



# The Communicator

McFarland Lions  
Newsletter

December 2011

## Calendar of Events

December 3	Christmas in the Village, McFarland
December 3	Lions Eye Bank Open House
December 6	McFarland Lions Meeting, Green Lantern, 6:30pm
December 6-12	Lions Eye Bank Week
December 10-17	Bell Ringing at Pick N Save, McFarland
December 25	Merry Christmas
January 1	Welcome 2012 - Happy New Year
January 6	McFarland Lions Meeting, Green Lantern, 6:30pm
January 21-22	District Bowling, Dodger Bowl, Dodgeville



### December 6th Meeting

The guest speaker for the evening will be  
PDG Rick Daluge, Community Relations Specialist  
with the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin

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Lion Ed Proctor will be on hand to take Lions photos at the meeting. Pictures are still needed for the following Lions: Steve Annen, Holly Basford, Chuck Basford, Bryan Bazan, Steve Bultman, Mike Fay, Dan Frank, George Fuller, Brian Garske, Arnie Gerber, Dennis Gulickson, Noel Hayden, Bob Hepler, Tim Kalamarz, Gordon Kinder, Gordon Lofgren, Bob Mecum, Dick Metcalf, Tim Mitchell, Dave Olson, Sharon Payne, Andrew Peart, Roger Richards, Dave Schluter, Jeff Schraml, Paul Spellman, Jim Sporer, Bryan Spangler, Steve Tumilty and Jason Weber.

**Dinner will be Ham served Family Style**

### Lions Calendars

There are still many Lions Calendars that have not been picked up. If you haven't picked up your calendars, you can pick them up at the December 6th meeting or by contacting Lion Al at 838-8596. Please turn in any outstanding calendar money as soon as possible.

### District 27D1 Bowling Tournament

January 21-22, 2012

Dodger Bowl, Dodgeville



There will be a sign-up sheet at the January meeting or contact Bruce Voight to sign-up. It will be an 8-Pin tap Handicap Tournament open to any Lion, who wants to bowl. Come out and join in this fun event!

### Salvation Army

There are still some remaining shifts to Ring Bells at Pick N Save during "our" week, December 10th -17th. 32 of the 42 possible shifts have been filled. If you haven't done one, check you schedule and sign up. If you have already done a shift, "Great!", but consider doing another. You can sign up online at [www.ringbells.org](http://www.ringbells.org) or call Lion Larry at 838-3431.

*The following shifts were still available as of Monday, November 28, 2011.*

**Monday, December 12, 2011**

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM    12:00 PM to 2:00 PM  
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM    4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

**Wednesday, December 14, 2011**

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

**Thursday, December 15, 2011**

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM    6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

**Friday, December 16, 2011**

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM    2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

**Saturday, December 17, 2011**

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

### Lions Eye Bank Open House

The Lions Eye Bank will be having an Open House on December 3, 10am – 2pm, which celebrates Lions Eye Bank week. This is a community event that is open to the general public. If any club members have not been to the Eye Bank, this would be a great opportunity to pay a visit. If you go, take a friend. It might be an ideal way to show a potential new member one of our Lion's projects! Please see that attached flyer for more detailed information.

## 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 November 1, 2011. Lion 1st Vice President Ernie Thieding called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with 28 members and 2 guests in attendance.

### Minutes of Club Meeting

Instead of the Tail Twister working at the meeting he asked members attending to bring a food item for the McFarland Food Pantry.

Guest speaker was a representative from the Braille Library and Resource Center. After her talk 1st VP Ernie presented her a check for \$200.00 which was a budgeted item.

Lion Larry Chatman announced that the visitation for Charter Member Dick Nelson will be from 10 a.m.-noon on Friday November 4th. The club will be sending a check to WLF in his name.

Lion Rob Sherman made a motion to approve the secretary's minutes, seconded by Lion Al Wheeler and carried unanimously.

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

### Old Business

Lion Al Wheeler reported that the 2012 calendars have been handed out and about 2/3rds of the money is back in the club treasury at this time.

1st Vice President Ernie said that 23 kids had participated in the peace poster contest. He will meet with the new art teacher to select a winner and send the information to DG Neil Winchell.

Lion Larry Chatman also brought up that we, along with the Lioness Club, are going to help the McFarland Food Pantry purchase turkeys for Thanksgiving. This request will be sent to the board.

### New Business

Lion Larry Chatman has been contacted by the Chamber about Christmas in the Village. The club has budgeted money for candy during the event. The Chamber will provide a list of participants so we can deliver eye glass containers to be used that day for eyeglass donations.

Lion Larry Chatman also reminded the members of the upcoming Salvation Army Bell campaign. We have collaborated with the Lioness Club over the last few years to man the bucket at Pick'n Save.

Two new members were inducted into the Club. New Members were Lion Dan Frank sponsored by Lion Jeff Bauer

and Lion Bryan Spangler sponsored by Lion Dick Schwedrsky.

Lion Rob Sherman said that the club would be doing Vision Screening on November 15th from 9:00 to 10:30 AM and from 12:00 to 1:00 PM at the Conrad Elvehjem School.

District Bowling will be January 21 & 22 at Dodger Bowl in Dodgeville. Lion Bruce Voight will work on getting some members to bowl.

### Correspondence

Thank you note from the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin for the \$60.00 donation in honor of DG Neil Winchell Visit

### Upcoming Events

Daylight Savings Time Ends 11/6

Veterans Day 11/11

World Diabetes Day 11/14

Thanksgiving 11/24

Christmas in the Village 12/3

### Awards

Perfect Attendance and Chevron pins were handed out to Lion Ed Proctor and Lion Fran Faber.

The Club was presented a patch for the club banner for donating to WLF last year.

President Matt Larson was also presented a pin for the donation to WLF.

### Announcements

Next meeting – Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at the Green Lantern 6:30 p.m.

Beverage Winner –Lion Gordy Brandt

Money Winner – Lion Noel Hayden

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on a motion by Lion Rob Sherman, seconded by Lion Roger Richards 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 November 1, 2011. 1st Vice President Ernie Thieding called the meeting to order at 8:15 pm with the following board members in attendance:

Paul Fankhauser	Phil Wildt	Bruce Voight
Mike Decker	Dick Schwedrsky	Larry Chatman
Bob Hargraves	Al Wheeler	

There were also 18 non-voting Club members present

### Minutes of Board Meeting

A motion was made by Lion Al Wheeler to pay \$500.00 to

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the McFarland Food Pantry for Thanksgiving turkeys in memory of Past Charter Member Lion Dick Nelson, seconded by Lion Mike Decker, and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Lion Bruce Voight to accept for membership into the club Steve Tumilty sponsored by Lion Bruce Voight and Tim Kalamarz sponsored by Lion Bruce Voight, seconded by Lion Al Wheeler, and carried unanimously.

Lion Diane Vender (the District Environmental Chair) will be attending a Club meeting later in the year at which the village will request help from the Club for planting trees. A motion was made by Lion Al Wheeler to have the club pick up the dinner for Lion Diane Vender at that meeting, seconded by Lion Paul Fankhauser, and carried unanimously.

Lion Bruce Voight said that he was sending a check to the Wisconsin Lions Foundation in the name of Past Charter Member Lion Dick Nelson for an already budgeted amount of \$50.00

There being no further business brought before the board, Lion Mike Decker made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm, seconded by Lion Al Wheeler, and carried unanimously.

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**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL MEETING**

McFarland Lions Club of McFarland, Wisconsin

The Officers and Board held a special Board Meeting thru e-mail and phone calls on November 22, 2011.

Meeting was called Lion President Matt Larson with the following club officers responding.

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| Matt Larson  | Al Wheeler   | Larry Chatman |
| Phil Wildt   | Dan Mitchell | Bruce Voight  |
| Tim Benishek | Bryan Bazan  | Bob Hargraves |

**Minutes of Business Meeting**

Lion Larry Chatman made a motion that the McFarland Lions Club spend an additional \$57.44 on an add to go into the Hometown Advertiser and the McFarland Thistle for the McFarland Christmas in the village, seconded by Lion Bruce Voight, and unanimously carried by the eight board members listed above.

Lion Dick Schwedrsky  
Secretary

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Monthly Income & Expenses 10/24/11-11/27/11

**Activities Account**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1341.75</b>
Income	
Kiss the Pig Contest	160.93
Gazebo Brick Income	60.00
Calendar Income	1913.51
Mint Income	281.00
Expenses	
Lenscrafters-Optical Services	85.00
McFarland Food Pantry(Kiss the Pig)	160.93
Braille Library & Transcribing Services	200.00
Indian Mound Middle School(Peace Poster)	60.00
Three Gaits	250.00
Sharing resources Worldwide	200.00
Wis Council of the Blind	200.00
Leader Dog	100.00
WLF - Dick Nelson Memorial	50.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 2451.26</b>

**Administrative Account**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$ 13537.85</b>
Income	
50/50 Raffle Income	28.00
Meals Income	211.00
Expenses	
Zone Meeting Meals	21.21
Hometown News-Advertising	311.85
Meeting Meals	229.00
Xmas in the Village Ad	149.00
PO Box Rental/Postage	86.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 12979.79</b>

Treasurer, *Lion Bruce Voight*



New Lions Bryan Spangler and Dan Frank were inducted at the November 1st meeting. Lion Dick Schwedrsky sponsored Bryan and Lion Jeff Bauer is Dan's sponsor. Welcome to Lions!

**December Birthdays**

- December 2 - Steve Bultman
- December 11 - Paul Fankhauser
- December 22 - Ed Proctor
- December 22 - Dave Olson
- December 27 - Noel Hayden
- December 27 - Jim Hickey

**Happy Birthday**

## Celebrating Service

Elderly Transport, Luke House, Etc. George Fuller	8 hours
McFarland Public Library Sharon Payne	30 hours
Second Harvest Food Bank Mac McCormick	20 hours
McFarland Food Pantry Don Zimmerman	12 hours
Holly Basford	10 hours
Four Lakes Bocce Assoc Chuck Basford	20 hours
Badger Honor Flight Dick Metcalf	4 hours
Skaalen Home Visitation Phil Wildt	4 hours
Registration for Badger Honor Flight Dick Metcalf	4 hours
Childrens Vision Screening Larry Chatman	4.5 hours
Rob Sherman	4.5 hours
25 children screened with 4 referrals	
Eye Tissue Transport Matt Larson	2 hours

Lenscrafters-Optical Services	85.00
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WLF - Dick Nelson Memorial	50.00
Lions Eye Bank (DG Neil Winchell)	60.00

**Thank You, Lions!**

## Youth Exchange

Did you know that our Lions District 27-D1 sponsors five to ten youth, ages 16 – 18, for an International Youth Exchange Program each summer? Our Lions International Youth Exchange program typically happens during the month of July, where participating youth live with host families and also attend a Lions International Youth Exchange camp in countries such as Germany, Belgium, Italy, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Turkey, and more.

In our district, eligible youth can compete for a District 27-D1 Youth Exchange Scholarship which ranges from \$500 - \$800 depending on the number of youth applications received and funding availability. Scholarships are available to any child or grandchild of Lion and Lioness Members and also to Leo Club members. Our Scholarship deadline is rapidly approaching on December 15th, 2011. Although our scholarship is only available to youth meeting the above criteria, this program is open to any youth wishing to experience another culture and is capable of representing our county in a positive way.

Please pass this information along to your club members so that they can find out if their children, grandchildren or great grandchildren might be interested in this extremely rewarding cultural exchange program which satisfies the first objective of the Lions, "To Create and Foster a Spirit of Understand Among Peoples of the World".

More information along with application materials can be downloaded from [www.tokencreeklions.org/27-D1YE](http://www.tokencreeklions.org/27-D1YE)

Or, by contacting me directly.

Lion Ben August District 27-D1 Youth Exchange Chair  
[ben@klicksights.com](mailto:ben@klicksights.com)



Lion Ernie Thieding with Julaicy Kabistan-Henriquez, winner of the local Peace Poster contest at Indian Mound Middle School. Julaicy's poster was selected from 23 entries from Gary Schneider's art class. The other entries were from Becca Forman, Caitlin McLimans, Faith Adams, Frederick Garcia, Henry Malueg, Hunter Patchin, Imamicudin Syed, Isaac McNurien, Jakob Worley, Joe Holt, Kassy Chapman, Kenzie Beam, Lauren Stehly, Lydia Jacoby, Morgan Richter, Rachel Miller, Reid Ballentine, Sierra Carstens, Sophia Paschke, Tatum Updike, Tori Chapman, Tyler Ganser. Lion Ernie presented Peace Poster Certificates to Julaicy and all of the participants as well as a \$60 donation to the Indian Mound Middle School Art Department

## Opportunity to Serve

*The following was received from Ingrid Thompson, Senior Outreach Services Director, regarding an opportunity to serve on an Ad Hoc committee looking into developing a community center. If interested, please contact Ingrid by Monday, December 5, 2011.*

On behalf of the Senior Outreach Committee, we are looking for a few good individuals to volunteer to be part of McFarland's future. We need citizen members for input on a recently reactivated committee evaluating the need for a Senior/Community center for the Village of McFarland. The goals of this committee are to develop a grand vision of a facility to meet the needs of the community (seniors, youth, recreation and a gathering place), identify facility options and locations, explore financing options and execute cost analysis and financial planning for facility construction.

Work has been done in the past identifying a clear need for a Senior/Community Center in our community. Now we have to figure out two more things. First would be the size and scope of operations this facility would host and how to finance it with minimal cost to our tax base. This is something I feel can be done but we need your help. Anyone with experience in

finance, building, architecture or if you just want to help your community, please contact us. Our goal is to have one meeting per month, starting in January 2012, (probably a week night) to begin this process. Meetings would last around an hour or two.

If you are interested please contact Aaron Babcock or Ingrid Thompson at the numbers below by Monday, Dec 5, 2011.

Ingrid – 608-838-7117 [ingrid.thompson@mcfarland.wi.us](mailto:ingrid.thompson@mcfarland.wi.us)  
Aaron -608-838-4917 [aaron.babcock@mcfarland.wi.us](mailto:aaron.babcock@mcfarland.wi.us)

## Citizen of the Year

Do you know someone that has volunteered time and talent to serve the people of McFarland and/or promoted the community unselfishly above or beyond his or her regular duties of employment? Now is the time to nominate an individual for this award. For more information visit the Chamber web site. The completed form must be postmarked by January 15, 2012 to be considered.

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