



27-B1 District Cabinet Minutes

Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023

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

Call to Order by DG Greg Kubichka, 1:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by IPDG/District Administrator Dave Brinkman

Prayer by Chaplain Myra Schneider

Motion to Approve Agenda by John Stephen, seconded by Dick Karls--passed

Roll Call by CS PDG Gary Silah; sign-up sheet passed around, with request to confirm Cabinet member information; no guests

Installation of 2023-2024 District Cabinet by PDG Meg Post

Tail Twister Terry Erbstoesser; no report

Communications

Thank you from Eye Bank for B1 donations for the year

Thank you from Veterans Services for donations

Secretary's Report by CS PDG Gary Silah

Approval of District Caucus minutes as appeared on District Website; motion by PDG B.J. Blahnik, seconded by PDG Tom Wendt, passed

Treasurer's Report by CT PDG Jerry Post

Cabinet treasurer PDG Jerry Post recommended that \$1,000 out of the \$11,633.64 held in reserve funding be set aside for the yearly amount to reserve the hotel for each convention. This recommendation was accepted. A permanent policy for this will be written up by IPDG Dave Brinkman for cabinet approval when ready.

District Financial Reports

Approval of the 2023-2024 District Budget: Motion by John Stephen, seconded by Scott Scovronski, to approve as submitted; passed.

Approval of the 2023 Convention Budget; motion by Scott Scovronski, seconded by John Stephen, to approve as submitted; passed.

Old Business:

Fox Valley Med Locker Update

The Fox Valley Lions Medical Equipment Loan Locker is a non-profit organization.

We offer access to medical equipment without charge to residents of the Fox Valley communities.

What is a medical equipment loan locker? It is a collection of new and used medical equipment and supplies housed in one place that can be loaned out at no charge to those who have a need.

How does it work? People simply show up during the hours the loan locker is open and check out the equipment they need for as long as they need it. It is a loan. There is no charge and minimal paperwork is involved. When they no longer need the equipment, they return it to the locker.

Donations are always welcomed and are used to help replace worn equipment and fund our operation and community projects. Donations must be dropped off at the locker during normal operating hours; there are no provisions for pickups at this time.

Supporting the Fox Valley Medical Equipment Loan Locker (FVLML), named in memory of MJ Tassoul, a long time Lion and former Valley business owner, are the following clubs:

Appleton Noon, Appleton Evening, Freedom Greenville Men's, Greenville Women's, Heart of the

Valley Kaukauna, Neenah, Sherwood. With guidance and assistance from the Larson Winchester Lions Medical Locker

The FVLML is led by a Board of Directors and Elected Officers. The Board of Directors is comprised of 1 delegate from each of the participating clubs.

LOCATION AND OPERATING HOURS:

The FVLML is located at 312 W. Northland Ave. in Appleton WI., and is staffed by all participating clubs and any other interested parties that want to participate. The FVLML operating hours are: Wednesdays - 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays - 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

RIBBON CUTTING: Wednesday, August 9th

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Motion by PDG B.J. Blahnik, seconded by John Stephen, to add the Medical Locker to the approved District Solitations lists; passed.

Magnifying Reader Request through the Oshkosh School District

Questions were raised concerning the District Approval of this request and how it is being handled.

A motion by PDG B.J. Blahnik, seconded by Myra Schneider, to support the project, soliciting funding from the District clubs, with the District administering the funding, combining the funding coming in from other sources to reach the total of \$4,250 necessary. Following discussion, this motion was withdrawn.

A new motion by PDG B.J., seconded by Myra, for the project to be administered by the District, to include provisions concerning the amount paid by the recipients insurance company and other sources, combined with what is collected from District clubs, with any remaining portion to be placed in the general funding for the district--passed.

New Business:

District Goals by DG Greg Kubichka

GST: 100% reporting Lion and Leo Clubs; 5% increase in reporting of service project, from 2,116 total in 2022-23; District project during quarters 2 & 4; increased vision screening by 5%

GLT: Training officers and zone chairs; add missing zone chairs, start meetings with clubs; one-on-one calls to any zone chairs missing cabinet meetings; more club training offered at zone meetings; 100% club officer training; GMT, GST, GMT making 100% monthly meetings or having someone in their place

GMT: Start new Lions clubs in Oshkosh and Green Lake, and LEO Clubs in Chilton, Markesan and Van Dyne; 2% growth in District by 4th quarter, current number 1,877, goal 1,915; Zone meetings to focus on future projects to help advertise for new members; 100% club visits; retention focus on problems before they come up, talk about existing survey items of why members leave.

LCIF: Individual donations 100% increase, current 115 goal 230 by 4th quarter; List LCIF grants from last 3 years to State and District to show clubs where LCIF money is being locally utilized; help list how to use grants, focus on small grants at club level; talk about larger grants like tornado assistance and park projects; talk about WLF donations and how the Lions community support the camp and camp projects.

Expectations of cabinet chairs by DG Greg Kubichka

The stipends for each cabinet position vary greatly, instead of the single amounts paid to every position done in the past represents the expectations and requirements of each position.

The duties and responsibilities for each will be spelled out throughout the year.

Facebook Pages for Clubs by DG Greg Kubichka

We are being told by International that a Facebook presence is very beneficial to individual clubs. We are encouraging each club to put up a Facebook page and keep it up-to-date

to promote your club activities and fundraisers. If you need any help putting one together, contact IT chair PDG Tom Clausen.

Committee Reports:

District Administrator by IPDG Dave Brinkman

Working on training on the new Lions Portal for clubs to make sure they file their monthly reports. Reminding Zone Chairs that part of their responsibilities is to monitor clubs doing their monthly reporting, and informing IPDG Dave of any having difficulties.

1st Vice District Governor Dave Holschbach

My first scheduled FVDG training will be at the upcoming Council of Governors meeting on Friday July 21st. Looking forward to more training and understanding of procedures and policies. Great group of upcoming governors.

I am currently serving on the state budget and finance committee and keeping our state on budget.

Held the first of two officer workshops on July 15th in St Nazianz. Update at the cabinet meeting. I was responsible for the secretary and treasurer PowerPoint and training. Updated it numerous times!

The more you work on something the more changes you make.

Currently working on updating my data bases for club officers. I enjoyed meeting a lot of clubs last year and look forward to meeting the others.

Working on getting the approved solicitation for donations policy to correspond to the donation list on our website.

Planning on making a policy change in relation to the district bank for next year.

2nd Vice District Governor by Roxanne Wendt

Assisted with Club Officer Installation with PDG Tom Wendt; did my first solo officer installation for Neshkoro Lions; attended Council of Governors meeting; am a committee member for B1 convention in Fond du Lac in November.

Participating in Workshops for B1 in St Nazianz and Ripon.

Participating in USA/Canada forum in September and ALLI training in January.

Starting plans for 2025 B1 convention, possibly at the Oshkosh Best Western Convention Center.

Attended the Council of Governor's meeting in Marshfield. Among the things discussed is a new award in honor of Helen Keller at the Camp. A brick will cost \$100, and each District is encouraged to have their own, in addition to any individuals who want to participate.

Motion by Bonnie Hughes, seconded by John Stephen, to purchase a brick for 27-B1; passed.

GLT by PDG Tom Wendt

Continuing monthly GLT zoom meetings with State GLT Coordinator and fellow District GLT chairs.

Attended Faculty Development Institute last April

Was evaluated and for FDI certification

Coordinated first B1 Lions workshop with approximately 30 attendees; finalizing second workshop in Ripon

Attending the USA/Canada forum in September

Am bringing ALLIE training back to Wisconsin shortly

GST by IPDG Dave Brinkman

DISTRICT PROJECTS: Trex Plastic Challenge; Adopt A Highway; Deer Antlers; Food Drive

GMT by IPDG Dave Brinkman

Our focus for the new year will be:

RETENTION: How to we keep our members? NEW MEMBERS: How do we get new members?

NEW CLUBS: How/where do we start a new club?

District Convention by PDG Tom Wendt

We have had several meeting to get organized; the forms for registration and table reservations are available on the website.. We are very excited about the speakers and presentations scheduled for the convention.

District Diabetes by PDG Mike DeBaere

No report

District Elections and Nominations by PDG Gary Colton

Elections — at this year's District Conventions we will be electing a District Governor, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor for 2024-2025. We will be voting on a Peace Poster, a District pin and a Convention site for 2025.
Nominations — Nomination Forms are needed for District Governor. Earlier today I received nomination papers for 1st Vice District Governor and I am happy to report that I have received nomination papers for a 2nd Vice District Governor. More than one is acceptable. Competition is a good thing.
If any questions or assistance, let me know?

District Environment by Bonnie Hughes

Last fall I requested all Clubs to help with ROADSIDE CLEANUP. The only clubs to respond was my own club and Brandon Lions. I felt not all clubs were informed about this project because a lot of zones hadn't met yet and not all club presidents go to our web page to find out what is happening in our district. Therefore I suggested we redo this in the month of April for Spring Cleanup. We had better results with reports for
Van Dyne - 75 miles
Appleton Noon-16. miles
Winnebago East Shore - 70 miles
A total of 161 miles

I would have loved to have heard from more clubs but 161 miles of CLEAN ROADS is Great! Winnebago East (cleaver!) I didn't hear back who won though? But 70 miles were cleaned!

I hope every club is collecting PLASTIC BAGS to be brought to our District Convention again this year. Last year we were able to give away two benches. Van Dyne And Elkhart lake clubs won the benches. This year again there will be a raffle with one ticket for up to 50# and for every 50# you will receive additional tickets so if you bring 200# you will get 4 tickets etc. we need 500# to get one bench and we are allowed two benches per year. So start collecting and bring them to our convention in November the drawing will be done at the noon lunch!

District Hunger by Patricia Shikoski

I have nothing to report for hunger but have a plan in mind to get our club involved.....we meet tomorrow night.

Information/Public Relations/Historian by PDG Tom Clausen

The website and domain will be coming due in December. The cost is \$536.55 for the next 3 years, 2024, 25 and 26.

There are a few clubs that do not have an Internet presence. We should encourage them to get out there so people can contact them in case they are in need or want to join. It also helps publicize their events, both in promoting their club and getting people to participate in their fundraising activities. It just takes someone dedicated enough to do it.

The history we have is all published on our district's website. Clubs can add to their club history page by sending me information. Forget who I am or how to get a hold of me? Use the contact page on the district's website. Our website is located in the district's pages of the Wisconsin Lion.

New officers will be on our mailing list later this summer as soon as I can get access to the International website and have a few hours to input the information into our mailing database.

District MyLCI/My Lion by IPDG Dave Brinkman

The new portal should be up and running by the week of September 11. We are working on a training program for it, and it is vitally important that we have it ready.

District LCIF Coordinator by PDG B.J. Blahnik

Thanks to Mary Jo for the excellent work she did for the District last year. Numbers are not completed yet, but it appears the District did very well for the year, with 60 of the 64 clubs contributing.

District Leader Dog by Ella Stanelle

As of this meeting, the final numbers have not been reported but as of June 14th, B1 has donated \$33,239. Once again B1 is number one in the state in donations. Leader Dog thanks all of you for your generosity.

I will have a more detailed end of year report for the October cabinet meeting.

As of the end of the 3rd quarter, Leader Dog has served 96 clients and 106 Orientation and Mobility clients.

Leader Dog added a new program called Youth Orientation & Mobility. Youth O&M will provide Orientation and Mobility (white cane) instruction for 16- or 17-year-olds. Additionally, the program provides education for an adult supporter (such as a family member) to learn more about blindness, the skills their loved one uses, and how to help with O&M goals. Participants in this program stay in a local hotel and participate in the traditional training environments. All travel, meals, and hotel expenses are covered by Leader Dog. This program is one week and is scheduled based on the availability of the participants.

Within the Guide Dog Program, Leader Dog has expanded the DeafBlind program* to include adaptive services. The Leader Dog DeafBlind and Adaptive Services training program offers individualized service models for people with vision loss and additional needs. The Leader Dog team specializes in direct instruction using spoken English or American Sign Language with individuals who are DeafBlind, have mobility issues, and/or have cognitive impairments. The team emphasizes the individual and focuses on adapting instructional techniques to meet the specific needs of each student. A variety of training options are offered including home delivery, class (3 weeks), or flex. They also offer a 1:1 or 1:2 ratio for students based on everyone's needs.

Examples of clients who will be served in the Leader Dog DeafBlind and Adaptive Services training include clients with vision loss and cerebral palsy, clients who are on the Autism Spectrum, clients who have a learning disability and struggle with group instruction, clients who have a traumatic brain injury and struggle with memory and cognition, clients who are totally deaf and totally blind and uses tactile American Sign Language, clients who have balance difficulties. **Please note that we have standardized the term DeafBlind in accordance with the Helen Keller National Center, other national organizations as well as the DeafBlind community.*

District Leo Liaison by Gary Roehrig

Kiel is looking at a second LEO club for the high school (the current one is in the Middle School, and the students are looking to continue) and Chilton is looking to build a club.

If any club is interested in forming a LEO club in their community, let us know and we'll give you any assistance you need. The first step is to find an interested faculty member of the school, preferable a Lion, to build from there.

District Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin by Charlie Keifenheim

No report.

District Newspaper Editor by Marilyn Shady

A reminder that we are always looking for material to put in; please get your articles in as soon as possible.

District Peace Poster/Pin by Laurie Sasada

October 1st is the deadline to purchase your Peace Poster kits. I have created a handout so Zone Chairs can take and give to their clubs. (there are some printed copies available). The 2023-2024 contest theme is "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.

December 1: Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.

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.

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 Pediatric Cancer by PDG Dave Lee

A message for the District Children's Cancer Chairs for Wisconsin Lions:

Hi to all 2022-2023 MD27 District Children's Cancer Chairs. Thank you for your ongoing efforts in support of minimizing the effects of childhood cancer – add to that all that you do as a Lion and in meeting the other numerous demands, challenges, and opportunities that life throws our way. I hope that you will all be back in this same capacity for 2023-2024. If not, please let me know who might be taking over in your district.

As an introduction, I've been a Lion since 2011 after a career in the paper industry followed by about five years with a paper museum. Sue and I have lived in Appleton all our lives – we have five grown children and twelve grandchildren. Sue and I lead our Appleton Noon Lions club's Spot vision screening program with about 13,000 screenings per year. Sue is currently a zone chair and I am a PDG and outgoing treasurer/incoming secretary for the Wisconsin Lions Past District Governors group. When it comes to cancer, Sue had stage 3 colon cancer over 20 years ago; one of our daughters had stage 1 colon cancer in her 20s and is currently undergoing treatment for lymphoma in her late 40s. About three years ago I started treatment for an aggressive form of prostate cancer. I don't pretend to own cancer with our own family's experience – cancer is so insipient that unfortunately we all have such stories to share. Likely why each of us have stepped up in the past as District Children's cancer chairs.

As you all know, our respected Lion Dr. SRI stepped down early this year as MD27 State Children's Cancer Chair due to other demands. Fortunately, Lion SRI has stayed on as A2 District Children's Cancer Chair. (Applause for SRI!) I was asked to take over for Lion SRI and after considerable thought I agreed to do so.

Recently I submitted a conceptual overview for a suggested approach for dealing with childhood cancer for this coming year. Council Chair elect BJ discussed this with the incoming District Governors and apparently there was unanimous enthusiasm for the proposal. I've been asked to submit an action plan prior to the Council of Governors July meeting. I am optimistic that it will be supported by the Council of Governors and that we will be able to launch the program statewide shortly afterwards.

There are three basic goals in the proposed action plan:

- 1) the first concerns accruing a fund -- asking every Lions club in Wisconsin to contribute \$100 for state childhood cancer during the month of September, which is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. With an expected positive response, we should be able to raise \$50,000 or more for a childhood cancer fund. The districts may also wish to contribute.
- 2) the second concerns the process of deciding how the funds should be allocated – my proposal suggests that we identify and evaluate existing entities that support families with childhood cancer in Wisconsin, working to have a geographical and population equity throughout Wisconsin. There are organizations that support families of need with cash and/or gift cards to offset their travel expenses for treatments. There are also several day camps that offer opportunities for cancer-stricken children, siblings, and families. So, while the intended funding thrust is simple in concept, it will take some effort to get to an allocation point. I think that this approach offers the benefit of greatly simplifying and reducing our logistics for helping various families – these other entities have those capabilities.
- 3) the third goal is to have an on-going dialogue among the District Children's Cancer Chairs for sharing ideas and opportunities for possible service projects and volunteering at the club, multi-club, district, and district-teaming levels. Of course, part of the equation here is to match a need with a product or service.

The action plan steps are laid out around these three basic goals. The District Children's Cancer Chairs can be a great help in the success of all three of these goals and the action plan. I hope that we can help to successfully create a Wisconsin Lions culture for being the difference for families of need with childhood cancer. The proposed action plan for 2023-2024 doesn't include a focus for funding equipment in one or more of Wisconsin's childhood cancer treatment centers. Focus opportunities might present themselves in the coming years, but for now our intended focus is direct relief from the financial and psychological stresses for families dealing with childhood cancer.

The proposed 'ask' this year is for \$100 from each Wisconsin Lions club. Certainly, clubs can choose to do more, but this modest 'ask' doesn't force allocation choices for clubs between this new focus versus those other worthy Lions support areas. Also, hopefully the 'ask' amount is such that virtually every Lions club in Wisconsin can participate. Seeking a little to do a lot.

This coming year should be interesting. Hopefully, also a year having a beneficial impact on those families dealing with childhood cancer. Thank you for your help.

District Raffle by John Stephen

If anyone wants to bring me their club's ticket stubs and money that would be great. If anyone needs more tickets or needs the tickets picked up please let me know. Due to the early distribution of the packets, 10 clubs have already turned their tickets in.

Restoring Hope Transplant House by Barb Leichtfuss

They are doing a lot of remodeling and landscaping to improve the House, so it's more important than ever that clubs contribute if they choose.

District Special Olympics by PDG Fred Gebhart

The summer activities are progressing nicely. Of course, more financial assistance would be very helpful.

District Vision by PDG Fred Gebhart

They have been doing a lot of vision screening during the county fair season. Total count as of now is 31,164.

District Youth Exchange by Patricia Shikoski

Messages are coming fast and furious because camp starts in August. Lots of last minute details to figure out. I am planning to attend the whole week.

Wisconsin Lions Mission by Pat Knier

A trailer filled with beds and mattresses, as well as gardening materials, were sent over to the Indian Reservation we have been assisting. The trailer then returned with a load of eyeglasses from the surrounding areas for recycling.

Summer meeting and Picnic: August 27 is the date, starting at 9:49 a.m., at the Lakeview Park/Lions Playground, 810 North St., Beaver Dam.

A detailed report of current missions and financials was provided to Cabinet members.

WLF Director/Eye Glass Recycling by PDG Fred Gebhart

We have been working with Keith at the recycling center to make more eyeglasses available for the Missions this year.

WLF Director/Pride/Hearing /Birch Sturm by Dick Karl

WLF BOARD MEETING

Orientation was held on June 21 & 28 for new and present Board members. Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Aug. 26th.

The Lions Camp Tail Gate Party (open house) held on Friday 5/12, prior to the State convention was a great success. A few out of state license plates were observed in the parking lot.

HEARING

A total of 47 Hearing Aides were purchased in 2022 - 2023 by the MD 27 Districts. I have processed 9 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, 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.

LIONS PRIDE ENDOWMENT FUND

Volunteered at the 15th Annual Lions Pride Sporting Clay Shoot June 10, 2023 at Milford Hills, Johnson Creek. Great turn out of shooters- 135 and profited \$30,000 +. Many, many items were raffled. Could have used more volunteers (keep in mind for next year) There were 7 members past and present from WLF volunteering.

Constitution & Bylaws by PDG Jerry Post

No report

Policies and Procedures by IPDG/District Administrator Dave Brinkman

Possible reimbursement for Sec-Treas for attendance at MD 27 convention

No policy exists for MD 27 Secretary and Treasurer reimbursement whereas they are required to attend a training for ballot preparation, hand out of ballots and counting ballots after voting.

Resolve One, combination of or all of the following guidelines may be used with the exception of beverages. Cabinet Secretary and Treasurer shall receive equal reimbursement. Reimbursements shall be in accordance with Lions Clubs International General Expense reimbursement Policy.

Paid registration

Milage @.50 a mile

Hotel @ \$100 a night

Meals @\$25 a meal up to a maximum of \$75

Claims need to be submitted within 30 days for the approval to the District Governor

Motion by John Stephen, seconded by Bonnie Hughes, to accept the recommendation. Upon discussion, it was determined that this should be completed by modifying the Compensations Budget for the Secretary and Treasurer, to include appropriate reimbursements for the Convention. The motion was withdrawn.

Zone Chair Reports:

Zone 1 Chair by Peggy Loose

No report

Zone 2 Chair by Paul Baroun

Little to report at this time; most clubs do not have meetings until August. Sending out email on club projects.

Zone 3 Chair by Kenneth Brandt

No report

Zone 4 Chair (not currently filled; still looking for a chair)

Zone 5 Chair by Mary Jo Ablor

First zone meeting August 10th at Anchor Lanes

Zone 6 Chair by Sue Lee

No report

Zone 7 Chair by Josh Blatz

No report

Zone 8 Chair by Scott Scovronski

Installed my first group of officers for a club. Van Dyne is currently working on Smalltown Days event.

Zone 9 Chair by Laurie Sasada

No report

Zone 10 Chair by Bill Fletcher

No report

Zone 11 Chair by Pat Karasck

Working on getting every zone club an electronic presence. First meeting September 11th. I'm looking at things that have never been done before.

Other Business:

State Bowling will be in March or April next year, at River City Lanes in Waterford

There were bags of school supplies distributed at yesterday's Council of Governors meeting; everyone, please take at least one and make sure they get to where they are needed.

An award was presented to IPDG Dave for a job well done as 2022-2023 District Governor.

We will be attempting a service project at the Convention; we will be putting together bags of hygiene products to distribute to homeless shelters and other locations in need of them. If anyone can get donations of little tubes of appropriate items, please let us know and bring them to the Convention in Fond du Lac.

Next Meeting Sunday, October 8th, 2023, at the Eagles Club Fond du Lac

Tail Twister collection

Motion by PDG Tom Wendt, seconded by PDG B.J. Blanick, for adjournment. **Meeting Adjourned** at 4:52 p.m.



MD 27-B1 District Cabinet Minutes

Date: Sunday, October 8, 2023

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

Virtual: NO

Call to Order by District Governor Greg Kubichka at 1:02 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance by IPDG/District Administrator Dave Brinkman

Prayer by Chaplain Myra Schneider (read by Ella Stanelle)

Motion by Paul Baroun, seconded by Scott Scovronski to Approve Agenda; passed

Guest Introduction by DG Greg (no guests)

Roll Call by Cabinet Secretary PDG Gary Silah, attendance sheet passed around to sign

Tail Twister report by Terry Erbstoesser

I am looking forward to this new position and hope to come up with some fun ideas to promote camaraderie and hopefully earn some money for our club without focusing too much on fines. If you have any suggestions I would love to hear from you!

Communications by DG Greg (no communications)

Secretary's Report by CS PDG Gary

Detailed Secretary's report was submitted to cabinet members. No corrections were submitted.

Correspondence by DG Greg & CS PDG Gary (no correspondence received)

Treasurer's Report by Cabinet Treasurer PDG Jerry Post

Details of the audit report from last year were shown, with no matters of concern reported. The budget for the current year was finalized. A motion by Scott Scovronski, seconded by Pat Shikoski to accept; passed. Jerry also mentioned that the auditors the District is using has done this for us for many years, without charge. He is going to send them a thank-you letter.

Old Business:

a. Convention Site Downpayment Funds by PDG Jerry, IPDG Dave PDG Meg

As most sites are now demanding a deposit to reserve for convention, Treasurer Jerry recommends that we move \$1,000 to a special account to have ready for this annual expense. Motion by Tom Wendt, seconded by Scott Scovronski, to do so; passed.

b. New Holstein Lions grant by Mary Jo Abler

The New Holstein Lions Club is seeking District approval for going after a LCI grant for a children's park, complete with ADA approved equipment and a shelter with a concrete floor. Motion by Dave Holschbach, seconded by John Stephen; passed. Additional support of a \$5,000 community grant was motioned by Mary Jo Abler and seconded by Gary Roehrig; passed.

New Business:

a. Policy Change – Solicitations by 1VDG Dave Holschbach

The current policy for soliciting funds for the district is out of date. I would like to see changes made to the current policy.

(NOTE: proposed changes are highlighted in yellow)

The following organizations, groups and committees are approved to solicit funds District-wide in 27- B1.

27-B1 Diabetes

27-B1 Emergency Fund

27-B1 Lions Raffles

Childhood Cancer
Hearing Committee

Hearing Dog

Leader Dogs for the Blind

Lions Clubs International Foundation

Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin

Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence

Restoring Hope Transplant House

Wisconsin Lions Foundation – annual donation

Wisconsin Lions Pediatric Eye Clinic

Wisconsin Lions Pride

Wisconsin Missions

Youth Exchange

Youth Outreach – Quest

The current policy does not coincide with the district donation list and the accounts in our district restricted funds accounts. I would like to propose to change the highlighted current and add the following to the policy:

Change :

Hearing Committee to be: 27 B1 Hearing

Youth Exchange to be Youth Exchange & Outreach -Quest

Add:

27 B1 Memorial Fund

27 B1 Vision Screening

27 B1 Birch Sturm Fellowship, Ray Hempel Fellowship

Fox Valley Medical Equipment Loan Locker

Eliminate :

Youth Outreach – Quest

Motion by Dave Holschbach, seconded by Bonnie Hughes to accept the changes as proposed; passed.

b. Policy Change – District Bank bidding by 1VDG Dave Holschbach

I would like to propose a change in the current policy for bidding on the District Bank.

(NOTE: proposed changes are highlighted in yellow)

Bank will be auctioned in June every year by the current District Governor.

Highest bidder by individual, club or clubs will hold possession for one year.

Bank cannot be stolen or hidden from winning bidder.

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.

No other District shall be allowed to bid on bank.

Name and year will be displayed on plaque.

Money to be donated to any or all 27-B1 authorized projects.

Will count as annual donation.

Must be paid by May 31st of the current year, to be entered in the Annual Report.

Since we currently also have Len Quinn hat auction done at the convention, I would like to see the district bank as a 11 month project for all clubs not just those who attend the district convention. Change to be effective July 1st of upcoming Lions year.

Each club would be responsible for reporting by May 31 the amounts donated to the approved list of funds solicitors listed in the District Policy Manual – Authorized Soliciting Funds.

The district secretary/treasurer will be responsible to send the form to each club and a reminder in May for the final report. To prevent one club from controlling the bank, each club can only possess for a maximum of 2 consecutive years.

The wording to be changed on the policy is highlighted and should be as follows:

Bank will be awarded in June by current District Governor

Highest Club dollar donations will possess the bank for the upcoming Lion year.

Money to be donated to any or all MD 27 B1 Lions projects as noted in the District 27 B1

Policy Manual - Authorization of soliciting funds

Clubs must submit their annual report by May 31st for consideration

Add: A club is not allowed to receive the bank after 2 consecutive years of possession for one year.

Motion by Gary Roehrig, seconded by Tom Wendt to accept the new policy. Following discussion, this motion was rescinded. A new proposal by 1st VDG Dave will be submitted prior to the January cabinet meeting.

Committee Reports:

IPDG/District Administrator Dave Brinkman

Testing is complete on the new Portal; fixes are being worked on. It is scheduled to go live in January, 2024. Keep using the current system for all activity reports. All that information will be moved to the new system when it is online.

1st Vice District Governor Dave Holschbach

I will be completing my second scheduled FVDG training at the Council of Governors meeting on Friday September 29th. The focus for this meeting is on Governor Orientation and Effective Listening and Communication. Looking forward to more training and understanding of procedures and policies. Great group of upcoming governors. We have been having a monthly zoom to get to know each other and planning for next year. A lot more training than last year.

I am currently serving on the state budget and finance committee and keeping our state on budget. Next year I plan to be the Treasurer for the Council of Governors along with being the representative for Pride.

My data base for club officers has been updated. I enjoyed meeting a lot of clubs last year and look forward to meeting the others. I have attended 3 zone meetings and introduced myself to the clubs attending this year already. More to Come.

All FVDGs are invited to Leader Dog for a weekend of touring, training and demonstration. There was Hands On for white cane training and we also got a chance to walk blindfolded with a leader dog. Saturday evening dinner was "Dining in the Dark" which is what we plan for our District Convention in November. VERY INTERESTING and educational. CC BJ Blahnik was the featured speaker for the evening. He truly gives an inspirational speech, at one moment you're crying and the next your laughing.

I am actively involved with the upcoming convention taking care of the 1st timers questionnaire and making sure that everyone has a display table.

2nd Vice District Governor Roxanne Wendt

What 2nd VDG's are doing.

2nd Vice Governor Lessons Learning Center

- Second Vice District Governor Orientation
- Communication Skills for District Governor

• Instruction Presenters: FDI Steve Pogue, FDI Don Drew, LCIP Connie LeClair Meyer First Hour:

Success Through Teamwork and Program Overview Second Hour: Communication Skills and Impromptu Speaking Skills September 29th: Marshfield Wisconsin 1st Vice Governor Lessons LEARN Pre-Assignments:

- Complete Quiz: 21 questions District Governor Orientation
- Complete Quiz: 10 questions "Are You a Good Listener?" Instructors FDI JoAnn Marson and LCIP Connie LeClair Meyer First Hour: District Governor Orientation Second Hour: Effective Listening September 29th: Marshfield Wisconsin 2nd Vice Governor Lessons Learning Center Pre-Assignments

• Meeting Management • Robert's Rules of Order LCI: second vice governor online training Search

• Complete Workbook Instructors Presenters: FDI Stacy Nesseth, FDI Adam Crowson, LCIP Evett Hartvig

Information found at lionsclubs.org Second Vice Governor Training First Hour: Meeting Management through Robert's Rules of Order 1. 9-Slide Presentation: Meeting Management 2. Robert's Rule of Order Activity Second Hour: Second Vice District Governor Online Training Workbook Review 1. Review Assignment #1 & #2 Group Discussion 2. Review Assignment #3 Small Group Discussion Wisconsin Advanced Lions Leadership Institute Is now receiving applications for January 19,20, and 21 institute

Reminder: The 2024 International Convention will be held in Melbourne, Australia June 21st – 25th . You can register online at 106th Lions Clubs International Convention (mcisemi.com). Registration now through January 12th, 2024, is \$190 per person January 13th – June 16th \$265 per person Registration on site June 17th – June 25th \$340 per person

I also attended the USA-Canada forum in Reno, where I met Lions International President Dr. Patti Hill.

Upcoming International Convention is June 21-26 in Melbourne, Australia; 2026 State Bowling will be held in Sheboygan..

GLT chair PDG Tom Wendt

There are currently plans being prepared for another train session/workshop in the spring.

District Convention Chair PDG Tom Wendt

Currently we have 38 paid registrations for the November convention; 31 for lunch and 28 for banquet.

Diabetes Chair PDG Mike DeBaere

A very interesting challenge for all the cabinet members, trying to guess the sugar content of fast food sandwiches currently being marketed.

Elections and Nominations PDG Gary Colton

I have received Nomination forms for District Governor, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor. The Nominations Committee has approved these Candidates and I have forwarded the necessary forms to the Wisconsin State Office and to our District Governor Greg for election at our District Convention.

We will also be voting for either the Raddison in Fond du Lac or the Best Western Premier Oshkosh for Hotel choices for our 2025 District Convention Site along with this year's District Pin and Peace Poster.

Environment Chair Bonnie Hughes

Again this year at our District Convention I am asking for all clubs in our district to bring in their plastic bags for a chance to win a district bench. For up to 50 pounds you will get 1 ticket. You bring in 100 pounds for 2 tickets 300 pounds 6 tickets etc. I will have a larger enclosed trailer to store them.

This year the State Multiple District is encouraging all District Environmental Chairmen to promote "Home Composting" to their district clubs. So at the Convention I will be having a lot of information on "How To" go about Composting and "How To" build different types of containers to use.

Encourage your clubs to save all their plastic bags and please bring them to the convention!

Hunger Chair Patricia Shikoski

I recently initiated a monthly good drive with my club in Van Dyne....everyone has been asked to bring goods to our monthly meeting and I will get any items collected to our local surrounding food pantries.

We will also be accepting food donations at the convention.

Information/Public Relations/Historian PDG Tom Clausen

Last meeting I recommended that we pay the \$528 bill for the district's website for the next 3 years. This 3 year payment allows for a reduced price rather than paying yearly. I find it hard to believe that someone thought we should look into finding a cheaper vendor. The main reason for paying the fee is to get storage, a secure website and a website that can be worked on by anyone with Internet access and the proper credentials. This fee is only \$176 per year. If that was submitted, it probably wouldn't be looked at twice. When you think that it only costs each Lion 10 cents per year for access to all district information and especially all of the history for their club and the district, you probably couldn't find a better bargain. If that history was stored the old way, it would be sitting in someone's garage in boxes collecting dust and mold. Would anyone take the effort to seek it out? This cost is less than 1/6th the price of a stamp per Lion. I say you can't get a better way to communicate with the Lions of 27-B1. I was at a state convention and someone came up to me and said our website "sets the standard for district websites." Something I take pride in.

State website:

There are 2 pages on the state website that are password protected due to privacy concerns (publishing names, phone numbers, address and email addresses). The password for the directory - committees and council minutes is MD27serves. Feel free to disseminate this password to all Lions. The password is meant to prevent public browsers from viewing those pages.

(Tom had, just the night before, received a President's Award for his work as the B1 website administrator from International Director Lee Vrieze).

LCIF Coordinator PDG B.J. Blahnik

DG Lion Greg has been offering the Individual Donor form for LCIF and currently has roughly 60 individuals who have donated to LCIF. DG Lion Greg will continue to bring this with him to his club visits.

I have been working with Fairwater Club regarding a Club Community Impact Grant. The club has been approved for a \$1050 club grant towards Sleep in Heavenly Peace which makes beds for children who do not have a bed.

Additionally, Fairwater has some MJF credits available and they are determining if they are going to use them before their club closes or if they will be transferring them to the District.

There is a State LCIF Competition called "Pie in the Face" which is being used to raise money for LCIF. Every \$10 personal donation will get a vote to choose who they want to have a pie thrown in their face. I am the representative for B1. The final results will be on display at the State Convention. I know many of you would love to throw something at me so let's raise some money for LCIF and all of you can get your wish. More to come on this and I am asking to be invited to your Zone Meetings to discuss.

B1 has two Model Clubs who have completed their Campaign 100 commitment. The District will be celebrating those clubs during this year. We will announce their club names after the plaques are presented.

Please remember to keep LCIF as a partner for donations. The LCIF bank is the Lions Bank and it helps change the world every day. Thank you for your donations.

Leader Dog Chair Ella Stanelle

Donations from the Clubs as of September 14, 2023: \$1200.00

I have spoken to Debbi Delice regarding convention; we will be setting up a vendors' table and Debbi will be giving a talk during the luncheon on Saturday.

Leo Chair Gary Roehrig

Leo Club Recruitment Initiative: "Lunch With a Lion"

Goal: Local-Begin Dialogue for formation of a Leo club by a 27 B-1 Lions Club. District- Chartering additional Leo Clubs in District

Plan: Contact School Administration with Plan and gain acceptance. Existing Lions Club in community sets up a "Lunch with a Lion" event at school where there is interest in formation of a Leo Club.

Club members interested in actively supporting a new Leo Club would sit down with prospective Leo Club students for their regularly scheduled lunch period to provide information and answer questions about a Leo Club.

-Club might offer to pay for the lunch to incentivize attendance. Lions members would wear appropriate Lions apparel to identify the Lions brand. This could be a one or two day event.

Bullet points to convey to prospective Leos:

- Lions are largest service organization in world
- Lion projects that directly affect youth
- Educational scholarships
- Vision Screening
- Childhood Cancer initiative
- Accessible Playground projects in area
- Lions Camp

Follow up: Get names and address of students and parents interested in joining a Leo Club. Contact with parents to explain the Leo Club to them and get their approval. If sufficient numbers are developed, Club meets with school administrators to discuss logistics of a Leo Club in their system.

Proceed with developing a list of advisors from sponsoring Club to guide and advise new Leo Club during its formation, certification and organization. These advisors must be committed to nurture the new Leo Club in its infancy.

Newspaper Editor Marilyn Shady

Thanks to all those who have submitted articles.

PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: vandynelionsnews@yahoo.com

Peace Poster/Pin Chair Laurie Sasada

We have lots of pins for sale. They will be at the convention.

Pediatric Cancer Chair PDG Dave Lee

(This report is patterned closely to the report for the Sept 30 Council of Governors meeting)

The Wisconsin Lions Childhood Cancer Fund Initiative was launched in mid-August following the approval by the Council of Governors in early August. Emails were sent to all Wisconsin Lions from the State Office announcing the Fund Initiative and providing details. Also, an article with a similar message appeared in the latest edition of the Wisconsin Lion.

- There have been a number a questions received from various Lions and these have been responded to in a timely fashion.
- The district childhood cancer chairs had a Zoom communication meeting recently and we plan to meet monthly for the foreseeable future.
- The contributions to date are encouraging. I will plan to provide specifics briefly at the upcoming cabinet meeting.
- We are meeting with representatives of potential childhood cancer support organizations to learn more about them and are working toward developing a group to recommend to the COG that would cover every county in Wisconsin for potential support to families of need dealing with childhood cancer.
- On the Zoom call we also discussed February 15th being International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day and welcomed ideas for giving Wisconsin Lions a chance to visibly show they care for kids and families dealing with childhood cancer. We welcome ideas from anyone.
- I am interested in having speaking time at district conventions along with the district childhood cancer chairs for brief encouraging messaging.

A motion by Jerry Post, seconded by Pat Shikoski, for the District to donate \$500 to the Childhood Cancer; passed.

District Raffle Chair John Stephen

Anyone that wants to turn in their District Raffle tickets can turn them in to me that day and if anyone wants more tickets I will have extra tickets with me.

Restoring Hope Transplant House Chair Barb Leichtfuss

Director Cindy Herbst reports a very busy year at RHTH. This August they cared for 63 more people than the previous August in 2022. For a variety of reasons, people have been more affected by depression related to not only their illnesses, but also the economic impact it is having on their lives. She has also noticed that their coping skills are less. They are not going to their doctors as often as they should due to co-pays, etc.

She also mentioned that surprisingly, many Lions she is in contact with don't feel they have a "personal" connection with RHTH, which affects their attitudes towards supporting RHTH. They are unaware of people in their immediate areas that have been or are being treated there. They are always surprised when the statistics are shared with them.

That being said, she is asking that Lions Clubs please put together information about local support options in their communities that are available for when patients and their families return home. They are in need of any help available to ease their worries and pinched budgets.

Examples are: Local food pantries, dialysis centers, free household help such as shoveling snow, cleaning, etc., resale stores for clothing and other household goods. What are local churches able to help with? She will then share the appropriate information with them.

I would be glad to have clubs forward me the information and I will make sure Cindy gets it in an organized format. babbzee52@gmail.com or Lion Barb Leichtfuss, 158 Old Knapp Road, Van Dyne WI 54979

Please continue to support RHTH financially, groceries, etc. as you have been. They are very appreciative! The need is there!

Special Olympics Chair PDG Fred Gebhart

The annual fundraiser this year will be put on with assistance from the Wisconsin State Patrol and individual Truckers.

Vision Chair PDG Fred Gebhart

Lots of screenings lately, with a higher than average number of referrals.

There are training manuals now that cover far more of the details than the previous ones.

Our District numbers are way up, and many are way down, mostly because some other districts do not report as thoroughly as they should

Youth Exchange Chair Patricia Shikoski

The program needs more volunteers; the number of requests has jumped.

2023 YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHEDULE

WELCOME!	FIRST DAY!	FUN BEGINS!		TOUR DAY	GUEST/GAME DAY	DISCO DAY	LAST DAY
Sun 8/13/23	Mon 8/14/23	Tues. 8/15/23		Wed 8/16/23	Thurs. 8/17/23	Fri 8/18/23	Sat 8/19/23
Counselor Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	8:00 AM	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Sleep Late!
Counselor Set-up	Kitchen: Teams 3&4	Kitchen: Teams 4&5	8:30 AM	Open Lock Up	Kitchen: Teams 5&1	Kitchen: Teams 1&2	Breakfast + Lunch = Brunch
	Weather Safety Swimming Rules - Nurse Info	NICARAGUA	9:00 AM	Buses Leave for Madison @ 8:45	BELGIUM	TURKEY	
	Blanket Service Project	AUSTRIA	9:30 AM		MONGOLIA	DENMARK	
	Craft barn tour Ice Breaker Games	SPAIN	10:00 AM	Lions Eye Bank Tour	POLAND	Craft Barn (closes @ 4pm) Free Time	
	Craft Barn Free Time	10:30 AM	Counselor Activity!		Kitchen: Volunteers		
Counselor Lunch	Lunch/Team Name	Lunch	12:00 PM		Lunch	West Allis Cookout	World Chats Current Events
Counselors greet early arrivals	Kitchen: Teams 5&1	Kitchen: Teams 1&2	12:30 PM	Shopping & Lunch on State Street	Kitchen: Teams 2&3	GERMANY	Free Time & Talent Show Practice
	USA	World Chats/ Current Events	1:00 PM		Un-Olympic Games	ROMANIA	
Registration Camp Book Photo	FINLAND	Design Team Posters	1:30 PM	Group Photo at Capital @ 2:30 Tour of State Capital @ 3:00		Counselors' Choice	Talent Show
Camper Setup Swim Tests Table Talks Beach Closed	FRANCE	Water/Field Games	2:00 PM		Load Buses		
	Canoe Races		2:30 PM	Photos w/ DGs			
		Beach Open for Free Time After	3:00 PM		Evaluations		
	3:30 PM		Guest Intros				
Dinner-Lock up	Dinner	Dinner	6:00 PM	Marshall Lions Picnic	Dinner	Fish Fry-Birthday	Kitchen: Teams 3&4
Kitchen: Teams 1&2	Kitchen: Teams 2&3	Kitchen: Teams 3&4	6:30 PM	Bus Back to Camp	Kitchen: Teams 4&5	Kitchen: Counselors	Post Camp Skit
Flag Ceremony	ITALY	7:00 PM	Leader Dog Presentation		Free Time Talent Show Practice	Solstice Gifts	
Lions Intro/Skit	Native American Presentation	ISRAEL	7:30 PM	THE NETHERLANDS	Disco @ Club Vista	Camp Video	
Counselor Intro/Skit		HUNGARY	8:00 PM				TUNISIA
Talent Show Info	Craft Barn Free Time	Craft Barn Free Time	8:30 PM	Free Time	Camp Books		
Solstice Info			9:00 PM				
Free Time	Cabins Quiet	Cabins Quiet	9:30 PM	Cabins Quiet	Cabins Quiet	Cabins Quiet	
Cabins Quiet	Cabins Quiet	Cabins Quiet	10:00 PM	Cabins Quiet	Cabins Quiet	Cabins Quiet	Cabins Quiet

Departure Day
Sun 08/20/23
1. Pack suitcases
2. Bring suitcases outside
3. Sweep floors
4. Remove name tags
5. Take out trash
Breakfast
Say your farewells!
Campers Depart @ ~10am
Lost & Found Table Outside
Clothes & towels left at camp cannot be returned!
Head Counselors:
Continually rotate through cabins to be sure campers pack up and exit cabins before breakfast!!

Wisconsin Lions Mission Pat Knier

GUATEMALA

The first mission will be to Guatemala and that is a combination of Wisconsin and Minnesota Lions. We have been working with Minnesota Lions for the past 3-4 years helping them get a mission program up and running. This mission is being co-chaired by Gary Donaldson from Wisconsin and Dan Goetz from Minnesota and half the workers from each state. We will be working with/training the MN Lions so that next year they can assume a larger role and perhaps move forward on their own after that. This is a great way to increase Lions service to people in need! The dates of this mission are Feb. 3-10-2024.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The second mission will be back to the Dominican Republic 2/28-3/7-2024. Tom Bredesen will lead this mission. Last year was our first time in DR and under Tom's leadership it was a very successful and enjoyable mission. There is room for (and need for) 5-7 more people on this trip.

WLM has decided that all people going on their first mission should have gone through a basic training program before they go and it is our responsibility to make that training available. Though we don't have details for such a training program worked out yet we will be doing one in November or December this year and we expect all new people, and experienced ones as well if they wish, to participate.

OTHER THINGS!

During the past several months WLM has taken two trailer loads of household items to the flood victims of eastern Kentucky. This was done in cooperation with the local Lions in those cities. We also have made two trips to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota with furniture and more for the people there. We took the Lions trailer to Omaha, NE, to Ames, IA and to Olewain, IA to pick up used eyeglasses from those states. These glasses were brought back to our recycling center as a way of supporting that important Lions program. How many glasses did we pick up is not known exactly, but a 34 foot long trailer piled 3+ feet deep with glasses is a lot of glasses

Pine Ridge South Dakota Reservation

There is another eyeglass mission trip planned in the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation for October 2024. We tried to put something together for this year, but after some communication delays didn't allow us to put something together that soon, it was decided to wait until next year to get all the details ironed out.

WLF Director/Eye Glass Recycling PDG Fred Gebhart

WLF - Fred

Camper Weeks		Females	Males	Total	Cancels	No Shows
BVIA	June 4-8	61	44	105	13	0
BVI Youth	June 11-15	24	25	49	3	0
EP		15	9	24	2	0
IDAYA	June 18-22	47	46	93	10	0
IDA 1	June 25-29	54	58	112	13	1
IDA 2	July 2-6	32	35	67	9	0
DB 1	July 9-13	65	36	101	1	0
DB 2	July 16-20	45	40	85	10	0
DHH 1	July 23-27	44	50	94	7	0
DHH 2	July 30-August 3	48	38	86	7	0
DHHA	August 14-18	23	18	41	3	0
TOTAL		458	399	857	78	1

Camper total is 857

Applications were available January 30, 2023

BVIA = Adults who are Blind or Visually Impaired

BVI Youth = Youth who are Blind or Visually Impaired

EP = Youth with Epilepsy

IDA = Youth with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism

IDAYA = Young Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism

DB = Youth who have Diabetes

DHH = Youth who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

DHHA = Adults who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

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

Hearing

Hearing Aide applications through 7/25/23 were 16 for all of MD 27 Districts > 5 – Approved; 2 – Self Pay; 2 – Denied; 5 – Pending; 2 Returned for more Information. I have processed One Hearing Aid Application. Hearing aide credits from Starke - \$21,738.67. A meeting is set for Oct.12th for all MD District Hearing Chairs to go over the application process and come up with some ways to make it more efficient.

Birch-Sturm Memorial

No Report

Lions Pride Endowment Fund

No Report

WLF Board Meeting

Meeting and induction of members by ID Lee Vrieze held on 8/26 Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Dec. 9th. Have attended 2 club meetings & participated in the MD27 B1 Workshop in July.

BY THE NUMBERS (As of 7/25)

Birch Sturm Golf Outing >145 Golfers \$30458.99 (+\$400 Over 2022)

Hustle Smor & Mor >\$22,555 (2022 >\$8,292 & 2021 >\$9,385)

Campers >857

Visitors Day >154 in 8 Days

Combined Visitors Days & Private Tours >393

Constitution & Bylaws PDG Jerry Post

No report

Policies and Procedures IPDG/District Administrator Dave Brinkman

No report

Zone Chair Reports:

Zone 1 Chair Peggy Loose

No report

Zone 2 Chair Paul Baroun

Next Zone meeting November 20, 2023

Zone 3 Chair Kenneth Brandt

No report

Zone 4 Chair

No report

Zone 5 Chair Mary Jo Ablor

Membership is the next 3-year goal, to have all clubs in a plus for membership. We have 253 zone members; can we raise that to 265 by next year?

Make sure to use social media and local media to promote your club and its activities.

We have a sound zone where all clubs support their communities, most clubs are doing a great job of supporting Lions projects at both the State and International level.

Please use the District Calander to promote your fund raisers in the hope of attracting area Lions to support your events.

Next Zone meeting Oct 26, Millhome Supper Club, Kiel at 6 PM Dinner meeting to follow about 6:30

Zone 6 Chair Sue Lee

Before the meeting there was a tour of the Fox Valley Lions Medical Equipment Loan Locker which opened in August. Lion Carol Jansen gave an update on the locker. It has had a successful start with 145 people served with high end items - total used value \$153,000. This does not include single use items.

1VDG Dave spoke of IP Dr. Patti Hill and her theme of Changing the World. He talked about the importance of summing up the little things that we do to help people. He reminded us to spread the word about what we do and keep our own members aware of our history. He stressed the importance of reporting service to LCI and getting the word out on social media. 1VDG Dave talked about the District Convention in Fond du Lac and reminded clubs to get their raffle tickets sold. The theme is Making a Difference and there will be firefighter demos with the jaws of life and fire extinguishers. Saturday banquet will be a dinner in the dark. 1VDG Dave's theme next year will be Always There for You.

PDG Dave Lee talked of the launching of the Wisconsin Lions Childhood Cancer Fund initiative. Clubs are being asked to donate \$100 or more beginning in September which is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. The funds are intended to provide financial help to families of need across the state who are dealing with childhood cancer. He is encouraged by the initial response.

Clubs shared activities since the last Zone Meeting -

Appleton Noon update by Pres. Sue Jungen - Medical Loan Locker, continued vision screening, Senior Expo planning for 9/20/23 event, highway cleanup, meal packaging at Loaves and Fishes, eyeglass collection; plastic collecting, Octoberfest bracelet sales, dictionaries for third graders, candy and coffee sales

Neenah update by Lion Vince Treague - Current activities include brat sales, dictionaries for third graders, vision screening, homeless shelter volunteering; will be doing bell ringing. They continue to struggle with membership.

Butte des Morts update by Lion Irv Korth - Carpfest in August was a big success, highway cleanup was done, Halloween and Christmas parties are planned for the children

Larsen-Winchester update Pres. Jim Olson - ramp building (1379 to date), Medical Loan locker, Pancake Breakfast, Trex benches, highway cleanup, basketball court completed, funding a pavilion near bb court, scholarships for med fields and the trades. L-W also gave a shout out to BDM for a great Carpfest.

Appleton Evening update by Lion Jim Christman - they have a goal to outdo the service they did last year; brat sales, eyeglass collection, dictionaries, added a new service of helping to serve lunch and share the meal with veterans at Vets and Friends;

The Takeaway on Service -

All clubs presented full service activity schedules. Even the smaller clubs remain active but could use new members to help. Appleton Evening has only 9 members but has added a new activity. I congratulated Larsen-Winchester on the coverage they received in the LCI magazine and urged those in attendance to check it out if they hadn't seen it yet. Lion Jim Christman from Appleton Evening commented that a number of years ago L-W had a 7 page article in the magazine - "something unheard of".

Some New Ideas - every year in the fall Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis around the country join for Community Celebration. They plan and carry out a one day service event. Something to look into. Another thing to look into is the Lions state wide personal composting project idea.

Concerns - Many attendees said they did not receive the Wisconsin Lion by email

Handouts - What is Service, Why Report Service, 100 Service Ideas

Next Zone Meeting - tentatively scheduled for November 7, 2023 with Neenah Lions hosting

Zone 7 Chair Josh Blatz

No report

Zone 8 Chair Scott Scovronski

Had a zone meeting on Wednesday, October 4th. Five out of six clubs participated.

Zone 9 Chair Laurie Sasada

No report

Zone 10 Chair Bill Fletcher

No report

Zone 11 Chair Pat Karasck

September 2023 Zone Meeting had great attendance. Acknowledgement of past Zone Chair and welcome from incoming Zone Chair.

For the remainder of 2023 the focus will be to complete My Lion and LCI training for the individual clubs to facilitate MMR compliance. Visits have already been completed for half the clubs.

Reinforce the importance of having social media and on-line presence as well as all the clubs in the Zone linked to each other. Usage of District Calendar to promote clubs and activities.

Expand knowledge of reportable activities and how to implement them.

New ideas are coming from the individual clubs regarding community activities and fund raising. Most are working with other service groups in their communities to increase manpower.

Hancock Lions had a long-term member pass away.

Next Zone Meeting scheduled for January 2024,

Other Business:

Comments and Questions (everyone)

The District will be providing everything for the Friday Hospitality at the convention.

Please remember to support the Eagles Friday night Fish Fry; they do a lot for us for the cabinet and other meetings.

Next Meeting November 10, 2023, at the Radisson Fond du Lac (District Convention)

Meeting Adjourned (approximately 5 p.m.)



**District Cabinet Huddle
Radisson Hotel, Fond du Lac
Friday, November 10, 2023**

Called to order at 6 p.m. by Governor Greg.

The Lions Camp Lakefront Walk needs new picnic tables, all vinyl and maintenance free, cost about \$300 each. PDG Fred Gebhart wishes Cabinet permission to solicit the clubs for contribution. PDG B.J. pointed out that permission already exists to solicit the clubs for anything camp-related, so a motion is unnecessary. PDG B.J. made a motion, seconded by PDG Tom, that the District purchase three picnic tables at \$300 each--passed.

International Director Guy Hollander gave an excellent talk on music to cheer.

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

27-B1 48th Annual Convention

Business Session minutes
Saturday, November 11th, 2023

CALL TO ORDER by Governor Greg at 8:30 a.m.

Presentation of Flags and Recognition of Veterans by PDG Fred Gebhart

Pledge led by IPDG Dave Brinkman

Invocation by Lion Myra Schneider

Welcome to Fond du Lac by City Manager Joe Moore

Introduction of Guests by DG Greg Kubichka

Service of Remembrance by Lion Myra Schneider/PDG Tom Clausen/1st VDG Dave Holschbach/2nd VDG Roxanne Wendt

State of the State Report by CC BJ Blahnik, who praised Governor Greg for his service to the Council on the Leader Dog and Constitution and Bylaws Committees

Introduction of Guest ID by PID Art Marson

Welcome by International Director Guy Hollander

Summary of election rules and regulations by Elections Chair PDG Gary Colton

Nomination for Dave Holschbach as District Governor Elect by B.J. and Joanne; motion by B.J. Blahnik, seconded by PDG Tom--passed. Nomination accepted by Dave.

Nomination for Roxanne Wendt as 1st Vice Governor Elect by Bonnie and Meg; motion by B.J., seconded by Tom--passed. Nomination accepted by Roxanne.

Nomination for Barb Leichtfuss as 2nd Vice District Governor by Tom W. and Cindy; motion by Dave, seconded by Tom, passed; accepted by Barb.

Nominations for the 2025 Convention Site; Joanne presented for the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center in Fond du Lac, and Christy presented for the Best Western Hotel in Oshkosh.

PC Tammy Rockenbach gave a brief presentation on the rules and procedures for voting at the State Convention in Middleton.

Presentations on the Dogs to Dog Tags program, the new Medical Locker in our district, Lions Clubs International Foundation and Restoring Hope Transplant House

The General Session is adjourned until the evening banquet.

The session resumed at 5 p.m. for the Closing Banquet,

The Dinner in the Dark effectively demonstrated to those who participated the difficulties experienced by the blind, in even the most commonplace chore such as eating. It was highlighted by Past District Governor and Council Chair B.J.'s excellent presentation.

Cabinet Treasurer PDG Jerry Post announced the totals of the Parade of Checks.

The voting results were announced by PDG Gary Colton. Dave Holschbach is new the District Governor Elect; Roxanne Wendt is 1st Vice District Governor Elect; Barb Leichtfuss is 2nd Vice District Governor Elect.

Pease Poster #2 was selected, as was Pin #2.

The Radisson Fond du Lac was confirmed as the District Convention site for 2024; the Best Western Premier was selected as the District Convention site for 2025.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was announced, and District Raffle Chair John Stephen announced the winners of this year's district raffle.

International Director Guy Hollander gave an inspiring closing speech.

District Governor Greg adjourned the 2023 convention.



27-B1 District Cabinet Agenda
Date: Sunday, January 21st, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order	DG Greg Kubichka at 1:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance	(waived for zoom meeting)
Prayer	(waived for zoom meeting)
Motion to Approve Agenda	Motion by John Stephen, 2nd by PDG Tom Wendt; passed
Guest Introduction	DG Greg Kubichka
no guests	
Roll Call	CS PDG Gary Silah
taken off screen identification of zoom participants	
Tail Twister	Terry Erbstoesser
All fines waived for zoom meeting, although many participants had some very funny hats	
Communications	DG Greg Kubichka, CS PDG Gary Silah
No communications	
Secretary's Report	CS PDG Gary Silah
Sent Minutes of District Huddle and General Session from convention; motion by Gary Roehrig, seconded by John Steffen to accept; passed.	
Treasurer's Report	PDG Jerry Post
Documents distributed by email before meeting. At the District Huddle during the convention, it was decided that the district would contribute \$900 for new picnic tables for Camp. Since then, we have learned that the Camp had more than enough money for the needed tables from the individual clubs. Treasurer Jerry suggested that this money be diverted to sponsoring a camper, something the District had never done before. Motion by DG Elect Dave Holschbach, second by Pat Karasek, to reallocate the \$900 and add \$100 to sponsor a camper. Discussion revealed that it would not be proper procedure to add the \$100 by a motion, so that motion was rescinded. A new motion by Dave, seconded by Pat, to just reallocate the \$900 passed. Treasurer Jerry volunteered to add the needed \$100 himself.	

Old Business

Finalization of New Holstein Grant Mary Jo Abler
 Mary Jo reported that all necessary paperwork has been updated and sent in to International to complete the grant process.

Commented [GS1]:

New Business

New Policy for District Bank	DGE Dave Holschbach
Dave had sent out via email a new policy for auctioning off the District Bank at the convention. The discussion became somewhat involved, at which time a motion by PDG Jerry Post, seconded by John Stephen, that this item be tabled until the March 10th in-person meeting of the cabinet; passed.	
Request for Cabinet approval on Coloma Lions LCIF grant	Ray Burrows, Coloma Lions
(The complete documentation for the Coloma LCIF Matching Grant application is included as Addendum A to these minutes.) They are looking at \$500,000 total for the project. They have been soliciting funds from many businesses and individuals in the area. Because of the size of the project, they are also seeking help from LCIF and District 27-B1 to accomplish their plans. Motion by PDG Jerry, seconded by DGE Dave Holschbach, to approve the seeking of the LCIF grant; passed.	
Request for Coloma Lions District Community Grant	Ray Burrows, Coloma Lions
(The complete documentation for the Coloma Community Grant is included as Addendum B to these minutes.) Our account for the Community Grants from the District is currently at \$6,000. A motion by Mary Jo Abler, seconded by DGE Dave, to approve \$5,000 for the Coloma project; passed.	

Request for Cabinet approval of LCIF Matching Grant for Van Dyne Lions

PDG Tom Wendt

Hello Fellow Lions

As we begin 2024, new ideas, new projects and new ways to better serve our communities. With that thought I would like to propose a new, combined and I feel long needed project. As many of you are aware of there is a new Medical Equipment Locker in Appleton and of course the long-time running Larson/Winchester Medical Equipment Locker.

I have spoken to the Larson/Winchester Club several times; they agree the new Medical Locker in Appleton is a great addition but agree it doesn't help all the communities on the south end. I've spoken to them several times and suggested a Medical Equipment Locker down on the south end of Lake Winnebago. They are delighted with the idea and would be willing to provide technical assistance as well as plenty of Medical Equipment.

So, with all this in mind, I would like to propose the District 27B1 South End Medical Equipment Locker. A multi club project that would serve multi communities and of course would make all clubs involved more visible to our communities.

The proposal would include a 24ft x 60ft building constructed on the Van Dyne Lions Club property, eliminating having to purchase land. The actual project and equipment would be property of all clubs involved, all operational procedures and decisions will be made by a Board of Directors consisting of 2 members from participating club.

The key to this proposal would be a LCI Matching Grant, which as many of you know would mean Lions International would fund ½ of the cost of the project. I have spoken to several experienced grant experts and the opinion is it would be very viable and support the project.

Obviously, the cost per club would be determined by the number of clubs taking part in the project. Also work load per club from initial construction to operations would be determined by the number of clubs involved.

I have included a breakdown of cost and a few other general questions. I would appreciate the opportunity to speak to your club to explain more detail and answer any questions.

Please feel free to contact me at any time.

(details of the Matching Grant proposal are included as Addendum C of these minutes)

Motion by John Steffen, seconded by Gary Roehrig, to give Cabinet approval for seeking the LCIF grant; passed.

Committee Reports

IPDG/District Administrator

No report.

IPDG Dave Brinkman

1st Vice District Governor

District Convention update:

There were 11 First timers for our convention in November of which 8 did complete their questionnaire, I plan to slightly modify this for next year. Also we had 24 tables for vendors, Thank You goes out to Radisson Hotel for being able to add additional tables.

DGE/FVDG training took place Friday January 12th along with the quarterly Council of Governors meeting. I did make the trip up to Marshfield on Friday during the storm. ALL SAFE and SOUND - Jackson was my Guide Dog along with co-pilot CC BJ. The current DGE/FVDG conducted interviews for the 2 candidates for our Council Chair. We elected PDG John Reil from B2 to guide us and keep us in line. I was elected council treasurer and chairman for the finance and budget committee. The same position that IPDG Dave Brinkman held. I will also be the council representative for Youth Exchange. Training continues with various zoom meetings with GAT, Group 30, GMA and current DGE/FVDG.

My data base for club officers has been updated. I enjoyed meeting a lot of clubs last year and look forward to meeting the others. I have attended 4 zone meetings and introduced myself to the clubs attending this year already. More to Come.

Now that a new year has started, I will be working with FVDGE Roxanne and SVDGE Barb to finalize my cabinet, cabinet meeting dates and working on the next district convention. As DGE, LCI has asked us to again promote membership for Mission 1.5 and to promote 2 of the 8 Global Causes. I have decided to go with Childhood Cancer (they are our future) and to be determined.

I do wish to add Marketing as a cabinet position and am looking for someone who has a marketing background and is very good with all of the social media outlets.

My goal is to have B1 and all of our clubs the most followed! We need to let the WORLD know what we do and also ourselves. So often we ourselves do not know what is going on with our own clubs, fundraisers, activities, accomplishments, awards and future events. I currently am looking for a GMT Leader, a hunger chair and Zone 4 zone chairman. At our last cabinet meeting, which seems so long ago, I talked to many of you to confirm being on the cabinet. I will follow up shortly to make sure your plans have not changed.

2nd Vice District Governor

Just returning from training at Lions Camp; a very interesting and informative experience for all.

Roxanne Wendt

GLT Chair

Continuing monthly GLT zoom meetings with State GLT Coordinator and fellow District GLT members.

Beginning conversations for spring District Officer training / Workshop.

Attending Club and Zone meetings, speaking on Leadership and how to encourage membership involvement for officer positions.

PDG Tom Wendt

GST chair

Currently 81% of the clubs are reporting as they should.

IPDG Dave Brinkman

GMT chair

We currently have a -23 for membership in B1.

IPDG Dave Brinkman

District Convention

No report

PDG Tom Wendt

Diabetes

I will come to zone meetings to see how smart the members are in regards to how much sugar is in some of our favorite items. A simple game.

PDG Mike DeBaere

Elections and Nominations

This last year's nominations and elections went well!

I would like to thank my nominations and elections committee for their support and assistance.

If any of you would like to assist next year, let me know?

Let's keep in mind that it is not too soon to start looking ahead to 2024-2025. Our District will be looking for nominations for District Governor, 1st & 2nd Vice District Governor, WLF Director and a LEBW Director.

It was mentioned that we should perhaps have the winning District Peace Poster at the Governors Evening Banquet.

PDG Gary Colton

Environment Bonnie Hughes
Nothing much new to report, but I am currently searching for a new, interesting Environment project to take on.

Hunger Patricia Shikoski
No report

Information/Public Relations/Historian PDG Tom Clausen
The new Lion Portal is coming soon. Lions members will have complete control of their membership information and can take responsibility for updating their profile should they move, get a new phone or email address. They will also have control over what they want to be visible to the rest of the Lions in their club, district or constitutional area.
There are videos on lionsclubs.org that members can view to get a sneak peek at what is coming. They should go to lionsclubs.org and then hover over Resources for Members. Then under Member Resources, click on Our Digital Products near the bottom of the list. That will take you to a page where in the big blue box is the Changes that are coming to our digital products. Click on the Learn more button and choose the Watch Member view video.
If you are a president, secretary or administrator, read the Update your Lion Account information in the big blue box and read the instructions. To get a head start on accuracy, we need to convince these three officers to take some time to update their club roster and member information to get a head start at getting member information up to date as soon as possible. We need to tell each Lion that each Lion must have their own email account. Lots of couples use only one email saying that their spouse is the computer person in their family. If that is the case, that person simply has to create another email for their spouse and use that to update their spouse's information.

MyLCI/My Lion IPDG Dave Brinkman
No report

LCIF Coordinator PDG B.J. Blahnik
No report

Leader Dog Ella Stanelle
The December 2023 quarterly report from Leader Dog, plus donations from convention and mailed to me, we have 20 clubs in our district that have donated. With a total donated amount of \$7750.00
Thank you, clubs,
FYI State Leader Dog Chair Lion Deb Delie, speaker at our convention, won a free night stay at the Radisson. She would love to come to the 2024 convention and speak again.

Leo Liaison Gary Roehrig
The B1 Leos have added 34 new members. They are seeking a project to latch onto.

Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin Charlie Keifenheim
No report

Newspaper Editor Marilyn Shady
I want to thank everyone that sent me their articles and pictures for the newsletter. Some I did receive some quite late and one I did not even have time to edit it before it had to get to the state editor. Please make a note that I need them by the last week of January, March, May, July, September, and November. That will give me time to get them sent back out by the 1st of the following months. Thanks for your help with this and if any of you have any questions about it, my contact information is Marilyn Shady 920-979-7272 or vandynelionsnews@yahoo.com Thanks again.

Peace Poster/Pin Laurie Sasada
No report

Pediatric Cancer PDG Dave Lee
Here's a brief update on our efforts for the Wisconsin Lions Childhood Cancer Fund initiative
1. We have established or revitalized monthly communications among the childhood cancer district chairs (i.e. A1, A2, ...) via group zoom meetings.
2. Proposed established support groups have been identified for the Fund initiative and discussions have been had with representatives of these groups. Various district childhood cancer chairs have participated.
3. Summaries of each of the prospective support groups were shared/discussed with the district childhood cancer chairs on our December zoom call – the group expressed a vote of confidence for supporting this approach and proposal.
4. This past fall, we had speaking time at the C2 and B1 conventions, but unable to get an opportunity at the B2 convention (the Council Chair included messaging in his remarks). Working on speaking slots for 2024 conventions. Lion Terry Tveita, A1 district childhood cancer chair, will be speaking at the A1 convention on January 6th.
5. As of early December the fund donations approached \$26,000 with more than 100 of MD27 clubs already donating. The goal is to have 100% participation by the 505 Wisconsin clubs. An update will be given at/before the January COG meeting.
6. There is an effort to look at making online donations possible for the Wis Lions Childhood Cancer Fund, subject to the approval of the COG. A status update may be provided at the COG January weekend.
7. More than 250 LCI childhood cancer pins (private funds) have been purchased for encouraging individual Lions donors to make a donation of \$50 or more to get a pin in recognition. We will procure another 250 pins for donors if necessary. Obviously then, the goal is to get 250 to 500 individual Lions donors supporting the Wisconsin Lions Childhood Cancer Fund.
8. Given the current status for donations with 80% of the clubs awaiting to make a donation, along with the individual donor effort, it is feasible to foresee a possible accrual of \$100,000 during 2023-2024, but this will not occur without an ongoing collective effort among the current district governors, their vice district governors, the childhood cancer district chairs, all zone chairs, club officers, and state Lions members!! Each club helping a little so that together we can help a lot!!
9. A draft of the proposal which is supported by the district childhood cancer chairs has been provided to the Council Chair. This will be a topic for discussion and approval at the January COG meetings.

To date, 24% of the MD 27 clubs have contributed to the project, to a total of \$34,000.

District Raffle John Stephen
No report

Restoring Hope Transplant House Barb Leichtfuss
Cindy is looking at April for a good month to clean the house. More info will follow when available
Please fill out the information forms for your area so Cindy can share this with patients and families heading home from RHTH. They need financial support and help in many ways. Completed forms can be sent to her.

Special Olympics	PDG Fred Gebhart
This winter, they are doing a Polar Plunge throughout the state, in hopes of raising \$100,000.	
Vision	PDG Fred Gebhart
We have done 20,295 screenings so far this year, which keeps B1 at the top of MD-27.	
Youth Exchange	Patricia Shikoski
No report, except to say that I will be attending the camp again this year.	
Wisconsin Lions Mission	Pat Knier
We have an Action Team currently working on several Missions. The Guatemala mission is currently suspended, due to unrest down there. We are still planning a Dominican Republic mission in February.	
WLF Director/Eye Glass Recycling	PDG Fred Gebhart
Dealing with the State on letting up on their regulations on distributing eyeglasses within the State of Wisconsin, but we are still working on it. Also, we are developing a program to train Lions to read prescription numbers on glasses.	
WLF Director/Pride/Hearing /Birch Sturm	Dick Karl
No report	
Constitution & Bylaws	PDG Jerry Post
No report	
Policies and Procedures	IPDG Dave Brinkman
No report	

ZONE CHAIR REPORTS

Zone 1 Chair	Peggy Loose
No report	
Zone 2 Chair	Paul Baroun
Meeting Tuesday February 13th at the Packer Inn, Newton	
Zone 3 Chair	Kenneth Brandt
No report	
Zone 4 Chair	(currently unfilled)
No report	
Zone 5 Chair	Mary Jo Abler
Four out of 5 clubs responded for my report. I am giving Kiel's new Secretary a little time to get the hang of things. Seems like her reports are in at MyLCI, which was my main concern.	
Add 3, lost 1, = +2 254 members in Zone 5 as of 1/2024.	
The 4 reporting clubs had a total of 1504 hours of Service/Fundraising, bodies active!	
The 4 clubs donated over \$21,000. in Lions and Community donations in the last 2 months.	
I have 2 clubs that now have Club Administrators listed at International. (MyLCI access) After Kiel suddenly lost their very active Secretary and the concerns that were a part of that loss. I am encouraging all my Zone clubs to appoint a Club Administrator.	
Clubs that feel it is not necessary for their club need to think of all the information and access to record that information that is only in one person's brain. Clubs do need to have more than one person who has access and knows how to report.	
My next Zone 5 meeting is Feb 8th at the Altona, New Holstein at 6 PM dinner. VDGE Dave H. will be the speaker.	
Zone 6 Chair	Sue Lee
Second Zone Meeting, November 14, 2023, Hosted by the Neenah Lions; Focus on Membership	
In Attendance - 30 Lions, all 5 Zone Clubs represented -	
Appleton Evening, Appleton Noon, Butte des Morts, Larsen-Winchester and Neenah clubs, DG Greg Kubichka, MD27 GMT Chair IPDG Bert Freeman and PDG Dave Lee, MD27 Childhood Cancer Chair.	
Updates	
Lion John Franger, Fox Valley Medical Loan Locker Board President gave an update on the locker. So far it has been a great success with nearly 200 visitors each month and 2000 items lent out since opening in August. St Paul Home donated 15 hospital beds. New volunteers have become Lions and youth volunteers have been recruited from area high schools. They are looking into the possibility of Leo Clubs. One volunteer works on finding appropriate placement of donated items that cannot be used by the locker. Father Carr's in Oshkosh and area veterinarians have taken many items. Thank you to Larsen-Winchester for their guidance and to Valley Packaging for storing the overflow. DG Greg reported that the COG is contemplating support for the medical locker concept.	
PDG Dave Lee gave an update on the Childhood Cancer initiative. The early response has been positive and donations have come in from clubs and individuals. They are in the process of meeting with organizations around the state that provide help for families of need dealing with childhood cancer to determine support needs and opportunities.	
Membership challenges and successes	
Guest speaker MD27 GMT Chair Bert Freeman talked about STOP THE DROP, the importance of member retention. Review your club roster for those members who are absent or behind in dues. Reach out to them, not just by text or email but by phone or even in person, multiple times if necessary. Show them you care and let them know they are valued. Consider a plan of action to support long term members and keep them on the roster as they age. He also talked about finding out why members choose to leave. Many times the reasons can be remedied. Bert handed out M&Ms to emphasize that Membership Matters.	
DG Greg talked about honoring service projects over meetings. Work with other organizations on larger service projects. He spoke of a very successful Christmas lights project in Chilton that besides Lions involves many other area service organizations and groups. He also handed out Lions literature on Membership and New Member Orientation. Both DG Greg and GMT Chair talked about the 1.5 Million Member Challenge to reach 1.5 members worldwide by 2027. The current membership is 1.4 million.	
Club Membership Challenges and Successes	
Appleton Evening - lost members to death	
Appleton Noon - several new members from Loan Locker volunteers; challenged by a forced change of venue which will mean higher meal costs; revamped their new member orientation	
Butte des Morts - struggle with membership but have ample volunteers to help with activities	
Larsen-Winchester - membership remains steady	
Neenah - they continue to struggle with low membership however they have added 2 new members; current member goes out of his way to make sure a new member who is blind gets to the meetings	

The Takeaway on Membership -

The smaller clubs in the zone struggle to maintain membership and get new members, however the larger clubs remain healthy and have added new members. Clubs were encouraged to focus on retention as well as recruiting new members.

Next Zone Meeting - tentatively to be hosted by Larsen-Winchester in late January or early February

Zone 7 Chair

No report

Josh Blatz

Zone 8 Chair

Next meeting January 22nd in Eldorado

Scott Scovronski

Zone 9 Chair

No report

Laurie Sasada

Zone 10 Chair

No report

Bill Fletcher

Zone 11 Chair

Next meeting May 24th at Plainfield

Pat Karasck

Other Business

Comments & Questions

Everyone

The Manitowoc Lions are doing their LAST blind bowling tournament on Sunday, February 4th. PDG Jerry will buy a drink for all those Cabinet members who wish to come and participate, or just watch.

Next Cabinet Meeting Sunday, March 10, 2024, at the Eagles Club in Fond du Lac, time TBD but later in the afternoon since the Eagles are serving breakfast in the morning (a good breakfast, by the way, if you want to get there early)

Tail Twister collection

None, for zoom meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by John Steffes, seconded by Pat Knier, at 3:01 p.m.; passed.



27-B1 District Cabinet Agenda
Date: Sunday, March 10th, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order	DG Greg Kubichka
Pledge of Allegiance	
Prayer	Chaplain Myra Schneider
Motion to Approve Agenda	motion by PDG Tom Wendt, seconded by Laurie Sasada
Guest Introduction	DG Greg Kubichka
Roll Call	CS PDG Gary Silah
Tail Twister	Terry Erbstoesser
Communications	DG Greg Kubichka, CS PDG Gary Silah
Secretary's Report	CS PDG Gary Silah
Treasurer's Report	PDG Jerry Post
Old Business	
Update on Van Dyne Medical Locker	PDG Tom Wendt
Moving forward, talking to two clubs for partners	
Update on Coloma Park Grant	
No update	
New Business:	
Gov Greg as International Director candidate	Gov Greg
Step 1—voting by Cabinet to allow Greg to proceed to a District vote. Motion by John Stephen, seconded by Myra Schneider, to proceed with a secret ballot vote—passed. The secret ballot voting authorized the Cabinet to proceed to the next step. Motion by PDG Tom Wendt, seconded by PDG Fred Gebhardt, to destroy the ballots from the secret vote—passed. Step 2--Delegate information to be provided to third party organizer of over-the-internet voting. This will be accomplished by the committee within the needed timeframe to be included on the State Convention voting,	
Changing the Policy of awarding District Bank	DGE Dave
A committee was named to rewrite the policy for awarding the Bank to a club, currently done at the District Convention. The committee will consist of DGE Dave Holschbach (chair), Scott Scovronski, PDG Jerry Post, PDG Gary Silah, John Stephen.	
Spring Workshops	PDG Tom Wendt
In process.	

Committee Reports

IPDG/District Administrator	IPDG Dave Brinkman
<p>MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES NEW</p> <p>(h) DISCOUNTED MEMBER: A member of this club who pays discounted dues as a result of their family membership status, student status or participation in any other discounted membership program offered by the association who desires to retain membership in this club and meets the qualifications for discounted dues. The membership status shall be verified by the board of directors of this club. A Discounted Member shall be eligible to hold office in district or international meetings but shall pay such dues as the local club may charge, which dues shall include district and international dues. This membership category shall not be included in the club delegate formula calculation.</p> <p>[Above section effective January 1, 2024]</p>	
1st Vice District Governor	Dave Holschbach
<p>CABINET DATES : Due to the layout of our district, I will again have the cabinet meetings in Fond du Lac at the Eagles Club. Thank you FVDE Roxanne for getting the dates confirmed. The cabinet dates are scheduled one week after the COG (Council of Governors) meetings. The dates will all be Sundays with the March meeting an afternoon due to the Eagles Breakfast event. I plan to have an Executive/training meeting prior to lunch and cabinet meeting to follow. Dates are:</p> <p>Sunday August 4th 2024 – October 13th - January 19th 2025 – March 9th (aft)</p> <p>With the new year approaching quickly, I will be working with FVDGE Roxanne and SVDGE Barb to finalize YOUR cabinet, many of you have been contacted. Lion Laurie Sasada has agreed to be next year’s cabinet secretary and Lion Earlene Samz from Manitowoc Lions has agreed to be cabinet treasurer. The biggest challenge has been to develop Zone Chairs which continues to be our districts problem, As DGE, LCI has asked us to again promote membership for Mission 1.5 and to promote 2 of the 8 Global Causes. I have been given preliminary goals for next year, which I need to finalize and submit in May. At that time I will let you know OUR goals for 2024-2025 and how I think we can achieve them.</p> <p>Last week I completed a weeklong training in St Charles, Il. PDG’s are familiar with this. At this training, we met and had a photo op with FVP Fabricio Oliveira from Brazil and work on a project with the Japanese DGE’s. DGE/FVDG training took place Friday March 1 & 2nd along with the quarterly Council of Governors meeting. The incoming DG’s elected PDG John Reil from B2 as our Council Chair to guide us and keep us in line. I was elected council treasurer and chairman for the finance and budget committee. The same position that IPDG Dave Brinkman held. I will also be the council representative for Youth Exchange. Training continues with various zoom meetings with GAT, Group 30, GMA and current DGE/FVDG.</p> <p>District Convention: Held a preliminary meeting to determine the convention committee. The convention chair is Lion Vickie Blahnik. We discussed a preliminary program and of course the HOSPITALITY night. She will be working on contacting Lions for the committee. The theme is ‘BACK TO YOUR ROOTS’ Looking back at where you grew up and developed you standards & moral values. I grew up on a 100 acre family farm with 10 siblings.</p> <p>I plan to add Marketing as a cabinet position, CC BJ Blahnik has agreed to work on marketing material and funding to help clubs know what is available and how to distribute and market themselves. I am also looking for someone who has a marketing background and is very good with all of the social media outlets to help our district and club get exposure. My goal is to have B1 and all of our clubs the most followed ! We need to let the WORLD know what we do and also ourselves. So often we ourselves do not know what is going on with our own clubs, fundraisers, activities, accomplishments, awards and future events.</p>	
2nd Vice District Governor	Roxanne Wendt
<p>I would like to thank everyone who has made this 2023 -2024 year of being your district 2nd VDG an amazing year to remember.</p> <p>I was able to be a part of a wonderful group of lions getting to zone meeting, club visits and working with DG Greg & at the time 1st VDG Dave. I was able to Accomplished another forum and also going to WALLI and attended all COG trainings. so ready to step up to 1st VDG and hope to make our district proud as we work together as were changing the world as a team.</p> <p>Just to inform everyone on some dates, Wisconsin Lions 2024 State Bowling.</p> <p>Tournament Dates – Starting on March 2 and ending on April 21, 2024, with an option for April 27-29 if needed. No Bowling on Easter weekend, March 20-31.</p> <p>Anyone interested in state Convention? 2024 Lions State Convention – May 16-18, 2024 Madison Marriott West – Middleton. Registration Forms online</p> <p>USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum – Louisville, KY. Early Bird Rates end March 30th, 2024 Registration Forms online.</p>	

GLT Chair	PDG Tom Wendt
<p>As we move into our final quarter of our Lions year there has been many accomplishments obtained by our Global Leadership Team.</p> <p>Monthly zoom meetings continue and provide both input and acknowledgment of accomplishments within the Global Leadership Team district leaders.</p> <p>Accomplishments this year:</p> <p>MD 27 now has a total of 27 certified Faculty Development Institute instructors with the addition of graduates from the recent FDI Certification course which gives us a minimum of two instructors in each district.</p> <p>The recent Advanced Lions Leadership Institute Training provided to our 1st Vice Governors qualifies our multiple to be the only multiple in North America with this 100 % training for our incoming Governors.</p> <p>Lions Servant Leadership Instructors Institute, is being organized to take place on August 9 - 11, 2024 watch for further details and candidate description coming soon.</p> <p>Lion Club Officer training, is being developed for possible sessions in May, watch for more info and please pass the information throughout the district.</p> <p>Lastly, I am pleased to announce I applied for MD 27 Global Leadership Team State Leader and after a strenuous interview by the incoming Governors for next year I was selected to head that team.</p> <p>I look forward to seeing you all soon</p> <p>Thanks for All You Do</p>	
GST chair	IPDG Dave Brinkman
GMT chair	IPDG Dave Brinkman
District Convention	Next Year's Chair Victoria Blahnik
New committee already in motion, working with Radisson once again this year.	
Diabetes	PDG Mike DeBaere
Elections and Nominations	PDG Gary Colton
The elections process worked well last year. This year, we will be looking for a new WLF director, and a new Lions Eye Bank director.	
Environment	Bonnie Hughes
<p>This year instead of raffling off a bench at the convention, (clubs now have their own recycling program) so I was thinking of having more information on protecting both bees and butterflies. I've been contacting local garden centers to see if they would consider donating flower seeds that they hadn't sold this past spring to this project. I would like to have displays and free seeds to hand out at our convention this year, more updates at the meeting.</p>	
Hunger	Patricia Shikoski
Information/Public Relations/Historian	PDG Tom Clausen
<p>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</p> <p>This year Wayside-Morrison started up an e-clubhouse site.</p> <p>I have been working with Kiel trying to get their site back up since the previous webmaster is unable to log back into the current website.</p> <p>The district calendar events are rather slim as clubs are not interested in putting their events on the calendar. All they must do is email lionsof27b1@gmail.com and give me the details. A lot of the events on the calendar I have obtained by looking at Facebook.</p> <p>The thought of having a district Facebook page is so every Lion does not have to like every club's account. All they should have to do is like the district's account to see what is happening. That means that I or someone with control of the account would have to like every club's site and then share their posts with the district page.</p> <p>I still haven't seen any activity from International to get the new portal up and running. It was supposed to be active last July. I'll bet we won't see it until this July. Maybe we should have a raffle to pick the date it actually goes into service.</p> <p>I posted the new picnic tables on our Facebook page and also sent an email to all clubs. This seemed to work well as we have a surplus of funds. Jerry's idea of donating the balance for a camper scholarship is nice, but it really doesn't mean we are paying for a camper. Sure, we will get a poster from the Birch-Sturm golf outing, but all donations go into the general fund at the foundation and they pay for all the campers no matter what is donated. You are really not paying for a camper, you just think you are. Their checkbook balance just increases by whatever you gave. To earmark the money for tables, that might have a better chance of increasing the amount the camp can spend on improvements. Nobody will get denied a chance to go to camp because we didn't give \$1,000.</p>	

<p>HISTORIAN All district and convention history is up to date. Club history is stagnant. Either nobody is looking at the website or they are just not interested in contributing. Perhaps people don't have scanners so they don't know how to submit their programs of their anniversaries? I think it is just a lack of interest.</p>	
MyLCI/My Lion	IPDG Dave Brinkman
LCIF Coordinator	PDG B.J. Blahnik
Leader Dog	Ella Stanelle
<p>As of February 12, 2024 Leader Dog donations are \$8600.00 with 23 clubs donating. I recently was a zoom meeting with other Leader Dog Chairs and Kelsey from Leader Dog. We were doing some brain storming ways to get the word out. Most found that conventions are the number one way to get information out to clubs. Club visits, emails to each club president and doing a Leader Dog Event. One Event clubs could do is Dollars for Dogs. A club partners with a business. You can get a kit or two from Leader Dog. Or ask your county/city agencies if Leader Dog could send them a kit on resources Leader Dog could help them with reaching their disabled and aging communities. It was a great meeting</p>	
Leo Liaison	Gary Roehrig
<p>Husky Hands and Heart Leo club currently has 28 members-+2 for the year. They have been involved in selling Honor Flight pins for a donation to Honor Flight-Fox Valley. They are planning a road-side clean-up for a Spring project. Have been in contact with Kiel Club over missing reports from their Leo Club.</p>	
Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin	Charlie Keifenheim
Newspaper Editor	Marilyn Shady
<p>I just want to thank everyone for their reports. I had a nice amount of reports to put in the newsletter. I received most of them on time and hoping that the next quarter will be even better. Keep up the good work and thank you.</p>	
Peace Poster/Pin	Laurie Sasada
<p>New Peace Poster Chair for the 2024-2025 Cabinet year will be Lion Kailie Heinz, we have been working together already and she is my daughter so has helped me a bit at conventions so this will not be totally new to her. A new Peace Poster handout has been created. The 2024-2025 Contest <i>Peace Without Limits</i> 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>New Pin Chair for the 2024-2025 Lions year will be Lion Kailie Heinz. She has already been working with me on getting this pin produced. The 2024-2025 pin design was sent to the designer, and we have the proof back along with the pricing (<i>see below</i>) Once the pin proof is approved and the quantity/price is chosen by the Cabinet, we will work with the designer to have the pin produced so it is here by the start of the new Lions year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 Pins @ \$2.55 each + \$17 UPS shipping (Total = \$272) • 200 Pins @ \$2.35 each + \$19 UPS shipping (Total = \$489) • 300 Pins @ \$2.00 each + \$22 UPS shipping (Total = \$622) 	
Pediatric Cancer	PDG Dave Lee
<p>Update note for B1 March cabinet meeting: At the March state council of governors meeting the governors approved a disbursement at the state convention of an even split (20% each) to the five previously approved childhood cancer support groups that cover Wisconsin – this will be done at the state Lions convention in Madison in mid-May. At the end of the Lions fiscal year (June 30th), the funds that have accumulated since the state convention will be disbursed evenly to these five support groups. They are the Childrens Cancer Family Foundation of NE Wisconsin, Cory's Project, Kisses from Keegan and Friends, the Badger Childhood Cancer Network, and the Krause Family Pediatric Cancer Angel Fund. The process will be undertaken to pursue the continuance of the Wisconsin Lions Childhood Cancer Fund initiative for the upcoming year, subject to the approval of the council of governors.</p>	

My report to the council of governors for their March meeting is included below.

February 15th, 2024

International Childhood Cancer Day

Action Item for Council of Governors at the March meeting: Discuss, propose, and approve an allocation percentage for disbursements of raised funds to the five support groups (previously approved by the COG for the Wisconsin Lions Childhood Cancer Fund initiative) to be presented at the upcoming MD27 State Convention.

Report to Council of Governors from MD27 state childhood cancer chair Lion Dave Lee

(this closely follows a recent email communication to the ten MD27 district childhood cancer chairs)

Happy to be able to say that we are making steady progress, but you could say that we have a long way to go and a short time to get there, since we may be presenting disbursements to the five support groups at the State Convention in May.

Our goal is for 100% of the 505 Wisconsin clubs to make a donation of some amount to this initiative, so that we can say that all 505 Wisconsin clubs are helping families of need in Wisconsin who are dealing with childhood cancer.

Thank you for all the enthusiasm and awareness building from our District Childhood Cancer Chairs and from our District Governors, and Vice DGs!!! Thank you to JoAnn Burk at the state office and to Council Chair BJ for the help and support that you both have provided.

Some observations from the separately attached table that represents donations as of February 8th:

- We have surpassed total donations of \$35,000 with 133 of our 505 clubs making a donation (or several donations)! That's 26 percent of the clubs at this time. That puts us in the 2nd quarter for the percentage of Wisconsin clubs donating up to now.
- A1 is definitely leading the pack with 26 clubs out of 51 clubs making a donation. That's 51% at this point. They have definitely set the pace.
- Appleton Noon in B1 has had more individual member donations than any other club so far with 10 members donating out of 53 members. We have a free Childhood Cancer pin for all individuals donating \$50 or more.
- District A1 is in the upper half for clubs donating, or we could call it the 3rd quarter.
- Districts B1, C2, and D1 are in the 2nd quarter with 25 to 50% of their clubs donating.
- Districts A2, B2, D2, E1, and E2 are in the 1st quarter with up to 25% of their clubs donating so far.
- This is definitely not a race among Districts, but, as your District leaders, you probably are interested in knowing where your District currently stands relative to the others. Hoping that all ten districts can achieve 100% of their clubs donating!

We have found that clubs being aware of this fund initiative is the biggest factor for donations being made. Please encourage your clubs to make a donation. Clubs donating \$100 or more will receive a banner patch at year end. Individual Lions donations are also appreciated – those making donations of \$50 or more will receive an LCI childhood cancer global focus pin.

Please congratulate those clubs in your district that have made donations and encourage the others to make a donation. While we are asking for \$100 or more from each club, we respect that our clubs have differing coffers for how much they can donate.

We appreciate whatever clubs can donate. We have seen a few donations of \$25 or \$50 and we have seen donations over \$1,000. We are averaging about \$250 per club for donations at this time. The majority of the club donations have been for \$100.

As we have said before, our focus is encouraging all 505 Wisconsin clubs to make a donation. It would be great to receive donations by the end of April so that they can be included in the disbursements to the five support groups at the State Convention in May.

February 15 is International Childhood Cancer Day. The average family dealing with childhood cancer loses 40% of their family income as one of the spouses often has to quit their job.

Childhood Cancer is one of the Lions eight global causes – and two other related global causes are Humanitarian Causes and Youth.

Recently we received an email from a Council Chair elect in South Carolina, who is excited about our Childhood Cancer initiative and interested in launching something similar in her state.

It is a good thing that Wisconsin Lions are doing to help families of need who are dealing with Childhood Cancer.

Checks should be made out to 'Wisconsin Lions Childhood Cancer Fund'.

They should be mailed to Childhood Cancer, Wisconsin Lions State Office, 3834 County Road A, Rosholt Wi 54473

Thank you! And asking for your continued help in the months ahead!!

District Raffle	John Stephen
Restoring Hope Transplant House	Barb Leichtfuss
<p>Our cleaning date for the Restoring Hope Transplant House is scheduled for Saturday, April 20th, beginning at 10:00 am. Earlier will not work as it would interfere with their breakfast. Anyone is welcome to help, but we have to be very cautious health-wise as the residents are immuno-suppressed. Cindy Herbst, the director, would prefer us to be COVID vaccinated, but if you are not, there is outside work to do also. We will also wear masks just to be on the safe side.</p> <p>Also, if you work closely with a lot of people, please be extra cautious. They have all of the cleaning supplies needed, but again, their vacuums are used A LOT and one may have to be replaced.</p> <p>I will need to know a head count, as they will graciously make sure we are fed a lunch. Transportation will be on your own; we will meet there and then get to work!</p>	
Special Olympics	PDG Fred Gebhart
<p>This year will feature a new Opening Eyes event. Unfortunately, Oshkosh will be unable to host the event this coming year. Whitewater has agreed to host.</p>	
Vision	PDG Fred Gebhart
<p>98,000 screenings completed so far this year. Here in B1, we are working on getting into Fond du Lac County daycare facilities. And our own PDG Fred was once again given an award for Best District screening numbers.</p>	
Youth Exchange	Patricia Shikoski
<p>Youth Exchange is currently taking applications for this year's camp at Vista. Dates are August 11 thru the 18th.</p>	
Wisconsin Lions Mission	Pat Knier
<p>Planning meeting; We had a Winter Lions Mission meeting and training session at Chippewa Falls on January 6th 2024 in the Jim Falls Lions clubhouse. Each of the member planning to participate in any of the missions were required to experience all of the phases of the mission clinic.</p> <p>Dominican Republic Mission; We are just finishing up our eyeglass project in San Pedro de Macoris , Dominican Republic. Most of the 29 volunteers are leaving today, and Miriam and I will depart on Sunday. The closing banquet was last night.</p> <p>There were again issues involved in getting the eyeglasses through customs, with the glasses having arrived in country on November 15, 2023. We had just 1 doctor in our group, but Mr. Dependable Dr. Alan Ehrhardt at 90 years old, did a fantastic job. The San Pedro Lions were great hosts and helpful on site.</p> <p>It was an overall successful project, but because of the eyeglass/ customs issue, we were able to serve less people than we would have liked. But the 2,800 people that we did fit showed great appreciation for our Wisconsin Lions Mission group and left with a smile! The DR lions are requesting our presence for a project in their capitol city of Santo Domingo for 2025.</p> <p>Tom Bredesen DR Project Director</p> <p>Pine Ridge SD Reservation; Another mission is in the planning stages for the Pine Ridge SD Indian Reservation. Communication and responses have been delayed many times, but we have a tentative date planned for October 14th to the 18th, 2024. We will also plan to bring needed supplies to the <i>Families Working Together</i> warehouse that supplies many needs to the people of that area. I am presently waiting for a Zoom link to one of their tribal councils to present our hopes for their permission and target locations for the mission.</p>	
WLF Director/Eye Glass Recycling	PDG Fred Gebhart
<p>We now have two eyeglass prescription readers at the camp, but space is limited. They may need to build a new building at the camp for the recycling center.</p>	
WLF Director/Pride/Hearing /Birch Sturm	Dick Karl
<p><u>Birch-Sturm Memorial/Lions Pride Endowment Funds</u></p> <p><u>LPEF</u> will be holding its annual shoot on June 8th and is looking for a great turnout.</p> <p><u>BSMF</u> report from President Conrad Dreyer:</p> <p>Investment were at \$7,713,976 as of 12/8/2023 Camp improvements mostly completed and paid, with the exception of \$40,000 being held for projects to be completed in spring of 2024. The 2024 budget was reviewed & approved by the Board of Directors. Our investment advisor, David Miller from Cetera Investments and his family made a donation to the Wisconsin LIONS Foundation in honor of WLF Executive Director, Evet Hartvig for her outstanding work supporting WLF and BSMF.</p> <p><u>Diabetes Awareness</u></p> <p>Diabetes Alert Day is March 26th, 2024. Online order forms now available o WLF web site.</p> <p>Since July 1, 63,923 pieces of material have been ordered.</p> <p><i>Year One Type One</i> book popularity continues to increase. Orders are on hold till our shipment of 800 additional books arrives. The author is currently working on a 3rd book.</p>	

Strides at State Convention – There will be a Strides Walk at State Convention. We will have a packet with the book and Diabetes Awareness Order form to all registrants of the walk. The strides walk will be a Read-Along for the *Year One Type One* book. Pages of the book will be at certain stations. Participants can fill out a sheet and could win one of four \$50 gift gas cards. Presentation of the gift gas cards would be at the WLF Annual Meeting. The Strides Walk would be on Friday Since the WLF Annual Meeting is on Saturday morning. Krug Law Office will be donating two additional cards.

Hearing

We received 43 applications and ordered 27 hearing aids. Current Starkey balance is \$26,253.67. Discussion was held regarding the history of the Hearing Project, how to promote it and how it is funded. It was suggested to contact the ADRC to get the project more visibility.

After putting in the donations for B1’s hearing account for the month of February the updated balance is \$51,005.66.

List of donors from B1:

- St. Nazianz Lions - \$150 Fond Du Lac Evening Lions - \$1000
- Francis Creek Lions - \$375 Coloma Lions - \$100
- Larson-Winchester - \$350 Pickett Lions - \$100

The Districts Hearing Chair meeting held on 10/5/23 with WLF Project Director Keith Mueller and 6 District Chairs came to a consensus to change the **WLF HEARING AID PROJECT PROTOCOL**

Constitution & Bylaws	PDG Jerry Post
Looking at a change that will allow more input from the 2nd Vice District Governor as far as the location of the convention for that year.	
Policies and Procedures	IPDG Dave Brinkman

ZONE CHAIR REPORTS

Zone 1 Chair	Peggy Loose
Zone 2 Chair	Paul Baroun
<p>Next Zone meeting will be in May (tentative date May 20) Hosted by St. Nazianz lions Club at Meats Opera Haus 204 S 4th Ave St. Nazianz, WI 54232. More info when date is hard set.</p> <p>Francis Creek Lions Club: 1 new member, Rose sale, Brat fry first weekend in June, New sign Project</p> <p>Manitowoc Lions Club: Brat Fry May – June, \$500.00 Donation to CP will be in person. (Big thumbs up)</p> <p>Maribel Lions Club: Village Rumage sale Brat Fry April end of month, Picnic June 22-23, Base Ball Starts in May.</p> <p>Mishicot Lions Club: 2 new members, May 11 Village Rumage sale</p> <p>Newton Lions club: Brat Fry May 27 Memorial Day, 60/40 Raffel on Thursday. 50/50 Raffel on Thursday.</p> <p>St Nazianz Lions Club: 3 new members + prospects, Fun Night May 4th Saturday</p> <p>Valders Lions Club: Easter egg hunt March 30, 2024, in park, Village Rumage sale May 2-4 and Brat fry May 2-4, Valders Picnic Aug 2-4, Truck and Tractor pulls, Horse pull Sunday car show and Entertainment.</p> <p>Whitelaw lions Club: 2 Prospects, Rose sale</p> <p>I Thank all the Club for responding to a short phone conversation.</p>	
Zone 3 Chair	Kenneth Brandt
Zone 4 Chair	
Zone 5 Chair	Mary Jo Abler
Zone 6 Chair	Sue Lee
<p>Third Zone Meeting, January 29, 2024, Hosted by the Larsen-Winchester Lions at Off the Wolf Supper Club in Winneconne; Focus on Leadership</p> <p>In Attendance - 22 Lions, 4 of 5 Zone Clubs represented - Larsen-Winchester, Appleton Evening, Appleton Noon and Butte des Morts Lions clubs, 1VDGE Roxanne Wendt, PDG Tom Wendt B1 GLT Chair and PDG Dave Lee, MD27 Childhood Cancer Chair.</p> <p>Presenters</p> <p>PDG Dave Lee’s update on the Childhood Cancer initiative - goal is to get all clubs to donate \$100 (or more or less); clubs donating at least \$100 will receive a Childhood Cancer patch. Individuals are encouraged to donate also and will receive a CC pin if their donation is \$50 or more. As of January 29, total donated is \$35,000 with 125 clubs participating (about 1/4 of all Wisconsin clubs). Five charitable organizations have been approved by the COG for distribution of funds, hopefully to happen at the state convention.</p>	

1VDGE Roxanne Wendt spoke of the value of her ongoing training with the Lions. She has been making club and zone meeting visits and is looking forward to her year of service as District Governor. Roxanne's District Convention in 2025 will be the District's 50th Anniversary Convention. It will be held in Oshkosh and she is planning a special celebration and is hoping to see a great turnout.

B1 GLT PDG Tom Wendt spoke of upcoming elections and the opportunity for newly elected club officers to attend training sessions provided by the district. The sessions will be held as workshops and will have valuable information for all members not just club officers. Planning is underway to hold the workshops in St. Nazianz and Ripon again.

PDG Tom also spoke of the plans that are underway for Van Dyne Lions along with 10 other clubs from the southern end of the district to develop a medical loan locker. Van Dyne has an 18 acre park and a large meeting building. They will use some of the land to build a 24x60 ft. structure to house the locker and will apply for an LCIF grant to help with the project. They hope to partner with local schools and use the skills of students from shop classes to help with the build. A discussion with Larsen-Winchester Lions and Appleton Noon and Evening Lions about their medical locker experiences followed Tom's remarks. The participating clubs will be sharing advice and supplies when appropriate.

Club Updates

Appleton Evening - Great news from Appleton Evening - **100% of their members are now Melvin Jones Fellows.** Lion Jim Christman and Lion Chuck Mompier displayed a large banner presented to the club by LCIF for this outstanding achievement! **Congratulations Appleton Evening Lions!**

Appleton Noon - the club has moved their weekly meeting to a new location, Holiday's on North Richmond and members are dealing with increased costs; proceeds of \$14,000 from the Senior Expowas distributed among 16 different local non profits at the annual eggnog party in December; vision screening continues with more than 11,000 screened this year so far; rose sales have begun and candy sales continue; January was eye tissue transport month.

Butte des Morts - planning carpfest; held their annual Christmas party for the kids

Larsen-Winchester - Medical Loan Locker and ramp building activity remain robust; Pancake Breakfast was a success; Trex benches; scholarships for local students; bb court and nearby pavilion and highway cleanup.

Fox Valley Medical Loan Locker Update - Carol Jansen gave update - most frequently loaned equipment were shower chairs, 4 wheeled walkers and all sizes of wheel chairs with used market value of loaned items of \$163,550; open 39 days (Wednesdays and Saturdays) with a total of 806 clients served, averaging about 20 clients each open day with a high of 30 and low of 10; 2034 volunteer hrs in 2.8 mos.

Sharing My Views on Leadership - as PID Douglas Alexander's theme was *Service From the Heart*, we should approach leadership with heart also. There should be collaboration, kindness and empathy, respect and appreciation for all members and their input and ideas. Give credit where credit is due and share in both challenges and successes.

The Takeaway - a big thank you to Larsen-Winchester for hosting a great Zone Meeting with a good turnout and a great meal at Off the Wolf in Winneconne. Good discussion and a great exchange of ideas especially about medical loan lockers.

Next Zone Meeting - tentatively to be hosted by Butte des Morts on April 10, 2024 (to be confirmed)

Zone 7 Chair	Josh Blatz
Zone 8 Chair	Scott Scovronski
Next zone meeting April 30th at Van Dyne Clubhouse	
Zone 9 Chair	Laurie Sasada
Next Zone meeting will be April 24 th , 2024 Hosted by the Kingston Lions Club – more information to come. Markesan Lion Club – Working on upcoming event – June Dairy Days Kingston Lions Club – Had a Pork Chop Dinner on January 28 th , and their Cash Bash Neshkoro Lions Club – Fisheree on January 13 th , installed a new member, Active with transporting for the Eye Bank Princeton Lions Club – No Report Fairwater Lions Club – as of December 31 st closed up club Grand River Lions Club – Pork Chop Dinner/Bake Sale on February 10 th , Pizza Sales/making completed on February 24 th , Several Vision Screenings for local schools, Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 30 th in Fairwater. Berlin Lions Club - No Report	
Zone 10 Chair	Bill Fletcher
Zone 11 Chair	Pat Karasck

OTHER BUSINESS

District Awards from last year	IPDG Dave Brinkman
Current A2 District Governor Bery Freeman presented the following awards for excellent leadership in B1, the following individuals were recognized: PDG Tom Wendt, PDG Fred Gebhardt, PDG Meg Post, PDG Jerry Post, PDG Dave Lee	
Donation to the Eagles Club	DG Greg
Motion by DG Greg, seconded by Bonnie Hughes, to donate \$200 to the Eagles Club in appreciation for the fine hosting they have done for all the cabinet meetings this year—passed.	
Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:10 p.m.	



27-B1 District Caucus
Date: Saturday, May 18th, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 8:05 a.m.	DG Greg Kubichka
Pledge of Allegiance	
(meeting turned over at this point to 1st VDG Dave Holschbach)	
Roll Call	CS PDG Gary Silah
(attendance sheet passed around)	
Camp Report	PDG Fred Gebhardt
The project was completed on May 1st. Some new picnic tables were provided, but the decision was made by the committee to go with benches for the majority of the project, as they made more sense due to positioning. The account will be cleared out at the end of the project, with the full amount designated to the project spent.	
Treasurer's Report	PDG Jerry Post
The District is in excellent financial shape following Governor Greg's term.	
Grants Applied for this year	PDG B.J. Blahnik
All grants that have been applied for in B1 have been approved, sand their projects moving ahead.	
Van Dyne Medical Locker	PDG Tom Wendt
Project moving ahead. Fond du Lac Evening Lions have agreed to join the Van Dyne club in the project. Other clubs will be participating as needed.	
Pediatric Cancer Project	PDG Dave Lee
To date, 233 clubs have contributed to the Pediatric Cancer Fund, with B1 having been the leader in the State. 57 of the 64 B1 clubs have donated so far. At the Council of Governors meeting, the Council voted 9 to 1 to discontinue the project for the upcoming year.	
2024-2025 Cabinet	Governor Elect Dave Holschbach
Dave's Cabinet for the upcoming year is very nearly complete. There will be four meetings of the Cabinet next year, all in Fond du Lac for its central location. One of the biggest focuses in the upcoming year will be new Cabinet members involved in the Marketing of District Lions. Dave also announced to the Caucus the convention theme, which is "Back to Your Roots." The convention will be held in Fond du Lac on November 8th and 9th.	
The Next Year	1st VDG Elect Roxanne Wendt
Plans are proceeding as well for the following year. The Convention in 2025 will be an important one, a 50th Anniversary of B1's District Conventions. The site will be Oshkosh, at the convention center downtown, and plans are under way to make it a very special celebration. She is also planning a new club initiative.	

New Position	PDG Tom Wendt
Past District Governor Tom Wendt has been appointed State Global Leadership Team chair for 2024-2025. He has plans for this position. "Leadership is where it starts." His ideas include expanding of the Guiding Lion Program, which has proved helpful with some club difficulties around the State.	
Vision Screening	PDG Fred Gebhardt
Vision screenings went over 25,037 for the year. Fred is working on some new programs to make it even better next year.	



Clubs Participate in Special Olympics Vision Screening



APPLETON NOON LIONS CLUB – Eight volunteers and 18 hours of highway litter pickup was conducted on a two mile stretch of County N northeast of Appleton on April 25th. They were amazed at how much litter had accumulated since their pick-up a few months ago. Pictured are participants with about half of what was collected: **Tim Bauer, Mark Keller, Dave and Sue Lee, Mary Beth Nienhaus, Jerry Rickert, Mike Weyenberg, and Ralph Young.**

On April 15th, at the Oshkosh University, the Special Olympics brought back the Opening Eyes program supporting special needs athlete's quality of vision. In the years 2020 to 2022, the program was shut down due to Covid restrictions. The process included multi-label stations and working with doctors to provide athletes with a free pair of glasses. The athletes ranged in age from the mid-teens to the fifties and they all had a story to tell. In total, 198 athletes were screened with 109 referred. The reason for the high referral rate was that the doctors requested the athletes remove their glasses for a complete eye exam. The tournament was a three-on-three basketball and swimming competition. 17 Lions from Manitowoc, Sheboygan Noon, Stockbridge, St. Peter, and Van Dyne took part in the eight-hour day.



HILBERT LIONS CLUB – At their annual fundraiser on March 20th, the Club donated \$5,000 to the Potter Fire Department to help them purchase new radios.



HILBERT LIONS CLUB – On April 8th, the Club hosted an Easter Egg Hunt for the Hilbert community. There was a great turnout with plenty of Easter eggs to be had as well as other prizes. Lion **Bruce Schroeder** was the celebrity Easter Bunny. He was assisted by his family.



WALDO LIONS CLUB – The Annual Pork Chop Dinner was held on April 29th. There was a cash raffle, walk around raffles and a silent auction. The event is a big fundraiser for the Club and has been held for the last 33 years.



OXFORD LIONS CLUB – President **Steve Mullens** and Lion **Pat Johnson** proudly display the Club banner at a recent meeting.



OXFORD LIONS CLUB – The Club participated in Wisconsin's Adopt-A-Highway program. Every year in spring and fall Oxford Lions pick up trash along a designated stretch of highway.



PICKETT LIONS CLUB – The Club was pleased to host District Governor **Dave Brinkman** and Zone Chair **Barb Leichtfuss** at their February meeting. They inducted new members **Ryan Lang** and **Robert Cartwright**, seen with their sponsor Lion **Mike Hintz**.



HILBERT LIONS CLUB – As you enter the Village of Hilbert you will see something new. They have purchased, and with the help of the Hilbert Public Works department, installed Lions Club International signs. This lets all visitors to the community know that they have an active Lions Club in Hilbert. For more information about the Club, you can visit their facebook page or email hilbertlions@gmail.com.



BRILLION LIONS CLUB – An Easter Egg Hunt was held for kids eight and under on April 8th, at Horn Park in Brillion. Gold and silver eggs were hidden among the eggs and children were awarded special prizes for the special eggs.



APPLETON NOON LIONS CLUB – On March 8th, the Club shared their 100 year history with a presentation at the Appleton Historical Society. Pictured are Lions **Mark Keller**, **Mike Weyenberg**, **Tom O’Hearn**, and **Dave Lee**.



BRILLION LIONS CLUB – The Club donated benches to Heritage Park in Brillion. The benches are dedicated to past, present, and future Lion members.



APPLETON EVENING LIONS CLUB – Zone chair Sue Lee recently recognized **Ed Zogman** with a 60 Year Membership Chevron and letter from IP **Brian Sheehan**. Ed joined the Lions on February 1st of 1963.



PICKETT LIONS CLUB – The Club supported the annual Stock the Pantries in Ripon, a matching funds drive that donates to five area food pantries. Pictured are Lion **Chip Lovell**, Donation Coordinator **Candie Baker**, and Lion **Chad Lisowe**.

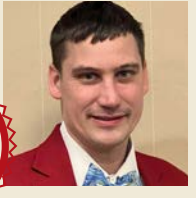


APPLETON NOON LIONS CLUB – **Steve Keller** visited the recent meeting with his Traveling Snake Show. Here Steve and Lion **Sue Lee** are pictured with one of his snakes.

FROM THE 27-B1 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

GREG KUBICHKA

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920-901-5706



My name is Greg Kubichka and as the incoming Governor for 27-B1, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to help guide us through the next year. I attend a lot of meetings and trainings and I am very optimistic for the future. There are many great opportunities for Lions coming up.

The Wisconsin Lions are number four in membership in the continental US, only trailing Minnesota by 2,000 members. Wisconsin has over 17,000 members and 10 Districts. With DG **Brinkman** as our District Governor this last year, we gained approximately 30 members and added a new club to the District. Thank you to all the clubs for working on retention and gaining new members.

There will be two upcoming training sessions. One will be held on July 15th in St. Nazianz and another on July 29th in Ripon. These training sessions are not just for club officers, everyone is encouraged to attend. There will be the option to attend 13 different sessions. One will be on service projects. We are in need of some seasoned Lions to let us know what’s working well in your Club for service. We’ll also have a spot camera there for anyone that would like to practice and a reader for anyone that has not seen them. There will be leadership courses and a class on what the District can do better for the Clubs. Please contact GLT **Tom Wendt** at trwendt@hotmail.com or call (920) 517-2724 to sign up.

Upcoming cabinet meetings are open to anyone. The first one of the new year will be held July 23rd at 10am at the Eagles Club in Fond du Lac. Mark your calendars for the District Convention on November 10th and 11th at the Fond du lac Radisson Hotel.

Thank you!



Wayside Morrison Lions Club Music in the Park 2023

6-8pm, Shelter building located at Brown County WayMor Park at 3832 Park Road, Greenleaf

- 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!

48th Annual 27-B1 District Convention

November 10 & 11, 2023
Radisson Hotel and Conference Center
625 W. Rolling Meadows Dr. Fond du Lac

Send your District Calendar additions to lionsof27b1@gmail.com



TOWN OF SHEBOYGAN LIONS CLUB – On April 16th, the Club awarded the Town of Sheboygan Fire Department with \$1,600 at their annual Fireman’s Brat Fry. The money will be used for CPR training mannequins. Pictured are: Deputy Chief **Andy Stahl**, Fire Chief **Ed Biederwolf**, Lions **Linda Weber**, **Mike Weber** and **Sue Garski**.

TOWN OF SHEBOYGAN LIONS CLUB – The 20 Year Club Anniversary Banquet for the Town of Sheboygan Lions Club will be held on July 30th. All are welcome to attend to honor their 20 years of service to the community. Social hour begins at 3:30pm at Town and Country Restaurant. Dinner to be served at 5pm with the program at 6pm. The cost is \$30. RSVP by July 20th to bj.blahnik@gmail.com or 920-980-6317.



PLYMOUTH LIONS CLUB – Lions **Steve Rolzin** and **Tom Miller** were presented **Melvin Jones Awards** by Lion **Marty Bonk**.



STOCKBRIDGE LIONS CLUB – The annual Walleye catch and release 120 boat tournament saw 330 fish weighed with an 82% survival release rate. The Lions also provided food and refreshments along with 50/50 raffles. The proceeds from the tournament of \$10,705 went towards school renovations and playground equipment.



OUR NEWEST AND INCOMING GOVERNORS – 2nd Vice District Governor Lion **Roxanne Wendt** District Governor Lion **Greg Kubichka** 1st Vice District Governor Lion **Dave Holschbach**.



VAN DYNE LIONS CLUB – The Club had their Country Breakfast on May 21st with a profit of \$3,960.17. They also had a Walleye Tournament June 3rd with a profit of \$13,520.95. Van Dyne Lions Club gave out four \$1,000 scholarships this year. The recipients were **Lucy Hughes**, **Nathan Gindt**, **Kalista Ziemer** and **Ayden Fowler**. Van Dyne Lions Club also presented the Knight of Sight Award to 2nd VDGE Lion **Roxanne Wendt** for all the work she does with the testing of the kids vision in schools. The Birch-Sturm Award was presented to Lion **Dave Hartman** for all that he does as a Lion and for Lions. The Melvin Jones Award was presented to **Marilynn Shady** for providing service above and beyond the normal Lion commitment.



Making a Difference

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ROXANNE WENDT

Are you ready to make a difference? Come and join us, have fun and learn how you can make a difference in your club and community.

November 11 & 12, 2023 at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center, Fond du Lac, WI, our 48th Annual Convention. Our committee has been preparing to include something for everyone, including great accommodations, great food, entertainment, bucket raffles, 50/50s and a variety of interesting sessions.

Some highlights to look for are, sessions from Leader Dog, Fire Department sessions including Jaws demo, live fire extinguisher (hands on), Theda Star helicopter visit, Dogs Tags to Dogs. Lots of Lions sessions to keep everyone informed, such as New Lions Portal, update on our new medical equipment locker and service projects suggestions and reporting.

Come meet our International Director Guy Holland, watch for more info on ID Guy including his BIO coming soon.

As we do so much for visually impaired, see if you can figure out our Braille message challenge, try using a white cane and for a real experience enjoy our banquet dinner wearing a blindfold.

For our service projects, bring in your plastic and for every 50 lb. get a ticket for a new Trex Recycling bench drawing, also bring in those hygiene samples to fill bags for the needy. See You Soon!

Comments to Make Lions Proud!

WAYNE STROESSNER, SECRETARY, RANDOM LAKE LIONS CLUB

The Random Lakes Lions received a letter from a scholarship winner. I've been a Random Lake Lion since 1994 and have never seen a letter of appreciation so succinctly written to show how involved she and her family are with Lionism. When I asked Abby whether we might publish her letter she happily said "yes," as did her parents. I think it should warm the heart of every Lion to know how Lions has helped this family.

A Thank You Note from Abby Borchardt

"Thank you so much for choosing me for the Random Lake Lions Club Scholarship. I am so honored to have received this award as blindness affects my family very deeply. My grandpa has been blind my whole life and has never gotten the chance to see what I look like. Fortunately, my father has been able to see me grow up; however, his vision is limited. My uncles and cousin also suffer from Retinitis Pigmentosa. If I had one wish, it would be that my family no longer has to suffer from this hereditary eye disease. While most don't have to revolve their days and activities around how light or dark it is outside or who is going to be driving everyone to events, mine does. My family and I are so beyond thankful for the Lions Cubs mission and we will continue to support that mission every step of the way. I am so lucky that Random Lake Lions Club is supporting my future as I appreciate everything they do for my family already."



WALDO LIONS CLUB – The Club helped celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Village of Waldo by participating in the parade and running the concession stand at the Party in the Park.



SHEBOYGAN NOON LIONS CLUB – The Sheboygan Fire Department had an informative presentation, lunch and a tour of Station 3. Not everyone stayed for the tour, but we all had a wonderful experience. Thank You to **Chief Montellano, Karley, Nick and Mike.**



OAKFIELD LIONS CLUB – Lion Al Messner presented Oakfield High School students \$750 Oakfield Lions Club Scholarships to **Kaitlyn Volbright, Noah Holzman, and Lynsey Streeter.** Receiving a \$1,000 Red Cross Scholarship was **Clare Maurer** and a \$1,500 Red Cross Scholarship was **Sophia Reynolds.** The Club raised money by holding a money raffle and was granted the Red Cross Scholarship money from holding four blood drives during the year.

WAYMORR LIONS CLUB – A record number of people attended the Music in the Park event on Wednesday, July 19th. The Club scooped out 27 gallons of vanilla ice cream for over 450 participants. WayMorr Youth Sports sold out of all their delicious food, even going back for more at the ballpark. The Club handed out their yearly donations to a couple of the organizations they dearly support including Leader Dog and Aspiro. Profits from the 50/50 raffle went to the Morrison Volunteer Fire Department.

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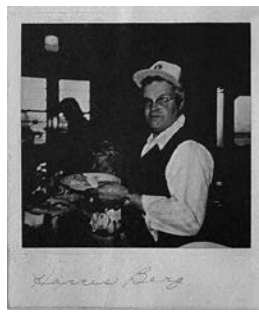
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BRILLION LIONS CLUB – The 1st annual Treasure hunt was held at the Ariens conservation property to provide an end of summer event for Brillion area families before school started. It encouraged family activity and exercise by walking the Mike Ariens trails. Three different color Flags were hidden along the trails for the kids to find. For each flag that was found, a prize was awarded. There were 108 kids and 87 adults. Grand prizes included a Packers Jersey, Packer footballs, and Mini Golf passes.

FAIRWATER LIONS CLUB – The Fairwater Lions Club was chartered in 1964 and has served the community for the past 59 years. Working with Brian Cahoon of the Markesan School District, the Club is pleased not only to fund the two scholarships but also to leave a legacy to graduating seniors for another 17+ years. The Harris Berg Memorial Scholarship (in memory of a long-time Club member) will provide a \$1,000 one-time scholarship to a Markesan High School graduating senior who is a “Solid B” student who exemplifies the qualities of good citizenship, has been an active participant in community activities, has been an active participant in Agriculture, Art and/or History and who will be attending a Technical College or 4-year College, including the UW System two-year campuses. It was important to Club members that this scholarship recognize students who work hard outside of school and may not receive a scholastic or GPA-based scholarship. The Markesan School District Guidance Department and its selection committees will administer and award the scholarships.



FOND DU LAC EVENING LIONS CLUB – For the past five years, Lions have been contributing toward the Miracle League’s new ball diamond and playground recently constructed at Plamore Park in Fond du Lac. Pictured are Lions **Dale Albrandt, Tom Clausen, Elaine Colton, Betty Clausen, Gary Colton, and Frank Bartzen** (all in blue Lions shirts) along with **Kelli Hughes**, Executive Director and CEO of Brooke Industries. Brooke has been spearheading the project for at least seven years seeking funding for this massive project. Now people with special needs can play with others in an area designed especially for children with limited accessibility.



WAYSIDE MORRISON LIONS CLUB – The Club was overwhelmed by the support the great community showed at their last Music in the Park night August 30th, with over 500 people attending and dishing out a record 37 gallons of vanilla ice cream for sundaes. Bent Grass Band did an excellent job entertaining the very large crowd. During intermission, the club presented their donations to Lion **Fred Gebhart** (top left) who accepted the donation on behalf of the Wisconsin Lions Camp with past President **Dan Vercauteren**. A donation to Syble Hopp School of DePere with **Noreen Borchart** accepting the donation along with **Clair Kerkaff** and **Aden Widmer** with past President **Dan Vercauteren** (top right). A donation was given to the Brown County K9 unit with 2 Deputies accepting the donation along with their dogs and past President **Dan Vercauteren** (bottom left). Huge thank you to everyone who attended any of our 6 Music in the Park nights. Pictured in the bottom right is the Bent Grass Band.



VAN DYNE LIONS CLUB – Small Town USA Day surpassed all goals, with a huge crowd, shorthanded at times, and extreme heat. They served a grilled chicken dinner, brats, hamburgers, French fries, and even cheese curds. They had a parade, a corn hole tournament, lots of kids’ games, music, tons of raffle prizes and many more activities. They also featured a car show that had 128 show cars.



MISHICOT LIONS CLUB – Member FVDG **Dave Holschbach** recently attended the Leader Dog facility in Rochester, Michigan. He experienced walking with a Leader Dog, walking with a white cane and had dinner in the dark with fellow Lions from Texas and Iowa. An Eye-Opening Experience!

VAN DYNE LIONS CLUB – President **Tom Wendt**, Sponsor Lion **Monica Schneider**, new member Lion **Nicole Balthazor**, and Membership Officer Lion **Judie Belk**.



Sheboygan Area Eye Bank Committee Disbands

SECRETARY: ELLEN CHANEY ELLENKAY50@GMAIL.COM
TREASURER: MARIE J HEINEN MARIE.LARRYHEIN@GMAIL.COM
CHAIRPERSON: AUGIE GRAHL NOW RESIDING AT TERRACE ESTATES, SHEBOYGAN

After 48 years, the Sheboygan Area Lions Eye Bank Committee is disbanding. Formed in 1975 as a joint effort of the Sheboygan Noon and Sheboygan Evening Lions Clubs to serve as an eye bank station to collect eye tissue for corneal transplants. The clubs worked with a Sheboygan ophthalmologist and Memorial and St. Nicholas Hospitals. At that time, branch eye banks were established/approved around the State by Lions Clubs to provide surgeons with healthy tissue for corneal transplants and grafting. The local clubs had to purchase surgical equipment and special containers to be used in transporting the tissue, which transportation was done by Lions clubs. Prior to the current single Bank of Wisconsin office in Madison, central offices were located at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee and at University Hospital in Madison. Lions were also responsible for publicizing the program and informing the public about eye tissue donation. They also raised funds to support the program and reimburse transporters for their expenses. Each area club interested in the project was encouraged to designate one or two members for the committee.

Clubs continue to support the Eye Bank with contributions and many clubs provide transporters, however dissemination of information, coordination of transporters, and updating of procedures are now handled by the Eye Bank and Wisconsin Lions Foundation. With the advent of email, texting, and websites, the need for a formalized committee was reduced. In Sheboygan County, the number of transporters significantly decreased over the years because the staff hired for enucleation comes from outside of our area and they often take the tissue along with them rather than sending it with transporters.

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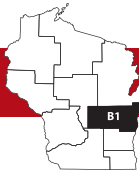
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CALUMET COUNTY AREA LIONS –

Area Lions launched their vision screening program with a booth and free vision screening to all Calumet County Fair goers. Diabetes awareness materials and other information on the Wisconsin Lions Camp were provided along with collecting used eyeglasses. For the month of September twelve schools, in the county, were screened with 17 area Lions participating. 1,763 Students were screened with 188 students referred with potential vision issues.



VALDERS LIONS CLUB – Zone Chair, **Paul Baroun** presented Valders Faith Lutheran pastor **Dan Lyman** with a check for \$412 for their food pantry. The money was raised this summer when the zone sold tickets at the Manitowoc County Fair. Seven other pantries in their zone also received a check.



FRANCIS CREEK LIONS CLUB –

Members brought food donations to their recent Christmas gathering for donation to the pantry at Mishicot Public Schools. This is an annual tradition with the donation rotated between three area food pantries. DG Greg attended the meeting and in addition to accepting a large number of eyeglasses for transportation to Lions Camp he presented a number of 100% attendance pins. Charter member **Art Ewen** was specially recognized for 100% attendance since the founding of our Club 61 years ago!



SHEBOYGAN NOON LIONS CLUB

– The club helped with a benefit for **Brad Jentsch** who had heart surgery and now needs a kidney transplant. They helped with frying and serving food. Pictured are **Brad** and his wife **Billie Jo**.



RANDOM LAKE LIONS CLUB –

A few years ago a program was organized to get smoke and carbon monoxide alarms into every home in the Random Lake area. This year Lions members teamed up with Doegnitz Ace Hardware and an anonymous local business to contribute \$15 toward each smoke/ carbon monoxide alarm purchased at Doegnitz Ace Hardware between October 1st and November 15th. 42 alarms were sold this past year with more than half of those sold in the last week of the promotion. Pictured are Lions Secretary **Wayne Stroessner**, **David Thomas**, **Theresa Thomas** and **Dan Doegnite**.



WAYSIDE MORRISON LIONS CLUB

– On October 26th, the club participated in an inside Truck or Treating event at Wayside Zion Lutheran School. 160 treat bags were given to kids who came over to play an easy bean bag toss game. Treat bags had candy, pens, coffee cup sleeves, and bookmarks talking about diabetes along with a smaller flier about our upcoming events. Pictured are Lions **Marjorie Fritsch**, **Sarah Vercauteren**, and **Carrie Knutson**.



WILD ROSE LIONS CLUB – 227

people were served breakfast and enjoyed the electric atmosphere as they visited with Santa.



WHITELAW LIONS CLUB –

Members put up the Christmas decorations in the Village of Whitelaw.



VALDERS LIONS CLUB – Captain **Jenny Moffatt** from the Manitowoc Salvation Army spoke at a recent Valders Lions meeting. Pictured is Lion **Carolyn Hallberg** presenting Captain Moffatt with a check along with items collected by the club for the Salvation Army food pantry.



ST PETER LIONS CLUB – Members volunteered to grill and serve food to customers at The Little Farmer northeast of Fond du Lac. Monies raised at the event help support many local community support groups.



VAN DYNE LIONS CLUB – The club has been quite busy. First from the Small Town some proceeds were donated, \$1000 each, to DAV (Disabled American Vets), Damascus Road, and Day by Day Warming Shelter. They also made blankets for a new homeless shelter in Fond du Lac. They did a Halloween walking trail for the kids and passed out a bag of goodies to each. They still been collect the plastic bags to have a really nice heavy bench out of them. At the 27B1 Convention over 1,300 lbs. were brought in. The last picture is of 1st Vice District Governor **Roxanne Wendt** and PDG and current Van Dyne Lion President **Tom Wendt** being surprised with the Ray Hempel Award

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Where has the first half of the year gone?

Thank you to all of you who came to the 27-B1 Convention in Fond du Lac November 10-11, 2023. We had quite a few presenters, if you're looking for any speakers at your zone or club meetings.

Torre Willadsen from Dogs 2 Dog tags (torre@d2dt.org) trains dogs for veterans out of Plymouth.

John Franger (John.Franger@kcc.com) with Fox Valley Medical Locker is looking at other locations in our district or state. As small as a storage shed or a store front if you are looking at providing medical equipment to your community. There is an overflow of equipment at Larson Winchester we just need the locations.

PDG Dave Lee (drslee@new.rr.com) also spoke in regards to childhood cancer state project. Hoping to get all 504 Lions Clubs through the state to donate (about \$100 more or less) if clubs are able. This money will help with families getting cancer treatments to and from the hospital. Maybe in a form of a small gas gift card.

Thank you to Van Dyne Fire, Chilton Fire Dept, Fond du Lac Fire and Theda Star, for live fire extinguisher training, jaws training, and the opportunity to see the helicopter up close. IPDG Dave Brinkman (brinkdav@yahoo.com) gave an insight of the lions portal and websites.

Thank you to all the eye transporters out there. We could still use a couple more through the district if you're able. Please reach out to Adam (acrowson@lebw.org) with the Eye Bank. Also they are inviting clubs to visit the Eye Bank in Madison.

Our Wisconsin Lions camp PDG Fred Gebhart (fredgebhart@yahoo.com) is working on a project to replace Camp benches as they're starting to get bad. If any clubs would like to contribute it's about \$300 per bench. Please send a check to Jerry Post (mpost7@tds.net) and put "camp bench" on the memo line.

We also had an update from Council Chair, BJ Blahnik (bj.blahnik@gmail.com) who talked about LCIF. We're working on a district goal for individual donations. If an individual donates \$10 or more, you can support BJ at the State Convention with getting a pie in the face. He won't even see it coming.

Ella (estanelle@charter.net) and Deb, representatives for Leader Dog, gave a presentation during lunch in regards to Leader Dog. Please save your deer antlers as they make good treats.

PDG Bert Freeman (lionsubway206@gmail.com) has been invited to 9 zone meetings in regards to membership matters. If you are looking for help with your club, please reach out.

Congratulations to the election winners DGE Dave Holschbach, 1VDG Roxanne Wendt, 2VDG Barb Leichtfuss and 2025 (Roxanne's convention) Premier Best Western Oshkosh.

I am still missing a couple club visits. Please schedule your club visits if you have award nights or new members.

We are working on this summer's workshops where it's not just for new officers but any club members. If you have suggestions on topics you would like to learn about or ideas on better locations please contact DGE Dave Holschbach (dajach@yahoo.com)



Artificial Intelligence Technology Helps Visually Impaired Student

In mid summer, a request was forwarded to the Pickett Lions Club to support technology for a visually impaired student in Oshkosh. In a letter, written by Heather Hasse, Teacher of the Visually Impaired, they were introduced to Kymani Stephen, a junior at Oshkosh West High, who has been gradually losing his sight since early elementary school.

They invited Heather and Kymani to their meeting in July and learned firsthand how his life and future might be improved by the Or Cam My Eye Pro. This revolutionary assistive technology has the power to transform his world and open up countless opportunities for learning, independence, and personal growth.

The Or Cam My Eye Pro is a remarkable device that harnesses the power of artificial intelligence to provide real-time visual and auditory information to individuals with visual impairments. It attaches discreetly to eyeglasses, acting as a “smart eye” that can read text, recognize faces, identify products, and even describe scenes. By utilizing this cutting-edge technology, a student will be able to access printed materials, navigate his surroundings confidently, and engage more effectively in various learning activities.

They were very excited about helping to secure the purchase of this device for Kymani. Their member, Lion Chad Lisowe, offered to visit the clubs in Zone 7 to inform them and ask for their help, with the goal of funding the entire \$4800 cost in time for the start of the school year. With the assistance of Lion Marcus Richards, donations were secured from Rosendale, Ripon, Van Dyne, Eldorado, and Brandon Clubs, as well as the Oshkosh Elks Lodge 292. The balance of the cost, which includes training, was paid by the Pickett Lions. At the time of this writing, Kymani has received his Or Cam My Eye Pro and is in the process of learning all its potential and personalizing its use.

Also pictured is a ramp built for someone in need.



PICKETT LIONS CLUB – The Club is happy to continue their support of two families through the Ripon Santa Club and multiple items from the Father Carr’s Giving Tree in Oshkosh. Pickett Lions supports our Community Center by serving the Country Breakfast every December. Our crew, Lions **Dre Bruss, Bob Cartwright, John Murray, Joan Hielke, Todd Messerschmidt, Bob Messerschmidt, and Dan Becker.**

WESTFIELD LIONS CLUB – The “Knights of Sight” Award was given to Westfield Lions for \$1,000 donations and their services. They also donated \$2,500 to Ethel Everhard Memorial Library, \$500. to Care and Share Food Program, \$500 to Leader Dogs, \$1,000 to Westfield High School to help purchase two Emergency Response Boxes and Bleeding Control Kits. Five students were awarded \$750 scholarships. Westfield Lions also conducted their 20th annual Pioneer Gun and Collectables Show and the 31st Annual Fisheree along with Lawrence Lake Sports Club.



VAN DYNE LIONS CLUB – Breakfast with Santa was a great success. There were more than 175 kids. They had breakfast, made some crafts to take home, got pictures taken and received a goody bag from Santa.



RANDOM LAKE LIONS CLUB – Congratulations to the 2024 “Outstanding High School Students of the Year” honorees. Students were selected by their school administration and teaching staff. Attention was given to the recipients’ scholarship, activities, achievement, character, volunteerism, and service in their school and community. Pictured is **Halle Van Horn** from Random Lake High School with parents **Trina and Chuck Van Horn** and grandparents **Evie and Rich Rathke.**

STOCKBRIDGE LIONS CLUB –

Every fall, members visit Lions Camp, take out piers and docks and prepare the lake frontage for winter activities. After completing the work, Facility Director, **Pete Rekowski**, asked for additional picnic tables to be built to replace the old wooden ones. The Camp is in need of 14 additional tables for the campers and the rental groups. A number of Clubs have donated towards previous picnic tables and the Lions Camp is very appreciative of making a difference. The cost of a picnic table is about \$300. All Clubs donating will be recognized in a newspaper article and hopefully on the Lions Camp website (Facebook). A special thank you to the District, Manitowoc, Valders, and the Stockbridge Lions Clubs who have already donated.





**Sheboygan Falls Lions Club
Casino Night**
Saturday, March 2nd, 5-10 pm
Village at 170, 170 Rangeline Rd, Kohler, WI

- Tickets \$40.
- Contact Lion Ryan at romeyr77@gmail.com.

**B1 CHILDHOOD CANCER DONATIONS
THRU MID DECEMBER, 2023**

B1 Cabinet	10/8/23	\$500
Appleton Evening	12/15/23	\$100
Appleton Noon	10/5/23	\$1,000
Individual Donation, Appleton Noon	9/5/23	\$100
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Chilton	11/22/23	\$100
Cleveland	9/13/23	\$100
Coloma	9/5/23	\$100
Fair Water	9/5/23	\$500
Francis Creek	9/13/23	\$250
Howards Grove	11/10/23	\$100
Individual Donation, Howards Grove	11/11/23	\$100
Manitowoc	9/25/23	\$200
Mishicot	10/8/23	\$100
Individual Donation, Neshkoro	11/11/23	\$50
Oxford	11/3/23	\$500
Pickett	12/1/23	\$100
Princeton	9/8/23	\$100
Ripon	11/22/23	\$100
Sheboygan Noon	11/10/23	\$100
Stockbridge	10/19/23	\$500
Van Dyne	11/10/23	\$500
Waldo	10/22/23	\$150
Westfield	8/15/23	\$250
Wild Rose	9/11/23	\$100
20 Clubs for B1 or 31% of total 64 Clubs		\$6,550

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Hello members of 27B1.

We are halfway through the year. I hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather. If you haven't had a chance to visit a couple of the Lions events throughout the state, please consider club visits to Wisconsin Eye Bank at 5003 Tradewinds Pkwy, Madison, WI. They have an amazing building and practicing surgeries on site and looking at expanding out a garden of remembrance. Another interesting place to check out is Restoring Hope in Madison where people go before and after surgery for an organ transplant. The patient and one caregiver can stay for a small charge. If your club would like to help with toiletries or cleaning supplies as a project, it would be greatly appreciated. Wisconsin Lions Camp, 3834 County Rd A, Rosholt, WI 54473 is an amazing 440 acres of beautiful land where they have campers for many weeks throughout the summer. This is also where our state office is located. Maybe your club would like to visit the Lions Clubs International Chicago. This is where you could see the winners of the peace posters for many years in the hallway or line yourself up with a tour and see the International President's Office. Please consider taking a club tour as there are 504 clubs throughout the state.

Other projects that are going on throughout the state right now is childhood cancer. With PDG Dave Lee, we are working on raising money to help families with transportation to and from the hospital. If you are able to help out, please consider sending the checks to:

Checks made out to: Wisconsin Lions Childhood Cancer Fund

Mailed to: Childhood Cancer, Wisconsin Lions State Office, 3834 County Road A, Rosholt WI 54473

For membership, please consider setting up a membership drive or a service project where you can invite new members to increase awareness of what the Lions do for local communities. It could be a local park concert that's already there that you could set up a booth. It could be a county fair with a vision screener to make awareness of what we do throughout out the area. Also with membership, please consider retention. Talking to the members that are not at the meeting about what is going on, not necessarily demanding that they show up at every meeting, but keeping them informed of service project that are coming up. Get well cards for anyone that might be going through a sickness.

Thank you for all you do for Lions and your communities and all you do for your clubs.

WAYSIDE MORRISON LIONS

CLUB – It was a great honor to deliver their annual donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters on Tuesday, December 12th at their Christmas party. Club members also donated children Christmas gifts to this organization to give to children within their program. Plus they donated to Salvation Army. In the attached picture is Lion **Dan Natkze**, **Haley Vickman**, Lion **Gary Leick**, and **Keren Cotter**. For Christmas, the Club also mailed Christmas cards and a booklet of stamps to community members who are 80+ years old.





SHEBOYGAN NOON LIONS CLUB – The Club made a donation to the Sheboygan Salvation Army for their Food Pantry and Homeless Shelter. The check was presented by our President **Lea Thibodeau** to **Carrie Jo Cony** of the Salvation Army.



SHERWOOD LIONS CLUB – At the Club meeting on February 27, four new members were inducted in by PDG **Fred Gebhart**. They are: **Brian Buss, Mary Nechodom, Matt Wilber, Geri Younger,** and PDG **Fred Gebhart**.

VAN DYNE LIONS CLUB – The Club has a few fundraisers completed and in the works. They had a pizza sale with the biggest sale yet. 2,937 pizzas were made with a profit of \$5,278.69. They collected a total of 180 deer hides this year for the Lions Camp. The Club is getting ready for their Country Breakfast on May 19 and the Walleye Tournament on June 1.



SHERWOOD LIONS CLUB – At a recent Club meeting new Lion member **Sean Becker** (center) was sworn in by Past District Governor **Fred Gebhart**. He is shown here with his sponsor Lion **Tom Jack**.



DISTRICT 27-B1 CABINET MEETING – The top left picture: IPDG **Dave Brinkman** is presenting Lion **Fred Gebhart** the Lion Kid Sight Award USA. The pictures following start with IPDG **Dave Brinkman** receiving the District Excellent Award from GMT/PDG **Bert Freeman**. Then, PDG **Dave Brinkman** was able to choose five PDGs that he also felt deserved this award. They were PDG **Tom Wendt**, PDG **Fred Gebhart**, PDG **Meg Post**, PDG **Jerry Post**, and PDG **Dave Lee**.



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With the weather getting nice it is great to get back into more Club and Zone visits. Just a reminder if you're looking for a speaker at your meetings, your District has over 40 members on the cabinet to either make contacts or come up with talking material that relates to Lions projects. We can also put you in contact with somebody that could get you free Lions literature.

There are so many leadership opportunities out there with My Learn on the portal or in person classes. These leadership rolls don't have to be just within the Lions, they could be used in your day to day lives or at home with your family.

Speaking about Lions portal, if you're not getting the Wisconsin Lions Magazine please ask your Club Secretary or District to look over your information to make sure that you are getting the material for information.

In our talking points at our next Zone Meetings, we're going over leadership. Again, a reminder that leadership does not mean you have to be in a officer position. It only takes one other member if you're giving them guidance. You are truly a leader and I thank you for your service.

27-B1 is having workshop training, not just for the officers, but anybody. If you would like to participate and need information about the nearest location to your club please email trwendt@hotmail.com.

I had to wait till after January to meet the qualifications, but I have announced that I am running for International Director. Please help support your future leadership with **Tammy Rockenbach** or **Greg Kubichka**. Hopefully being your next Wisconsin Lions International Director.



WAYSIDE MORRISON LIONS CLUB – On March 3rd, the Club had six of their members sit on the VP phone tables at the 70th Annual CP Telethon in Green Bay. For one hour they answered phone calls making donations or pledges to this great organization. Plus they donated \$500 during a company two minute match time.



Wayside Morrison Lions Club Music in the Park 2024

Band Performances: 6-8pm, WayMorr Lions Club property at the Brown County WayMorr Park at 3832 Park Road, Greenleaf WI 54126

June 12 – Rob Burkham & Just Happy to be Here Band

June 26 – Eddie Larson & Classic Memories Band

July 10 – Homemade Brew

July 24 – Biscuit Creek Band

August 7 – Red Star Express Band

August 21 – Bent Grass

- Lawn chairs are welcomed for attendees.
- Free music & vanilla ice cream & toppings.
- Food and drink stand will be open.
- 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 be on site for all to enjoy.

Send your District Calendar additions to lionsof27b1@gmail.com