

Fellow Lions,

I invite each of you to join other district lions for learning, camaraderie and service at the MD27-E2 District Convention being held at the Lismore Hotel in Eau Claire on March 20 and 21, 2026.

Friday night

A time of fellowship to kick off our convention with the theme of Service Partnerships. Where is your passion for serving? You are invited to dress in support of your favorite service project or cause. For example, if serving youth is near to your heart, you could wear the global cause color of light blue or maybe gear from a state project like Lions Eye Bank. You will have the opportunity to participate in Norwegian Bingo with Lion John, a bean bag tourney, and raffles with PDG Forrest, lots of camaraderie, free beer and cash bar.

Saturday

Our day will start with Speed Learning which consists of three 15-minute presentations on the topics of: WLF/Birch Sturm, Lions Missions, Environmental projects, Membership Growth Through Inclusion, Lions Eye Bank, LCIF, and a roundtable discussion for officers or officer elects. Bring a friend to learn with you.

We will also have seminars highlighting service activities in our area. We will hear speakers from Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Camp Needlepoint, Feed My People and Red House of Hope, as well as the results of two projects--Hudson Hospital Infusion Center and from a cornea transplant recipient. As is tradition, there will be bucket raffles and the Toot Your Horn area where you can learn more about state projects and find out what other clubs are doing. At our luncheon we will hear a message from International Director David Wentworth from Nebraska.

To round out our day we will have elections and a Service Smorgasbord with four opportunities to participate: try out vision screeners and lensometers, create Smile Bags and cards for veterans.

Some reminders

Bucket Raffles:

Bring a bucket raffle item with you to convention to help support our convention or send \$25 to Cabinet Treasurer Lion Reid with note that it is for the purchase of raffle prizes.

Toot Your Horn:

Give your club the opportunity to advertise the great things your club has accomplished this past year and the opportunity for other clubs to get ideas from what you have done. Set up a table in the Toot your Horn area and/or place an ad in the convention booklet.

Necrology:

Honor members lost this past year. Please fill out the form that was sent with this packet so they can be honored at the service. We encourage a member of your club to carry a rose in your lost member's honor during the service.

Project Support for Sleep in Heavenly Peace:

Bring donations of twin sheet sets, pillows, or quilts to convention. Receive a ticket per item donated for a chance at a \$25 Kwik Trip gift card (drawn at the luncheon).

Service Smorgasbord: Donation opportunities

We will be making Smile Bags to be given to local hospitals for children. Your club can send donations with club members--crayons, coloring books, kids card games, notepads or other items for a gallon-sized bag of activities or send a monetary donation to Cabinet Treasurer Lion Reid Meyer noting Smile Bags on the memo line. Another project will be making cards for veterans. Your club can send greeting cards, stickers etc., or send a monetary donation to Lion Reid noting Veteran Cards on the memo line.

Fun and Fellowship is how we pay our members!

Lion Dave and I look forward to seeing everyone at our convention. It has been an honor to represent MD27-E2.

District Governor Kayleen Rosman