



**We Serve**  
**District 27-B1 Convention Minutes**  
**Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Red Lion Paper Valley - Appleton**  
**Salon B**

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1. **Call to order** 43<sup>rd</sup> District Convention @ 8:11am – DG Dave Lee
2. Presentation of flags for United States, Wisconsin, Missouri-home of ID Noland, Lions International, WI Lions Foundation, WI Eyebank and Lioness Affiliate.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Mike DeBaere
4. **Prayer** led by Song Leader & Chaplain Lion Kay Quinn  
Song was Lion's Song by IP Gundrun.
5. **Welcome** to convention by DG Dave Lee, welcome to LIONS and guests from other districts. Special welcome to convention guest International Director Don Noland from Missouri. PID Don welcomed everyone with "**GO PACKER GO**"
6. **Recognition of Branch of Service and Veterans** in that branch. MOMENT OF SILENCE for VETERANS who have passed away.
7. **Welcome to Appleton** by Jennifer Stephany, Executive Director of Appleton Downtown, Inc.
8. **Welcome by Lioness** Affiliate President Barb Leichtfuss. Lioness Barb is from the Van Dyne Lioness Club. Lioness are there to serve their community needs.
9. **Service of Remembrance** followed the welcomes. 38 Lion members and 6 Lioness past away this previous year.
10. **The State of the State report** was given by Council Chair PDG Jodi Burmester. Good news there will be no dues increase. The state has seen improved communications. Aging of our members continues to be a major problem. District B1 continues to be **TOPS** in vision screening. We need **NEW** members. The 2019 State Lions convention will be in Wisconsin Dells at the Chula Vista Resort on May 17, 18 AND 19<sup>TH</sup>. It will have a BEACH THEME ! DG Dave Lee added the **LIONS SPIRIT is shining BRIGHT! SHARE** your stories, keep your websites up to date, continue training. Please stop by the District Service Project and help stuff the homeless bags.
11. **NOMINATIONS: District Governor Elect:** The floor was open for nominations by Lion Irv Korth for District Governor. 1<sup>st</sup> nomination received for Lion Mike De Baere by Brandon Lion Diana Traver. Lion Mike has been the club President for 7 years and has shown great leadership in his term. 2<sup>nd</sup> nomination by IPDG Fred Gebhart. Lion Mike has shown compassion and dedication to Lions. He continually steps forward and accepts any challenge. Lion Mike did accept the nomination. Thank you for your support, thank you for the Lions for the training. There still is more to learn. Call to floor 3 times for any other nominations. Motion to close nominations for District Governor by PDG Merle Strelow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken Rohde. **MOTION CARRIED**
12. **1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor:** Lion Rose Berendes nominated Lion Tom Wendt of the Van Dyne Lions. She considers it an honor to nominate a great Lion. Lion Tom has done all of the training and wants even more. 2<sup>nd</sup> nomination by PDG Merle Strelow. He is proud to second the nomination for Lion Tom. He will make a wonderful Governor. There

are great steps to following but he will be the perfect one. Lion Tom did accepted. Thank you for the opportunity to step forward. He will continue to get training and become a great leader. Call to floor 3 times for any other nominations. Motion to close nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> District Governor by PDG Ken Rohde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by IPDG Fred Gebhart. **MOTION CARRIED**

**13. 2nd Vice District Governor.** PDG Len Quinn nominated Lion BJ Blahnik. Lion BJ has been very active in the start of a new Lions club and new programs. He is a great guy and a great friend. 2<sup>nd</sup> nomination was from Lion Mike Helmke, President of the Sheboygan Noon Lions. Lion BJ when he joined Lions immediately became involved. He is a true LION at heart. He has the HEART- PASSION – and SOUL. Lion BJ did accept. Thank You. It will be a proud moment if he is accepted as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. He will keep the LIONS moving forward.

**14. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor.** Lion Laurie Sasada from the Markesan Lions nominated Lion Dave Brinkman. As a Lion, Dave meets or exceeds the expectations. He has continued to add membership to the club, 14 so far. He has been committee chair for various fund raisers and currently in training for LIONS. He is a great LION promoter. The 2<sup>nd</sup> nomination was by PDG Merle Strelow. Lion Dave as a zone chairman has really stepped UP for Lions clubs. He has demonstrated the involvement and has the time and dedication. Lion Dave Brinkman did accept the nomination. Thank you to the Markesan Lions for their support. He looks forward to serving. Call to floor 3 times for any other nominations. Motion to close nominations for 2nd District Governor by PDG Marv Henke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken Rohde. **MOTION CARRIED**

**15. WLF representative** Nomination made by Lion Ellen Cheney for Lion Wendy Hartmann. Lion Wendy has completed her first term and has demonstrated success. 2<sup>nd</sup> nomination by Lion Mike Helmke. Lion Wendy has shown great involvement in WLF. Lion Wendy did accept the nomination for a second term. Thank You. Call to floor 3 times for any other nominations. Motion to close nominations for WLF rep by PDG Merle Strelow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Tom Wendt.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**16. Nomination for host site for bowling.** No Nominations Call to floor 3 times for any nominations. Motion to close nominations for bowling site by IPDG Fred Gebhart, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Merle Strelow. **MOTION CARRIED**

**17. Nomination for 2019 district convention site.** Lion Mike DeBaere spoke on behalf of Holiday Inn/Radisson in Fond du Lac. They are newly remodeled and are offering a reduced rate. He would like to see the convention in that section of the district. Lion Dave Holschbach spoke on behalf of Holiday Inn in Manitowoc. They are offering a rate of \$ 86.00. All Lions are familiar with the hotel, they have hosted numerous district convention and the staff is looking forward to the Lions return. Lion Dave pleaded to keep his job.

**18. Peace Posters and Pin design** will be on display next to the voting room for review, there currently are 3 posters.

**19. Introduction of convention guest** ID Don Noland by PID Art Marson. ID Noland is a working director. He is involved in membership. He always talks about membership. We need **MORE !** The key to membership is

**INTRODUCE—PROPER INDUCTION—INDOCTRINATE—INFORM—INVOLVE**

**20. Wisconsin Lions Foundation** PDG Jo Marson talked about the 2 capital improvement projects. Currently the Friends and Honors garden is being expanded and the challenge course and rope course. Money donated is used to support the Lions camp and **NOT** capital improvements. Currently it cost \$800 a camper. The deer hide challenge is currently going on.

**21. Lion Pride:** PDG Sam Kochel is President Pro Tem for the Lions Pride endowment.. Thank you for your annual support. Annual support comes from club's donations, keep WLF in your annual budget, personal estate donations and members in communities supporting Lions. **REMEMBER LIONS can CHANGE the WORLD !**

**22.** Dr. Joseph Neilitz an Ophthalmologist with Ascension Medical group talked about the value of vision screening of children at an early age, reading is very important. Catch any problems early with Lions and the SPOT camera.

**23.** PDG Jerry Post talked about an OBSERVATION he has made. FEAR Blind people experience this every day. They learn to trust others and their dogs. This now gives them HOPE. He talked about PDG Len Quinn and all the experiences he has had over the years. Don't take away their freedom, continue to support Leader Dog. Leader Dog is working on a new program to train dogs for drug and airport security.

## LUNCH PROGRAM

Prayer and song -LIONS Song lead by Lion Kay Quinn.

Introduction of head table, other District Governors, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> District Governor elects, cabinet members and everyone else in attendance.

Mia Sato spoke on **KINDNESS**. She never realized how important this is and how it can change someone's life. We are all here to help each other. It was a very inspirational speech on how she ignored people in need and did not want to take a stand. It really began to bother her not helping. **DON'T do what she did** – show KINDNESS and help whether they want it or not.

Keynote speaker ID Don Noland was introduced by PID Art Marson. LCIF has been around for 50 years and has given over 1 billion in grants. LCIF is the 1<sup>st</sup> to respond to disasters. **THINK outside the BOX ! CREATE** your own box. **EMBRACE** youth and try something different.

International Director candidates PDG Jodi Burmester and PDG Lee Vrieze were given the floor for campaigning. PGD Jodi has been a Lion since 1996. She believes in giving back to LIONS. Her dream is to SERVE and INSPIRE others. Follow her on facebook, website or print. PDG Lee has been involved in service since a kid. He has learned about teamwork. He loves to SERVE especially as a LION. He is excited to have the chance to move forward.

## AWARDS:

During the luncheon the following awards were presented:

District 27B1 presented 2 **MELVIN JONES Fellowships** in recognition of service to others. The recipients were Lion Mary Jo Abler of the New Holstein Lions and Lion Bonnie Strelow of the Fairwater Lions.

### **KINDNESS DOES MATTER**

- 4 special **NEW VOICE** awards were also presented. New Voice is in recognition of women in Lions.
- LEADERSHIP : Lion Mary Jo Abler    MARKETING : Lion Rose Berendes
  - MEMBERSHIP: Lion Marget Cascade Lions                                     SERVICE: Lion Bonnie Strelow.  
Bring Women into Lions and into Leadership.

District 27 B1 also presented a **Progressive Birch Sturm** to IPDG Fred Gebhart for his service last year. He left big shoes to fill.

District 27 B1 also received 3 **Presidential Certificates of Appreciation** to be given to deserving Lions. The first was to Lion Amy Olson of the Whitelaw Lions. The club was ready to surrender their charter, she helped save the club by letting Whitelaw know what their LIONS have done for the community and what will no longer exist if they fold. The second was given to Lion Jerry Arens of the Larsen Winchester Lions for coordinating all of their record setting wheelchair ramps. The third was given to Manitowoc Lions President Bob Schuh who was blinded by a hunting accident. Blindness did not stop him, he is very active in making birdhouse, hunter safety and numerous conservation projects.

The district bank was auctioned off by PDG Len Quinn, with the winning bid of \$ 6,840 from the Lioness Affiliates. This was proceeded by the parade of checks.

## AFTERNOON SEESSIONS:

The following sessions were held in the afternoon.

**MANAGING CLUB FINANCIALS** held by PDG Gary Colton of the Fond du lac Evening Lions and Lion Blaine Priebusch of the Appleton Noon Lions.

**CHILDHOOD CANCER CAMPAIGN** held by Lion Dr. Sri Vasudevan for the flow cyclometer and the success of the campaign to match funds from LCI.

**AN AFRICAN ORPHANAGE and LIONS IMPACT** conducted by Judy Wilson, who is the founder of the Lord's House of Hope orphanage in Kenya.

## **VOTING FOLLOWED the sessions**

### **DINNER PROGRAM:**

Call to order by District Governor Dave Lee

Pledge of Allegiance led by IPDG Fred Gebhart

Pre Dinner entertainment by Appleton High School Chamber Choir in tribute to Veterans and branches of service.

Invocation by Lion Kay Quinn

Introduction of PDG missed at lunch

PID Art Marson thanked everyone for a wonderful time. It is always an honor to return to the area he grew up in. Congratulations to the Green Lake Lions Club for **100% Melvin Jones Awards**. He introduced our special guest ID Don Noland.

ID Don Noland gave a recap of his weekend experiences with fellow Lions. **THANK YOU for a WARM** welcome. He presented gifts to DG Dave and Lion Sue, Lions Mike and Tom our incoming Vice District Governors and to the fellow District Governors from around the state.

Lioness Barb Leichtfuss gave a wrapup of the Lioness meeting. The Penguin was the winning design. The **LIONESS BOUGHT THE BANK !!** Thank you to the VETERANS for their service. Lioness Ella Stanell will be the District Lioness Affiliate next year. ON behalf of the Lioness, she presented ID Don with a gift.

DG Dave Lee also presented ID Don with a donation to LCI in his name and some memorable gifts. He also presented PID Art and PDG Jo Marson gifts for their assistance.

### **CONVENTION RESULTS:**

CST Lion Dave Holschbach gave the parade of check results. **THANK YOU** to all the clubs, it was another great year. Every time he turned around he was getting MORE money. He had to change his spreadsheet 4-5 times. **It's a great feeling to give money away** This year's parade of checks was \$ 37,000 which included the CHECK IS IN THE MAIL- IOU. Money was given to 14 well deserving causes.. He presented checks to the representative of these programs.

Lion Irv Korth, Nominations chair announced the voting results.

Peace Poster #1 1st place, 2nd place #2 and 3rd place # 3

Pin design # 1 - only 1 design submitted

2019 District Convention - Fond du lac Holiday Inn/Radisson

Bowling write in - Poysippi, Manitowoc, New Holstein - **to be determined !**

WLF Representative - 3 year term - Lion Wendy Hartmann

2nd Vice District Governor - Lion BJ Blahnik

1st District Governor - Lion Tom Wendt

District Governor Elect - Lion Mike De Baere

Motion by PDG Ken Rohde to destroy the ballots, 2nd by Lion Mike De Baere **MOTION CARRIED**

**District Raffle winners** drawn by Lion Betty Noland

1st drawn 20% Sheboygan Noon Lions

2nd drawn 15% Jim Hein

3rd drawn 7% Chip Lovell

4th drawn 5% Tim Lillesand

5th drawn 2% Joan Bartman

6th drawn 1% Markesan Lions

Additional bucket auction for items not claimed conducted by PDG Len Quinn which netted an additional \$110. for the bucket raffle.

DG Dave also had a special **THANK YOU to PDG Jerry & Meg** for being great convention chairs.

Motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm by Lion Mike Hartmann, 2nd by Lion Mike De Baere, **MOTION CARRIED**