

Congratulations to IPID Lee Vrieze and Lion Mary Vrieze

The Lions of Wisconsin wish to offer congratulations to IPID (Immediate Past International Director) Lee Vrieze and Lion Mary Vrieze for all they have done while serving on the Lions International Board of Directors from 2022 – 2024! The Wisconsin Lions, particularly the Jim Falls Lions Club, are proud of their representation as an International officer and spouse and have enjoyed hearing about their experiences as they travel the world. We look forward to their continued leadership as they return to Wisconsin, this time just as Wisconsin Lions! Please know that we understand there will continue to be international responsibilities as a Past International Director and spouse. You have made an impact!

There was a short article written by PCC (Past Council Chair) Stacey Nesseth in *The Wisconsin Lion* September/October 2022 edition, which provided a short overview of their leadership journey. Below we will dive more into IPID Lee's Lions background, his service on the International Board of Directors, and some travel experiences.

Background

Lion Lee has been a member of the Jim Falls Lions Club in District E1 since September 2001. He has served as Club Treasurer, President, and Club, District and Multiple District Information Technology Chair, which really came in handy while on the International Board as they rolled out the new Lions Portal. At the District level he was the E1 2nd Vice District Governor (2015 – 2016), 1st Vice District Governor (2016 – 2017) and District Governor (2017 – 2018). At the multiple district level, he served as WLF (Wisconsin Lions Foundation) President from 2014 – 2015, the Vice Council Chair during his year as District Governor and was the GMA (Global Member Approach) Chair from 2018 – 2019. He continues to serve on the Constitution & By Laws Committee and Technology Committee.

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International Director

IPID Lee was endorsed by the Wisconsin Lions at the 2019 State Lions Convention for a 3-year endorsement period (the first year the endorsement was for three years; in the past it had been one or two years). In June 2022 at the 104th International Convention held in Montreal, Canada, Lion Lee was elected to serve a 2-year term on the Board of Directors and walked across the stage to accept congratulations from the Lions International Executives. He was appointed to the Technology Committee in both of those years, his second year he served as Chairperson. He and his team were instrumental in helping our Association work through the release of the Lions Portal; he has been asked to serve on an ad hoc committee member due to his technology expertise. That was quite the effort!



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Travel experiences

The International Board meets three times a year, in the Fall, in the Spring, and at the International Convention. During PID Lee's years on the board, during his first year 2022 – 2023 they traveled to Montreal, Canada for the first international convention/board meeting, then to Minneapolis and Belfast, Ireland the second and third board meetings. During his second year 2023 – 2024, they traveled to Boston for the international convention/board meeting, and to Cairo, Egypt and Vancouver, British Columbia for the second and third board meetings. IPID Lee and Lion Mary also participated at their own expense with fellow Board members in service projects in Duluth, Minnesota, Dublin, Ireland, and in Nairobi, Africa, such tree planting and creating hygiene bags. Both IPID Lee and Lion Mary are Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows.

IPID Lion Lee and Lion Mary truly enjoy being Lions. They have quite a bit of fun in what they do, and their sense of humor is well known. IPID Lee used "the duck" as one of his give-aways (many of us have one!), and the "quack-quack chair back" story will live on for many years to come! The best way to find out more about their experiences is to just speak with them! IPID Lee and Lion Mary are excited to share what they learned and have taken their responsibilities to the highest level. Again, we are proud of what they have accomplished and the leadership shadow they have cast upon the Lions of the world! Best wishes from Wisconsin Lions for continued success as you support Lions International, Lions Clubs International, and Lions Clubs International Foundation!



CONGRATULATIONS IPID LEE AND LION MARY! Thank you for all that you have done while serving on the Lions International Board of Directors 2022-2023 & 2023-2024. The Wisconsin Lions are proud of your service and representation during your time as International Director. We have enjoyed hearing about your experiences and look forward to your continued leadership as Wisconsin Lions.

LEOS

A Leader Among The Leos

BY PDG PHIL HOLLIS.

When it comes to Lionism, I'd like to specifically recognize Leo Trevor Nauta. He consistently exuberates Leadership, and an excitement to experience new opportunities to make a difference.

What is something interesting about Trevor? First, I'd like to state that he is a third generation Lion!

Trevor also likes to travel and has a passion for history. He has visited 38 states and through his travels, he visited 7 out of 13 Presidential Museums in the United States. His favorite is the Ronald Reagan Museum in California. He states that it is his favorite because the museum houses the real Air Force One aircraft used during Reagan's presidency.

Trevor was inducted by IPDG Brenda Rummpe and quickly became involved in our biggest fundraisers and service projects. He was elected as president during his junior year and re-elected in his senior year. This is a true indication of the trust and confidence that his peers have in his leadership abilities.

Due to Trevor's accomplishments as a Leo, he was given the opportunity to hold two pioneering roles. These two roles were the Leo Cabinet Liaison for District 27 A-2 and the Multiple District 27 Leo-Lion Liaison. He successfully integrated middle school students into the Leo program which broadened the club's reach and impact.

Under his presidency, the Grafton Leo Club increased from 20 members to 80 members. In that same year, the Grafton Leo Club raised \$250 and donated it to Bob's Under The Bridge. This substantial growth is a true reflection of his ability to inspire and recruit members in our communities.

Recently this year, Trevor was assigned the duty to assist in the Convention Planning for District 27 A-2. A total of 44 Leos attended the convention. The convention planning committee also hosted a Friday night trivia for all Lions in attendance. In the same weekend, all Leos completed over 100 volunteer hours across 6 different service projects. At the Saturday luncheon, the Leos were able to donate \$3600 to the Wisconsin Lions Camp. The Leos are truly some rockstars!

Trevor was awarded the International Leo of the Year Award. He's the first in Wisconsin who has been given such a prestigious reward. This is a highlight of the exceptional contribution and dedication Trevor has to the Lions.

Through his involvement with Lions International, Trevor has developed a strong understanding of character, integrity, and the essence of volunteer service. His leadership experience and achievements under the Grafton Leo Club has set a high standard and is expected to continue its strong community service efforts. We as Lions are eager to see what is in store for Trevor and the Grafton Leo Club.



The 2024-25 Peace Poster Contest

Peace Without Limits - For peace to be anything more than a possibility, we need to make it a priority. This year, we're asking our young students to write an essay that speaks to our world's infinite potential for kindness once we commit to pursuing the idea of peace without limits.

Please make sure you read and understand the theme of this year's Peace Poster! It will be disqualified if it doesn't follow the theme.

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.

Please keep in mind these important deadlines:

October 1: Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. Kits are available in 12 of the official languages. A kit is needed for each contest sponsored.

November 15: Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) **to the district governor.**

There is also an **International Peace Essay Contest**. It was created to give an opportunity for visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace. Lions work with local schools and area families to identify young people who are interested in participating and who could benefit from this program. Rules: Students who are visually impaired, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate. Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, typed in black ink and double-spaced.

If you have any questions about the peace poster contest, or the peace essay contest, let one of us know. We'd be happy to help!

Changes to the 2024-25 Club Excellence Award

This year is seeing three changes to the requirements for a club to earn the 2024-25 Club Excellence Award. The first change is to the "Membership" requirement. The old requirement was for a club to have a net growth of 1 member. The new requirement is to have a net growth of 2 or 10%, whichever is greater. So, a club with 40 current members will need to add 4 new members. A club with 60 current members will need to add 6 new members. The second change is to the contribution to LCIF. The old requirement is to contribute at least \$5 for every member. The new requirement is to contribute at least \$10 for each member. So a club with 37 members will need to contribute at least \$370 to LCIF. The third and final change is to the "Marketing" requirement. The change here is that the club needs to "provide a link to where they (the clubs service activities) were publicized."



Roadmap to success

Club Excellence Award

The Club Excellence Award is the ideal way to set your club on the path to continued success while gaining prestige for excelling in the areas of membership, service, leadership and organizational excellence, and marketing.

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It's Been a Productive Month!

BY GLT TOM WENDT

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The first month for Global Leadership Team has been quite productive. Friday night, July 26th, prior to the July Council of Governors meeting, the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors had their training which was very informative for all future District Governors.

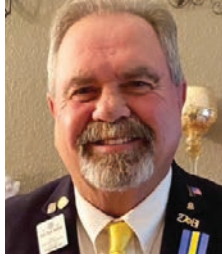
August 8-11, the Servant Leadership Instructors Institute was held in LaCrosse with 18 attendees from across the USA. Instructors for the training were PID **Connie LeClerc-Meyer**, PCC **Geri Schlender**, IPID **Lee Vrieze**, PDG **David Strudthoff**, Lion **Dr. Christine Hackett** and Past WLF President **Jo Marson**. Thank you all.

Monthly zoom meetings for all GLTs continue, which is always a great opportunity to share district training and suggestions on future training.

We are still compiling an ELLI training and should have a date soon.

Make sure those new members are kept busy, keep them informed on upcoming training and what we do as Lions.

Thanks for all that you do!



Servant Leadership Training



2020-2021 Council of Governors with partners in service reunion in Door County

Don't Forget to Report Your Club's Service

BY GST PDG PATRICK FUREY

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One of the things that Lions like to do is "Toot Your Horn". It's one of the things that reporting service does for your club. When your club reports service in the new Lions Portal, your club is "tooting its own horn". You are sharing with all the Lions the great things that your club has been up to in the past month. It is our motto "We Serve." Why wouldn't we want to share that service with others?



Service reporting is a nagging problem for the Global Service Team (GST). Last year, 395 clubs in the state of Wisconsin reported at least some of their service on MyLion. Now you might be thinking that is a lot of clubs, well it is, until you realize that there are 502 clubs in the state. Last year 78.8% of the clubs reported at least one act of service. 67 clubs (13.3%) did not report any service last year. Another 37 clubs (7.4%) have not reported service in over 2 years!

The GST knows that clubs are doing service, we follow your clubs on social media and we see the great things you are doing here in the pages of *The Wisconsin Lion*. But for some reason this service is not being reported to Lions International. If you are a club president, secretary, administrator or service chair, PLEASE report what your club is doing.

Remember that service includes not only service projects, but it also includes fundraisers and regular club meetings. If you are having difficulty, please reach out to your district's GST for help or contact Lions International itself. If you are a regular club member (that's all the rest of you), at your next club meeting ask your President and/or Secretary if they are reporting your club's activities. Let them know that you expect them to be doing so.

Clubs are doing lots of amazing things here in Wisconsin. We are all so proud of what you are accomplishing! Now, "Toot Your Horn" and remember, ALL OF US can play a part in reporting.



Specialty and Branch Clubs-Helping Solve Membership Woes

BY IPDG PATTY HOLLIS
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So often as Lions we have discussions about membership. As clubs, when we are looking to find ways to add members to help serve, we are often wondering just how we can go about doing this. There are many different ideas that float around, ideas that have been tried, some that have not been tried. This article is about two ways that your club can help the Lions grow to help serve your communities. Is this not the motto of our organization? Our whole mission? To Serve.

Sometimes, instead of just adding one or two members to a single club, the better way may be to start a new branch or specialty club in your community. By doing this, you as Lions can attract different people that you may not ordinarily attract. This gives the clubs a chance to be stronger, to work together on projects that otherwise cannot be done by a single club.

What is a branch club or a specialty club? Good question. We will start with a branch club. Branch members have independent meetings and choose their own projects and activities. Branch clubs can be flexible and attract different types of Lions, such as young professionals or working parents. They can also unite people with different service interests and form a specialty club branch. What makes this unique is that instead of the normal 20 people you need to start a club, you will only need to have 5 to start a branch club. They would be part of a "parent club".

A specialty club on the other hand are groups of people who share a common interest or passion, such as a hobby, cultural background, or profession, and are committed to service. Specialty clubs can turn their passions into service projects that benefit their communities. They can also help Lions fulfill their passions and goals and attract new members from different backgrounds. Specialty clubs follow the same chartering process as other Lions clubs but allow clubs to identify a special category. For this type of club, it needs to have 20 members and a sponsoring club.

There are several different kinds of specialty clubs. For example, maybe the teachers in the area would like to form a Lions Club. They would maybe want to do service projects related to helping children learn to read. Your club and the specialty club can come together collecting books for this purpose together.

Bring these ideas to your club. If you want more information, reach out to your state or district GMA team. Lions International has a wealth of information online for your clubs to look over.

Think about the possibilities of the types of service projects and fundraisers that can be done in the communities. The number of members in our communities we can reach. Our motto To Serve can be lived out more and more daily.



A Weekend of Learning-Lions International Mission 1.5 Summit

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Lions International hosted a weekend summit August 2-4, inviting the District Global Membership Chairs, District Global Extensions Chair, District Governors, MD Global Membership Chairs and MD Global Extension Chairs. Approximately 250 Lions attended this event of learning. From Wisconsin, four of the District Governor's Teams were in attendance as well as the MD Chairs.



What was the purpose of the summit? It was to empower districts to embrace Mission 1.5, through Nurturing a Culture of Growth.

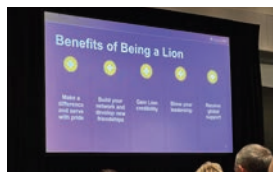
Growth will only happen in two ways. First, we need to learn to invite others to join us in our clubs. Second, by chartering new clubs in areas of community need.

During the first plenary session, we learned how to normalize recruiting. The only way we get better at recruiting is by practice, practice, practice. We did just that. As we recruit, we keep in mind the benefits of being a Lion. We make a difference. We can build our network and form new friendships. The Lions brand gives us credibility. We can become leaders. As a worldwide organization, we receive global support.

There were various sessions that helped give us even more techniques for recruiting whether in our own clubs, or as we charter more clubs.

Our Extension Chairs learned how to prioritize areas of need in our districts. They completed some mapping of their areas.

Together, the teams created SMART goals and action plans. Everyone is going back to their districts energized and with a plan. We will make our goal of 10 new clubs in Wisconsin and have a positive membership of 97 net members.



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Lions Portal News and Updates from the COG

BY COUNCIL CHAIR JOHN REIL
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First off, I want to thank all of you for the fantastic service that you are providing to your communities, the support given to LCI, and our Global and State causes. Without you we wouldn't be the biggest and the best charitable organization in the world.

The Lions Portal is up and running. If you haven't had a chance to use it yet, please check it out. Once you are registered with your own personal and unique email address, watch all of the videos to help you with navigating through the Portal. The videos are not long and are very informative.

We completed our first COG meeting on July 27. A lot of great information was shared. If you have never attended a COG meeting, come and check it out, you will learn a lot about what is going on within the state and LCI. Below are a couple of items that were discussed at the COG meeting along with some upcoming events and dates.

The 2024-25 State pins are officially on sale and the cost is \$2 per pin. The 2024-25 GAT Team (Global Action Team) Multiple District Chairpersons have been appointed and are ready to hit the ground running. Please invite them to your club, district events and Zone meetings. Take advantage of their knowledge and their strengths by utilizing them to help increase your club's membership, service projects



and training for your district. The GAT has received approval from the Council of Governor's to hold a Wisconsin Lions Summit in 2024-25. More information will follow as plans move forward.

Important dates/events coming up:

- USA/Canada Leadership Forum – September 5-7, 2024, in Louisville, KY.
- Council of Governors Meeting – October 4-5, 2024, at Hotel Marshfield, Marshfield, WI.
- C1 District Convention – October 18-19, 2024, at Hotel Marshfield, Marshfield, WI.
- B2 District Convention – November 1-2, 2024, at Menominee Hotel/Casino, Keshena, WI.
- B1 District Convention – November 8-9, 2024, at The Radisson, Fond du Lac, WI.



Look for more information about these conventions and registration information in this issue of *The Wisconsin Lion* or the Wisconsin Lions State website at wisconsinlions.org and click on events.

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What is your next goal in Lions?

Have you ever thought about becoming a Wisconsin Lions Foundation Director?

BY PAT HART,
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The Board consists of 20 Directors (Two from each of our ten Districts), as well as a representative from the current Council of Governors. Each Director is elected to a three-year term and may serve twice for a maximum of six years after being voted in for a second three-year term by her/his District. In order to serve on the Board, you need to have been a Club President, as well as a dedicated Lion who will attend 50% of your District Zone meetings (The other 50% are done by the other Director from your District) and the four WLF Board meetings per year. There will be a few additional events at Camp that you may be asked to attend from time to time. Your main goal as a WLF Director is to promote the Wisconsin Lions Foundation. After you get a chance to visit our Camp, everything else in Lions becomes secondary. It is, in my opinion, the best way to see heartfelt results from your long hours

spent at club events, as well as the donations your club sends. On June 30, 2025, three of us will go off the Board. If you are interested, please contact one of your current District WLF Directors. They can give you an idea from their experience.

The 27th Annual Birch-Sturm Golf Outing was held on July 20th. One hundred forty-four golfers attended and just over \$40,000 was raised, up from \$32,000 last year. Thank you to all who participated.

Hustle S'more at Lions Camp took place on Saturday, August 10th, with around 200 participants. A final report is not available yet, but keep an eye on the Lions Camp and Wisconsin Lions Foundation Facebook pages, as that information will be out soon!

Immediate Past WLF President Brad and I went into the "Mud Pit" at Camp on August 10th, as well. We wore the Tuxedo jackets that I bought for my District Governor year back in 2017. Both jackets, white and black will be donated to the Drama Club at my local High School. Contact me sometime and I'll show you the before and after pictures of the Tuxedos. I can't believe that I got all the mud off of them!

Nine hundred twenty-four Campers attended Camp this past summer. We continually receive rewarding reviews sent to us by our campers – Thank you Wisconsin Lions for supporting us, and in turn, the campers that continue to come here at no cost to them. We couldn't do this without you!

Another WLF fundraiser is our "Camp for Kids" Raffle. Tickets have been out for a couple of months now at a cost of \$10.00 each for 5 for \$50.00!! The drawing for cash prizes will be held on September 25th at 2:00 pm in the WLF Office building.

Our largest fundraiser of the year is our Deer Hide Collection Program. Deer Archery season opens on September 16th and Gun Deer opens November 23rd. There are 215 Deer hide drop-off locations statewide. For a map of the location near you, please visit wlf.info/deer-hide-collection/. As Immediate Past President Brad, did last year, I will have gloves for sale at all of the District Conventions, too.

If you see me at any of the Conventions, please come up and say hello. I look forward to meeting you!!

Thank you.

Alphabet Soup



Whether you're a new member or a veteran, here's a refresher on what all the abbreviations we use mean.

Lions

CC	Council Chair (red jacket)
CS/T	Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer
DG	District Governor (red jacket)
DG-E	District Governor-Elect (green jacket)
GLT	Global Leadership Team
GMT	Global Membership Team
GST	Global Service Team
ID	International Director
IP	International President
IPDG	Immediate Past District Governor (navy blue jacket)
IPID	Immediate Past International Director
IPIP	Immediate Past International President
IVP	International Vice President (there is a 1st and 2nd)
PCC	Past Council Chair (navy blue jacket)
PDG	Past District Governor (navy blue jacket)
PID	Past International Director
PIP	Past International President
VDG	Vice District Governor (1st and 2nd VDG) (green jacket)
VDG-E	Vice District Governor Elect
WLF Dir.	Wisconsin Lions Foundation Director (light gray jacket)
ZC	Zone Chair

ORGANIZATION/PROGRAMS

CEP	Club Excellence Process
COG	Council of Governors
DFG	Diabetes Focus Group
GAT	Global Action Team
LCI	Lions Clubs International
LCIF	Lions Clubs International Foundation
LEBW	Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin
LEHP	Lions Eye Health Program
Leo	Leadership, Experience, Opportunity
Lions	Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nations Safety
LPEF	Lions Pride Endowment Fund
MD	Multiple District
WLF	Wisconsin Lions Foundation
YE	Youth Exchange

AWARDS and RECOGNITIONS

BSF	Birch-Sturm Fellowship
KOS	Knight of Sight Fellowship
MJF	Melvin Jones Fellowship
RHF	Ray Hempel Fellowship

Why have a Club Administrator?

BY ZONE CHAIR MARY JO ABLER

Recently one of my Zone clubs had the misfortune of suddenly losing their Club Secretary. It was a learning experience for all. For all District clubs, the Club Secretary is the glue that holds the club together, is knowledgeable and the holder of all the club information. The problem was no one had access to Club information or access to his computer to do end of the month reports. This loss put the club in a position where someone needed to step up quickly and fill in.

As Zone Chair, I sat in on their impromptu meeting and I encouraged the club to consider both a Secretary and a Club Administrator. The new Club Administrator position encouraged by LCI can be considered a co-secretary, a Secretary assistant, or any other way the Club wants to divide the workload of the Club Secretary. The main consideration is someone from the club who has computer access, basic computer knowledge and a willingness to learn.

Club Presidents and Club Secretaries are the only two who have access to personal club member information. This new position is now the third member with access to the club information.

We as Lions are getting older. Many of the Club Secretaries have held their position for many years and have done an excellent job. Age is another reason there should be more than one person in a club with access and the ability to do reporting and enter information.

While in the process of putting this article together, another issue came up within my Zone which is another reason a club should have a Club Administrator. A Secretary had their computer take a 'dump' and was completely out of service for a few weeks.

The end of the year reports were not able to be entered and my end of year Zone report could not be completed. The Secretary could not receive my request for information and the information was not available. A second set of hands could have kept the club running during the time.

Clubs, consider filling this position as soon as possible. Another benefit by adding this position would be, it is difficult to find someone to step up to take the Secretary position when necessary. This CA position will ensure that one person is not expected to do all the work, and that duties can be shared and learned together.



2024-25 Council of Governors Visit

Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin was pleased to provide tours to our newly installed District Governors on Aug. 22nd. This annual visit is an opportunity for District Governors to learn more about their role helping to support the mission and needs of the Eye Bank. We were pleased to take them behind the scenes to see our lab spaces, learn about cornea donation, and discuss how Lions contributions to the eye bank helps support the cure for blindness world- wide. Each year, LEBW provides nearly \$2 million in free eye banking services and ensures there is no waiting list for a cornea transplant in Wisconsin, donor families are supported through their grief journey. Additionally LEBW help support emerging eye bank with tissue, training and resources to do our part in the fight to eliminate corneal blindness world- wide. District Governors play a key role in spreading the word about the work of the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin and encouraging Lions to participate in our Wisconsin based Global Vision Cause.

Online Certified Transporter Training Underway

The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin Transporter Program had six certified training sessions via virtual meetings in August in an effort to get transporters through this updated training. The first three sessions on Aug. 5th and 6th had 240 participants. There were three more sessions planned for Aug. 26 and Aug. 28.

Certified Transporter Training is also available as in-person training for groups of transporters. To schedule a session, please contact Lion Adam Crowson by email at acrowson@lebw.org or by phone at 608-709-8197.



The 2023-24 Council of Governors after receiving their District Level Knight of Sights for meeting their District Goals for the 2023-24 Lions Year. All 10 governors met their goals for the second consecutive year.

Saving Sight Seminar at UW Health

Dr. Tolulope Oyedun, LEBW's Director of Clinical and Technical Services was a guest speaker on Aug. 22 at the University of Wisconsin Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences lecture series. She spoke on the Journey of the Gift of Sight during a joint presentation with Dr. Eric Weinlander about cornea transplantation in Wisconsin.

Youth Exchange Visit

40 campers and 12 chaperones from Lions Youth Exchange visited LEBW on Aug. 14. They received a full tour of LEBW, learned about cornea tissue recovery and donation, the transporter program and others ways Lions volunteer to support our Eye Bank. We explained that LEBW is an international mission, providing the gift of sight to over 45 different countries, including some of their countries. We were proud to explain our role in supporting emerging eye banks and participation in global projects to promote eye banking. Thank you, Lion Melissa Tweedale for working with us to make this visit possible.



Grafton Lions Public Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 12, 7pm
Rose Harms American Legion Post 355
1540 13th Avenue, Grafton

LEBW will be on hand to educate the community about the work they do to cure low vision and corneal blindness.

Appleton Noon Lions Senior Expo

Wednesday, September 18, 8am-12 noon
Players Choice

LEBW will be on hand to educate the community on how cornea donation helps their community and how the Appleton Noon Lions support our organization and mission. Thank you Appleton Noon Lions for inviting us to participate.



2023-24 LEBW Board Chair Erica Singley passing the gavel to 2024-25 LEBW Board Chair PDG Don Drew. Both photos were from the 2024 Annual meeting on July 17 at Lone Girl Brewing in Waunakee, WI.



District Golf

The Fort Atkinson Lions Club hosted a successful District 27-A1 Golf Outing on June 22 at Koshkonong Mounds Country Club. Thirty members of the Fort Atkinson Lions Club assisted in planning and helping the day of the event, with Lion John Anderson chairing the event. Sixteen teams golfed and enjoyed golf, lunch, and dinner, as well as plenty of time to socialize. The members of the winning team were **Edwin Burnett, Dale Kurzawski, Bob Lehmann, Lion Rick Lehmann** from Stoughton Lions Club. A significant percentage of the proceeds from the event will be donated to the Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholt, Wisconsin.



Shannon Statz shows that there is more than one way to tee off!



Genoa City Lions Club - **Adam Leber, PDG Greg Pryor, Bill Thornburgh, Mike Jozefiak.**



DG **Rick Steinberg** from Milwaukee Greater Lions Club (in red) and his team take a break on the course.

Melvin Jones from 27-A1



CHARLOTTE STEWART
Melvin Jones



DENISE GIBBONS
Melvin Jones



PATTI REDLIN
Progressive Melvin Jones



PDG **David Stedman** from Jefferson Lions received his 3rd Degree Melvin Jones Fellowship on July 10th.



DARLENE JANOWITZ
Waterford Lions
Melvin Jones

District Vision Screening

Grand Total for 11 days of the Wisconsin State Fair are:
Screened: 1,748 and Referred: 236

This was an increase of 304 over last year! It makes our hearts happy when children who have eye abnormalities are referred to an eye professional. Early detection is so important. We appreciate everyone who volunteered to screen and those involved in the process. – District 27A1 Vision Screening Co-Chairs Lions Mary Lewandowski and Patti Redlin.



Vision Screening Team: Lions PDG Larry Redlin, Jerry Johnson, Vision Screening Co-chairs Patti Redlin and Mary Lewandowski, and Doug Lewandowski



Oak Creek Lions Fest

August 30 - September 2

9327 S Shepard Ave, Oak Creek

- Car show and live entertainment
- 3 Live Music Venues! Food specials: Fri Fish Fry 4 pm; Sat Steak Sandwich; Sun & Mon Pork & Beef Sandwich. \$8,000 "Big Money" Cash Raffle

East Troy Lions Club Annual Golf Outing

September 7, Delbrook Country Club, 700 South 2nd St, Delavan

Zone 3 Meeting

September 9, Muskego Country Club

Cambridge Lions Bar and Meat Raffle

September 14 & 28, 12 noon-4pm
150 Lagoon Rd, Cambridge

- 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month - drinks, raffles, and fellowship!
- Meat raffle begins at 1pm.

Zone 5 Meeting

September 24, Wales-Genesee Lions Club

Prospect Lions Steak & Shrimp Dinner

September 27

New Berlin VFW Post, 17980 Beloit Rd

- New York strip steak and/or shrimp with parsley potatoes, baked beans, green salad, and a dinner roll. Coffee or milk. Desserts and other beverage available. All for \$20. Kids' hot dog meals available.

East Troy Lions Annual Car Show

October 5, 9am-2pm

Rossmiller Sports Complex

3072 Graydon Ave, East Troy

- Goody Bags and Dash Plaques for the first 200 cars. Music, raffles, 50/50 and food are available

27-A1 District Bowling Tournament

Sat, November 2, 11am-2pm & 2:30-5:30pm

Sun, November 3, 11am-2pm

Sat, November 9, 11am-2pm

Jays Lanes, Mukwonago

27-A1 District Convention

January 3-5

Ingelside Hotel, Pewaukee

- Registration Opens October 1

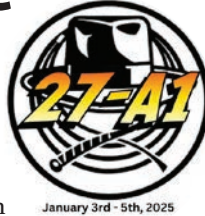
SEEKING NOMINATIONS

- District Governor
- 1st Vice District Governor
- 2nd Vice District Governor
- WLF Director (3 year term)
- District Bowling 2026
- District Golf 2026

The forms can be found on the District website. If you can not access them contact Lion Cindy Lotzer at cindy.lotzer@yahoo.com. All forms MUST be submitted by October 15, 2024. Thank You!

Exciting News from the 27A1 District Convention: "Take Action, Serve!"

The 27-A1 District Convention is January 3-5, 2025 at the Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee, and we're thrilled to unveil an action-packed agenda that embodies our theme: "Take Action, Serve!" This year's convention promises to be a transformative experience filled with opportunities to learn, grow, and make a meaningful impact.



Blood Drive: Give the Gift of Life

One of the most important ways we can serve our community is by donating blood. This year, we're partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive during the convention. Donors will have the chance to save lives and make a tangible difference. Bring your friends, family, and fellow Lions—every drop counts!

CPR/AED Certification: Be Prepared to Act

In line with our theme, we are offering a comprehensive CPR/AED certification course. This vital skill not only prepares you to act in emergencies but also empowers you to make a real difference in critical situations. Don't miss this opportunity to become certified and enhance your ability to serve with confidence.

Seminars to Empower and Inspire

Our convention features a diverse range of seminars designed to enhance your skills and expand your horizons:

- **STARTING A LEO CLUB:** Learn how to ignite the passion of young leaders in your community by starting a Leo Club. This session will provide practical steps and insights to help you foster the next generation of service-minded individuals.
- **DIABETIC COOKING:** Discover delicious and healthy recipes tailored for diabetic individuals. This seminar will equip you with knowledge to support and advocate for healthier living within your community.
- **SERVICE = MEMBERSHIP:** Explore the powerful connection between service and membership growth. Understand how impactful service projects can attract and retain dedicated members, strengthening our Lions family.
- **DISTRICT CABINET POSITIONS:** Gain insight into the roles and responsibilities of district cabinet positions. This is a great chance to learn how you can contribute more significantly to our district's success.

A Special Celebration: Helen Keller Impressionist

We are honored to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Helen Keller's iconic speech to the Lions. To mark this milestone, we will feature a remarkable Helen Keller impressionist who will bring her powerful message to life. This performance will be a poignant reminder of our mission to serve and a tribute to our commitment to the visually impaired.

Live entertainment Saturday night: Bobby Way and the Fabulous Wayouts

Celebrate the Past: Remember those Lions that have passed.

Be sure to send a photo and name of any Lions that have passed in 2024 to convention@wilions.org.

FROM THE 27-A1 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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"The more we grow the more we can give."

The 2024-25 Lionistic year is well under way. We are hitting the ground running. Our time at LiCon in Melbourne, Australia, generated excitement, enthusiasm, and energy! IP Fabricio Oliveira's motto this year is "Make Your Mark." Let's make our mark by inviting others to join our clubs. Let's make our mark by serving more people than ever before.

Let's accept IP Fabricio's challenge of Mission 1.5 and set goals to achieve increased club membership. As club members we are each a recruiter for Lions. Wear your Lions pin with pride, invite community members to join you in your service projects, appreciate the blessing of helping others and being a Lion. Let's step out of our comfort zone and recognize we are inviting others into a rich and rewarding experience that adds value to our lives. "The key to success is to focus on goals, not obstacles."

What is a service project? It is an activity or service that a Lion does to improve the community or help the needy. Examples of service projects include Peace Posters, vision screening, WLF, food pantries, highway pickup, recycling, building disability ramps, and so forth. Service projects help our clubs get noticed by the community. They also create an avenue to bring in new members. Remember to promote membership at all project events and invite both volunteers and those receiving service to join Lions. Guess what? The same process applies to our fundraisers. At bingo or your chicken BBQ, extend an invitation to participants to become part of the fun. Remember each of us is a recruiter for Lions. Finally, consider hosting a membership event. Be creative and let's see what we can achieve.

Getting out of your comfort zone includes stepping up in your club and in our District. If a leadership role is not for you, consider the things you enjoy doing for the Lions and expand your participation. If you are considering new challenges, there are numerous training and educational opportunities available. Officer training will be offered again, and all Lions are welcome if you have an interest in learning more. Vision screening certification is offered several times a year. We recently offered Guiding Lion training. In addition, there are online classes and educational courses available through the Lions Portal. Consider attending the USA/Canda Forum where wonderful seminars are offered. Finally, I wish to extend my personal invitation to attend our own District Convention January 3-5, 2025, at the Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee. In addition to spending a fun time with your fellow Lions, this event includes a District service project, contact with state and international Lions, and opportunities to learn from a variety of seminars.

The Lions Motto is "We serve." I say, "Take Action, Serve!"

The 27A1 District Convention is not just an event; it's a celebration of our collective effort to "Take Action, Serve!" We look forward to seeing you there, ready to engage, learn, and make a difference. Together, let's make this convention a memorable and impactful experience.

Registration opens October 1!

Let's come together to embrace the spirit of service and take action for a better community!

Would you like an Exhibitor table? [Sign up here!](#)



GRAFTON LIONS CLUB – As in years past, the Club hosted an EMT Appreciation Picnic on July 16th at Lions Park on Keup Road. Fire and EMTs are invited and served a nice picnic dinner and each attendee received a raffle prize donated by the Grafton Lions Club Members. This year with the merger of both the Grafton and Saukville Fire Departments, both first responders were invited. The camaraderie of both clubs and fire fighters was added to the event. Many Grafton Lion Club members were there for this fun evening to meet and thank these special people for all they do to keep our community safe. Thank you to all who attended.



GRAFTON LIONS CLUB – Welcome and Congratulations to our nine new Grafton Lions, who were installed by District Governor **Brenda Rumppe** at the June 18th meeting at Rose-Harms Legion Post. With so many new members, lots of new ideas and service will be brought to our Lions Family. Looking forward to working with all of you.



Pictured are (l-r): Joe Shikonya, Trevor Nauta, Anna Krol, Liubov Ivanets, Nataliia Ivanets, Anna Kyslenko, Deb Clifford, Jorjan Loos, Tom Giles.



GRAFTON LIONS CLUB – The installation of officers was held on Tuesday, June 18th at Rose-Harms Legion for the 2024-25 Year.

*Pictured are (l-r): Membership Chairman **Carrie Buri**, Communications Chairman and Director **John Gassert**, District 27-2A Governor **Brenda Rumppe**, Tail Twister **Tom Krueger**, 2nd Vice President **Phyllis Wiggins**, Incoming President **Dennis Pampel**, Treasurer **John Krueger**, Outgoing President **Tim Kohlwey**, Secretary **Mike Hennig**, 1st Vice President **Darrel Bank**, Leo Club Liaison **Julia Bronat**.*

COLUMBUS LIONS CLUB – **Bert Freeman**, Past President for the Columbus Lions presented a check to the Columbus Public Library Director, **Amanda Wakeman**.



FREDONIA LIONS CLUB – A good time was had by all at the 2024 FLAG DAY celebration in Waubeka on a windy, but sunny day. Pictured are some of the Lion volunteers who helped at the Lunch and Drinks stand as well as our multi-winning Lions Float.



FREDONIA LIONS CLUB – The 2024-25 Club Board were installed at their Wednesday June 26th dinner meeting at Pliers Full Circle in Port Washington. Congratulations!

*Pictured front are (l-r): Lion Tamer **Paul Thill**, President **Bob Morris**, Past President **Chris Jante**,*



*2nd. VP **Kathy Shoemaker**, Tail Twister **Walter Chamley**, Board Member **Jim Kovach**. Pictured back are (l-r): Board Member **Rick Shepherd**, 3rd. VP **Rich Schommer**, Board Member **Brian Conrad**, 1st. VP **Ron Theisen**, Treasurer **Greg Feidt**, Board Member **Doug Hartmann**, Secretary **Al Krier**, 2nd. Vice **DG Clint Kempfer**.*

RICHFIELD LIONS CLUB –

It was a B.O.L.D. Day. The Club sponsored a B.O.L.D. Motorcycle ride on, June 1st for the blind and visually impaired. The Ashippun Lions Club provided a rest and snack stop in Ashippun for the drivers and riders. Richfield Lion B.O.L.D. Chairman **Ray Tweedale** is addressing the group with Ashippun Chairman Lion **Tom Schlei**. 20 blind and visually impaired people enjoyed the day's activities despite the rainy weather.





OCONOMOWOC LIONS CLUB –

The Club welcomed a new member, **David Evans**. In the picture, on the left is Sponsor Lion **Jay Staus** and Lion David Evans. We would like to welcome you to join our Club and get that good feeling in your heart when you help the Blind and less fortunate. Check us out at Oconomowoclions.com.

OCONOMOWOC LIONS CLUB –

The Club installed their 2024-25 Officers. We want to thank the Community for all their support to make a difference for the less fortunate.



OCONOMOWOC LIONS CLUB –

Lion President **Robert**

Yarborough

presents scholarship of \$1,000 to 2024 OHS graduate **Ava Fox**. Oconomowoc Lions Club presents two scholarships annually to OHS graduates attending 4, 2 year, or trade school institutions. 2024 OHS graduate **Charlie Metzger** also received \$1,000 Scholarship. For more information go to ocnolions@gmail.com.



*Pictured are (l-r): **Jerry Wille**, **Robert Yarborough**, **Jay Staus**, **Kathy Rosenkranz**, **Randy Luck**, **Gwen Snyder**, **Dave Robbins**, **Ted Hansen**, **Chris Palumbo**, President **Bob Snyder**, **Mike Welsh** and **Cheri Luck**.*

THEINSVILLE MEQUON LIONS CLUB –At the June 26th Installation meeting at the Highland House, the Thiensville Mequon Lions Club became stronger by the addition of two new members to our ranks, **Laeh McHenry**, sponsored by **Jim Doornek** and **Brett Benson**, sponsored by **Terry Leonardelli**. Welcome new Lions! For information on how you can join this amazing organization, see: tmlions.org/join/.



FROM THE 27-A2 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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Some of our Clubs are planning the first meeting of the year and some already had them! New year, new excitement, and lots of information! What is your Club going to do this year? How many members are you planning on bringing on board? Will you start a new Leos Club? What new Service Project are you going to do? Are your Club's Officers trained? Will your new members have an opportunity to get orientation? How much will you personally and as a Club donate to LCIF, WLF, and Lions Eye Bank?

Last year during a Zone Meeting Lion FVDG **Clint Kempfer** shared his path to success as a Club President which I think we all could use. Take a look at Club Excellence Award criteria at www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-excellence-awards. Do you think these criteria are realistic and achievable? Our Global Action Team is ready and eager to help you achieve these goals. Please let us know how we can help. Lion **Redd Leroy** is our District's Global Membership Team Coordinator, Lion IPDG **Brenda Rumppe** is Global Service Team Coordinators, Lion PCC **Barry Boline** is Global Leadership Team Coordinator, and Lion PDG **Glen Moegenburg** is Global Extension Team Coordinator. This year our District will concentrate on two Global Causes: Diabetes and Hunger. If you are looking to add a new Service Project please feel free to contact District Chairpersons Lion **Ashley Kempfer** (Diabetes) and Lion **Phyllis Wiggins** (Hunger). Also, please keep sharing your Club's news with our District Editor Lion **Julia Bronat** at 27a2editor@gmail.com so they can be shared in *The Wisconsin Lion* Newspaper. I am happy to inform you that thanks to Lion IPDG Brenda Rumppe, our District received a Community Impact Grant from LCIF. This grant will benefit food pantries in our District.

Finally, I would like to Congratulate Lion **Ray Tweedale** with the special award from LCI for his selfless act of kindness by driving a person in need to Texas and back from Wisconsin so this person could attend his brother's Celebration of Life. This award was presented to Lion Ray by Immediate Past International Director **Lee Vrieze** at our District Cabinet meeting.

Thank you for your hard work in service to others and please reach out to me at any time.





WestLake Lions Medical Equipment Locker

Help us serve those in need!

The Van Dyne Lions Club in conjunction with the Fond du Lac Evening Lions Club will be constructing a new facility to house medical equipment to loan for those who need wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, portable toilets, hospital beds, etc. at no cost, to serve those on the south-central region of District 27B1 at the Van Dyne Lions Park.



Currently, the project is endorsed by both Fond du Lac Evening Lions, Van Dyne Lions and District 27B1. We have applied and received approval for a grant from Lions International for a 50/50 Grant. The project is also endorsed by the Larson Winchester Lions Medical Equipment Locker and the Fox Valley Medical Equipment Locker.

How can you as a Lions Club, supporting business or individual help us make this project reality? Donate what you can and get recognition on one of our plaques to be displayed in the building for all to know of your support!

Platinum



\$5,000 +

Gold



\$1,000 +

Silver



\$500 +

Bronze



\$100 +

Select your donation level and have your individual name, Club name, district name or business name displayed for everyone to observe. Thank you for your support in this combined effort WestLake Lions Medical Equipment Locker Board.

For more information contact either PDG Tom Wendt twendt@hotmail.com | 920-517-2724 or PDG/PWLF President Tom Clausen Tomandbetty4@gmail.com | 920-960-7484. To Donate Make Checks out to Van Dyne Lions (memo Medical Equipment Locker), Mail: Tom Wendt 1775 ParkRidge Ln. N. Fond du Lac, WI 54937



ROSENDALE LIONS CLUB – (top) Lion Tim Lemond awarded Melvin Jones. (bottom) 1st VDG **Roxanne Wendt** installs new Lion officers.



GRAND RIVER LIONS CLUB – PDG **David Brinkman** pictured in front of a display table the Club hosted at the Green Lake County Fair. It was the first time any Lions have done anything at the county fair!



ELDORADO LIONS CLUB – 1st VDG **Roxanne Wendt** installed new officers at Eldorado Lions.



ST. PETER LIONS CLUB – Lions prepared the sausage patties for over 4,000 breakfasts served at the Fond du Lac County Breakfast on the Farm on June 23rd.



TAKING THE LEAD PODCAST – Taking the Lead is our Leader Dogs for the Blind podcast hosted by **Christina Hepner** our digital marketing manager, **Leslie Hoskins** a certified orientation and mobility instructor and our outreach services and community engagement manger, as well as Leader Dog client, **Timothy Cuneio**. The Taking the Lead podcast takes a deep dive into the blindness community. Our goal is to bring awareness to issues within the blindness community, as well as the free services we provide to those who are blind or visually impaired. Join us on this journey as we learn, laugh and make a difference in people's lives!



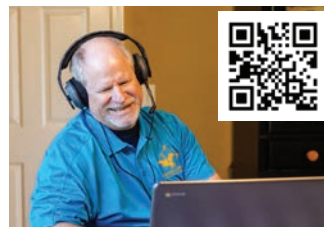
NEW HOLSTEIN LIONS CLUB – The Club has hosted a breakfast for their community and Super-Cub organization who is based at the New Holstein Airport during the EAA Convention that is held in Oshkosh. The Airport hosts just under 50 planes this year. Other Community Service groups provide other foods throughout the day.



FRANCIS CREEK LIONS CLUB – Pictured are members with the newly installed welcome sign. This project was led by the Club, but also involved three other service groups, a true community effort!



NESHKORO LIONS CLUB – Three new members, **Jereme Wade**, **John Shimpach** and **Dan Bunch** were installed by 1st VDG **Roxanne Wendt**.





District Governor **Dave Holschbach** installed new officers for Kiel, New Holstein and Elkhart Lake Lion Clubs

WAYSIDE MORRISON LIONS CLUB - MUSIC IN THE PARK NIGHT



LEFT: The Club held a 50/50 raffle to help raise funds for Lion **Deb Delie** of the Howard/Suamico Lions Club. She helps raise and train puppies who will be sent over to Leader Dog for the Blind. This gracious donation will help with vet bills, food, and any other supplies for the dog(s). In the picture from left to right are Lions **Tom Smits**, **Deb Delie**, and **Dan Vercauteren**.

MIDDLE: Funds were donated to two private local Lutheran Schools, Morrison Zion Lutheran School, and Wayside Zion Lutheran School. In the picture is preschool teacher and daycare director **Nicole Jetton** with Lion **Tom Smits**.

RIGHT: Lions members scooping up everyone's vanilla ice cream from Cedar Crest of Manitowoc for all their ice cream sundaes. Attendees of each night get to put their own toppings on like strawberries, cherries, crushed nuts, caramel syrup, chocolate syrup, hot fudge syrup, sprinkles, and cool whip. Pictured are (l-r): Lions **Erv Kerkhoff**, **John Wagner**, and **Lloyd Lemke**.



OAKFIELD LIONS CLUB – Fleet Farm recently held a company store-wide Hot Dog Day of Summer. The Oakfield Lions participated at the Fond du Lac Store. Fleet Farm provided hot dogs, chips and water plus condiments. They also provided a grill, tables and a canopy. Our club did the grilling, set up and sales. Hot dogs, chips and water each sold for \$1.00 and all of the money taken in went to our club for use in our community. We made \$418 for two hours of sales. We thank Fleet Farm for the opportunity. Pictured are the grillers **Mike Gross** and **Ed Smith**. Counter servers **Karen Bovee-Kern**, **Mary Kuslits**, **Diane Kuslits** and **Karen Reynolds**. **Clayton Reed**, dressed as a Lion, walked around promoting the event and entertaining the kids there.

FROM THE 27-B1 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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ALWAYS THERE FOR YOU

As I write my second article, the year has begun. One month has already flown by. All the previous District Governors had told me to cherish every day, it goes by too quickly. How true, even in our daily lives. **CHERISH the MOMENT!** Live for today. **HAVE FUN**, which is what I try to do with Lions and when I visit Clubs.

My first Council of Governors meeting was completed July 27th and my first District Cabinet meeting followed August 4th. The cabinet meeting is always open to All LIONS to see what we do for YOU. It was very informative, with a lot of input to start the year. We hope you can attend a future meeting, to learn what leaderships roles you can assume. Always looking for members to step up. You won't regret it.

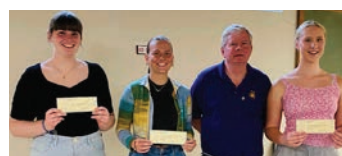
Your Zone Chairman participated in additional training prior to the cabinet on the Lion Portal. They will be sharing this information with all Clubs at their zone meeting and when they stop to say HI at a Club meeting. Please support them. I strongly believe that we need to **MARKET OURSELVES**. Please contact Lion **Kailie Heinz**, kailieheinz@outlook.com for district Facebook posts. Today's generation is all about **SOCIAL MEDIA**...let's use it!

This last year, we have experienced a decrease in membership. My goal is to avoid this happening again. We need to show concern for our members. Make sure they are happy with your Club and what you do. I realize death will happen, let's try to retain our members. The emphasis for the next few years will be on membership and Mission 1.5. Without members we cannot keep providing the **FANTASTIC SERVICE** we give to our community **GOAL +10 in net membership**.

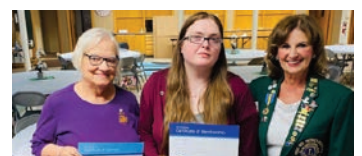
1st Vice District Governor **Roxanne Wendt**, 2nd Vice District Governor **Barb Leichtfuss** and I are working on scheduling visits to all 63 of the District Clubs and have started to contact all of the Clubs. I will be available upon request for any Club visit as long as we don't have a conflict in schedule and will try to attend major Club events. If your Club has not contacted one of us, please do so ASAP.

At our District Convention November 8th-9th at the Radisson Hotel in Fond du lac, we have many opportunities for Lions to step forward. The following positions are up for election: 2nd Vice District Governor, 1- WLF director (3-year term), Wis Lions Eyebank Director (3-year term) and 2026 District Convention site. If interested, contact PDG **Gary Colton** garyleecolton@gmail.com for specifics. Please see the convention registration form included in this month's Lions Newspaper. Zone Chairman will be delivering to each Club, their packet of convention forms and information along with the District Raffle tickets.

LET'S TALK.....DG DAVE 920-860-6162, 1st Vice Roxanne or 2nd Vice Barb. Planning to meet all of you. District Convention November 8th-9th in Fond du lac.



RIPON LIONS CLUB – Emily Moore, Ronia Keavitt and Rylee Pinnow received scholarships.



RIPON LIONS CLUB – 1st VDG Roxanne Wendt inducted new member, **Amber Achison**. Welcome!



BELLEVUE LIONS CLUB – Lions are always eager to help with kids activities for the Village of Bellevue. Saturday, March 16 was a great day to volunteer for the Annual Easter Egg Bonanza at Josten Park.



WABENO LIONS CLUB – The 4th Annual “MEGA MEAT” Raffle was held on June 29th, at the Wabeno Firefighters’ Grounds. Many choice meat and cheese prizes, donation prizes, and money prizes were an exciting reward for the holders of the lucky numbers. Food and refreshments were also available. It was an entertaining way for people to restock their freezers. The “MEGA MEAT” Raffle is the Wabeno Lions’ main fundraiser for the year. All money raised is returned to the local communities through various Lion service projects and donations throughout the year. The people who attended and supported this event deserve a “MEGA THANKS” from the Wabeno Lions. It was a great day for the Wabeno Lions working the event, as well as for the record crowd in attendance. From children to elders, everyone seemed to be having a great time. Their generosity and good will made the “MEGA MEAT” Raffle a great success! The Wabeno Lions would also like to thank local businesses for their donations and support.



PESHTIGO LIONS CLUB – DG Shirley, Dahlke, inducted five new members into the club. Pictured back row from left to right are Lion **Paul McClain**, Lion **Mark Neumann** sponsoring **Jerry Bruette**, **Peter Fritz** sponsored by Lion **Tom Gryzwa**, front row from left to right **Dave Smith** sponsored by Lion **Paul McClain**, and DG **Shirley Dahlke**. New members not present were **Brigitte and Steven Schmidt**.



GREENVILLE LIONS CLUB – Lion **Jerry Sabatke** presented the Birch-Sturm Fellowship to Lion **Steve Carlson**. Steve has had a deep impact though out the Greenville Community for over 3 decades. He has made a permanent and positive impression on the community in more ways than any person can count. There is not one Lions event that Steve has not been a part of within our club during his membership spanning 35 years. We are extremely grateful for all he has done and proud to have him in our club. Congratulations Steve!!

Congratulations to three seniors receiving our \$1,500 general scholarships: Kate Hutchinson, Hortonville High School; Rhianna Reichenbacher, St. Mary’s Catholic High School; and Lauren Fischer, St. Mary’s Catholic High School. Three \$750 scholarships for Fox Valley Technical College were awarded to: Joey Kloes, Shayd Bucklin, and Alan Seeger all from Hortonville High School.



PESHTIGO LIONS CLUB – Lions Club Treasurer **Ty Doemel** presented Peshtigo Police Chief, **Fred Popp**, with a check to use toward implementing the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program in the Peshtigo Schools.



PESHTIGO LIONS CLUB – Three recent Peshtigo area High School graduates received \$1,000 scholarships. Lions **Tom Gryzwa** and **Rick Thill** screened applicants for the scholarships with emphasis on community activity and involvement, and extra-curricular activities and school involvement, with a goal to identify a well-rounded person. The three individuals who received the scholarships are Lucy Lemire who will pursue her education at Carroll College with a focus on Forensic Science, Emma Heider who will be attending Michigan Technological University for Biomedical Engineering with hopes to work with the VA and prosthetics, and Maddox Levknecht who will be attending Moody Bible Institute for International Studies. Pictured from left to right are Lion **Tom Gryzwa**, **Emma Heider** (Chet Krohn Scholarship), **Lucy Lemire** (Peshtigo Lions Scholarship), Lion **Rhonda McClain** (Peshtigo Lions Club President), and Lion **Rick Thill**. **Maddox Levknecht** was a recipient of a second Peshtigo Lions Club Scholarship but he was not able to attend the event.



WABENO LIONS CLUB – On June 24th, the Club kicked off summer with a delicious steak fry at the Trump Lake Pavilion. After the induction of new officers and a brief business meeting, the fun was under way. The new officers' terms will run from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. These officers and their starting dates as Wabeno Lion Members include: President **Chuck Enders** (7/1/13); 1st VP **Gregg Tallier** (5/1/91); 2nd VP **Beth Calhoun** (10/14/05); 3rd VP **Kate Gressler** (7/22/19); 4th VP **Carla VanCamp** (6/20/11); Secretary **Cathrine Rankin** (7/17/23); and Treasurer **Jan Volk** (10/1/85). The Wabeno Lions look forward to another productive year with an excellent group of officers to lead them.



GOODMAN ARMSTRONG CREEK LIONS CLUB – The Club and 5 students from the Goodman-Armstrong Creek High School participated in WisDOT's Adopt-A-Highway program. On a cold and windy day, wearing safety vests and lots of warm layers, they removed trash, recyclables and litter from 2.2 miles along Highway 101 (from Forest County Line Road to Orchard Road). They filled a lot of trash bags, leaving the roadsides so much cleaner and prettier. There are roughly 11,800 miles of state, federal and interstate highways in Wisconsin, and a large portion of the roadside areas are kept beautiful by Adopt-a-Highway volunteers. Let's Keep Wisconsin Beautiful!! Pictured from left to right: **Erin Goode, Katelyn Kalkofen, Jasmine Slawinski, Joshua Knutson, Brayden Lewis**, and GAC Lions President, **Wayne Brehmer**.

PESHTIGO LIONS CLUB –

Members who assisted with the vision screening at three local schools, St Thomas Aquinas, St Johns Lutheran, and Peshtigo Elementary Learning Center were: Lions **Joshua Stansbury, Paul McClain, Tom Russell, Brian Sabel, Steve Peterich, Jerry Bruette, Terry Gardon, Dale Edlbeck** and **Rhonda McClain**. A total of 109 students from grades 3-4 K through 8th grade received the screening.



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FROM THE 27-B2 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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Greetings Lions! I know that we are all trying to fit things into our busy summer schedules. The summer is the best time for fund raisers and service projects. Keep those articles coming as you "Make your Mark" in your communities and the world.

I have been receiving a few calls from clubs to set up visits. If you haven't yet - please contact me to set up a time! I hope to visit all of you and the sooner the better! Night driving in snowstorms is not my favorite thing.

I have already been visiting clubs and installing officers. Such wonderful people and the energy in the room when planning events is impressive!

Our District Administrator Lion Jim Noll has said that quite a few clubs do not have their officers entered. He will need to enter the secretary into the portal and then they will have permissions to enter officers as before.

Before you know it, our November convention will be here! Our Friday night social will have drinks and pizza as well as a band and a photo booth. Our theme is "Beatniks and Bellbottoms" so drag out that old box of clothes from the 70's and dust off those love beads! If you want to be formal - leisure suits were all the rage with a snap silk shirt. That box could be by your parents or grandparents place! Listen to the music that was all about love! **Our registration form is at the back of this issue on page 34.**

There will be some interesting seminars as well and we hope to be eye screening the children of Keshena and Neopit. We are asking that everyone bring hats, scarves and mittens for the children.

As always for our convention we will have an International Director visiting us. Marie Cunning is from Arizona and I would like to show her some of what we do here. I would like to know if any clubs that have a Halloween event on the 31st in the afternoon or early evening. Please contact me and we will stop and observe the happiness that you are serving!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE B2 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

"Beatniks & Bellbottoms"

November 1 & 2, 2024

Menominee Casino & Resort
N277 WIS-47/55, Keshena, WI 54135
All Lion & Leo Members Welcome.

Visit website for:

- For Registration form
- Booklet Advertising
- Table Rentals
- Lodging information
- Meals

e-district.org/sites/district 27 b2





Loyal Lions

Congratulations to Lion **Cole** for being our Lion of the Year. We also celebrated Lion **Tom** for 55 years of service and Lion **Tim** for 15 years of service.



JUNCTION CITY LIONS CLUB – Junction City Lions Pancake Breakfast. Our Friendly Lion stopped by to visit all our supporters.



MAINE LIONS CLUB – Maine Lions meeting this week was held at the Wisconsin Lions Camp. What an amazing camp for children and adults with disabilities. Thank you **Phillip** for the wagon ride and tour.



WISCONSIN RAPIDS LIONESS CLUB – A lot of wet money was handed out after the downpour of rain. Congratulations to Ryan, winner of the 50/50 raffle at the Rafter's game. Thank you all that participated. Kindness is like a boomerang.



ROCHE-A-CRI LIONS CLUB – First Vice District Governors and partners in service working together at the Club's 48th Annual fundraiser and parade. They had softball and cornhole tournaments, music, parade, car show, kids games a new gun raffle with many other raffle throughout the two days.





GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB – Sarah Spohn arrived to the Lions meeting in style!



MARATHON LIONS CLUB – The Club was busy on a Saturday installing new basketball backboards and hoops at the Marathon Area Elementary School. Two new hoops are up and two more to go. Thank you to **Devin** and **April Cyzan**, **Chris Freund** and **Keith Paul**.



IOLA LIONS CLUB – Serving fries at Iola Car Show on National Fry Day. **Katie Hansen**, **Lion Colleen Hansen**, and **Greg Hansen**.

FROM THE 27-C1 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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It's hard to believe that the District Governors have been in office for a little over 2 months. This year is going to fly by and I am going to relish in every moment of serving with you. I have installed officers in their clubs, a new member, and have been invited to other exciting events happening in our district. We have worked through obstacles together (adding officers to the new portal!) and are becoming stronger. If you need assistance adding your officers to the portal, please contact me and I will be happy to help!

Our District Convention is quickly approaching. It will be held October 18-19 at Hotel Marshfield in Marshfield, Wisconsin. Our famous auction will be on Friday night and will feature the coveted putter! If you haven't been to our auction before, I promise you it's an event you won't want to miss! We're also going to have vision screening certification. We have a professional speaker lined up for our Saturday evening banquet. **Kristen Brown** (kristenbrownpresents.com) is from Minneapolis and is excited to be joining us this year. Please spread the word about our speaker and convention, everyone is welcome - Lions and non-Lions alike. There are some great seminars being planned too. I promise you'll learn a thing or two! If you have an idea for something you'd like to see, please let me know. Please don't miss the deadline for registration, and reserving a hotel room if you'll need one. Registrations are already coming in and we want to make sure we can accommodate everyone who wants to come!

I look forward to continuing to work with everyone in the District and State alike. I am so honored to be part of this organization and sometimes feel like I am dreaming and need to pinch myself! I am proud every time I meet someone new and tell them I am a Lion! Do you know another way to advertise you are a Lion (and help out at the same time)? A personalized Wisconsin Lions Foundation license plate. As I am writing this I just got my second set of personalized plates and just put them on my car! The annual donation supports the Wisconsin Lions Foundation to help out with all the great things they do.

If you have a club visit or other activity you'd like me to attend, please reach out! I can't wait to see you and continue to serve with all of you!



BERLIN HAMBURG LIONS CLUB – The Club at the Edgar parade.



e-Clubhouse Marketing Award 2024/2025

THE LIONS CLUB OF BOULDER JUNCTION, one of 11 Lions Clubs in Vilas County is the first winner of the “e-Clubhouse Marketing Award” in MD27-C2. View their special “Membership Guide” Page at link www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/boulderjunction/. Boulder Junction currently has 106 volunteer dedicated Lions members directed by President **Philip Lewandowski**. The C2 District has 28 of the 40 Clubs having the FREE e-Clubhouse website with three Clubs having Domain sites.

A New Kind of Meeting Place

As use of the Internet and club Web sites have become more and more prevalent among Lions, Lion Club International (LCI) is responding and has taken preliminary steps towards making online communication, business, and public relations easier for your Lions Club.

AND ITS FREE!

- It’s called the “e-Clubhouse”.
- It’s a place for members to meet and access club information.
- It’s a place to plan service activities and promote them to the community.
- It’s a place for the average internet user to communicate via many avenues.
- It’s a place to chat, email and update impending events.
- It’s a place to post photos, access LCI tools and information and so much more.



MD27-C2 District Governor attends the International Lions Convention in Melbourne Australia parade with the new Council of Governors.



PHELPS LAND O’ LAKES LIONS CLUB – Student **August N.**, a Northland Pines graduate, was awarded with a \$1,000 scholarship. Lions **John H. Steve C., Rollie A. and Mike M. Wally B. Bill R. Scott M., and Brian B.** award scholarships in support for youth in the community.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) & Lions Clubs

Exempt Organizations Annual Reporting Requirements Annual Electronic Notice (Form 990-N) for Small Organizations.

Who must file Form 990-N (e-Postcard)?

Under the Pension Protection Act of 2006, most small tax-exempt organizations whose gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less must file Form 990-N.

When is the e-Postcard due?

The e-Postcard is due every year by the 15th day of the 5th month (NOVEMBER) after the close of your tax year. (Lions ending year is June 30) If you do not file your e-Postcard on time, the IRS will send you a reminder notice but you will not be assessed a penalty for late filing the e-Postcard. However, an organization that fails to file required e-Postcards (or information returns – Forms 990 or 990-EZ) for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax-exempt status.

How do I file the e-Postcard?

To electronically submit Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or Form 990EZ, use the **Form 990-N Electronic Filing system (e-Postcard)**.

Does my Lions club/district/multiple districts have to file the e-Postcard even though it is a subordinate organization in Lions Clubs International’s group exemption?

Yes, while Lions clubs are included in Lions Clubs International’s group exemption, LCI does not file a group tax return. Therefore, all Lions clubs, districts, and multiple districts are required to file their own tax return.



TOMAHAWK LIONS CLUB – The 4th of July event had Tomahawk Lions club members working hard in support of the community festivities.

MEDFORD LIONS CLUB

– The Club donated and conducted a demonstration of the Braille Writer for two Medford Area Middle School students with potential visual impairment.





BOULDER JUNCTION LIONS CLUB – The Club, with 106 members strong, parade participated in the Independence Day event.



EAGLE RIVER LIONS CLUB – President **Darrin Greban**, assembled at recent Club monthly meeting to induct the 2024-25 Club Officers and Board of Directors.



EAGLE RIVER LIONS CLUB – A special induction was held inducting new member **Leah Brown** into the largest volunteer association, Lions International. Pictured with Lion Leah is Past President **Nic W.**

C2 CHARTER DATES ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations for your dedicated/volunteer years of Lions Service

September

– Hurley	9/24/1952
– Mercer	9/7/1950
– Sayner Star Lake	9/19/1960
– South Shore	9/11/1950

October

– Cable & Area	10/5/1965
– Lake Tomahawk	10/18/1967
– Park Falls	10/19/1937
– Conover	10/6/1949
– Washburn	10/23/1939
– Winchester	10/20/1970
– Jump River	10/27/1977



President Gary Pelkola,
President Denise Odderman
President Jeff Wejman
President Barbara Rebak

President Heather L Ludzack
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FROM THE 27-C2 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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I am going to start by quoting 2024-25 Lions International President Fabrício Oliveira theme for this year. “Make your mark”. For all of us as Lions what does this mean? Everywhere we serve, every time we give, we bring kindness and compassion, change and hope. And we “Make our Mark” on the lives we touch, the communities we serve and the world we share.

This will be a challenging year as we look to continue growing our numbers so we can serve more people. The opportunities are out there to achieve our goals, we just have to look at our community’s needs and the needs of the world. Whether it is a small act of kindness or a large community project, Lions International is there to support us.

I encourage everyone to bring in younger members, with new ideas, energy and the skills to move forward with our missions. As our world and technology changes listen to our youth and younger members. They might not have the same life experiences as the generations before them. However, they have grown up in a world with this technology and understanding new ways to meet our goals.

I look forward to making this year a successful year with my team. I can say I am truly blessed to have so many service-oriented Lions to help guide me, encourage me and be by my side. As I have been often told “Lions don’t let Lions fail”. With that in mind, thank you to my many mentors, those that have supported me and all the opportunities I have been given as we “Make our Mark” and make this a better world. WE SERVE.





UPCOMING EVENTS

WISCONSIN LIONS STATE CURLING BONSPIEL
Hosted by Pardeeville Lions Club

Saturday, January 10th-12th, 2025
Watch for registration in WI Lion Sept/Oct and Nov/Dec at wisconsinlions.org/events.

- Questions: Keith Desjarlais 608-697-4708 or email ghac_goat@yahoo.com
- 2026 Curling Bonspeil Hosted by Waupaca Lions

DISTRICT GOVERNOR KERRIE ANNOUNCES C2 CABINET MTG DATES

JULY Sunday 28, 2024	Park Falls Amerion Legion Center
OCTOBER Sunday 6, 2024	Park Falls Amerion Legion Center
FEBRUARY Sunday 12, 2025	Park Falls Amerion Legion Center
MARCH Sunday 2, 2025	Park Falls Amerion Legion Center
APRIL 11 Friday, 2025	Lac du Flambeau Convention Center
MAY 2, Friday 2025	MD27 State Convention, Location: LA Crosse



These Verona residents are making a big impact - and two are dogs

Dickson named 2023 Flad Family Everyday Hero

BY MADDIE BERGSTROM, THE VERONA PRESS

Verona resident Missy Dickson has spent her life in service to the people around her.

Though she officially moved to the community in 2020, Dickson has been an active member of the Verona Lions Club since 2013. Her passion for helping others was instilled by her family at a young age.

“My father was a very dedicated Lion and I was raised to enjoy and appreciate volunteerism,” Dickson explained. “As a kid I helped him serve his Lions Club and at his never ending nagging – I mean encouragement – I decided it was time to find my own club.”

In her 11 years as a Lion, Dickson has served people in her community, across the state and around the world. Her ability to help others locally grew even more when she added two dogs to her family in 2021.

Dickson and her two therapy dogs, Kevin and Koda, have volunteered at libraries, hospitals, nursing homes and other facilities since 2023. Their efforts earned Dickson recognition as the 2023 Flad Family Everyday Hero from the American Family Children’s Hospital.

Created in 2009 in honor of John and Coleen Flad, The Flad Family Everyday Hero Award honors people like Dickson who work to make the world a better place through selfless acts of kindness and volunteerism.

After purchasing her Verona home in December 2020, Dickson knew the first thing she wanted was a dog.

“I had been trying for about a year to adopt a career changed dog from Leader Dogs for the Blind, but at the time, the interest in the program far exceeded their ability to handle it and I couldn’t make any headway,” Dickson explained. “Eventually, I got on a waiting list to get on a waiting list to get on the waiting list to adopt a dog.”

Anticipating a long journey ahead of her, Dickson also followed local rescues on Facebook and applied. On March 20, 2021, while watching a Facebook live stream, a short-haired brown dog caught Dickson’s eye.

“I saw Kevin get out of the Ma, Paws & Me Rescue transport van that had just arrived in (Wisconsin) from Lauderdale, Alabama,” she said. “I inquired immediately and picked him up from his foster home the following weekend.”

Estimated to be about 3 years old, Kevin spent time on the street, had no manners or training. Dickson said he calmed down with love and stability — revealing a personality to comfort people who give him attention.

About nine months after adopting Kevin, Dickson found herself driving to Rochester Hills, Mich., to pick up Koda. “It was not my intention to get a second dog so quickly, but the Leader Dogs for the Blind waiting list moved much faster than anticipated,” she said. “I received a call that they had a dog for me on Dec. 20, 2021.”

Koda – a yellow short-haired dog – spent the first two years at LDFTB but made it through 99% of training before some behaviors signaled he would be better suited as a pet.

Kevin and Koda spend time volunteering at various facilities as therapy dogs certified through Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs. Community members may recognize Koda from Verona Public Library’s “Read to a



Verona resident Missy Dickson was named the 2023 Flad Family Everyday Hero by the American Family Children’s Hospital. Dickson volunteers in the Caring Canines program with her therapy dog, Kevin, every month.

Dog” events when Dickson and Koda make monthly visits for 15-minute reading sessions with families.

Kevin is a popular guest at AFCH as part of The Caring Canines program which allows patient bedside visits with therapy dogs to provide a calming influence, cuddle time and normalization for families.

Dickson applied for both Koda and Kevin to participate in the Caring Canines program in January 2023. Koda had a little too much energy to volunteer in a hospital setting, but Kevin was accepted right away.

After completing a series of online training sessions and an in-person training weekend, Kevin and Dickson began visiting patients in June 2023 and quickly became known for their positive attitudes and fun costumes.

It took one solo volunteer shift for Dickson to see their powerful impact. As she approached a hospital room with Kevin by her side on their first day, Dickson said crying almost stopped them.

“Kevin and I popped our heads in and asked if they wanted a therapy dog visit and there were immediate smiles on all the faces in the room,” Dickson explained. “Kevin and I didn’t have much experience at this point and I wasn’t confident yet about where Kevin would land when he jumped up in bed, so I had him just jump up on the end,” Dickson recalled.

“The little one reached down to try to pet him and immediately laid back down crying – it hurt too much,” Dickson remembered. “It was like Kevin knew what to do. He looked up at me and slowly started to creep forward. I slid him right up next to her so that she could at least reach down and touch his ear with her little hand. The minute she touched Kevin she started to smile and babble about her dog at home and there were even a few giggles . . . she was crying with discomfort, but her mom stopped us at the door and thanked us for giving her little one the first moments of relief since they had arrived at the hospital.”

In the six months spent volunteering with Caring Canines in 2023, the duo put in more than 50 hours at the AFCH.

She said that being named the 2023 Flad Family Everyday Hero was a surprising honor. “I am passionate about this program and am certainly not doing it for recognition,” Dickson said, “but it does feel good to be acknowledged.”

When Kevin and Koda aren’t volunteering with Dickson, they love going for walks, taking naps, playing with dog friends and visiting the Prairie Moraine Dog Park.

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DISTRICT CABINET MEETING – Lions from across District 27-D1 packed the Sun Prairie Lions Clubhouse on Sunday, Aug. 4, 2024 for District Governor Ron Wright's first cabinet meeting as district governor. Volunteers from the Sun Prairie Lions Club prepared the noon meal that included burgers, bratwurst, pasta salad, mixed fruit, and two different sheet cakes.



DEFOREST-WINDSOR LIONS CLUB – Lions gather at Christ Lutheran Church and stuff lunch bags for Norski Nibbles with water, fruit snacks, chips and a chewy granola bar. Other local volunteers make sandwiches for the bags which are added each day. Norski Nibbles is a non-profit organization that helps to feed school-aged kids in the DeForest-Windsor area during the summer when school is not in session. Local churches and individuals gather together in the summertime to pack lunches for distribution at lunch time during the week. There are several parks in the area which serve as gathering places for the kids to eat.



ALBANY LIONS CLUB – The 21st Annual Car Show was held after a rainy and windy Saturday. Skies were questionable but did not stop the 201 registered participants and many spectators from attending. Participants gathered from Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois. Door prizes and great Lions Club food was available and cash prizes were awarded to participants. The Show is held at the club on the 4th Sunday of June, rain or shine.



FITCHBURG LIONS CLUB – Ice cream sundaes were served at the Fitchburg Farmer's Market Strawberry Fest. The funds raised allow the Club to give donations to Lions' and other community causes. Shown are Lions **Roger Tesch** and **Janice Kilby**.

FROM THE 27-D1 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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Lions of MD27-D1,

It is hard to believe that it is September already. Summer is nearing its end, school is starting and fall is just around the corner. As the saying goes, time flies when you are having fun!

What a busy and fun two months it has been for me as your District Governor.

I attended the Lions International Convention in Melbourne Australia along with nearly 11,000 other Lions from around the world. It was a fantastic experience getting to meet and share with so many Lions from all parts of the globe. I attended training classes and plenary sessions, we heard from inspirational speakers and learned more about Lions and all the great things we are involved in and how we can grow our clubs and serve more people. I marched in the Parade of Nations with my fellow District Governors and several other Wisconsin Lions. We heard from our new International President Fabricio Oliveira of Brazil. His theme this year is "Make Your Mark". I encourage all of you to "Make Your Mark" by continuing the service projects your clubs do and by creating new ones in your communities.

I also have made several club visits these past couple of months. I have had the pleasure of inducting new club officers, inducting new members and meeting and making new friends. I have attended fund raisers, picnics, golf outings and am looking forward to attending as many of your events as I can.

I attended the Council of Governors meeting in late July in Marshfield. We learned about podcasts and how they can help us market our clubs and all of our many activities. We plan on offering a seminar on podcasting during our district convention. Speaking of our district convention, planning is getting underway. If you are interested in helping out please contact me. We are always looking for new and fresh ideas to make our convention both informative and fun.

We held zone chair training along with our first cabinet meeting on August 4th. We had a tremendous turn out for the cabinet meeting with approximately 70 Lions in attendance! It never ceases to amaze me how many dedicated Lions we have in our district who go above and beyond. Thank you to all of them!

I attended the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin annual meeting in July. Our IPDG Jeff Winkler was appointed to the LEBW board and received a Knight of Sight award. Well deserved. Congratulations Jeff!

I visited the Wisconsin Youth Camp and Exchange at Camp Vista in Campbellsport. What an awesome group of young people and an awesome facility!

My fellow District Governors and I visited and toured the LEBW. We should all be very proud of the work they do and the service they provide to give people the gift of sight.

I attended, along with 21 other Sun Prairie Lions, LEBW training to become a certified transporter.

I encourage all of you who are transporters to attend the training and become certified.

As you can see it is a busy time but that is the best part of being District Governor. Please continue to invite me to your meetings and your events. I would love to attend!

Yours in Lionism.



Five Lions Clubs Donate Nearly \$11,000

Five Lions Clubs in our local Region 4 - Zone 1 area; Coon Valley, Viroqua, St. Joseph Ridge, Cashton, and Westby; sponsored their 17th annual Lions Golf Tournament recently at the Viroqua Hills Golf Course. They raised money to donate to the La Crosse Area Children's Miracle Network and two local food pantries. The five clubs donated a total of \$10,986 to important community needs. Over 70 area businesses joined as hole sponsors and door prize donators, and 84 area golfers enjoyed a fundraising day on the course, all raising a record \$10,016 at the golf tournament for the one-day event. \$6,678 was donated to the Children's Miracle Network with the remaining funds split equally between the Living Faith Food Pantry in Viroqua and Bethel Butikk in Westby. An additional donation of \$970 to the two food pantries gave each pantry a total donation of \$2,154.

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, a service of the Gundersen Medical Foundation, is dedicated to saving and improving the lives of children. They directly assist children and their families and support pediatric programs and services that help kids battle diseases and injuries of every kind. In Gundersen's Southwestern Wisconsin service area, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals has raised more than \$22.3 million since 1986. Each charitable donation—whether through special events, annual gifts, business

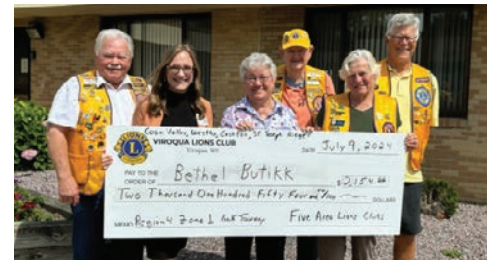
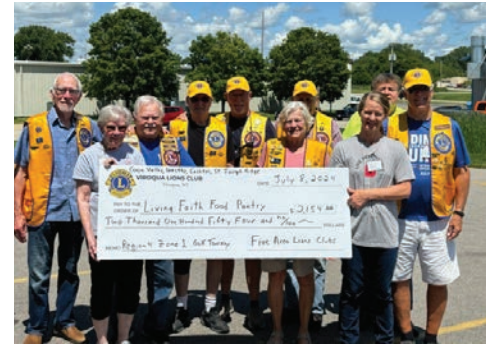
partnerships, sponsorships or planned giving such as bequests—benefits children in this region and provides support for specialty medical care, research and preventive education.

The two local food pantries, along with several other area programs, provide assistance for people with food insecurities. Given the high degree of need in our area, these pantries are providing an invaluable service to families in our local communities.

Pictured to the top right, making a \$6,678 donation from the Lions golf tournament to the Children's Miracle Network are from left to right, Lion members Steve Hill, Brian Rude, and Marilyn Kile; Lions District Governor Elect Wayne Sherry, Lion Michael Stephen, Children's Miracle Network Specialist Abby Ryan; and Lions Dan Crowley and Al Petersen.

The second picture shows a donation to Bethel Butikk for \$2,154. Pictured from left to right are Lions District Governor Elect Wayne Sherry, Bethel Foundation and Marketing Director Courtney Havel, Bethel Home and Services employee and Bethel Butikk volunteer Debra Tewalt, and Lions Michael Stephen, Marilyn Kile, and Steve Hill.

In the third picture, making a \$2,154 donation to the Living Faith Food Pantry are several Lion members (and a Lionette), most who volunteer several hours each week at the Food Pantry and have worked for many years at the Pantry. First row from left to right



are Lionette Marlene Sordahl, Lions District Governor Elect Wayne Sherry, Lion Marilyn Kile, and the Living Faith Food Pantry Manager Becki Rider. Second row left to right, Viroqua Lions President James Fuller, and Lions Dan Crowley, Al Petersen, Roger Hanson, Past President Lion Roger Call, and Golf Tourney Chair Lion Steve Hill.



MAUSTON LIONS CLUB – Lions Brian Sletten, Randy Kissack, Jim Bires, and Jon Fowler who helped at Fishability.



MAUSTON LIONS CLUB – WLF Incoming President **Pat Hart** installed new officers **Jack Gabower, Viv Gabower, Randy Kissack, Rick Short, John Barrett, Mark Weeden, Kevin Erickson, Angela Champlin, Corey Champlin, Roger Duttle and Tom Brounacker.**



MAUSTON LIONS CLUB – Four new Lions inducted. Pictured with WLF Incoming President Pat Hart are **Dawn Schwartz** with sponsor **Brian Sletten**; sponsor **Alex Beenken** with Tabitha Lueneburg; **Adam Vaughan** and **Matt Vaughn** sponsored by **Brian Sletten.**



MAUSTON LIONS CLUB – President of the Mauston Lions presented Lion **Harlow Gierhart** his 55-year chevron.



KENDALL LIONS CLUB – The Club's 75th Anniversary was celebrated on June 9th with party at the Lumberyard in Kendall. They had a band, chicken Q, bouncy house, and kids games.



SPARTA LIONS CLUB – A check of \$50,000 was presented to the City of Sparta for their new all abilities playground.



HILLSBORO LIONS CLUB – Lion Nancy Olson with her Leader dog Fenkell enjoyed a day of fishing.



HILLSBORO LIONS CLUB – Setting up for April 21st Bingo games. A lot of work goes into setting up.

CASHTON LIONS CLUB

Mary Jo Moore Nursing Scholarship has been awarded to active member **Kate Gronemus**. Kate is a 2024 graduating senior at Cashton High School and pursue a nursing degree at Western Wisconsin Technical in La Crosse.



FROM THE 27-D2 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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We are well on our way in this 2024-25 Lionistic year! Lion Greg and I had an amazing trip to the International Convention in Melbourne, Australia followed by a trip to Sydney, Australia and then a driving tour of all of New Zealand. As I reflect back on the convention, I realize what a grand and wonderful organization we belong to. There were over 11,000 Lions in attendance and the excitement filled the room! If you've never had a chance to attend an international convention, you really need to try and make it to one. You will be inspired and make lots of new friends!

I've already had the privilege of visiting some of your clubs to learn from you. We are all busy with so many projects and I want to remind you that everything you do, be it small or big, makes a difference in the lives of so many! We serve and will continue to serve as long as there are needs in the community, the state, the country and the world. Please be sure to report the service you are providing so that others may hear your story. I learned of some new projects that may fit our own club and encourage you to read of the service of others to grow your own clubs.

Our district has set goals for this year and we need your help to meet these goals. Please keep these in mind as we make this a successful year together. 1) Leadership Development - Our district will train a minimum of 70% of Zone and Region Chairs and 70% of Club officers including but not limited to President, Secretary, Treasurer 2) Mission 1.5 - Our district will help grow Mission 1.5 by starting 1 new club with 25 charter members by the end of the fiscal year 2024-25 and end our year with 174 new members and a net growth of 6 members 3) LCIF - Our district will increase district and individual donations by 10% by the end of the 2024-25 fiscal year. 4) Service Activities - Our district will increase service reporting to 70% of clubs reporting during the 2024-25 Lionistic year. Meeting these goals takes every Lion in our district. Please help spread the word and get your club officers trained, ASK at least 1 person to join, donate to LCIF and encourage others to do so as well and teach others about the importance of service reporting. Along with our district goals, we also were asked to focus on 3 of the 8 global causes. I have chosen to focus on diabetes, vision and childhood cancer, all of which have touched my life in some way and probably many of your lives.

Finally, I'd like to encourage you to watch for information on the MD27-D2 Convention which will be released in October on our district web page. The Hillsboro Lions have been working hard to create a truly fun and memorable convention for our members. Again, if you have never attended, I encourage you to come and meet other Lions with the same passion as you and make new friends.

If you ever need assistance as a member or as a club officer, please reach out to myself or any cabinet member.

Together we can accomplish more!



9th Annual Fore Alarm Scramble

Fox Hollow Golf Course
9:00am Shotgun Start on
Saturday, September 9th, 2024

- 4 Person Teams: 18 Holes, Cart, Hole Events, Raffles, Mulligans, Cash Prizes, Hot Dogs & Brats During Golf & Meal Following Golf. \$400 per Team
- Sponsorships available.
- Questions: BarreCoedLions@gmail.com
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Kevin Timm 608-792-4862



WINTER AREA LIONS CLUB – Lion **Michael O'Mara** was presented the prestigious **Melvin Jones Fellowship Award** by Lions **Patti Helsing** and **Ken Patenaude**. Michael has also received many award pins over the years and his latest pin is the **Monarch Chevron Award** for his 30 years of service.



WINTER AREA LIONS CLUB – A \$500 donation was presented to the **July Jubilee Committee** to help with travel expenses for Astronaut **Jeff Williams** to serve as **Grand Marshall** of the **Winter July 4th Jubilee Parade**. Jeff is Winter's **Hometown Hero** and **Class of 1976 graduate** of **Winter High School**. The **Winter Area Lions float** for Jeff was designed and provided by Lions **Jody and Larry Douglas**.



WINTER AREA LIONS CLUB – The Club is again assisting **Feed My People** with food distribution in the months of **June, July, August and September**. Pictured in the photo from the July event are Lions **Steve Helmers, Ruth Blank, Mike O'Mara, Jim Bondowski, Jerry Gerber, Ken Patenaude** and **Shaun Melarvie**. Ruth's granddaughters **Parker and Quincy** and **Lion Cub Vera**.



WINTER AREA LIONS CLUB – Members of the newly formed **Lion Cub** program marched in the **July Jubilee parade** and had their photo taken with Astronaut **Jeff Williams** and Cub leader **Shaun Melarvie**. There are seven Cubs at this time, and the youngest is five years old.



WINTER AREA LIONS CLUB – Lion President **Shaun Melarvie** presented a \$500 donation to **Little League Coach Eric Magnuson** for the **Winter Little League** to purchase uniforms, bats and supplies for the team



CADOTT LIONS CLUB – The Club just finished helping the community celebrate their community celebration. Brats, hot dogs and burgers were sold at the mud bog. Charcoal chicken was sold with baked beans, potato salad and strawberry shortcake was offered for dessert. It was a long weekend, but many hands make light work. Pictured are Lions **Gary Licht** and **Roy Audorff** grilling chicken for the hungry neighbors.



Winter Lions Club Annual September Fest Fundraiser
Saturday, September 14th, 5 to 9pm
Patti's on 70, Winter WI
Second Time Around Band will play



CADOTT AND JIM FALLS LIONS CLUBS – Our Nawakwa, a new youth camp near Cornell, needed some help to restore a group of three cabins. The Clubs teamed together for the projects. The work was started by Lions **Brian and Kris Geissler, John Dugal, Paul Helminski, Brian Dulmes** and Lion **Larry Bradley**. The six worked on leveling the cabins and replacing the doors. The hungry workers were served lunch by Lions **Doreen Mrotek and Barb Dulmes**. The next project will be to put siding on the cabins and work on windows for the cabins. Pictured are Brian Geissler, John Dugal, Brian Dulmes, and Larry Bradley.

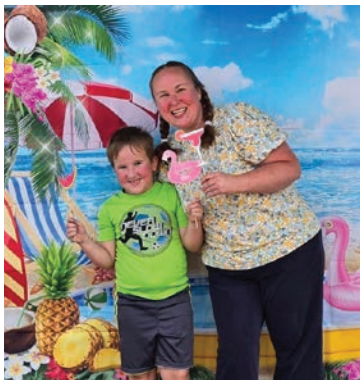
HAWKINS LIONS CLUB – A lot of summer fun was had at the Community Gathering held by the Club! Thanks to everyone who came out to eat (or not eat since they ran out so fast!), and donated and baked and participated in raffles, and helped set up/serve/take down! We had a blast and hope that you did too! Here are some pictures from the photo booth.



Mich, Reed, Amanda.



Paisley, Reed, Oscar.



Ezra and Valerie.



Isabel and Trish.

FROM THE 27-E1 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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The 106th International Convention was held in Melbourne, Australia this year. I was able to connect with new Lions, Lions that I met last year in Boston, and Lions from the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute that I attended in Los Angeles, CA in 2022. What a great way to meet, reconnect, and learn more from Lions all over the world. I attended many sessions related to the Lion Portal and was able to provide feedback on what works and does not work based on the questions I received from members in our District.

During the convention, we learned more about our International President Fabricio Oliveira's theme for this year – "Make Your Mark". I believe that all of us are making our mark with every service project we do, whether it is in the community, district, state, or worldwide. Along with the support you provide to your communities, every time you make a donation to any of the global initiatives, you are making your mark, even though you may not have the opportunity to meet those it helps.

Thank you to the Clubs that have booked their DG visit. If you haven't had the opportunity to schedule time, please do so soon to get the date you want. I am looking forward to visiting your club to see how you are "Making Your Mark" and Imaging the Possibilities through Voluntarism.

Let's Imagine the Possibilities through Voluntarism by spreading the word about Lions. Let the world hear us 'ROAR' and see what we are doing for our communities and beyond.



WANDEROOS AREA LIONS CLUB – Community Project – July 18th. Lions: **Larry Behne, Boyd and Ginger Dosch and Kim Benson** painted the Garfield Township Hall railing and stairs. It was a great night for painting. It felt good to give back to our community.



Park, Poles & Prizes

On Sunday, the 2nd of June, Ellsworth Lions Fishing Contest was held at the Nugget Lake County Park in Pierce County, WI. This is also the weekend Wisconsin offers free fishing for everyone without requiring a fishing license. The contest is free and open to all children up to the age of 16. Ellsworth Lions provide fishing poles to any child who does not have a pole, and they get to keep the pole! The Ellsworth Lions Club had brats, hot dogs, chips, candy and Soda for sale for the event. All participants are entered into a free raffle upon arriving for the event, where prizes, including two kayaks, were given away at this year's contest. No child leaves without a prize from their day at the Fishing Contest. Ellsworth Lions then give away trophies for various fish sizes and categories. This is a great opportunity to promote the Ellsworth Lions Club, with a bonus of getting families out together doing an activity, which is affordable, and doing it at one of our county's most beautiful parks.



COLLECTOR'S CORNER ... MUST READ!

For Convention Goers AND Planners!

BY LION REID MEYER, ELLSWORTH LIONS CLUB



The 2024-25 Lions year has started, it won't be long before the District Conventions get started with C1's in October and the Wisconsin Lions State Convention will close out the Convention Circuit in May! Conventions are great all-around, well worth attending and always fun for the Lions collector – whether you're attending for the first time, a seasoned convention attendee or somewhere in-between!

Our E2 Convention is held in mid-March and one of the little things we do as part of our convention is to commemorate the event with a District Convention button and give first-time attendees a special button for them to wear, be recognized and hopefully bring back great memories of their first convention experience! Both buttons contain some of the expected information, along with the sitting District Governor's name and theme; the designs vary year to year – some reflect the District Governor's theme and/or pin, or even a St. Patrick's Day theme. Some years we even have a button for our Friday Night Hospitality, which usually reflects the District Governor's theme for the evening – 70's night, Gangsters, Camping, etc. The photo above displays a sampling from our E2 past conventions.

If you're helping to plan a convention, consider doing something like this to recognize your first-time attendees and offer a very easy-to-do convention trinket for all attendees (*please contact me if you need help making buttons*). **If you're planning to attend this year's conventions**, see the Events page on the Wisconsin Lions website at wisconsinlions.org/events for all the details and keep an eye out for cool collectibles!

COLLECTOR'S CHALLENGE: Do E2 buttons between 1986-87 and 2011-2012 exist? I don't believe any exist, but would love to be proven otherwise;) Email me at reidmeyer69@gmail.com and Happy Collecting!

WLF HEARING AID APPLICATIONS

Information and applications for assistance with obtaining hearing aids for financially needy individuals in our District through our WLF Hearing Aid Project can be easily downloaded from the WLF website, wlf.info, under the Hearing Project tab. The application is also available from our District website, md27e2.org, in the District Organization tab.

IS It Just A Shirt?

There are many things we are told are free and yet there is usually a catch. Right? Wearing Lions apparel is a for sure free advertising tactic. Yet as Lions we only wear them when we are at a meeting or a fundraiser, or anything to do with Lions.

I was recently at a Major Car Show in Minnesota. As I walked around I was faced with a man wearing a shirt that said he was the property of a certain Lions Club. My eye caught the word Lions instantly. I walked to him and asked if he was a member of the so called Club and he said, yes. I introduced myself and shook his hand as I said the club I was with in Wisconsin. I commented how nice it is to see another fellow Lion. Now I am a Lion, so I see and recognize the word Lions, and it makes me happy.

This event was not a Lions event and yet this man took the time to wear his Lions shirt. And for that he was recognized. What if we as Lions started wearing our shirts out in public for events and happenings that have nothing to do with Lions? We need to stop being the best kept secret. Lions I challenge you to wear your club shirt or other Lions shirts to events and make Lions visible. Make people ask. Make them wonder. Make a new member possible. All this just for wearing a shirt and making the largest service Organization in the World, Lions Clubs International, visible.



FROM THE 27-E2 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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Have you heard of Mission 1.5? The goal of Mission 1.5 is to serve 1 billion people a year. To do this we need to increase membership to 1.5 million by July 2027. What is the difference between serving and marketing our service? When we serve, our service is recognized by those that are being served. When we market our service, the entire community sees our service. Some will wish to help, some will wish to join our Clubs, some may just wish to donate. However, if we fail to market our service, none of that will happen. Are you having a hard time attracting new members? It all starts with a conversation. Talk to someone about one of the things Lions do that inspired you to become a Lion. Inspire them to become a Lion. Invite them to a Service Project. Invite them to become a Lion or just get involved. Thank you for all you do and have a great year serving others!

Roberts Lions Head to Camp

On July 17th the Roberts Lions Club had six members, **Chuck Pizzi, Wayne Miller, Jeff Olson, Bob Ricci, Lanny Erickson, and Jaque Cody**, headed to the Lions Camp. They spent a day with other fellow Lions touring the Camp. From ropes to swing on, walls to climb, boats to paddle, and water to have fun in or with, they saw it all. Where the campers sleep, eat, do activities, and most importantly the place where friendships begin for a lifetime for so many who attend the Camp. For one member of the Club the Camp was more than he had ever imagined.

To understand what and how the Camp does what it does for so many children and adults. The wall of names we honor, the statue of the Lion standing proud as you enter, the Eye Glass Recycling Center, where nothing is left unused. All of the wonders of a Camp, we as Lions, support to help friendships, moral, challenges, and life succeed. If you are a Lion you owe it to yourself to go to the Camp, especially while the children are there, to watch the magic unfold. Go see what you helped create, support, and use.

Proudly displayed was the wooden Eagle Statue the Roberts Lions Club had donated to the Camp years ago. Still looking just as good as day it arrived.



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LIONS EYE BANK DONATIONS

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Adam and Megan Crowson

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JIM WAHL

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PID Peter and Joann Cerniglia

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**Donation to Birch-Sturm Fund*

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IONE BERG

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Melvin Jones Fellowship eligibility includes donations:

- Area of Greatest Need
- Measles Program
- Diabetes
- Disaster Relief
- Sight Programs
- In Honor/In Memory

Wisconsin Lions Foundation (WLF)

715-677-4969 • wlf.info

- Diabetics Awareness Project
- Hearing Project
- Adult & Children Vision Screening
- Wisconsin Lions Camp
- Wisconsin Lions Eye Glass Recycling Center

WLF Gifts/Donations: Friends and Honors Garden, Wall of Honor, Wish List, Lions License Plates

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Preserve, protect and provide for Lions Camp and all WLF statewide projects.

\$1,000 contribution awards a Club or Individual a Ray Hempel Fellowship.

Visit lionspride.org/the-ray-hempel-story/

Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin

877-233-2354 • lebw.org/funding

Passionate about restoring sight, eliminating curable blindness, and advocating for organ, eye, and tissue donation.

Restoring Hope Transplant House

608-831-1726 • restoringhope.org

Non-profit home-away-from-home for transplant families at nearby UW Hospitals and the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison.

Wisconsin Lions Birch-Sturm

715-677-4969 • birchstrum.org

Only interest and dividends are used. Supports WLF statewide projects.

Wisconsin Lions Missions

wislions.org/missions

Used eyeglasses, donated fire trucks, ambulances and school buses, medical and school supplies such as hospital beds and school desks - distributed to needy schools, orphanages, and cities south of the border.

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Lions Recognition Programs

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Empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel.

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(A1)*



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(A1)*



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JIM FALLS LIONS CLUB (E1) –
Congratulate Lion Ray Tweedale with the special Lion Recognition Medal from LCI for his selfless act of kindness by driving a person in need to Texas and back from Wisconsin so this person could attend his brother's Celebration of Life. This award was presented to Lion Ray by Immediate Past International Director Lee Vrieze at our District Cabinet's meeting.



VAN DYNE LIONS CLUB – New members, **Scott Perzentka** and **Heather Pershing** were inducted. PDG **Tom Wendt**, 1st VDG **Roxanne Wendt** and 2nd VDG **Barb Leichtfuss** presented the following awards: Lion **Bob Leichtfuss** received the Knight of Sight Award, Lion **Roger Gruendemann** received the Birch Sturm Award, and Lion **Scott Scovronski** was honored with the Melvin Jones Award. Van Dyne, Winnebago Eastshore, and St. Peter Lions were at the Fond du Lac County Fair doing eye tests and letting people know what the Lions are all about and what they do.



GRAFTON LIONS CLUB – (left) Lion **Dan Ernst**, Lion **John Krueger** and award presenter, Lion **Jack Reindl**. (Center) Lion **Dorothy Reindl**, award presenter, Lion **Darrel Blank** and Lion **Steve Nauta**. (Right) award presenter, Lion **Darrel Blank** and Lion **Tim Kohlwey**.

Cataract Surgery Team Restores Vision in Rural Guatemala

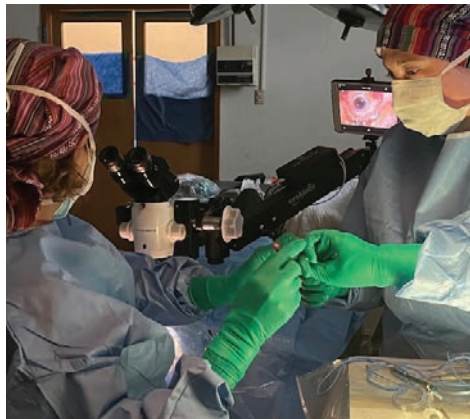
After two years of planning our small group of MD27 Lions including Lion JoAnn Burk, PDG Phil Hollis, Lion Sonny Hagen and PDG Marcia Hagen arrived in Guatemala with equipment and aspirations of treating curable blindness. We were greeted by local Lions and transported to the hospital site about 1-2 hours from the airport.

We were then joined by LEBW director and ophthalmologist Dr. Michael Shapiro, ophthalmologist Dr. Nicole Anderson-Weiss, and Ophthalmology technician Danielle Kleist. Also joining the team were Dr. Danielle Shapiro and two nurses from Minnesota. Invaluable team members from Refuge International included Gina Northcutt CEO, Coordinator Alex Morales, Biomed engineer Jason, and a full team of interpreters who all helped the setup, operation, and communications during the surgery project.

This project was inspired by then International Lions President Brian Sheehan to work together with other agencies and Lions to get more good work done. "Together we can."

Over a year before the surgery team departed, **LEBW** agreed to create a designated fund called Global Vision and support two mission trips to do cataract surgery in rural Guatemala. **MD27** applied to **Lions Club International Foundation** who provided matching grant money of over \$27,000 for the purchase of surgical eye equipment to do examinations, diagnose, and treat curable blindness primarily cataracts, in rural Guatemala. **Refuge International**, a Texas based organization, partnered with Lions to provide surgical service support, in country accommodations, interpreters, and logistics to add cataract surgery to the services they provide regularly. They will provide equipment security, maintenance, and ensure that this jornada (medical service) takes place at least once a year. Anderson-Shapiro Eye Care helped plan and provided surgeons and an eye surgical technician as well as assistance in applying for grants for supplies such as medicine, equipment, and intraocular lenses from **ALCON, Johnson & Johnson, and Dextenza**.

Lions of Guatemala with PID Eugenio Roman & 22-23 D3 District Governor Thelmy Santos de Soto championed the effort to support this mission by inspiring eight clubs across Guatemala. These clubs from across Guatemala provided transportation to patients and medical staff, and also rallied volunteers to provide assistance, meals, and hospitality for patients and families. **Leones**



de San Lucas, Quatro e Quatro Leones, Leones San Jeronimo, Leones Bananera, Leones Jalapa, Leones Coban, and Leones Santa Cruz El Chol graciously served by helping with this project to restore vision of their fellow Guatemalans.

Vision exams, eye exams, and surgeries were performed for 3.5 days. Thirty-seven patients were assessed. Twenty cataract surgeries were performed. Fifteen Pterygium surgeries were performed. A large granuloma eye growth was removed on a child. The surgery was necessary to prevent bleeding and infections.

Patients came from many villages including one that can only be reached by boat. This life-changing surgery was previously unattainable to these patients. The surgeons noted that all of the cataract patients would have benefited from this surgery 20 years ago and have all endured low vision/blindness for many years. Patients shed tears of joy, smiled, expressed gratitude as they celebrated the return of their vision.

The number of surgeries performed to improve vision met the original goal of thirty-six. However, not all the surgeries to restore vision were cataracts. Pterygium surgeries were also performed to alleviate vision loss in addition to cataracts. Pterygium is a condition which causes severe astigmatism and blindness from a growth over the iris and pupil. Many patients describe them as cataracts because they grow over the eye. One patient Senor Desi was from Sarstun and had both cataract and pterygium surgeries and has been blind. He has always been an enthusiastic volunteer. He has led teams up a mountain and provided needed work done at the small clinic in his hometown. This 74-year-old man wept tears of joy and his community rejoiced at the restoration of his vision.

This project was a prime example of why we donate to **LCIF** and why we all became Lions. Lion Maria from the Quatro y Quatro Lions Club who assisted in the project says "I always want to be a Lion and to serve with my friends and family because I was helped by Lions to save my vision with a surgery as a child"

We Serve!

Special Thanks to LCIF, LEBW, MD27, Refuge International, Anderson Shapiro Eyecare, Lions of Guatemala D3 and all who donated and volunteered to make this project a reality. This startup project will continue to impact lives of rural Guatemalans for years to come.



DISTRICT 27-B1 CONVENTION

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center
625 W. Rolling Meadows Dr.
Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Friday-Saturday, November 8th & 9th, 2024



REGISTRATION FORM

Return by **Friday, October 25, 2024** to:
Victoria Blahnik, 1901 S. 8th St, Sheboygan, WI 53081

Registration fees and meal fees must accompany this form.

NO MEAL will be sold after **Friday, October 25, 2024**
(Registration on-site will be available for Meetings & Seminars only)

Club Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Theme ~ Back to Your Roots~

Focusing on the core Wisconsin Lions projects and programs. Pondering the morals and standards that led us to Lions!

Name and Title PLEASE PRINT	Lion	LEO (free reg.)	Guest	Reg Fee \$20	Vet's & 1 st Timer Reg. Fee \$10	B1 Pin \$3	Friday Night	Saturday		Total
							Hoedown with D.J. & Snacks Free	Lunch I.D. Speech Deli buffet \$28	Evening Banquet Speaker from Camp <u>Choose One</u> 8oz Baked Sirloin Parm Steak Chicken \$38 \$38	
										\$
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Dietary request: _____
(note we may not be able to accommodate)

Total: \$ _____

Make check payable to: Lions District 27-B1

Single and Double rooms: \$119/night for each night, plus tax

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center
625 W. Rolling Meadows Dr, Fond Du Lac, WI 54937
(920) 923-1440
Group Name: Lions District Convention
Cut off: 10/11/2024



2024 District 27 B2 Annual Conference Registration Form

November 1-2, 2024

Menominee Casino Resort, Keshena WI 54135



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Club Name:	Contact Person:
Email address:	Phone:

COSTS:

Registration: Lions & Guests: \$15 Leos: FREE (but you do need to register)

Friday Night \$10 (Free Beer & Soda) (Cash Bar available)

Saturday Luncheon \$20

Menu: Soup and Assorted Sandwiches

Saturday Closing/Meet & Mingle, 5:00-7:00: \$15 (Cash Bar available)

Menu: Mini sandwiches, meatballs, ham rolls, and veggies

Last Day for meal reservations Oct. 21, 2024

Make Checks Payable to: Lions International District 27-B2

Mail Check & Registration to: PDG Jim Noll

Registration Deadline: 1579 Ledge Road

Oct. 24, 2024 Brussels, WI 54204

920-825-7341 (no texts) lionjim27b2@gmail.com

No meal orders or refunds after: Oct. 21, 2024

Title: Lion	<input type="checkbox"/> Leo	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (DG, PID, etc.)	Registration (\$15)	Friday Night (\$10)	Sat. Lunch (\$20)	Sat. Night (\$15)	Special Diet Needs (note on back)	Total
Name:	email:			\$	\$	\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Title: Lion	<input type="checkbox"/> Leo	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (DG, PID, etc.)	Registration (\$15)	Friday Night (\$10)	Sat. Lunch (\$20)	Sat. Night (\$15)	Special Diet Needs (note on back)	Total
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Name:	email:			\$	\$	\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Total Enclosed: \$									

Make your own Hotel Reservations at: Menominee Casino Resort, N277 Hwy 47/55, Keshena, WI 54135, 1-800-343-7778

Ask for Lions rate of \$82 per night (pricing good until Oct. 15. The room block is under "Lions B2")

Room includes: \$10 casino play voucher for "Player Card Members". A full restaurant is connected to the hotel.



We Serve

DISTRICT 27-C1 CONVENTION

Hotel Marshfield
2700 S. Central Avenue
Marshfield, WI 54449

Friday-Saturday, October 18 & 19, 2024

REGISTRATION FORM

Return by **Friday, October 4, 2024** to:
Brad Behrens, 5180 N 60th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401

Registration fees and meal fees must accompany this form.
NO MEAL Tickets will be sold after Friday, October 4, 2024
(Registration on-site will be available for Meetings & Seminars only)

Club Name: _____ **Contact Person:** _____

Contact Phone: _____

****CLUBS, REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CLUB BANNER TO BE DISPLAYED DURING THE CONVENTION!**

Name PLEASE PRINT	Lion	Guest	Kristen Brown Speaker only \$10	Reg Fee \$10	District Pin \$3	Friday Night	Saturday			Total
						5:30 PM Dinner Auction 7pm Soup and Salad Buffet \$21	Lunch	Evening Banquet		
							Baked Potato Bar \$19	Chicken Cordon Bleu \$29	Braised Beef Tips \$29	\$
										\$
										\$
										\$
										\$

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS: _____

Total \$ _____

Make check payable to: Lions District 27-C1

Single and Double rooms: \$119/night for each night, plus tax

Hotel Marshfield
2700 S. Central Ave, Marshfield, WI 54449
(715) 387-2700

Mention you are with the Lions – A block of rooms has been reserved.

2025 Lions State CURLING BONSPIEL

Sponsored by the Pardeeville Lions Club

January 10th-12th 2025

Portage Curling Club, 107 W Albert St, Portage, WI 53901

Registration Form (32 Team Limit)

Entry deadline December 20th, 2024

Club

Contact

E-mail

Phone

Team 1

Skip

Vice Skip

Second

Lead

of Extra Curlers/Guests

First Draw ☐ 9 am ☐ 10:30 ☐ 12 pm ☐ 1:30

Team 2

Skip

Vice Skip

Second

Lead

of Extra Curlers/Guests

First Draw ☐ 9 am ☐ 10:30 ☐ 12 pm ☐ 1:30

Registration Fee \$ 360/four person team

Extra Curler/Guest \$ 40/person (covers
banquet, beer, soda, food)

**Mail checks &
registration to:**

Pardeeville Lions
Club

429 Ridgeway Drive,
Rio, WI 53960

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:

- 3 Game Guarantee
- 6 End Games 1st Draw
- **Friday Night Banquet**

@ The Ball Room

- Food and Snacks
All Weekend
- Free Beer & Soda
at the Curling Club

Registration & payment
must be received by
12/20/24 to guarantee
entry. Early paid entries
get first choice of
preferred draw times.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Best Western Hotel

2701 County Rd CX
Portage, WI 53901
608-742-2200

The Ridge Motor Inn

2900 New Pinery Rd
Portage, WI 53901
608-534-6615

Super 8 by Wyndham

3000 New Pinery Rd
Portage, WI 53901
608-742-8330

QUESTIONS CONTACT:

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