



The Communicator

McFarland Lions
Newsletter

November 2011

Calendar of Events

October 31	Halloween
November 1	McFarland Lions Meeting, Green Lantern, 6:30pm
November 6	Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 11	Honor Our Veterans Day
November 14	World Diabetes Day
November 24	Happy Thanksgiving
December 3	Christmas in the Village, McFarland
December 6	McFarland Lions Meeting, Green Lantern, 6:30pm



LIONS DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

November 1st Meeting

The guest speaker for the evening will be from the Braille Library and Transcribing Services (formerly Volunteer Braillists & Tapists)

Braille Library & Transcribing Services, Inc. is a Madison based non-profit Wisconsin corporation dedicated to providing print materials in braille or on audio cassette. Their philosophy is that everyone should have the opportunity to read. BLTS serves visually- or print-impaired persons regardless of age, race, religion, sex, or national origin.

Dinner will be Swiss Steak served Family Style

THANKSGIVING TREAT

Since November is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving, as your Tail Twister, I would like each member to bring at least two(2) canned goods or non-perishable food items (more is good) to our Tuesday, November 1 meeting. We will deliver these items to the McFarland Food Pantry as a gesture of Happy Thanksgiving from the McFarland Lions Club. If you can't make the meeting and would still like to donate, call me and we can make arrangements to pick up or deliver.



Monetary donations also welcomed.

Your Friendly Tail Twister: Lion Bob Hargraves 838-8807

Richard "Dick" Nelson

On a sad note, McFarland Lion Dick Nelson passed away Sunday, October 23rd at St Mary's Hospital from natural causes. Dick was transported to the hospital after a fire in the Williamsburg apartments where he resided. Services will be arranged by Cress Funeral Home. Dick, who turned 90 earlier this month, was a Charter Member and served as Club President in 1970-71. He was still a regular volunteer at the McFarland Food Pantry. You will be missed!

Lions Calendars Are Here!



If you haven't picked up your calendars, you can pick them up at the November 1st meeting or by contacting Lion Al at 838-8596

Bell Ringing for The Salvation Army

The 2011 Christmas Red Kettle campaign runs from November 18-December 24. Volunteering for The Salvation Army is fun and rewarding - what a great way to share your day!



Can you share 2 hours, an afternoon, or even a day to help the Salvation Army of Dane County?

If you can, they would love to have you spend a little of your day with them - working together to show our compassion and extend a helping hand for families and individuals of Dane County that need our help.



<http://madisona.volunteerfirst.org/>

Can you donate 2 hours to help make some one else's life better??

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 4, 2011. Lion President Matt Larson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with 24 members, 10 Lioness Club members, 3 guests and District Governor Neil Winchell in attendance.

Minutes of Club Meeting

Guest speaker, DG Neil Winchell, was introduced as well as prospective new members, Tom Meier, Steve Tumilty, and Tim Kalamarz.

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

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

Old Business

Lion Dick Schwedrsky reported on the club's participation in our September Eye Transport month. There were 23 eye transports for the month with 17 Lions and Lioness participating to get the job done.

Lion Al Wheeler reported that the 2012 calendars are in and ready for pick up after the meeting.

Lion Larry Chatman reported that he had contacted Lion Dick Nelson (a Club Charter Member) about going on the next available Badger Honor Flight from Madison. A donation to the Badger Honor Flight was approved at the September board meeting. This donation will be earmarked for Lion Dick's participation. Lion Dick has decided he would like to make the trip the next time it is scheduled.

New Business

Lion Larry Chatman reminded the club that Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign was coming up and bell ringers are needed. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Lion Harold Hanson and Lioness Marie Hanson donated \$200.00 to the club from the Evansville Lions Club for the use of their trailer.

DG Neil Winchell gave the Lions, Lioness and guests a talk on District, State and International Lions projects and

involvement. He also assisted with the handing out of awards.

Correspondence

Thank you note from Jennifer Heaton-Amrein thanking the club volunteers at the Family Festival

Upcoming Events

Monroe Lions 60th Anniversary 10/8

Lions Camp Work Day 10/22

Cuba City Lioness 25th Anniversary 10/23

Awards

Perfect Attendance and Chevron pins were handed out:

- Lion Jim Klubertanz received a 2 year Membership Key
- The Club was awarded a Year-Round Growth Award for the 2010-2011 Lions year
- The Club was also presented with a Club Excellence Award
- Lion Dick Schwedrsky was presented with 100% Secretary's Award
- Lion Dick Schwedrsky was presented with the Birch-Sturm Fellowship
- Lioness Mary Wheeler was presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship.
- Lion Dick Schwedrsky was presented DG Neil Winchell's Bumble Bee Award

Announcements

Next meeting – Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at the Green Lantern 6:30

Beverage Winner – Lion Mike Decker

Money Winner – Lion Mike Decker

Adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on a motion by Lion Ernie Thieding, seconded by Lion Larry Chatman and carried unanimously.

Dick Schwedrsky

Secretary

McFarland Lions Club

November Birthdays

November 5 - Andy Peart

November 13 - Matt Larson

November 24 - Dan Frank

November 24 - Bruce Voight

November 28 - Chuck Basford



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

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Monthly Income & Expenses 9/25/11 - 10/23/11

Activities Account

Beginning Balance	\$ 1369.75
Income	
Calendar Income	40.00
Expenses	
Lenscrafters-Optical Services	50.00
Gazebo Brick	18.00
Ending Balance	\$ 1341.75

Administrative Account

Beginning Balance	\$ 13391.14
Income	
Dues Income	300.00
50/50 Raffle Income	37.00
Meals Income	345.00
Tail Twister	16.07
Donation from Harold & Marie Hansen	200.00
Expenses	
International Dues	152.36
HomeTown News-Community Guide	150.00
Meeting Meals	389.00
District Governor Gift to LEBW	60.00
Ending Balance	\$ 13537.85

Treasurer, *Lion Bruce Voight*



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
Dick Nelson	20 hours
Holly Basford	10 hours
Four Lakes Bocce Assoc	
Chuck Basford	20 hours
McFarland Schools Bocce Lessons (Total 900 Students)	
Chuck Basford-September	80 hours
Chuck Basford-October	30 hours
9/23/11 Install Bricks at the Gazebo	
Larry Chatman	2 hours
9/6 & 10/3/11 Village Personnel Committee	
Brad Czebotar	5 hours
9/6/11 Sharing Resources Worldwide	
Brad Czebotar	3 hours
September Eye Transports 23 Transports	100 hours
Lions Chuck Basford (14 Dispatches), Tim Benishek, Ken Brost(2), Larry Chatman(2), Fran Faber(2), Paul Fankhauser, Jim Klubertanz, Mac McCormick, Dan Mitchell, Tim Mitchell(2), Sharon Payne, Jeff Schraml(2), Rob Sherman, Jim Sporer, Bruce Voight, Al Wheeler(2) Lioness Colleen McCormick, Nancy Sporer	

Eyeglasses Collected to District Meeting 10/16 225 pair
9056 Pair to Date

Awards 10/4/11 Meeting

Membership Key - Jim Klubertanz
Melvin Jones Fellowship - Lioness Mary Wheeler
Birch-Sturm fellowship - Dick Schwedrsky
Club Excellence Award 2010-11 - McFarland Lions
Year Round Growth 2010-11 Patch - McFarland Lions
100% Secretary Award - Dick Schwedrsky

New Members 10/4/11

Michael Fay, Sponsor Matt Larson
Bryan Spangler, Sponsor Dick Schwedrsky
Dan Frank, Sponsor Jeff Bauer
Brian Garske, Sponsor Jeff Bauer

Thank You, Lions!

Congratulations Lion Dick & Lioness Mary

District Governor Neil Winchell and PDG Rob Sherman presented Lion Dick Schwedrsky with a Birch-Sturm Fellowship at the October meeting in recognition of his many contributions and dedication to Lions. Thank you Lion Dick!

Lioness Mary Wheeler was awarded with the Melvin Jones Fellowship for everything she has done for the Lions. She has been an integral part of the Calendar Fundraiser, helping Lion Al by typing all the information for many years and then computerizing all the data. Thank you Mary, it is a well deserved honor!!