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Time to Start Planning for Conventions

by 1st VDG Don Nelson

When I became a Lion, I had no interest in conventions. I wanted to do the work projects and hang around with the other members. I figured conventions were for more experienced members. Later, I attended a District Convention and had a pretty good time. As Club President, I went to the State Convention in Rhinelander. But it wasn't until a few years ago that I had the opportunity to actually participate in the events at a convention.

As you read this, the District Convention planning team is busy finalizing details for our convention in Lake Delton at the Wintergreen Resort. If you have never attended a District, State or International Convention, this is a great opportunity to share information, rub elbows with other Lions and to see what is being accomplished around us.

Our State Convention will be in Stevens Point in May and it is very important that you register early. There are some changes in the day's usual schedule, so it does not appear that it will be a late evening on Saturday. There is a website for the State Convention, but it is still under construction. If you want to experience the ultimate convention event, there is the opportunity to visit Australia in June and/or Seattle in the following summer.

Sometimes we hear that Lions are too cliquish and don't include newer members in activities. Are we too local and rarely get out to meet Lions from our neighboring communities? How many zone meetings have you attended to get to know the members of other clubs in just your zone? Conventions are a good method to meet not only Lions from down the road, but those from around the district, state and the world. Maybe we'll see you this year.

Lions On Site For Sight

NECEDAH CONDUCTS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL VISION SCREENING - *Necedah student Shayne Sparby is tested by Lion Mary Lou Arnold.*

by Steve Norling and the Messenger of Juneau County

Once again this year the Necedah Lions Club is doing eye screening in the schools in the Necedah area. Each year they go to all of the schools in the Necedah area and do eye screenings of first, third, fifth and seventh grade students. They do the Necedah Elementary School, the Queen of the Holy Rosary School and the St. Francis Academy. When asked how long the Lions had been doing this public service, no one seemed to know except that it has been well over 20 years.

This year they will spend about three days at the Necedah Elementary School and will test 130 students. In the past, they have found that between 20 and 30 percent of the students have less than 20-20 vision. While many times it is not serious, it gives the parents a heads up to keep watch on them.

This year there were eight people from the Lions that were at the school as volunteers. Dave Arnold, Mary Lou Arnold, Jim Hill, Donna Hill, Bob Cetnar, Les Crispell, Steve Cetnar and Sally Becker.

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

Mauston Partners Renovate Pavilion

The Mauston Lions, McElroy Metals and the City of Mauston joined together to improve the "old" pavilion at Lions Park on Division St. The Club purchased the metal for a new roof from McElroy Metals of Mauston, with an agreement with the City to provide assistance for installation.

George Kleinhaus of McElroy stepped forward to provide the materials at a discounted rate as well as providing a donation from the corporate headquarters. He said "This was an excellent opportunity for McElroy to be a good community neighbor. This was a great way for us to show our support for the good projects initiated in our community."

The original shelter was constructed in the Mauston Lions in 1973 and has had many improvements and expansions.

Mauston Lions Club members from left include: Bob Treland, Mike Kelley, Rob Schmocker, Wayne Morris and Bill Pederson.

27-D2 Peace Poster Winner

Congratulations and thank you to all clubs and students that participated in the Peace Poster Contest.

First place goes to Autumn Gauthier, from Meadowview Middle School, Sparta. Her quote on Peace is "Peace is unity with others and yourself no matter who you are! Live life to the fullest."

Second Place is Lydia Ishmael, from River Valley middle School, Spring Green. Her quote on peace is "Peace is as easy as letting your hand go from a fist to an open hand."

Third place is Alexis Venter, from North Crawford School. Her quote on peace is "When all people come together, that is the power that peace brings."

Our first place winner receives $75.00 and her poster is sent on to the State for judging. Second place winner will receive $50.00 and third place will receive $25.00 from the District. We will be honoring the winners at our District Convention.

With the Peace Poster contest coming to a conclusion at the District level, now is the time to start thinking about and contacting a group or school to enter into next year's contest. On January 15th the new Peace Poster kits go on sale from LCI's Club Supplies Department. Schools and many civic groups begin the process of planning for the 2010-11 year during the first quarter of 2010. So plan to approach the appropriate contact people to get them involved in our Peace Poster Contest.

Again thank you to the Sparta Lioness Club, Gays Mills Lions Club, and the Spring Green Lions club for participating this year. We received some very excellent posters and peace quotes that accompanied each.

27-D2 PEACE POSTER WINNER
Autumn Gauthier, Sparta Lioness

Lioness News

by ADP Myrna Kelley

Does your Lioness club know where your club will be in five years? 10 years? Try to know where you are and where you want to be. How many members will you have in five years? Will your club still be doing extra ordinary things for the less fortunate? Try to go beyond survival to a flourishing club. Make sure your projects are relevant. Make sure your community knows what you do. Make sure your members feel proud and stay engaged in your club. Make sure your club has FUN! Engage everyone. Every member is responsible for the club's success or failure. It's not just the officers.

Lioness hear people say "that's unfortunate" if someone is hurting. Lioness roll up their sleeves and help. Some of us became members before we saw all the good that Lioness do. Then we saw how much happiness we give and we're so happy to be called a Lioness. Keep up the wonderful work.

Barbara Bush once said, " Some people give their time, some give money, some their skills and connections, some literally give their life's blood, but everyone has something to give."

27-D2 District Governor
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WOW! We are half way through with our District Governor year. I was wondering how I and Lion Jim would get everything accomplished. But with help from all the Lions in 27-D2 we are getting things done. We as Lions always seem to find the time to help others when the need is there.

LCI President Wirfs theme Move to Grow, means we need to change. Change makes a difference. Change can be good or bad. Change means making a difference whether it's a positive course of direction, or a shift from one to another.

As your District Governor, I had to make some changes. I see some clubs making changes by having women join their club. Some are changing by doing things differently. It may mean they are doing their meetings different or how they do their fund raisers.

My goal this year was to replace all the drops and increase each club by one new member per club, and if we chartered a new club that would be a plus. As of the end of October we are up by 12 new members - let's keep the momentum going. I ask that all Lions help move our district as far as we collectively can to achieve this goal.

For my part the second half of the year, I would like to visit all the Lions Clubs and Lioness clubs in the District so if you haven't contacted me please do so as soon as possible to schedule a visit. The Club visit form is on the district website.

I would like to have many Club President, 100% Secretary and Treasurer awards to hand out at the end of the year. It is good to recognize these club officer's for all the work and effort they put in.

The forms for 100% Secretary and Treasurer is on the www.md27d2.org website. The Club Presidents award form is on the International Lions Club website.

As your District Governor I would like you to look at yourself or any member in your club or zone who you think would make a good leader. We need leadership on the district and state levels as well as International level. If you know someone please inform 1st VDG Don Nelson, your region, zone chair or myself. We need a 2nd VDG for 2010-2011, If you know someone who qualifies please let Lion Warren Wolf know as soon as possible so they can be put on the ballot for the District Convention in February 12 and 13 2009.

Speaking of the District Convention make sure you get your reservations in. Clubs should have received their registration forms by mail. If you did not or misplaced your form the information is on the district website.

Happy New Year to all.

Register by January 1 & get a FREE Convention Pin

27-D2 Convention Registration Form

February 12th - 13th Winter Green Resort & Conference Center, Lake Delton

Club _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Fees	By 2/1
Registration (Lions, Lioness, Lion/Lioness & Guests)	$7
Convention Pin	$3
Saturday Lunch*	$12
Saturday Evening Banquet**	$23

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:
Pizza & Pasta Buffet

** BANQUET MENU:
Prime Rib Buffet

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Fevruary 1st, 2010

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