



LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL

WISCONSIN DISTRICT 27C-2

NEWSLETTER

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Greetings Lions, Lioness & Families,

Summer is coming to an end and Fall colors are beginning earlier than usual. We're still hoping for a few more days of warmer weather.

Our trip to LCI in Oak Brook, Illinois and Leader Dog for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan was a great success. What a beautiful facility the LIONS of the World have and what wonderful people work there. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated people serving our organization. No less can be said about Leader Dog. The level of professionalism at this fantastic facility for the blind is exceptional. While there, we were reminded that this program is NOT about dogs. It's about the PEOPLE and their success with the program, teaching both the dog and the visually impaired to work together as a team. If your club does not contribute to Leader Dog, I ask that you consider doing so starting this year. I can assure you that all donations are put to very good use.

The MERLO Plan for 2004-2005 is contained in this newsletter. My apologies for omitting it last month. Our Website is up and running. It is MD27C2.org It will also be linked to LCI and all Wisconsin Districts. We plan to put the monthly newsletter, governor's calendar, cabinet meeting minutes and other District announcements on the Website. Your club events should also be on this new source of information for our District Lions members. Contact Tom Waby for more information. (twaby@charter.net)

This year, I would like to see all of our Lions/Lioness Clubs at 100% participation in donations to WLF, Wisconsin Eye Bank, Leader Dog and LCIF. Please ask your members/board to support these projects. Also, remember our membership goal of 5% growth. WE CAN DO IT!!! Let's all have a great year!!

Yours in Lionism,

DG Stan & Partner in Service, Liz

"Working Together for Lionism"

District Governor Visit

It is a requirement of Lions International that the District Governor visit each club in his/her District. Every club is required to schedule that visit at a regular club meeting. In keeping with this policy, I am requesting that each club in 27 C-2 submit their visitation request form NO LATER THAN October 1, 2004. Club visitations may be scheduled anytime but must be scheduled before May 15, 2005. There will be no club visits made after this date. The time from May 15 to June 30 is reserved for new club officer installations and club honors nights. If you have any questions about this policy, please give me a call. Meanwhile, my calendar is filling up quickly so if you want a specific date for your club visit, I would suggest that you schedule it very soon. Thank you for your cooperation.

Stan Carlson DG

District Governors Visitation Request Form

Club
Name _____
Location of
Meeting _____
Meeting
Date _____ Time _____ Dinner? _____
Joint Meeting? _____
Special Needs? _____
Directions to Meeting
Place _____

Mail to: Stan Carlson, N701 Park Drive, Ogema, WI 54459
(715) 767-5445 or skyblue@centurytel.net

HELLO LIONS, LIONESS, AND LEOS

Well another month has past and we are moving right along. We had a very successful MERLO meeting before our cabinet meeting on Aug. 1st and reviewed our plans for the year.

Also RC'S and ZC'S let the DG and VDG know when you are having your next meeting so we can attend.

Watch your computer at md27c2.org for important information on your and other club activities

Mark your calendar for the MERLO cluster meeting on October 14th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Park Falls library 121 N 4th avenue. There will NOT be a meal at this meeting

Club Presidents please fill out the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM 2004-2005 BEST MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING IDEA. Your club could win a prize. This form is in the VBYE, Entries must be received by October 1st 2004. Winners will be notified in January 2005 so please enter.

Keep those MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS handy for prospective members also remember just ASK.

VDG ED

P.S. Only in AMERICA do we use answering machines to screen calls, And then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.

District 27 C2 Directory Changes

Lions Information/Public Relations Chairperson: Dennis Knott, 905 Adams St. Merrill, WI 54452, 715-536-9208 e-mail: knott@dwave.net

Dennis Gilgen, Leader Dog Chairperson/North change e-mail to: rmueller@mellen.baysat.net

Phil Lewandowski, Pres Boulder Junction. New Phone #715-543-2133

Gleason Area Pres. Is Gordon Fletcher, N5378 Townhall Rd, Gleason, 54435 Ph 873-4850

John Bentley, Manitowish Waters Secy Phone is 543-8239

Rhae Ellen Schnoor, Rhinelander Harmony Secy New Address is: 2348 Cty Hwy G
e-mail: reschnoor@charter.net

1 Membership

- A. Every club will have a Membership chair by 09/04
- B. Clubs should schedule two membership activities to bring in new members(IE ASK, WHEEL, NEW MEMBER NIGHT, ONE+1)
- C. Each club will have a net gain in membership for 2004-2005
- D. District Membership Chair to meet with club members chair for orientation/training

2. EXTENSION

- A. Minimum of two new clubs
- B. 3 prospective locations to be investigated-WOODBORO-WOODRUFF-DRUMAN-CASPIAN
- C. 1 new Leo Club— several prospective middle/ high schools will be explored at beginning of school year
Phillips-Merrill-Ashland
- D. 1 Branch Club possible -TRIPOLY- OHM- UPSON
- E. Recruit and train 2 Guiding Lions

3.RETENTION

- A. Fewer dropped members than previous years
- B. New member orientation will be the responsibility of each individual Club
- C. Use surveys to determine why members are leaving
- D. develop and implement a MENTOR program, all 4 levels
1.Responsibility 2.Relationships--3.Results--4.Replication
- E. Encourage all clubs to establish a GREETER program

4. LEADERSHIP

- A. Send a minimum of 4 Lions to March 2005 State Leadership Training
- B. Region Level training for all club officers prior to 2005
- C. Promote better understanding of duties and responsibilities of Region & Zone Chair (held on 6-26-05)
- D. Better communications at District , Region, Zone, and Club level purchased 120 minute phone cards for DG, VDG, RC & ZC to be used for all meeting reminders and other communications as follow-up on mailings and announcements
- E. Make Zone meetings as effective as possible--prior to each round of Zone meetings, MERLO team will meet with RC & ZC to plan agendas
- F. encourage each club to send one member to the mid winter conference
- G. To develop a leadership training program for club officers using power point in a self study format

5. ORIENTATION

- A. Zone meetings to use a pre-planned FORMAT which includes all of the following agenda items:
 - 1. duties of club president and secretary
 - 2. Club Objectives
 - 3. Overview of MERLO plan for 2004/2005
 - 4. Retention Plans for each club
 - 5. club activities reporting

IMPORTANT NOTICE; ALL Zone Chair MUST let the DG, VDG & RC know the date, time, and location for each Zone meeting. this is vital to the success of our district MERLO plan and the total involvement of your DG and VDG

ATTENTION: CLUB SECRETARIES/TREASURERS

Since there will be no Parade of Checks at the District Convention, we ask that all donations to the various District/State or LCIF projects be made as soon as possible during the Lionistic year. Donations should be sent directly to the fund or project as designated below. If you have questions about a special project, please call the District Governor.

Wisconsin Lions Foundation, 3834 Cty Rd A, Rosholt, WI 54473
For: Lions Camp, Sustaining Member, Birch/Sturm Fellowship

Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin, 2302 International Lane, Suite 200, Madison, WI 53704

Leader Dog for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Road, PO Box 5000,
Rochester, MI 48307
For: Buy a Brick or Regular Donations

LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation), 300 W. 22nd St. Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842
For: Melvin Jones Fellowship, Contributing Member

District 27 C2 Funds as follows:
Children's Vision Screening
Diabetes Awareness
Hearing/Hearing Aids
Mission to Mexico
Vitamin A (Xerophthalmia)
Youth Exchange

These District Fund donations should be sent to the
District Secretary/Treasurer,
Marcia Kuenne @ 880 E. Perkins, Medford, WI 54451

Quote regarding Change: "If you always do what you've always done, you will always get what you've always gotten!"

DISTRICT 27-C2 SPEAKER LIST

The following Lions/Chairpersons are available to present a program at your club meeting or special event on the topic listed. Please feel free to contact them.

Children's Health & Education	Liz Carlson	715-767-5445
Diabetes Awareness	Dan Kniess	715-873-4515
Eye Bank	Milt Hapke	715-356-3836
Hearing/Deaf Projects	Larry Ray	715-748-4983
Leader Dog	Dennis Gilgen Sandy Larson	715-274-5205 715-362-7160
Lions Camp/WLF	Dale Schroeder,PDG Jack Kasper	715-748-5813 715-536-6397
LCIF	Leon Olson	715-369-3830
Leo Clubs	Harry Helwig	715-369-2549
Membership Development	Bernie Kuenne	715-748-4592
Mission to Mexico	Bud Hyland,PDG	715-543-2165
Peace Poster	Dorothy Hargraves	715-767-5227
Vision Screening	Dwight Logan	715-686-2005
Web Site/Technology	Tom Waby	715-682-8293
Xerophthalmia	Jean Kubley	715-264-3227
Youth Exchange/ Youth Outreach	Harry Helwig, PDG	715-369-2549

Remember, interesting programs at your club meetings will keep your members coming back for more. If you have a topic that is not listed and would like to hear more about, please call the District Lions information Chairperson, Dennis Knott. He will try to locate someone to present a program on that topic. He can be reached at 715-536-9208.

INSIDE WLF

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Wisconsin Lions Camp:

The Wisconsin Lions Foundation is pleased to announce that Andrea Yenter is now the Lions Camp Operations Manager; she brings with her 17 years of camping experience to our project. Along with Andrea, we have Karna Syverson as Assistant Camp Operations Manager and Jamie Jannusch as Program Manager. We welcome Andrea, Karna, and Jamie to our Pride.

The summer camping season is drawing to an end with over 1,500 campers attending. We had a very safe and satisfying camping season. We owe many thanks to all our counselors, nurses, food service personnel, maintenance, housekeeping, and office staff for a job well done.

WORK DAY AT LIONS CAMP:



Mark your calendars now and help prepare Lions Camp for the long winter months to follow. **October 23, 2004 is the date. Please call the Foundation Office, toll-free at 877- 463-6953, (rmartindale@wlf.info) to learn more and to request a registration form.**

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.



DEER HONTERS :

Please remember, if you are a Deer Hunter and want to put your deer hides to good use, the Wisconsin Lions Foundation can use them. **As a possible project, why not organize the collection of deer hides for your whole community.** For further information, call the



Thorp Lions Club at 715-669-5588, or call the Foundation Office, toll-free at 877-463-6953.

The Property Corner:

Is your Lions Club looking for a project to finance or do at the Wisconsin Lions Camp? Well, here is a small sampling of what you could do: Fence Replacement, Fence Staining, Bridge Staining, Honor Garden Staining, Flower Bed weeding and planting, or many other tasks that need to be done. For more information call the Foundation Office, toll-free at 877-463-6953.

Always feel free to call your WLF Directors or the Foundation Office **toll-free at 1-877-463-6953** with questions!

2002-2005 PRESTIGE PINS NOW AVAILABLE

By vote of the Council of Governors the Prestige Pins will once again be offered.

Orders are being accepted for the 2002-Industry, 2003-Education, 2004-Recreational and 2005-Farming series of Prestige Pins. This is an oversize version of the regular State Pin. The policy regarding the prestige pin has been changed so it is not necessary to purchase any of the regular pins in order to receive the number of prestige pins desired. Delivery is expected in late December. The following are the requirements of the prestige pin ordering policy:

- 1) Orders must be in the State Office by November 1, 2004. NO EXCEPTIONS
- 2) Only one order of prestige pins will be placed by the State Office.
- 3) Prestige pins will be sold only to Wisconsin Lions.
- 4) Prestige pin orders will be on a pre-paid basis only.

NOTE: The regular 2005 State Pins are now available. If you wish to order the small 2005 (Farming) pin include the number in the space below. These pins will be shipped at the same time as your Prestige pin order.

PRESTIGE PIN SERIES ORDER FORM

_____ 2002 Wis. Prestige pin (Industry) @ \$3.50 ea.= \$ _____
_____ 2003 Wis. Prestige pin (Education) @ \$3.50 ea. =\$ _____
_____ 2004 Wis. Prestige pin (Recreational) @ \$3.50 ea. =\$ _____
_____ 2005 Wis. Prestige pin (Farming) @ \$3.50 ea. =\$ _____
_____ 2005 REGULAR STATE PIN @ \$2.00 ea.= \$ _____

Shipping and handling 1-4 pins add \$2.50

5-12 pins add \$3.50 \$ _____

12 pins and more add \$4.50

TOTAL \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

I belong to the _____ Wisconsin Lions Club

ORDER DEADLINE: November 1, 2004

NOTE: UPS will not deliver to a P. O. Box. You must provide a street address if you are ordering more than 6 Prestige pins. Send your order and payment to:

Wisconsin Lions
2817-B Post Road
Stevens Point, WI 54481