

## **WLF LIONS PRIDE ENDOWMENT FUND OCTOBER 26 D1 CABINET REPORT**

The Pride Campaign has realized several recent noteworthy developments.

First, of undoubtedly keen interest to this Cabinet, WLF Directors Althaus and Powell responded admirably to the "Wanted" posters and warrants served on them at the last meeting. They succeeded in raising bail from their friends, and their official pardons are posted here for viewing. Statewide, this Jail & Bail program raised a total of \$6,815 in cash and \$265 in pledges; this is being divided between today's WLF operating costs and tomorrow's needs.

On September 11 the Lions Pride Endowment Fund received from the living trust estate of Butler Lions John and Dorothy (Dory) Nelson a gift of \$365,486.58. Lion Dory and her late husband Lion John did not have children of their own but wanted to provide for special children. In addition to many Club and Cabinet offices, John was a Director of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation from 1975-79 and a Birch Sturm Fellow.

Still more significant is the anonymous donation received on September 17: a deferred gift of \$1 million. Prior to the most recent stock market turmoil, total commitments and contributions to the WLF Lions Pride Endowment Fund were at \$4.6 million.

It is also important to report that in a unanimous roll call vote at its September 22 meeting the WLF Board reconfirmed favoring continuation of the Pride Campaign and encouraged the Council of Governors to do the same; on October 4, the Council approved a similar motion to continue its support of the Campaign.

It's wonderful to report that we now have three District Lions who have attended Pride Campaign Ambassador training and have a new presentation for 2008-2009. Please contact any one of them about visiting your club: PDG Rollie Manthe, PDG Rob Sherman and Madison West Lion Jim Utrie.

Also at Madison West, current president Lion Kevin McPherson recently agreed to become a member of the seven person Lions Pride Endowment Fund Investment Committee that oversees caring for this money. Kevin is CFO of Venture Investors in Madison; his daughter Kayla is a three-year Camper. He joins Lion Bob Irvine, a former corporate CFO, who has been a committee member for two years. (You might also be interested to know that, although not a Lion, Chairman emeritus of Suby, Van Haden John Suby is also a member of the Pride Investment Committee.)

A final thought. Even in these unsettled conditions, the time of year is nearing that many will consider personal tax or estate planning issues. Please consider positively what your commitment to the WLF Lions Pride Endowment Fund will do to help preserve the future of Lions Camp and other statewide WLF projects. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lions Pride Campaign