



# District 27-E1 Governor's Newsletter -December

Lion Ed Cerney, District Governor

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## A Mid-Year Reflection

Dear Lions of District 27-E1,

As we approach the halfway point of this Lionistic year, it's a great time to pause, take a breath, and reflect on the momentum we've built. Your dedication, creativity, and compassion continue to shine across our district — and beyond.

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## District Goals: Progress at a Glance



### Service Reporting

Reporting your service in the Lions Portal is one of the most important things your club can do. These reports help Lions International demonstrate our collective impact to donors who want to know **how we put their generosity to work**.



**Goal:** 33 of our 43 clubs reporting



**Current:** 31 clubs — *almost there!*

Let's aim for **100% club participation** by encouraging the last few clubs to post their service.

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## LCIF Donations: 1/3 of Clubs Participating

Thank you to the clubs and individuals who have already supported LCIF this year. We are currently at **one-third of all clubs donating**, with more expected throughout the year.

Our district goals:

- **Club Goal:** 2/3 of all clubs making a donation
- **Individual Goal:** 2% of members (≈25 Lions) making a personal gift
- **Current Individual Progress:** About halfway there



**How to Give:** Visit Lions International → LCIF → Follow donation prompts.

Your generosity helps Lions respond to disasters, expand service projects, and support clubs — including those in our own district.

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## Orientation & Training

We've improved our training participation this year, and that's something to celebrate! But there's always room to grow.

✨ Please encourage your members — especially new Lions — to get involved with leadership development and online training. These opportunities help our clubs stay strong, capable, and future-focused.

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## Membership Growth

Our goal this year is a **net growth of +20 members**.

📌 **Current:** +9 new Lions — great work!

Please continue inviting others to serve with you. You'd be surprised how many people still ask:

“What are the Lions?”

Let's proudly share who we are and why we serve.

We are also working hard to **charter a new club**. If you know people interested in starting one in their community, please let me know.

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## Worldwide Weeks of Service

### January 3–11: Hunger Week

Start planning now for your hunger-related project.

Please share photos and stories online so the **Roar of Lions** spreads far and wide.

### April: Environment Week

Our third worldwide service week will focus on environmental projects.

📢 **Reminder:** Participating in all *three* Worldwide Weeks of Service is required for the **Club Excellence Award**.

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## Club Visits

One of the greatest joys for Lion Lisa and me has been visiting clubs throughout District 27-E1. We are humbled by:

- Your pride in your communities
- Your dedication to service
- Your creativity and compassion
- Your ability to make a difference every single day

We're over halfway through our visits and look forward to continuing after the holidays. For the few clubs that haven't scheduled yet — I'll be in contact soon so we can set up a date.



## District Convention 2026 - Save the Date!



May 28, 2026



St. Croix Casino, Danbury



### Keynote Speakers

- **International Director Chris Carlone** — Luncheon Keynote
- **Liz Fryseth, Leader Dogs for the Blind** — Saturday Evening
  - Joined by her Leader Dog **Sunny** 🐕



### Friday Night Fun

- Karaoke 🎤
- Festive Holiday Sweater Contest 🎄👕



### Saturday Breakout Sessions

- Eye Tissue Transporter Certification
- Speaker from Lions Eye Bank WI
- Club Orientation
- WLF and LCIF information
- Lions Portal Training
- Mission 1.5 Updates
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace Service Project



**Registration is open:** <http://district27e1.org/>

Register early — and invite your club members too!

Clubs are also welcome to submit **ads for the convention program** to highlight your projects and promote your major events for the year.



## New Voices Award

A reminder to submit your nominations for the **New Voices Award**, which celebrates emerging leaders — especially **women** and **young Lions** — across four categories.

Let's continue lifting up voices that will shape our future. 🌟

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## A Final Thought

Lions International President A.P. Singh reminds us:

**We Lead by Serving — and many of us Serve by Leading!** Thank you for being the leaders of your clubs and providing all the incredible services to your communities!


**It is our Serving Today that provides Brighter Futures Tomorrow**  
—for our communities, our district, and our world.


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**Happy Holidays!**  
**Yours in Service,**

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