



Cabinet Report for District 27-E2

October 1, 2023

The Board of Directors has not met since the last Cabinet meeting. The next Board meeting will be on October 18.

The District 27-E2 goal for donations in 2023-2024 to the LEBW is \$12,000, the same amount as the last Lion year.

I will be sending an email to all Club Presidents offering my availability to make an LEBW presentation at their Club meetings.

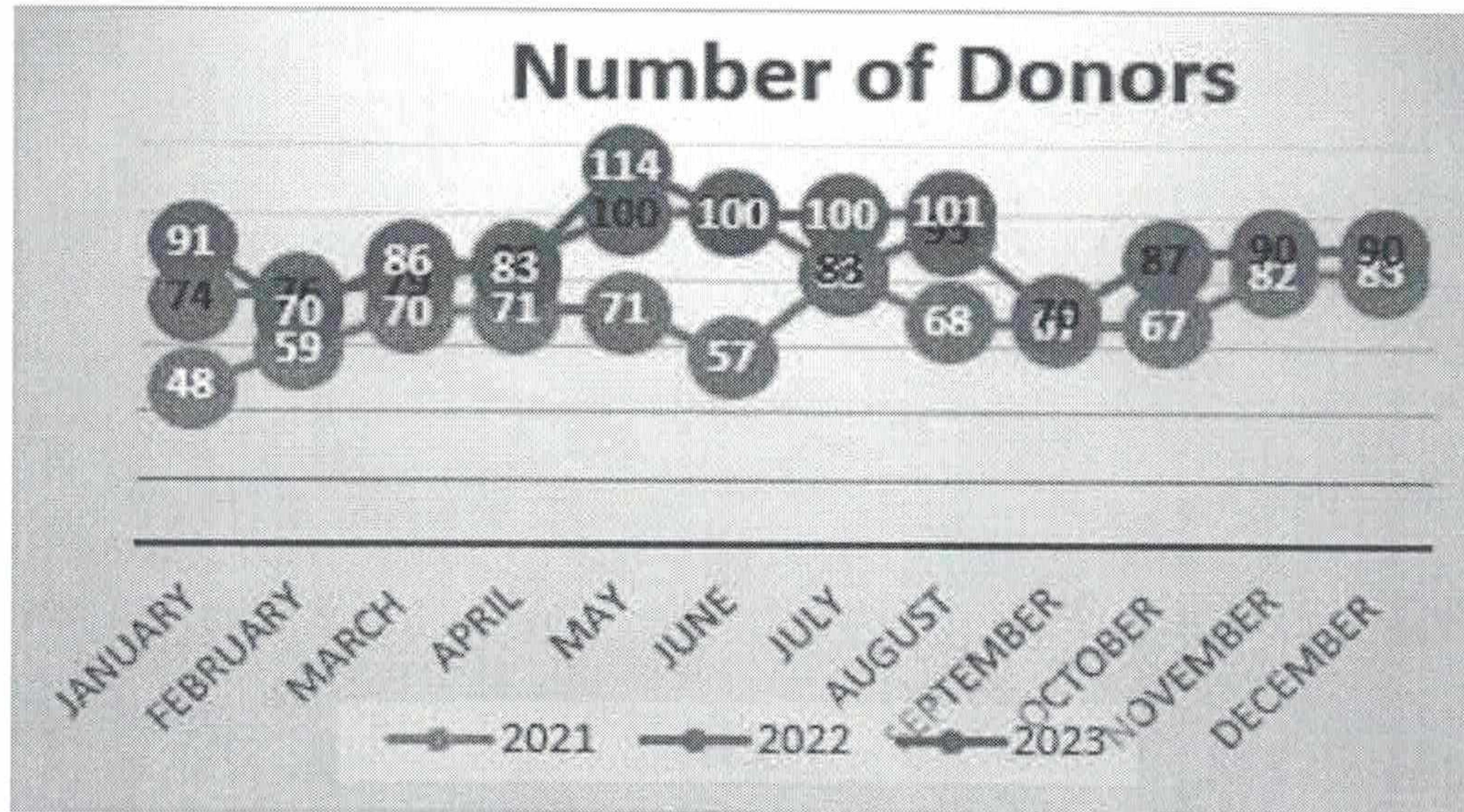
The LEBW and Lions Gift of Sight (Minnesota) have started a partnership where they send their recovery technicians to recover corneal tissue in northwestern/western Wisconsin. We have seen a slight increase in the number of transports and expect that this may increase in the future.

The project to provide cataract surgery in Guatemala is proceeding, with IPDG Marcia's involvement. The Matching Funds request to LCIF has been approved. A "trial run" will occur later in October in preparation for the first event in May, 2024.

A Council of Governors Report from the LEBW is attached for your information.

Submitted by:

Lion Gerry Ries
27-E2 LEBW Board Member



LEBW Transporter Stats

- 105 Wisconsin Lions Clubs made 422 transports from July 1, 2023 through Sept. 10, 2023. Thank you to all of our LEBW Transporters for helping give the gift of sight.

Youth Exchange Visit

- LEBW hosted 30 Lions Youth Exchange students and 9 Chaperones for the Youth Exchange visit on Wednesday, Aug. 16. The program received a full tour of LEBW and learned about eye banking here in Wisconsin and globally. The youth in the program were engaged and asked great questions about the clinical side of cornea tissue donation.

LEBW is open to Lions

- As a reminder, LEBW is open for tours. Several clubs have visited the eye bank already this spring and summer and most have also booked the community room to have their monthly meeting. If your club is interested in touring LEBW, please contact Communications Manager Adam Crowson at acrowson@lebw.org or by phone at 877.233.2354 ext. 212 to schedule a time.

LEBW is Hiring

- LEBW is looking for per diem recovery technicians in Wausau, Green Bay, and Milwaukee, with opportunities for full-time employment. For more information or to submit a resume, please email Hannah Tilley at htilley@lebw.org.
- We are also hiring for donor support center coordinators. For more information, contact Hannah Tilley at htilley@lebw.org or visit our website at www.lebw.org/careers.

LEBW Informational Session

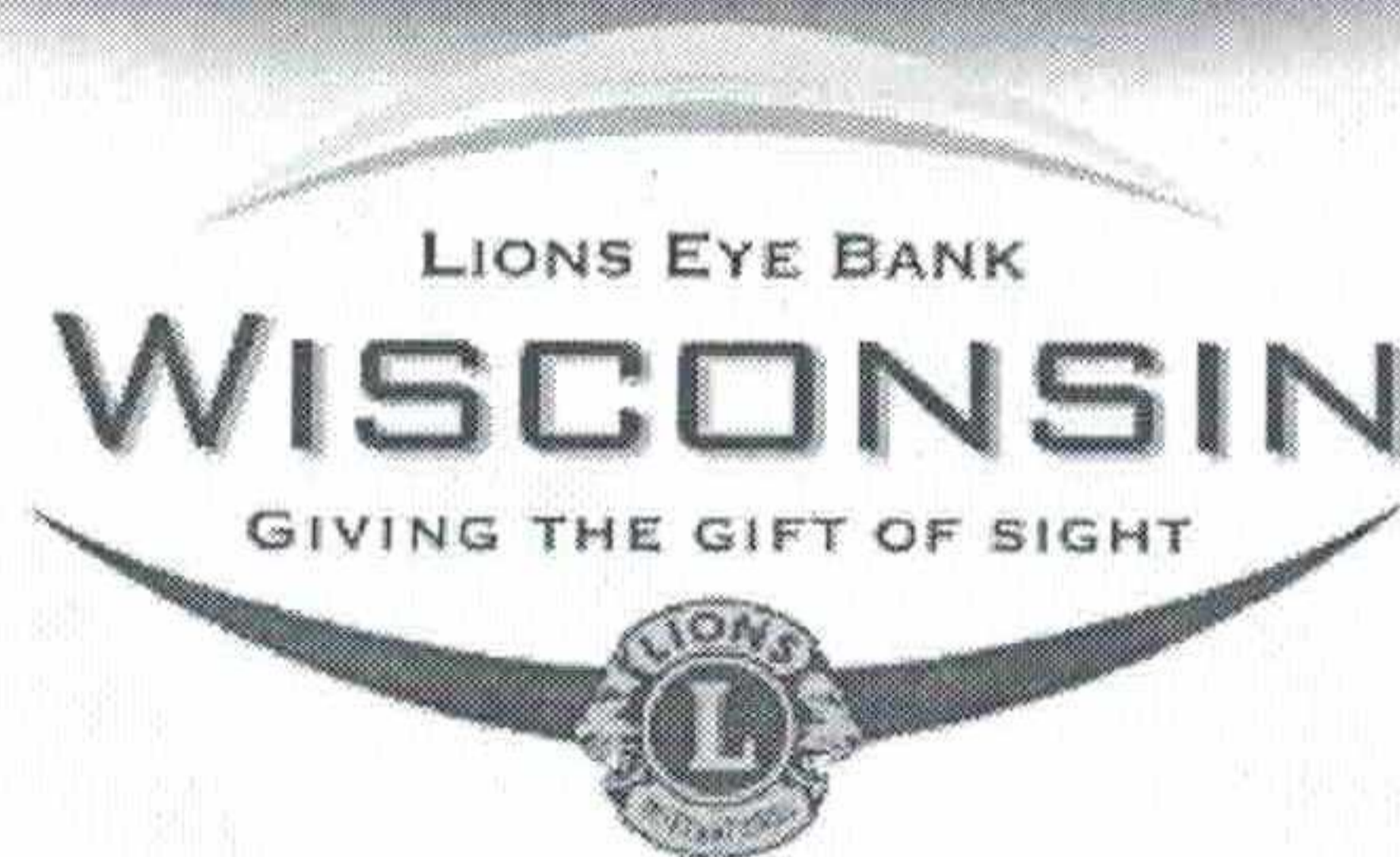
27-E2 District Convention

at The Lismore

333 Gibson Street, Eau Claire

Friday, March 18, 2022

4:00-5:00 p.m.



Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin (LEBW) will provide an end-of-year overview, 2021 donor statistics, Transporter updates, the state of the eye bank, and what the future looks like. We will also show our latest video featuring eye donor Paul Francar whose gift of sight went to two people in Vietnam. This is an excellent opportunity for LEBW Transporters and Lions to get together to connect, learn and share information.

Thank you for your continued support! There is NO convention registration fee to attend. Please check the convention schedule for other Friday activities.

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Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin
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MD27-E2 Cabinet report MISSIONS

Wisconsin Missions will be meeting January 6, 2024. The Lions from Wisconsin and Minnesota will be collaborating on an eyeglass mission to Guatemala in February 2024. Team needs are being assessed.

I will accompany the Wisconsin Minnesota Missions team to San Lucas Guatemala in February 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

IPDG Marcia Hagen

New Voices Report

1. At our last cabinet meeting I proposed to the Zone a "you impressed me card campaign
2. Details on how to order cards was sent to all cabinet members
3. Several clubs have order their cards
 - a. Ellsworth
 - b. Menomonie
 - c. Eau Claire Evening
 - d. Seymour
 - e. Hudson
 - f. Independence
4. Cost for 100 Cards was around \$33
5. Thoughts for Fall & Holiday Events?
 - a. Eau Claire Evening Lions
 - i. Holiday Porch Pot Class
 - ii. Monday Nov 13th - 5-7pm
 - iii. May's Floral in Eau Claire
 - b. Any other clubs doing anything?

Kelli Brandenburg

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Dear MD27-E2 Clubs,

We are closing in on the deadline for this year's Peace Posters and Peace Essay's. November 15th, is the official final date for your entries to be sent to DG Jay Nesseth. Complete details can be found in your Peace Packets which have to be obtained by October 1st. The theme is: "Dare to Dream," and open to kids from ages 11-13 years old.

If you have any question, please feel free to send me a message or call me @ 715-797-3345. This is an outstanding Lions International Youth Project now 30 years old and drawing in thousands of children from across the globe. Be a part of this project and get your schools and youth groups involved. Make it an annual event that the next group of youngsters can look forward too. The prize for 1st place at the District Level is \$200.00 for the winning poster and \$100.00 for the winning essay. Only one winner will move on to the State level. Happy Drawing Everyone!

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Kelli Brandenburg-Brave Chairperson Peace Contest

Resolution 1

October1, 2023

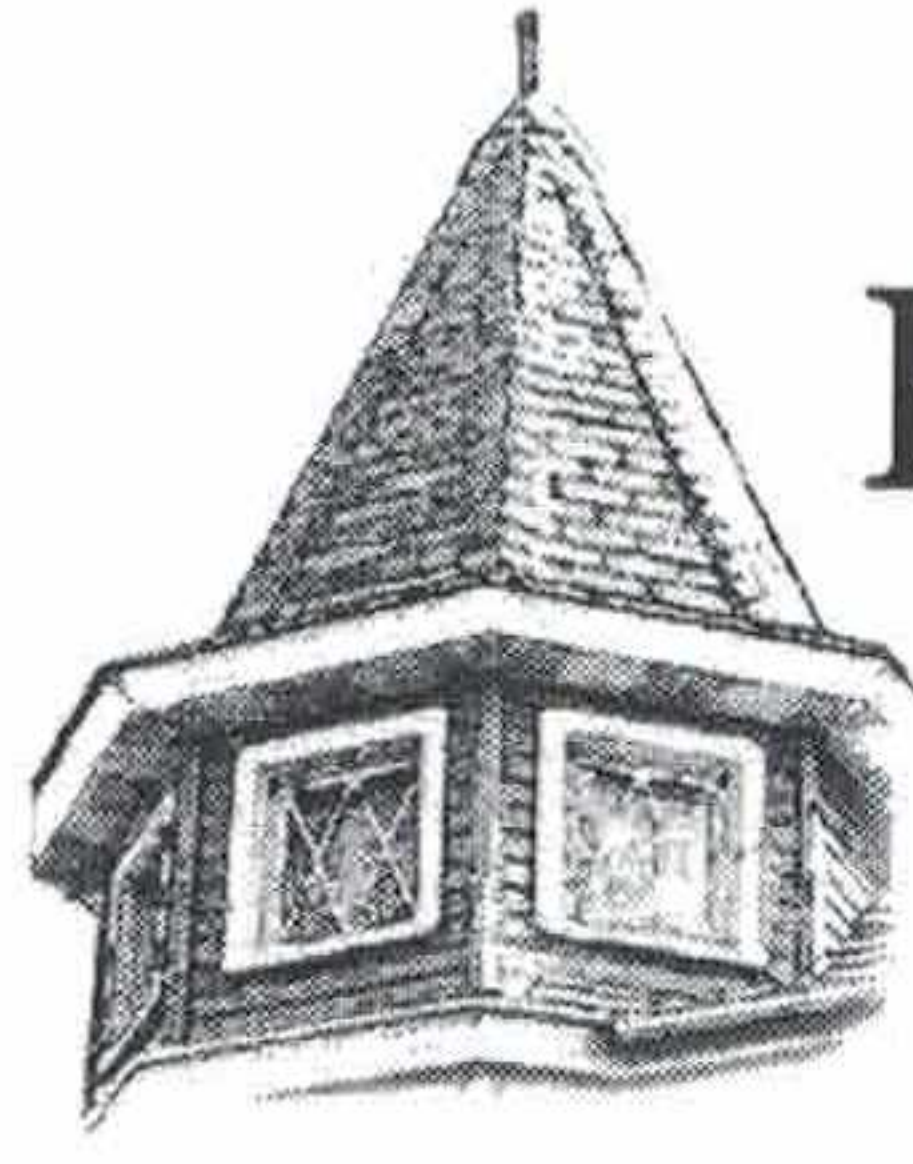
PURPOSE: To review and recommend the number of Lions that must be required per team for the District Golf Tournament.

WHEREAS, Policy 16, F. states that "Each 4-person or 3-person team must have at least 2 Lion members per team."

WHEREAS, There has been a significant reduction in golfers the past few years.

WHEREAS, A change may help attract future members.

THEREFORE be it resolved that Policy 16, F. be changed to "Each 4-person or 3-person team must have at least **1** Lion member per team."



Restoring *Hope* Transplant House

Lions Club Council of Governors Report

September 2023

7457 Terrace Avenue ■ Middleton, WI 53562 ■ (608) 831-1726 ■ www.restoringhope.org

Dear Lions Council of Governors Friends,

Here are some of our Restoring Hope Transplant House updates that we wanted to share. Blessings to you all for a wonderful new year. Thanks for all you do!

- We were honored to welcome the new Wisconsin Lions leadership group to RHTH this August. Exciting to meet so many new people and old friends and share the house and so many of our inspirational stories with such a supportive group of people. State Lions are in great hands with this compassionate group leading the way!
- Beaver Dam Lions Club Member Dawn Lyons-Wood stopped at RHTH this month with an \$8,000 donation to the house from the Emily C. Lyons annual golf event that celebrates the life of her daughter Emily who went on to save several lives as an organ donor in her tragic passing. Such an honor to included in such a special event held by a truly incredible Lions Club family.
- We have been invited to speak at a Lions Club 60 year celebration up in Door County this month along with Peter and Joann Cerniglia. It is a great honor to celebrate with such a dedicated club especially having been a Door County resident for so many years.
- We are proud to continue collecting eye glasses and plastic bags for Lions from the collections of our guests and the house. Great cause!
- We are grateful for the increased communication with Lions and Clubs wanting to tour RHTH. Lions groups always seem surprised at the welcoming nature and warmth of the house when they visit in person compared to thinking of RHTH more as a boarding house. Tours really do make a big difference to truly understand our story.
- We hope to do a better job of conveying the home-like environment of the house to others who are unable to make it here in person. From working

on a video possibly to capturing more of the house in photographic displays, our Lions visitors always seem to understand the benefits of the house more than ever when they come for the experience in person.

- In recent weeks, we have hosted multiple families with Lions connections including one lady here 6 weeks following a double lung transplant whose dad was an active member of the Junction City Lions for 50 years and made deliveries for the Lions Eye Bank for 30 years. We had her tour the Eye Bank while in town to see her dad's name listed for his years of faithful service.
- We recently sent a dear friend and guest back home to DePere following 9 plus months of staying at RHTH. During her boyfriend's stint in the hospital, he had 8 drains in to fight infection which they said tied the record for the most drains they have ever used in a person. It was a painfully slow recovery, but we finally sent her home this past month. I can't even imagine the even greater financial and mental burdens this young woman would have endured if not for the community minded spirit of this house who helped her through it. When you think...why should our club support a house that doesn't directly serve our community, stories like Laura's and so many others who are your neighbors really make it all hit home. What we do collectively to make this house available to families in need really is life-changing for so many people from all of our communities!
- In our last report we mentioned the likelihood of raising our nightly rates. With so many extreme cases of lengthy stays and financial burdens, we felt that our rate increase would be better to implement at the start of 2024. We continue to charge just \$45 per night...a fraction of the cost of all area hotels.
- We plan on putting RHTH ads in all Lions Club convention booklets this year as well as a table display to share more of our house and guest stories. We are grateful for opportunities to share our mission for 5-10 minutes in person or virtually. It helps us serve our families better and give our Lions an even better understanding of the importance of this house for our entire state and beyond.
- We are more and more connected to UW Health than ever before. We continue to work behind the scenes to build relationships and find ways to add value to our mutual partnership. Medical teams and specialized

departments come for regular tours to RHTH just as our Lions do. Those meetings are invaluable for improving total family care.

- We are hoping to plan an RHTH Family Reunion in 2024 that would include families, volunteers, supporters and donors.
- Construction and expansion are still in the works behind the scenes as is fundraising earmarked specifically for that purpose. Additional cost savings measures are also in regular conversations.
- The last several months have been extremely busy with huge increases to normal post covid levels and having to turn families away sadly.
- There is a massive shortage of blood that so many of our patients require. Please consider giving blood whenever able at any nearby blood drives. It makes such a huge difference to those in critical need!
- Please know how much we all appreciate you all and wish you the very best in your service to Lions this coming year. As a Lions myself, I know how great of an honor this is for you all to be a part of. Congratulations and best wishes!



WISCONSIN LIONS FOUNDATION
VISION SCREENING
TRAIN THE TRAINER GUIDELINES

I. TRAIN THE TRAINER SELECTION

- A. The Vision Screening Chairperson is responsible for selecting the appropriate individual(s) within their District.
- B. Vision Screening Chairperson will set up and guide the Trainee through the training process to become a Certified Vision Screening Trainer.

II. TRAIN THE TRAINER REQUIREMENTS

- A. Trainee must demonstrate abilities to host training sessions, teach others, and have a thorough understanding of the Vision Screening Machine.
- B. Trainee must attend a Lions Vision Screening Training session.
- C. Trainee must complete the Lions KidSight USA Training Program and obtain certification.
- D. Once certified, the trainer must renew their Lions KidSight USA Certification every five years.
- E. Newly certified trainers will partner with an experienced trainer to conduct their first training session. The District Vision Screening Chair should be present to ensure the trainer is ready to conduct a training session on their own.

III. TRAINERS RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Ensure screeners can operate vision screening machine efficiently and accurately.
- B. Maintain availability to Vision Screeners within their District for questions that may arise.
- C. Maintain partnership with their District Vision Screening Chairperson regarding training sessions.

****Vision Screening Chairperson should submit new trainer names, contact information, and training certification dates to the WLF for data retention.**

STUFF THE BUS

Clubs that participated in Stuff the Bus this quarter:

- Eau Claire Evening Lions
 - Their collection period was from August 1st to September 15th.
 - School Supplies and clothing were collected
 - Businesses that collected were The Market at IFD, Holiday Oakwood Hills, Student Transit and Hickory Hills Golf Course
 - \$500 in cash was also donated
 - Event beneficiary was the Wisconsin Foster Closet
 - Here is the media coverage of the event on September 30, 2023
 - <https://www.weau.com/2023/09/30/eau-claire-evening-lions-club-stuff-the-bus/>

Any clubs looking to do a holiday themed event please reach out to me directly and i'm happy to help with any details.

Randi Ann McVinnie - Stuff the Bus Chair

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Editorial Report To The Cabinet

10/2023

Clubs let's tell all Wisconsin Lions what we are doing to make a difference with service.

Current

- Editor PDG Ronda stepping back in for the 2023-2024 Lions year.
- Success continues in our district with articles for our WI Lions.
- Looking to go outside the box

Reid's Corner

- Would still love to see this corner continue for years to come
- Interesting and a good a must read.
- Nice articles every time.

Future

- I am looking for personal stories and willing to interview..
- Please send a sentence or two with any pictures submitted
- Random Acts of Kindness articles are needed.
- Convention registrations have their own section in the WI Lion
- Next issue cut off November 25

What can you do

- Take photos of events, fundraisers, special celebrations, meetings, award recognition, just about anything you do in Lions.
- Service project photos needed. Include names of members in photo.
- Do not underestimate the value of a photo or story
- Make sure pictures are in a jpg and large enough to be seen in the magazine.

November 25

1. Convention Notice

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Email me at chamaca@frontiernet.net

Submitted by PDG Ronda Bierbrauer

District 27-E2 Youth Exchange Report

October 1, 2023

One Week – One Camp – One World

The Wisconsin Lions Youth Exchange 2023 summer exchange program wrapped up in August after hosting 30 foreign students from around the world at various locations around the state. We opened our homes to students from:

- **Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Poland, Romania, Spain, The Netherlands, Tunisia and Turkey!**

Evaluations were obtained from the campers, staff and host families. The overall comments regarding the camp, staff and program were very positive! The committee met in September to recap the 2023 camp, go over camper/staff/host family observations and start the process/changes to the 2024 program & camp, based on the evaluations submitted.

The 2024 Camp dates are August 11-August 18 and we are shooting for 35 youth ages 17-20 for the Wisconsin program.

CALL TO ACTION: WE NEED

HOST FAMILIES: I would like to see our District 27E2 accept 4 (four) foreign students for the 2024 July-August time frame. Host families can hand pick their student, based on country desired or hobbies of the student, once the applications start coming arriving late November/December. Host families can choose the time period they'd like to host, ie the entire 4-5 weeks OR split that period with another nearby family for a different experience, keeping in mind they will be gone for a week at our camp.

OUTGOING YOUTH: A youth from your club that would like to experience a Lions exchange program in a different country.

CAMP COUNSELORS/STAFF: Someone from your club (over the age of 20) that would like to spend a week, food & lodging provided, at Camp Vista in August (see dates above) as a Camp Counselor or staff member, overseeing the fun, games, & food at camp with a group of extraordinary youth. (a cultural experience itself!)

We ask that you go back to your clubs, discuss and consider the needs above. Don't forget, it's a great service project!

MB Siakpere
Eau Claire Seymour Lions Club
MD27-E2 District Chair/Youth Exchange



Region 1 Zone 2 Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2023
Boyceville, Durand, Glen Hills LC, Menomonie
Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

- Clubs Attending
 - Boyceville
 - None
 - Glen Hills LC
 - President Randy Hansen
 - Menomonie
 - Secretary Loni Hilmanowski (Zone Chair)
 - 1VP – Eric Buss
 - Admin – Amanda Prochnow
 - Durand
 - None
- Communications
 - Health Assessment
 - District is looking for next 2nd VDG
 - Cabinet Positions open: GLT, Marketing, 3 Zone Chairs
 - Zone Events - What's happening in your Club?
 - Boyceville
 - No Report
 - Glen Hills LC
 - Rustic Lore Festival – September 2023
 - Produce Stand
 - Durand
 - No Report
 - Menomonie
 - Environmental – Collection of soft plastics
 - Gifting a bike to Police/Sherifs department for inmates on HUBER
- Information (hyperlinks have more information)
 - District Convention – March 15 & 16, 2024.
 - New Portal is coming. The first rollout will be sometime in September 2023.
 - Reporting Service – Some of our clubs have not reported service in over 2 years. Loni Hilmanowski is available if you need assistance with MyLion, reporting or membership.
 - ALLI has 2 openings for our district – January 2024
 - Restoring Hope Transplant House has increased their cost to \$55 per night.
 - Helen Keller Memorial – Brick are \$100. Our 10 districts & Wisconsin Lions will be purchasing bricks.
 - Star Prairie disbanded.
 - Hearing Aids – We currently have funds for 24 aids @ \$1000 per aid
 - Global vision fund will be purchasing a new SPOT camera for 27-E2
 - USA/Canada Forum will be taking place in Reno, NV on Sep 21-14. Next year it will be held in Louisville, KY
 - 100% President, Secretary, Treasure application & club excellence application sent to Glenwood Hills
- Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

September 13, 2023

Region 2

Zone 1

On Wednesday, August 30, members of the Ellsworth and Plum City Lions met at Nugget Lake Campground in Pierce County. 7 of us cleaned 2 playground areas, enjoyed a picnic supper with good fellowship conversation.

I am in contact with the Pierce County Friends of the Fair to coordinate a Zone opportunity in December. I plan to pitch this opportunity at Club visits in October and November.

Kristi Miller

Region 2, Zone 1 Chair

Ellsworth President 2022-2024

MD27-E2 Cabinet Report REGION 3 ZONE 1

(Altoona, Augusta, Fall Creek, Elk Mound, Eau Claire Evening, Eau Claire Seymour, Cleghorn)

OCTOBER 1, 2023

The first meeting of this year is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17.

Submitted by Lion Brenda Johnson and Lion Scott Johnson
Region 3 Zone 1 Co-Chairs

Region 3 Zone 2 Report
9/21/2023
Osseo Community Center

Attendance (7)
Osseo-Lion Maggie Lewallen
Pleasantville-Lion President Tyson Hammer
Fairchild-Lion President Kayleen Rosman
Eleva-Strum-absent
Mondovi- PDG Tom LeCleir and Lion Anita LeCleir
Guests PID Connie LeCleir Meyer and Lion Mike Meyer

Discussion of something awesome since our last meeting were shared as an introduction

Discussion of LCI email contact and Constant Contact through WLF

November is Diabetes Awareness month

WLF updates given by Director Kayleen

Discussion of membership recruitment and retention—Altoona is doing a Lions 101 type activity for orientation of new members

LCIF updates given by PID Connie

Emailed reports for October 2023 Cabinet Meeting

State Constitutions & Bylaws – nothing to report currently.

LCI Coordinator – All clubs now have officers entered into Lions International.

Hi from Region 1 and Zone 1 chair (Roberts, Woodville, Deer Park, Somerset, Hammond, Hudson)

We had a great meeting and talked about each club that were present and went over agenda items, and had Great Speakers from St. Croix Therapy from Hudson Talking about their awesome program and they were the recipient of outreach for this years Hudson Hometown Music Fest. We Had another special guest, 1st vice chair James Dimock join the meeting. He also shared some great events coming up in the Menomonee club.

Thank You

Zone Chair Lion Mike Burnley

Peace Contests

Happy Autumn Everyone. Our Peace Contest is around the corner with the deadline for entries November 15th. Prior to students returning to school, I emailed all clubs to obtain their Peace Packets and enlist the help of their local art teachers/youth advisors for participation in this worthwhile contest. An issue in regards to use of Peace Packets has been resolved. Lions International has advised me that one packet sticker per poster can only be used on one poster as it reflects a unique number specifically to that individual poster. Lions International is working on devising a way to have multiple stickers and only obtaining 1 packet to reduce the shipping costs or downloading all information for FREE.. All items in the packet can be copied but the stickers are unique to each poster and can not be duplicated.

Attached, is the most recent correspondence I have sent out to all clubs. It is my hope that this years' Contest will surpass the previous showing. ACT NOW! and send in your Posters and Essays.

Sincerely,

Lion Kelli Brandenburg-Brave Peace Contest Chairperson

GST Report

As of September 1st

22 clubs had reported service in the last 4 months (50%)

an additional 5 clubs had reported in the last year

7 clubs have not reported in over 1 year, but less than 2 years

10 clubs have not reported in over 2 years (if ever)

I have talked to members of a number of clubs that are over 1 year without reporting, to no avail. I will continue to work on those clubs.

I sent an email out to all club presidents and secretaries talking about reporting service. I also made reference to the Kindness Matters Service Award. Last of all, I offered my services at their club service projects and fundraisers!

Respectfully Submitted,

PDG Pat Furey

WLF Report
October 1, 2023

November is Diabetes Awareness month—request materials from Keith Mueller

Vision Screening-new screening manual for trainers is available

MD27 received an award Top 10 See Clearly Project—for our number of screenings performed AND reported

Lots of glasses are available including eight pallets of new readers and 20,000 pairs of new sunglasses.

We have 26.44 troy ounces of gold that has been salvaged from glasses—will sell soon

\$21,738.67 in Starkey credits for new hearing aids.

\$30,458.99 was raised at the Birch Sturm Golf Outing

\$22,555 was raised at the Hustle S'more.

857 campers this summer.

Hundred X Campaign runs through October 10. Please participate, we get \$1.60 per feed back for Diabetes camp. <https://hundredx.com/deca> to sign up and participate.

Lion Kayleen Rosman
Lion Larry Testa