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Club News & Activities

SPARTA'S FIRST FEMALE MEMBERS - DG Kathy Friske inducted five new Sparta Lions using a lighted candle service. These five new Lions are Sparta's first female members and all are spouses of club members. **L to R:** Lions Carol Thomas, Laurie Solberg, Carol Jerome, Sharon Gorshe and Sue Van Geertruy. We are proud to welcome our newest members and look forward to all the new talent and ideas they bring to the club.

WESTBY LIONS HOLD 50TH - Nearly 70 Lions and guests helped the club to celebrate 50 years of community service. last October. The Club conducted several projects during the year including completing the Davidson Park bandshell where the Lions sponsored *Hamburgers in the Park* is held each Thursday all summer long. ABOVE: Charter member Darrel Hoff came from his home in Iowa and received his 50 year member pin from Zone Chair Bob Volden. Lion Hoff passed away just 10 days after this celebration.

NEW LISBON LIONS 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION was held December 16, 2009, at the Target Bluff German Haus Restaurant in Camp Douglas. Special guests of the Club were the charter members shown standing: Don Mentzel, Larry Arnold, Lloyd Hutchinson and Dewey Wyss. Charter member Jim Wheeler was unable to attend. Seated in the front row is Lion Bill Larson who celebrated 45 years of continuous membership in the New Lisbon. ID Art Marson spoke and read a letter of congratulations from International President Wirfs. The charter members and their partners in service were guests of the club. The tailtwister collected $60 which was presented to WLF Director Eric Holthaus for the Foundation. Holthaus and his partner in service were joined by WLF Director John Hanson, 1st VDG Don Nelson, 2nd VDG Joe Fischer, PCC Dick Hauser, PDG Mike Kelley and their partners in service and PDG C.J. Laridaen. Entertainment was provided by Jim Giebel. PDG John Stastny gave a brief history of the club. Longevity and Perfect Attendance awards were presented.

WEST SALEM LIONS PARTNERS - The Heider Center For the Arts provides many fine programs all paid for with sponsorships, memberships, special fundraisers, and an event door cover charge. For the past two years, the West Salem Lions have provided a pancake breakfast during the Heider Center Fall Craft Fair. This has been very beneficial for both organizations. Last year the Lions created a display to educate the community about what the local club does, what Lions Camp is, and what Lions International is all about. We also had the Diabetes Display. This year the Lions club did a display of some of the Peace Posters that was created by students that participate in the West Salem Boys and Girls Club.

ELROY LIONS FREE MOVIE SATURDAY - This is the fifth year that the Lions have offered a free movie for area elementary age children during the Christmas season at the Elroy Theatre. The theater owners have generously provided the movie at cost to the Club. The Lions also give each child a coupon for $1.00 off snacks at the concession stand. This year the time was changed from 1 pm to 10 am in response to comments that some smaller children take afternoon naps. The attendance this year was over 160 - the highest ever, possibly due to the time change among other things. Although the movie was free to all attending the Lions had requested donations of food items for the local food pantry. The response was great and the Lions express their gratitude to all who donated food and/or cash for the food bank. As has been his custom Santa arrived from the North Pole just in time to greet those leaving the theater and hand out treats to the children.

ELROY LION CHRISTMAS AT HERITAGE MANOR has been a tradition for the Elroy Lions for many years. The evening started with several old favorite Christmas carols with many of the residents joining in. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived during "Jingle Bells" and visited with many old friends before distributing gifts to all the residents. Every year the Club provides funds for individual gifts for all. Each member also brings cookies that are served with ice cream to end the evening. Many of the Lions have friends and relatives living at Heritage so this provides an opportunity to visit for all.

Events

FEBRUARY

SUN, FEB 14 - Stoddard Lioness Pancake Breakfast. 8am-12N, Stoddard Elementary School. Adults $6, Children (10 & Under) $3; buttermilk pancakes, sausage, organic eggs, applesauce, coffee, juice and milk. Children's blankets will also be collected for Project Linus.

- questions call 608-457-2328

SUN, FEB 28 - North Bend Lions Smelt Fry - 11am-2pm North Bend Community Park.

MARCH

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27-D2 Convention Registration Information

February 12th - 13th, Winter Green Resort, Lake Delton

Don't miss out on this great weekend of learning, fun & camaraderie!

FEES
Registration - $7
Convention Pin - $3
Saturday Lunch - *pizza & pasta buffet* - $12
Saturday Evening Banquet - *prime rib buffet* - $23

MAIL CHECKS & REGISTRATION TO:
District 27-D2 Convention
c/o Georgine Erikson
E9916 Trout Rd
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
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608-253-4919

LODGING:
Wintergreen Resort
60 Gasser Rd
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53940
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www.wintergreen-resort.com

Please book rooms directly with Motel. Ask for Lion's Special Rates

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
February 1, 2010

Alternative To Cabin Fever

by 2nd VDG Joe Fisher

By the time you read this we will have experienced a generous portion of another Wisconsin winter. We've all seen more than a few. The cold winds, snows and of course the many hours of darkness in our days that time of year. Even for someone who has always believed that the four distinct seasons afforded by our region all have their beauty, I also can agree that by this time of year Old Man Winter can get a bit old.

As a good remedy for these winter doldrums, I hope many of you are planning to attend our 27-D2 District Convention. It's a great way to relax, enjoy the company of fellow Lions from our district, learn many new facets of Lionism and recharge our Lionistic batteries in general.

The good Lions of the Lake Delton Club have been working diligently on this year's event. February 12 - 13 at the Wintergreen Resort in Lake Delton.

Some of you might remember this as the site of the 2007 District Convention sponsored by the Baraboo Club. A very nice facility!

Friday night is "Fun Nite" with many activities planned.

Saturday is packed with a wide variety of Lionistic events. These range from many seminars, presentations and learning activities to traditional aspects such as voting, the necrology service and most of all the opportunity to meet our guest International Director Jerry Smith.

Hopefully we'll see many of you in Lake Delton and bring your thoughts, ideas and Lions Spirit with you.

Send your club news, events & photos of Lions in Action to Editor Pat today!

What Is A Lioness

by ADP Myrna Kelley

I wrote this a long time ago but would like to share it for all the Lioness clubs in Wisconsin. Enjoy.

What Is A Wisconsin Lioness?

She's a woman who can always find time to better her community.

She's the woman who always finds time to hold out a helping hand.

She's a woman who gets things done.

She's a Wisconsin Lioness member.

She's the future of her community with goodwill in her heart.

She's the heartbeat of downtown looking for tomorrow.

She's a woman who gets things done.

She's a Wisconsin Lioness member.

She can be a secretary, teacher, nurse, cook, business woman, retiree or just a plain citizen.

She's a woman who gets things done.

She's a Wisconsin Lioness member.

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She keeps dreams of her town alive.

Her enthusiasm generates progress while she lives by the golden rule.

She's a woman who gets things done.

She's a Wisconsin Lioness member.

She likes progress, good schools, fine churches, modern hospitals, honest government, happy citizens and peaceful nations.

She believes in America, teamwork, hard work, loyalty and friendship.

She's a woman who gets things done.

She's a Wisconsin Lioness member.

She's a community coordinator, community booster, community friend, ambassador of goodwill and carrier of friendship.

She has the courage to take responsibility, the courage to decide things and the courage to say yes or no.

She's a woman who gets things done.

She's a Wisconsin Lioness member.

She solves problems, serves on committees, greets strangers and helps make her community grow and prosper.

She's her community's best advertisement.

She's a woman who gets things done.

She's a Wisconsin Lioness member.

She can be found many places, sidewalk sales, pancake breakfasts, selling mints, eye screening, decorating anywhere in town or at the library delivering books on women's issues.

She's a woman who gets things done.

She's a Wisconsin Lioness member.

You'll see her baking pies, planting flower barrels or cross stitching squares for a quilt.

You'll see her presenting scholarships, money to Girl Scouts, WLF and Leader Dog.

You'll see her at conventions making plans for next year.

She's a woman who gets things done.

She's a Wisconsin Lioness member.

She firmly believes she lives in the best town, in the best state, in the best nation in the world.

She's a first class citizen, a warm hearted neighbor, the most valuable of friends.

She's a woman who gets things done.

She's a Wisconsin Lioness member!!!

27-D2 District Governor
Kathy Friske
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I was looking out the window at all the snow and cold and watching the birds and wondering what I could write about for the month of February. February contains President Day so I thought maybe it is a could time to remind the Club President about what International has to say about the President, Vice Presidents, and Past President duties consists of:

President - He/she is the chief executive officer of the club who presides at all meetings of the board of directors and the club. He/she issues the call for regular and special meetings of the board of directors and the club, and appoints club standing and special committees while cooperating with committee chairpersons to ensure regular functioning and reporting. He/she sees that officers are elected, and cooperates with, and is an active member of the district governor's advisory committee of the zone.

Immediate Past President - He/she and the other past presidents officially greet members and their guests at club meetings and represent the club in welcoming all new service-minded people in the community served by the club.

Vice President(s) - If the president is unable to perform the duties of his/her office for any reason, the vice president next in rank shall occupy his/her position and perform his/her duties with the same authority as the president. Each vice president shall, under the direction of the president, oversee the functioning of such committees of the club as the president designates.

If you haven't elected your 2010 - 2011 officer you need to do that now and get the results to Vice District Don Nelson.

Heart Health

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S. It affects men and women of every age and race. During February's American Heart Month, you are encouraged to join the fight against heart disease and to learn more about how to prevent it.

More than 64 million Americans suffer from one or more forms of cardiovascular disease, including high blood pressure, coronary heart disease, congestive heart failure, stroke, and congenital heart defects. Many risk factors that can lead to heart disease, such as high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, and diabetes, can be prevented or controlled. Research has shown that men and women who lead healthy lifestyles, including making healthy food choices, getting regular exercise, maintaining a healthy weight, and choosing not to smoke or drink excessively, can significantly decrease their risk of heart disease.