

Fellow Lions of 27-D1,

On July 4th, 2007, an idea came to fruition in Chicago, as a marching band made up of schools in District 27-D1 represented MD-27 in the International Convention Parade. Clubs throughout the District and several in the Multiple came to the support of this project in the form of financial assistance.

Directors and students from the six high schools that participated in 2007 have committed to again representing Wisconsin Lionism in the 2009 International Convention Parade in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Lion VDG-Elect Gene Francis will again be donating his time and the services of Francis Travel, LLC, to provide transportation and rooms for our students and staff at a very low price. However, the costs of the trip and the uniform are projected to be approximately \$13,000.

In 2007, we had financial support from the MD-27 and from MD-111. Unfortunately, the MD-27 Convention Committee has not yet made any recommendations to the Council of Governors regarding groups to represent the Multiple, so funding at the level is unsure. MD-111 is not in need of our services this year; however, we will be volunteering to be hired by a second District to help defray travel costs.

As of the most recent D1 Cabinet meeting, we are proceeding ahead with this project as representing District 27-D1, as permission was granted to solicit funds within the District. We are asking you to help fund this project by making a financial donation. We will take any donations your Club is willing to make to make this project work. Lion Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Scott Grover has set-up a District Activities Account for this project. Please send your donations to him.

On behalf of the students and Lions this project will benefit, I thank you in advance for your assistance.

In Service,

Lion Rob Perkins
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27-D1 Leo Chair
Co-Director 2007/2009 Wisconsin International Convention Marching Band