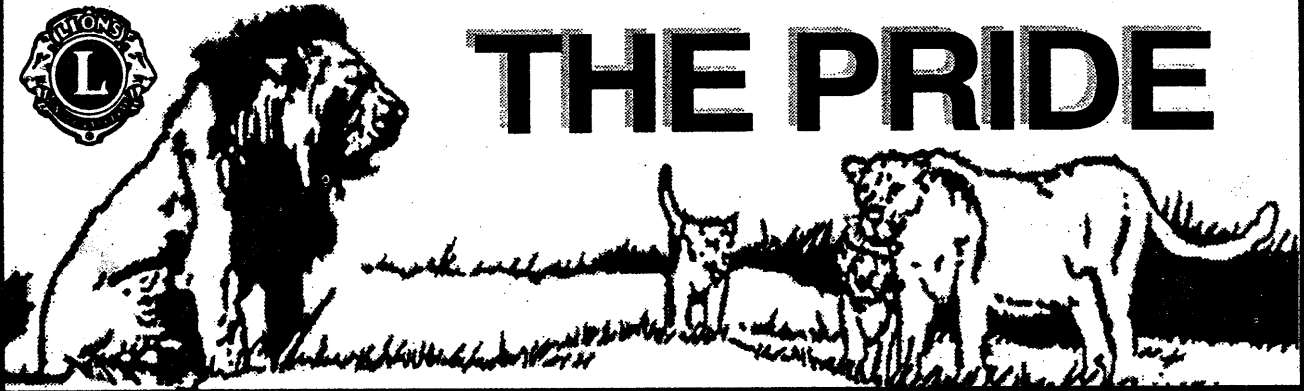




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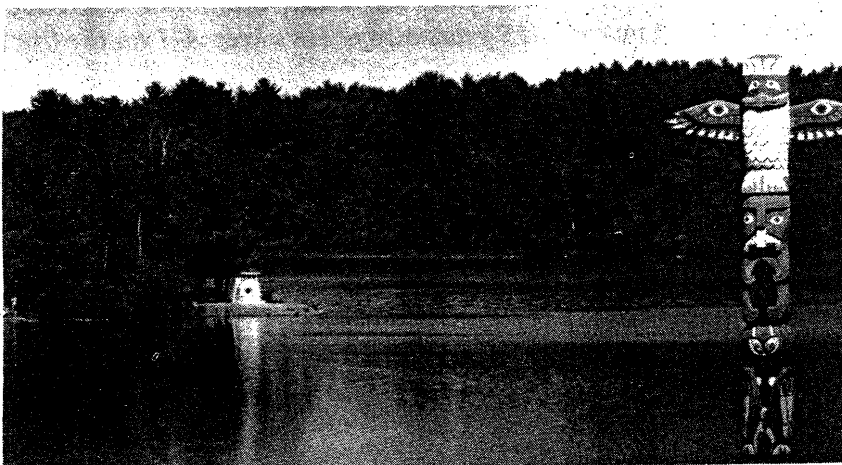
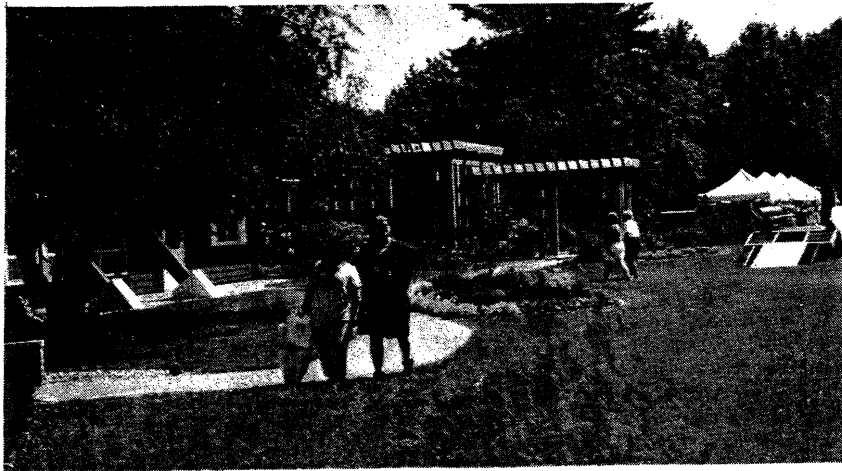
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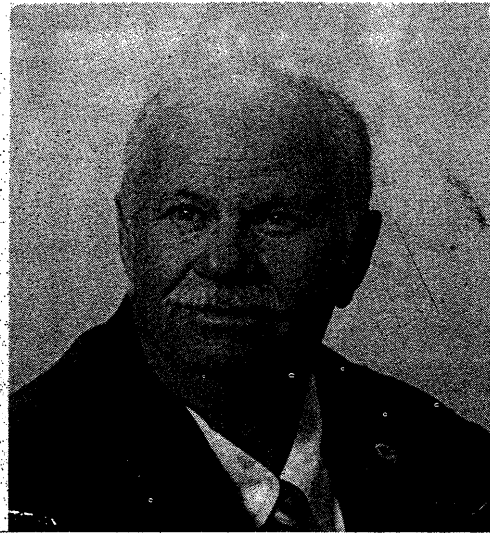
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The governor's message . . .



LION JAKE KARPFINGER
District Governor
Wisconsin Lions District 27-A1
2002 - 2003

Hi 27 A-1:

The time is now! I thought it would never come. July 1, 2002, can you believe it??? Now what you say!!! Here is the vision.

- 1. Since there are more former Lions than there are Lions, I look forward to welcoming all former Lions back to the fold of our Lions Clubs . . . we are an "Inclusive Club", not exclusive. We had our faults in the past as a world-wide organization, demanding more than individual Lions could give of their time. We must be flexible . . . if we are to continue to grow.*
- 2. Century clubs are a relatively new concept in the Lion family of clubs aimed at young folks from age 18 to 30, much like the Jaycees. I expect to see at least 2 or 3 of these clubs to be chartered this Lionistic year, the 85th anniversary of Lionism. The U.W. System and Alverno, and Carroll College are prime areas for these clubs.*
- 3. Retention has been a long time problem and we will address the problem this year. International has a tool box for fixing the problem and I have appointed Lion Ron Drew to implement those ideas.*
- 4. The Merl Team of which you will be hearing much about this year is already in place and we have completed a weekend at Lions Camp to solidify the concept!!! More on that later.*
- 5. Leos are an important part of my vision . . . I expect each region chairman to bring at least one Leo Club from their region this year. The incentive is the more people we get involved in the work of Lions the better our world, actually the safer our world will become.*
- 6. Lioness, I am reaching out to you to join Lions as a bridge club concept "not to play bridge" but Lions International finally understands that there is a difference in all male and all female clubs so they have developed the Lioness name within the name of your new Lions Club. I believe it is a breakthrough in the thinking as to the wonderful contribution that Lioness have made in their rich past. All your years of service as a Lioness will count as you become a Lioness-Lions Club.*

Lionistic family jump on the bandwagon as we ride into the future, the 100th anniversary is only 15 years away. Let's keep A-1 on the front burner.

Yours for a better tomorrow,

LION JAKE KARPFINGER DG 27 A-1

Governor's Schedule

DATES TO REMEMBER

June

- 29 Oak Creek Leos Charter
30 Wind Lake Chicken Bar-B-Q - Heg Park
30 Tichigan Lake Sandbar Party

July

- 2 Leave for Osaka DG School
3-7 East Troy Lions Festival
4-7 Twin Lakes Liberty Fest (*Stop at Bohners Lake Booth*)
4 Waterford Parade as well as other Lion parades
6 Pancake Breakfast - Williams Bay
7 Big Bend Vernon Lion Parade
7 Governor Jake's Birthday
8 International Lions Convention Starts
10 First Governors Council Meeting
12 Leave Japan and Arrive Home - Bay View Fish Boil
13, 14 South Shore Water Frolics Parade
15 Lions Great Race Geneva II
18 Youth Exchange Camp Dundee
20 Birch Sturm Golf Outing - Iola Golf Course (WLF)
Kenosha Noon Gran-Prix (*see ad*)
Go-Cart Gran-Prix on Simmonds Island Raceway - Kenosha
20 Palmyra Softball Tournament - Chicken Bar-B-Q
21 Lions Day at Camp in Rosholt, WI on Hwy.A, N. of Hwy. 66
(*Mil. Lake, East Troy and New Berlin are taking buses; check, they may have room for you.*)
21 Burlington Chicken Bar-B-Q
25 Install East Troy Officers
26-28 Council of Governors
27 Big Foot Fontana Lobster Boil across from the Abbey

August

- 1-10 New Berlin Corn Roast and WLF Booth at State Fair
(*see Lion Steve Pautz for details*)
2-4 Genoa City Daze (*Harley Raffle *see ad in this issue*)
3 First Cabinet Meeting - 9:00 a.m. at East Troy Lions Lodge
(*directions in next month*)
4 Columbus Race - Hwy. 151 Race Track
5 Bohners Lake Lions Golf Outing
(*see ad in May-June PRIDE*)
8-11 Leader Dog Trip
18 Tichigan Lions Parade - *Everyone welcome!*
19 Lake Geneva Great Race III (*Sure would be nice to see a race at Jefferson for old times sake, Lion Larry Gess. Please arrange it since you are the New Race chairman.*)
24 Bohners Lake Lions StrawBerry Fest
30, 31 & Sept. 1, 2 Oak Creek Festival

Reach for the Stars Through Lionism



**LIONESS
MARY ANDERSON
Affiliate District President 27-A-1**



Dear Lions, Lioness, and Leos:

I am looking forward to serving District 27-A1 this year. I am proud to announce that the District Lioness is celebrating our 20th year in Lionism.

You should be proud of what we have done and what we will continue to do in the future as we give the special Lioness touch to our District programs. You should be proud of our history and the special services each of your clubs have provided to the unfortunate in your community, district, and state.

My motto for this year is "Light a Path to Lionism". Each one of us has a special light, which we use to light a path for the less fortunate. No matter what your age, skills, or position. I encourage each of you to continue to shine that light throughout the coming year.

My Presidential issues for this coming year include child abuse prevention and women's health issues, including cancer, menopause, osteoporosis, and heart disease. I would encourage each club that provides programs for their members to include programs of this nature to educate their members.

I work twelve hour shifts as a RN and my schedule is usually planned two months in advance, so please notify me as soon as possible so I can schedule myself free to enjoy your club activities.

As you read this article, you are probably in the middle of your summer fundraisers and community activities, so have fun and take care of yourselves. I wish you the best in all your endeavors, but remember that along with your club activities that you enjoy your summer, your friends, and most importantly--your family.

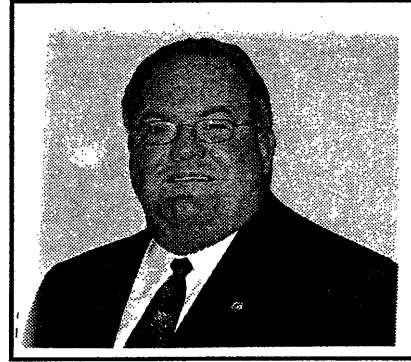
Yours in Lionism,

Lioness Mary Anderson

Lioness Mary Anderson
Affiliate District President 27-A1



LION JORDAN CHADWICK
Vice-District Governor



"The Challenge of Change"

Fellow Lions, Lioness, Lionettes and Leo's. It seems that every July our organization is effected and challenged by change. Our district clubs elect new officers, District 27-A1 transitions to new leadership, Wisconsin Lions appoint new leaders and Lions Clubs International elects a new President with new goals and a new vision. That's a lot of change every year. How do we do it? How do we continue our programs and achieve success? How can this organization completely change leadership every year and still remain the most vibrant, respected volunteer organization in the world? The answer is simple – YOU!

Our clubs elect a slate of officers for a year and then they move on. Our district elects a Governor who appoints a cabinet and a year later that changes. Lions International elects a new President and many new directors every year, and every year just as many move on. The one constant every year is you the Lion, Lioness or Leo.

The decisions you make are the ones that shape our future. We elect club officers, we elect District Officers and we elect International officers. The individual lion holds the power to change. We vote for new officers every year at the club level and the challenge begins to work together to grow your local club pitch in to help you club and serve your community. Every January the lions of District 27-A1 elect new District Officers and the challenge begins again. We need to rally behind our new District Governor and support the efforts of our district cabinet as they are entrusted with the business of our organization on a District Level. And finally in June we elect a new International President and board. This starts our challenge on a different level as we are asked to share the vision of our elected leader whom could live in a foreign land.

Saying yes when asked to become a lion was the first step down a road that holds many challenges. Challenges of Hope, faith, fulfillment, satisfaction and accomplishment are but a few of the personal internal challenges we live with as a member working hard to do what's right for the organization. But what about the external challenges, to Prevent curable blindness, feed a starving population, collect blood, transport corneas, collect eyeglasses, supply needed medications to people who would die without them, recycle hearing aids and sponsor a camp for the cognitively disabled that allows them to enjoy a wonderful feeling of independence, if only for a moment.

President Thomas Jefferson once said, "The future of our nation will depend upon the character of our people". I say to you the future of our great organization depends upon YOU! and how you respond to the challenge. Imagine if you can, 20 years from now. Will you be proud of choices you made today? Tomorrow? Of your effort this year? I challenge you to make the 2002-03 lionistic year not only the next year but also the Best year you have had thus far. Today is a new Day. Tomorrow is up to you. For all the reasons listed Lions needs you to accept the challenge to make a difference, embrace change with support and commitment and renew your journey with the pride and spirit of a Lion.

Serving With You,

Lion Jordan Chadwick
Vice-District Governor

INSIDE WLF

JULY 2002



There are now two brand new programs designed to appeal to both individuals and clubs who wish to honor someone, a company or business, or even their club.

The Sustaining Membership Program is for individual members who wish to be identified as always supporting the Foundation and its programs.

The Wall of Honor can also be used for individuals and works well for Clubs and businesses, as well. For more information about these programs, please contact your WLF Director or call the Foundation Office toll-free at 877-463-6953.

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM:

The Purpose:

- Generate ongoing financial support
- Develop recognition for WLF financial supporters
- Develop a group of Foundation supporters
- Develop comradery among supporters

The Program:

Three Levels: Bronze - Silver - Gold

Bronze: Give \$50.00 to Foundation in one donation*

Receive - Red trimmed Lapel pin

Trading Post Discount Card - 10% Discount Card for one year

Silver: Give \$100 or More to Foundation in one donation*

Receive - Blue trimmed Lapel Pin

Trading Post Discount Card - 15% Discount Card for one year

Gold: Be a Silver Member for five consecutive years or a donation of \$500.**

Receive - WLF Sustaining Member Lapel Pin

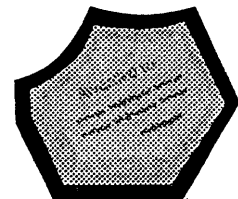
Exclusively Assigned Registration Number

Wall Plaque with Name and Exclusive Number

Trading Post Discount Card - 15% Discount Card for one year

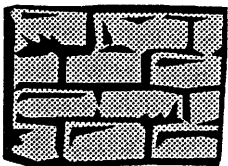
Special Lions Day Tour

Special Reception and Meal held in their honor



*Donation is separate from all other donations. Must be given all at once and is not cumulative.

**Gold status may be achieved immediately upon donation of \$500.00.



NEW WALL OF HONOR:

The Foundation has created a Wall of Honor to immortalize Clubs, members, loved ones, and businesses for their support of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation. The Wall of Honor is located in the new Administration Building. The Wall will be approximately seven feet high and fourteen feet long and will hold over 1,000 solid Oak blocks. The blocks are 2" x 6" x

3/4" thick and will be laser engraved with the Donor's name.

Each block sells for just \$500, and when all are sold, the Wall will generate over \$500,000 for the ongoing Building Fund. The purchase of a block can be one check for \$500 or spread over two years for \$250 per year. The Building Fund monies are used for repair and maintenance of existing buildings, furnishing within the buildings, and new construction when needed.

Anyone interested in more information about the Wall of Honor should call their WLF Director or the Office, toll-free, at 877-463-6953. Clubs interested in being listed on the Wall are reminded that the purchase of a block is to be over and above their Annual Donation.

Wisconsin Lions Foundation at the Wisconsin State Fair

DATE: August 1 thru 11, 2002

WHERE: Wisconsin State Fair Park
West Allis, Wisconsin
New Berlin Lions Club Corn Booth

WHAT: The Wisconsin Lions Foundation will be granted the use of one, possibly two, booth areas within the New Berlin Lions Club Corn Booth facility to promote the Wisconsin Lions Foundation. All access to the Fair grounds will be underwritten by the New Berlin Lions Club, as well as transportation to and from designated free parking areas. However, in order to take advantage of this, we need to ride onto the fair grounds on their bus. *See bus schedule below.*

The possibility of future access is very likely as well.

EVENT: The State Fair run for 11 days and nights.

10 Lions Districts

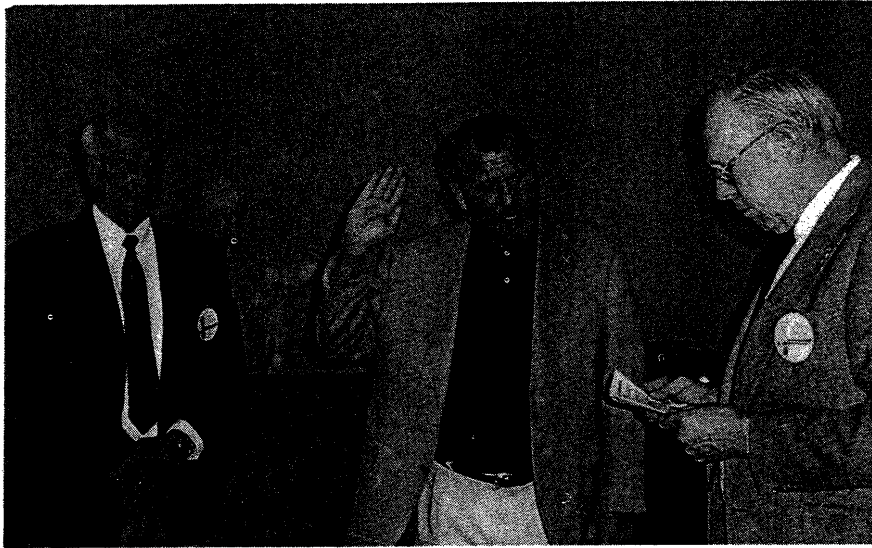
- Each District will be asked to man the booth area(s) for one day each
 1. Past Directors
 2. PDG's
 3. Campers, families of campers, alumni, counselor alumni
 4. Friends of Lions
- The "A" districts will be asked to man the booth area for two days
- Fair Hours: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- New Berlin bus to transport volunteers will run:
 1. 10:00 a.m. from drop-off sites to fair (1st shift volunteers)
 2. 5:00 p.m. from drop-off sites to fair (2nd shift volunteers)
 3. 5:30 p.m. from fair to drop-off sites (1st shift volunteers)
 4. 11:30 p.m. from fair to drop-off sites (2nd shift volunteers)

COMMITMENT NEEDED: 1. Need to have a District commitment by July 1, 2002

- a. Minimum of 5 people/shift/day (minimum of 10 total)
- b. To work a minimum of (2) 6-hour shifts/day at the fair



NEW BERLIN LIONS CLUB



New Installed Member Lion Jeff Sherman

The New Berlin Lions celebrated their annual Past President's on Wednesday, April 17, 2001 at the New Berlin VFW post 5716. All active and inactive Past President's were invited for a night of camaraderie. Twelve Past President's were present. The activities of the evening included the installation of a new member. Past President Lions Jon Molenda (Right) installed a new member Lion Jeff Sherman (Center) with sponsor Lion Past President Bud Schelman (Left).

Visit our New Berlin Lions Web Site at www.new-berlin-lions.org

For information about the New Berlin Lions Club or if you have an interest in community services, or would like to join, call (262) 784-1034.

Publicity Chairman
Lion Lloyd Bornemann



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Birch-Sturm Award
presented to
Jerry Kluessendorf



Jerry Kluessendorf and wife Lucy

The Birch-Sturm Fellowship Program was created by the Wisconsin Lions Foundation to honor those Lions, Lionesses, Leos and non-Lions who exemplify undying dedication and commitment to the work of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation and the humanitarian works that it supports. In order to become a Birch-Sturm Fellow a commitment of \$1,000 must be made to the Foundation.

The Wales-Genesee Lions Club honored Lion Jerry Kluessendorf at its May 14, 2002 dinner meeting with a \$1,000 donation to the Foundation. Jerry has had a life time of volunteerism:

1970, Jerry joined the Wales Volunteer Fire Department

He was a member of the first graduating class of EMT's from Waukesha County Technical College

He helped convert the first emergency ambulance used in the Village of Wales.

He worked at Waukesha Foundry and served on the fire committee there for over 25 yrs.

In the early 1980's Jerry joined the Wales-Genesee Lions Club.

He was instrumental in persuading the town board to sell the town hall (for one dollar) to the Lions Club which eventually became the Lions Club House.

Jerry has held numerous Club offices and continues to work hard to make the Club the success that it is today.

For more information call: Ken Hyland, 968-2302

Bits & Pieces ...

Used as they come to us - long hand or printed or typed - shared with the Lions family. We are professional amateurs.

I have had the hardest time finding an editor for the PRIDE. While I was running for the job as district governor, I had a past governor that said he would do the job of editor and his co-hort was going to do the treas/sec. Both chickened out before the convention. Then at the convention, a Lion approached me stating that he wanted to be on my cabinet. He said he worked for a printer and was well versed in putting out a newsletter. He discussed it with Jordan Chadwick, his Lion brother, and Lion Chadwick suggested he talk with PDG Bob Blunck. Lion Bob, being the good Lion he is, scared the heck out of that Lion and I think he is still running out of town. Then, I had another Lion who said he would do the editing but . . . then another, and yet another who said "yes" right off but when push comes to shove they say at second thought "no".

Well before the March-April issue came out, Lion Diane and I met with Bob and Arvella Blunck and the printer and went over the PRIDE material to be printed. When we left Diane said "Is that all there is, I used to do that when I worked in the print shop." I said, "Why don't you do the PRIDE?" "Forget it," she said. I don't care Lion Diane, you've got the job!!! Lions Dan Eberhardt is Circulation Director and Lion Ken Davis is PRIDE Sec./Treas. The PRIDE is being printed by HK Graphics, Oak Creek Lions member Harry Kuske at a much lower cost than previous years. Thanks Lions, this year will be a great "grass roots" effort to bring realism back to Lionism.

HAVE A GOOD ONE!!

JAKE

THE PRIDE NEWSLETTER FOR 2002-2003

The District Governor Elect has indicated that THE PRIDE will be sent to those who pay for subscriptions this coming year. With this in mind, it is necessary that every club and/or individual that wants the newsletter beginning July 1, 2002, must have all information to the Governor Elect by June 1 in order for a mailing list to be made up and the July issue to be mailed in June for you to have it before July 1.

The cost for a subscription to THE PRIDE is \$1.00 per issue or \$11.00 for all 12 issues. If you are subscribing individually you need to complete the information on the form below. If you are subscribing by club, all of the same information is needed for each club member that is to receive THE PRIDE. It is very important that each name is spelled correctly and that the correct address is given for each subscription. The information should be typed so it can be read most easily.

Attention all Club Newsletter Editors

Please send a copy of your newsletter to the District Governor each month. In 2002-2003 each club editor will be a Reporter to/of THE PRIDE. We need your cooperation if we are to communicate inter club activity. Thank you for your help. I look forward to serving with you this coming year. Send to: Lion Jake Karpfinger DGE-29218 Raab Dr.—Waterford, WI 53185

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