

District Cabinet Meeting – October 26, 2008

DISTRICT/WLF HEARING AID REPORT, GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS.....

GOOD NEWS, LOTS OF APPLICATIONS! Since 7/1 we've received 18 applications from individuals in need of hearing aids. 10 hearing aids have been approved with 3 applications still pending local Lions Club approval of the \$200 audiology fee. Because some applicants reside in communities without Lions Clubs, neighboring Lions Clubs have stepped in to help with audiology fees. The following have committed to this expense: Monroe, Albany, Brodhead, Iowa-Grant, Cobb, Janesville Noon, Fitchburg, Beloit Evening and Beloit Noon Lions. Plus the Monroe Lions provided an extra \$2,000 because our program could not afford the more expensive aids required by an 8 year old girl. 8 have been denied with most not meeting the financial eligibility requirements established by the Wisconsin Lions Foundation while 2 were found to be eligible for Medicaid which will pay for hearing aids. Last year at this time we had approved 2 applications and denied 6. That's 10 more applications than last year. Our success may kill us.

BAD NEWS, NOT ENOUGH MONEY COMING IN!! Funds received to date total \$700 from Beloit Noon, Monroe & New Glarus Lions toward our regular fund, thru 9/29. Compared to to last year, 6 Clubs had donated \$1,215. This is a great program that just may save your Club some \$'s in the long run. Have you priced a hearing aid, lately?

We may have a problem with funding if we don't get donations in from more District Clubs to refill our annual "DISTRICT \$4 PER MEMBER HEARING AID FUND." The Foundation has new rules this year that each District must prepay to the Foundation sufficient funds to cover all requests for hearing aids and the audiology fees. This was done because many Districts were not funding their needs like we have. When all our approved hearing aids are delivered, based on higher requests, we may need to forward more \$'s to the foundation than the \$3,000 already sent this year mostly from last year's carry over.

URGENT REQUEST: TO THE OTHER 50+ CLUBS.... WON'T YOU PLEASE MAKE A DONATION OF \$4 PER MEMBER TO HELP REBUILD OUR DISTRICT FUND AND COLLECT USED HEARING AIDS AND SEND THEM TO THE CAMP FOR THEIR SALVAGE VALUE!!

THANK YOU!! Lion Daryl Porter, Dist. Hearing Chr.