



District 27-B1 Convention Minutes Saturday November 12, 2016 Heidel House, Green Lake

1. **Call District 27B1 41st Convention to order @ 8.00 am – DG Tom Berendes**
2. **Flag Ceremony :** VDG Fred Gebhart introduced and gave history of the following flags. United State of America, State of Wisconsin, State of Alabama-home of International Director Jerome Thompson, Lions Club International., Wisconsin Lions Foundation and Wisconsin Lions Eyebank.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by DG Tom Berendes Salute to Veterans
4. **Song & Prayer** led by Song Leader & Chaplain Lion Kay Quinn- “God Bless America”
5. **Welcome by DG Tom Berendes -** Welcome all LIONS to the 41st District Convention. Introduction of head table, VDG Fred Gebhart, Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary Treasurer, DG Tom Berendes. International Director Jerome Thompson from Moulton, Alabama. Introduction of all PID and PDGs in attendance.
6. **Welcome to Green Lake** by Leanne Walsh of the Chamber of Commerce. Enjoy your time while here.
7. **Lioness Affiliate** Bonnie Goesser welcomed everyone of behalf of the 12 Lioness Clubs in District 27B1 with 220 members. They all work hard **“TO SERVE”**
8. **NECROLOGY SERVICE** led by Lion Kay Quinn. There were a total of 49 LIONS and 2 LIONESS who passed away this past year.
9. **State of State Address :**by Council Chair PDG Shawn Reddington. He has been overseeing the current District Governors meetings. Highlights for this year have been “ STUFF the BUS” with school supplies in August. Lions in 27B1 have performed 97,000 hours of service and 1368 projects. 41 clubs have completed Centennial Service Projects and ½ of those have completed all 4 categories. There have been 10 Legacy Projects in 27 B1. International President Bob Corlew also visited Wisconsin Lions. The WISCONSIN LION newspaper has gone to 4 hard copy editions and 6 email additions to help save expenses. Please make sure your e-mail is updated in MYLCI. DG Tom Berendes also serves on the Personnel and Finance committees and Centennial committee
10. **Nominations for DG, 1st VDG and 2nd VDG :** District Governor Tom Berendes called to the floor for any nominations for District Governor. PDG Len Quinn stepped forward. He was the first nomination for Lion Fred Gebhart of the Stockbridge Lions. Our District is “B” the BEST, Lion Fred is the BEST and most dedicated Lion. He has served as Foundation Director, Zone Chairman, Club President and member of the Cabinet. The 2nd for Lion Fred was given by PDG Tom Clausen. He has known Lion Fred for many years. With Fred as our DG there will be no problems, he will provide GREAT LEADERSHIP. DG Tom made a call to the floor 3 times for any other nominations Motion by PDG Ken Rhode, 2nd by PDG Merle to close nomination for District Governor. **MOTION CARRIED** Lion Fred Gebhart said YES to the nomination. It will be an exciting year being the CENTENNIAL.

District Governor Tom Berendes called to the floor for any nominations for 1st Vice District Governor. Lion Daphne Kennett of the Appleton Noon Lions Quinn stepped forward. She put into nomination Lion David Lee from the Appleton Noon Lions. Lion Dave ran the 2016 State Lions Registration. He has been given numerous Lions and civic awards. He is very active and never sits still. He is GOOD at everything. The 2nd for Lion Dave was given by Lion Mary Beth Nienhaus of the Appleton Noon Lions. Lion Dave has led the Vision Screening Program in the Appleton area. Their club is thrilled to support him. DG Tom made a call to the floor 3 times for any other nominations Motion by PDG Merle Strelow, 2nd by PDG Rhode to close nominations for 1st Vice District Governor. **MOTION CARRIED** Lion Dave is willing to accept the nomination. He currently is in Houston, Texas for Lions training.

District Governor Tom Berendes called to the floor for any nominations for 2nd Vice District Governor. PDG Jerry stepped forward and nominated Lion Mike De Baere. He has worked with Lion Mike for 6 years on committees. He is “YOUNG” and got energy. 2nd was given by PDG Gary Silah. PDG Gary has worked with Lion Mike on club and district level. He has tremendous experience. He is a LION you can trust! DG Tom made a call to the floor 3 times for any other nominations Motion by PDG Ken Rhode, 2nd by IPDG Marv Henke to close nominations for 2nd Vice District Governor. **MOTION CARRIED** Lion Mike accepted the nomination. He is new at this, he will learn to be a leader and do the best he can.

DG Tom reminded Lions that voting will be at 4:00pm in the Lucas Bluff Room, the same as the Bucket Raffle. Break to go to display tables and bucket raffle.

11. **WLF** President Tom Mueller showed the latest video of Lions Camp. A special award on behalf of WLF was given to Sherwood Lions club for their contributions. The deer hide program gave us over \$70,000 last year, looking for continued success. All districts are in a competition to collect eyeglasses until May. Count how many glasses, List District
12. **Lions Pride:** Executive Director DG Jeri Schlender talked about the loss and impact that PDG Dewey Carl had on the WIS Lions Foundation and in particular the Lions Pride Endowment. She thanked all clubs and individuals for their donations. This year the interest earned on the endowment was able to cover the cost of 1 week for 140 campers.. All other projects of WI Lions Foundation also received contributions. Our GOAL is not complete. Lion Charlie Kolb is District 27 B1 representative on the PRIDE board. There is a task force looking for a Pro Tem President. Spread the word. PRIDE is always looking for donations from clubs, individuals and corporate. Lion Charlie Kolb of the Cleveland Lions is District 27 B1 representative on the PRIDE board.
13. **Leader Dog:** PDG Len Quinn showed a video of the Kennel Fund project and what the new facility is like. The complex is a brand new and paid for thanks to the LIONS.
14. **LCIF** update was given by PID Wayne Heiman. PDG Vern Pautz is the district LCIF representative and also QUEST representative. LCIF will be celebrating 50 years in 2018. Remember your club can designate where the funds can go. District 27 B1 has 679 Melvin Jones Fellowships and 40 Progressive Melvin Jones. Access to donation information is much quicker with new technology. Clubs need to have LCI coordinators.
15. **Centennial Speaker:** PID Mark Hintzmann updated Lions about the Centennial celebration. The party has started and is continuing. There are 5 steps to the celebration. #1 Designate a centennial chair, 2) Get members input, 3) Create a plan 4) Take action and 5) Share your story. Share your reports and activities on MYLCI. District 27 B1 has 1368 activities, 97,420 people served. 41 clubs have participated and there are 10 Legacy projects in the district. Go to the website for more information. **LETS CELEBRATE 100 YEARS AND PARTY !!**
16. **District Vision Screening and Cub Club** Lion Fred Gebhart gave recognition to all of the vision screeners present. The team is getting bigger and better. Lion Fred introduced Lion Katy Karls who helps the CUB CLUB. There are anywhere from 8-20 kids who participate. They are our future. They donate to various Lion activities. She put out a challenge to the Lions to donate to the Lions School in Montego Bay, It is the CUB CLUB's major project. Thank you to all the LIONS for what you do.
17. **Blind and Adaptive Sailing** Lion BJ Blahnik update everyone on the program. SEAS is a team sport, 1 person cannot sail alone. SEAS has changed his life, he now feels a part of a TEAM. He is asking for Lions Clubs support to purchase a training simulator for \$30,000 so others can experience what he has and change their lives. All it takes is a \$2 per member donation. DG Tom thanked Lion BJ for the inspiring talk. We all take sight for granted.

18. ZONE CHAIRSannounce the CLUBS IN YOUR ZONE

1. Region 1 Zone 1 Lion Phil Weber's clubs are Brillion, Chilton, Hilbert, Sherwood and Stockbridge. No update at this time
 2. Region 1 Zone 2 clubs are Francis Creek, Maribel, Mishicot, Reedsville, Wayside Morrison and Whitelaw. They currently do not have a Zone Chairman. Lion Dave Holschbach did submit the following, membership is 115, Wayside-Morrison completed a Legacy Project, building a bridge at their county park. Maribel completed a successful summer Youth Baseball. Mishicot active with FFA and District School System.
 3. Region 1 Zone 3 PDG Meg Post's clubs are Manitowoc, Newton, St Nazianz, Two Rivers and Valders. Next zone meeting November 21. All club very active with centennial projects. Their zone project is to sell tickets to the county fair and their zone service is distributing dictionaries to 3rd graders in the school systems. Zone is very active and they are using the rotating club zone chairman and vice zone chairman.
 4. Region 2 Zone 1 Lion Ellen Cheney's clubs are Cleveland, Howards Grove, Plymouth, Sheboygan Evening, Sheboygan Falls, Sheboygan Noon and Town of Sheboygan. All the clubs are busy with various service projects. 2 of the clubs are working on the "DARE to DREAM" handicap park with support from the other zone clubs. They also have a centennial zone committee to promote 100 years.
 5. Region 2 Zone 2 Lion Madonna Schneider's clubs are Adell, Amsterdam, Cascade, Random Lake and Waldo. She was not at the meeting, She was working the registration table.
 6. Region 2 Zone 3 Lion Gary Roehrig's clubs are Elkhart Lake, Kiel, New Holstein, St Peter and Winnebago East Shore.
 7. Region 3 Zone 1 Lion James Christman's clubs are Appleton Evening, Appleton Noon, Butte des Mort, Larsen-Winchester, Menasha and Neenah. All the clubs are committed to doing centennial projects.
- 'PRESERVE LEADERSHIP'

8. Region 3 Zone 2 Thomas Henke's are Campbellsport, Eden, Fond du Lac Evening and Oakfield. He sent the following information. Last zone meeting hosted by Fond du Lac Evening Lions, next zone meeting in December. All clubs have their fundraisers for the coming year. PDG Tom Clausen also mentioned the clubs are doing well.

9. Region 3 Zone 3 Lion Ken Rivers' clubs are Eldorado, Pickett, Rosendale and Van Dyne. All his clubs are very active and their zone has 100% participation in LCIF donations. Next zone meeting will be combined with Region 4 Bev Karst.

10. Region 4 Zone 1 Lion Bev Karst's clubs are Brandon, Fairwater, Omro, Oshkosh Lakeshore and Ripon. Brandon and Fairwater Lions are working on a Legacy Project. Omro Lions will be disbanding. Next zone meeting combined with Region 3 Ken Rivers.

11. Region 4 Zone 2 Lion Todd Henke's clubs are Berlin, Green Lake, Kingston, Markesan, Neshkoro and Princeton. The Neshkoro Lioness have disbanded and joined Lions Clubs.

12. Region 5 Zone 1 Lion Carl Rasmussen's clubs are Endeavor, Montello, Oxford and Westfield. The clubs are planning the annual Fisheree.

13. Region 5 Zone 2 Lion Dave Przekurat's clubs are Coloma, Hancock, Plainfield, Poy Sippi, Redgranite, Wautoma and Wild Rose. Clubs are active in Thanksgiving projects and food pantries. Plainfield is working on playground equipment and Wautoma is active in vision screening.

BREAK FOR LUNCH PROGRAM

19. Call District 27B1 41st Luncheon to order @ 12:10 pm by DG Tom Berendes

20. Pledge of Allegiance led by IPDG Marv Henke

21. Song & Prayer led by Song Leader & Chaplain Lion Kay Quinn-"Lions Spirit Song"

22. Introduction of Head Table and invited guest ID Jerome Thompson

23. Guest Speaker : PID Mark Hintzmann introduced the guest speaker for the luncheon. His bio is in front of the convention booklet, Read about him. ID Jerome Thompson is from Moulton, Alabama. He is the vice chair for membership and will hold a seminar later Saturday. ID Thompson says there are GREAT LEADERS in WISCONSIN. This year's president's theme is NEW MOUNTAINS TO CLIMB. Vision impaired, diabetes, homeless are our new challenges. LIONS have a heart to help all of these. Lions need to touch the lives of others. Serve one of these each day. Lions need to bring their communities back together. BUILD OUR YOUTH, LEAD IN SERVICE, Service, Members, Legacy.

24. Presentations: ID Thompson did award 2 International President's Certificate of Appreciation. This is the 4th highest LIONS awards - A distinguished achievement in Lionism. DG Tom nominated a hard working LION for 40 years who is relentless with the Vision Program. This was give to 1st VDG Lion Fred Gebhart. The 2nd nomination was for a Lion who is a born Leader in LIONS, Business and Personal life. She is Zone Chair Lion Ellen Cheney.

PDG Tom Berendes presented IPDG Marv Henke with a Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding 27B1 Lion for his term as District Governor on behalf of PID Jerome Thompson and LCIF. DG Tom Berendes presented on behalf of District 27 B1, a Birch Sturm award to IPDG Marv Henke for his service to the district. IPDG Marv Henke was also presented an award for his service as District Governor from WIS Lions Foundation.

Executive Director DG Jeri Schlender spoke on behalf of the Ray Hempel Fellowship. District 27 B1 will present a Ray Hempel Fellowship to Lion Tim Colford of the Oshkosh Lakeshore Lions at a later date Lion Tim was not present at the district convention. He joined Lions in 1987 He has held just about every officer position and chaired several projects. He introduced the eyeglass program to the Oshkosh area and is a major fundraiser for eyeglasses.

DG Tom also presented a 35 year chevron to Lion Jeff Frederich of the Fairwater Lions Club.

26. VOTING UPDATES: Lion BJ Blahnik updated all Lions about the changes made to voting rules effective July 1, 2016. NO WRITE IN VOTES ALLOWED. Ballots are YES or NO for nomination. All votes must be done with a systematic mark. We have chose to use a CHECK MARK. Anything else will not be acceptable. Nominee must receive at least 50% of the eligible votes to be elected.

We are allowed a write-in vote for WLF director since there is none on the ballots. Call to the floor 3 times for any nominations. Motion by PDG Ken Rhode, 2nd by PDG Merle Strelow to close nomination for WLF Director. **MOTION CARRIED**

There are 2 nominations for District Bowling for 2018 on the ballot. 1st nomination: Motion by Lion Carol Bliske, 2nd by PDG Merle Strelow to have Poy Sippi Lions be a host. 2nd nomination: Motion by Lion BJ Blahnik, 2nd by Lion Matt Wierzbach to have the Sheboygan Lions host the bowling. Call to the floor 3 times for any nominations. Motion from PDG Jerry Post to have Valders Lion serve as a write-in for bowling in 2018, 2nd by Lion Helen Mork. Motion by PDG Ken Rhode, 2nd by Lion Ellen Cheney to close nominations for bowling host. **MOTION CARRIED**

There are 2 nominations for District Convention site for 2017 on the ballot. 1st nomination: Motion by PDG Vern Pautz to consider the bid from Fox Hills Resort in Mishicot. Their rate will be \$75.00 The district can make some money. 2nd by PDG Ken Rohde. 2nd nomination: Motion by Lion Dave Holschbach to consider the bid from Holiday Inn in Manitowoc. It has been newly renovated since the last time the convention was there. Their rate will be \$84.00. 2nd by PDG Meg Post. Call to the floor 3 times for any nominations. Motion by PDG Merle Strelow, 2nd by PDG Ken Rohde to close nominations for 2017 convention site. **MOTION CARRIED**

Lion BJ Blahnik reminded everyone there are 4 choices for pin selection and 4 choices for Peace Poster.

Auctioning of the District Bank, returned by Fond du Lac Evening Lions Club, conducted by PDG Len Quinn. Winning bid of \$ 5,400.00 by the Cleveland Lions Club. Parade of checks to follow.

Luncheon program concluded.

27. 4 SEMINARS were held:

- 1) Membership with International Director Jerome Thompson
- 2) Bigger & Better by LEBW President PDG Dierk Van Cleef
- 3) Making Social Media Effective for your Club –Lion Brian McKay
- 4) What are Lions Doing Better – Lion Andrea Yenter

VOTING to commence @ 4:00 results at District Banquet

1. **District Banquet called to order @ 6:00 PM** by DG Tom Berendes. This is an informal District Banquet. There is no head table. DG Tom wants everyone to associate with each other. CASUAL not FORMAL!!! DG Tom Berendes walked the floor and introduced everyone. Special thank you to ID Jerome Thompson, PID Mark and Jayne Hintzmann, Convention co-chairs, PDG Jerry and Meg Post, PDG Len and Kay Quinn, Lion Rose his Spouse in Service, visiting DG's, Lioness Bonnie Goeser and others
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by DG Tom Berendes
- 3 **Song & Prayer** led by Song Leader & Chaplain Lion Kay Quinn
- 4 **Introduction of Banquet Speaker** ID Jerome Thompson by PID Mark Hintzmann. PID Hintzmann mentioned ID Jerome is an excellent speaker and very personable. He will talk to you as a LION.
- 5 **Guest Speaker** ID Jerome said this has been a tremendous convention. He has learned a lot about Wisconsin Lions and the programs we have. Lions will HELP market Lions, Lions will HELP give families independence. Ask LIONS WHY ??? They will tell you because they are a LION. Lions need to tell their stories. Great new ideas are being developed for our future. Thank you for all you do. Gifts were given to ID Jerome Thompson as a remembrance - Wisconsin Pictorial book, Lions poem and \$100 donation to LCIF in his name. ID Thompson presented DG Tom and Lion Rose his Friendship Banner.
6. **Parade of checks** by Lion Secretary Treasurer Dave Holschbach. He always loves this part of the program, instead of collecting he is GIVING ! Thank you to all the clubs that donated. He did receive donations from 14 clubs to promote 13 different Lions programs. Checks received totaled \$32,525. Checks were given to WLF, Lions Camp, Pride, Leader Dog, WI Eye Bank and others.
- 8 **Lions Election** results were given by Lion BJ Blahnik with a FANFARE for each : District Governor Elect – Lion Fred Gebhart, 1st Vice District Governor Lion David Lee, 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Michael DeBaere, WLF Director – no nomination we will have to hold a Special Cabinet Meeting , District Bowling site sponsor for 2018 Sheboygan Noon Lions, 2017 District Convention site Holiday Inn – Manitowoc, district pin # 4 (smiles on road) and Peace Poster # 4 submitted by Elkhart Lake Lions. 218 Lions, Lioness and guests attended the convention, 69 certified to vote. 64 voted. Lion Fred cannot wait to get started. It will be an exciting future. Lion Mike said THANK YOU. Motion made by PDG Ken Rohde, 2nd by PDG Jerry Post to destroy the ballots. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 9 **District Raffle** winners were drawn by ID Jerome Thompson. \$ 2,602 taken in. Payouts for 6 places.. 1st Neshkoro Lions 2nd Ripon Lioness 3rd Elroy Ringmeier 4th Fond du Lac Lioness 5th Oakfield Lions and 6th place was Oakfield Lions.
10. **Closing Benediction** was given by Lion Kay Quinn

Motion to CLOSE convention by PDG Ken Rohde, 2nd by Lion Mike DeBaere @ 8:30 PM

MOTION CARRIED

All flags were retired.

Respectfully submitted: Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer,