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Make Time To Serve

by ADP Myrna Kelley

All the 27-D2 Lioness Clubs are very busy with our fall projects. We have 10 clubs in our district with 223 members. We are all committed to making our communities better places for those less fortunate than ourselves. That is a great satisfaction for us. Keep working on membership. There are many prospective members in every community.

Since our Lioness Club was chartered in Mauston in 1979, I have made time for service work. We should never be too busy to help others. It's easy to say we don't have time to volunteer. Some times all of us get overwhelmed with time constraints. It doesn't have to be that serious. Just do what you can as a member. If you are passionate enough about being a Lioness, it's very doable. Enthusiasm will go a long way. Tell prospective members that the time commitment isn't as daunting as they might imagine.

Remember to give new members a chance to express ideas and feel included. New ideas may take some members of our club some getting used to, but it's very necessary. We should never hear, "We don't do it that way". Many years from now our Lioness club could be benefiting from a new member's idea of a different project or community involvement.

Have a wonderful holiday season and enjoy your Lioness friendships.

News & Activities

WARRENS LIONS PURCHASE WATER FOUNTAIN - In June of 2009 the Warrens Lions purchased this Lion replica water fountain for the Village of Warrens. It is located under the "Walter Sorenson" shelter house at the east end of the Village Park. The original twenty year old water fountain failed a year ago.The Warrens Lions purchased the water fountain with monies donated to the Lions from the estate of life long Warrens resident Phyllis Birkoltz. The memory of Phyllis Birkholz lives on through the generous donation she left the Warrens Lions Club. The Village of Warrens installed and will maintain the new water fountain.

GENOA & ONALASKA TEAM UP - As an example of the type of cooperation 2nd VDG Joe Fisher was writing of, the Genoa Lions and Onalaska Lions Clubs teamed up to donate $4,600 to help a family get an insulin pump for their son. Tyler Barth is a nine year old Onalaska student with a severe case of diabetes and in need of an insulin pump to keep his blood sugar under control. At a recent Onalaska Lions meeting, Genoa Lions President Martin Osinski and Onalaska Lions President Ed Carpenter were presented a plaque from Tyler in appreciation of their gift.

ABOVE: Tyler with his father Aaron Barth. Tyler is holding the plaque that includes a picture of Tyler and his pump.

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN LIONS KEEPING AMERICA BEAUTIFUL - August 24, 2009, was a beautiful day for a Prairie du Chien Lions Club Highway Clean-up session. The Prairie du Chien Lions clean up a portion of Highways 35-60-18 extending both directions from the Pine Tree Tavern in rural Bridgeport. L to R: Wally Brown, Ray Tippery, Erv Mueller, Terri Jung, Bob Standorf, Cathy Sutton, Pam Olson, Kevin Mulrooney, Tammy Otteson, Bob Sutton, Brittany Otteson, Mark Otteson, and Ruth Brown.

Send your club news & photos of Lions in Action to Editor Pat

Seeking 2nd VDG Candidates

We are seeking 27-D2 2nd Vice District Governor candidates for the 2010-2011 Lions year. Eligible candidates include any Lion who:

- Is an active member in good standing in a club that is in good standing;
- Is endorsed by his/her club or the majority of the clubs in the single or sub-district;
- Has served as club president and a member of the board of directors of the club for two years and as zone or region chairperson or cabinet secretary or cabinet treasurer, with none of these offices being accomplished concurrently. A Lion must hold these offices for a full term or major portion thereof.

The governor and the first and second vice district governors are a team working together to provide effective district leadership. The second vice district governor is primarily responsible for focusing on retention issues affecting the district and for increasing the awareness among Lions about various association programs.

As second vice district governor, you will learn how the district operates, become more familiar with LCI programs and assess local club needs.

Anyone interested in running for 2nd Vice-District Governor should contact:

27-D2 Election Chair
Warren Wolf
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Election Chair Warren will get the nomination form to you. Deadline for submitting nomination paper is NOVEMBER 31.

DG Kathy's Calendar

OCTOBER
1 Necedah Lions
2-3 Council of Governors Meeting
16 27-C1 Convention
17 Cashton 60th Anniversary
18 Cabinet Meeting - Oakdale
20 Mindoro Lions
24 Fall Work Day at the Camp
27 Boaz Lions

NOVEMBER
6-7 27-B2 Convention
11 Coon Valley Lions
13-14 27-B1 Convention

DECEMBER
1 Oakdale Cub Club Christmas
12 Oakdale Lions Christmas Party
16 Baraboo Lions Christmas Party

JANUARY
8-9 Council of Governors Meeting
15-16 27-A1 Convention
31 Cabinet Meeting - Warrens

FEBRUARY
1 Hillsboro Lions
2 Mormon Coulee Lions
3 Norwalk Lions and Lioness
6 Diabetes Focus Group
10 Seneca Lions
12-13 27-D2 Convention
19-20 27-A2 District Convention

MARCH
5-6 Council of Governors Meeting
12-13 27-D1 District Convention
19-20 27-E2 District Convention
21 Cabinet Meeting - Dorf Haus, Roxbury WI

APRIL
9-10 27-E1 District Convention
16-17 27-C2 District Convention
24 Spring Work Day at the Camp

MAY
1 Diabetes Focus Group
13 Council of Governors Meeting
14-15 State Convention

It Doesn't Take Many

by 2nd VDG Joe Fisher

A couple months ago we talked about, in some circumstances pooling our collective resources between two or more clubs to accomplish actions and make Lionistic contributions above what we can accomplish on the individual club level. While, hopefully, this brought out some possibilities, maybe it's also appropriate to look at the other extreme, the many good things that can be done when one, two or a few of us get together in the name of service.

I think many times we as "good neighbors" can get a few together to accomplish much as well. This year Lion Mary and I are the FRG (Family Readiness Group) Co-Chairs for A Company, 32nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, our son's Wisconsin National Guard Unit that is now deployed for the second time to Iraq.

Every week we see this "small unit help principle" in action many times. Many of the assisting actions are "right down Lions Alley." Additionally I could mention the name of a PDG and his Lion wife, who despite their many contributions to Lionism and the accolades they have justly received, are still probably best known, as a neighbor put it, "as the people in the neighborhood that are always there first to help out in almost any situation of need, irrespective of the time and circumstance or degree of personal inconvenience."

Lastly, along this line, I would guess that almost all of us have read/heard often His statement--"when any two or more are gathered in my name."

At any rate I guess we all should look daily at the "small things" we can do for our neighbors as well. And while certainly not flaunting our Lionism or making it a pre-condition for the assistance, we certainly can use many of these opportunities to make additional friends for Lionism and hopefully attract new Lions members as well.

NEW LOCATION - Oct. 18th Cabinet Meeting has been moved to the Warrens Log Building, Warrens

An Awesome Experience

by Ken Williams, Leader Dog Chair

Having just completed my weekend at Leader Dog School, I would like to pass on some information I learned...

I learned that Lions, Lioness and Leos of Wisconsin were the fourth highest in donations of any MD in the world last year. This is fantastic. Hopefully we do even better this year.

Wisconsin received 13 dogs last year. Some were to new teams, some were replacement dogs.

- The cost to raise and train a dog is $38,000.
- The cost to receive a dog is zero including airfare and room and board.
- The cost to the Clubs is zero.
- In 27-D2 a dog was replaced.
- In all, Wisconsin has received 529 dogs to date.

You do the math for cost.

The value to the individual who receives a dog cannot be measured in dollars. I heard from people how the dog was the difference from being a shut-in to having the ability to become independent and live on their own.

If you know of anyone who is 16 years of age or older who might benefit from this please let me know. They need not be a Lion. However, a lot of the people who receive dogs go on to become some of the best Lions we have.

As a District, our giving was only seventh out of the ten Districts in the State. I would like to see us improve on this.

LEADER DOGS IN TRAINING *being loaded into a van for a trip to the mall where they will practice the skills necessary to assist their human partners.*

Leader Dog has asked if it is possible to increase our donations by only ten percent for the current year. They, like everyone else, lost money because of the recession. They are not asking to get it back in one big amount but just to be able to maintain a steady budget and keep doing the fine job they do. So, if at all possible, please do what you can. If you can do the ten percent great, if not do what you can.

If you are one of the clubs that did not donate last year I ask that you give something. It all will help.

Ask yourself if you or a loved one were to lose your/their sight where could you go to get the gift of freedom and self confidence that a leader dog provides. It would be great to be a 100% District. Please help!

If you would like more info or a club visit please contact me at kwilli@iwon.com or at 608-781-3386.

27-D2 District Governor
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Great job Lions, Lioness, and Leos. Lion Jim and I are having a great time serving 27-D2. We are seeing all the fund raisers and community projects, and allotting of money to many community needs that all the clubs are doing.

The good old days when fuel and postage prices were lower and the economy was booming is over. Lions must find new ways to recruit and educate members and find ways to retain them.

October used to be the membership recruiting month. Everyone should dedicate some time to ask a friend, neighbor, or colleague if they would like to share in the fun of being a Lion.

Please review how your club gets needed information out to your members. How can you improve your membership participation and retention by getting more information to them in a timely manner? Would this help make your projects and fundraisers more successful?

Communication is key in obtaining club success "Change One Step at a Time". Change Happen "Z".

We need to, evaluate each project (service or fund raiser) at its conclusion to establish if it has accomplished its goal, how it could be improved, and how could it be expanded to benefit more people. With our world changing so fast, each club should also survey their communities for new needs that may have arisen. Many times these new projects will draw new community members into your Lions club.

October is the month of all the ghost and globins. For all the kids that like to go trick and treating. I hope you all have gotten your Health Halloween brochures and have participated in the contest. If your Club is sponsoring a Halloween Party in your Community find some healthy alternatives to candy.

It is again time to start thinking of Deer Hides for Camp. Get your advertising out, and your pick-up points set. Please salt heavy, about 4 pounds per hide. Do not use rock salt. Remember to cut all of the legs open. For more information call Bernie Stuttgen of Thorp (715) 669 – 5588 or 27-D2 Chair Bud Greene of West Salem at (608) 785 – 1264.

The Holiday season is around the corner. November is American Diabetes Month. Maybe find a way to hand out Diabetes literature. This can be received from Liz Shelley at WLF.

Thinking about the holiday season, if you do Holiday baskets look at your communities and see if there are more in the community that could use a helping hand this season. Maybe do a collection Look around your community and see what is needed in this time of unemployment.

Have a warm and healthy October!