



# THE PRIDE



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WISCONSIN DISTRICT 27-A1



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Left to right District Governor Claude, Johnson, Lion Al Tatera (New Berlin Lions 1st Vice President), Lioness Betty Johnson, Lioness Linda Bornemann, Lioness Mary Tatera, and Lion Lloyd Bornemann enjoy a Lionistic Breakfast at the Palmyra Lioness Pancake Breakfast on January 1st.



Palmyra Lioness Dorthy Filitowicz and Palmyra Lions President Bob Martins doing the behind the scenes work to make the Panacke Breakfast a success.

**The Franklin Lions Club Proudly Support  
Lion Walter J. Natynski "Wally"  
for District Governor 2005-06**



**Personal History**

Married 31 years Wife: Linda • Son: Bryan • Daughter: Amy • Son in law: Erick • Grand Son: Cody • Grand Daughter: Camille • Condominium Owner • Marina Cliffs Ass. Board Member • Chief Powerhouse Operating Engineer • Work for the Falk Corporation 31 years • Education: Associate Degree in Supervision and Management MATC 1989 • Bachelor of Science in Management Cardinal Stritch University 2000 • Master of Business Administration Cardinal Stritch University 2002

**The Candidate: Dedicated, Hard-Working Lion**

Member Franklin Lions Club 31 years • President 2 terms • 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President 5 Terms • 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President • 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President • Secretary 5 terms • Lion Tamer 2 Terms • Board of Directors 10 terms • Chairmanships: Scholarship Program • Eye Bank • Newsletter • Elections • Convention • Membership • Achievements: 100% Secretary • 100% President • Key Award • Melvin Jones Fellow

**District Service:**

Zone Chairman 2 terms • Region Chairman • Eye Bank Chairman 3 years • Bowling Chairman • Campaign Sight First Chairman 2 years • Public Relations Chairman and member 3 years • District Web Page Chairman 4 years • Attended 6 State Conventions • 13 District Conventions • 2 US/Canada Forum • 2 International Convention • Vice District Governor 2004-05

**Dream It Believe It Achieve It**

## District Governor's Corner

Lions, Lioness, Leos, Spouses and Friends:

Did we have a great convention or not? A big thank you to Convention Chairman IPDG Lion Jordan and Co-chair Lion Debbie Schwantz and the rest of their committee for giving us all an enjoyable weekend. I would like to go into some specifics of the convention but as I am writing this on January 10th, the convention hasn't even taken place yet, but I do know everyone is going to have good time.

I attended the WLF meeting over this past weekend and during one conversation the topic of Lioness recognition came up. During his speeches in Detroit during the International Convention and at the forum in Reno, International President Lion Clem apologized to the Lionesses for the way they were treated by International. This apology does not change the status of Lioness members in any way. Different Directors have stated that the Lioness program should revert back to the way it was in the late seventies

and eighties. There is absolutely no movement on the board to start that action. AS the situation stands right now there are a couple of different ways for lioness to be recognized by International and they both involve becoming Lions.

The first and probably the most sensible way is by becoming a Lioness Lions Club. Members of a Lioness Lions Club receive a special pin that features the Lioness "L" logo to recognize their past service as Lioness. All Lioness would receive credit for the years served as a Lioness. Lioness Lion Clubs could continue to work alongside their sponsoring club, if they wish, collaborating on projects and serving their communities. However they would now have a voice in the association by having the ability to send delegates to the District, State and International Conventions to elect officers and vote on constitutional amendments. The administrative of International Headquarters would be at their disposal and they would be eligible to be zone, region, district or international office

The second opportunity would be for Lioness

clubs with less than 20 members to form a branch club of their sponsoring Lions Club. The rules for a branch club are quite different than a Lioness Lions Club. In a branch club the branch members are actually members of the host club but they have separate meetings and fund raisers.

If anyone has questions on these or any other issues please contact me and I would be happy to meet with you, schedule permitting.

The monthly statements are following and again they are true or false and are due by March 1, 2005

1. A former member in good standing of one Lions Club may automatically transfer his/her membership to another Lions Club.
2. In order to be an active member, a Lion must attend at least one out of four meetings of his/her Lions Club.
3. A Lions Club may hold a public event to raise money for its administrative account so long as it clearly advertises and promotes the activity as an "Administrative Fund-raiser"
4. A Club may deduct administrative expenses relating to a specific fund-raising activity from the gross proceeds of the activity.
5. Interest earned on a Lions Club's activities account may be used for general administrative purposes.
6. Monies earned as compensation by Lions members for services rendered to other organizations may be used for administrative purposes.
7. The International Constitution mandates that all members conform their conduct to the Code of Ethics as adopted by Lions Clubs International.

GOOD LUCK!

I wish you enough,  
Lion CJ    DG

## Lion Wally's Corner

My fellow Lions, Lioness, and Leo's. I hope this article finds all of you in the best of health and good spirits. I want to take the time to thank all of the Lions, Lioness and Leos in the District for their support over the past two years. It will be a great honor to serve you all as your District Governor for 2005 – 2006.

# “DREAM IT BELIEVE IT ACHIEVE IT”

## What is expected of a Lion leader?

- P** – Preparation and organization
- L** – Leadership (Lead, don't follow)
- E** – Energy
- A** – Actively support Club/District Projects
- S** – Seek improvement in your Club/District
- E** – Enthusiasm is contagious

### A GOOD LION LEADER SHOULD AIM TO PLEASE

I want to thank my understanding wife Linda for all of her support, as CJ our District Governor said last year “The fact is she (Betty) was with me every minute of the way. She helped in every aspect of the campaign and always with a smile.” What DG CJ forgot to say about our wives so I will say it thank you for all the long talks we had after club visits, fundraisers, and meetings, where Linda would say to me, “you did that speech very nicely, or boy did you lay an egg, or don't do that again.” As you can see Linda is one of my biggest assets “**THANK YOU LINDA**”.

I need to especially thank. The Franklin Lions and Franklin Lioness Clubs for all of their support and hard work, for without their help this two year campaign would have gone for not.

I want to congratulate Lion Dave Hempel our new Vice-District Governor Elect, and also congratulations to Affiliate District President Elect Lioness Nancy Palmer-Payne. I look forward to working with the both of them.

Congratulations to IPDG Lion Jordan Chadwick and co-chair Lion Debbie Schwanz for a wonderful District convention. Thank you and your committee for all of the hard work and dedication making our District convention the best in the state.

**Dream It Believe It Achieve It**

*Walter J Natynski*

**DGE Lion Walter J. Natynski**





Dear Lioness, Lions and Leos

**Lioness Joan Post**

**Affiliate President**

**District 27-A1**

**Paw Prints**



I hope everyone enjoyed our District Convention. Each year there seems to be something new to learn about. It's great to get reacquainted with friends that we have not seen for awhile, as well as meeting new ones. I would like to congratulate the new officers of the Lions, Lioness and Leo's, who will be taking on the responsibility of leading our district. Thanks again also to the convention committee for their hard work and dedication, this will be a convention I will remember always.

We are now into the month of February. Hopefully the weather won't be too bad, but what do you expect, we're living in Wisconsin. The snow, I am sure is welcomed by some, especially the B.O.L.D. program. They seem to enjoy the weather no matter what the temperature is.

I have met with quite a few of the Lioness Clubs in our district, but there are still a few out there that I need to schedule a visit with. Please contact me if yours is one of them. It is always so enjoyable to meet with everyone. Seeing what your club is involved in, where you help out, service projects or fund raisers that you continue to support and learning about what really makes Lioness so special. Keep up the good work.

I know we just finished with our District Convention, but State Convention is just around the corner. District 27-A1 will be hosting this convention in May and we will be counting on all of our clubs for their support. Let's show the Wisconsin Lions, Lioness and Leo's what we are all about, together we can make this a great convention too! I am sure that there will be plenty to do, so when you're asked, please help wherever you can.

Stay warm!



***"A PURR-FECT PAIR - LIONISM & SERVICE"***

***Lioness Joan Post***





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**Lions, Lioness, & Leo's**

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Club President's, Secretary's, and Members, this is your magazine. Please send your ads, news articles, pictures, and special events to me so that we can share them with the 57 Clubs in our District. This is your opportunity to continue what Immediate Past District Governor Jordan worked hard to establish.

**CLUB SECRETARIES** when you lose a member, please send the name and address to me the editor so that I can remove their name from our mailing list.

**Remember, the deadline for articles for publication is the 10th of the month prior to the printing of the PRIDE.**

The editor

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**Catch The News...****“We Serve Too!”**

**AFFILIATE  
DISTRICT  
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PRESIDENT**

Greetings,

With February here and District Convention behind us, it is time to be planning for next year's club officers. Although some leadership positions are better filled with members who have some experience in the club, there are many positions where a newer member can get involved in the leadership of the club such as Board of Directors, Lioness Tamer or Skirt Twister.

It is also that time of year that plans are made to recognize our current officers. The 100% President, Secretary and Treasurer Forms for your Officers need to be promptly submitted. They are to be sent to Affiliate District President Lioness Joan by March 20<sup>th</sup>. This date is to facilitate ordering and engraving of the awards. The awards are presented at the Annual Recognition Dinner. The dinner this year will be April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Clausing Barn at Old World Wisconsin in Eagle. Planning for this event is well underway and the invitations will shortly be mailed to the clubs. Remember to also invite your Liaison from your local sponsoring Lions Club.

And a friendly reminder, please forward the P&A Reports promptly. These reports are utilized for keeping track of changes in membership, and informing the District about club activities.

I also wanted to comment on how impressed I am about how effective most of the club meetings are and the tremendous enthusiasm and dedication everyone shows in their efforts in their fund raising projects. Keep up the Good Work!

***All Aboard for Lionism***

Lioness Nancy,  
Affiliate Vice President

**Club Anniversaries**

Waukesha Noon

Feb. 9, 1976

**Thinking Of You**

Our sincerest sympathies to Ls. Marge Chovanec (New Berlin) and to her family at the death of her husband, Lion Frank.

Our sincerest sympathies to Ls. Ilamay Fredricks (New Berlin) and to her family at the death of her husband, Lion Jim.

Our sincerest sympathies to Ls. Deb Meyer (New Berlin) at the death of her step-father, Lion Jim Fredricks.

To all of our Lionistic family, our continued wishes to you for good health.

**Message from the editors, Lioness Audrey Juds and Lioness Irene Schelman**



Reporting for the March issue will be clubs in rotation 3: Delavan, Greater Kenosha, Lake Mills Palmyra, Williams Bay and Waterford.

The Purr-fect Pair will be Hales Corners and Lake Geneva. Please have articles to us by February 8.

If you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact us.

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**Catch The News...****“We Serve Too!”****The Purr-fect Pair****Meet Pam Gerstner**

Ls. Pam Gerstner was chosen by Greater Kenosha to be highlighted as our Purr-fect Pair. She joined the club in March, 2001. At that time, she had heard someone talking about Lioness and thought it would be a great organization to join, not just because of the many opportunities to help out in her community, but to meet new people. So what we heard was “Where do I sign up?” Today she says “I was right- this is a great group!”

Pam brought much enthusiasm to the club. Not only did she bring her own excitement to the club, but also brought another new member who was also excited to join. She has also been a valued Lioness. Over the past few years she has been a very involved member, whether it was fundraising or volunteering. Pam is always willing to take a leap into a new project. She always has that “we can do anything attitude”.

After her first year of Lioness involvement, she was gracious enough to take on the job of Special Projects and Fundraiser Chairperson. She had new ideas and projects she presented to the club. She is a determined Lioness to get as much done as possible. She did such an outstanding job and because of that we let her have the “crown” for two more years. One of her greatest accomplishments was wheeling and dealing with a local vendor for the best value brat and hot dog for Kenosha’s Discovery Days so the Lions and Lioness could have two food booths for the event. Not only did she get a great deal on the food, she set up daily deliveries right to each food booth. This year we talked her into taking the Vice President position so next year she can lead us as President. Her vivacious personality and willingness to get involved will be a very positive force for our club.

In addition to the hours she spends with her Lioness sisters, she has a very full home life. She and her husband have six kids. Kids need pets, so Pam has 3 dogs, 4 hermit crabs, 3 hamsters and fish.

Pam actually does have some hobbies, which include swimming, antiquing and garage sales. We all wonder just when does she find time for hobbies!

**Meet the Franklin Lioness**

The Franklin Lioness Club is a fine example of the Purr-fect Pair. As it turns out, it is also a family affair. Members of the club came to be Lioness because of their mothers, husbands, sisters and friends who were Lions and Lioness.

The Franklin Lioness who pledged “We Serve Too” celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club in October. During those 25 years the charter members and those who joined later have given of their time and energy to Lionism & Service. During the life of the Franklin Lioness Club, its members have done volunteerism and fund raisers as the “Fall Craft Fair” and “St. Martins Fair”. The funds raised are used for scholarships given to Franklin High School students, Holiday Family Food Assistance and many other donation requests.

The club’s volunteerism extends to assisting at the Special Olympics programs, visiting nursing home and many other community projects.

A member who exemplifies Lionism & Service is Ls. Virginia Barg. On October 24<sup>th</sup> she, being a charter member, was awarded the prestigious Birch-Sturm Fellowship Award. This award is the Wisconsin Lions Foundation’s highest honor. It is given in recognition of service and commitment.

The Franklin Lioness Club members all applaud “A Purr-Fect Pair, Lionism & Service”.



**Lioness Virginia Barg**

**Catch The News...****“We Serve Too!”**

**East Troy Lioness – (25 members)**

At our November meeting we installed a new member, Betty Altenberg. We welcome Ls. Betty to our club.

On December 14<sup>th</sup> we held our annual Christmas party at Ls. Norma Schwall's home. We wrapped over 100 gifts for needy families in the East Troy area. L. Dick and Ls. Norma were excellent hosts for the party.

We're all looking forward to the district convention at the Sheraton. We have 13 Lioness attending. We all offer our support to Ls. Kathy Frymark, who's a candidate for District Secretary. She has held numerous offices in our club, including President.

Upcoming events for our club are:

Helping the Lions at the State Bowling Tournament held weekends from Feb. 5 – April 17

Our interclub meeting will be Tuesday, Mar. 22 at the Lions Lodge, 2077 Division, East Troy. We'll be playing Bunco this year with lots of fun prizes. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. All Clubs are invited.

Our fashion show will be held Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, starting at noon for cocktails with the luncheon to follow at 1 p.m. The theme this year will be “Rainbow of Fashion.”

*Ls. Jean O'Brien, reporter*

**Lake Geneva Lioness Club**

Membership Continuing to Grow

Welcome to the New Year and the 28th Anniversary of our January Charter.

Where did 2004 go? Time flies when we're all having fun participating in Lionism.

November of 2004 was our Lioness Fashion Show Fundraiser, “Meet Me at Bugsy's”. Chair, Lioness Barb Pajor and Co-Chair Lioness Wendy Dorn and all of their assistants once again did a fantastic job. Our show was sold out again and record funds were raised. Each year Lioness participating go the extra mile for this wonderful fundraiser.

Another year and another great job by our Chairs; Lioness Laurie Anderson and Lioness Norma Geraci, their male counterparts, fellow Lioness Shoppers and Helpers. Thank You for your generosity and kindness in providing six Needy Families a wonderful, happy Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Upcoming in January and February 2005:

January 21-22, 2005

Lioness will be attending the District 27 A-1 Convention at the Sheraton in Brookfield.

February 16, 2005

Join the Lake Geneva Lioness at the Cactus Club in Lake Geneva for their annual Southwestern Buffet chaired by Lioness Nancy Sandberg, Lioness Isabelle Boldt and Lioness Peggy Kiddell.

Happy New Year To All  
Lake Geneva Lioness Club

## Catch The News...



## "We Serve Too!"

### Franklin Lioness Club

Our club has had a busy schedule the last few months. September was a fine time to attend the St. Martin's Labor Day Fair. The Franklin Lioness had a wine, water and soda booth next to our Lions beer tent.

October was a bang-up month. Our club's annual fund raiser was held. It is the Fall Craft Fair at MATC on College Avenue. This was followed by members of the club volunteering at the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament. Right about here we squeezed in some fun at the annual Fall Dinner. Our club then celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a celebration held at the Hideaway restaurant on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

November and December means Thanksgiving and Christmas. To the Franklin Lioness it also means our club provides food certificates to needy families for both holidays.

Year end, and have a good 2005 from the Franklin Lioness Club.  
Ls. Jackie Glanzmann

### Lake Mills Lioness

With summer behind us, we have geared up for another busy year. We begin our year by selling Madison and Milwaukee Entertainment books. Recently, we donated an Entertainment book to both the Lions White Elephant sale and our local EMS for their fundraisers.

We participated in our community Fall Festival by selling our popular Walking Tacos, beverages and Entertainment books.

In September and October we donated treats, flour and sugar to the local St. Vincent Food Pantry. We will keep a watchful eye on their ongoing needs.

During our October meeting we voted to provide a cash donation for eye exams and glasses to two local elementary students.

We always look forward to helping the Lions with the community children's Halloween party; judging the costumes can be difficult.

Every year we have a Christmas party for the senior citizens living at Rock Lake Manor. Refreshments, entertainment, table favors and a few tears are always shared. This year we donated a five-dollar gift certificate to each resident and Meals On Wheels recipient. This certificate may be used at local stores.

We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

*Cheryl L. Wersland*

### Palmyra Lioness Club (15 members)

With the help of the Palmyra Lions Club, the Palmyra Lioness Club installed a four bay swing set the village beach area. This is an addition to the playground equipment we donated two years ago.



Palmyra Lions Club helped the Lioness with the installation of the playground equipment.



Palmyra Lioness: Debbie Rebiger, Storm Jennigan, Kathy Balk, Dorothy Hoogstra, Dorothy Filipowicz and Cindy Johnson.

*Ls. Dorothy Hoogstra*