

27-D1 Leo Committee Report for 10/26/08 Cabinet Meeting

Submitted by Lion Rob Perkins, Chair

The District Leo Kick-off Picnic was held on 9/27/08 at 1:30 pm at Smith Park in Platteville. The Cuba City Leos hosted, and Burgers and a picnic luncheon were served. Leos from Cuba City and Iowa-Grant were present. Lion VDG Rick Daluge represented the Madison West Leos.

- Present from the Leo Committee: Lion Chair Rob, Lion VDG Rick, and Lion Zone Chair Gene Francis.
- An icebreaking activity preceded student introductions.
- Lion VDG Rick presented on Lions, Leos, relations between, and why We Serve.
- Lion ZC Gene presented on Youth Exchange.
- The Committee is planning to have Leos at the District Convention and to have a Leo panel presentation on who Leos are and what they do. Lion Rob will also be on the panel.
- The Leo Committee convened and discussed the following:
 - Concern about the status of Leo Clubs at Lancaster, Potosi-Tennyson, and Boscobel. Lion Rob contacted all Advisors by email last May, received notice that the Advisors at Lancaster and Boscobel had changed, but has not gotten any response from emails and letters to the new Advisors. Lion Rob has also not gotten any response from correspondence from Potosi-Tennyson. Lion Rob will continue to try reach Advisors, if not directly, then via sponsoring Club Presidents and/or local Zone Chairs.
 - Concern about the perpetual lack of communication with the Janesville Club. Lion Rob will attempt to address.
 - Lion Rob discussed extension ideas. He is hoping to see Clubs begun at Southwestern High School in Hazel Green, Mineral Point High School, and Platteville High School. Platteville High School has been for oft discussed for Leo extension, but the District has been unsuccessful in starting a Club there. Lion Rob has discussed starting a Leo Club at Southwestern with SWHS Band Director Lion Eric Amweg who has discussed it with the SWHS Principal. Hazel Green Lions President Neil Winchell has also discussed starting a Leo Club at SWHS with the Principal.
- Following the luncheon and Leo Committee meeting, the IGHS and CCHS Leos discussed a joint benefit for CCHS Leo Emalie Allbee, who was seriously injured in a car accident in August. While this will require authorization of CCHS Principal Tim Hazen, the students are hoping to get meat, cheese, and popcorn donations from local businesses, as well as gift certificates from local restaurants and gas cards. Tickets will be sold by Leos from both Clubs and the prizes will be raffled off at halftime.