



District 27-B1 Convention Minutes
Saturday, November 9th, 2019
Radisson Hotel – Fond du lac

We Serve

“CHANGE IS GOOD”

1. **Call to order @ 8:35 am** – DG Michael De Baere
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by 1st Vice District Governor Tom Wendt
3. **Song & Prayer** led by District Song Leader & Chaplain PDG Meg Post. Song was “AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL”
4. **Recognition of Veterans** by PDG Fred Gebhart. **Thank you** to all Veterans. DG Fred compared what veterans have done for us. WHAT IF.....All veterans followed the attitude of society now days ? “ **I don’t want to do this!**” Where would we be and what kind of FREEDOM would we have ? PDG Fred asked all Veterans by branch to stand for recognition.
5. **Service of Remembrance** : Necrology Service held PDG Meg Post. There were 2 PDG, 30 Lions and 4 Lioness who pasted away since last year, recognition was led by 1st VDG Tom Wendt and Lion/Lioness Roxanne Wendt.
6. **Welcome & Introduction of International Director** Mark Lyon and Lion Lynn from Brookfield Connecticut by DG Michael De Baere. ID Mark talked about what’s new at Lions International. There is A LOT of activity. There are 11 US reps on the Lions board. LCI has given special help to Iraq and Haiti. Special emphasis on Leo Clubs and expanding the age limit, this makes it easier for a LEO to LION conversion. They are also test marketing VIRTUAL Lion club. Technology has made changes, NOT always for the best. Privacy Laws are affecting LCI. The search engine for LCI website has been updated. DUES will be seeing a possible \$ 3.00 increase in 2022 and potential inflation rate increase after that. No updates on Lifetime Memberships. Changes always take time due to conversion to 18 different languages.
7. **State of the State** address by Council Chair PDG Dan Eberhart. Wisconsin is very sound and does not foresee any dues increase. They have elected a new state officer to run Wisconsin Lions office. Privacy Laws have affected why no one can access a Lions Directory as previously mentioned by ID Mark Lyons. WI Lions website has been updated thanks to PDG Tom Clausen.
8. **Nominations** : Lion Irv Korth, Nomination chair performed the nominations procedure. He reported all nomination were properly received and recorded and read the rules.
 - A: District Governor:** Call was made to the floor for nominations.

A nomination for Lion Tom Wendt was made by PDG Tom Clausen. Lion Tom W has been a Lion for many years. He has been in multiple club and cabinet positions. He will make a WONDERFUL governor. The second nomination was by Lion Rose Berendes. Lion Tom is a good decision for governor. He shows a lot of leadership. She is please to be the second for Lion Tom Wendt for District Governor. A call to the floor three times for any other nominations for District Governor. Motion to close nominations for District Governor by PDG Ken Rohde, 2nd by PDG Jerry Post **MOTION CARRIED.** Lion Tom Wendt did accept the nomination. He thanked all others for their help and knowledge. Its not just all the training, it the LIONS ! You learn so much from each other. It’s not a 1 man JOB ! ALL Lions need to be involved and help. THANK YOU
 - B: 1st Vice District Governor:** Call was made to the floor for nominations.

A nomination for Lion BJ Blahnik was made by PDG Fred Gebhart. Lion BJ has worked with PDG Fred on various projects. To show his dedication to Lions, Lion BJ is currently at Advanced Leadership Training. He has proven his ability to all of us. We are blessed as Lions to have BJ in our district. Lion BJ is always on the GO. He is honored to nominate Lion BJ for 1st Vice District Governor. The second nomination was given by Lion Vicky Blahnik on behalf of the Sheboygan Community Lions. Lion BJ is an amazing advocate for LIONS and an overall amazing person. A call to the floor three times for any other nominations for 1st Vice District Governor. Motion to close nominations for 1st Vice District Governor by PDG Ken Rohde, 2nd by Lion Mary Jo Abler. **MOTION CARRIED.** On behalf of Lion BJ Blahnik, his wife Lion Vicky accepted the nomination.
 - C: 2nd Vice District Governor.** Call was made to the floor for nominations.

A nomination for Lion Dave Brinkman was made by Lion Laurie Sasada. The Markesan Lions and Lion Laurie support Lion Dave. Lion Dave has held a lot of officer positions, president, director and zone

chairman. He has enrolled 33% of the Markesan Lions and works with the vision screening. He currently is working on his Lions Master Degree and constantly promotes Lionism. The second nomination was made by IPDG Dave Lee. All Lions should consider taking the step forward. He is happy to be the second for Lion Dave for all of the reasons mentioned in the original nomination. He is a strong advocate to get things done. Teamwork. A call to the floor three times for any other nominations for 2nd Vice District Governor. Motion to close nominations for 2nd Vice District Governor by Lion Bonnie Strelow, 2nd by IPDG Dave Lee. **MOTION CARRIED.** Lion Dave Brinkman accepted the nomination and thanked the Markesan Lions for their continued support. He will continue to support the community, after his military career, he continues to SERVE. He is a true believer in LIONS, he even got his wife to join.

WLF Director : There were no official nominations received for this position. Call was made to the floor for nominations. PDG Tom Berendes made a nomination for PDG Fred Gebhart to fill the upcoming term. Lion Wendy Hartmann made a second. PDG Fred Gebhart did accept the nomination from the floor.

Lion Irv also mentioned on the ballot there is 2 sets of voting for the convention site, the first for November 2020 district convention, the 2nd for the 2021 district convention. It will be an invalid vote if there is 2 or more votes in one set. Also be sure to put a number down for district pin and district peace poster, fold the ballot once.

CONVENTION SITES: (alphabetical)

BLUE HARBOR-Sheboygan A representative from Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan on Lake Michigan asked for the Lions vote. They would love to host the Lions convention. They have natural lighting in all of the meeting rooms and have 176 rooms to rent. They are a family friendly. They are offering a rate of \$ 109 which includes the waterpark.

FOX HILLS RESORT-Mishicot The representative from Fox Hills Resort in Mishicot was unable to attend due to medical reasons. Lion Dave Holschbach on behalf of the Mishicot Lions represented Fox Hills Resort. They would also like to invite the Lions back to Mishicot, they last hosted a district convention in 2012 for PDG Meg Post. They have 10-12 meeting rooms available for breakout rooms. They are offering a rate of \$ 95. Timeshare owners are welcome to book also. They have a spacious ballroom, everything under one roof. They put in an order for some golf weather. Please remember Fox Hills Resort.

HOLIDAY INN-Manitowoc Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary represented Holiday Inn-Manitowoc. Holiday Inn wants you to return to the Lakeshore. They are offering a rate of \$90 for 2020 and 2021, vote for 1 or the other or BOTH. They have everything to offer under 1 roof. Remember what an AWESOME time you had at PDG Fred's convention! Lion Dave has an inside and will make sure LIONS receive the BEST.

RADISSON – Fond du lac No representative or information given for their bid. Possible repeat of current convention pricing.

RED LION PAPER VALLEY-Appleton IPDG Dave Lee represented Red Lion Paper Valley in Appleton. It was the host of the 2018 district convention. Lions have been there previously and are familiar with the property. They have the dates needed available. They are offering a rate of \$ 107. Paper Valley has all we need.

LEADER DOG report given by PDG Jerry Post. This is the 80th year for Leader Dog. Any donations of \$500 or more will receive a stuffed puppy, their choice of dog type.

WLF President Lion Tal Janowitz reported there were 1196 campers this year. B1 had 155 campers. Phase 1 upgrade has been completed. WLF Representative PDG Tom Berendes and Lion Wendy Hartmann accepted special recognition awardS for 2 clubs that donated over \$5000, those being BERLIN Lions and SHERWOOD Lions.

LION PRIDE: PDG Jeri Schlender spoke on behalf of Lions Pride which is committed to LIONS. Their goal is 1.5 million by the 2021 state convention. Lions Pride generates \$300,000 annual to help WLF. Please DONATE. Pride President PID Wayne Heiman thanked all the members on the board. Please donate to the Ray Hempel Fellowship. **WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART.....Give until it FEELS GOOD.**

WI LIONS EYE BANK: Lion Chuck Kiefenheim serves on the Eye Bank board. Our district has donated \$50,570. Special THANK YOU to the transporters. Please remember to support their programs.

RESTORING HOPE TRANSPLANT HOUSE: PDG Bob Falavino introduced Lion Cindy, Director of Hope House. She thanked the Lions for their donations and supplies and continued support. Special thank you to the Veterans. Hope House operates on a budget of \$185,000. It cost guest \$45 a night to stay. The demand is great and the house needs to be updated. Times have gotten worse for many guests.

LCI : Lion Sri Vasudaven spoke about Campaign 100, we are all ONE big family. Support your club, your district, your world. The main goal should be your community. District 27B1 has received LCI grants of \$155,000 in recent years. LIONS are important to LCI and future grants, grants can be applied on club levels also.

LUNCH

Introduction of head table

PID Art Marson introduced the convention special guest ID Mark Lyons from Brookfield Connecticut. Connecticut's state tree is the mighty OAK, he is a mighty oak among others.

ID Mark has been talking to all Lions at the convention and learning about District 27B1 and what we are doing. He did visit Lions Camp. Only Lions understand the needs of our fellow community, we are

right there with them. **Take care of your NEIGHBORS.** Lions have a challenge, the world is constantly changing. **REACH** further, continue to reach out to others. He compared Lions to the Mighty Oak and the cycle of Lionism. Final words **W.W.Y.B....What Will You Bring !** To Everyone.

ID Mark gave DG Michael and Lion Monica and PID Art and Lion Jo gifts in thanks for their support. He also gave his special pins to some Lions in attendance who impressed him with what they do. ID candidate Lee Vrieze thanked everyone for their support and endorsement. He is currently an ID in waiting, he should get the call within 3 years.

AWARDS:

PID Wayne Heiman, President of Pride made the following Ray Hempel Fellowship awards. IPDG Dave Lee for his leadership to the Lions of 27B1 on behalf of all Lions in 27B1. The second award was given on behalf of the Poy Sippi Lions to one of their members, Lion Sandy accepted the award on his behalf.

3 International Presidents awards were given out.

1) Lion Dave Brinkman, Markesan Lions. He is an 11 year member, President and zone chair and has participated in multiple training.

2) Lion Monica De Baere, Brandon Lions. Short time member but huge in volunteering.

3) Lion Madonna Schneider, Cascade Lions for her continued role in Lions.

BANK AUCTION: The district LIONS bank was auctioned off. Winning donation bid of \$8,000 was received from Cleveland Lions.

SESSIONS:

Afternoon continued, they consisted of Leader Dog Training, LCIF -Childhood Cancer and K9 James.

Puppy Raiser Myra and Tom Krajnik spoke on the life of a puppy trainer. Since 2003 they have been raising puppies and currently are on their 10 puppy.

Lion Sri Vasudaven spoke on childhood cancer and the LCI grants and Campaign 100.

Officer Ben Hargrove made a presentation with K9 James.

Voting commenced 30 minutes after the last session ended for 30 minutes

EVENING GOVERNORS BANQUET

Banquet called to order at 5:30 pm

Prayer and song led by Song Leader & Chaplain PDG Meg Post. Song was LIONS SPIRIT

PID Art Marson introduced guest speaker Lion Andrea Yenter, Lions Camp Director.

Lion Andrea talked about the history of Lions Camp and statistics. She was a camper herself and talked about her experiences. Lions Camp has helped Kids gain independence. She talked about her various camp experiences with some memorable moments from being a counselor to camp director. STAN the MAN We as LIONS need to help promote camp and get more camper to use it. Come and see the camp. LIONS make a difference.

DG Michael and ID Mark made a special award to the Brandon Lions on behalf of Leader Dog for their donation to Leader Dog Brick Program.

ID Mark conducted a special Blind Induction ceremony was held for 6 new members of the Brandon Lions Club.

Cabinet Secretary Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach confirmed the bid for the District Bank of \$8,000 by the Cleveland Lions Club was valid, in fact they donated \$8,050.

There was no official parade of checks, however 9 clubs did bring checks for donations to Lions programs totaling over \$30,000 if the remaining 58 clubs donate at that pace, our district would make over \$210,000. The challenge was made for all other clubs.

Lion Irv Korth, Nominations chair gave the voting results. He thanked everyone for following the rules. District Governor Lion Tom Wendt. Lion Tom thanked everyone. He has learned much. It was a good decision to run. 1st Vice District Governor Lion BJ Blahnik. 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Dave Brinkman "STAN the MAN" Thanks He is looking forward to the future. WLF Director PDG Fred Gebhart 2020 convention site Blue Harbor Resort 2021 convention site Blue Harbor Resort. Pin design # 2 Peace Poster 1st place sponsored by Elkhart Lake Lions, 2nd place sponsored by Random Lake Lions, 3rd place sponsored by Brandon Lions. There were 89 Lions certified and 69 voted. Motion by PDG Jerry Post, 2nd by PDG Ken Rohde to have the ballots destroyed. MOTION CARRIED

The bucket raffle had 37 buckets. Thank you to all the clubs and members that donated.

District Raffle winners were drawn:

1st Chilton Lions

2nd Westfield Lions

3rd Elkhart Lake Lions

4th Van Dyne Lions

5th Random Lake Lions

6th Neshkoro Lions

DG Michael and Lion Monica gave ID Mark and Lion Lynne gifts in thanks for attending our convention. THANK YOU for being our GUEST.

ID Mark wrapped up the convention, thanking everyone. Have a GREAT YEAR.

44TH Annual District 27B1 Convention officially closed at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted by Cabinet Secretary Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach