



The Communicator

McFarland Lions
Newsletter

February 2010

Calendar of Events

- January 26 Zone Meeting, Cozee Inn, Verona 6PM
- January 31 Highland Lions Annual Fisheree
- February 2 Ground Hogs Day, Will there be an early spring?
- February 2 McFarland Lions Meeting, Green Lantern 6:30PM,
Visit from District Governor Rick Daluge
- February 7 Edgerton Lions Super Bowl Breakfast, 7AM-Noon,
Edgerton Community Center
- February 13-14 District Bowling, Rude's Lanes, Deforest
- February 14 Valentine's Day
- February 15 President's Day
- February 20 Fitchburg Lions Chili Dinner, 4-7PM, Fitchburg Community Center
- February 26 Middleton Lions 11th Annual Wine Tasting, 5-8PM, Madison Marriat West
- March 2 McFarland Lions Meeting, Green Lantern, 6:30PM
- March 12-13 27D1 District Convention, Holiday Inn, Dubuque, Iowa



**MARK
THIS
DATE**

February 2nd Meeting Guest Speaker

District Governor Rick Daluge

Let's have a great turn out to
welcome our District Governor
Remember:

Spouses and Guests Invited.

PROJECT SURVEY FOLLOW-UP

The civic affairs committee tallied the results of the project interest survey conducted at the January meeting. The projects having the most interest have been identified by the members. At the February meeting, each Lion will be asked to sign-up and participate in at least three of the selected projects.

- Children Vision Screening
- Hearing aid Recycling
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Food Bank Pickup From 2nd Harvest, Pick N Save
- Village Lewis Park Deck Repair
- Community Service Day
- Food Bank Unpack, Restock Freezers & Shelves
- Village Board Walk Construction
- Diabetes Information
- Food Delivery from Food Bank to Seniors
- Village Trail Development
- Village Painting/Staining of Park Shelters
- School Forest Trail Repair
- Food Bank Clean, Organize & Shelve Food
- Small Project Assistance to Seniors
- Blood Drive Sponsorship
- WHA Telethon
- Food Bank Hand Out Food Assist Guests

Last Chance to Register

2010 District 27-D1 Convention

March 12-13, 2010

HOLIDAY INN - DUBUQUE, IOWA

Anyone who is planning to attend and hasn't signed up should do so no later than the February 2nd Meeting!

**Registration & Meals
Paid for by the Club**

Your District Convention Planning Committee is finalizing the program for the 2010 District Convention to be held March 12-13, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa.

Join us on Friday evening for the all convention hospitality beginning at 70 pm. Details are still being finalized, but it should prove to be entertaining for all attendees.

Our opening session will be an entertaining and humorous view of "The Many Hats of Lionism." Participants will then be able to choose from nine breakout sessions on topics of interest to all Lions, Lioness and Leos.

Hotel Reservations - Be sure to make your hotel reservations early by contacting the Holiday Inn Dubuque at (563) 556-2000. A block of rooms is being held through February 10, 2010 at a special Lions rate of \$85/night plus tax.

Convention Program Advertising - All clubs in the district sponsor projects and fundraisers that could benefit from the support of all Lions, Lioness and Leos throughout the district. A way to reach out to Lions, Lioness and Leos is to advertise in the convention program. The cost of ads are \$50 for a full page and \$25 for a half page.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

McFarland Lions Club, McFarland, Wisconsin

The McFarland Lions Club held its regular club meeting at the Green Lantern Restaurant on January 5, 2010. Lion President Bryan Bazan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with 37 members and 5 guests in attendance.

Minutes of Club Meeting

Guest speakers were Janet Moore, Outdoor Education Coordinator, Sandra Radney, Community Outreach/Prevention Coordinator for the Schools, Sara Sprang with the McFarland Senior Outreach, Steve Hoeft, Assistant Director of Public Works/Park Manager, and Deb DeNure, Secretary for the McFarland Food Pantry Board.

Lion Matt Larson made a motion to approve the secretary's minutes, seconded by Lion Roger Richards, and carried unanimously.

Lion Ernie Thieding made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Lion Mac McCormick, and carried unanimously. The report will be filed for audit.

Old Business

District Convention Reminder March 12 & 13, 2010 in Dubuque, Iowa – Members are responsible for making their own room reservations.

Lion Bruce Voight is organizing District Bowling on Feb 13 and 14, 2010.

Lion Dick Schwedersky asked that members on the Eye Glass Recycling Committee empty the containers and deliver the glasses to his home by January 23.

Nominations Committee was reminded to start putting together a slate of officers for 2010-2011.

New Business

Lion Mac McCormick has sewn patches, received by the club recently, onto the club's two banners.

Correspondence

Announcements

Next meeting – Tuesday, February 2, 2010, District

Governor Visit

Beverage Winner – Lion Ed Proctor

Money Winner – Lion Matt Larson

Adjourned at 8.30 p.m. on a motion by Lion Rob Sherman, seconded by Lion Ernie Thieding and carried unanimously.

Lion Secretary Dick Schwedersky

TREASURER'S REPORT

Monthly Income & Expenses 12/28/09-1/25/10

Activities Account

Beginning Balance	\$ 3788.79
Income	
Calendar Income	\$ 438.00
Mint Income	\$ 148.00
Expenses	
Lenscrafters - Eyeglasses	\$ 50.00
Ending Balance	\$ 4324.79

Administrative Account

Beginning Balance	\$ 13456.78
Income	
50/50 Raffle	\$ 19.00
Meeting Meals	\$ 301.00
Lions Shirt Sales	\$ 23.00
Tail Twister	\$ 26.00
Expenses	
Meeting Meal Expense	\$ 337.00
Ending Balance	\$ 13488.78

Lion Treasurer Bruce Voight

FEBRUARY Birthdays

February 3 Jim Sporer

February 16 Rollie Budnar

February 21 Mike Decker

Happy Birthday

Celebrating Service

Donation to Indian Mound Middle School Art Department for Peace Poster	\$ 60.00
Optical Services	\$135.00
Month of January 2010 Volunteer Services Elderly Transport, Hospice, Etc George Fuller	8 hours
Luke House Jim Klubertanz	12 hours
McFarland Food Pantry Dick Nelson	30 hours
Second Harvest Food Bank Mac McCormick	20 hours
McFarland Public Library Sharon Payne	30 hours
Eyeglasses Collected and Taken to District Meeting	233 pair

Thank You Lions

EDGERTON LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday, February 7, 2010

At TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER, 112 SWIFT ST., EDGERTON
Serving 7AM-Noon \$6 per person, children under 4 free
ALL YOU CAN EAT:
Pancakes, Link sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Milk, Coffee or
Tea.
Please support your local Lions Club!

11th Annual Middleton Lions Wine Tasting Friday, Feb. 26th, 5-8 p.m. Madison Marriott West.

Enjoy tasting from over 7 wine and beer vendors, plus cheese and light appetizers. Silent auction and string quartet for your enjoyment as well.

Tickets available online at www.localwineevents.com;
middletonlions.com; or via phone: Sara at 608-576-6802.

\$30 each or 2 for \$50 (Standing room only).

**Help change our
community one
bowl of chili
at a time**



**Fitchburg Lions Chili
Dinner
Saturday, February 20th
4pm - 7pm
Fitchburg Community Center
5510 Laoy Rd, Fitchburg**

Only \$5 - Dinner includes chili, choice of beverage & dessert

All proceeds will benefit Fitchburg Lions community projects.

For more information visit www.lionsclubs.org

Slate of Officers

2010-2011

President	Matt Larson
1st VP	Ernie Thieding
2nd VP	Tim Benishek
Secretary	Dick Schwedersky
Treasurer	Bruce Voight
1 Year Director	Mary Pat Lytle
1 Year Director	Ed Proctor
2 year Director	Jim Klubertanz
2 year Director	Dan Mitchell
Past President	Bryan Bazan
Tail Twister	Sharon Payne
Lion Tamer	Tim Mitchell
Membership Chair	Bruce Voight
Lioness Co-Liaison	Larry Chatman
Lioness Co-Liaison	Al Wheeler

LCIF Responds to Haiti Earthquake

A powerful 7.0 earthquake ravished the island nation of Haiti on the evening of Tuesday, January 12. Much of the capital city of Port-au-Prince has been destroyed. It's estimated that 3 million people, nearly one-third of the country's population, has been affected by the earthquake. The casualty numbers are not known at this time, but significant loss of life is feared. Rescue efforts remain ongoing at this time.

LCIF is responding to the Haiti earthquake. We are in contact with Lions leadership in the area to assess the situation and determine immediate relief needs. A US\$50,000 Major Catastrophe Grant has already been awarded to support immediate disaster relief efforts.

When catastrophes occur, LCIF and Lions answer the call for help. I have seen first hand the impact large-scale devastation has on communities. Homes, schools, hospitals are destroyed and lives are often lost. Through our efforts, we are able to bring hope and healing, even if it's just a little bit, to people who are in such desperate need.

I ask that you help support LCIF disaster relief efforts in Haiti by making a contribution. A designated fund, "LCIF Haiti Earthquake Relief", has been established for donations for this disaster. It's through Lions' commitment to serving those in need that those suffering from the earthquake's devastation will receive some sense of normalcy.

Yours in Lionism, Al Brandel, LCIF Chairperson

**To include an announcement or article in the next
newsletter, please contact Bruce Voight
by the 20th of the month.**

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LCIF Responds to Haiti Earthquake - Follow Up

Since I last wrote you, we have all learned more about the extent of the devastation in Haiti. At Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), we have also learned more about the situation on the ground from the Lions of Haiti. My heart goes out to all the Lions in Haiti, who have been personally affected by this disaster, losing at least two club members as well as many close relatives. Yet they have put aside their own needs to help their community. LCIF is working non-stop with Lions of that area to support "Lions Hope for Haiti."

Lions Hope for Haiti has mobilized more than US\$350,000, to date. Lions around the world are responding generously and quickly to the LCIF designated fund for this disaster. Donations are continuing to pour in from individuals, clubs and districts, and I thank all of you who have already pledged your support.

LCIF is working directly with Lions of Haiti as well as Lions in neighboring countries to assess the immediate needs and also develop a long-term reconstruction plan. Maureen and I will be traveling to the Dominican Republic in the next few days to lead a team delivering urgently needed supplies into Haiti.

Lions around the world are also assisting:

· Lions in neighboring Caribbean countries are sending cargo containers of requested supplies through connections with transportation companies.

Lions in Sweden are sending large tents through the Swedish government to provide housing for those who are now homeless as well as relief workers, as they did for the China earthquake.

Lions from District A-9, Ontario, Canada were in the area when the earthquake hit, helping to establish a clean water system for an orphanage, and responded by establishing a make-shift medical clinic, treating 600 people.

Lions are contributing generously, some examples include: US\$86,000 pledged from Lions in Norway; US\$20,000 from Lions in China; US\$14,000 from District 105-I, England.

Like other previous disasters, LCIF is not only committed to meeting the immediate needs of the people, but will be working through the Lions in the region to provide relief for years to come. After other relief organizations have moved out of the area, Lions will still be on the ground, overseeing long-term reconstruction projects. Similar to previous disasters, Lions will be discussing the possibility of rebuilding homes and hospitals, redeveloping the eye care delivery system, providing human resource support, and assisting the disabled, including those disabled as a result of this disaster.

As we continue to work with the Lions and determine needs, we will update the information online with our plans and any news. We also hope to have photos to share soon, that we will post online. Lions can promote their efforts locally by sharing this information along with any local efforts with the local media, and I encourage you to repost our videos and other postings on your individual and club Web pages. LCIF is also working to promote our actions within the media. Our Foundation has been added to several lists of reputable organizations assisting the area.

If you haven't already done so, I ask you to consider making a donation to LCIF to support this disaster. You can donate in confidence to LCIF, as 100 percent of every donation will go directly to Haiti relief, as administrative costs are paid by interest earned on investments. LCIF just recently received a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, the highest rating possible from the independent charity evaluator. In 2007 LCIF was named the #1 non-governmental organization with which to partner, a title our Foundation still holds today.

The needs are great, but we can make a positive impact on the people of Haiti for years to come.

Together We Serve, Al Brandel Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



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