



# THE PRIDE



January 2005

WISCONSIN DISTRICT 27-A1



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District Governor Claude Johnson presents Lioness Chris Meyer with the Birch Sturm Fellow award at the November 10th Lioness Christmas meeting.



Muskego Lions Christmas with Santa is high success. Over 900 + Breakfasts served. Pictured with Santa is District Governor Claude Johnson, Lioness Betty Johnson, Affiliate Lioness President Joan Post, and Gary Stewart Muskego Lions.

**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:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and is now ready to start the new year with a shot of enthusiasm and good will to carry out our Lions's motto "WE SERVE".

It is difficult for me to ask more from the clubs in A-1 because they are all doing such a fine job.

But, we all have to try a little harder and put in more effort to increase retention. Lion Wally our MERLO chairman wants to see a 10% increase in membership. I back him in that program and the rest of his and the MERLO committee agenda. They are working very hard and doing a good job. All services and supplies cost more every year and donations have to increase to keep up. Clubs should look into an additional fund raiser or other means to increase income.

I do not want any club to overextend themselves and create a situation of all work and no play. All Lions have to have fun with their work or we could lose production or the entire club. No one wants that to happen. Each club has to look at their own situation.

May 2005 is the month that 27-A1 will be the featured district in the State Magazine. All your articles and photographs have to be in by February 1st to be in that issue. May is also the Month of the State Convention. Our district is hosting this convention so keep May 12-14 open for "A day at the races". I will have more on this in a later issue.

January 21st to the 23rd is our biggest event of the year, our District Convention. I hope that most of you plan on attending this. The registration information has already been sent to all the clubs in the district. The convention offers something for everyone. The convention has programs for EDUCATION, HEALTH, DISTRICT BUSINESS, and FUN.

Organizations and other groups will have booths placed throughout the facility on many aspects of Lionism with hand outs and information. On Saturday Seminars will be presented by Lions and

Lioness members as well as from experts invited to speak on special topics. At the luncheon on Saturday a district business meeting will be held. At this meeting we have the nominations for district officers and discussions including any resolutions to be voted on later in the day.

This meeting will be followed by a necrology service and then the elections. Please get any pictures and short biography of your deceased to the District Chaplain Reverend Johnson. Pictures will be used in a power point presentation during the ceremony.

A health screening is being provided on Saturday morning.

This leaves one more item. The FUN!

The convention opens Friday night with a power point presentation of Club banners and a collage of pictures from the district. As soon as this is over the Hospitality and entertainment begin. All district candidates and clubs running for district events such as bowling and golf will have booths in the ballroom. All kinds of snacks and drinks are available. The entertainment for the evening will be Lenny Mueller and his group featuring a night of Country music.

The main theme for the evening is Country & Western so dress accordingly. We do not have a dress code for the night so all you past and present District, State and International Officer's let your hair down and wear your spurs on the outside.

All during the convention hospitality rooms will be scattered around the hotel. Visit as many of them as you can. Snacks and beverages will also be available in these rooms. This provides an excellent opportunity to renew old friendships and to start new ones. Most of these rooms will be open after the ballroom entertainment until ??

I am going to talk nice to Lion Lenny and see if he will do a little kareoke after the ballroom.

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## 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. This past holiday season has been a very busy time for Linda and myself. Thanks to all of the Lions Clubs that we visited in December, we had a great time at your Christmas parties.

Well it is that time again! District 27-A1 Convention. January 21-23, 2005 at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel. This year's guests will be International Director Lion James J. Sherry and his wife Lioness Jean. They are from Nova Scotia, Canada please give them a warm Wisconsin welcome, and don't be afraid to say Hi to them. IPDG Jordan Chadwick and his convention committee have prepared a great convention for us. So as the old time saying goes, "Be there or be square".

**MERLO:** Motivational speaker Bob Moawad said "tonight, when you lay your head on your pillow, forget how far you still have to go. Look at how far you've already come." District 27-A1 you have done a great job on new members and retention, keep up the good work, **but please remember this job is never done!** We must retain and grow so that the future of "**Lionism**" will continue to be strong and provide everlasting help for the people in need, be it in the district, the state of Wisconsin, or the world.

American historian Gil Atkinson wrote "There has been a calculated risk in every stage of American development – pioneers who were not afraid of the wilderness, business people who were not afraid of failure, dreamers who were not afraid of action." We Lion dreamers are not afraid of hard work, or of setting high goals that are attainable, but we Lions are afraid of small changes. Be it an increase in dues, the higher cost of a room at a state convention, the decline in services from the state office, or Lions Club International. We constantly complain about it and we refuse to learn or study why these costs have to go up. Just remember that nothing is free and if we want the best service and accommodations we must pay for it some how.

In closing have a good time at the District convention and please take in as many programs as you can; we're never too old to learn something new.

"No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new heaven to the human spirit." Helen Keller.

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*Walter J Natynski*

**VDG Lion Walter J. Natynski**





Dear Lioness, Lions and Leos

**Lioness Joan Post**

**Affiliate President**

**District 27-A1**

**Paw Prints**



I hope everyone enjoyed this past holiday season, I know I did. The time spent with family gatherings, visiting friends and helping those in need certainly seemed to come and go so quickly. We need to continue this holiday spirit not only at this time of the year, but all year round. We as members have the opportunity to do just that, so keep up the good work by doing your good deeds all of the time.

Our District Convention will be held this month and I would like to thank the committee for all of their hard work and dedication. It is also a time for each Lion, Lioness and Leo to be very proud of the service work that they have provided. Helping and serving those in need is so rewarding. This year's convention promises to be very informative and fun. Getting together, sharing ideas, catching up with some old friends and meeting new ones always is a good time.

It is hard to believe that half of the Lionistic year is over already. Knowing that, we all need to step things up a bit. There is still so much out there that needs to be done. Have your club members get involved on a special project or start something new. Working together as a team can be both fun and rewarding. Listen to the different ideas and thoughts that your fellow members have and then put them into action.

I know that I have said this before, but secretaries please continue to submit your P & A's, they are my way of knowing about what is going on within the clubs in our district. I would like to also mention again, I am here to serve with you, please do not hesitate to contact me when needed.

Looking forward to seeing you at convention!



*Lioness Joan Post*

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





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

**REMINDER**, we still have room for more annual ad's in the PRIDE. Each club has a meeting place where the proprietor could benefit from a Ad. If you suggest that they place an Ad in the Pride, It will receive twelve months of publicity to 57 clubs in the District in six counties for as little as \$10 dollars a month.

Club President's, Secretary's, and Members, this is your magazine. Please send your ads, 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 so hard to establish.

**CLUB PRESIDENTS** and **SECRETARIES** when you install a new member, please send the name and address to me the editor so that I can add their name to our mailing label file so they can start receiving the PRIDE.

**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...**

**AFFILIATE  
DISTRICT  
VICE  
PRESIDENT**

Greetings,

With January here it is time for our District Convention. The months of planning have focused on providing a memorable and informative convention and I believe the committees have succeeded.

Friday night make sure to visit the Club Promotions Room where clubs will offer raffles of food items, gift baskets and quilts, etc. Then head over to the Hospitality Room. Each year clubs generously donate cookies, bars and candy which are always very popular. We would appreciate an extra dozen from each club this year as our booth has become a great success!

Our skirt twisters will again be busy collecting from attendees. The Lioness Cabinet has approved splitting the funds among four deserving service projects this year.

On a personal note, I wish to thank everyone for their prayers and expressions of condolence as my family coped with the unexpected discovery of my Mother's terminal cancer and her recent passage. We were able to travel and be with her in her final days. Her days were made better by outstanding Hospice care, our days were improved by knowing that we had the love and support of so many friends who cared.

Thank you again.

***All Aboard for Lionism***

Lioness Nancy,  
Affiliate Vice President

**"We Serve Too!"**

East Troy Lioness Club  
Proudly  
Presents and Endorses

**Candidate for Affiliate District Secretary**

**Lioness Kathy Frymark**

Member of East Troy Lioness since January 2000

(4 years perfect attendance)

**Club Offices**

Director '00-'01

Vice President '01-'02

President '02-'03

Immed. Past President '03-'04

Vice President '04-'05

**Cabinet Service**

Convention Committee '03-'04

Convention Committee '04-'05

Membership & Extension '03-'04

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I have enjoyed being a member of the East Troy Lioness for just about 5 years. During that time, I have served on and chaired many of my club's committees. For the past two years, I have had the privilege of serving on the District Cabinet.

My husband Russ is a member of the East Troy Lions Club, and my daughter Sara, is a member of the East Troy Leo Club. We are all very active members in our clubs, and enjoy every minute of it!

I am a licensed associate with State Farm Insurance, Joan Palmer's Agency, in East Troy. I am very fortunate to be working so close to home. This allows me to spend more quality time with my family. I am the secretary of school board for St. Peter's School. My daughter is also very involved in sports, and one of my husband's and my favorite thing to do is to take part. Our kids are young for such a short time. We need to remember to embrace every moment.

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

The Burlington Lioness club had a busy November and December. We had a coat drive for Love Incorp and collected 48 coats.

November 17 was the Special Olympics banquet with 100 bowlers who won trophies. We sold Suzy cheesecakes and with that money were able to help our Christmas families. We purchased a Christmas tree and decorated it to deliver to a shut it.

In February we have the state bowling tournament sponsored by East Troy/Burlington Lions. Our club will be working there.

Just a little PS. Ls. Teresa is back at the meetings and doing well!!!

See you at Convention.

*Ls. Donna M. Ciboski, VP*

***Delavan Lioness***

The Delavan Lioness Club received a TREE OF LIFE pin for their banner from the Ronald McDonald House in thanks for donating a total of \$605.00. Along with this honor they also got a brass leaf with the club's name engraved on it. This will be placed on the wall in the great room. Along with the Delavan Lioness Brass Leaf there is also a leaf for the District 27-A1.

The club saves their greeting cards and gives just the front of these cards to Willow Field Nursing home in Delavan. The residents make them back into cards which they are able to use.

Delavan Lioness will host the next area meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2005 at the Delavan Community Bank in the community room.

For the craft fair in November, each Lioness member donated 3 lb. of BBQ which were mixed together. \$623.00 was made at this event.

*IPADP LS. Brenda Walter*

***Eagle Lioness- 24 members***

Members attended the Hales Corners Lioness and Mukwonago Lioness Inter-Club meeting. Nine members attended the Fall dinner.

We hosted the North Central area meeting in October.

Items were brought to our October meeting and packed in six large boxes that were sent to the granddaughter of President Ls. Barb, who is serving in Iraq.

Checks were presented to the Palmyra-Eagle community Band and the Eagle Food Pantry.

We cooked and served the Lion's dinner on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

A joint Christmas party with our Lions was held on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas baskets were given to two families and fruit plates were given to the elderly and shut-ins.

We continue to bring food and paper products to each meeting for the Eagle food Pantry.

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a very Happy New Year.

*Ls. Marlys Badinger, Secretary*

**Reminder to Club Secretaries-**

**The biannual Dues Levy has been mailed to clubs. Please remember to pay your club's dues as soon as possible. Checks should be made payable to:**

**“Affiliate District 27-A1”**

and mailed to: Ls. Chris Martin  
Affiliate District Secretary  
1738 S. Carriage Lane  
New Berlin, WI 53151

**Catch The News...****“We Serve Too!”****The Purr-Fect Pair****Meet Ruth Scharine**

Delavan Lioness have chosen Ls. Ruth Scharine as their “Purr-Fect Pair”. Ls. Ruth Scharine is a charter member. She and her husband, Lion Melvin, have been married for 67 years. Ls. Ruth turned 90 in December, 2004.

Ls. Ruth was first a Lionette. At that time, only Lion’s wives could become members of the club. She held an office when they were a Lionette Club. She was president for two years. Now she helps out in many ways.

Ls. Ruth and L. Melvin made every convention and always had their small car in the parade.

Ls. Ruth and L. Melvin helped in getting the Delavan Corn Roast started. At first the corn was roasted over charcoal and then in 1974 they switched over to an electric roaster. The picture is Ls. Ruth working in the corn stand at the 2004 Walworth County Fair held from September 1–September 6. The Lioness worked the stand the first two days and raised \$1,972.75.

Ls. Ruth’s favorite hobby is gardening. She most definitely has a green thumb and was very busy this summer.

**Meet Chris Meyer**

Ls. Chris Meyer rates a double honor – as the New Berlin Lioness Club “Purr-Fect Pair” and as the recipient of the prestigious Birch-Sturm Fellowship, as shown in picture below.



Ls. Chris, a member since 1978, dug right in and co-chaired both the club’s major money maker, the Champagne Breakfast and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July booth the next year. She has continued to head up both of these annual events for 26 years.

Over the years Ls. Chris has held various positions and has done such a great job that she’s been re-elected many times. She was treasurer three times, secretary 11 times, president twice and on the Steering Committee nine times. She also has been involved in many other projects plus holding district positions, the most recent as secretary 2001-02.

The Birch Sturm award — which was presented to Ls. Chris on Nov. 10 — is the Wisconsin Lions Foundation’s highest honor, given in recognition for her commitment to humanitarian service.

Ls. Chris, known for her infectious laugh, has a motto, “If I can’t say something nice, I say nothing.” But when her name was called for the award, at this emotional moment she also could not talk. Congratulations Chris from all of us.

## Catch The News...



## "We Serve Too!"

### *Interview with Maya Angelou*

Maya Angelou was interviewed by Oprah on her 70+ birthday. Maya really is a marvel who has led quite an interesting and exciting life. Oprah asked her what she thought of growing older. And, there on television, she said it was "exciting."

She is such a simple and honest woman, with so much wisdom in her words. "I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow."

"I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights."

"I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life."

"I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life."

"I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance."

"I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back."

"I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision."

"I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one."

"I've learned that everyday you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back."

"I've learned that I still have a lot to learn."

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

### **Club Anniversaries**

Eagle

Jan. 28, 1977

### Thinking Of You

Our sincerest sympathies to Lioness Nancy Palmer-Payne whose mother recently passed away.

Our sincerest sympathies to Lioness Chris Meyer whose mother-in-law and brother-in-law passed away.

Our very best wishes to all Lioness members and families for a safe, healthy, and happy New Year.

### Message from the editors –

**Ls. Audrey Juds and Ls. Irene Schelman**



We would like to apologize to the Lake Mills Lioness Club for not including their article in the December issue. For now on, we will contact you when we receive your article.

Reporting for the February issue will be clubs in rotation 2: Caledonia, East Troy, Franklin, Lake Geneva, New Berlin, Whitewater, Waukesha Noon. The Purr-fect Pair will be Franklin and Greater Kenosha. Please have articles to us by January 8.

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

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