



THE LIONS ROAR

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Sunshine: vacant
Vision Screening: vacant
Golf Tournament: John Hanson

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Each New Year is a time for reflection and resolution. Individually, we can reflect on our life's journey over the past year. What have we accomplished versus what we wish we had accomplished. This gives us the opportunity to resolve to push ourselves and complete those ambitions in the coming year, and pursue new adventures.

As the Lions Club of Manitowish Waters, we reflect on a successful year of community service, fund raising and resulting donations to our community, state, nation, and world. A heartfelt THANK YOU is extended to each of you, our dedicated members, for your hard work and participation. Without your sincere efforts, we would be nothing more than a social club. But, we are a Lions Club and WE SERVE at every opportunity presented to us.

As good as we were in 2018, we need to resolve to be a better Lion in 2019. How do I become a better Lion in 2019? The first step is to be as involved as you and your family time allows. Time is limited and time allotted to Lions endeavors varies with each of us and changes over time, as our families and other obligations change. Your community needs you and it is important to give back to your community through Lionism as much as you are able. Time is a funny thing; the more you give, the more you find available to give. If you help out in one or more event or fund raiser, think about what other events or fundraisers you would like to add and participate in. Or perhaps you have more time to devote to the activities you presently participate in. You may even desire to take over a leadership role in an activity or assuming an officer or board position. There are 2 unfilled activity chair positions waiting to be filled. One is for the Sunshine Committee and the other is for the Vision Screening Committee. Other chairmanships are filled with dedicated Lions who have given of their time and talents for many years and who may enjoy

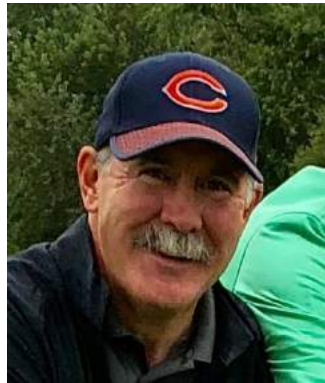
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someone saying to them: “How can I help to make this activity even more successful”? Stand tall in supporting the 2019 Manitowish Waters Lions Activities. There is a greater need in our community for Lions’ support than many realize. Please email or text to me any suggestions for fundraiser events or donation needs, every idea is important, and will be most welcomed.

In 2019, our Club also must grow its ACTIVE membership base. This is not just the responsibility of the membership chair or officers, but of all Manitowish Waters Lions. To assist with recruiting, our Facebook page and website are now fully functional. Please encourage prospective members to like our Facebook page and show them our website www.mwlions.org. Point out to them what we have done and what we are doing. However, do **not** take them to the Member’s Only page or tell them how to access that page, as that is for members only. Give them a teaser; they will gain access to the Member’s Only page once they become members. The membership application is also on the website. All they have to do is fill in the blanks and submit. It will come to my email and I will follow through. I also have hard copies available. Again, please email or text me for support. If you do not have my email or telephone number, it is easily found on our website’s Members Only page in the list of members, or The Lions Roar list of officers.

It is up to every Lion to stand tall and make 2019 a year of growth for the Manitowish Waters Lions Club in membership, funds raised, funds donated, and community support. On behalf of the Board of Directors and Officers, we wish a Happy, Healthy and Fulfilling New Year to every Lion and your families. God bless you all!

“Up Close and Personal”



Mike McKeon

Lion Mike joined our Club a little more than a year ago and was sponsored by Jim Higgins.

Mike was born in Arlington Heights, Illinois to Pat and Patricia McKeon. He and his family moved to Northbrook and he attended Glenbrook North High School. Lion Mike went on to the University of Iowa and, besides a good education, he received a much better benefit.

There he met his future bride, Sarah. Mike and Sarah have now been married for 30 years and they take great pride in being “Hawkeyes”! They have three children; Kaitlin, Ryan and Shannon.

Mike graduated from Iowa with a degree in Business Administration. He worked as an independent sales representative with Lenhart-McKeon Assoc. Inc. selling electrical OEM components for 32 years. Mike also owns a manufacturing business, Dunmure Corp. with 2 partners. The Mauston firm employs 85 people. The company builds electric motors and gear boxes.

The McKeon family became introduced to the Manitowish Waters area when they spent their summer vacations in Boulder Junction at the Wildcat Lodge.

Our Lion has become a musky and walleye fisherman and has been up in beautiful Manitowish Waters for the past 2 years living on Island Lake. He still

pheasant hunts in Iowa on the family's farms.

Lion Mike is a great addition to our Town and our Lions Club. He is full of energy and has headed up our new Lions Website. Thanks for all you do, Lion Mike McKeon.

p.s. "Go Hawkeyes"!



Gordon Biggar
Bill Draudt
Don Rayala
Delp Schafer

FOR YOUR PLANNING
CALENDAR

February – Monthly Meeting will be our Zone Dinner

March 21st – Ding-A-Ling

April 18th – Rustic Roadhaus

May 16th – Little Bohemia – Awards Night – Ladies invited

June 13th – Little Bohemia – Officer Installation

** Dinner at 6:30 with Social at 5:30

** Call Bob Bridges for Dinner Choices and Reservations – 686-2489

DINNER MEETING
January 17th

Lion Brothers, ring in 2019 at the Rustic Roadhaus on January 17th. The chance to sing Auld Lang Syne with your Lion Brothers while enjoying the many exchanges of New Year's Resolutions will be the highlight of January. Join the festivities at 5:30 for a social hour of renewing friendships. Dinner and a short program will follow at 6:30. Please mark your calendar for Jan. 17th for our January Monthly Dinner Meeting.

Your dinner choices for our gathering are as follows:

½ duck over wild rice

Chicken Parmesan

Cajun Mac with shrimp and spicy sausage

The total cost for any of your choices will be \$22. This includes bread, dessert, tax and tip.

You Must call in your dinner choice to Bob Bridges by Jan. 11 –this is to give our hosts a chance to order the food.

Register your dinner order by calling Bob at 715-686-2489 (no emails, please).



SHORT SHOTS

Lion Bob Bridges is stepping down from his secretary position after years of manning this post. If Santa left you \$\$ for Christmas, consider buying Bob a New Year's beverage for "a job well done"!

The Lions Roar will take a short hiatus for Feb. and March and be back from hibernation in April. Have a safe and healthy start to 2019!



A new Lion member was inducted in December. Bob Cook is pictured above. His sponsor is Lynn Schroeder. Welcome, Lion Bob.

The Zone Dinner for Lions will be held at Skyview in Presque Isle on Feb. 20. Any Lion from Manitowish Waters is welcome. Please call Paul Puccinelli for details at 715-904-0951.

This is a worthwhile activity for any Lion who is able to attend.

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