Lioness Mary and I had a great time during the past 3 years representing District 27-D1. We've been ½ way around the world to Alaska, S. Korea, Tampa Bay and most recently to Hamburg, Germany for our retiring International Lions Convention. It's been a great ride and thank you to the Leaders and Lions of D1 for the opportunity.

Special thanks to PDG Glenn Hauge for asking me to be a candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG, to PDG Rick Daluge for providing a lot of expense info that I needed to make my decision, to the late PDG Gene Frances for helping me get started and to PDG Neil Winchell for continuing my training. And, speaking of training, a big thank you to PDG Rob Sherman and Lion Jodi Burmester for their continuing Leadership Training.

There are so many who have encourage this path: PDG Pete and Mary Ann Meyer, PDG Roger and PAP Pres. My Babcock, Lion Dave Peltier and his sweetie, Lioness Phyllis and many others on the home front.

Like I said, it's been a great trip. In the past year we've traveled over 40,000 miles by air and another 12,000 by car. We visited 56 Lions Clubs, some Lioness and Leo Clubs in our District. We toured our LCI Hdqtrs, the LeaderDog School and our WI Youth Exchange Camp. We found our dues and donations were put to good use.

Thank for this once in a lifetime experience serving you, nearly 2,000 Dist. Lions and thousands more people in need. Special thanks to DG Bob for stepping forward to follow me and for 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Randy for following Bob and for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Dick for signing on this year. They were all my #1 picks for succession. You're in for a great year,

27-D1 has a great future!

THANK YOU!!

I'm happy to join Lion Bill Tefft on the Dist. 27-D1 Alert Committee. My plan is to develop a plan to extend the Alert Program throughout the District to ready teams for the eventual need for Lions to help local areas after a disaster occurs. These might be small disasters affecting a few people, larger affecting an entire community or larger yet serving a county or state.

My plan after studying the LCI Program and conferring with our State Alert Chair is to establish a plan of action, visit Clubs first through Zone Meetings for further ideas and enlist a Lion to chair each Zone or County in District 27-D1.

I believe Lions know there's a need to be prepared and will be willing to volunteer their time and talents to help their neighbors.

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I'd like to personally thank the Dist. and State Convention Committees let by PDGs Neil Winchell and Rick Daluge, this past year.

What great conventions you put together during my year as Governor. It made me very proud to receive so many complements on your behalf. You done good, again!

As I've said to you at committee meetings, you did such a wonderful job of planning, organizing and presenting 2 of the best conventions Wisconsin has ever had. So great, in fact, that I want to invite you all back again for chance to do it again. If most of you can return and we find a few more good Lions, we'll present another great, educational and fun District Convention. And, you can relax and let Lake WI do the State Conv.

We'll kick off the first committee meeting in Oct. The 4<sup>th</sup> Monday has worked well, so let's shot for Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> again at the Marriott in Middleton. We'll be looking for some new ideas and new programs to attract and keep the interest of the attendees. Please let me know if you can help or find your replacement and I'll remind everyone of the meetings, etc. Thanks for your support!