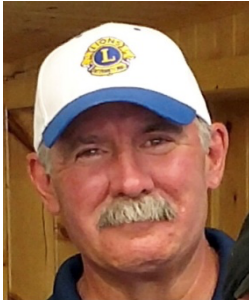




THE LIONS ROAR

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since my last note we capped off our spring season with our annual awards banquet at Little Bohemia and it was a great night. Lots of fun, good food, laughs and many deserving awards were presented during the evening. Congratulations to all the MW Lions 2023 award winners!

We also had our District Governor, **Bob Bertch**, induct 10 new members during the evening.

We ushered spring out with our banquet, and we ushered in our summer



2023 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Citizen of the Year
Jean Schroeder

Lion of the Year
Larry Voss

Birch Sturm Award
Dave Hanson

Melvin Jones Award
Mike McKeon

Bud Hyland Award
John Hilbert

fundraising season with our Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast, our first Flea Market and June Pork Chop Dinner. It was a good opener for all events!

I'm looking forward to seeing more and more of our new members become involved in our events. We have a great core of volunteers for all our events, but we have holes to fill to make sure that we fully staff and support each of these events. I'm happy to say that seven new members recently stepped up and volunteered to help at several of our summer-time events. This is what we need, for we are, first and foremost, a service organization. More of us helping at all our events the events will run smoother, we will get to know each other better,

and we will in turn raise more money for our community.

Cheers goes out to every one of you who continue to help and thanks to all of you who have just begun to volunteer within our club.

Before you know it, it'll be Fourth of July and I'm looking forward to our July 4th brat stand at the Lions Pavilion and the MW Parade where we will proudly honor our Lion of the Year and Citizen of the Year. Looking forward to a great summer!

Cheers, Mike



The next Bingo night is June 26 and we're looking forward to once again seeing all our Bingo friends.

To volunteer to help, contact Larry Voss: 608-201-5297.



In its initial week, the Flea market nearly sold out its available spaces and we are currently trying to figure out how to add more. We have a great flea Market crew - hats off to them!

We need lots of volunteers to make the Flea Market a continuing success, especially for tear-down on Thursdays 1:00 – 2:00. Tear-down just involves loading tables and chairs into the Lions trailer, storing the food and a quick clean-up of dishes. *If you can find some Thursdays to help, Contact Phil Rose at 715-892-0693.*

FALL CASH RAFFLE!



We are now selling tickets for this year's Fall Cash Raffle. Only 200 tickets will be sold at \$100 per ticket. The drawing will be held September 3 during Music in the Park.

We are asking all Lions to help with this raffle, by purchasing a ticket or selling tickets. If every Lion purchased a ticket, we would be almost halfway sold out! You all have a friend, family member or neighbor that you could sell one to. This is a great fundraiser for our club, we make \$10,000 and it's an easy one if everyone helps.

With just 200 tickets sold, there will be 15 cash prizes:

1 st	\$5,000
2 nd	\$2,000
3 rd	\$1,000
4 th	\$500
5 th	\$250
6 th – 15 th	\$125

To obtain tickets, please text or call John Hilbert at 715-892-0693.

Pancake Breakfast Big Success!



The proceeds from this year's pancake breakfast were donated to the North Lakeland box youth hockey program. We had 30 volunteers from the hockey program help us during the day's events and this included parents, coaches and players. **Jerry and John** cooked up some mean flapjacks and we ended up raising \$1400 for a good local organization.



Joseph John Guenther

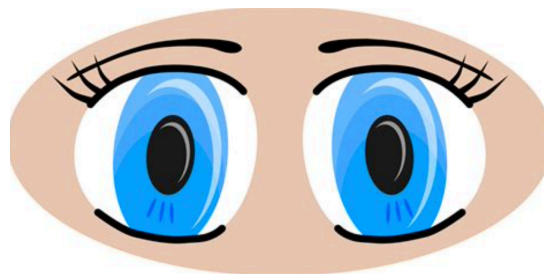
August 15, 1941 - May 29, 2023



Joseph Guenther retired from teaching in 1997, after 35 years as an educator. He permanently moved to his home in northern Wisconsin. He joined the Manitowish Waters Lions Club and the Presque Isle/Winchester Sno-Bunnies Snowmobile Club, where he groomed snowmobile trails.

Joseph spent numerous years traveling to Mexico with the Lions to fit glasses in some of their poorest communities. He was always behind the grill or griddle at any fundraising event. In 2007, Joseph was honored as the Lions Citizen of the Year, and Melvin Jones Fellow in 2009 for meritorious humanitarian service.

Eye Transport Service

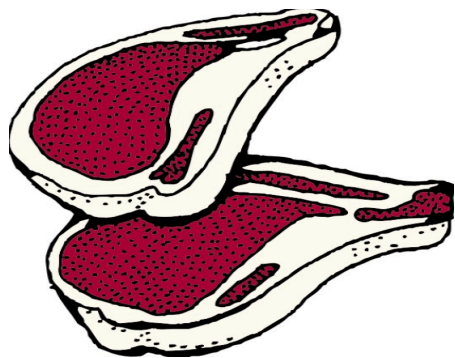


Supporting the blind has been a long-time mission of Lions. One of the most rewarding things you can do is to volunteer to be a “transporter.” Whenever a cornea becomes available anywhere north of Minocqua the Madison Eye Bank immediately responds by organizing a volunteer relay team to get the cornea to Madison as quickly as possible.

Each club in our district rotates being “on call” for a month, so each club is only the primary transport twice a year. Our club would pick up the cornea box in Minocqua and drive it to the next relay in Wausau.

If you can volunteer for this critical service, contact Bob Becker at 715-543-2219 or email rjb5689@gmail.com

300 Pork Chops Cooked!



It was a very cool night & the only time I can remember having the heat on in the pavilion for a pork chop dinner. The night was a big success & we sold all 300 pork chops.

Big shout out to our fantastic crew who once again was there to cook, serve food, beverages, desserts and help clean up. This is the quickest we ever cleaned up after the event. The first dinner of the year is always great to see all the people return for a great meal and lots of great company.

-John Hilbert

The next Pork Chop Dinners are July 20 and August 17. Give John a call at 715-892-0693 to help out!

Community Support



Donations to our community exceeded \$66,000 in 2022! Thanks to all Lions and our supports for making 2022 a great year!

- Camp Jörn YMCA
- Discovery Center
- Koller Library
- MW Fire/Rescue Services
- Elementary Schools
- Town of MW Facilities
- Music in the Park
- Lelyn Schmidt
- Food for Kids
- MW Community Church
- Presque Isle Veterans Memorial
- MW Chamber of Commerce
- Northwoods Wildlife Foundation
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- Boulder Junction Food Pantry
- Anaridia Foundation
- Mercer Food Pantry
- Pine Ridge
- NLES Foundation
- Relay for Life
- MW Youth Center
- Mani*Wish Christmas
- North Lakeland Rose Bowl Trip
- LCIF Sight First Foundation
- Lions Pride Programs
- Lions Diabetes
- Lions Eye Bank
- Lions Hearing Programs
- Lions Leader Dog Program
- Lions Vision Screening Program
- Lions International Foundation
- North Lakeland Bucks Hockey



The Lions highway cleanup crew did another fantastic job just before the Memorial Day weekend. We were able to complete the entire two plus mile stretch of roadway in just under two hours. A big thanks to all who were able to come out and make it happen. This highlights another example of how the Manitowish Waters' Lions serve our community.



Randy Lang, Dan Lahart, Guy Kapal, Bill Koehler, and Tom Giesen

New Member Induction





Scholarship Awards

Lucian Gindorf and Jalina Manuwal, our two scholarship winners joined us for dinner. We wish them well in their academic studies!

Thanks goes out to Lion **Bob Cook** for nominating two very worthy candidates!



Jalina Manuwal, Bob Cook and Lucian Gindorf



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Mike McKeon



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June 26 Bingo

June 29 Flea Market & Farmers Market

July 4 Brat Stand

July 20 Pork Chop Dinner

August 17 Pork Chop Dinner

September 3 Cash Raffle Drawing



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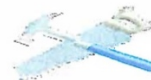
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