Past District Governor Organization Meeting Saturday, October 5, 2024 Hotel Marshfield, Marshfield, Wisconsin

Attendees: See attachment

Officers in attendance: President PDG Greg Pryor, Secretary PCC Evett Hartvig, Sergeant-at-Arms IPID Lee Vrieze and Immediate Past President PID Connie LeCleir-Meyer. Absent were Vice-President PDG Dave Lee and Treasurer PDG Tim McClain, who were excused.

The Meeting was called to order by President Greg Pryor at 2:15 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by PCC Evett Hartvig.

The prayer was delivered by IPID Lee Vrieze.

President Greg Pryor asked for a moment of silence in remembrance in honor of the Past District Governors who passed away this year: PDG David Kaiser, PDG Dick Schliewe, PDG James Wahl, PDG Jerry Sherwin, PDG Jerry Rabbach, PDG Chuck Auburt, PDG Dave Hempel and PDG Del Peterson.

The minutes of the May 18, 2024 were emailed out to everyone after the State Convention. A motion was made by PDG Don Drew and seconded by PID Connie LeCleir-Meyer to approve the minutes as emailed. <u>Motion carried.</u>

Audit Report – PCC Evett Hartvig reported a copy went to everyone August 15th and she received confirmation from the Exec Committee of its approval. A motion was made by CC John Reil and seconded by PID Art Marson to approve the Audit Report. <u>Motion carried.</u>

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer PDG Tim McClain had a family event and sends his regrets for not being here. He dropped off the current Treasurer's Report that shows a balance of \$9,363.37. There was one transaction since July 1 for \$23.00 for nameplates for the plaque in the State Office. A motion was made by PID Wayne Heiman and seconded by PDG David Stedman to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Secretary PCC Evett Hartvig reported no correspondence has been received.

Reports

International – IPID Lee Vrieze stated our International Guest for the State Convention in May of 2025 will be PIP Brian Stevenson from Canada. The International Convention has been moved to Orlando, Florida from July 13-17, 2025. He stated that PDG's may need to help their District Governors for submitting nominations for Presidential Leadership and Presidential awards. Any help to identify people deserving recognition is greatly appreciated. All nominations need to be to IPID Lee by December 1, 2024.

He talked about LOTUS – Lions of the United States, which is being championed primarily by 2nd VP Mark Lyon, PIP Brian Sheehan and PID Gary Anderson from Michigan and is related to Mission 1.5. The goal is trying to rejuvenate the Lions of the US. There is one for Canada, as well. It's in formative stage right now and more to come. Goal to re-excite Lions service, as well as leadership and membership goals. There is apparel available through Bee Seen Promotions.

Discussion also took place about the possibility of Constitutional Area 1 Directors being reduced from 11 to 8 and there would be a resolution on the ballot in Orlando. If it passes, the CA1 Directors would be reduced from 5 to 4 in 2026, as well as the same happening in 2027.

That Ad Hoc Committee was renewed for another year and they will be working on possibly reducing number of Directors on the International Board, as well as reducing the number of Committees for the International Board.

State of the State – Council Chair John Reil reported that reports are showing that MD27 is losing a lot of members and we need to focus on why. Retention is also an issue. He stated that it would really help if each club would get two new members this year to help the situation.

There will be an Emerging Lions Leadership Institute in January at the Wisconsin Lions Camp, as well as a Lions Summit in February. More information will be coming out on both very soon.

PID Art Marson and his Committee reported to the Council this morning and they are doing a fantastic job on getting things in place for the Convention in May, 2025.

WLF – Report attached.

Pride Endowment Fund – Report attached. PID Wayne Heiman added that Pride has a Board Meeting coming up on October 16th where they will determine if they are able to present WLF with a second check for the year. He also stated that Ray Hempel Fellowship applications are available online.

Wisconsin Lions Eye Bank – Report attached.

LCIF – Report attached.

Unfinished Business

President Greg Pryor read a letter he drafted that could be sent to the families of deceased Past District Governors. This was suggested by PDG Roger Weber who felt that we were not giving proper recognition to the families. It was agreed that this would start immediately.

President Greg Pryor said he failed to contact PDG David Brinkman at the beginning of the year to ask if he would continue on as chair of the Policy & Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee. PDG David Brinkman agreed to stay on as the Chair. Other members include PDG's Roger Weber and Tom Wendt.

New Business

Continuation of District Training Incentive – President Greg Pryor stated there is nothing in the constitution about donating to District Training Incentives so it needs to be voted on each year. He would like to see the organization continue giving \$100 to each District that has attendees at the trainings. A motion was made by PDG Don Drew and seconded by PID Connie LeCleir-Meyer that each District get a \$100 stipend for the District for having any amount of attendees at a training. <u>Motion carried.</u>

IPID Lee Vrieze asked if we had had a budget. President Greg Pryor said we do not, but it would make sense to have one.

Other

PID Connie LeCleir-Meyer asked if PID Art Marson could give an update on the seminars for the State Convention so we could get prepared for our part as the Past District Governors Organization.

PID Art said they got organized early on in the year. If we don't get 500 people to attend, we are not going to make any money. PDG's should encourage attendance in their Districts. Seminars are not finalized yet but will get that figured out in the next couple of months so we can get the word out. Couple changes looking at are start golf at Noon on Thursday, fish boil after golf and move Council Meeting for later that evening. The Kentucky Derby is that weekend so after voting, they're having a Derby watch party and maybe people dress up for the derby. They may have a hat making event. The closing banquet on Saturday will start around 6:30 pm. Any suggestions are welcome, including seminar ideas. So far they are considering seminars on clubs incorporating, servant leadership training, and partnerships between clubs and business communities. Friday evening will also be the Kentucky Derby theme.

PID Connie LeCleir-Meyer suggested some kind of technology seminar, not necessarily AI, but maybe Lions Portal. Also, training of some kind more along the lines of Guiding Lions training to draw people to help with Mission 1.5.

Discussion continued on different ideas on how to draw more people to the State Convention.

President Greg Pryor stated that regarding the Treasurer's Report – At the end of the 2023-2024 year we had a balance of \$9,363.27 in our checking account, \$6,495 is protected funds, leaving approximately \$2,800 in available funds.

PID Connie LeCleir-Meyer read the guidelines regarding dues and the purpose of the PDGO from our Constitution.

Discussion ensued on what the PDG's could do within MD27 to help the growth of each District. Suggestions included a list of PDG's that could help with different issues around the State such as providing help with new member orientation, etc. PCC Tammy Rockenbach is willing to send out a survey to find out the skill sets of PDG's so a list can be made available.

PCC Evett Hartvig talked about getting PDG's together to tell the story of WLF, since WLF is the organization charged with administering the five statewide projects and the fact that our Constitution states, "The purpose of the PDGO is to promote Lionism through the Lions Clubs of Wisconsin. The PDGO shall work in cooperation with the State Council of Governors and the Boards of Directors of both the Wisconsin Lions Foundation and the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin."

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at Hotel Marshfield.

A motion was made by PID Art Marson and seconded by PDG Judy Hatz to adjourn at 3:15 p.m. <u>Motion carried.</u>

Respectfully submitted,

PCC Evett J Hartvig PDGO Secretary

District 27 Past District Governors

Treasurer's Report

October 5, 2024

Balance as of July 1 st , 2024	8,913.27
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Deposits

7/25/2024	Life Membership	150.00
7/31/2024	Interest	.03
8/12/2024	Life Membership	150.00
8/30/2024	Interest	.03
9/30/2024	Interest	.03
10/02/2024	Life Membership	150.00
10/02/2024	Test Check Deposit	.01

Balance as of 10/05/2024 \$9,363.37

This matches the bank statement

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Tim McClain

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Council of Governor's and Past District Governors Organization Report

Lee Vrieze, Immediate Past International Director <u>vrieze2@outlook.com</u> 9/15/2024

International Awards

- The Presidential criteria have been sent via email. All DGs should have received a copy of the criteria and application forms. I have requested editable versions of the forms.
 <u>View online</u>
- December 1, 2024, is the MD27 submission deadline for nominations to allow the MD27 [Past] International Directors to review, endorse, and forward approved nominations. It IS NOT the February date in the Presidential Letter. Please send all submissions to IPID Lee Vrieze at <u>Ivrieze2@outlook.com</u>.
- DGs and VDGs it is never too early to start identifying potential candidates for awards.

International President Fabrício Oliveira's Theme and Focus

- President Oliveira' theme is "Make Your Mark"
- A major focus is Mission 1.5
- More information, including a video, is available at <u>https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-clubs/presidential-theme</u>

International Guest Speaker Requests

- International guest scheduling for 2024-2025 all District Conventions and the Multiple District Conventions is underway. All 2024-2025 district guests have verbally accepted. I am still awaiting confirmation of the MD27 convention guest.
- Links to the list are below and any updates will be applied there.
 - International Guest Lions in Excel format:
 - MD27 International Guests.xlsx
 - International Guest Lions in PDF format:
 - MD27 International Guests.pdf

District Governors

- Complete the Speaker Request Form at the link in the documents above as soon as possible so your guest can make travel arrangements.
- International guest pictures and biographies are available at https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-clubs/our-leaders
- First Vice-District Governors:
 - If you have not already:
 - Please send me your convention dates ASAP so I can start inviting the 2025-2026 guests. Additionally, please review the documents at the links above for accuracy. There have already been IDs booked for requested dates in 2025-2026.

Second Vice-District Governors:

- If you have not already:
 - Please send me your convention dates ASAP so I can start inviting the 2026-2027 guests. Additionally, please review the documents at the links above for accuracy. There have already been IDs booked for requested dates in 2026-2027.

2023-2024 International Board Meeting Updates (repeat from July COG report)

- The 2026 Convention will be held in Hong Kong post Atlanta recanting hosting the 2026 convention.
- A redistribution of International Directors proposal was approved as a resolution to be on the 2025 International Convention Ballot. If approved, Constitutional Area 1 (CA1 the US and Caribbean) will lose one director in 2026, and two directors in 2027. Note that the number of directors per Constitutional Area (CA) is determined by Lion population of that CA, and hence why the focus on Mission 1.5.
- Board Policy Manual Updates and Convention Resolutions*
 - Housekeeping
 - Protocol Updates
 - Reimbursement Updates
 - Leo Updates
 - Qualifications for Second Vice-District Governor* (resolutioin passed)
 - Guidelines for consolidation of districts* (resolution passed)
 - Clarification that International Endorsements valid for one time on the ballot
 - I suggest that everyone review the Lions Clubs International <u>Board Policy Manual</u> once updated for detail on the above changes.
- An annual PDG Update Seminar to be created and held in August

Technology

- Lion Portal (MyLCI/MyLion replacement)
 - Two sessions on the Lion Portal were held at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Lousville, KY, one specifically for District Governors.
 - There are still a large number of questions that are answered in the training videos – please watch the videos and encourage others to do so as well.
 - A list of fixes and a road map are to be added to the Lion Portal page ETA TBD.
 - Written versus video documentation is being prepared for those that prefer the written format ETA TBD.
 - For those that need immediate access, browse to https://lionsclubs.org, select Member Login, then select Go to Lion Portal, then select Don't Have An Account?, fill in the fields, then select Sign Up. If you do not have an email address in the Lion Portal, you may need to contact support or your club or district administrator to get your email address added.
 - Status updates and information, including links to training videos and a link to the survey noted previously are available at <u>https://www.lionsclubs.org/portal-updates</u> or use your favorite search engine (e.g. Google) and search for Lion Portal.
 - Recommendations
 - I highly recommend that anyone that will use the portal watch the Navigating Lion Portal as a Lion or Leo video and applicable video or videos for the function you are trying to perform available at <u>https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/digital-products/portal-updates#training.</u>
 - Ensure your clubs validate their rosters (names, contact information, etc) now that the to Lion Portal has launched.
 - Plan live training sessions to smooth the transition to the Lion Portal.

- Report any issues to lionssupport@lionsclubs.org or call 630-468-6900.
 - When reporting issues, screen shots are very helpful to solve the issue more quickly.
- The DG/goals functionality will be moved to the Lion Portal later goals will be entered using the previous system until further notice.

Upcoming Events (dates subject to change)

• 7/4/2024 – 7/8/2024 – International Convention, Mexico City, Mexico



Wisconsin Lions Foundation Inc. (WLF) Report to the Council of Governors October 5, 2024

Our first WLF Board Meeting took place on August 17, 2024. Immediate Past International Director Lion Lee Vrieze inducted the new Directors and installed the 2024-2025 Executive Officers. We covered a lot of items, and all Directors are excited for a great year. As President, I am excited as well. It's been four years of anticipation. I am fortunate to have directors and our staff who work from their hearts because we all want to leave this place a little better than we found it!!

Hustle S'more and S'more Fun at Camp took place with 174 people for the morning's 15-mile Bike Race and 5K Run/Walk and 10K Run. Thirty-seven people stayed for the afternoon of fun and a good time was enjoyed by all. There were 43 local businesses that provided sponsorships for the event, as well.

I and Immediate Past President Brad took a dip in the Mud Pit at Camp. Thanks to our referee, Past President Larry Testa, who kept us in line. Thank You to all who donated. We raised just over \$6,700.

The HundredX Campaign is back! It started on September 16 and runs through October 15. What an easy way to provide funds for Camp by giving your opinions on brands of products you use every day. Last year this raised \$12,000 for Camp. Go to their website and get started now: https://hundredx.com/deca or text the word CAMP to 90412. Follow our progress on Facebook!

The 2024 Summer Camp hosted 924 campers. You can find the Who's Who List that shows all the Districts in the State and how many campers came from each of those Districts, along with a list of our seasonal staff on WLF's website under the "Our Impact' tab.

Visitor Days was well attended, as were the private and/or club tours we hosted this Summer/Fall. There were 546 people who visited the property: 414 people on 37 private tours and 132 on 11 Visitor Days events during Camp. The surveys were filled with overwhelmingly positive comments.

Deer Hide Collection begins September 14th, opening day for Archery Season. Please promote our 218 collection sites across the state. For an updated map and information on all the collection sites, visit the website: <u>https://wlf.info/deer-hide-collection/</u> Best of luck to all who hunt! Thank you for your support.

I look forward to visiting with those of you who have your District Conventions coming up in October and November. I will be bringing Deer Hide gloves to sell at each convention!

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Project Statistics

Diabetes Awareness Project

Water Bottle stickers distributed – 6,300 Year One with Type One children's book distributed – 472 Coffee sleeves distributed – 30,954 Other Diabetes resources distributed – 25,312

Vision Screening Project

Number of children screened -34,437Of that number, children that were referred -6,235

Hearing Aid Project

Applications received – 46 Approved – 31; Denied – 5; Pending – 4; Purchased – 25 Hearing aids collected – 4,948

Eyeglass Recycling Project

Used eyeglasses received at Center - 901,268 Eyeglasses shipped - 185,827 Mission served - 80

The above statistics cover the period of January 1, 2024 – September 10, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

WLF President Lion Patrick Hart

Lions Pride Endowment Fund

Today's Help, Tomorrow's Hope

for those served by the Projects of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation

LPEF Report for MD 27 Council of Governor's Meeting LPEF President Renee Peterson

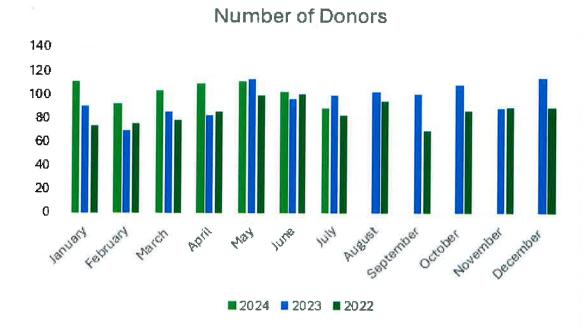
October 2024

- 1. Mark your calendar for June 14th, 2025 for the Annual Lions Pride Sporting Clay Shoot at Milford Hills, Johnson Creek.
- 2. We are continuing to work with an accounting firm to enhance our accounting function dual control going forward.
- 3. We gave the second installment of our semi-annual donation to the WLF, this time in the amount of \$100,000.
- 4. Conventions coming up already??! See you there!

Submitted by Lion Renee Peterson 920-210-8940, reneep@horiconbank.com

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LEBW Transporter Stats

Through Sept. 1, LEBW Transporters have logged 503 transports by 78 clubs.

Certified Transporter Training

• The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin had six online Certified Transporter Training sessions during the month of August. The average attendance for each online session was 75 transporters per session. As of Sept. 1, 2024, more than 500 LEBW Transporters are now certified throughout the state. There will be more online sessions in late September and mid-October, dates pending.

In addition to online training, several clubs and Transport Areas/Hubs have scheduled in-person certified transporter training sessions with LEBW Communications and Outreach Manager Adam Crowson through the months of September and October. Additionally, most of the District Convention Committees have also scheduled a transporter training session for the Friday afternoon of their district convention to help transporters get certified.

Are we required to be certified to transport? It is essential for compliance purposes that all transporters become Certified Lions Volunteer Transporters. You will receive a certificate upon completion of the workshop and be recognized for this achievement.

New Volunteer Position: Transport Instructor/Regional Coordinator: To fully support our new training program, LEBW is seeking 24 volunteers to serve in the prestigious role of transport instructors/regional coordinators. These very special volunteer positions will facilitate transporter training and the recertification training workshops in your region of Wisconsin and help communicate timely updates to dispatchers and transporters in your area.

As an instructor, you will work with Lion Adam Crowson, Communications and Outreach Manager to learn about the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin, its transporter program, and how to instruct and train



transporters and dispatchers. (e.g. train the trainer). Instructors are required to attend a half-day workshop at the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin to become certified as instructors/trainers.

Youth Exchange Visit

• LEBW hosted 19 Lions Youth Exchange students from 13 countries, 6 counselors and 2 staff for the Youth Exchange visit on Wednesday, Aug. 16. Youth Exchange students received a full tour and learned about eye banking here in Wisconsin and globally. The youth in the program were engaged and asked great questions about the clinical side of cornea tissue donation. We are grateful for the ongoing collaboration between our organization and the Youth Exchange project in MD27.

World Eye Bank Symposium 2024 and Asia Cornea Society

 At the end of September, Dr. Tolulope Oyedun, LEBW's Director of Clinical and Technical Services, will be a presenter at the World Eye Bank Symposium in Jakarta, Indonesia and then present at the 9th Biennial Scientific Meeting of the Asia Cornea Society immediately after the symposium.

Welcome Lion Bill Fletcher

• The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin Board of Directors would like to welcome Lion Bill Fletcher to the board of directors as the district representative from District 27-B1. Lion Bill is a member of the Westfield Lions Club.

LEBW in your communities

Thank you LEBW 2nd Vice Chair PDG Judy Hatz and LEBW Director PDG Dan Montaine for inviting LEBW into your communities to present to non-Lions groups about the work that we do. LEBW Chief Development Officer Stefanie Dziedzic recently visited the Wausau Optimist Club and a Grafton Community Event sponsored by the Grafton Lions Club.

InBusiness Magazine

• The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin and Past Board Chair Lion Erica Singley will be featured with a profile and advertisement in InBusiness Magazine's 2024 Corporate Giving Guide. The publication will be available in late fall.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Lion Mary Vrieze October 4, 2024

The LCIF District Coordinators are beginning to ramp up their year and remain committed to educating Wisconsin Lions about LCIF and its importance. LCIF continues to be strong and is providing funds to those in need. These funds are supported by both Club and individual donations to LCIF.

Reminder - The LCIF District Coordinators for 2024-2025 are:

A1 – PDG Jerry Gibbons	C2 – PDG Mary Ann Gretenhardt
A2 – PDG Dan Montaine	D1 – PDG Conrad Dreyer
B1 – Lion Scott Scovronski	D2 – PDG Eric Ender
B2 – PID Wayne Heiman	E1 – Lion Mary Vrieze
C1 – Lion Jim Ross	E2 – PCC Stacey Nesseth

2024-2025 MD27 LCIF Fundraiser - pending

Activities of LCIF District Coordinators (2024-2025)

- LCIF District Coordinators to participate in Monthly Zoom Meeting (excluding December and February)
- LCIF District Coordinators participate in Area D Zoom Meeting with PIDs Ardie Klemish and Connie LeCleir-Meyer
- LCIF display tables at District Conventions
- Encouraging LCIF District Coordinators to send letters to all the Clubs in their District promoting Giving Tuesday and requesting to visit the Club
- LCIF Coordinators are encouraged to attend Zone Meetings and making Club visits to raise awareness of LCIF
- LCIF District Coordinators are working on getting Club LCIF Coordinators named
- LCIF District Coordinators will participate in Dialing for Dollars on December 12, 2024

2024-2025 Goal

- Globally 2024-2025 is \$80M, with a stretch of another \$13M total \$93M
- MD27 goal \$833,400

0	A1	1935 members – goal \$59,049	Stretch goal \$96,750
0	A2	1279 members – goal \$38,451	Stretch goal \$63,950
0	B1	1864 members – goal \$55,357	Stretch goal \$93,200
0	B2	2169 members – goal \$64,359	Stretch goal \$108,450
0	C1	1358 members – goal \$41,655	Stretch goal \$67,900
0	C2	1426 members – goal \$44,341	Stretch goal \$71,300
0	D1	2080 members – goal \$63,566	Stretch goal \$104,000
0	D2	1569 members – goal \$42,876	Stretch goal \$78,450
0	E1	1400 members – goal \$42,875	Stretch goal \$70,000
0	E2	1588 members - goal \$48,582	Stretch goal \$79,400

Grants 2023 - 2024

- 1,580 grants given
- \$46.4M given in grants

Reminder of Grants \$\$ increase

- Hunger \$100,000 to \$150,000
- Matching \$100,000 to \$150,000
- ER Preparedness \$10,000 \$15,000

Disaster Grant

- Can apply up to 30 days after the disaster to apply
- When funds received, up to 60 days to complete the project
 - Report does not need to be completed within those 60 days

New Grant – New Vision

- Replaces Sight 1st
- Up to \$300,000

LCIF Presence at Convention

- Consider having a presentation and/or breakout session
- LCIF District Coordinator will have a display table

Personal Donation and Legacy Society

- DGs consider a personal to LCIF donation
 - LCIF is promoting personal donations again this year
 - DG making donation shows their commitment to LCIF
- DGs consider becoming a member of the Legacy Society
 - Ensures your Lions Legacy lives on
 - \$1,000 minimum donation required
 - o Including LCIF in your estate
 - Wills or living trusts
 - Retirement plans
 - Life insurance proceeds
 - Saving, checking, or investment accounts
 - Please consult independent tax and legal advisors to structure your gift, and remember all documents must use the foundation's full and official legal name, Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Please contact me with any questions. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted, Lion Mary Vrieze – MD27-E1 and MD 27 LCIF Chair <u>mvrieze2@outlook.com</u> 715-404-5041





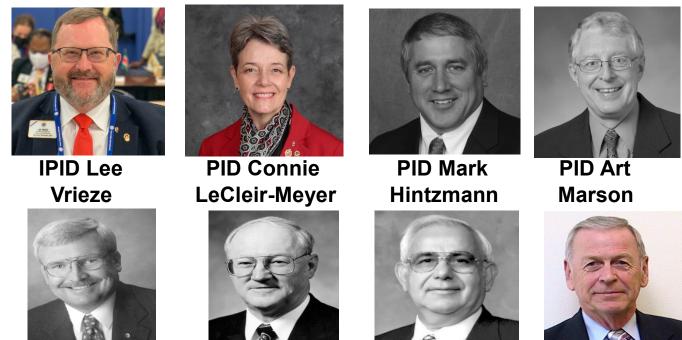
MD27 2024-2025 LCIF Fundraiser Who Do You Want to See Kiss the Fish











PID Wayne Heiman



PID Ron Duffe

PID Peter Cerniglia



PID Phil Ingwell

For each \$10 donation to LCIF, you get one vote for which (I)PID gets to Kiss the Fish at State Convention. Voting ends at 11:30AM, Saturday, May 3, 2025.

Continued support to LCIF needed for Grants - Disaster, SightFirst, Matching, Diabetes, Lions Quest, Hunger, Childhood Cancer, **District/Club Community Impact, Designated**



