



# The Communicator

McFarland Lions  
Newsletter

November 2009

## NOVEMBER IS LIONS DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

### Calendar of Events

October 30-31	Boscobel Lions Haunted Hotel, Boscobel
October 31	Halloween
November 1	Daylight Savings Time Ends - Fall Back 1 Hour
November 3	McFarland Lions Meeting, Green Lantern, 6:30PM
November 3	Election Day - Don't forget to cast your ballot
November 11	Veterans Day
November 14	World Diabetes Awareness Day
November 26	Happy Thanksgiving
December 1	McFarland Lions Meeting, Green Lantern, 6:30PM
December 5	Christmas in the Village



## LIONS CALENDARS ARE HERE!!

You can arrange to pick up your calendars by contacting Lion Al Wheeler ( 838- 8596) or you can pick them up at the November 3, 2009 meeting.

## McFARLAND LIONS SHIRTS

**Last Call** to order new club Sport Shirts and Sweatshirts.

Approximate Costs: Shirts - \$23.00 Sweatshirts - \$19.00

Please see Lion Bob Hargraves at the November 3rd meeting if you would like to place an order.

If you can't attend the next meeting:

Contact Lion Bob at 838-8807 by Nov. 03, 2009.

Order will be placed on November 4th

## Community Food Drive

More than 40 McFarland Lions & Lioness spent several hours on Friday and Saturday conducting a Community Food Drive at the local Pick N Save, collecting food and monetary donations to benefit the McFarland Food Pantry. Success isn't always easy to judge, but in 12 hours over the two days, 3975 pounds of food and \$902.23 cash were collected and donated to the Food Pantry. With the donated money the Food Pantry will be able to buy approximately an additional 5625 pounds of food from Second Harvest. So that means that the few short hours everyone worked produced nearly 10,000 pounds of food for the McFarland Food Pantry. That's sounds like a HUGE success! Great job Lions & Lioness!!



Lions Sharon Payne & Jim Howery talk about the Community Food Drive to a Pick N Save shopper



Lion Tim Benishek sorted food donations into bins for transport to the Food Pantry

## DISTRICT CONVENTION CHANGE

The 2010 District 27D1 Convention scheduled for March 12-13, 2010 has changed the venue to:

**The Holiday Inn**  
450 Main Street Dubuque, Iowa  
1-800-315-2621

Rooms are \$85.00 Use Group Code: Wisconsin District 27  
Sign up for the Convention will be in January 2010

**But Anyone who is planning to attend should make their own reservations as soon as possible**



Lioness Jessica Schwedersky and Mary Winter show the pre-packaged donation bags to a customer



Lions & Lioness in front of the truck used to transport the donations to the Pantry

The McFarland Food Pantry is a free choice pantry supported by local donations and federal subsidies and is available to McFarland residents only. They currently have nearly 170 families registered to receive services with 35 new families registered from July to September. Guests are able to use the pantry 2 times per month. 94% of the guests have some sort of income but all are at poverty level. The Pantry has provided for 3345 adults and children through September which is 235 more people than all of 2008. By the end of 2009, they are estimating a 56% increase in services provided over last year. The Pantry provides about 50 pounds of food per family each month or about 8500 pounds of food. So the results of everyone's outstanding efforts will provide services for more than a month. The Pantry has a great start to the 4th quarter.

Special thanks to Lioness Deb Denure, Lioness Michelle Gille and Lion Larry Chatman for organizing this project and giving the Lions and Lioness an opportunity to work together and serve our community.

## 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 October 6, 2009. Lion President Bryan Bazan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with 33 members and two guests in attendance.

### Minutes of Club Meeting

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

Lion Eric Kinnaird made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Lion Rob Sherman, and carried unanimously. The report will be filed for audit.

### Old Business

The Fundraising Committee gave a report on current and possible options for future fundraisers.

Lion Larry Chatman reported on the Family Festival booth and parade participation.

Lion Jim Sporer gave an update on some changes to the club website.

Lion Chuck Basford reported on the status of the bocce ball court construction.

### New Business

Club members did 15 eye transports during September.

Lion Bob Mecum and Lion Ed Proctor will coordinate taking photos of all members for PR and other future needs.

Lion Larry Chatman reported that McFarland Lioness Deb Denure, who is on the McFarland Food Pantry Board of Directors, has asked if the club is interested in doing a joint "Hands On" community service project with the Lioness Club to benefit the food pantry.

Lion Larry Chatman provided information about this year's Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign.

The club will be putting out extra eyeglass containers on December 7 during the Christmas in the Village celebration.

### Correspondence

Received a thank you from McFarland Food Pantry for \$1,000.00 donation

### Announcements

Zone Meeting – Tuesday, October 13 at Hawthorn's in Oregon

Beverage Winner – Lion Paul Fankhauser

Money Winner – Lion Bob Mecum

Next Meeting – November 3, 2009

Adjourned at 9:00 p.m. on a motion by Lion Matt Larson, seconded by Lion Rob Sherman and carried unanimously.

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## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

McFarland Lions Club, McFarland Wisconsin

The McFarland Lions Club held a regular board meeting at the Green Lantern Restaurant on October 6, 2009. President Bryan Bazan called the meeting to order at 9:05 pm with the following board members in attendance:

Matt Larson	Ernie Thieding
Dick Metcalf	Bruce Voight
Dick Schwedersky	Larry Chatman
Brad Czebotar	Al Wheeler
Ed Proctor	Mary Pat Lytle

There were also 22 non-voting Club members present.

### Minutes of Board Meeting

A motion was made by Lion Matt Larson to pay \$135.00 to the McFarland *Thistle* for an advertisement, seconded by Lion Bruce Voight, and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Lion Al Wheeler to pay \$204.75 for an ad in the McFarland *Thistle* edition that will be delivered to all addresses in the 53558 area, seconded by Lion Dick Metcalf, and carried unanimously. The McFarland Lioness Club will pay \$204.75 towards the total cost of the ad of \$405.50.

There being no further business brought before the board, Lion Matt Larson made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm, seconded by Lion Ernie Thieding, and carried unanimously.

Lion Secretary Dick Schwedersky

## Treasurers Report

### Monthly Income and Expenses 9/23/09 - 10/22/09

#### Activities Account

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$3,677.85</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Gazebo Income-Brick Sale	\$30.00
Mint Income	\$27.00
Refund Gordon Bernard-Calendar	\$60.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$117.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Christmas in the Village	\$25.00
27-D1 Diabetes	\$100.00
McFarland Lions-2008 Family Fest	\$263.66
Carrots-Family Festival Parade	\$98.40
Mission to Mexico	\$120.00
27-D1 CARE	\$300.00
27-D1 Hearing	\$224.00
27-D1 Youth Exchange	\$120.00
27-D1 Vision Screening	\$200.00
Storage Facility	\$390.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,841.06</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$1,953.79</b>

#### Administrative Account

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$13,940.50</b>
<b>Income</b>	
50/50 Raffle Income	\$16.50
Meals Income	\$284.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$350.50</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Community Guide Advertisement	\$135.00
Lions International Dues	\$18.59
Meal Expense	\$304.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$457.59</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$13,783.41</b>

Lion Treasurer Bruce Voight

## Celebrating Service

Eye Glasses Collected & Turned in at District Meeting	230pr
Hearing Aids Collected & Turned in at District Meeting	3 aids
Donations Made at District Meeting 10/11/09	
District Diabetes	\$100.00
District Vision Screening	\$200.00
Mission to Mexico	\$120.00
District Youth Exchange	\$120.00
District CARE	\$300.00
District Hearing	\$224.00
Cottage Grove Lions 35yr Celebration	
Lion Al Wheeler and Lioness Mary Wheeler	
Lion Dick Schwedersky and Lioness Cinda Schwedersky	
McFarland Family Festival Food Booth	
Lions George Fuller, Dan Mitchell, Matt Larson, Bruce Voight, Rob Sherman, Jim Klubertanz, Phil Wildt, Mary Pat Lytle, Bryan Bazan, Larry Chatman	
McFarland Family Festival Parade	
Lions Larry Chatman, Bob Hargraves, Bruce Voight, Brett Rieman, Bryan Bazan, Phil Wildt, Rob Sherman, Arnie Gerber and his truck.	
September Eye Tissue Transports for the Lions Eye Bank	
Lions Tim Benishek, Ken Brost, Jr., Larry Chatman, Paul Fankhauser, John Handley, Jim Howery, Matt Larson, Mac McCoprmick(2), Dan Mitchell, Tim Mitchell, Jim Sporer, Ed Proctor(2), Bruce Voight	
Elderly Transport, Hospice, Etc	
George Fuller	8 hours
Luke House	
Jim Klubertanz	12 hours
Bethel Lutheran Food Pantry	
Mary Pat Lytle	4 hours
Second Harvest Food Bank	
Mac McCormick	20 hours
McFarland Food Pantry	
Dick Nelson	30 hours

## More Food Drive Snaps



Lion Joe Meuting, with children Billy & Joelle, sorted and packed crates for two shifts.



Lioness Michella Gilla, Mary Winter and Jessica Schwedersky and Lion Dick Schwedersky



Lion Holly Basford, Billy, Joelle & Lion Joe Meuting, Lioness Sara Sprang, Michelle Gilla, Mary Winter, Jessica Schwedersky and Lion Dick Schwedersky

### 27D1 CARE Project - Our Donation \$\$ at Work

Since our club just made a \$300 donation to the CARE project, here's an update. Dr. Gill, who spoke to the club a couple of years ago, is in his 31st year in the Philippines. He performed a record 1,339 cataract surgeries this year, bringing the total since the program started to more than 26,000 surgeries.

### District 27D1 Bowling Tournament



Feb 13-14, 2010

Rude's Lanes - Deforest

There will be a sign-up sheet at the January meeting or contact Bruce Voight to sign-up. It's an 8-Pin tap Handicap Tournament open to any Lion, who wants to bowl.

**Come out and join in this fun event!**

# Family Festival



Lioness Char Chatman, Lions Larry Chatman, Bryan Bazan & Stu Hardtke at the Family Festival Food Booth



Lions Rob Sherman and Phil Wildt pass out carrots along the Family Festival Parade route



Lioness & Lions waiting for the parade to begin. Lions Arnie Gerber, Rob Sherman, Phil Wildt, Bob Hargraves, Bruce Voight, Lioness Danita Lehnherr with Carson & Rowan, Lion Bryan Bazan, Lioness Laura Bauer, Deb Denure, Carol Munch, Jackie Hepler and Lion Brett Rieman marched in the Family Festival Parade and passed out 10 cases of carrots to parade viewers. Thanks to Lion Arnie Gerber for using his truck.



Lioness Danita Lehnherr & Lion Brett Rieman lead the way.



Lioness Jackie Hepler, Deb Denure, Carol Much & Danita Lehnherr pose for a picture at the end of the parade.

## November Birthdays

November 13 - Matt Larson    November 24 - Bruce Voight  
November 28 - Chuck Basford

Happy Birthday

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