

Wisconsin Lions-Multiple District MD 27-E2
District Cabinet Meeting
Eau Claire Moose Lodge
July 28, 2024
12:00 luncheon with meeting to follow

Cabinet Meeting Called to Order	DG James Dimock
Pledge of Allegiance	FVDG Kayleen Rosman
Prayer	Lion Anita LeCleir
Song	PDG Tom LeCleir
Introduction and News from COG	DG James Dimock
Roll Call (via sign in sheet)	Lion Lisa Bourget
Approval of Minutes from last meeting**	
Treasurer's Report**	Lion Reid Meyer
Old Business	DG James Dimock
New Business	
Committee Reports	
Bowling-District/State**	PDG Ronda Bierbrauer
Childhood Cancer**	PDG Ronda Bierbrauer
	Lion Laurie Klinkhammer
Diabetes Awareness and Action**	Lion Dr. Bob Johnson
	Lion Nan Dolphin
	Lion Beth Okas
District Convention	IPDG Jay Nesseseth
District LCI Coordinator	PCC Stacey Nesseseth
Environment	Lion Eric Buss
GLT**	PID Connie LeCleir-Meyer
	Lion Loni Hilmanowski
GMA	PID Connie LeCleir Meyer
GMT**	Lion Emily Barth
GET**	Lion Sonny Hagen
GST**	PDG Pat Furey
Golf**	Lion Ken King
Hearing Preservation Awareness/Action**	PDG Dan Gaeu
Hunger Prevention**	Lion John Phelps
I T-Social Media	DG James Dimock
I T-Website**	PDG Brad Barth
LCIF Coordinator	PCC Stacey Nesseseth
Leader Dog for the Blind**	PDG Marcia Hagen
Leo Liaison**	PDG Ronda Bierbrauer

Lions Eye Bank**	Lion Gerry Ries
	PDG Gary Brummeyer
Lions Pride	Lion Sue Shakal E1
Marketing Chairperson	SVDG Randi McVinnie
Missions**	PDG Marcia Hagen
New Voices	Lion Randi McVinnie
Peace Poster and Essay**	Lion John Phelps
Pins**	Lion Reid Meyer
Policy and Procedure-District	PDG Gary Brummeyer
Restoring Hope Transplant House**	Lion Lori Klinkhammer
State Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions	PCC Stacey Nesseth
Stuff the Bus	SVDG Randi McVinnie
USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum	PID Connie LeCleir Meyer
Vision**	PDG Dave Schaefer
Wisconsin Lions Editor**	PDG Ronda Bierbrauer
Wisconsin Lions Foundation (WLF)**	Lion Director Jay Nesseth
	Lion Director Laurie Klinkhammer
Youth Exchange**	Lion MB Siakpere
Zone Chairs	
Region 1 Zone 1: Roberts, Woodville, Deer Park, Hammond, Hudson, Somerset —Lion Mike Burnley	
Region 1 Zone 2** : Durand, Menomonie, Glen Hills, Boyceville—Lion Loni Hilmanoski	
Region 2 Zone 1: Ellsworth, Plum City, River Falls, Spring Valley, Prescott—Lion Kristi Miller	
Region 2 Zone 2: Alma, Cochrane Buffalo City, Fountain City, Pepin, Waumandee Area, Fountain City FarmFest—DG James Dimock	
Region 3 Zone 1: Altoona, Augusta, Fall Creek, Elk Mound, Eau Claire Evening, Eau Claire Seymour, Cleghorn—Lion Scott and Lion Brenda Johnson	
Region 3 Zone 2** : Fairchild, Mondovi, Pleasantville, Osseo, Eleva Strum—FVDG Kayleen Rosman	
Region 4 Zone 1** : Arcadia, Ettrick, Galesville, Independence, Trempealeau, Whitehall —Lion Lisa Bourget	
Region 4 Zone 2** : Alma Center, Black River Falls, Merrilan, Blair, Pigeon Falls—Lion Shawn Callisto	

Sharing of Great Ideas	
1st VDG Comments	FVDG Kayleen Rosman
2nd VDG Comments	SVDG Randi McVinnie
Closing Comments	DG James Dimock
Guest Comments	
Tailtwister	PDG Forrest Nutter

Adjournment
Next Meeting October 6, 2024 Noon

District E2 Meeting 5/18/2024

The pledge was led by DGE James, and prayer by Lion Anita.

DG Jay thanked all for their service and making it a wonderful district to serve, especially with 98% service reporting! The purpose of today's agenda is to wrap up for the year.

PDG Ronda reported on Childhood Cancer - Over \$6k was raised by clubs on top of prior donations. Updates/milestones:

- Great news on Connor who got to ring the bell.
- Continuing discussions with Hudson hospital starting infusion.
- The items being requested are music components for calmness, clocks (that don't tick) for infusion, and distraction art for the infusion room.

DG Jay shared an update on the Council of Governor's Meeting: Incoming Governor's voted not to continue with statewide pediatric cancer, but that doesn't mean we have to stop supporting it as a district. Challenges with statewide included most of funds raised/donated are staying in the Madison/Milwaukee/Green Bay area and not coming to our side of the state. All are encouraged to keep promoting childhood cancer

PDG Brad Barth encouraged all to support LCIF. The last grant for handicap van in River Falls passed and is closed out; there aren't any current grants. If the district raises over \$15k we get 5% back every year and it accrues up to 10 years (can also use partial funds and match).

PID Ron Duffe: We are the 5th largest district in this state with 310 members over 75 years old. Encouraged all present to go back to clubs to recruit newer/younger members to pass the torch. We do have the youngest average age in the state. Lions encouraged by PID Ron and DG James to try and recruit people 10 years younger than you – then have them recruit people 10 years younger than them. Consider what the younger members are looking for; they may not like meetings – get creative with the structure of your meetings and also remind members/prospects they don't have to be at every meeting. Be open-minded to newer younger members that want to try something.

ID Lee and PIP Douglas Alexander: Keep having fun in service and meetings – happy members don't leave! Our goal is 1.5m by June 2027! We have a retention problem; look at why we are losing them. People join to serve – let's give them the opportunity to serve. Current leadership should consider stepping aside and letting someone else come in. Give them the opportunity to grow. As an example of getting creative with recruiting, PID Connie introduced Joe who joined Altoona (lives in DC area). He will be transferring to DC; first he decided to experience Lions through Altoona.

Voting: Reminder Delegate cards must be certified as they leave the meeting. Stamp the yellow voter card and check them off on the official delegate certification form.

DG Jay officially passed the gavel on to new DG James. DG James encouraged focus on getting 100% service reporting and growing membership.

Meeting adjourned.


Respectfully submitted: Lisa Bourget

Multiple District 27-E2 Lions – Financial Report


Submitted by Cabinet Treasurer Reid Meyer

July 28, 2024

1. **2023-2024 YTD Summary** – High-level column aligns with the District checkbook, General column aligns with the District Budget, and District Programs columns align with the respective District Program/Fund summaries (see respective financial documents accordingly).

 CHANGING THE WORLD	High-level (see electronic register)	General (see District Budget)	District Programs					District Programs Summary
			Hearing	Missions	Youth Exchange	Vision Screening	Camp Needlepoint	
Beginning Account Balance	\$123,795.46	\$16,426.66	\$25,162.65	\$2,395.12	\$8,426.03	\$12,019.00	\$59,366.00	\$107,368.80
Total Receipts	\$84,847.35	\$51,432.35	\$675.00	\$2,715.00	\$390.00	\$2,995.00	\$26,640.00	\$33,415.00
Total Disbursements	\$92,081.96	\$47,491.16	\$3,000.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$55.80	\$40,935.00	\$44,590.80
Ending Account Balance	\$116,560.85	\$20,367.85	\$22,837.65	\$4,510.12	\$8,816.03	\$14,958.20	\$45,071.00	\$96,193.00
Net Change	-\$7,234.61	\$3,941.19	-\$2,325.00	\$2,115.00	\$390.00	\$2,939.20	-\$14,295.00	-\$11,175.80

2024-2025 YTD Summary

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Total Receipts	\$3,283.15	\$3,283.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Disbursements	\$8,448.12	\$8,448.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending Account Balance	\$111,395.88	\$15,202.88	\$22,837.65	\$4,510.12	\$8,816.03	\$14,958.20	\$45,071.00	\$96,193.00
Net Change	-\$5,164.97	-\$5,164.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

2. **State and District Dues Summary** – Pepin has outstanding dues since second-half 2022-2023. Seven Clubs have outstanding 2023-2024 State and District second-half dues (Augusta, Black River Falls, Blair, Cochrane Buffalo City, Merrillan, Pepin and Pleasantville). Clubs were billed for 2024-2025 first-half dues on July 22, 2024; 7 Clubs already paid.
3. **Special Funds Summary (Hudson Hospital / Childhood Cancer)** – Current balance is \$13,741.00.
4. **2023-2024 Audit** – Financial materials are ready and will be sent to the Audit Committee (PDG Tom Redbird (*Chair*), PDG Marcia, IPDG Jay, DG James, 1VDG Kayleen and 2VDG Randi) for review; a report will be presented at the next Cabinet meeting.
5. **District Taxes for 2023-2024** – Taxes will be prepared and filed before the next cabinet meeting.
6. **2024-2025 Expense Reimbursement** – Expense form is available on the District 27-E2 web site.



Wisconsin Lions State Bowling



Spring Meeting
MD27 Convention
Madison Marriott, Middleton, WI
Saturday, May 18, 2024

Committee Members in Attendance: Earl Skarda A2, Lee Verg B2, Mike Carter C1, Bruce Voight D1 & Ronda Bierbrauer E2.

Absent: Joan Post A1, Bill Hilbert B1, Dennis Knott C2, Ken & Liz Johnson & Jerry Zais E1

Tichigan Lake Lions: Tim Szeklinski, Tom Szeklinski,

Sheboygan Noon: Mike Stubler

Bevent/Easton Hewitt: Linda Carter, Zac Kachel, ??

Meeting Minutes

Lion Voight called the meeting to order at 10:42am.

Minutes: The Minutes from the April 27 Meeting were reviewed. Motion by Lion Bierbrauer to accept the minutes as presented. 2nd by Lion Verg. Motion approved unanimously.

Financials: An updated Financial Report from Fiscal 2023-2024 was reviewed by Lion Voight. Motion by Lion Carter to approve the financial report to be filed for audit. Second by Lion Bierbrauer. Motion approved unanimously.

Tichigan Lake Lions Club A1

Report on the 2024 Bowling Tournament

- Totals: Teams – 65 Doubles – 110 Singles - 213
- Tournament ran for 7 weekends, People had fun!
- Lion Tim Szeklinski presented the financial report for the tournament. Net of \$21,646.71.
- Payouts and Awards will be announced in about 10 days. Due to problems with averages and handicaps, everything will be reviewed by the committee in the next week. After verification, the results and payouts will be sent to Lions Hrycay and Szeklinski. Tichigan Lake will send payout checks and awards to the winners.
- Check for WLSBC Administrative Fee of \$1732.50 received from Tichigan Lake Lions Club.
- Final standings will be posted on the State Bowling Webpage
- Lion Voight will update rolling Averages.

2025 Bowling Hosts – Sheboygan Noon Lions – B1

- Lion Voight will set up a Google Drive for future use by tournament hosts
- Will be using Lakeshore's tournament software for scoring/record keeping
- Planning to accept electronic payment for registration
- Will have 16 lanes available for use – tournament will run 5-6 weekends
- Dates will be determined in fall
- Lanes can accommodate a 3-game match between Committee and District Governors with date and timing determined once the State Calendar is announced

2026 Bowling Host – District C1

- Bevent/Easton Hewitt Wausau Lions Clubs will be on the ballot at State Convention to host in 2026
- Tournament will be hosted at Dale's Weston Lanes for 3-4 weekends
- 20 Lanes will be available for tournament use.
- No Bowling on 1st weekend of March 2026 – State High School Tournament

2027 Bowling – Host District – D1

- Possible interest from Sun Prairie Lions
- Lion Voight will notify D1 Clubs and post information on State Webpage

Election of Committee Chair and Secretary/Treasurer for 2024-2025

Motion made by Lion Verg to keep the current Chair, Lion Bierbrauer, and Sec/Tr, Lion Voight for 2024-2025. Second by Lion Carter. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion to Rename the "Tournament"

Lion Bierbrauer said that in an effort to attract more novice bowlers to the State Bowling Tournament that we should look at changing the word "tournament" to something that sounds less intimidating. Experience, Adventure, Extravaganza, Journey, Venture, etc. and create a new logo to promote.

- After some discussion, it was determined that we should keep "tournament," but add a tag line to rename.
- Suggestion to move to divisions to attract more USBC, higher average and women bowlers – possibly 175 & over, under 175, women's, coed divisions – to make the handicaps more equitable.

Next Meeting - The next meeting of the WLSBC will be held at Lakeshore Lanes, 2519 S Business Drive in Sheboygan on Sept 14 at 11am.

With no further business, Lion Carter moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Lion Verg. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lion Bruce Voight, Secretary/Treasurer

Childhood Cancer report to Cabinet 7/28/24

Hudson Hospital has begun Pediatric Infusion treatments.

PDG Ronda met with Hudson Hospital Foundation Director Erika Schendel and Assistant Debi on April 18, 2024 to talk about what we, as Lions, can do to help make the Infusion Center more child friendly and efficient.

Items in need are the CellaVision DC-1, Art work, IV Poles, Wall Clocks, Distraction Toys, and Sound Machines. We have costs and quantity asked by Hudson Hospital for each item(s).

Smile bags will be brought to the Hudson Hospital when we meet again to discuss where we will go from this point forward.

We are asking for action to apply for a matching grant for the Cella Vision DC-1 (\$42,000) Artwork (4X\$400=\$1600) Wall Clocks (7X\$20=\$140) Sound Machines (7X \$30=\$210) Distraction Toys (\$1200) IV Poles (7X\$325=\$2275) Total without taxes and shipping \$47,425.00

E1 remains at a stand still with the Childhood Cancer funds they have waiting to hear what E2 will do with theirs and what we can do for the Hudson Hospital. Will meet with E1 when a decision has been made. Am also willing to visit clubs in our district with the reasons for the Grant.

The state Childhood Cancer Initiative Fund closed for the 2023-2024 Lionist year with \$80,000 in donations to be divided between 5 organizations, Krause Pediatric Cancer Angel Fund, Kisses from Keegan, Children's Cancer Family Foundation, Badger Childhood Cancer Network, and Cory's project. The first part of the donations was given out to each organization at the State Convention with all 5 organizations being present.

As of this report we have not been notified of any other children with Cancer in our District in need of help.

Putting smiles on the faces of children with cancer.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Klinkhammer & Ronda Bierbrauer, Childhood Cancer Committee Partners

Diabetes Awareness Report 07-28-2024

Camp Needlepoint/Daypoint will be held August 11-23. Camp Needlepoint/Daypoint is held at the YMCA camp south of Hudson. This camp will give a week of safe, fun, summer camping to children with diabetes. The kids are always quick to point out how fun it is and how it is great to not be different for a week. The parents are always quick to thank us for providing the camperships and to point out how wonderful a week it was for their child. There were 82 campers from Wisconsin. The \$35,825 donation from the 27-E2 Camp Needlepoint/Daypoint Campership Fund helped provide camperships to all 55 children from Western Wisconsin. Thank you to all the Lions of 27-E2!

All Lions are welcome to serve food at the Daypoint picnic from 4:30-6:30 PM on Friday, August 16th. Camp is held at the YMCA Camp St. Croix just south of Hudson on County Road F. We will again serve food from the dining hall. The River Center is the first building you come to when you drive into camp. There should be parking in front of the River Center and the dining hall is just beyond the River Center on the south end of an open field. This service project is fun, a great chance to see camp, and a way for camp and campers to thank all 27-E2 Lions for their service and donations.

I do expect a few more donations from clubs before Camp begins. This year we have received \$22,990 in donations to the Camp Needlepoint/Daypoint Campership Fund from 32 Lions clubs. Those donations bring the total in the 27-E2 Campership Fund to \$45,071. After the \$35,825 donation for camperships, \$9246 will remain in the Fund. I have sent a separate attachment which details all the donations.

At the end of September, we will be sending out a request for donations to club presidents and secretaries. I will email a copy of this request for funds to all 27-E2 Cabinet members.

If you have more questions about Camp Needlepoint/Daypoint, if you are interested in a program presentation at your club meeting, or if you want to donate to the Campership Fund, contact me at:

558 River Hills Drive
River Falls, WI 54022
715-441-1558
rbjmd@hotmail.com

Lion Dr. Bob Johnson
Lion Beth Okas, RN
Lion Nan Dolphin, Pharmacist
Co-Chairs District 27-E2 Diabetes Awareness

GLT Report – July 28, 2024

1. We are seeking a GLT Zone Chair Training Grant.
2. Officer Training dates (Zone, President, & Treasurer) to be determined.
3. Secretary Training will be held via Zoom towards the end of August. Date to be determined.

This will be partial training and covering the basics.

- How to add Club Officers
 - How to Report Service
 - How to add/drop a member
4. Several Clubs are having a difficult time accessing the new Portal. You can contact:

lionssupport@lionsclubs.org

630-468-6900

GMT REPORT 27-E2 – as of June 30, 2024

This is the start of the new Lion year, so I am starting the numbers below. The starting membership for this year is 1,596. We are hoping to see the numbers go up from there. In reviewing the month of June there were a few clubs with a significant (over 10) members dropped, so hopefully we can start building our membership. We have 2 clubs with under 10 members so these may be good areas to start the build.

	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	1,596	1,596
Added Members		
Dropped Members		
Closing Balance		
Net Gain/Loss		

MD27 E2 Cabinet Report

Global Extension Team

7/25/2024

As the new GET Coordinator, I'd like to speak at each of the Zone's to explore new club ideas and provide resources for new club development.

Respectfully,

Lion Sonny Hagen

District 27-E2 GST Report:

All is quiet on the western front! 7 out of 44 clubs have utilized the new Lions Pirtal to report service for the month of June. We finished last year with only one club not reporting service! Great job!!!

Submitted by PDG Pat Furey

DISTRICT 27-E2 GOLF REPORT

July 28, 2024

The Hudson Lions hosted the 2024 District golf tournament at the White Eagle golf course near Hudson. The Hudson Lions did a fantastic job organizing and conducting the tournament with a profit of over \$8,000.

The 2025 District golf tournament will be hosted by the Eleva/Strum and Cleghorn Lions on Saturday, May 10th at the Hickory Hills golf course.

Lion Ken King
District 27-E2 Golf Chair

27-E2 HEARING COMMITTEE REPORT
Cabinet meeting: July 28, 2024

Three applications came in for hearing aids during the past fiscal year, one of which was approved for two aids at our district's expense that have been delivered.

Another was disapproved because of income at 275% of the poverty level. The other was approved at the 140-200% poverty level, where the recipient pays for the aids at a reduced WLF negotiated expense, but never obtained an audiologist for them.

The raising of the full approval level on January 1st from 140% to 200% of poverty for 2024 and the self-pay to 200-230% has not yet shown any effect on the lack of applicants.

We currently have funds for the next twenty-four aids at ~\$1,000 per aid, although some cost more.

The application for hearing aid assistance can be found on the District Organization page of our District website: md27e2.org, and on the WLF website: wlf.info – Hearing Program.

Zone Chairs: Again, please inform clubs that the number of applications has diminished for the past five years, and they should promote our WLF Hearing program in their community. Clubs which are interested in learning more about our WLF Hearing Aid Project can contact me, 715-386-8054, to schedule a visit to present it at their membership meeting.

Dan Gaeu
District Hearing Chair

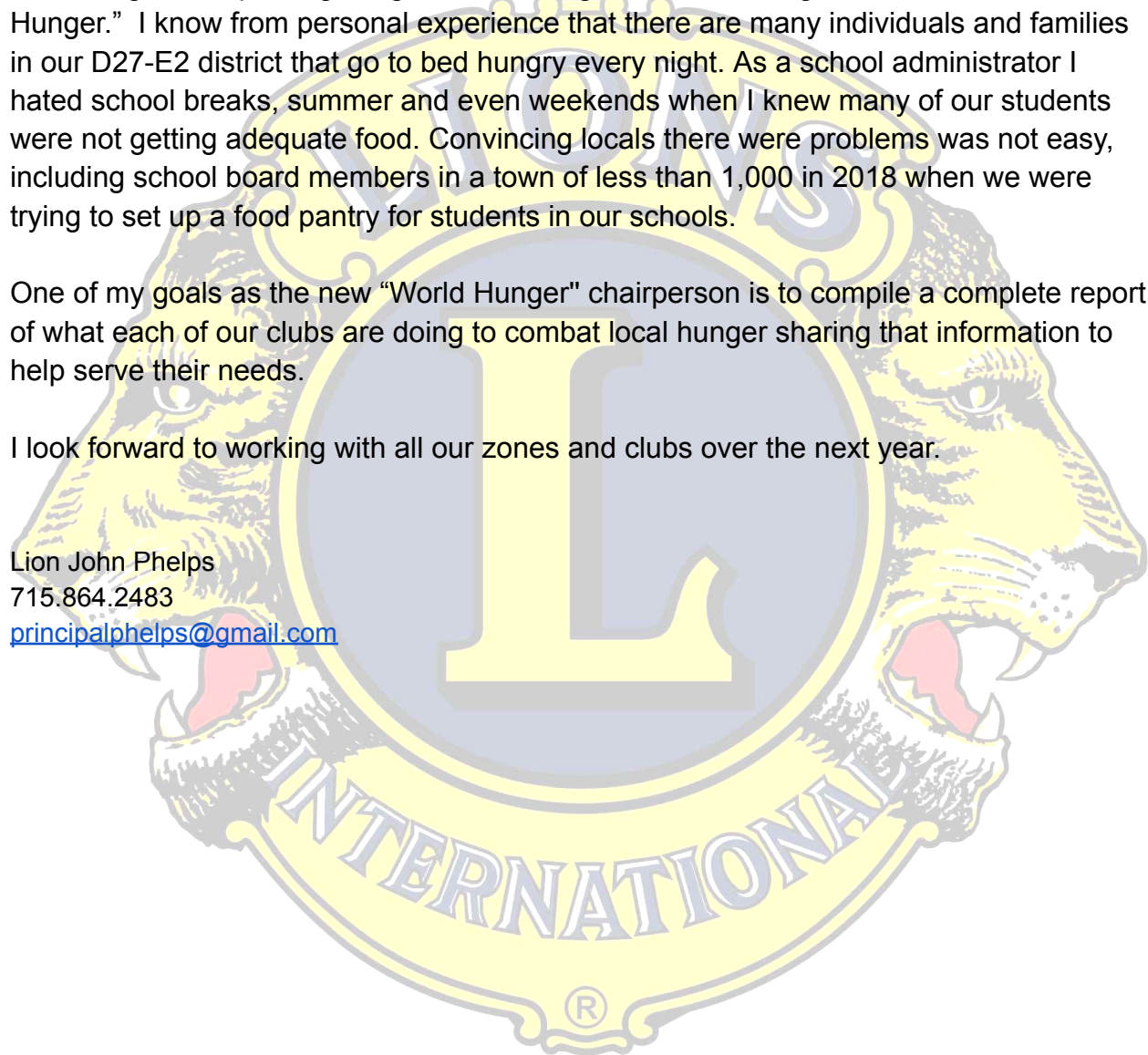
World Hunger Report 7.28.2024

Little things add up to big things. “Local Hunger” is a little thing that adds to “World Hunger.” I know from personal experience that there are many individuals and families in our D27-E2 district that go to bed hungry every night. As a school administrator I hated school breaks, summer and even weekends when I knew many of our students were not getting adequate food. Convincing locals there were problems was not easy, including school board members in a town of less than 1,000 in 2018 when we were trying to set up a food pantry for students in our schools.

One of my goals as the new “World Hunger” chairperson is to compile a complete report of what each of our clubs are doing to combat local hunger sharing that information to help serve their needs.

I look forward to working with all our zones and clubs over the next year.

Lion John Phelps
715.864.2483
principalphelps@gmail.com



Here is my District Information Technology Chairperson Report.

I have updated the MD27-E2 President and Secretary google groups. Note: Not all clubs have an email listed for each of those positions.

Some emails were sent via Invite instead of direct add - it is up to the individuals to accept the invite to be on the list.

I have also updated the district cabinet google group. It can be used directly (listed below) instead of keeping track of a full list of 41+ emails.

md27-e2-district-cabinet@googlegroups.com

I have updated the website's District Organization page with the new cabinet officer list, zone chairs, and expense voucher.

I am working with DG James for pictures to update the Home page and the Governor's Message page and his "bio" for said page.

If you haven't noticed DG James and I changed the "Calendar" page to reflect the District's google calendar so all events can be seen and shown as long as they are linked to the district's google calendar.

I am not aware of any other updates requested to the website. As you find any updates I should make please let me know.

Thanks,

27-E2 PDG Bradley Barth
MD27-E2 District Information Technology Chairperson

Leader Dog

MD27 E2 Cabinet report

7/25/2024

So far I am orienting to the structure of the program and plan to offer speakers and materials to clubs and encourage monetary donations as well as antlers.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Marcia Hagen



LEOS



MD27-E2

We did it!!!!!!!

On February 15 at 6:00 pm Jamie from the Hudson Lions Club and PDG Ronda met via a Zoom meeting along with a couple of the girls who will be the Leo's Officers. PDG Ronda then Met the Hudson High School students interested in forming a Leo's Club on April 9 via a Zoom meeting at 7:00am. We are moving forward. On May 5 at 6:00 pm PDG Ronda met at the Hudson High School for a in person meeting and the signing of the application to begin a Leo's Club in Hudson. We then met on May 21 to finalize the name and see how many application were signed by parents for the Leo's via a Zoom meeting. Once the check from the Hudson Lions was received the application was then mailed to LCI. We have begun a Leo's Club with 11 students who want to make a difference and serve.

Every Opportunity Taken

While visiting the Ellsworth Club to Install their new Officers I had the pleasure of meeting the Principal of the Ellsworth Middle. It did not take me long to ask him if he would be interested in helping me form a Leo's Club in Ellsworth. Answer: "I would be interested, yes."

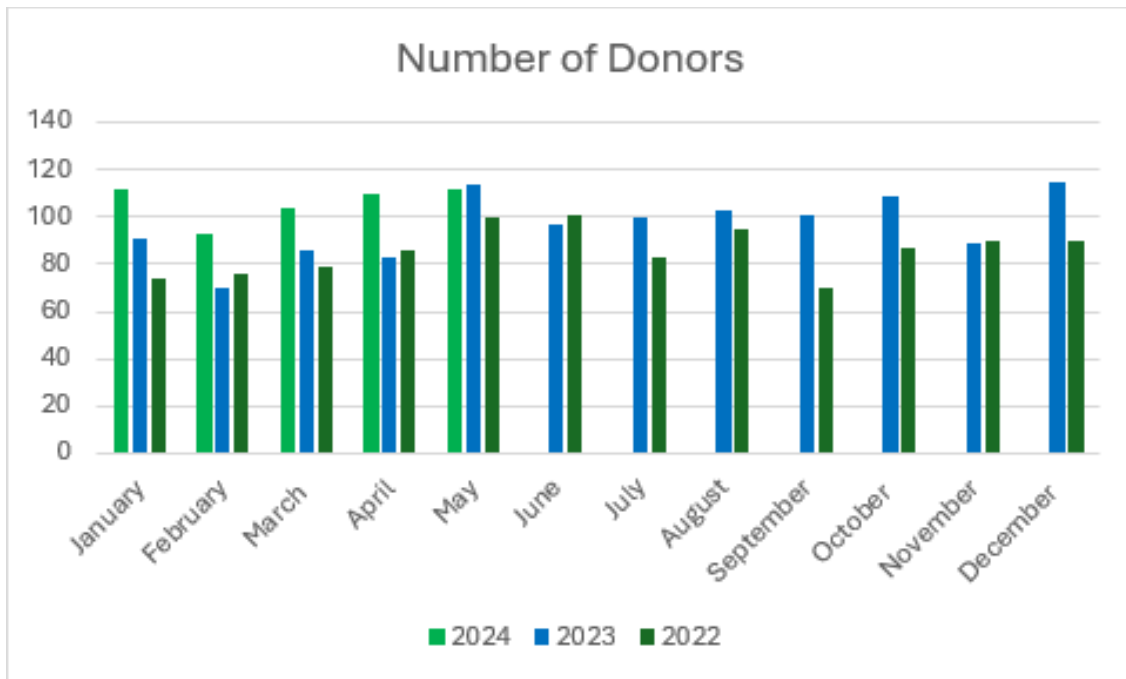
Guess where I will be trying next? :) I have not forgotten Menomonie, or the combination of Roberts, Woodville/Baldwin, and Somerset.

I did contact the Altoona Club President and left a message, which has not been returned as of today. I have also not forgotten about Alma. We have so many roads we can take to make/meet a Leo's Club. I will keep traveling down them .

Cabinet Support

I would like to ask the Cabinet for their support in buying the Hudson Leo's Club their Banner. I am also requesting the Cabinet pay for the Zoom fee so I may continue to have meetings to establish more Leo's Clubs and meet with the Hudson Leos as they begin their journey. This is in addition to the \$150.00 budget you gave me for transportation and kits etc.

Submitted by PDG Ronda



LEBW Transporter Stats

- LEBW Transporters logged 2,847 transports throughout the entire state of Wisconsin during the 2023-24 Lions year. Of the Lions Clubs in MD27, 417 of the 504 clubs are involved in the transporter program. Of the 417 clubs in the program, 315 had transports in the 2023-24 year. Thank you Lions for your ongoing support and dedication to this program.

Certified Transporter Training

- The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin is pleased to announce a new training and certification program for transporters scheduled to start during the 2024-25 Lions year. LEBW Transporters are responsible for moving our most precious cargo throughout the state of Wisconsin which is subject to rules and regulations related to the transport of human tissue. We have developed a workshop that will help better educate transporters and continue to ensure the safe and proper delivery of cornea tissue.

LEBW is working to make training dates/times as convenient as possible for our volunteers. Training sessions will be announced soon. They will be available virtually through Zoom, in person at transporter meetings, on the Friday afternoon of district conventions or by scheduling a training with Lion Adam Crowson, Communications and Outreach Manager. Adam can be reached by phone at 608-709-8197 or by email at acrowson@lebw.org.

Are we required to be certified to transport? It is essential for compliance purposes that all transporters become Certified Lions Volunteer Transporters. You will receive a certificate upon completion of the workshop and be recognized for this achievement.

New Volunteer Position: Transport Instructor/Regional Coordinator: To fully support our new training program, LEBW is seeking 12 volunteers to serve in the prestigious role of transport instructors/regional coordinators. These very special volunteer positions will facilitate transporter training and the recertification training workshops in your region of Wisconsin and help communicate timely updates to dispatchers and transporters in your area.



LEBW Council of Governors Report

As an instructor, you will work with Lion Adam Crowson, Communications and Outreach Manager to learn about the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin, its transporter program, and how to instruct and train transporters and dispatchers. (e.g. train the trainer). Instructors are required to attend a half-day workshop at the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin to become certified as instructors/trainers.

Upcoming Events

Youth Exchange Visit

- LEBW is very excited to have the Lions Youth Exchange visit the eye bank on Aug. 14.

Council of Governors Visit

- LEBW is looking forward to the 2024-25 MD27 Council of Governors visit on Aug. 22. District Governors will get a full tour of LEBW and discuss their district goals for the 2024-25 Lions year.

Saving Sight: The Journey of the Gift of Sight

Dr. Tolulope Oyedun, LEBW's Director of Clinical and Technical Services will be the guest speakers at the University of Wisconsin Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences lecture series. The presentation will be 6:30 p.m. Aug. 22 at the Health Sciences Learning Center on the UW Hospital campus at 750 Highland Ave., Madison, WI 53075.

World Eye Bank Symposium 2024 and Asia Cornea Society

In September 2024, Dr. Tolulope Oyedun, LEBW's Director of Clinical and Technical Services, will be a presenter at the World Eye Bank Symposium in Jakarta, Indonesia and then present at the 9th Biennial Scientific Meeting of the Asia Cornea Society immediately after the symposium.

Annual Meeting Updates

- Each fiscal year, all ten districts in Wisconsin have established goals for financial contributions given to LEBW. District Governors participate by encouraging clubs within their district to make contributions throughout the year. If the district meets their goal, the District Governor is presented with either a Knight or Gift of Sight Fellowship Award.

In the 2023-24 Lions year, all 10 district governors from MD27 met their Knight of Sight goals for the second consecutive year. This is the second time all district governors met their Knight of Sight goals.

Congratulations to the following districts and District Governors:

1. A1, Tal Janowitz – Knight of Sight Fellowship
2. A2, Brenda Rumppe – Knight of Sight Fellowship
3. B1, Greg Kubichka – Knight of Sight Fellowship
4. B2, Shirley Dahlke – Knight of Sight Fellowship
5. C1, Patty Hollis – Knight of Sight Fellowship
6. C2, Don Meeder – Knight of Sight Fellowship
7. D1, Jeff Winkler – Knight of Sight Fellowship
8. D2, Anita Kelley – Knight of Sight Fellowship
9. E1, Dennis Sykora – Knight of Sight Fellowship
10. E2, Jay Nesseth – Knight of Sight Fellowship



LEBW Council of Governors Report

Board of Directors

- LEBW would like to thank our retiring board of directors PDG Bob Henning (C1), PDG Bob Klockow (A2) and Dr. Michale Shapiro for serving on our board. Special thanks to outgoing board chair Erica Singley (D1) for a wonderful year. We are pleased to welcome PDG Dan Montaine (A2), Lion Al Kanugh (B1) and Council Representative DG James Dimock (E2) to this year's board of directors.

- 2024-25 LEBW's Board of Directors
 1. PDG Don Drew, Board Chair – A1
 2. Erica Singley, Past Board Chair – D1
 3. PDG Marcia Hagen, 1st Vice Chair – At Large
 4. PDG Judy Hatz, 2nd Vice Chair – C2
 5. PDG Greg Pryor, Secretary – At Large
 6. Ron Blawusch, Treasurer – At Large
 7. DG James Dimock – Council Representative
 8. PDG Dan Montaine – A2
 9. Charles Keifenheim – B1
 10. PCC Dean Haas – B2
 11. PDG Sue Habrat – C1
 12. Clark Pettersen – D2
 13. PDG Larry Bradley – E1
 14. Gerry Ries – E2
 15. Dr. Evan Warner, Medical Director
 16. Dr. Meisha Raven, Associate Medical Director
 17. Dr. T. Michael Nork, Medical Appointee
 18. Al Kanugh, At Large
 19. PDG Rick Daluge – Presidential Appointee
 20. PDG Gary Brummeyer – Presidential Appointee
 21. PDG Jeff Winkler – Presidential Appointee

Missions

Report to the Cabinet

7-25-2024

Wisconsin Lions Missions is planning a eyeglass mission to Pine Ridge in October but is experiencing difficulty with making and confirming local resources and will continue to pursue this mission.

Plans are to also continue to go to the Dominican Republic regularly. Wisconsin Missions will work with MN Lions Missions to help arrange the mission in Guatemala in November this year.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Marcia Hagen

Peace Poster & Essay Report 7.28.2024

“Peace Without Limits”

With schools opening up in a month, it is time to remind and get out the Peace Poster and/or Essay Contest information to our E2 Clubs. How would you explain “Peace Without Limits” in an essay or what would it look like? That is what we are asking of our 11 through 13 year old children in our participating schools and organizations. What a tremendous opportunity for children and the adults they come into contact with trying to create the poster or write an essay.

The essay is for our visually impaired children who cannot create 2D art.

I have questions I need answered to assist me in moving forward with the contest to create greater participation and make it easy for Lions Clubs in 27 E2 to participate.

1. Who does the judging at our 27 E2 District? Is it a committee or a person? Who/m?
2. Are all the clubs using a common scoring matrix or are they having someone else pick the best to send to the district Governor.
3. How are we cutting the cost for our clubs so they do not pay more for shipping than the poster kit?

I look forward to working with the D27-E2 Clubs this next year. I am willing to attend individual zone meetings if possible and requested.

I have included the scoring matrix that is used in the United States to score and pick posters to compete internationally.

Lion John Phelps

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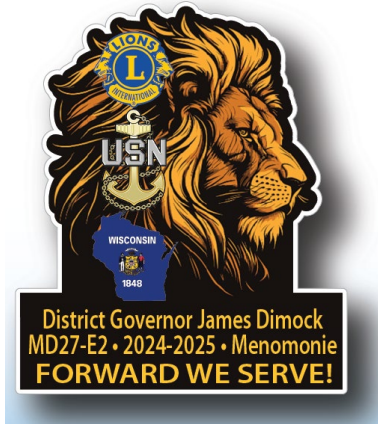
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Lions Multiple District 27-E2 District Pin Report

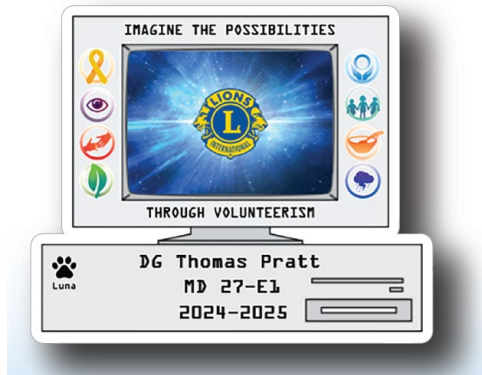


July 28, 2024

Lion James Dimock's District Governor pin ... "Forward We Serve!" and the 2024-2025 District pin, which are available for \$3/pin.



Lion Thomas Pratt's District Governor pin ... "Imagine the Possibilities Through Volunteerism" and a new Menomonie Lions Club pin.



Respectfully submitted,

Lion Reid Meyer
District Pin Chairperson

**Restoring Hope Transplant House
Report to the 27-E2 District Cabinet
July 28, 2024**

The appreciate everything that the Lions Clubs and Lions have done for them through out the year. They are still seeing people coming in that are sicker and poorer. It has been very heartbreaking to see how poor the people have been because of having to pay for more medical treatments ahead of their transplants. With that being said, Cindy expressed that they really need help with the basic operating, for food, heat & electricity. Here is a list of things that she would appreciate getting help with: groceries, laundry soap, All detergent with no fragrance and paper towels.

Submitted by Lion Laurie Klinkhammer

You Are Invited to be involved with our Lions Vision Project

- Who:** Lions of MD 27E2 Regions 3 and 4
- What:** Vision Screener Training
- Where:** Osseo Community Center
- When:** August 8, 2024 7:00 pm
- Why:** Learn or refresh skills and become a certified Vision Screener

Trainers will be PDG Dave Schaefer and DG James Dimock.

Each participant will get the opportunity to train on the SPOT cameras owned by our Lions District 27E2 and learn the new reporting forms. Participants will take home the new Participant Guide created by Wisconsin Lions Foundation and be registered as a certified screener.

The event is being coordinated by Region 3 Zone 2.

RSVP to Zone Chair FVDG Kayleen Rosman by Friday August 2 so participant guides can be received in time for the event.

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Editorial Report To The Cabinet 7/2024

Wisconsin Lions make a difference.

Current

- PDG Ronda will now complete her 2024-2025 Lion year as Editor.

Wisconsin Lions Foundation
Report to the 27-E2 District Cabinet
July 28, 2024

The Birch-Sturm had the Golf Outing on July 20, 2024.

Hustle S'more for Lions Camp race will be held on Saturday August 10, 2024. The race will be held in the morning and then stick around for an afternoon of more fun.

The Kids for Raffle Drawing will be held o September 25, 2024, so make sure all tickets have been turned in.

The WI Lions Family get together will be held on 9/21/24 & 9/22/24 at the Camp, Any Lions Member and their families are welcome. The cost for lodging & meals will be \$60.00 per adult and \$50.00 per youth.

E2 had 20 people that have come to camp this year as of June 19, 2024. Thank you all for going to visit your camp.

PP Brad Behrens and President Pat Hart will be doing a tug of war at the Hustle S'more outing, we would like to see every club donate funds to our Wish List for camp.

If any club would like us to visit and talk about the camp please let PDG Jay or myself know and we will attend your meeting.

The next meeting of the WLF Board will be held on August 17, 2024.

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Respectfully submitted,

PDG Jay Nesseth

Lion Laurie Klinkhammer

Youth Exchange Report - District 27-E2

July 28, 2024

One Week - One Camp - One World

Lions Youth Camp & Exchange Program

www.wisconsinlionsyouthexchange.org

“To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world”

Youth exchange camp is ready and set to go for August 11 - August 18, 2024 at Camp Vista near Dundee, WI.

Districts A, B, C & D are hosting 20 youth from 9 countries: Austria, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Mongolia, Netherlands, Poland and Spain. Unfortunately there were numerous cancellations mostly due to youth unable to procure their Visas. District activities planned so far for the visiting youth are Noah’s Ark, Milwaukee Zoo, Chicago, Baseball game, & Speedway.

Youth camp is run and staffed entirely by Lions and we invite ANY LION MEMBER in your club to join us for a day, or 2 or the entire week helping with the many jobs around camp; room and board provided. You meet and intermingle with a great group of youth, and leave with renewed faith in world peace. It’s also a great opportunity for service hours for your club! Please get the word out to your club and if someone is interested, contact me for more information.

Heads UP! Our District and area has much to offer (let’s not let the southern districts steal all the fun) so you’ll be hearing/seeing more of me over the upcoming year promoting this wonderful opportunity to step out of your lane and experience something new and exciting.

MB Siakpere
MD27-E2 District Chair/Youth Exchange
Eau Claire Seymour Lions Club
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Region 1 Zone 2 Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2024
Boyceville, Durand, Glen Hills LC, Menomonie
Meeting called to order at 6:31pm

- Clubs Attending
 - Boyceville
 - Treasurer - Brian Wolff
 - Secretary - Candice Wolff
 - Glen Hills LC
 - Admin - Joan Bartz
 - Tail Twister – Dave Bartz
 - 1VP - Steve McMartin
 - Menomonie
 - President – Levi Wagner
 - Secretary Loni Hilmanowski (Zone Chair)
 - Membership Chair – James Erickson
 - Past President – James Dimock
 - Treasurer – Lisa Winter
 - Durand
 - None
- Communications
 - Community Impact Grant \$6500 was given – Have a Heart- purchase a wheelchair accessible van.
 - Peace Poster is available from STORE until Oct 1, 2024
 - GST – Service Reporting is at 93% for our district
 - [Hearing](#) - \$1000 per aid – we have funds for 24 aids
 - Childhood Cancer – Kudos given to Boyceville & Glen Hills for their fundraiser and helping children in our district who have pediatric cancer.
 - Youth Exchange looking for host families and children who would like to travel abroad. <https://www.wisconsinlionsyouthexchange.org>
 - Vision Screening Trainers are needed. See [James Dimock](#) for training. 98k children have been screened in the State of Wisconsin.
 - District Golf – Hudon Lions – June 1st at White Eagle Golf Course - [Registration](#)
 - WLF – 257 applications received for children. Doing a Strides raffle at the State Convention. Kids for Raffle tickets are being sent to the clubs. Please sell the tickets.
 - LEBW – Kudo to Menomonie for their auction at the Checkered Flag Banquet. Raise a lot of money for LEBW.
 - Sight Preservation – Kidsight USA has a certification program – [Take the course](#).
 - Leo club - PDG Ronda is in the process forming a Leo Club The first meeting will be held in April. Woodville, New Richmond, St. Croix Central & Baldwin-Woodville schools are being contacted
 - GMA – Need for leadership at the district level. If interested in joining the team, contact DGE [James Dimock](#).
 - USA/Canada Forum 2024 – Louisville, KY.
 - State Convention in Middleton, WI on May 16-18, 2024
- Zone Events – What's happening in your Club?
 - Boyceville
 - Working on Fall Sportsman's Banquet – Oct 19
 - Picklefest – Lions are going to sponsor the Horse Parade -Aug 16

- Glen Hills LC
 - Meat Raffles on Wednesday night
 - Pancake Breakfast on May 5
 - Possible starting of Foundation.
- Durand
 - No Report
- Menomonie
 - The Easter Egg Hunt was successful
 - Work Nights at Wakanda Park
 - Stuff the Bus
 - Dunn County Fair Beer Tent
- Information (hyperlinks have more information)

- Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm

Region 3 Zone 2 Report
4/4/14
Osseo Community Center

Attendance (4)

Osseo-PDG Tom Redbird

Pleasantville-

Fairchild-Lion President Kayleen Rosman

Eleva-Strum-PDG Forrest Nutter, Lion President Jim Husby

Mondovi-

Cabinet Updates by Lion Kayleen

- *Donations to MD27 Childhood Cancer and MD27 E2 Childhood cancer

- *WLF-tickets and Wednesday visits

 - Kayleen to contact Andrea about Camper packets for school.

- *95%+ service reporting only one club in district left

- *Potential cabinet positions—new zone chair possibly Jim after next year

- *Club Elections—into the system by the end of May, include a club administrator that can help with service reporting, double check to make sure email addresses are correct

- *Facebook page should have two people with access

 - Tom to contact DGE James for help with Osseo Lions page

- *State Convention in May—get your registrations in

Presenters or guest speakers for next year:

- *host a regional vision screening training at August 8th Zone meeting.

 - Kayleen to get materials and publicize—see if Osseo Fire Hall is available

- *WLF

- *Leader Dog

Upcoming Events and Celebrations

- *Fairchild- Spring Fishing contest on April 27 11-3

- *Eleva Strum- Food sales June, July, and August—partnered with Stuff the Bus

 - Music in the Park on Wed

 - Car show 1st Sat in August

 - 160-170 kids at Easter Egg Hunt

 - Kayleen to visit July 24 meeting

- *Osseo -Christmas in July raffle

 - 113 kids at Easter Egg Hunt

Open Discussion

Membership Recruitment

- *Osseo hosting an event at the Golf Clubhouse—bring a guest

- *Eleva Strum-Open House—members send letters/invites to 5 people each with drink ticket enclosed—short presentation about Lions, stressing camaraderie

- *Fairchild- posting of what we donate to

District Convention

- *need break out rooms for small group learning opportunities
- *District needs a raffle license
- *Different location maybe-Metropolis, new convention center on Menomonie St or 29 Pines—breakout rooms and hospitality suites

Scrap Like a Lion

- *Composting Bins \$50 per barrel if ordering 3 pallets of 18 there is no shipping =54 barrels—could we utilize them within our zone?
Forrest and Kayleen to check with FFA directors and food service if the school could use them

Next Meeting Thursday, August 8, 2024



District 27 E2 Zone Meeting

Region 4 Zone 1

May 30, 2024

Zone meeting called to order at 8 p.m. at Beedles Suppler Club in Centerville; opened with pledge of allegiance. There were 14 Lions in attendance; clubs attending included Ettrick, Galesville, Independence, Trempealeau and Whitehall.

Old Business:

- Recapped purpose of zone meetings and discussed possible guest speakers at future zone meetings. DG James Dimock's team has published a district calendar to use for requesting an attendee from the Cabinet.
- Lion Lisa recapped State Convention updates and workshops, highlighting:
 - New Lion website: Secretaries only need to report adds/drops. For functionality issues contact support-email is lionssupport@lionsclubs.org.
 - Convention brochure with detailed workshop descriptions was shared with Lions in attendance (*all are encouraged to consider attending 2025!*).
 - Discussed PIP Douglas Alexander's theme "Be One/Bring One" encouraging all to actively recruit new Lions and reach out to those that haven't been active.
- District convention feedback:
 - More time for socialization/networking needs to be built into the convention agenda. This is an opportunity for clubs to meet and build relationships with other Lions from WI -- some of the resources/topics took away from the value of networking and collaboration.
 - Shortage of food: Little was left to eat for those at the last tables that went up. The staff at The Lismore did not seem too concerned.
 - Beverages were lacking; perhaps milk and coffee should be included.
 - Necrology service – every club with a deceased member being recognized should have someone in attendance.
- Membership - Discussed challenges and best practices, discussion included:
 - Challenges with members not paying dues and actively attending meetings: One club followed the process of sending warning notices (and in-person contact) for those a year behind in dues, then changed their status to inactive.
 - Consensus in not raising dues to cover those not paying.
 - Discussed importance of "quantity over quality" – value in mix of members that actively attend meetings, and some that only come to an event or two to volunteer.
 - Encourage sponsors to reach out to their inactive members.
 - Remind Lions that many employers pay for dues of community organizations like the Lions.
 - Incentives for recruiting new members include reduced dues in year 1, new Lions shirt, and reminding prospects (and current members) that 100% of donations go to charities (*dues are used to pay administrative costs and should be part of an admin account for the club*).
 - Consensus we all need to get better at "tooting our horn." Trempealeau Lions shared an example of a poster board they've made up showing community

organization donations for the prior year. This is displayed at events they sponsor and/or have food booths at.

- New Members: Consensus we need to be more intentional about engaging them at meetings, encouraging them to have a voice and know they are just as equal as more tenured members.

New Business:

- Year End is approaching: Clubs are encouraged to submit applications for awards (samples of application forms were distributed to each club in attendance). Open discussion from each club sharing how they are handling nominating/filling positions (best practices shared included moving President to a 2-year term and having a separate Chair – not an officer – leading key events).
- Round Table “Toot Your Horn – What’s Coming Up”: This is always an engaging part of the zone meeting. Clubs shared upcoming activities for the summer including an overview of each event and how they are being creative promoting/getting enough help

Respectfully submitted – Lion Lisa Bourget, Zone Chair

Agenda, District 27-E2 Zone 2 Meeting

April 18, 2024 6:00 PM

Location: Depot Bar, Merrilan, WI

1. Introductions
2. Club Excellence
3. Lions Eye Bank Report
4. Hunger Report
5. Environmental Report
6. District Golf Tournament
7. Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) update
8. Membership in club: Ideas for getting new and retaining new members
9. Leadership positions in Cabinet

10. Update on district Lions Clubs

Pigeon Falls: 2 Attendees: Doing many fundraising and community events. Membership stable

Black River Falls: 3 Attendees: Upcoming events; golf outing, honor banquet. Membership stable

Merrill an: 2 Attendees; fundraising events. Movie and car shows upcoming this summer. Low membership, but working on some ideas to increase.

Blair: No attendees

Alma Center: No attendees

Respectfully submitted by Shawn Callisto, Zone Chair.