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VDG Notes

by VDG Kathy Friske

The District Convention is February 13 and 14 hopefully you have your registrations in. If not there is still time to get your registrations in.

We are in the middle of winter. Hopefully you have your new officers for 2009-2010 elected and ready to send to me. We need to have the Multiple District 27 Directory to be correct. So please email your new officers with the correct e-mail address as soon as possible. Lioness, please get your Affiliate District officers to me also along with your club officers.

Healthy Weight week is the third full week in January. Now that the Holidays are over it is time to get back to exercise and healthy eating.

Diabetes cases skyrocket across the country, leading to record vision loss. Diabetic retinopathy is the leading cause of new cases of blindness in adults.

Lioness Mark Your Calendars

by ADP Patty Overturf

Happy New Year! This is often a time of resolutions - a statement of firm intent.

With the rise of adult on-set diabetes and Lions/Lioness involvement to educate the public, a couple of personal resolutions to get more exercise and limit sweets would get the new year off to a good start.

A resolution to attend leadership seminars would be wonderful. An excellent opportunity is the Sixth Annual Mid-Winter Conference in Stevens Point on January 24. The cost is only $20 and includes lunch and registration. Registration deadline is January 14th.

One more resolution for each of us to consider is to tell our friends and coworkers about our Lions/Lioness Clubs, invite them to a meeting, and then ask them if they would like to join.

A thank you to the Tomah Lioness Club who warmly welcomed Brian and I to their Christmas Party. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Lions District Convention is right around the corner. The Warrens and Oakdale Lions are working hard to provide a fun and informative convention for all. There will be an Affiliate District Meeting at 2:30. I urge all Lioness to try to attend.

Club presidents - please remember to promote these events often to your club members! Members please add them to your calendars and plan to attend.

I hope everyone is checking out our Wisconsin Lioness website www.wisconsinlioness.org. Information about your club that you would like put on the website may be e-mailed directly to Lion/Lioness Sharon Eberhardt at wilioness@yahoo.com.

Also, don't forget Lion Charles Kennedy will put information on the Lions District website at www.md27d2.org. His e-mail is agrafitti@centurytel.net. He has the entire district D2 news page from The Wisconsin Lion on the website.

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My wife, Myrna, and I would like to take this time to wish you a very healthy and happy new year. As we've traveled through 27-D2 and to other conventions in the state and abroad, we are impressed with the role that women are playing in Lions clubs.

Many people do not realize that in 1987 women were declared equal partners in service and allowed to join.

Leadership roles have changed from being competitive to collaborative. Women have been working side by side with men in Lions clubs since 1975.

We need more women members. Women can bring fresh ideas, improve your community and provide leadership experiences. One of our 10 District Governors is a woman this year (doing an excellent job) and next year three District Governors will be women. Great!!!

Adding women to your club will not only benefit those we serve but will offer them the opportunity to make a real difference and instill in them a sense of pride and accomplishment. They make for great team work and partnering.

Reach out to women and encourage them to be involved in your club. Invite them to your club to see what Lions do. We need to get out of our comfort zone.

Recently I inducted five new women into our club and two are already chairing projects for the local Lions. This shows that "many hands make light work".

Lion's International gives a break in the dues structure for the second spouse. Myrna joined Lioness as a Charter member of the Mauston Lioness in 1979. She just joined the Mauston Lions Club in the fall of 2008 as the first woman in the club. She has been welcomed, along with other women, to the club. She is also remaining a Lioness member.

Members are able to have membership in both clubs. Many women do not know this fact.

Life moves on and so should we. This is the 21st century. Let's reach out to women during this coming year.

It's hard to believe that half of our year has already slipped by.

When Myrna and I think back of Thailand, Leader Dog School in Rochester, Michigan, Lions International at Oak Brook, USA/Canada Forum, Council of Governor's Meetings, club and zone meetings, and being on the Eye Bank Board, one has to wonder how did we do it? It's been wonderful.

The many new friends we've made and being able to promote Lionism has been fulfilling. Myrna and I are looking forward to our next 6 months which will end in Minneapolis at the International Convention starting July 6, 2009.

Another Successful Mission to Mexico

by PDG Dick Nestingen, 27-D2 MTM Coordinator

The fall Mission to Mexico was a great success with over 2,600 pairs of eyeglasses given to the needy.

Twenty-nine Wisconsin Lions and other volunteers set out on October 18th with a caravan of five vehicles... the Mission to Mexico trailer, a fire truck, an ambulance, a bus and my truck which was loaded over the top with wheel chairs, walkers, crutches and medical and school supplies. Other than a few tire troubles the trip down went well.

All volunteers returned safely home on November 2nd.

News & Activities

THE ONALASKA LIONS CLUB helped Onalaska fifth graders celebrate Halloween on October 29th with cookies and pop to 260 students at St. Pat's, Northern Hills, Irving Pertzsch and Eagle Bluff Schools. There were costume contests and ribbons were presented for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. The Onalaska Lions Club has been sponsoring this event for many years. Pictured are many of the students in a wide variety of costumes.

Norwalk Lions Bowling Tournament
Sun., Jan. 25th
Colonial Bowling Center, Sparta
10a.m. or 1:00 p.m.
For more info or to reserve a shift
call Rich at 269-4986

WARRENS LIONS LOG BUILDING HOSTED the 6th annual Wheelin' Sportsman benefit - On Saturday, November 1st 2008 the Meadow Valley chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. This auction raises money to enable handicapped hunters the opportunity to harvest wild turkey. Proceeds from prior auctions have even given a visually impaired gentleman the option to take his first bird! This is truly an amazing organization. The Warrens Lions are proud to assist the Turkey Federation in this venture. The Lions donated the beverage sales back to the Turkey Federation.

MAUSTON LIONS present a check to Lion Gary Tovsen and his wife Rita. They lost their home and business in a fire and were not able to save anything.

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

Register by January 1 & get a FREE Convention Pin

27-D2 Convention Registration Form

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

Club _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Fees	By 1/15
Registration (Lions, Lioness, Lion/Lioness & Guests)	$6
Convention Pin	$3
Saturday Lunch*	$13
Saturday Evening Banquet**	$15

Name Title:	Reg.	Pin(s)	Fri. Night (circle one)	Sat. Lunch*	Sat. Banquet**	TOTAL
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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY & FILL IN ALL APPROPRIATE BOXES

Amount Enclosed $

*** LUNCH MENU**
Roast Beef, Chicken Cordon Blue, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy & Green Bean Melody

**** BANQUET MENU:**
Roast Pork, Baked White Fish, AuGratin Potatoes, Peas- Broccoli-Cheese & Cranberry Dessert

MAIL CHECKS & REGISTRATION TO:
Timberwood Bank
Attn: Greg Zingler
P.O. Box 880, Tomah WI 54660
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Fax: 608-372-3757
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REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
January 15th, 2009

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

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