



# LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL

## WISCONSIN DISTRICT 27-C2

### NEWSLETTER

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Greetings Lions, Lioness and Families,

Well here we are, the beginning of a new year. These past six months have gone by so quickly and yet it certainly proved to be most rewarding. The many club visits have definitely been the highlight of our first half year as your District Governor. We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and we wish all of our Lions/Lioness family a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Plans are under way for the District convention to be held on April 22nd and 23<sup>rd</sup> at Eagle River. The committee has been hard at work to ensure a wonderful and inspiring event for all the Lions and Lioness in 27C2. They are asking everyone to register early and reserve their hotels early since space is limited. The service of remembrance will once again be held on Friday evening. We are asking every club to get the information on deceased members to us as soon as possible. A picture along with name and year of birth and death will be helpful.

A tentative schedule will be sent in the next newsletter. Many informative sessions are planned and great entertainment and hospitality to be enjoyed by all. First timers will have a chance to compete for prizes. So please come and participate in the best Lions convention in Wisconsin.

If you haven't signed up for the Mid-Winter Conference being held on Jan.29<sup>th</sup> in Stevens Point, there is still time. Mark your calendars for this special event. You will be glad you did. (see registration form in this newsletter)

Also, be sure to send us the announcements for your club activities and fundraisers. They can be put in the newsletter and posted on the web-site, MD27C2.org. This way, we can all know what's going on in our district and help support our clubs. Keep up the great work and let's have fun this year serving our communities and our Lions projects and programs.

Yours in Lionism,  
DG Stan and Partner in Service Liz

# WISCONSIN LIONS FOUNDATION, INC.

## YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT AWARD

ENDORSED BY  
WISCONSIN LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

In order to recognize and encourage service learning, the Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Inc. has developed a Youth Service Project Award Program. This Program is meant to be promoted by local Lions, Lioness, and Leo Clubs.

A service activity carried out by a school or youth group will be recognized in each Lions District in the State. From the ten District Winners, a State Winner will be selected. The District Winners will be recognized at their District Convention, or other suitable function, as determined by the District Governor. The State Winners will be recognized during the Wisconsin Lions Foundation's Annual Meeting at the State Convention in Fontana, Wisconsin.

Awards will be presented as follows:

**DISTRICT WINNERS –**  
Prize to be determined  
By your District Cabinet

**STATE WINNERS –**  
\* 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$300  
\* 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$200  
\* 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$100

The District Governor, District Youth Chairperson, and District Foundation Directors will select the District Winners. The Foundation Youth Committee will then select the State Winners from the District First Place Winners.

**Application deadline is March 1, 2005. All entries must be typed. If an entry is not typed, it will be returned to the organization for resubmission by the deadline date.**  
**Only one application per organization will be accepted.**

Any questions or comments should be directed to the Foundation Office at 715-677-4969, or toll-free at 877-463-6953 (INFO-WLF). Applications can be found at the Foundation's website at [www.wlf.info](http://www.wlf.info).

### **Applications should be sent to:**

WISCONSIN LIONS FOUNDATION INC  
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**DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2005**





# INSIDE WLF

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## A NEWS YEAR'S WISH:



From President Curt Kjendalen, the Board of Directors, the entire Staff of the Foundation, including Lions Camp and the Recycling Center, a **New Year's wish for nothing but success for your Club, its members, and the people of your community.** We also wish for a renewed commitment to the Wisconsin Lions Foundation and the people we serve. Always remember our ability to serve others is because of your support. We do this together. We have for 48 years. We are the best, again, because of you.

## PRESENT A BIRCH-STURM FELLOWSHIP:

Do you have someone very special you need to recognize? Consider presenting a Birch-Sturm Fellowship. The money stays right here in Wisconsin in our Endowment Fund. Start a tradition, present one per year. Call the Foundation for details at 877-463-6953, or contact your WLF Director.



## FOUNDATION WISH LIST:

The Wish List continues. The Foundation Wish List is made available to Clubs and others who would like to make an additional contribution to the Foundation that is



**ABOVE and BEYOND their Annual Donation.** For the new and latest List, call toll-free at 877-463-6953. Learn how your club can be recognized on the Recognition Wall in the Friends and Honors Garden by donating to the Wish List.



**TRADING POST ON THE ROAD:** The Foundation Staff will be bringing Trading Post items to District Conventions for you and other members to purchase. This was an extremely popular feature at some of last year's Conventions. It allowed members to purchase merchandise such as shirts, sweatshirts, hats, and others items with the official WLF and Lions Camp logos on them. These make excellent gifts for Birthdays for family and friends...so bring your checkbook, credit card or just plain cash.

## THE PROPERTY CORNER:

Did you know that we also receive help from Portage County Community Justice Program? We currently are receiving labor to help paint and spruce up 3 or 4 cabins this winter. This program not only helps the WLF but also helps in building Community Service Work.

WLF ... Making a difference



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We see the numbers, we hear the reports, we are sent statistics, we are provided comparisons, we are bombarded from too many sources, and want to turn it off. No, the election is over, and we all know the results. The people have spoken, and now the program is back on the road for another four years. Yes, there will be changes, some will be beneficial, and some will not work, but we all have to try. Sometimes, we have to experiment.

### TURN A NEGATIVE INTO A POSITIVE

How many of you have been around negative people. They, usually bring everyone down with them. To say the least, I hate being around people like that.

This is your election for 2005. Let's elect to be positive. Let's elect to vote against negativism. Let's elect to stay away from negative people. Let's elect to be a membership person for Lionism. Let's elect to go out and "beat" the bushes for all those good people out there, just "itching" to be asked.

We have a campaign that never ends. You have been elected to be an "individual member recruiter". We gain the experience from being a part of the greatest organization in the world. We all know what to do, how to do it, and we can brag, in a positive way, what you and your Lions Club has done. Elect yourself, and no one will vote you out, and recruit that person you know, to come with you to the most positive organization in the world. If you campaign diligently, and recruit that new positive member, you may even be elected President { of your Club }.

We don't really need to know the numbers [ of our District ] or the goals at this time. We know the only way to function and to carry out our purpose is to have enough members that can join in our campaign to provide for the needs of all those people that rely upon us Lions to make their lives a little better.

One other campaign promise each of us has to make to ourselves and our fellow Lions. *Don't let those Lions get away.* We are way too lax, we don't watch the back door. We leave it wide open and allow members to walk out without being noticed. When they are gone, out of sight, we miss them and realize we could have closed the door, and kept them in our group.

We have an exit interview form that is to be prepared for every member that leaves our great organization. Yes, this is a required form that the Club is to provide to the District Membership Chair. Just letting you know this is not being done. Yes, it takes a little time, but it has so much value. From my own experience, just recently, our Club saved a long-term member by interviewing the Lion and resolving the factors that caused this person to consider moving away from us. *He was saved.*

Retention and recruitment. This is our campaign platform. We will have successful results and win this election, hands down, if we join together in our fight for "*WE SERVE*". Just do a little extra, it works.



# **LIONESS CORNER**

## **Mercer Lioness**

Starting a club is like starting a marriage! Sometimes a success – depending on what you put into it!

Our club started 26 years ago in 1978. We celebrated 26 years in November, 2004. We were sponsored by the Mercer Lions. From the beginning, we met in the old town hall building which is now a coffee shop and bakery, etc. When we started dinner meetings, they were quite often held in members homes. One time the club decided on a picnic at the park. It was so cold they moved to “Chaney’s” garage and started the stove and heated up the members and meeting. Ideas started to form with a small membership. One of the first donations was to amulance-AmBuski’s to help rescues in snow and lakes etc. The clinic received an emergency crash kit for all types accidents. By 1990 more ideas “popped” up as the club grew in membership.

I remember a fashion show and luncheon held at club 51 in the basement. There was the “Snowplace Dance” held at the old senior citizen building. The band was live, the refreshments were liquid and raffles galore. Wild game cookbooks were sold. When Loon Days began, we sold cookbooks, pins, and craft items for the Lioness.

As the years went on, the club continued to grow in membership and so did our donations. The Scholarships, donations to WLF, Leader Dog, Vitamin A and by the late 1990’s into 2000 Mission to Mexico was added. The “Formal” Car Wash began and continues till 2004 with all our gals in formal gowns washing cars. Then the Christmas Bazaar and Bakery Sale became a regular project. The Fashion Show was revived with a salad bar luncheon and entertainment. This has become an annual affair. The biggest project was the start of “Bingo”. This runs from end of May until August or Labor day. We also became very successful with our Blood Bank.

As the years passed, our officers and members strengthened our club with all the projects that we participated in. We were able to extend our donations and increase our scholarships to 3. Mercer school now has a difibulator donated by the Mercer Lioness.

Our latest fund raiser is to re-do and improve the Mercer School girls bathroom at a cost of \$5000. We have a committee to start a thermometer fund with our club giving \$1000 and asking all donations from businesses and other clubs to match this goal. We helped to send a Mercer School sports student to Australia to represent all of Wisconsin in this event. Many other monetary donations are given to people with cancer, etc. to help with medical bills and other health problems.

As the years go by, we have lost several members due to illness and some from accidents. We have gained strength from experienced and camaraderie. New members have been installed and new officers every two years, have helped this club to flourish. I, myself, have gained and grown as a member and past president, meeting with people from different clubs, the Affiliate, and State who donate time to all.

One day, I hope to start another Lioness Club with all the members who have gone before us. A great history legacy will be for those to come and those who are here for years to come.

Written By Cele Romaniak.

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Hey club presidents! District 27C2 is looking for a few candidates for the Club President Excellence Award. Right? Wrong, we are looking for all our clubs presidents to achieve this status. Read on.

As we go through this year we still have time for many club presidents to make the grade. As you look over the requirements, stop and think about it. You are probably closer than you think to achieving this prestigious award that comes from Lions Clubs International. An award such as this is really worthwhile on your record and it is in the permanent records of LCI.

Achieving this status has many objectives. To name a few, you have a club that is healthy and participating in all levels of district functions. This includes officer training, zone meetings, MERLO meetings and District Convention. You also have a secretary that is on time with the M reports.

We have 51 clubs in the district and last year only 4 clubs applied for this award. While visiting the clubs I could have guessed that at least 2/3 of the clubs could qualify. Lets get that number up this year and show International that District 27C2 is with it. If you have any questions about the requirements call me or your District Governor.

PDG Don Ashby



**Vince Lombardi said,**

***“The Challenge for every organization is to build a feeling of oneness; of dependence on one another...because the question is usually not how well each person works, but how well they work together.”***

**Lions Pride Campaign . . . Together we can make it work. Call 877.463.6953 Ext. 337 to make a difference.**

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# Tsunami Relief Update from LCIF

In the last 72 hours, \$170,000 in LCIF Emergency Grant funds have been dispatched to Lions districts in India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Indonesia to help the Lions provide food, blankets, water and other relief items.

There are 73,000 Lions in the hardest hit regions of India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Indonesia on the spot, coming to the aid of those in need. They are working in the affected communities, as well as coordinating with the government at national levels. In Sri Lanka, the Lions have formed a joint commission with the government to expand the country's response in dealing with the critical issues of shelter, water supplies and sanitation. In India, the hardest hit districts in and around Chennai have also come together to coordinate the expenditure of US\$50,000 in LCIF funding awarded for districts that cover the coastline from Tamil Nadu north to Orissa.

For Lions wishing to help support these efforts, LCIF has created a special designated fund, the "South Asia Tsunami Disaster 2004 Fund," to receive donations that will be forwarded on to the affected areas. This fund will complement funds already awarded. Funds will be used to support both immediate and long-term needs of the victims. Already Lions around the world are making pledges of support, including US\$120,000 from the Lions of Sweden and US\$200,000 from the Lions of Korea.

Lions and others interested in supporting this special fund can do so by making a donation to LCIF. In North America, checks can be sent to LCIF. A cover note or memo on the check should indicate that the donation is for the "South Asia Tsunami Disaster 2004 Fund." You may also contact your district's LCIF chairperson, **Leon Olson** for more details on making donations to LCIF. He can be reached at **(715) 369-3830**. If you have any questions, please contact [lcif@lionsclubs.org](mailto:lcif@lionsclubs.org).

LCIF will continue to keep you updated through these bulletins. More funds will be awarded by LCIF in the coming days as needs are assessed. Your support is needed to help Lions of the world respond to what is the world's largest catastrophe in modern history.

On behalf of Lions of South Asia, I sincerely thank you for your interest, concern and compassion.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Tae-Sup Lee, Past International President & LCIF Chairperson

## ***District 27-C2 Lions & Lioness***

Please get this information to everyone in your club. I hope that we can all help with this terrible tragedy in South Asia. Please remember to keep these suffering people in your prayers. Thank you for any help you can give.

Stan Carlson, District Governor

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