
Vernon F. Pautz * 1982-1983	Merle Strelow * 2011-2012
Milton O. Wood * 1983-1984	Meg Post 2012-2013
Eugene H. Norberg * 1984-1985	Dawn Christensen 2013-2014
Thomas L. Koch 1985-1986	Gary Silah 2014-2015
Dennis R. Kitchen * 1986-1987	Marvin Henke 2015-2016
Dwaine A. Habrat 1987-1988	Tom Berendes 2016-2017
Paul A. Tadych * 1988-1989	Fred Gebhardt 2017-2018
Thomas E. Thorson * 1989-1990	Dave Lee 2018-2019
Victor V. Voigt * 1990-1991	Michael De Baere 2019-2020
Robert Showers * 1991-1992	Thomas Wendt 2020-2021
Gordon D. Hoffman * ... 1992-1993	BJ Blahnik..... 2021-2022
Kenneth Rohde * 1993-1994	Dave Brinkman 2022-2023
Clayton Sengbusch * 1994-1995	Greg Kubichka..... 2023-2024
David Petrie * 1995-1996	

Our sincere thanks to those listed above who served with honor and distinction as District Governor in 27-B1 and to the Lions that did likewise when 27-B was one district. Deceased *

27-B1 DISTRICT CABINET

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DAVE HOLSCHBACH.....MISCHICOT

IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR

GREG KUBICHKA.....CHILTON

FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

ROXANNE WENDTVAN DYNE

SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

BARB LEICHTFUSS.....VAN DYNE

CABINET SECRETARY

LAURIE SASADAMARKESAN/GRAND RIVER

CABINET TREASURER

EARLENE SAMZ..... MANITOWOC

ZONE 1 CHAIRMAN

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ZONE 2 CHAIRMAN

PAUL BAROUN VALDERS

ZONE 3 CHAIRMAN

LEA THIBODEAUSHEBOYGAN NOON

ZONE 4 CHAIRMAN

LEA THIBODEAUSHEBOYGAN NOON

ZONE 5 CHAIRMAN

MARY JO ABLERNEW HOLSTEIN

ZONE 6 CHAIRMAN

SUE LEE..... APPLETON NOON

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ZONE 8 CHAIRMAN

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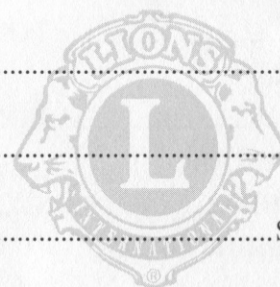
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BILL FLETCHER..... WESTFIELD

ZONE 11 CHAIRMAN

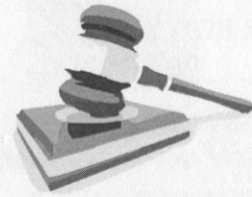
PAT KARASEK..... WILD ROSE



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 WLF DIRECTOR -PRIDE/BIRCH STURM
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Rules for Bidding on District Bank

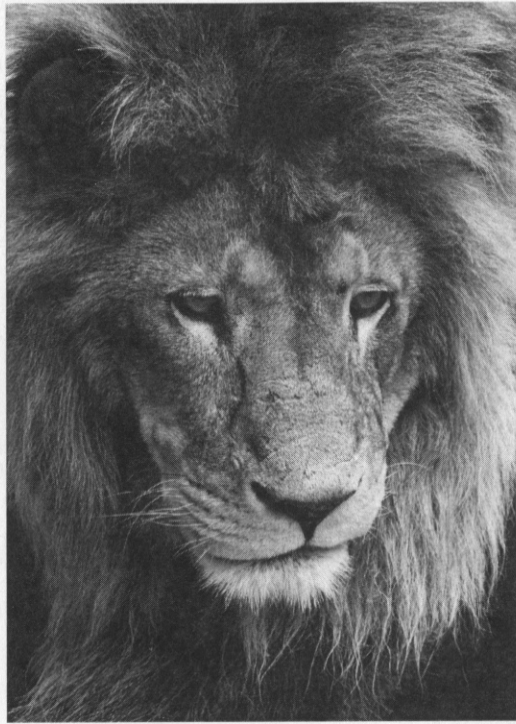


1. Bank will be auctioned at District Convention every year
2. Highest bidder by individual, club or clubs will hold possession for one year
3. Bank cannot be stolen or hidden from winning bidder
4. If bank is taken, person or club that took bank will pay the sum of the highest bidder and not be allowed to bid the following year
5. No other District shall be allowed to bid on bank
6. Name and year will be displayed on plaque
7. Money to be donated to MD Lions Project in Club or persons name (LCIF, WLF, Leader Dog, Eye Bank, Youth Exchange, ext.)
8. Will count as annual donation

We hope you enjoyed this year's convention - See you next year!

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Louise Ebert.....	Appleton Noon
Thomas O'Hearn	Appleton Noon
Darrell Voeltner	Berlin
Lonnie Puskala.....	Brillion
Laverna Arndt.....	Cascade
Arden Bandt	Coloma
James Marcoe	Eldorado
Deloran Peterson, PDG.....	Elkhart Lake
Richard Servais	Elkhart Lake
William Rohde	Howards Grove
Markus Ladd.....	Kiel
Lindarose Fitzgerald.....	Larsen-Winchester
Victor Metzig.....	Larsen-Winchester
Larry Kittel	Manitowoc
Sharon Putnam.....	Montello
Edward Moede	New Holstein
Kathie Prince	Poy Sippi
Aloysius Hermes	Princeton
Leslie Mosolf	Princeton
Richard Karl	Sheboygan Noon
Shirley Jochmann	St. Nazianz
Burt Mayborne	St. Peter
Joseph Thome	St. Peter
Clarence Krueger	Stockbridge
Brian Thomsen	Valders
Carol Gaertig	Van Dyne
Wayne Hansen.....	Van Dyne
Ron Kiekhaefer	Wayside-Morrison
Joseph Hogan	Westfield
Gale Fisher.....	Wild Rose
William Schmitt	Wild Rose



We are sad that the convention has to end, but we are glad you were able to join us and thank you for making the world a better place than you found it.

We wish you safe travels, and good fortune, and good health in the upcoming year.

Roses for Spring



The Grand Chute Lions

Would Like To Thank the Participating Clubs * of 27-B1

* Appleton Noon Lions
Bear Creek Lions
Casco Lions
Fox River Lions
*Francis Creek Lions
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Greenville Lioness Lions
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Hortonville Lions

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Sayner Star Lake Lions
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*Sherwood Lions

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Weyauwega/Fremont Lions
*Whitelaw Lions

In the Spring of 2024 these 27 Lions Clubs in four Districts sold 13,625 dozen Roses, raising funds of \$106,000 profit for Charitable service work in their communities. The Roses sold for \$16 per dozen with a profit of \$7.80 per dozen. Delivery will be April 25 & 26, 2025.

If you would like to join in or are in need of more information on this very profitable, fun, easy fund raiser, before November 15th, 2024, contact:

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