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# Lioness Growth Opportunities

*by ADP Patty Overturf*

I have certainly been enjoying the hospitality and friendships of the 27-D2 Lioness. In my travels to clubs, I find each club doing fundraisers and projects unique to their communities. Lioness clubs support the efforts of their sponsoring Lions Club, the Wisconsin Lions Foundation, and District, State and International projects.

As Spring approaches, our clubs will be electing new officers. I encourage each Lioness member to seriously consider which club leadership position you would be willing to fill. We should all be willing to take our turn in office for the benefit of our club. Step out of your comfort zone and become a club officer. Also our District will be electing new officers at our Lioness District Convention in April. If you have been faithfully serving in club leadership, now would be a good time to step forward and broaden your knowledge of what Lioness do statewide.

We need to take the opportunities available to learn and grow. I encourage all Lioness, and especially new leadership, to attend seminars, conferences, forums, and conventions to learn and become familiar with all aspects of Lionism.

It's not to late to make plans to attend the Lions District Convention February 13-14 in Tomah. Our District Lioness Convention will be April 4, 2009 in Sparta. Club officers should make every effort to attend and should promoted it to our general membership as well.

Late April will bring Officers Training with a choice of dates.

State Convention in May is an excellent opportunity for each of us to expand our knowledge and experience. Lions State Convention is a time to make new friends, learn what is going on throughout the state, hear great speakers, and gather information and new ideas to take back to our clubs. Make plans now to attend Lions State Convention May 15-16 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

A few clubs have not yet contacted me for a visit. Please do so immediately. I do so enjoy visiting each of the clubs.

## 27-D2 Convention Registration Form

February 13th - 14th
Tee Pee Supper Club & Convention Center, Tomah

Club _____
Phone _____
Email _____

| Fees | ASAP |
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| Registration (Lions, Lioness, Lion/Lioness & Guests) | $6 |
| Convention Pin | $3 |

Name Title
☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Lion/Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest
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TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

MAIL CHECKS & REGISTRATION TO:
Timberwood Bank, Attn: Greg Zingler
P.O. Box 880, Tomah WI 54660
Phone: 608-374-1159 Fax: 608-372-3757
gzingler@timberwoodbanks.com

LODGING:
Holiday Inn Tomah
Interstate 94 & Highway 21 · Tomah, WI 54660
608 372-3211

Please book rooms directly with Motel. A block of 25 rooms has been reserved. Ask for Lions Special Rates

# District 27-D2 Campaign SightFirst II Honor Roll

To date our District has pledged $72,182.50 toward Campaign Sight First II. For every $6 that is contributed, another sight is saved; that means our district's pledges will save 12,000 sights throughout the world. World-wide contributions have totaled over $2.2 million.

Lions and Lioness have again dramatically answered the call to serve. Many thanks to the clubs that have pledged their support listed here with the amount contributed per member.

Stoddard Lions (296)
Necedah Lions (208)
Tomah Lions (125)
Holmen Lions (107)
Hillsboro Lions (107)
Onalaska Lions (73)
Spring Green Lions (66)
Elroy Lions (64)
Genoa Lions (63)
LaCrosse Lions (61)
Norwalk Lioness (59)
West Salem Lions (53)
Ithaca Lions (45)
New Lisbon Lions (41)
North Bend Lions (40)
Oakdale Lions (38)
LaCrosse North (38)
Mindoro Lions (38)
Warrens Lions (29)
Mauston Lions (28)
New Lisbon Lioness (20)
Sparta Lioness (20)
Coon Valley Lions (16)
Viroqua Lions (16)
Sparta Lions (16)
LaFarge Lions (15)
Westby Lions (13)
Bangor Lions (12)
Kendall Lions (11)
French Island Lions (10)
St. Joseph's Ridge (10)
Mauston Lioness (10)
Camp Douglas Lions (8)
Reedsburg Lions (8)
Richland Center Lions (7)
Mormon Coulee (5)
Brice Prairie Lions (4)
Norwalk Lions (3)
Prairie du Chien Lions (2)
DeSoto Lions (1)

# VDG Notes

*by VDG Kathy Friske*

27-D2 District Convention: I want to encourage all Lions, Lioness, and Leo's to attend your Fun night February 13, 2009 and your District Convention on February 14, 2009. The theme for this year will be Cranberry Country Happening's.

Our goal for this year is that all Lions have fun and will gain and pass on some kind of knowledge they may have derived from the District Convention.

The Warrens and Oakdale Clubs have spend a lot of hard work and fun times planning for this Convention.

After the Convention and during the cold weather it is the time that Clubs hold their inside events and meals. What an opportunity to see what other clubs are doing. Maybe your club could find a way to make this a Club retreat.

Hopefully you have had your club officer elections and have gotten your results to VDG Kathy Friske.

If you haven't, the club nominations committee should be/or have establishing their slate of officers for next year.

Once the slate has been formed, it needs to be presented to the club, and a date for elections must be set.

When the elections have taken place, this information needs to be passed on during the first week of April to next years District Governor (VDG Kathy Friske) by the way of the PU 101 form.

Please e-mail kathykf@centurytel.net or mail me the information as soon as you have your election results. As this has to be to the State Office by May 1, 2009 otherwise the old information will be submitted.

Also if you plan on doing the Peace Poster contest or any other event that may be planned with the school districts, now is the time to contact them to be put into their plans for next year.

## News & Activities

**THE TOMAH LIONESS** hosted a very successful, 1st Annual Breakfast with Santa on December 13. About 230 visitors enjoyed visiting with Santa, as well as a breakfast of pancakes, sausages, milk and coffee. The Cranberry Queen and Princesses graciously served cranberry juice. For some star-struck children, meeting the Cranberry Royalty was even more exciting than meeting Santa! The Breakfast with Santa was held at the Tomah American Legion Hall . Tables were rented to local vendors to off-set the cost of the hall rental. In addition to breakfast; our visitors had the opportunity to take their picture with Santa, do some Christmas shopping and purchase baked goods from the Lioness.

**THE ANNUAL ELROY LIONS** Heritage Christmas Party was Wednesday, December 10 at Heritage Manor. For many years members of the Elroy Lions Club have gathered at Heritage Manor during the Christmas season for an evening of caroling with the residents. This has a special meaning to Elroy Lions Club members, as many of the residents are old friends and family members. The singing of "Jingle Bells" was interrupted by the entrance of Santa and Mrs. Claus, who made the rounds greeting residents. Gifts provided by the Lions Club were given to all residents and the evening concluded with refreshments.

**ELROY LIONS CLUB** President Pat Kennedy, Lion Jeff Ladwig and some of the attendees. More than 100 people watched the movie "Alvin and the Chipmunks" at the Elroy Theatre Saturday afternoon, Dec 6th. This is the 4th consecutive year that the Elroy Lions has sponsored a free movie at the Elroy Theatre during the Christmas season. Visitors elementary school age and under were presented coupons for $1 off on items at the Theatre concession stand. Many of the families attending dropped off food items for the local food pantry to help others have a merrier Christmas.

**WARRENS LIONS DONATE CHRISTMAS BASKETS** - On Saturday morning December 20th 2008 many of the Warrens Lions were busy putting together over 70 Christmas baskets for individuals in the Warrens area. The Warrens Lions have been delivering these fruit baskets for over five years. The Cranberry Country Lioness also delivered Christmas cookies and Cranberry bread to Warren's area residents. The Warrens Lions and Lioness Clubs are proud to serve the community not only at Christmas but throughout the entire year.

**Check out www.md27d2.org**

**27-D2 District Governor**
**Mike Kelley**
mikemyrna@mwt.net
608/847-6331

I am entering my final five months as your District Governor. Lion Myrna and I love to look back on the wonderful projects that all of 27-D2 Lions, Lioness and Leos have done for their communities, throughout Wisconsin and the world. I'm sure that all our communities are well served and a better place as a result of our efforts.

With the help of three past District Governors, I have republished an orientation booklet for all of your clubs to help with new member orientation and to instill in them a purpose and ownership in the Lions organization. Orientation is good for older members, too, as we sometimes have a tendency to forget why we are Lions.

Contents of the booklet contain;

- History of Lions Club
- Time Line
- Mission Statement
- Lions Facts
- Lions Objectives
- Code of Ethics
- Organizational Structure
- District Structure,
- Club Structure
- Wisconsin Lions Facts
- Where Your Dues Go
- Membership Categories

It contains just about everything that your new or old Lions would need to know about the best service organization in the world. I hope it will be helpful.

It is my suggestion to get your slate of officers in March with elections held in April. VDG Kathy Friske, will be putting the next year's district directory together and we'd like to have all the new officers for 2009-10 to be listed and up to date. She will need all the addresses in to the State office by May 1.

### DG Mike's Schedule

**FEBRUARY**

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| 2 | Hillsboro Lions |
| 3 | Mormon Coulee Lions |
| 4 | Norwalk Lions and Lioness |
| 10 | Zone Meeting |
| 11 | St. Joseph's Ridge Lions |
| 13-14 | 27-D2 Convention- Tee Pee, Tomah |
| 16 | Holmen Lions |
| 18 | Seneca Lions |
| 20-21 | 27-A2 Convention- Olympia Resort, Oconomowoc |

**WE NEED YOUR CLUB NEWS, EVENTS & PROJECTS. SEND PHOTOS OF LIONS IN ACTION AND STORIES TO YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER AND 27-D2 District Editor Pat**