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Lioness Call To Action

by ADP Myrna Kelley

Lioness! Come out of your dens! Bare your teeth and your claws! Our work is never done. There will always be work for us 24/7. We're Lioness and we're proud of it!

Someone asked me just recently what Lioness were famous for. Everyone in our towns and cities should know what Lioness do. A good idea might be to put a display about Lioness in an empty building window in your downtown. We know there are more service-minded people who would love to serve with us. We serve our community, our district, our state and our world. We just need to get more people interested enough to join us. Women who are 18 years old to infinity may join Lioness and develop years of friendships and enjoying each other's company while playing an active part in the local community with other like-minded individuals from all walks of life, helping those less fortunate than ourselves by taking a "hands on role" in improving the quality of life for others.

We can't do it alone. We need to attract new members. With extra members two extra hands are able to help. We need to teach young people to serve others early in life and become good citizens and help others. We need to all pull together to help change the world.

We Serve, Too! Where we live we share and give. We dream big! We're dedicated to community work but so much more. We help with anything that makes the world a better place than we found it. There are 2,800 Wisconsin Lioness in 104 communities statewide. Wisconsin Lioness are known for working closely in their local communities on a wide variety of projects which range from very small projects to huge life changing events.

Maybe it's the Lion's Camp where children and adults are able to meet other people like themselves.

Maybe it's a little girl from Reedsburg who has needed different hearing aids for her little ears several times in her four years of life.

Maybe it's a little boy who couldn't see the chart during vision screening who told us "Glasses are my magic!" We make dreams come true.

Take a dart and throw it anywhere in the world and you will find terrible child abuse. It's found in neglect, violence, substance abuse, physical and sexual abuse to emotional turmoil. Lioness work hard to help prevent child abuse.

Lioness change lives. We make a difference. We're there even when we don't know the people we're helping. Miracles keep coming one at a time. I'm confident and optimistic about our Lioness future.

We need to review what we've done in the past, what we're doing now and what we plan to do in the future. Past, present, future. Serving others is our goal.

We shine light in dark places. We have fun, too. Volunteerism is a good thing! We work from the heart. WE SERVE, TOO! Remember my motto "Together we can do so little- together we can do so much" by Helen Keller. Have a great Lioness month!

Is It Time For You To Move Up?

by 1st VDG, Don Nelson

It isn't a secret that many Lions clubs have repeat officers in certain positions, such as secretary or treasurer. There are even clubs that have had presidents carry over for multiple years. Clubs with limited membership have had members fill all positions in their first ten years and start over again by necessity. If you have never served your club, please consider the opportunity. But, how many of you have thought about taking it up a notch?

There are positions at the cabinet level that could be filled by Lions with a desire to not only serve their district, but also share the Lions philosophy. Your zone and region chairs are Lions that accepted the call to meet with several other clubs several times a year and share current information from the International, State and District sources. District Cabinet officers didn't just appear. Most began as zone chairs and advanced through the ranks as they became more active. It is vital that zone and region positions be filled by Lions from different clubs through the years so that all regions are included in the overall picture.

Those of you in club officer positions should also consider volunteering for the cabinet. Check out the Lions directory some time to see how many positions there are and may be available in the next few years. Those with the desire and time, may also be interested in becoming a leader in Lions. Throughout the year, there are opportunities for Leadership Training, Emerging Lions and other such forums.

Are you ready to take the challenge? Are you ready to take "We Serve", to the next level? If so, please contact either myself, 2nd VDG Joe Fisher or Governor Kathy. Now is the time to start considering "your" Lions future. You are the next leaders in Lions.

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It's that time of year when the gardens are being wrapped up and the leaves are being raked. This should be the time to look around your neighborhood and see if there is someone that could use a little help getting ready for the fall and winter months. This would be a good time to put on your Lions cap, shirt, or vest and go out into the community and help with some of these projects.

July and August were busy for Jim and I. Here's a few highlights... the Youth exchange camp at Dundee, WI. What an experience being with all the youth from different countries as well as the youth from Wisconsin. Following our evening meal it was back on the road to Stevens Point for the District Governors Council Meeting Friday evening and Saturday. We also walked in the New Lisbon Wa Du Shuda Day Parade with the New Lisbon Lions and the Oakdale Lions and Lion Cubs.

Then on August 13, 2009 off to the State Fair where we handed out Lions candy rolls and brochures advertising Lions Camp. It is interesting to hear people talk about how the Wisconsin Lions Camp has touched them. Either, they, or their children were campers, or a counselor, or they know someone who has been at the camp.

Then it was off to Oakbrook to visit LCI Headquarters. You realize the immense scope of Lions when you see the workings, and the many languages that LCI accommodates.

September 19 is Lions Camp Open House at Rosholt. Lions Day at the camp is another occasion to feel pride. This fantastic facility provides great opportunities for the special youth. Let's get as many of your club members and potential members to the Camp to see our donations in action.

Halloween is next month. Has your club distributed their Healthy Halloween literature? If not, contact Lion Liz Shelley at WLF. If you are hosting a Halloween celebration think about healthy alternatives for children.

November is National Diabetes Month, if you are planning to hand out brochures to the public please contact Liz Shelley for your supply. Also please contact Lion Doug Olson or Lion Vern Nauman who are your District Diabetes chairs if you wish to use the Diabetes display or would like them to come and give a presentation at your club or community event.

I would like to ask you to get the club visitation form that was in the July newspaper filled and returned as soon as possible. I will have Lion Charles Kennedy place the form on the 27-D2 website at www.md27d2.org.

Reach for the moon, but if you miss, grab a star on the way by.

ALERT Reminder

by PDG Virgil Thompson

ALERT TEAM
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Our Region Chairpersons need your club Alert information forms that were sent to each club. Information from these forms will be compiled into a master list which will be submitted to County emergency agencies to inform them how Lions of 27-D2 can help them in their efforts and the number of Lions that can be expected to help. Please complete and mail these forms to the Region Chairman in your county.

- Lion Joe Fisher – La Crosse County
- Lion Pat Hart – Jackson County
- Lion Wayne Sherry – Vernon County
- Lion Pete Lund – Juneau - Sauk County
- Lion Sue Paulson – Crawford – Richland County

If you have not turned in these forms or have misplaced them, please contact your Region Chair or me at 608-786-0651 or thomsrv@centurytel.net.

Time For "The Power Of Peace" Peace Poster Contest

by Rita Thompson, 27-D2 Peace Poster Chair

As we are making our plans for the upcoming year let's not forget about the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. It is a great chance for our community youths to show their art skills by creating a poster visually depicting the theme, "The Power of Peace".

Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school or an organized sponsored youth group, such as YMCA programs, Boys & Girls Clubs, Scouts, church groups, etc. Contest is open to students who will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15.

A club must purchase a Peace Poster Contest Kit for each school or youth group it sponsors.

Peace Poster Contest kits are available from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters for $9.95 plus shipping, handling and taxes. The kit contains all the information for the club and participating school or youth group to get started.

Each club that sponsors a school or youth group will pick a winner from the entries. The club then needs to send the winning entry to DG Kathy by November 15th.

The top three district winners will be presented with monetary awards in the amount of $75, $50, and $25 at the District Convention luncheon in February.

The District's first place winner will advance to the State competition and from there one winner is forwarded to International Headquarters for the final judging. Entries are judged on originality, artistic merit and portrayal of theme.

Deadline is coming up (October 1st) to order your club's Peace Poster kit. Get those kits ordered, contact and sponsor some of your area youth. Visit Lions Clubs International at www.lionsclubs.org for more information, purchasing of the Peace Poster kit and contest rules.

If you would like additional information please call or I can visit your club to help you get started. I can be reached at 608/786-0651 or thomsrv@centurytel.net.

Events

SEPTEMBER

SAT, SEP 12 - 2nd Annual LaCrosse Lions Ride/Stride for Sight - non-timed family fun ride, road ride and walk at the LaCrosse River State Trail Park Medary trail head. Registration 8am-10:30am. Events are varying lengths and start at various times. Lunch from 11:30am-1pm.
— Costs and registration at www.lacrosselions.org

SAT, SEP 12 - Elroy Lions Apple Dumpling Day Races -Tunnel Trails Half Marathon, a 5K run/walk, .75K Kids Fun Run. All races finish at the Elroy City (Schultz) Park. T-shirts and other goodies medals will be awarded.
— www.elroylions.org

THU, SEP 24 - 1st Annual Reedsburg Lions Golf Outing at the Reedsburg Country Club. Cost per golfer is $60. Dinner and Program only is $15. Complete package includes: Lunch and Raffle Ticket, 18 Holes of Golf with Cart, Gratuity Package and Prize Drawings, Tail Twister Program. Registration/check in from 10:30 to 11:45 AM, shotgun start at 12 noon. Dinner starts at 5:30 PM. Register by Friday, September 18, and make payment out to: Reedsburg Lions Club, PO Box 262, Reedsburg, WI 53959.
— Tom Maenpaa (608)768-2045; Dave Pawlisch (608) 524-6468

OCTOBER

SAT, OCT 17 - Cashton Lions 60th Anniversary at the Cashton Community Hall. 6pm Social; 7pm dinner of Beef Tips, Ham, potatoes, vegetable and dessert. Guest speaker is ID Debra Wasserman. Mike Healy will emcee. Musical Music by *The Time Travelers*. $20/person includes meal and two drinks. 60th Anniversary pin will also be available. Invitations will be sent to 27-D2 clubs by 9/1/09.
— Mike Hansen 608-654-7898 or mailmanrt2@centurytel.net

News & Activities

ONALASKA LIONS have been busy this year with our Fishing Derby in February and co-sponsored Boys Little League Baseball in June. There were about 32 Teams; some 12 and under, some 14 and under. On Memorial Day weekend helping set up, working at and tearing down Sunfish Days. We helped set up and tear down at Riverfest in La Crosse and selling Pop first part of July. We set up and served concessions for Park and Rec. Girls Softball Tournament at the end of July. TOP: is the Girls Team The Onalaska Lions Club sponsor. These young ladies won the tournament. BOTTOM: the new Van Riper Park shelter by the Jimmy Olson Fields. The Onalaska Lions pledged $10,000 to help get this built and served food out of it for both tournaments this year.

ST. JOSEPH'S RIDGE LIONS CLUB sponsors a monthly outdoor movie night at the Lions Park in St. Joseph. Movies are shown the third Friday of every month, June-September. Concessions are handled by the youth group in St. Joseph. This is a free event to promote interest in the Lions Club and to bring out the community to enjoy an event together. The club also recently finished upgrading the facilities at the park, both bathrooms and playground equipment.

27-D2 CABINET MEETING FUN & INFORMATIVE - Sweet corn, burgers & brats; unbeatable summer fair for 27-D2's first Cabinet Meeting of the Lionistic year. Ithaca Lions hosted the outdoor meeting at Honor Devine Lions Park. The meeting was called to order by DG Kathy Friske, the district's first woman Governor. DG Kathy distributed her pins as International Director Art Marson inducted new officers and cabinet members. Marson presented several awards including the International President's Award to PDG Brian Overturf. Overturf, who is District Policy Chair, presented proposed updates to the current Manual to reflect changes made by the State and International. The changes were approved and the updated Manual is now on the District Web-site. Committee reports and a raffle rounded out the day. Tail Twister Clark Petterson was in his usual, "Just Have Fun" fund raising mode. Indeed, Petterson, seasoned and observant, made parting with those charitable dollars fun! ABOVE: PDG Brian Overturf, Patty Overturf and ID Art Marson. BELOW: Tail Twister Clark Petterson and PDG Ed Carpenter, about to part with some "charitable dollars".