

ENVIRONMENTAL CHAIR REPORT

October 16, 2011 Meeting

Diane Venden, Chair
Lions District 27-D1

This year, our challenge from Dr. Tam is to plant one million trees. Our deadline for reporting our efforts is May 2012. So far, we have one club recording success: Monroe Lions Club -- Keith Conner, Eric Onsrud and William Kilian. Trees were planted in two locations; a total of 250 trees. Kudos to them! Now it's up to all of our District clubs to follow Monroe's good example and put forth an effort -- let's get excited about our challenge and show Dr. Tam we intend to join him in improving our environment, one tree at a time.

I have spoken to my local club, Sun Prairie Lions, about this project. I found some interest but will present this project again more than once before spring planting time. I hope all Cabinet members talk this up at club meetings and in the community. Don't forget:

- Submit photos to illustrate your planting activity.
- Contact media to report your efforts to your community.

I have two articles from the New York Times of last week that highlight the harm done to our earth's environment secondary to the widespread and devastating loss of trees. Loss due to infestations, fires and droughts. I will have these summarized and available at our next meeting.

If anyone would like a copy of the Tree Planting Project form to report your club's activities, please contact me: dvenden@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Venden
Environmental Chair