

District 27-E1 Governor's Newsletter

February 2026

Lion Ed Cerney, District Governor

 **Dear Lions of District 27-E1,**

Lion Lisa and I have thoroughly enjoyed the club visits we have been able to attend. Whether a special occasion or a regular club meeting we have been thrilled to see the variety of clubs we have in the district and the numerous activities that each of your clubs accomplish through the year. We only have a few clubs left to visit this year and just two to schedule. So thank you for welcoming us to your communities.

 **New Voices Award – Deadline February 28**

Nominations for the **New Voices Award** are due **February 28**.

-  Nomination forms were previously distributed.
-  Forms and additional information are available on the District website.
-  If you need another copy or have questions, please contact me.

This award highlights and encourages new perspectives in our clubs—especially women and young Lions. I encourage every club to consider submitting a nomination.

 **Lions International Dues – Second Half**

Second-half Lions International dues invoices have been posted in the **Lions Portal**.

 **Attention Treasurers and Secretaries:**

Please log in and ensure invoices are paid promptly. Outstanding balances leading up to the convention could prevent your club from voting.

 **Currently, 7 clubs in our district have balances over 90 days past due. Please check your account.**

Prompt payment keeps your club in good standing and ensures uninterrupted access to Lions International services.

Service Reporting Reminder

Please be sure to post all activities in the **Lions Portal**.

Reporting projects:

- Qualifies them as official service activities
- Demonstrates the incredible impact Lions have in our communities

If your club has not reported service projects this year and you are having trouble with the reporting process, please let me know.

 Our district goal is **75% of clubs reporting**, and we are not quite there yet. Let's work together to reach that goal!

Membership Update

So far this year:

-  69 Lions gained
-  68 Lions lost
-  Net gain: +1

I have been privileged to induct several new members who were visiting club meetings while I was in attendance. We are likely a few more in the positive column soon.

This reinforces the importance of continuing to invite others to join our causes. Many people still don't know what Lions do—so show them, tell them, and ask them to join.

Your invitation can make all the difference in strengthening your club and expanding service in your community.

Thank You for Supporting LCIF

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who supported **LCIF through the District Governor Baby Picture Contest**.

Your generosity and participation have helped our district reach our goal for **individual giving to LCIF**. This is a tremendous accomplishment and a reflection of the strong commitment our Lions have to supporting the global mission of Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Because of you, our district is making an impact not only locally—but worldwide.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support.



District Convention – March 27–28, 2026

📍 St. Croix Casino Convention Hall – Danbury, WI



Friday Night Social

Theme: Festive Holiday Sweaters 🎄

- 🎵 Music
 - 🎤 Karaoke
 - 👕 Sweater Contest
 - 🎟 Raffles
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Saturday Highlights

- 🍽 Luncheon Speaker: **International Director Chris Carlone**
 - 🍽 Dinner Speaker: **Liz Fryseth**, joined by her dog **Sunny** 🐕 from Leader Dogs for the Blind
 - 🇮🇹 Presentations on Lions projects at local and state levels
 - 👁 Vision Screening Certification (Please notify me of interested members)
 - 🚗 Eye Tissue Transporter Certification (Also notify me of interested members)
 - 🕊 Memorial Service honoring Lions lost this past year
 - 🛒 Basket Raffle – Clubs please bring an item for the raffle - proceeds support District causes
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Convention Reminders

For your convenience, all convention-related forms and information are available on the District website:

👉 <http://district27e1.org/>

This includes:

- 📄 Convention Registration Forms (Due March 6)
- 🖨 Program Promotion/Advertising Forms (Deadline was February 7)
- 💰 Parade of Checks Submission Forms
- 🕊 Deceased Member Forms (for Memorial Service)
- 📅 Abbreviated convention weekend schedule

Please check the website regularly for updates. Submitting forms early helps ensure a smooth, meaningful, and well-organized convention.

Convention Service Projects

As always, we encourage you to bring:

-  **Eyeglasses**
-  **Hearing Aids**
-  **Cell Phones**

Please place these items in the **Lions Camp van** at the convention.

New This Year – Crayon Collection!

We are also asking that you bring **CRAYONS!**

- Good, broken, small, or large — all are welcome.
- Vice District Governor Barb will have collection boxes set up.

The **Cadott Lions Club** collects these crayons and sends them to be melted down and remade into large triangular crayons. These specially shaped crayons go to hospitalized children.

We hope to see you all at the convention and look forward to reconnecting with you there!

Looking Ahead

We still have **four months left in the Lions year**. Big things are still possible!

Continue looking for new members with increased membership comes the ability to do more service. Perhaps even consider helping find a community to start a new club so we can serve even more residents of Northwest Wisconsin.

Yours in Service,

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