

# **District 27-E1 Governor's Newsletter – January 2026**

Lion Ed Cerney, District Governor

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

As we begin a new calendar year, I want to thank each of you for the dedication and service you continue to give to your clubs and communities. January marks the beginning of the second half of our Lionistic year and provides a great opportunity to refocus on our goals and priorities.

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## **New Voices Award – Deadline February 28**

A reminder that nominations for the **New Voices Award** are due by **February 28**.

 Nomination forms were sent previously.

 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.

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## **Lions International Dues – Second Half**

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

### **Treasurers and Secretaries:**

Please log in to ensure invoices are paid in a timely manner. While reviewing your account, please also check for and pay any other outstanding balances.

Prompt payment helps keep clubs in good standing and ensures uninterrupted access to Lions International services.

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## **Hunger Awareness Week – Service Reporting Reminder**

If your club completed a hunger-related service project during **Hunger Awareness Week**, please be sure to **post the activity in the Lions Portal**.

📌 Reporting these projects is required for them to qualify as an official **Lions Week of Service** activity and helps demonstrate the incredible impact Lions have in addressing hunger in our communities.

Also: if you have not reported any service projects this year, please let me know if you are having difficulty with the reporting process. We have a goal of 75% of our clubs reporting and still are not there.

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## **Membership Update**

So far this year, we have **gained 59 Lions** and have also **lost 59 Lions**, leaving us even at this point.

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.

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## **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 🎟

### **Saturday Highlights**

- Presentations on Lions projects at the local and state levels
  - **Luncheon Speaker:** International Director **Chris Carlone**
  - **Saturday Banquet Speaker:** **Liz Fryseth**, joined by her dog **Sunny** 🐕 from Leader Dogs for the Blind
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## **Convention Reminders**

For your convenience, **all convention-related forms and information are available on the District 27-E1 website:** 🖱 <http://district27e1.org/>

This includes:

-  **Convention Registration Forms**
-  **Convention Program Promotion / Advertising Forms**
-  **Parade of Checks Submission Forms**
-  **Deceased Member Forms** (*for inclusion in the Memorial Service*)
-  **The full convention weekend schedule** (*coming soon*)

Please check the website regularly for updates as additional details are posted. Submitting your forms early helps ensure a smooth, meaningful, and well-organized convention for everyone.

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## **A Closing Thought**

Thank you for all you do to support your clubs, your communities, and our district goals. Together, we continue to make a difference through service, leadership, and compassion.

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**Yours in Service,**

**Lion Ed Cerney**

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