

THE LIONS ROAR

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As first vice president, I am filling in for our President Lion Tim Casey and have the opportunity to write this month's president's letter. Lion Tim is recovering from a successful knee replacement surgery in Arizona. He is getting better every day progressing with the help of Physical Therapy. This is my first substitute presidential letter and I hope you find it timely and thought provoking.

Looking back, our Thanksgiving holiday is just a memory on our waistlines. More importantly, it is a memory of good times spent carrying us forward into the upcoming Christmas celebrations especially with the great events our town is hosting. The many orange clad hunters filling our woods are

now replaced with muzzle loader and archery hunters who will hopefully add to our Lions deer pelt collection for the blind.

Soon after you read this, Christmas celebrations will be upon us as we celebrate our varied heritage with family and friends. Each nationality and region represent a host of varied and delicious recipes with traditions that bring smiles to the faces of young and old alike. A large part of the holiday spirit is sharing these memories with one another. Many families will be traveling to celebrate and be together over the next few weeks. Some will travel north and some south, some east and some west. Traveling to southern Wisconsin to visit family in all types of weather made me realize how sometimes difficult and yet rewarding the effort can be. I wish each traveler a safe and enjoyable adventure.

During this time of celebration, we also need to turn our thoughts and prayers to those less fortunate than us. All of us

Lions have worked diligently throughout the year to enable our club to make significant contributions during this season. The money you raised was distributed to over 26 organizations, charities, and individuals who rely on our best efforts. Be proud of what The Manitowish Waters Lions Club accomplished as an organization and be ready to work even harder next year. You should also be proud to be a part of the Wisconsin Lions investment presented later in this Lions Roar. Every dollar we raise counts. Every new member helps us toward our goals. So as you enjoy comradery this holiday season, look at every non-Lion you are with as a prospective new member and discuss Lions with them.

This is an exciting time for our club. Our website is undergoing a major overhaul to better serve the membership and community. As a result, the site is unavailable until January 1. The fall raffle is changing due to a past audit and member input to allow the club to raise more money with less arm twisting. Other exciting event ideas are being tossed around and will hopefully be utilized to enliven the membership and community. Creativity is a spark, sometimes a flame within all of us. All ideas are encouraged for consideration,

sometimes the crazier the better to attract interest.

I wish every Lion, their families, and friends a very merry, fulfilling Christmas and a happy, successful New Year.

Lion Paul Puccinelli



DECEMBER DINNER MEETING

All Lion Brothers come join the Lions Holiday Spirit on December 20th for our Monthly Dinner Meeting at Little Bo. Great Fellowship starts at 5:30 and dinner follows at 6:30. Bob Bridges must be called at 686-2489 by December 14th. PLEASE – no emails, just call for your food selection. Hope to see you there!

Prime Rib and Baked Potato - \$25 Broiled Pork Chop - \$22 Chicken Barkada - \$22 (all come with side salad)



THE LIONS SERVE

In October, all Wisconsin
Lions Club Officers received
an appeal to donate to the
Wisconsin Lions for the
purchase of a lifesaving Flow
Cytometer for Children's
Hospital. This hospital is
one of two facilities in the
country approved to test
this new type of cancer
treatment. If successful, the
treatment will be adopted
worldwide. At that point,

Wisconsin Lions had raised only \$40,000 of its \$100,000 goal. It was stated that LCIF would donate \$100,000 if the Wisconsin clubs donated \$100.000 by November 11th. Our board of directors unanimously approved a motion that our club had sufficient funds to enable us to donate \$1000toward this lifesaving opportunity, and a check was immediately sent out. The officers received, in late November, a heartfelt thank **you from Wisconsin Lions** stating that the \$100,000 goal was smashed. The amount raised by Wisconsin clubs totaled \$164,093.53. The Lions Cubs International **Foundation and MACC Fund** provided additional donations toward the equipment. As a result doctors and technicians are now in training on how to use the Flow Cytometer. This will enable the delivery of cell therapies to children with cancer to begin in early 2019. Your board of directors thanks all of you who worked so hard this year to raise the money so that a donation could be made for this groundbreaking, lifesaving equipment.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jerry Kort
Chuck Kramer
Bob Paneitz
Tom Polacek
Charles Rayala Jr.
Lynn Schroeder
Earl Watkins

DEER HIDE PROJECT, 2018 Dick Henske

The 2018 Hunting season marks the 25th year of the Deer Hide Collection Project for the Lions Camp at Rosholt, WI. Hunters donate their hides to various drop off points in Wisconsin. Little Star Garage and Townline Sports collect the hides in our area. The proceeds from the sales of these hides are used to defray the costs of sending children with special needs to the wonderful Lions Summer Camp.

Each year close to \$100,000 has been raised from the deer

hides sales in our state to provide camp scholarships for children in need. It also helps with various camp maintenance projects..

Over <u>100 Lions clubs</u> throughout the state participate in the collections.

Our special thanks to all the hunters who donate their hides for this great cause.

And our special thanks to our Deer Hide Chairman <u>Dick</u> Henske!

2019 Manitowish Waters Lions Club Fall Raffle

- 1500 tickets to be sold at \$10/each = \$15,000 collected
- 60 Lions Members to sell 25 tickets each = 1500 tickets sold
- Tickets to be printed and sold from <u>April 1, 2019</u> (5 months selling time) The Drawing will be at "Music in the Park" on Labor Day Weekend winners will not need to be present.

PRIZES

- Grand prize choice of either (Choose One):
 - o 2 Specialized Como 2.0 E bikes
 - o 2 Hobie Outback Pedal Kayaks
 - Costs of either of these prizes is \$5,000
- Second Prize
 - Baretta 686 12 gauge Over/Under Shotgun
 - Shotgun to be supplied by Tom Butler
 - Cost to be approximately \$1,700 MSRP \$2,350
- Third Prize
 - o \$500 Cash

This new format is a big change for us oldtimers. Dick and Lynn have given a great deal of thought to this and this editor for one thinks it's a move forward. It means all Lions must pitch in with the ticket sales.



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