

**LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL**  
**DISTRICT 27-C2 CABINET MEETING**  
October 15, 2011

The October 15, 2011 Cabinet Meeting of Lions District 27-C2 was called to order by District Governor Leon Christianson at 1:00 p.m. at the Inshalla Country Club in Tomahawk, WI.

VDG Don Pirk led the group in the Pledge of allegiance

Song led by Lion Judeen Knott.

**Opening Remarks:** DG Leon welcomed PDG Don Ashby and Lion Bonnie back. PDG Don thanked everyone for their cards, prayers and visits. He is happy to be home and starting to get out a bit.

DG Leon announced that **VSP ?** are willing to team with Lions clubs to provide glasses free of charge. Exams may still need to be paid for by the clubs. DG Leon will provide more information to clubs interested.

Also several cabinet members questioned if there was a limit on the glasses and lenses. A list is available of optometrist and ophthalmologists from Lion Barry Moline.

“Communicate like a Leader” will be offered Feb 24 & 25, 2012. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs are invited to attend. There are 10 openings still available. Let DG Leon know if you know of someone interested in attending.

October 22, is the WLF Camp clean-up. The C1 District convention is also that weekend.

**Awards-** 100% Secretary awards for secretaries who have met required criteria. Also there is available the Club Excellence award. Criteria for this award includes: 3 community projects, club in good standing and a club officer that has attended officer training. Applications are available to club who believe they qualify; they are due by December 31. Awards will be awarded in September 2012. See attached form, also available on the district website..

**1<sup>st</sup> VDG Don discussed the Excellence Program:** This program helps clubs assess their strengths and weakness. Leadership works with clubs to set and then execute identified goals. District members are trained to provide leadership to help individual clubs succeed in what they do. This program is not currently offered to Lioness Clubs.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Roger,** attended the Council of Governors, continued education was very good.

**Committee Reports:**

**Minutes:** Corrections to August minutes GLT chairman is Ed Weise and GMT is Bob Schoenberg. Award given at August meeting was presented by Bob Moen to Roger Weber. Appropriate changes were made. Motion was made to accept minutes with above changes by Lion Roger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Jim carried.

**Treasurers' report:** 1<sup>st</sup> payment of dues to international. All statements sent out for dues to members. MTM paid today. See attached treasurers report for details. Recommendation made that treasurer should handout written report to cabinet members at each meeting. Also information could be included in email with agenda before the next cabinet meeting.

DG Leon has sent out a letter to all clubs with the information as to where clubs should send donations. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Roger reminded cabinet members that this information is also on the District website.

Discussion regarding the problem of some clubs still sending all their donations to the District treasurer rather than to individual projects. Like many things change sometimes happens slowly, remainders will continue to be sent out to clubs of preferred method of sending donations.

Motion made to accept treasurer's report by Jim Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger Weber carried.

**Region chairs:** Zone Chairman Lion Jim Lee plans a combined meeting in the next two months  
Lion Roger informed the cabinet that Lion Carl Zimmerman will be the new Zone 1 chairman.  
Lion Roger has been sending emails to club members to let them know about the website and information available to them at the website. As an incentive to get members to respond, he has purchased 16 boxes of candy and offers candy to those who respond. So far 7 club members have taken up the challenge.  
Lion Carl will be organizing a zone meeting next month.

**Lioness** Marla informed the cabinet that they have 6 new members in three of their clubs.

**Host Club District Convention:** Scott related that their club will be holding meeting every 2 weeks every other Thurs evening through November. They expect to send out the welcome letter by the end of October. Packets are expected to be ready the beginning of December. The dates for the convention are April 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>.

**PDG Dennis Knott District Convention:** Attended the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Very pleased to let the cabinet know that the Tomahawk Club is very organized and everything is going very well. PID Neil Spencer from Florida is the proposed International representative. Leon is sending out invitations to dignitaries, Tom Waby will be doing the Service of Remembrance. PDG Dennis will send out letters to all Lion clubs reminding them to collect and send pictures of any deceased members so that they can be honored during the ceremony.  
DG Leon has received the Florida flag and he has asked PID Neil to describe the symbolism of the flag.  
After the cabinet meeting today members are invited to tour Inshalla Country Club. Discussion was held regarding what was available to accommodate the plans of the convention: the Expo will be held downstairs and there is an elevator available for those who need it. Breakout rooms are available for the Lioness. The needs for voting have been taken into consideration.

**LCIF PDG Dennis Knott:** Currently our **district** has 381 Melvin Jones Fellows. PDG Dennis can make the list available to any club to see who has received one or to consider presenting a Progressive Melvin Jones.

District 27-C2 Merrill had a tornado in April as a result Lion Bill Kriegel and PDG Dennis wrote a grant for \$5,000. This needs to be completed. They will need the receipts to forward to DG Leon to sign and send to International for payment.

The district received a grant for publicity earlier this year. Any questions PDG Dennis will be glad to answer, just email or phone him.

PDG Dennis has received LCIF Coordinator 2011-2012 Certificate of Appointment. For work for LCIF. from IP Tam.  
PDG Dennis is selling **special** pins for \$20.00; let him know if you are interested. He has 250.

**LEBW PDG Shirley Lemke:** Please refer to handout. The LEBW has announced a new Executive Director Art O'Neill. Clubs continue to provide transporter services for the LEBW. The LEBW would like clubs to promote the "Yes I Will, Wisconsin: Program. Kits are available for clubs that would like to become involved in this program. Lion Mary Jane Hirtz and Lioness Debbie had kits and set-up at a recent bake-sale.  
On October 27, Shirley will attend LEWB board meeting.

**WLF Dennis Christianson and Greg Tobisch:** Report deferred, they are attending their meeting at camp today.

**ALERT IPDG Bob Moen:** Not present today. Lion Roger informed cabinet that winners of the WLIF raffle are posted on the District website.

**Leader Dog Jo-Ski Theiler:** See included report... Goals for Leader Dog this year are: Collect, Monitor and Grow. Lion Jo-Ski has plenty of blank cards for the Lion and Lioness clubs to take, fill and return directly to her. She would like to collect all monies collected or donated to Leader Dog from clubs sent directly to her. It allows her to make sure all the money sent in is recorded in a timely manner and awards are sent out to clubs that are to receive them.

Lion Jo-Ski would like to remind Zone and Region Chairman that she would like to attend any Zone or Region meetings to talk about Leader Dog.

It is planned to invite all pup raisers to attend the convention this year. Lion Jo-ski has extended an invitation to the pup raisers to stay with her for the convention. Please let her know if you know a pup raiser in your community.

Lion Jo-ski was proud to announce that her third dog, Shadow, has just gone to work in Michigan. 100% placement with her pups and one to go.

DG Leon acknowledged Lion Jo-Ski for her remarkable efforts and the fact that she has been a Lion for only one year.

**Diabetes PDG Don & Lion Bonnie Ashby:** "They are back in the saddle again." Equipment was recently lent out to the Mercer club but has returned and is available. Don proudly announced that Lioness Rhea Ellen road on the Diabetes Float at the International Convention held earlier this year in Seattle. This float was sponsored by Wisconsin and Washington and won 1<sup>st</sup> place.

**Children and Adult Vision Screening Dennis and Mary Jane Hirtz:** Well over 1400 children's screenings have been done in 5 different projects already this year. Please turn in any bills. Let Lion Dennis and Mary Jane know of any others done or planned. Adult's screens are doing well also. Greater than 70% of screens provided have resulted in referrals.

Retraining dates are set up for early April for both adult and children. If your club doesn't have any members trained Lions Dennis and Mary Jane will come and help club members.

**AFP Linda Kaye Houghton-Bowen:** Not present today. PDG Dennis that Boulder Junction Lioness will be celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 25. Affiliate Lioness held a raffle at camp and raised \$1440. Funds will be donated to provide the Lions Camp with craft items from their wish list.

**Mission to Mexico Tom Hyland:** 27-C2 is the only District going this year. Lion Tom will be leaving Thursday and going to McCall an, Texas. Are advised against going into Mexico at this time due to unrest.

**Xerophthalmia PDG Ed Linnemann:** Not Present.

**Curling Dave Lemke:** Curling Bonspiel entry form is in the Wisconsin Lion.

**Hearing Scott Martin:** 3 applications have been received. 1 approved and 2 pending. Lion Scott made a motion to have \$1,000 put in the hearing account to cover the cost of hearing aide, services and fitting. There is a balance of \$3,000 in **account**. Discussion was held. Lion Scott motioned to amend his motion to request \$3,000 to cover the three current applications they have received. Lion Dennis Hirtz 2<sup>nd</sup> motion and motion was carried.

**Web Master Renee Kolberg:** Renee is in Arizona for the winter.

**Technology E-clubhouse Roger Weber/Bill Kriegel/Renee Kolberg** Out of our 45 clubs, 18 are E-house participants and only 5 are active. Lion Roger is working hard to help keep clubs active.

**Historian PDG Ed Weise Jr:** The history is still not on the web-site. PDG Ed will forward to DG Leon and to Lion Tom & Sarah. There appears to be a problem because of the size of the document on placing it on the website. Lion Tom and Sarah are willing to look at it and recommend a possible solution or alternative format to present this to the clubs.

**Bowling PDG Ed Weise Jr.:** Bowling will be from February 25 – May 6, 2012. PDG Ed and PDG Shirley have applications for clubs interested. The Medford website will have information on this event, as well as the Wisconsin Lion. Looking for > 120 clubs to participate. 9 weekends to choose from. Adds in the Wisconsin Lion will be displayed 5 times.

**Women in Lion's Rhea Ellen Schnoor:** 156 family units in clubs. 7 clubs still without any women members.

**Peace Poster Judeen Knott:** DG Leon should have Peace Posters by November 15<sup>th</sup> as he must have them to the State by Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. Let him know if you are sponsoring. Posters need to be mailed in a poster cylinder from the post office.

If anyone has access to easels, they will be need for the convention in April.

The Multi-district is also sponsoring a photo contest. Lion Judeen has applications and information on the different categories. These will be due to the MD by March, so they will need to be to DG Leon by February.

**Youth Exchange/Outreach & Leo club PDG Harry Helwig:** Rhinelander Leo club has 18 members. They will be hosting their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cyber Bowling on October 30. Tomahawk is looking to sponsor a Leo's club.

**Youth Exchange:** the multi-district Sponsored 16 kids last summer, 3 in our area. Looking for host families to sponsor again this year from July 1 – August 16. Cost for sponsoring these kids for camp is about \$30.00 per day. This year there is a young lady from Hurley is interested in participating in this program by going overseas. She has listed Slovakia or Spain as possible interests. . Please mention to all clubs to donate.

**Public Relations Don Fredrickson:** Lion Don commented that the Lakeland times recently featured an article on a Gun Raffle; this was an excellent example of getting the word out.

**Wisconsin newsletter Sarah Waby:** Wisconsin Lion is getting a good response from clubs. Please keep reminding clubs to send their pictures and brief article or notes.

**Constitution and Bylaws PDG Chuck Franz:** The last time revised was in 1999. Currently being updated by PDG'S Don, Shirley, Chuck, Harry, Ed and DG Leon. PDG Chuck explained they cannot be changed until voted on at District Convention and passed by 2/3. Clarification was made that the clubs would need to have copy of proposed revision 30 days prior to the District Convention. Brief meeting to be held by this committee after cabinet meeting to discuss further.

**PDG Stan** reported that Pins donated from Marsha Keane in memory of Lion Bernie were sold and \$420.00 was donated in Lion Bernie's name to the LEBW.

PDG Stan has been asked to serve on the board of directors as a financial advisor for the Pride Campaign. The Pride Campaign is now separate from the WLF.

**Lion District 50/50 fund:** Once the funds raised reach \$1,000 will be used to award a Birch Sturm award. A committee made up of current Birch Sturm recipients will select candidate and the award will be presented at Convention. Current recipients are: PDG's Jim, Dennis, Don Ashby, Ed Weise and Harry.

**GLT- Global Leadership Team:** PDG Ed Weise Jr, asked he be invited to all region and zone meetings. Ed has a form to be filled out and returned to him to notify him of upcoming meetings.

**Other Business:** PDG Bob Schoneberger recently had heart surgery and has been released to home to recover.

PDG Jim Boetcher was unable to attend today, we wish everyone to keep him in your prayers.

50/50 winner announced

DG Leon announced the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Sarah Waby