



THE LIONS ROAR

The Official Newsletter of the Manitowish Waters Lions Club
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As 2023 ends, it is time to reflect and thank those that put their heart and soul into our cause and into our Lions community. The things we do as Lions matter, people count on us, we make the lives of those that we touch better, and we do it with friends by our side in the community we love. I can't think of a better way to serve.

Thank you to all those that have made our fundraising and committees shine. We have a good team that continues to grow and I'm excited as to what 2024 will bring.

Just to give you a recap of what team work can do: Revenues in 2023 will exceed \$152,000...this is unbelievable!!

Every fundraiser exceeded budgeted numbers and therefore we have been able to provide donation/grants exceeding \$80,000, well above our budgeted goal of \$62,000. Everyone should be proud of these amazing numbers!

As we grow, we are constantly looking for worthy causes within our community. Please feel free to bring these causes to the attention of your Board.

Events in 2024 are now up on our website calendar and we have room for volunteers at every event. Please reach out to help.

Sadly, we lost a longtime member (Charter Member) and past President in

Charlie Rayala. I'm going to miss his presence at our monthly meetings, He always came with a smile. I attended his wake and funeral, and it was a fitting memorial to his life and service to our community. We should be proud that he chose to use his skills and standing within our community to promote our club. As a side note, it was nice to see the wreath stands at that our club purchased to honor the vets in rest at Pine Lawn Cemetery. It would have made Charlie proud! Cheers to Charlie!!

We will be hosting all the Northern Wisconsin Clubs at our February dinner meeting on **February 15th**. This will be our zone's annual meeting. All members are invited to attend. This is a good opportunity to meet and hear from other clubs in the Northwoods and share a laugh or two with your fellow Lions. More details to follow.

If you have had a chance to look at the Lions Pavilion lately you certainly have noticed the changes ongoing. Thanks mainly to **Dave and John Hanson**, the

project is really taking shape and looks great. Almost all the new doors and windows are in place. Inside trim work will take place this winter and we hope to begin siding work in the spring. Thank you, Dave and John, and thanks to all the others who have helped during the process. Can't wait to use it this summer!!!

Sportsman night in April is taking shape and Lynn and Dan are taking reservations for tables. It's going to be another great event and again will be held at Aberdeen on **April 28**.

I am hoping to see everyone at our meeting at Little Bohemia on **December 21**.

Merry Christmas to you and your families!! I'm looking forward to a great 2024 and I'm hoping yours will be prosperous, safe, and full of wonderful memories!

Cheers,
Mike



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Thursday, December 21, 2023	5:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Club Meeting, Little Bohemia
Thursday, February 15, 2024	5:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Zone Meeting, Little Bohemia
Sunday April 28, 2024	6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Sportsman's Night, Aberdeen Restaurant Dan Meier & Lynn Schroeder
Thursday May 23, 2024	9:00 am	Highway 51 Cleanup, Randy Lang
Saturday May 25, 2024	8:00 am – 11:00 am	Pancake Breakfast for Bucks Hockey MW Community Center John Hanson
Thursdays June 13, 2024 - August 22, 2024	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Brat Sales at Farmers' Market MW Ball Diamond Phil Rose
Mondays June 17, 2024 - August 12, 2024	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Bingo MW community Center Larry Voss & Mike McKeon
Thursday June 20, 2024	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Pork Chop Dinner Lions Pavilion John Hilbert
Thursday July 4, 2024	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Independence Day Brat Sales MW Town Parking Lot Gene Wilberg
Thursday July 18, 2024	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Pork Chop Dinner Lions Pavilion John Hilbert
Thursday August 15, 2024	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Pork Chop Dinner Lions Pavilion John Hilbert
Thursday August 22, 2024	9:00 am	Golf Outing Trout Lake Golf Course Kevin Birschbach & John Hanson
Thursday August 29, 2024	9:00 am	Highway 51 Clean Up Randy Lang
Monday Labor Day Sept. 2, 2024	5:00 pm	Labor Day Raffle Kohler Park during Music in the Park John Hilbert

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November & December Lions Birthdays

Thomas Atherten
Cris Griswold
Toby Hyland
Charles Kramer
Jill Nerby
Thomas Polacek
Lynn Schroeder
Patrick Solar
Sally Stewart

Anniversaries

A big **THANK YOU** for these Lions
celebrating a Lions Anniversary in
November and December

John Hanson, 28 years
Guy Kapal, 1 year
Randy Lang, 6 years
Gary Luckow, 1 year
Parker Sharpe, 26 years
Don Zickert, 16 years



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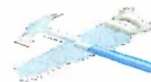
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