



**District 27-B1 District Convention
Saturday, November 11th, 2017
Holiday Inn - Manitowoc**

We Serve

Convention Meeting Minutes

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1. **Call to order @ 8:08 am** – District Governor Fred Gebhart
2. **Presentation of Flags** by veterans and CUB club members.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by 1st Vice District Governor Lion David Lee
4. **Prayer & Song** led by Lion Kay Quinn.
5. **Welcome** - District Governor Fred Gebhart Introduction of any dignitaries present.
6. **Welcome** to Manitowoc by Mayor Justin Nickels. Welcome back to our city. We appreciate what the Lions due and stand for. Enjoy your convention.
7. **Introduction of convention guest** PID Jeremiah “Doc” Myers from Kodiak Alaska by District Governor Fred Gebhart. “We are all one **BIG** family” Thank You for your friendship. He looks forward to meeting everyone.
8. **Welcome by Lioness President** Cindy Rank. Thank You for coming. The Lioness are 10 clubs **STRONG**. The Lioness (women and men) contribute to a lot of Lion projects.
9. **NECROLOGYSERVICE** : A tribute to PID Karla Harris and 31 Lions and 1 Lioness who passed away this past year. Song, Prayer and Scripture led by Lion/Lioness Kay Quinn. Background music supplied by PID Doc Myers.
10. **Explanation of Constitution** change to be voted on by PDG Jerry Post. The district cabinet is recommending a \$ 1.50 increase in annual dues to clubs. This amount will be designated to be used for leadership programs only, for any deserving Lions, clubs and district level. As Constitution & Bylaws chair, he recommends to pass the resolution.
11. **State of the State** report by council chair PDG Chuck Steinmetz. The council oversees the operation of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation. 43,000 service projects & 169,000 hours were performed by Lions in the state. Our district is 21,000 LIONS strong, with 519 service projects. **GREAT JOB**
12. **NOMINATIONS;** Lion BJ Blahnik, Nominations chair is looking forward to any exciting year.
District Governor Nominations: Lion Sara Strelow from the Appleton Noon Lions nominated Lion Dave Lee from the Appleton Noon Lions. Lion Dave has been very active in the vision screening program since day 1. He is very active with the club and will make an excellent District Governor. The second for the nomination was made by Lion Daphne Kennett also from Appleton Noon Lions. Lion Dave is a **WONDERFUL** Lion. We will enjoy him as District Governor. A call was made to the floor for any other nominations 3 times. Motion made by PDG Merle Strelow, 2nd by PDG Ken Rohde to close nominations for District Governor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
Thank you from Lion Dave, Next year or two will be a GREAT experience. A special Thank You to Lion partner Sue for her support.

1ST Vice District Governor Nomination: PDG Gary Silah made the nomination of Lion Mike De Baere of the Brandon Lions Club. PDG Gary has known Lion Mike for many years. They have worked together on numerous projects and served together on the district cabinet. A second was made by PDG Len Quinn. PDG Len has known Lion Mike for many years. He is one of the most ambitious Lion he has met. He always comes through. A call was made to the floor for any other nominations 3 times. Motion made by PDG Ken Rhode, 2nd by Lion Wendy Hartmann to close nominations for 1st Vice District Governor. MOTION CARRIED. Thank You from Lion Mike. In his words "I ACCEPT"

2nd Vice District Governor Nomination. Lion BJ Blahnik has not received any nomination papers for this position. According to the constitution and bylaws, there is an extension of 7 days for someone to come forward. A date will need to be set by District Governor Fred for a Special Hardship Meeting of the cabinet at which time a decision will be made. A call was made to the floor for any other nominations 3 times. Motion made by PDG Ken Rhode, 2nd by Lion Helen Mork, Oxford Lions to close nominations for 2nd Vice District Governor. MOTION CARRIED.

Eyebank Director Nomination: Outgoing Eyebank Director Lion Phil Weber of the Sherwood Lions nominated Lion Charlie Kiefenheim from the Sherwood Lions. Lion Charlie has attended various training. 2nd was made by PDG Merle Strelow. Lion BJ also mentioned that this position can also have write ins. A call was made to the floor for any other nominations 3 times. Motion made by Lion Ken of Sherwood Lions, 2nd by PDG Clarence Weller to close nominations for Eyebank Director. MOTION CARRIED.

District Bowling Site: A nomination for Poysippi Lions to host the 2018-2019 Lions year bowling tournament (Jan-Feb 2019) was made by Lion Dave Przekurat from the Wild Rose Lions. They have 6 lanes and the tournament has been held there previously. 2nd was made by Lion Sandy Kattelwall, Poysippi Lions. Lion BJ also mentioned that this position can also have write ins. A call was made to the floor for any other nominations 3 times. Motion made by Lion Wally Leonhard, Howards Grove Lions, 2nd by PDG Ken Rohde to close nominations for District Bowling. MOTION CARRIED.

2018 District Convention Site. A nomination was made by Lion Sara Strelow of the Appleton Noon Lions to have the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton host next year's convention. 2nd by PDG Ken Rohde. Lion BJ also mentioned that this position can also have write ins. A call was made to the floor for any other nominations 3 times. Motion made by Lion Wally Leonhard of Howards Grove Lions, 2nd by Lion Al Kanaugh of Manitowoc Lions to close nominations for 2018 Convention site. MOTION CARRIED.

This coming year will be Lion BJ Blahnik's final year as nominations chair, he is looking for someone to follow him this year and step forward next year.

DG Fred announced this year's bowling tournament is being hosted by the Sheboygan Noon Lions. They have a table with registration forms available. Please sign up!

Thank you to the convention committee for taking care of everything.

First seminar by the Manitowoc School System nurses. The nurses annually screen about 5000 students. They have been using the SPOT camera system for the last few years with the help of the LIONS. They talked about how cumbersome and time consuming the old record system and screening was. They have nothing but compliments about the SPOT camera. This is a tribute to what we do as LIONS.

Second seminar was Angel Mueller talking about organ donations. She was in total shock when her son, Dylan got stung by a bee and had an allergic reaction and died. They have since been a strong backer of the EPIPEN being available for immediate use. They knew that they could not let Dylan just leave. The decision was made to donate any organ or body parts. Dylan lives on.

Lions Pride PDG Jeri Schlender talked about the 1M bequest from past chairman Lion Dewey Carl. It is a gift that keeps on giving. This year, the interest earned on the escrow was enough to cover the cost of 150 campers. The Ray Hempel fellowship also contributes dollars for camp. Lion Eric Holtas also talked about the Birch Sturm Fellowship and how the interest also benefits the Lions Camp. Lions Foundation Director Lion John Dickson show a dvd of the 2017 Lions Camp season, with a focus on campers from District 27-B1. There were 159 campers this year from District 27 B1. Without donations, these projects would not work. There were 2 clubs in our district that donated \$ 5,000 or more. Special recognitions was given to Sherwood Lions and Appleton Evening Lions. The deer hide collection program this year could go over the 1M mark.

BREAK FOR LUNCH

Lunch Program: PID Mark Hintzmann introduced the convention special guest, PID Jerimiah "DOC" Myers. He is just like a person from Wisconsin. He does it all....sings, jokes and serious when he has to be. PID Doc Myer is happy to be a part of the Wisconsin Lions. He gave a very inspirational speech about his life and the special care he was given growing up. This changed his life forever and wanted to give back to others. That's where the LIONS came in. He also sang a very emotional song from LION KING, you could hear a pin drop.

Presidents Excellence Awards DG Fred Gebhart then presented 3 awards. He decided to give them to clubs instead of individuals, the clubs all work together to make an individual better. The first award was given to a club that started vision screening and has screened over 13,600 kids. All members from the **Appleton Noon Lions** stood for recognition. The second award was given to a club that continuously send Lions up the Lions Camp to help put in and take out the docks and any other lakefront work. This award was given to the **Stockbridge Lions**, they all stood for recognition. The third award was given to a club that has built 945 wheelchair ramps, not only for their community but also surrounding communities. This award went to the **Larson Winchester Lions**.

The District Lion auction was conducted by PDG Len Quinn. The final bid was from Fairwater Lions for committing to annual donations of \$ 4500.

There were 13 First Timers in attendance and were asked to stand for recognition.

Recognition was also give to a new club in the district, Sheboygan Community Lions Club with 19 members chartered.

Lioness President Cindy Rank introduced the Lioness Cabinet.

Parade of Checks followed to end the Luncheon Program.

The following seminars resumed in the ballroom.

Restoring Hope Transplant House, with transplant recipients

Eye Bank talk on Eye tissue transplants by Ann Otter

Prison Puppy Raising by Leader Dog Frank Grzesik.

Voting took place 15 minutes after the completion of the seminars. Results to be announced at the Governor's Banquet Saturday

SATURDAY EVENING GOVERNORS BANQUET

Call to order at 6:30 pm by DG Fred Gebhart.

Pledge of allegiance and song led by special guest PID Jeremiah "DOC" Myers.

Invocation "Lions Prayer" given by Lion/Lioness Kay Quinn.

Introduction of guest speaker Lion Kris Jones by PID Mark Hintzmann. Lion Kris is a 2nd grade teacher in Alaska. She talked about her experience with other Lions from Alaska on a trip to Guatemala. She talked about their customs and the hardships that they face. She helped in various community projects when there.

PID Mark commented that this is the first time a convention has been ON TIME. DG Fred did an excellent job to keep things in line.

PID Mark introduced PID Jeremiah "DOC" Myers. He has a HEART of a LION !

PID Doc and Lion Kris had a real good time, it was a great trip. We all have a BIG FAMILY – the LIONS !

GIFTS & THANK YOU: PID Doc Myers give PID Mark and Lion Jayne a thank you gift. A deed to Nome, Alaska in appreciation for what they did for him this weekend.

PID Doc Myers gave DG Fred some chocolate covered MOOSE TURDS and Lion Joyce some MOOSE TURD earrings. We are always welcome to Alaska, we always have friends in Alaska.

DG Fred and Lion Joyce gave PID Doc Myers and Lion Kris and PID Mark and Lion Jayne"JUST SOME STUFF"

A special gift made by Lion Bob Newton was also given to PID Doc Myers. It is made from wood from all across the world, symbolizing the LIONS – we all come together as one.

Special recognition – RIP was given to PID Karla Harris for making the connections to get PID Doc for our convention.

DG Fred thanked the convention committee, they made sure it was successful, stood for appreciation.

Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary Treasurer thanked the committee for a financially successful convention. At the beginning of our convention meetings, I gave a budget to the committee to be successful. Final report at convention wrap up meeting at the end of the month. The parade of checks was \$29,000 to various Lions projects, in comparison to last yearabout the same. REMEMBER LAST YEAR! What a change, the bucket raffle increased by 55% and the district raffle tickets sold was up by 30%, there were 54 clubs and 8 Lioness clubs that purchased tickets.

Lion BJ Blahnik gave the voting results. There were 73 voters. The winners were: DGE Dave Lee, 1st VDGE Mike De Baere, 2nd VDGE position open, Eye Bank Director Lion Charles Keifenheim, District Bowling site hosted by Poysippi Lions, Convention site will be Radisson Paper Valley in Appleton. Since there was only 1 pin design, it won. The peace poster winners are 1st place Raelynn Hansen sponsored by Rosendale Lions, 2nd place Robert Winkel sponsored by Elkhart Lake Lions, 3rd place Grace Schwaller sponsored by Random Lake Lions. The District resolution for dues increase of \$ 1.50 for leadership passed unanimously.

Lion Mike DeBaere conducted the drawing for the district raffle. There are 6 winners with \$ 1,624 being disbursed. 1st place Mary Brethoewer, 2nd place New Holstein Lions, 3rd place Plainfield Lions, 4th place Jerome Wagner, 5th place Kingston Lioness and 6th place Neshkoro Lions Prize money ranged from \$649.60 to \$32.48.

DG Fred in closing remarks hoped that everyone had fun. We all came together. Thank you to everyone. The convention is now closed.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Lion Dave Holschbach, 2nd by PDG Ken Rohde at 8:55 PM
MOTION CARRIED