



The Communicator

McFarland Lions
Newsletter

January 2010

January is Glaucoma Awareness Month Calendar of Events

January 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
January 5	McFarland Lions Meeting, Green Lantern, 6:30PM
January 13	Melvin Jones' Birthday
January 18	Martin Luther King Day
January 24	District Cabinet Meeting
January 26	Zone Meeting, Cozee Inn, Verona 6PM
February 2	Ground Hogs Day, Let's hope Jimmy predicts an early spring!
February 2	McFarland Lions Meeting, Green Lantern 6:30PM, District Governor Rick Daluge



Program for the January 5th Meeting

The Civic Affairs Committee will present their findings on the community based projects that our Lions Club will consider. Attached to the newsletter is a survey which lists many possible projects for the Club's consideration. Several community members will be on hand to present and provide more information about the communities needs and the many possible community projects.

Janet Moore, Outreach Education Coordinator-
McFarland Schools

Sandra Radney, Community Outreach/Prevention Coordinator,
McFarland Schools

Deb Denure, Secretary, McFarland Food Pantry Board

Steve Hoeft, Assistant Director Public Works/Parks Manager

Sara Sprang, McFarland Senior Outreach

2010 District 27-D1 Bowling

Hosted by DeForest/Token Creek
8-Pin Tap Team Tournament
Rude's Lanes - DeForest
February 13-14, 2010



SIGN UP AT THE MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 5 OR
Contact Lion Bruce Voight
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Lion's Calendar Money

If you still have outstanding calendar money, please get it turned in to Lion Al not later than the January 5th meeting. If you won't be at the meeting, please mail or drop it off before then. We would like to close the books on the calendar sale by January 10, 2010.

2010 District 27-D1 Convention

March 12-13, 2010
HOLIDAY INN - DUBUQUE, IOWA
Anyone who is planning to attend should sign up at January meeting.
Registration & Meals
Paid for by the Club

Attn: Eyeglass Recyclers

If you haven't emptied your eyeglass containers after Christmas in the Village please do so and drop glasses at Lion Dick's house or bring them to the meeting on January 5, 2010



National Glaucoma Awareness Month

January 1 - 31, 2010

More than 2 million Americans age 40 and older suffer from glaucoma. Nearly half do not know they have the disease-it causes no early symptoms. Prevent Blindness America will provide insightful information about this "Sneak Thief of Sight." For information, www.preventblindness.net or call 1-800-331-2020.

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 December 1, 2009. Lion President Bryan Bazan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with 30 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Minutes of Club Meeting

Guest speaker Ruth Ann Schoer, Development Director, Salvation Army didn't show up.

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

Lion Matt Larson 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

Lion Al Wheeler still has some 2010 calendars to distribute.

Lion Brad Czebotar reported that a \$300.00 donation was made to purchase a reading machine for a village resident.

Lion Larry Chatman reported that all the shifts for bell ringing for the Salvation Army have been filled by Lions and Lioness club members for December 4th and 5th.

Christmas in the Village will be December 5. Additional eyeglass containers will be distributed at businesses in the village.

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.

Vision Screening was held on Wednesday November 25, 2009 with Lion Rob Sherman and Lion Larry Chatman working the event. Thirty-eight students were screened with eight referrals.

New Business

The winner of the Peace Poster Contest from McFarland was

Cora Stube, a student at Indian Mound Middle School.

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

Correspondence

Thank you note from the McFarland Food Pantry

Announcements

Next meeting – Tuesday, January 5, 2010

Beverage Winner – Lion Mike Decker

Money Winner – Lion Matt Larson

Adjourned at 7.45 p.m. on a motion by Lion Matt Larson, seconded by Lion Mike Decker and carried unanimously.

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 December 1, 2009. President Bryan Bazan called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm with the following board members in attendance:

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

There were also 18 non-voting Club members present.

Minutes of Board Meeting

A motion was made by Lion Matt Larson to pay \$60.00 to the students who participated in the Peace Poster Contest, seconded by Lion Mike Decker, and carried unanimously.

There being no further business brought before the board, Lion Matt Larson made a motion to adjourn at 7.50 pm, seconded by Lion Mike Decker, and carried unanimously.

Lion Secretary Dick Schwedersky

Treasurers Report

Monthly Income & Expenses 11/23/09-12/27/09

Activities Account

Beginning Balance	\$ 4,204.04
Income	
Calendar Income	\$ 768.50
Expenses	
Indian Mound Middle School-Peace Poster	\$ 60.00
Lenscrafters - Exam & Glasses	\$ 85.00
Lions Eye Bank - Annual Donation	\$ 1,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 3,827.54

Administrative Account

Beginning Balance	\$13,513.82
Income	
Meeting Meals	\$ 238.00
Raffle Income	\$ 14.00
Lions Shirts Sales	\$ 158.00
Expenses	
Meal Expense	\$ 247.00
Lions Shirts	\$ 181.29
Office Supplies	\$ 38.75
Ending Balance	\$13,456.78

Celebrating Service

Month of November Volunteer Service

McFarland Public Library	Sharon Payne	30 Hours
Empty Stocking Club	Matt Larson	3 Hours

11/3/09	Optical Services Provided	\$ 85.00
11/17/09	Clear Vision/Low Vision Reader	\$ 300.00
12/1/09	Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin	\$1,000.00

Month of December Volunteer Service

Elderly Transport, Hospice, Etc	George Fuller	8 Hours
Luke House	Jim Klubertanz	12 Hours
Second Harvest Food Bank	Mac McCormick	20 Hours
McFarland Food Pantry	Dick Nelson	30 Hours
Nursing Home & In Home Elderly Visits		

Phil Wildt 10 Hours

Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army 2 hour shifts 28 Hours

Larry Chatman	Stu Hardtke
Matt Larson	Chuck Basford
Dick Schwedrsky	Joe Mueting
Roger Richards	Brad Czebotar
Mary Pat Lytle	Sharon Payne
Bryan Bazan	Jason Weber
Bruce Voight	Rob Sherman

11/25/09	Childrens Vision Screening	
	Rob Sherman	8 Hours
	Larry Chatman	

Thank You Lions



Lions Mary Pat Lytle and Sharon Payne Ringing Bells



Bell Ringers Lioness Sue and Lion Roger Richards

Lions License Plate Continues to Move Forward

On December 3, 2009, the Wisconsin Assembly Transportation Committee had a public hearing on 7 Special License Plate bills including the Lions Assembly Bill 465. Representative David Cullen made initial supportive remarks then introduced Lion Ed Hida who spoke in support of the Bill. This was followed by Evett Hartvig, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation. Additionally, Dale Schroeder, PDG, Heidi Hida and at least 10 Madison area Lions submitted signed cards supporting the bill. All went well. While no vote was taken, there was no negative comment and specifically Chair Steinbrink publicly thanked the Lions for all the good work they do through out the state. Similarly, Rep. David Cullen, felt all went well and we ought to continue our contact efforts with particular focus on members of the Transportation committees in both the Senate and Assembly. They need to vote to get the bills out of committee and on to the floor.

January Birthdays

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| Jan 6 - Bob Mecum | |
| Jan 9 - Harold Hanson | Jan 20 - Roger Richards |
| Jan 20 - Don Zimmerman | |
| Jan 23 - Bob Waigenbach | Jan 24 - Dennis Gullickson |
| Jan 25 - Brad Czebotar | Jan 27 - Dan Mitchell |

Happy Birthday

And a belated Happy Birthday to Paul Fankhauser whose birthday on 12/11 was omitted from the December Newsletter

To include an announcement or article in the next newsletter, please contact Bruce Voight by the 20th of the month.
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2009-2010 DISTRICT 27-D1 PEACE POSTER WINNER



The winning entry in the 2009-2010 Peace Poster Contest for District 27-D1 comes from McFarland. Cora Stube, a student at Indian Mound Middle School, is this year's local and District winner. Her poster is now being judged at State level. Other local entries were submitted by Alexis Ballard and Jessica Naze. All the participants were honored at the December Middle School Assembly as Lion President Bryan presented each of the participants with a Certificate of Recognition and recognized Art Teacher Gary Schneider for encouraging the creative spirit and presented him with a donation of \$60 to the Middle School Art Dept.

Reprint of an Article from the Wisconsin Lion

"The Power of Peace" 2009-2010 Lions International Peace Poster Contest is over at the Club, District, & State levels. The International winners will be notified by February 1, 2010. This year's contest involved 3 schools with 27 students participating. This year's District winner was Cora Stube from the McFarland Indian Mound Middle School. The Peace Poster contest doesn't just happen; it takes a lot of planning and follow through from the sponsoring club and the teacher. I have been the District Peace Poster Chair for several years and would like to share a few thoughts on the contest.

The most important part of having a successful contest is to start early. Contest kits are available in January and you need to contact the school art teacher before the end of the school year. The teacher can then give the contest rules & conditions to the students and they can start planning their Peace Poster over the summer vacation.

You need to put special emphasis on the media, the theme, flexible material, so it can be rolled for shipping in a mailing tube.

Also, no writing on the front of the poster. Comments and/or thoughts on the students' quote on peace should be on the back of the poster.

I would like to encourage more clubs to participate in this Lions project. This is just one more way to let your community know what Lions are all about. Please feel free to contact me if you would like more information on working with your local schools.
Lion Dennis Gullickson, Peace Poster Chair

We Serve



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Touching,
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LIVES**