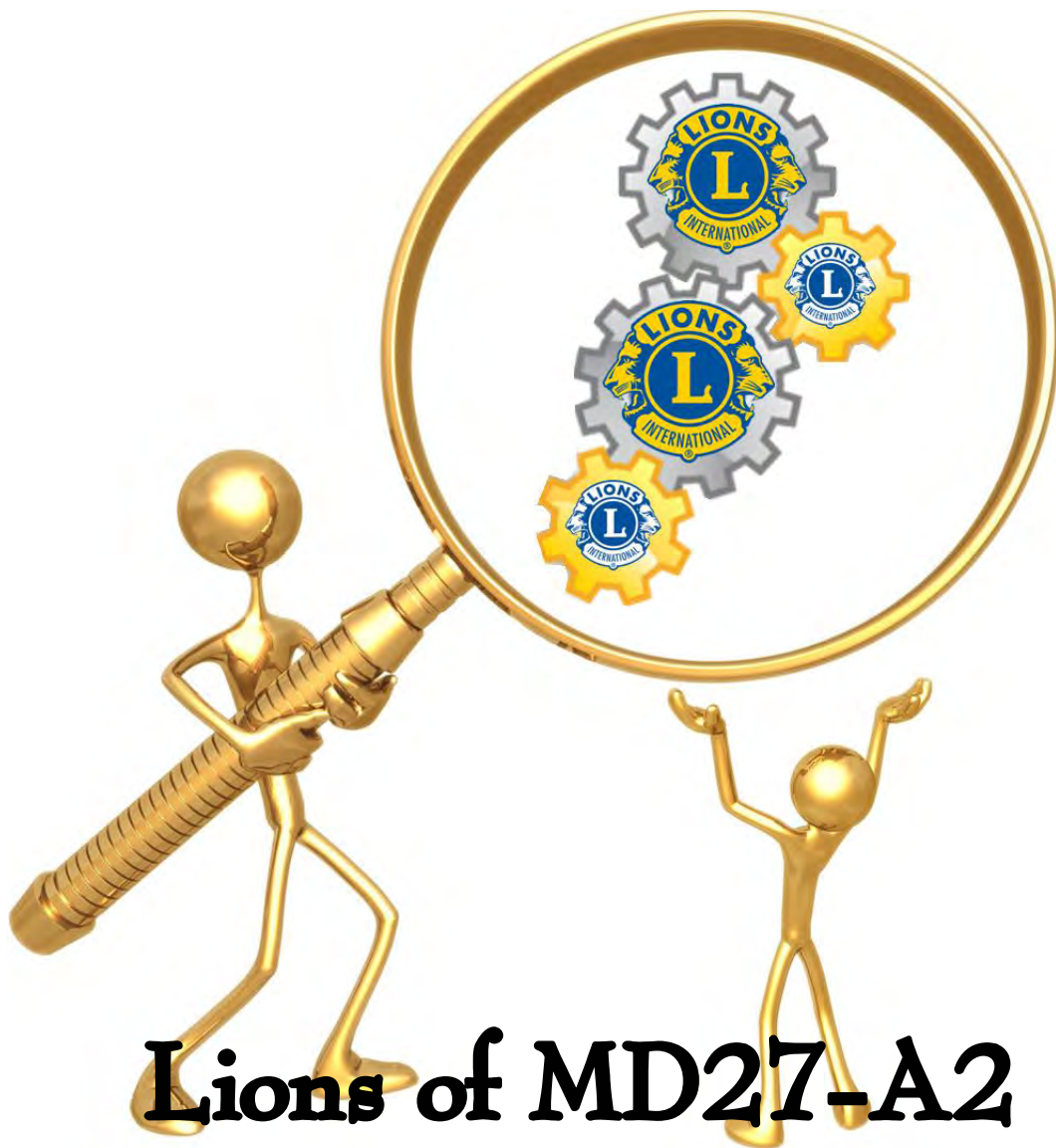


Lions Working Together for a Better World, Community & Life



An Essential Reference and Resource Guide for
All Lions Club Members

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Lions Club International

Lions Clubs International History Timeline

1917: Association founded in Chicago, Illinois, USA on June 7 by businessman Melvin Jones.

1920: Association became international with the formation of the first club in Canada.

1925: Helen Keller challenges the Lions to become her “knights of the blind in the crusade against blindness.”

1987: Lions Clubs International becomes the first service club to admit women as members.

1990: Sight First, a major blindness prevention initiative, is launched.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL OBJECTS:

The Lions Clubs Objects outline the aims and goals of Lions. It is up to the individual clubs to use the general objects for specific purposes.

TO CREATE and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

TO PROMOTE the principles of good government and good citizenship.

TO TAKE an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.

TO UNITE the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.

TO PROVIDE a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.

TO ENCOURAGE service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

LIONS CODE OF ETHICS:

The Lions Code of Ethics is a guideline for the personal values that each Lion should exemplify.

TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

TO SEEK success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

TO REMEMBER that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

TO HOLD friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

ALWAYS bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in work, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

TO AID others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

The International Association:

THE ASSOCIATION'S NAME: The official name of the association is "The International Association of Lions Clubs" or simply "Lions Clubs International." The name Lions was chosen because of the symbolism of what a lion animal represents – courage, strength, activity and fidelity.

MISSION STATEMENT: To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation.

MOTTO: The Lions motto is "We Serve." It was adopted at the 1954 International Convention, after being selected from more than 6,000 suggestions from members worldwide.

SLOGAN: Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety. It was adopted at the 1919 International Convention.

OFFICIAL COLORS: Purple and gold were chosen when the association was founded in 1917. The purple represents loyalty to country, friends, to one's self and to the integrity of mind and heart. It is the color of strength, courage and dedication to a cause. Gold symbolizes sincerity of purpose, liberality in judgment, purity in life and generosity in mind, heart and commitment to mankind. Often, a dark blue is used in place of the purple.

OFFICIAL EMBLEM: The current Lion emblem (or logo) was adopted at the 1919 convention. Today, Lions worldwide are recognized by it. It consists of a gold letter "L" on a circular purple (or blue) field. Bordering this is a circular gold area with two Lion profiles facing away from the center. The Lions face both past and future – showing both pride of heritage and confidence in the future. The word "Lions" appears at the top, and "International" at the bottom.

Always wear your Lions emblem pin proudly. And remember, since it is a registered trademark in most countries, it may never be used for commercial or fundraising purposes without prior permission from the Legal Division at International Headquarters.

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING: It may appear that the language barrier would make international understanding almost impossible. But international understanding and friendship (or fellowship) is a matter of spirit rather than language. Lions throughout the world communicate with one another through club activities that create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF):

Lions Clubs International Foundation is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International. The foundation was chartered in 1968 to support the efforts of Lions clubs around the world in serving their local communities and the world community through humanitarian service, major disaster relief and vocational assistance programs. The Sight First program, the aggressive global service initiative that mobilizes Lions resources at all levels, responds to worldwide needs for the prevention of blindness. LCIF Sight First grants are supporting projects that meet critical needs in both developing and developed countries. The Sight First program has already provided over one million cataract surgeries, initiated eye health awareness programs, supported eye disease treatment plans, constructed hospitals and funded training for ophthalmic personnel. The newest LCIF grant program, "Core 4," provides grants of up to US\$200,000 for high impact Lions service projects. The Core 4 program addresses the larger humanitarian needs in the communities where Lions serve. LCIF Core 4 grants are limited to a list of specific types of projects consistent with the top four humanitarian concerns of Lions: preserving eyesight, combating disability, promoting health and serving youth. Donations to LCIF support grants in these categories: LCIF Sight First, Core 4, Standard, International Assistance Grants (IAG), Emergency, Major Catastrophe and Major International Service Program.

LCIF and Lions are collaborating with the Measles Initiative partners to rescue children worldwide from measles. Measles is one of the world's deadliest vaccine preventable diseases: 450 children die each day. Yet, for less than US\$1, we can vaccinate one child for life. Help us save 157 million children this year. Be a part of the solution through the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative by supporting LCIF through the Gates Foundation Challenge Grant. For every \$2 raised by Lions, the Gates Foundation will donate US\$1. Together, LCIF and the Gates Foundation will provide a total of US\$15 million to fight measles this year. Learn more at www.lcif.org.

LCIF honors donors with a variety of awards and forms of recognition. The highest form of recognition is the Melvin Jones Fellowship. Other recognitions include Honor Roll and Contributing Membership.

LCIF Web site: www.lcif.org

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION:

The annual International Convention is held in late June or early July. It constitutes the annual meeting of the members of the Association. Some of the activities held during the convention include voting on Constitutional amendments, electing new members to the board of directors, seminars of Interest to all Lions, district governors-elect seminar, general business sessions and the Parade of nations. Attending an international convention provides members with a wonderful opportunity to rekindle their dedication to those in need, meet Lions from all over the world, learn new tips and techniques for being the best Lion he/she can be, and obtain valuable resource materials.

The Lion Magazine:

- THE LION Magazine has four major functions:
- To inform the members of official notices.
- To serve as a central reference point for service and fundraising ideas and the best methods to employ in order to ensure their success.
- To supply information about countries and areas in which Lions are active, enabling all members to better understand and support international program objectives and to promote worldwide peace and understanding.
- To present the story of Lions Clubs International in the best possible manner so that not only Lions, but the casual reader as well, will receive a favorable impression of the association.

Lions Clubs International Web site:

The official Lions Clubs International Web site, located at www.lionsclubs.org, contains a wealth of information about the association and its programs. There are also downloadable materials, online Club Supply sales, a club directory and online report filing. Additionally, the site has various newsletters, an online version of THE LION Magazine, message boards and online training courses. The site is updated monthly. Lions are encouraged to visit often to learn the latest news and updates.

At a Glance *Your International Association*

Founded: 1917 in Chicago, Illinois, USA

Founder: Melvin Jones

Motto: We Serve

Official Colors: Purple and Gold

Slogan: Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety

Primary Activity: Blindness Prevention and Sight Conservation

Membership: Nearly 1.4 million men and women in approximately 207 countries and areas worldwide



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Wisconsin Lions:

Our Mission:

We Serve by reaching, touching and improving lives.

"We Serve." It's been our *motto* since being adopted by Lions International in 1954. It hasn't changed. But we can better communicate what we mean by *stating our mission* further—linking what we do (serve) with what we strive to accomplish (help others).

Summarized as a *theme*, the mission statement is a brief, emotionally powerful expression of what our efforts promise. It's a great tool for building understanding of what we are about within each of our communities (and with prospective new members!).



The Lions of Wisconsin are comprised of 548 individual clubs with a combined membership of 19,126 Lions. Wisconsin is one multiple district of **Lions Clubs International**, which has 46,085 clubs in 207 countries or geographical areas. There are 1.34 million Lions worldwide. The state office is located in Rosholt at the Wisconsin Lions Camp and is overseen by Council Chairperson.

The Lions operate the **Wisconsin Lions Foundation** which is located in Rosholt on the **Wisconsin Lions Camp** property. The foundation administers statewide projects for the Lions, highlighted by the camp for blind, deaf, and cognitively disabled children and now, serving diabetic children.

The Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Inc. (WLF):

Is a charitable non-profit Wisconsin Corporation organized and maintained by the Lions of Wisconsin and is in charge of all statewide service and fund-raising activities. The Foundation has grown to be the pride and joy of the Lions, Lioness, and Leos of Wisconsin. It is also the envy of the Lions throughout the Country and very much appreciated by the people whose lives have been, or are being, changed by its projects. This was all made possible because Clubs and individuals believe in what the Foundation has to offer and because of the watchful administration of the Board of Directors. The operation of the Foundation is directed by 21 Directors, two from each of the ten districts and one from the Council of Governors. Three Lioness Representatives also serve on committees.

Foundation activities are supported through funds contributed by Lions, Lioness, and Leo Clubs and individual members. Support is also received from private citizens, business and industrial benefactors, and memorial bequests.

WI Lions Foundation Projects:

Lions Camp

The Wisconsin Lions Camp is dedicated to providing a quality camping experience free-of-charge to eligible Wisconsin residents who are blind or visually impaired, deaf or hard of hearing, youth with mild cognitive disabilities and youth with diabetes. For more information on who is eligible for our camping programs, please see us at our website www.wisconsinlionscamp.com. In addition, our Retreat and Conference Center programs provide an opportunity for all to experience the Wisconsin Lions Camp while benefiting our summer camp programs.

Eyeglass Recycling Center

The Eyeglass Recycling Center is one of only 11 centers worldwide. Over one million pairs of glasses are processed annually at the Center, with over 450,000 pairs being sent to developing countries. Eyeglasses received at the eyeglass facility at Lions Camp are sorted, cleaned, categorized, bagged, and boxed in preparation for shipment to developing countries.

Community Diabetes Education Project

In 1999, WLF, with a \$100,000 grant from LCIF, undertook development of a major new initiative: a community-based diabetes education project for patients, health professionals, and the public. To date, this effort has been focused in every Lionistic District, and we have learned a great deal.

A continuing goal has always been to find a way to expand the project to serve many more communities. That mechanism has now been established and an ambitious expanded Community Diabetes Education Project has been developed.

Hearing Aid Project

Help Them Hear What They've Been Missing

Hearing is the last sensory function to leave us when we fall asleep and the first to "come on line" when we awaken. Normal hearing provides vital information about our environment and warnings of danger, affords the opportunity for communication with other people, and opens a channel for the pleasures of listening to music, laughter, and sounds in nature.

An estimated 26 million Americans are afflicted with hearing loss and cannot fully appreciate this unique sensory experience.

For some, hearing loss is present from the time of birth (congenital). For others, hearing loss occurs later in life and may be due to one or a combination of causes: infection, injury, excessive noise exposure, heredity or aging, to name a few.

Children's Vision Screening

The Wisconsin Lions Foundation and Prevent Blindness Wisconsin combined forces to help the fight against blindness and to ensure that every child from six months to eighteen years old sees properly. Through the efforts of local Lions and Lioness Clubs, screenings are taking place in their local day care and preschool facilities. Prevent Blindness Wisconsin reported in 2009 Lions/Lioness screened a total of 7,810 children with 433 referred. Vision problems affect one in every five school-age children and one in every twenty preschool-age children.

Youth Projects

Quest

The Wisconsin Lions Foundation sponsors teacher training workshops throughout Wisconsin that utilize the extremely popular and timely Lions Quest Programs "Skills for Adolescence", "Skills for Growing", and "Skills for Action". These Lions Quest Programs are comprehensive skills development programs for young people in grades K-12.

The Programs are designed to develop skills in improving peer and family relationships. They are positive prevention programs, intended to equip young people with the ability to say "NO" to negative peer pressure and drug and alcohol abuse.

Birch-Sturm Fellowship

This fellowship is intended to recognize individuals who exemplify dedication and commitment to Lionism.

In 1990, the Birch-Sturm Fellowship was created by the Wisconsin Lions Foundation to honor those individuals who exemplify undying dedication and commitment to Lionism. The Fellowship is named after Wisconsin's only International Presidents, Frank V. Birch and Clarence L. Sturm who were great supporters of the Foundation.

The Birch-Sturm Fellowship is a way for districts, clubs, or individuals to honor a person who displays dedication and commitment to Lionism.

WI Eye Bank:

The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin, Inc., a nonprofit 501(c)3, is a team of professionals and volunteers dedicated to the mission of restoring the Gift of Sight through recovery and transplantation of corneas, research to advance the knowledge and treatment of eye diseases, and education to increase donations of human eyes after death.

Serving the entire state of Wisconsin, The Lion's Eye Bank of Wisconsin fulfills this mission by procuring, processing, and distributing eye tissue to corneal transplant surgeons, researchers, and teachers. Equally important is our commitment to education through our network of medical professionals, Lions and Lioness Clubs and members, and other volunteers who give generously of their time, talent, and treasures.

The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin continues its commitment to people in the present who receive transplants and those in the future who will benefit from the research. Our ultimate goal is to improve people's quality of life through the Gift of Sight.

The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin is assisted by numerous dedicated volunteers from Lions, Lioness, and Leo Clubs throughout the State of Wisconsin. There are approximately 19,500 Lions Club Members across the state of Wisconsin ~ 1,500 of these individuals transport eye tissue each year. These members bring surgically removed eye tissue to the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin laboratory in Madison where further evaluation and preparation of donor corneas are conducted.

In addition, their financial support of the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin provides needed resources in the effort to restore sight and prevent blindness. Without their dedicated and generous activity, cornea transplants, vision restoration, and research into diseases causing blindness would be most difficult. The Knight of Sight Award is the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin's highest form of recognition presented to an individual by their club, zone, group or district. Recipients of the Knight of Sight Award exemplify the LEBW's mission to give the Gift of Sight in Wisconsin, the United States, and internationally.

The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin is an affiliated Lions organization for the Wisconsin Lions of Multiple District 27 and is governed by a Board of Directors that includes representatives from all 10 districts within Multiple District 27.

State Convention:

Held during the third week in May

WI Lions Newspaper:

1: Club article submissions:

a: Include basic information:

i: dates

ii: what your project was about,

iii: who you helped

b: If writing the article it must be 1500 Words or less

2: How to submit pictures:

a: Pictures should be sent as a pdf file

(Contact Brenda with questions)

b: No camera phone pictures

(Not high enough resolution)

c: Absolutely no alcohol in the pictures.

d: Will not publish pictures of checks

e: List names of everyone in the photos and a short caption
of what the picture is from

3: Please Submit your club calendar of events, fund-raisers etc to be added to the calendar of events in the paper to increase exposure

a: Lion Brenda will then put them in to publicize your events
without you having to always submit.

Questions Contact:

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WI Lions Websites:

WI Lions:

www.wisconsinlions.org/

Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin:

lebw.org

608.233.2354

Wisconsin Lions Camp:

www.wisconsinlionscamp.com/

715.677.4969

Wisconsin Lions Foundation:

www.wlf.info

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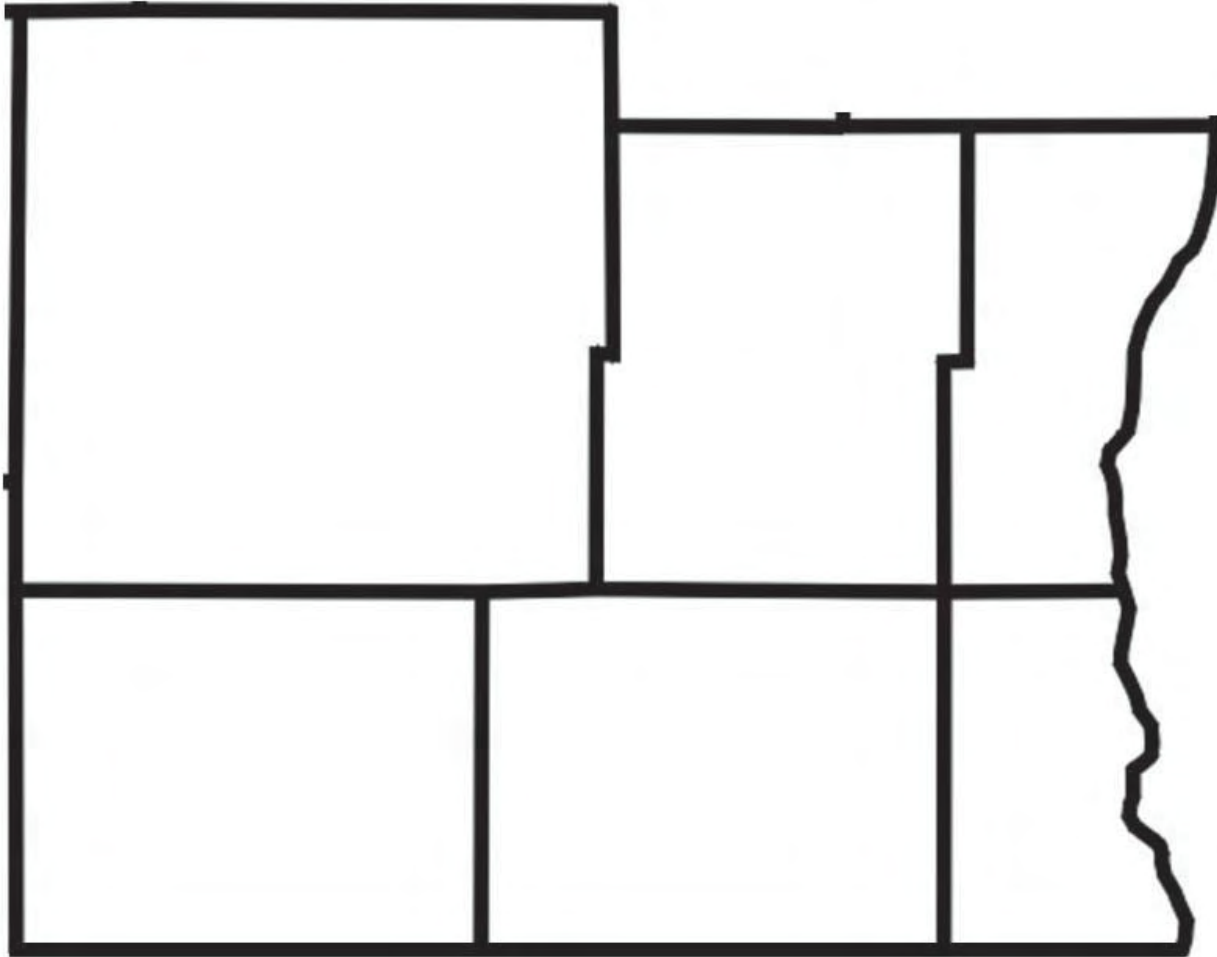


Multi District 27-A2

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- District Governor
- District Cabinet/ Committees
- District Websites

Multi District 27-A2

A2 is comprised of 47 Lions Clubs, 10 Lioness Clubs & 5 Leo Clubs with a combined membership of approximately 1,800 service minded men & women. Our clubs are located in SE WI covering the six counties: Dodge, Washington, Ozaukee & portions of Jefferson, Waukesha & Milwaukee north of Interstate 94.



OUR CLUBS:

Allenton, Ashippun, Beaver Dam, Belgium, Brownsville, Butler, Cedarburg, Clyman, Columbus, Delafield/Summit, Five Corners, Fox Lake, Fredonia Lions, Fredonia Lion/Lioness, Grafton, Hartford, Hartland, Horicon, Hustisford, Iron Ridge, Ixonia, Juneau, Kettle Moraine, Kewaskum, Lannon, Lebanon, Lomira, Mayville, Neosho/Rubicon, Menomonee Falls, Milwaukee North Central, Milwaukee North Milwaukee, Newburg, Oconomowoc, Okauchee, Port Washington, Richfield, Saukville, Stone Bank, Sussex, Theresa, Thiensville-Mequon, Watertown, Waupun, Wauwatosa, West Bend & West Bend Lioness/Lions.

District Governor:

The district governor serves as the chief administrative officer for the district. He or she is elected to serve a one-year term at the district convention. The new governor takes office at the close of the international convention. The district governor's responsibilities include representing the association in the district, supervising district officers, furthering the Objects and Ethics of the association, promoting the goals of the International Program, supervising the organization of new Lions clubs and presiding over district meetings.

Multi District 27-A2 Cabinet:

District Governor	1st Vice District Governor
Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer	2 nd Vice District Governor
Immediate Past District Governor	Zone Chairpersons-7 total

Committee Chairpersons:

Affiliate District President	Leo's-2 leaders
BOLD	LCIF
Chaplain	Lions International Peace Poster Contest
Children's Vision Screening	Lions Newspaper
Constitution & By-Laws/Rules & Procedures	Parliamentarian
Diabetes Awareness	Public Relations Director
District Bowling/Golf	Quest
District Convention Chair	Sergeant-at -Arms
District GLT Coordinator	Tail Twister
District GMT Coordinator	USA-Canada Forum
District Website	WI Eye Bank Representative
Hearing	WI Lions Foundation-2 Directors
Honorary & Advisory (past district governors)	WI Lions Missions
International Convention	Youth Exchange
Leader Dog	Leo's-2 leaders

District Convention:

Held the third weekend in February at the Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc WI

- District 27-A2 Website: www.md27a2.org
- On-line Directory: www.md27directory.org

Username:wislions

Password: 2serve



Local Lions Clubs

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Lions-Local Club Level:

History of your Club:

Date Chartered:

Service Projects Your Club Does:

Fund Raisers Your Club Does:

Structure (Club); Your club membership is the back bone of the Lions association. Your club elects a slate of officers each April with their term of office to follow the Lions fiscal year starting July 1st and running for twelve months. These officers make up the Board of Directors of the Lions Club. Below is a brief description of the duties of each officer and then a description of the duties of the Board of Directors.

- **President**
 - The clubs Chief Executive Officer.
 - Presides over all meetings of the Board of Directors, Regular and Special of the club.
 - Appoint committee Chair and members.
- **Vice Presidents 1st, 2nd, 3rd**
 - If the president is unable to perform the duties of his/her office for any reason, the vice president next in rank shall occupy his/her position and perform the duties with the same authority as the president.
 - Each vice president shall, under the direction of the president, oversee the functioning of such committees of this club as the president shall designate.
- **Secretary**
 - The Secretary shall be under the supervision and direction of the president and board of directors and shall act as the liaison officer between the club and the district.
 - Submit regular monthly and other reports to the club and the international office of the association.
 - Submit to the district governor's cabinet such reports as it may require including copies of regular membership and activities reports.
 - Keep and maintain general records of this club, including minutes of club and board meetings, attendance, committee appointment, elections, member contact information, and member club accounts.

Treasurer

- Receive all monies and deposit in a bank as recommended by the board of directors.
 - Pay out monies in payment of club obligations only on authority given by the board of directors.
 - Have custody and keep and maintain general records of club receipts and disbursements and/or member club accounts.
 - Along with the board of directors create and maintain an active budget for the fiscal year.
- **Lion Tamer**
 - Shall have charge of and be responsible for the property of the club, including the flags, banners, gong, gavel, etc...

- **Tail Twister**
 - Shall promote harmony, good fellowship, life and enthusiasm in the meetings through appropriate stunts and games and judicious imposition of fines on club members
- **Directors**
 - The four positions of directors will be elected one-half annually and shall hold the office for 2 years. The responsibilities of the directors shall be to attend and be a member of this clubs board of directors. Assist the other board members with decision making and the allocation of club funds.
- **Membership Director**
 - Development of a growth plan for the club.
 - Encouragement at club meetings to bring in new quality members.
 - The membership director is typically the immediate past president.
- **Board of Directors**
 - Shall constitute the executive board of this club and be responsible for the execution, through the club officers, of the policies approved by the club. All new business and policy of this club shall be considered and shaped, first, by the board of directors for presentation to and approved by the club members at a regular meeting or special club meeting.
 - It shall authorize all expenditures and shall not create any indebtedness beyond the current income of this club, nor authorize disbursement of club funds for purposes inconsistent with the business and policy authorized by the club membership.
 - It shall not authorize, nor permit, the expenditure, for any administrative purpose, of the net income of any administrative purpose, of the income of projects or activities of this club by which funds are raised from the public.
 - It shall submit all matters of new business and policy to respective standing or special club committee for study and recommendation to the board.
 - It shall name and appoint, subject to approval of the club membership, the delegates and alternates of this club to district and state conventions.
 - It shall maintain at least two separate funds governed by generally accepted accounting practices. The first fund to record administrative monies such as dues, tail twister fines and other internally raised club funds. A second fund shall be established to record activity or public welfare monies raised by asking support from the public.

Meetings (Board and Regular) The Lions Club is set up to have two types of meetings, an executive meeting of the Board of Directors which all members are invited to attend and the Regular meeting for the club membership. Here is a brief description of the activities of each of these meetings.

- **Board of Directors meeting**
 - The club board of directors shall meet once per month to discuss new and old business on the clubs behalf.
 - They will hear nominations on allocation of club funds through fund raisers which they will submit their approval to the membership for voting.
 - Committee chairpersons will provide a written or verbal report of the activity of their committee as requested by the board.
 - Review the clubs budget, income and bank balance as provided by the treasurer prior to presentation to the club membership.
 - All decisions of the board must be presented to the membership for final approval by majority vote.
 - **Except as otherwise specifically provided in this constitution and by-laws, all questions of order or procedure with respect to any meeting or action of this club, its board of directors or any committee appointed hereunder shall be determined in accordance with ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED.**
- **Regular meeting**
 - Review, discuss and approve previous months regular and board meeting minutes.
 - Review any committee reports as new activities are planned.
 - Vote on any issues brought forth from the board meeting.
 - Discuss new and old business as necessary and to the satisfaction of the club, remembering that new discussion or decisions must be brought before the board of directors.
 - Some clubs take the opportunity to invite guest to speak at their regular club meetings or have dinner meetings to learn more about civic and Lions activities.
 - **Except as otherwise specifically provided in this constitution and by-laws, all questions of order or procedure with respect to any meeting or action of this club, its board of directors or any committee appointed hereunder shall be determined in accordance with ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED.**

Committees

- The president is the only one to develop committees and appoint their chairpersons. Any active member can volunteer to be the chairperson but the final decision is by the president. Committee chairperson will solicit volunteers to be members of their committee, hold meetings to help the committee prosper.
- The decisions of the committee will be presented to the board of directors such as dates, allocation of club funds, proceeds allocations.
- Suggestions for committee allocations should always be presented to the committee chairperson. These suggestions are strongly encouraged and show an active membership. The final decision is up to the committee itself to present to the board.

Budget Prior to the Lions fiscal year beginning, a detailed budget must be created. This budget must show the two funds, administrative or general, and an activities or project account, where all of the monies are allocated. The final budget will be presented to the board of directors for approval prior to the presentation to the membership at a regular or special meeting for their discussion and approval.

Election of Officers

- A nomination meeting shall be held in March of each year.
- The president may appoint a nomination committee which shall submit names of candidates for various club offices. Nominations for all offices to be filled in the succeeding year may also be made from the floor.
- Elections meeting shall be held no later than April 15th , no nominations may be made from the floor at this meeting.
- Term of office is from July 1st to June 30th.

Annual Dues are due July 1st each year. The total amount each member is charged depends on the budget and the administration fund amount. This total will be presented to the board and general membership for approval and discussion.

Administrative & Activity Accounts:

The two accounts are set up to keep Lion money (Admin Account) separate from donated or fund raised money (Activities Account). Just to make sure the difference is explained that ALL money that is fund raised or donated goes out to help others, it DOES NOT get used to pay club dues, members meals, etc... Admin money is money that is raised by Lions, tail twister funds, hosting a Zone Mtg, etc... This money can be donated out but usually is spent on club supplies, special Lion events, etc...

Fund Raising & Service Project:

In theory, the difference between service and fund raising projects is very simple, but can also be or get turned around. If you have hands on assistance to help others, that is a Service Project. It can be argued that writing a check to help others is a service to them and it is, but without the face to face experience of seeing it happen. If that is the case then the "Parade of Checks" at the District Convention would be every clubs biggest Service Project. It is a little bit of a gray area but raising the funds to write the check is a fund raising project, presenting the check might be considered a service project, But it is not near as satisfying as actually seeing your hard work and the outcome of helping others.



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What it Means to be a Lion:

Lions are men and women dedicated to serving those in need, whether in their own community or halfway around the world. Membership in a Lions club provides people with the opportunity to meet and work with other individuals in a spirit of fellowship, striving toward the common goal of helping those in need. Through their mutual concern of others, members have the opportunity to improve both their local and world communities and develop valuable personal and professional skills. New members are expected to give freely of their time and energy whenever possible. They are expected to attend club meetings, be available for committee assignments, be knowledgeable about the aims and objectives of Lions and to support club officers.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:

The benefits of Lions clubs membership are numerous, and include:

- The unparalleled satisfaction of helping those in need.
- Making a difference in your community.
- Having an impact on those in need worldwide.
- Developing leadership skills.
- Enhancing communication skills.
- Utilizing planning and organization skills.
- Working hands-on to meet community needs.
- Meeting new people - from your community and abroad.
- Opportunities to network.
- Opportunities to travel.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

There are several categories of membership, which are fully explained in the Lions Clubs Standard Form Constitution and By-laws. In brief, they are:

- **Active:** A member entitled to all rights and privileges and subject to all obligations which membership in a Lions club implies.
- **Member-at-Large:** A member who has moved out of the community and is unable to regularly attend meetings and desires to retain membership in the club. This member cannot hold office or vote at conventions and must pay dues.
- **Honorary:** An honor bestowed by a club to an individual who is not a member of the Lions club, to recognize outstanding community service or service to the club.
- **Privileged:** A member who has been a Lion for 15 or more years, who because of illness, infirmities or advanced age or other legitimate reason, must relinquish his or her active status. A privileged member may vote, but may not hold office.
- **Life Member:** A member who has maintained active status for 20 or more years, or for 15 years and is at least 70 years of age can be granted Life Membership. Life Members pay a one-time payment to the association in lieu of future dues. They have all the rights and privileges of membership.
- **Associate:** A member who holds his/her primary membership in another club, but maintains residence or is employed in the community of the club in which he/she attends. Associate members can vote on club matters, but may not serve as a club delegate at district, multiple district or international conventions, and are not eligible to hold office.
- **Affiliate:** An individual who is currently unable to fully participate in the club, but wishes to support the club. He or she may not hold office and may not represent the club at district, multiple district or international conventions, but may vote on club matters.

Members cannot simultaneously hold membership - other than Honorary or Associate - in more than one Lions club. They also may not hold another membership, other than Honorary or Affiliate, in another service club of similar character.

Members Commitment:

- Give freely of your time and energy whenever possible
- Attend club meetings when possible
- Be available for committee assignments
- Be knowledgeable about the aims and objectives of Lions
- Support your Club Officers

Lions Dues-International, State and District:

Lions Clubs International total dues for year \$41.00 (*Includes \$2 dues increase effective 7/1/12)

Breakdown:

\$ 0.50.....International Convention Fund

\$ 4.75.....The Lion Magazine

\$ 8.82.....District Governor's Office & Travel Expense, District Governor Elect Expense

\$ 7.40.....Special Club Programs including: Membership, Extension, Leadership, Activities & Publicity

\$ 4.02.....Liability Insurance for all club members

\$15.51.....General Operations including: DG Elect Seminar, International President, other officers and directors, Past Presidents & Directors, District and Club Administration Literature, supplies(clubs & district) including postage for mailing these items, field operations, auditing, International Exchange, telephone, telegram and legal department at International Headquarters

Multiple District 27 (State of Wisconsin) total dues \$10.50 per member per year.

Breakdown:

\$ 0.95.....Wisconsin Promotion

\$ 5.53.....State Administration

\$ 0.35.....State Convention

\$ 3.13.....Wisconsin LION paper

\$ 0.29.....Wisconsin Lions Foundation

Club Dues-Vary by Club

Misc.:

- Each Club is also billed \$10-15 per year (typically in August) by the District to pay for a Bond for each Club
- International, State and District Dues are collected semi-annually using membership numbers as of June 30th and December 31st.
- There is a \$25 Initiation Fee for new members that is also pro-rated through the Lions Fiscal year

* The Lions Clubs International dues increase was approved by member vote at the International convention in Seattle in June 2011. The dues increase is \$2 effective 7/1/2012 and another \$2 increase effective 7/1/2013

What the heck does that stand for????**Abbreviations/Explanations:**

LCI.....Lions Clubs International
LCIF.....Lions Clubs International Foundation
WLF.....Wisconsin Lions Foundation
MDMultiple District
LEBW.....Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin
IPInternational President
IPIPImmediate Past International President
PIP.....Past International President
1IVP.....1st International Vice President
2IVP.....2nd International Vice President
ID.....International Director
IPID.....Immediate Past International Director
PIP.....Past International Director
CC.....Council Chairperson
PCC.....Past Council Chairperson
IPCC..... Immediate Past Council Chairperson
DG.....District Governor
IPDG.....Immediate Past District Governor
PDG.....Past District Governor
CST..... Cabinet Secretary Treasurer
1VDG....1st Vice District Governor
2VDG....2nd Vice District Governor
ZC.....Zone Chairperson
GMT.... Global Membership Team
GLT.....Global Leadership Team
BOLD... Blind Outdoor Leisure and Development