



# The Communicator

McFarland Lions  
Newsletter

February 2012

## Calendar of Events

February 2	Ground Hog Day
February 5	Edgerton Lions Super Pancake Breakfast
February 7	McFarland Lions Meeting, Green Lantern, 6:30pm
February 11	Cycle For Sight, UW Campus locations, 10am
February 11	Fitchburg Lions Chili Dinner, Community Center, 4:30-7pm
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 20	Presidents Day
February 29	Leap Day
March 6	McFarland Lions Meeting, Green Lantern, 6:30pm
March 9-10	District Convention, Middleton Marriott
May 17-19	State Lions Convention, Green Bay



### Program for Feb 7 Meeting

Our speakers for the evening will be William Cress, President of Cress Funeral Home and Stoughton Lion and Mike Smits, General Manager of Gunderson Funeral Home. Among items they will discuss is advance planning and its advantages.

### Lions Red Shirts

If you ordered a Lions Red Shirt or Sweatshirt, they will be available for pick up at the Feb 7th meeting. If you would like to pick your order up before the meeting, please call Lion Bob Hargraves at 838-8807.

### February Food Drive Schedule

#### Friday, February 10th

Noon to 2:00 p.m. - Mary Winter, Heleen Hayden, Bob Hargraves  
2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Bob Hepler, Dick Schwedsky, Mary Pat Lytle, Brad Czebatar  
4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Laura Bauer, Cathy Kirby, Carol Munch, Sharon Payne  
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (at the pantry) - Jackie Voight, Bruce Voight, Carly Schmelzer

#### Saturday, February 11th

10:00 a.m. to Noon - Holly Basford, Chuck Basford, Sandy Hall, Velma Strander  
Noon to 2:00 p.m. - Sara Sprang, Wendy Motl, Larry Chatman, Char Chatman  
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (at the pantry) - Phil & Lisa Entringer, Bruce Voight, Jackie Voight

We can use 5 people per shift, 2 at each door and 1 to load items on the truck, so you can see, there are still openings for you to help. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Feb 7 meeting or call or email Larry Chatman, 838-3431 or larrychatman@me.com

### 2011 District 27-D1 Convention March 9-10, 2012

Marriott Hotel, Middleton  
Anyone who is planning to attend and hasn't signed up should do so at the February 7th Meeting!  
**Registration & Meals Paid for by the Club**

#### Friday Evening

Wine & Beer Tasting Social  
Red Cross Blood Drive

#### Saturday

Opening Session - Breakout Seminars  
Luncheon Program - Honors Night Banquet



Since this years convention is in Middleton, it is a great opportunity to attend the convention without the travel or the hotel expense.

### McFarland Firefighters Association Annual Team Bowling Tournament February 18, 2012 Spartan Bowl

To show the Lions support of our Firefighters, we would like to enter a team in this tournament. Cost is \$100 or \$20 per bowler. If you are interested, contact Lion Dick Schwedsky.

To include an announcement or article in the next newsletter, please contact Bruce Voight by the 20th of the month.  
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# 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 3, 2012. Lion Secretary Dick Schwedrsky called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with 31 members and 3 guests in attendance.

## Minutes of Club Meeting

Guest speaker was Steve Hoefft from the McFarland Public Works Department who spoke to the club about the Emerald Ash Bore and what steps the village was taking as well as how the Lions could help with the village's plans. In attendance also was Diane Vendon (District 27-D1 Environmental Chair) and Bill Tefft (District 27-D1 Alert/Disaster Relief Chair).

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

Lion Roger Richards 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

Lion Al Wheeler reported that the club had some extra 2012 calendars if any members were looking for some extra calendars.

Lion Dick Schwedrsky reported that the Lions and Lioness clubs had worked at Pick N Save helping the Salvation Army Ring the Bells. Lions Club worked 76 hours and the Lioness Club worked 36 hours.

Lions Jim Sporer and Ed Proctor were taking pictures of new and old members for the web site.

The club was reminded that in January the club would start putting together a slate for the election of club officers for the 2012-2013 year. Lion Bruce Voight and the Nominations Committee are working on this for the February 2012 meeting.

Lion Chuck Basford said that he had been contacted by the State Curling Committee that there was one team opening for the Lions State Curling Bonspiel to be held in McFarland on January 14 and 15. If any members were interested they should contact Lion Chuck.

District Bowling will be January 21 and 22 at Dodger Bowl in Dodgeville. Lion Bruce Voight told the club that McFarland would have 3 teams (2 Lions and 1 Lioness) going to Dodgeville on January 21st for the 2:00 PM Shift.

### New Business

District Convention will be at the Marriott in Middleton on March

9th and 10th 2012. Lion Dick Schwedrsky encouraged members to attend as the sight for the convention is so close. The club will pick up the registration fees and meal.

The McFarland Lions Club put in a bid to be on the Convention Ballot to host District bowling in 2013.

The Club members were reminded to get their Committees selection sheets back to either Lion Ernie Thieding or Lion Dick Schwedrsky so that incoming President Ernie can assign members to committees.

Lion PDG Rob Sherman presented new Lion member Brian Garske (sponsor Jeff Bauer) and Lion Steve Tumilty (sponsor Bruce Voight) with their membership packets and pins.

### Correspondence

Thank you notes from:

McFarland Food Pantry

UW Eye Research Institute Cycle for Sight Event

Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually impaired.

### Upcoming Events

1/13 - Melvin Jones Birthday

1/13-1/15 Lion State Curling Bonspiel, McFarland

1/14 - Madison/Monona Lioness Meat Raffle

1/21- Marshall Lions Fisheree & Hunt

1/22- District Cabinet Meeting, Cross Plains

1/28 - Vision Screening Training, Waunakee

1/30- Zone Meeting, Mulligans in Oregon

### Awards

None

### Announcements

Next meeting - Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at the Green Lantern 6:30 p.m.

Beverage Winner - Lion Paul Fankhauser

Money Winner - Lion Dan Frank

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on a motion by Lion Rob Sherman, seconded by Lion Brad Czebotar and carried unanimously.

Dick Schwedrsky

Secretary McFarland Lions Club

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 3 Jim Sporer

February 9 Jeff Bauer

February 16 Rollie Budnar

February 21 Mike Decker

February 2 Paul Spellman



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Monthly Income & Expenses 12/27/11 - 1/29/12

### Activities Account

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$ 2430.26</b>
Income	
Donations	31.50
Calendar Income	210.00
Expenses	
McFarland Food Pantry	31.50
ADA-Diabetes Camp Lakota	100.00
WLF-Diabetes Camp	100.00
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation	100.00
LEBW-Capital Campaign(pymt 2 of 4)	250.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 2090.26</b>

### Administrative Account

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$ 12905.45</b>
Income	
50/50 Raffle Income	33.00
Meals Income	238.00
Tail Twister	15.00
District Bowling	135.00
Expenses	
Raffle Donation Transfer to Activities	31.50
ABCIMS-Webstie Fee	174.08
Ernie Thieding/Office Supplies&Postage	17.87
Pin Shirts Vests	165.53
District Bowling (Bowling Fee 2 teams)	150.00
Meeting Meals	256.00
LCI - International Dues	1257.75
Hometown News-Advertizing	57.44
Convention Ad - District Bowling	50.00
Convention Hospitality-District Bowling	100.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 11066.28</b>

## Slate of Officers 2012-13

<b>President</b>	<b>Ernie Thieding</b>	<b>1st of 2 Years</b>
<b>1st VP</b>	<b>Tim Benishek</b>	<b>1st of 2 Years</b>
<b>2nd VP</b>	<b>Brad Czebotar</b>	<b>1st of 2 Years</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Dick Schwedrsky</b>	<b>1st of 2 Years</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Bruce Voight</b>	<b>2nd of 2 Years</b>
<b>1 year Director</b>	<b>Paul Fankhauser</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
<b>1 year Director</b>	<b>Phil Wildt</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
<b>2 Year Director</b>	<b>Arnie Gerber</b>	<b>2 Years</b>
<b>2 Year Director</b>	<b>Jeff Bauer</b>	<b>2 Years</b>
<b>Past President</b>	<b>Matt Larson</b>	<b>1st of 2 Years</b>
<b>Tail Twister</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
<b>Lion Tamer</b>	<b>Dick Metcalf</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
<b>Membership Chair</b>	<b>Bryan Bazan</b>	<b>1st of 2 Years</b>
<b>Lioness Co-Liaison</b>	<b>Larry Chatman</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
<b>Lioness Co-Liaison</b>	<b>Al Wheeler</b>	<b>1 Year</b>

We are still in need of a Tail twister. The Tail Twisters purpose is to instill enthusiasm and good fellowship at the meetings. The Tail twister is also empowered to impose and collect fines from members. There is no appeal of those decisions. If you would like to fill this position, please contact Bruce Voight. This is the perfect office for newer members who like to get more involved.

## Celebrating Service

Elderly Transport, Luke House, Etc	8 hours
George Fuller	
McFarland Public Library	30 hours
Sharon Payne	
Second Harvest Food Bank	20 hours
Mac McCormick	
McFarland Food Pantry	12 hours
Don Zimmerman	
Holly Basford	10 hours
Four Lakes Bocce Assoc	20 hours
Chuck Basford	
Eye Tissue Transport 12/21/11	1 hour
Matt Larson	
Platelet Donation	3 hours
Jeff Bauer	
McFarland Food Pantry(Ernie Thieding)	\$15.00
McFarland Food Pantry(Dan Frank)	\$16.50

- 1/14/12 CEP Meeting, Mt Horeb  
    Dick Schwedrsky & Rob Sherman
- 1/21/12 District Bowling, Dodgeville  
    Al Wheeler, Jim Sporer, Mike Decker, Bruce Voight, Dennis Gullickson, Ernie Thieding, Jerry Adrian, Jim Klubertanz, Dick Schwedrsky
- 1/22/12 District Cabinet Meeting, Cross Plains  
    Dennis Gullickson, Gordy Brandt, Dick Schwedrsky
- 1/22/12 Glasses Given to WLF Director Sam Powell 410 pair  
    Total Glasses Since July 1, 2003 9466 pair  
    Total Hearing Aids since July 1, 2003 87
- 1/22/12 Julaicy Kabistan 2nd Place District 27D1-Peace Poster Contest - will be receiving Check from District
- 11/18 to 12/23/11 Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army  
    Lions: Bob Hepler(2 Shifts), Chuck Basford(2), Holly Basford, Noel Hayden, Mary Pat Lytle, Rob Sherman(2), Brad Czebotar(2), Mac McCormick, Brett Rieman, Bruce Voight, Larry Chatman(2), Dick Schwedrsky(13), Bob Hargraves, Roger Richards, Paul Fankhauser, Fran Faber, Dick Metcalf, Gordon Kinder, Sharon Payne, Ernie Thieding
- Lioness: Ronna Estock, Jackie Voight(3), Char Chatman, Sandy Hall(2), Velma Strander, Wendy & Michael Motl, Jackie Hepler, Heleen Hayden, Colleen McCormick, Renee Metcalf, Sue Richards, Cathy Kirby, Laura Bauer, Laurie Downs

## Thank You



Lion Rob Sherman installed 2 new members at the January meeting, Brian Garske (Jeff Bauer-Sponsor) and Steve Tumilty (Bruce Voight-Sponsor)