



THE LIONS ROAR

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President's Message

Midwinter is here in the Northwoods and I'm enjoying what our beautiful Northwoods has to offer in the way of snowmobiling, ice fishing, hiking...It's one of the reasons I'm here and I'm sure you feel the same way, even though in another month a lot of us will be heading south until springtime breaks in the Northwoods. In the meantime, a lot going on within our Lions Club and our community.

Our club is in the process of wrapping up our 2025 budget and it looks to be another good year... Copies of the budget will be posted on the website under the member section.



A lot of members have been very helpful in moving the Little Forest School from Camp Jörn to the Community Presbyterian Church and I wanted to thank all of them personally for their help.

The Little Forest School had its community meeting last Monday to let everyone know about the exciting things happening with LFS. LFS has received its 501(c)(3) charitable designation and has begun a fundraising campaign in order to open its facility in late March. As I'm sure most of you've heard through the grapevine, we've been donated a wonderful piece of land on Highway 51 and

plans are in the process to design and build a permanent location for the Little Forest School. Really exciting times for the young families and community of Manitowish Waters and our neighbors. You can help by joining one of the standing committees like **Sue** and **Kevin** have done, applying to join the board, help at the school as a volunteer or just help spread the word about the progress LFS is making.



We are not having a February dinner meeting because February 20th is the zone meeting hosted by the Mercer Lions Club at the Great Northern Hotel at 5:00 PM. This is a chance to hear from other clubs in the area and share a little food and cheer with your fellow neighboring Lions. So far, we have a group of 5 people that would like to go.... if any other members would like to go, please reach out to me.



Kevin Birschbach and **Guy Kapal** are making progress on our annual golf outing and big changes are coming. Trout Lake Golf Club went through some major renovations this past year and we can't wait to see the changes and host this event at the newly designed Trout Lake Golf Club. If you would like to help Kevin or Guy, please reach out to Kevin Birschbach at 262-227-8175. I know they would appreciate the help.



The annual Sportsman Night is coming up in late April and **Dan Meier** and **Lynn Schroeder** are working very hard to put on another awesome event. Reach out to those guys if you can lend a hand. We've sold out every year for this event and space is limited so, if you'd like to go, please let them know right away. It will be another fun evening with lots of raffles, live auctions and exciting outdoor sporting goods equipment... Not to mention good food and cheer provided by our friends at Aberdeen.



The Save the Chain Campaign and the Lion's Save the Chain Concert Committee have been working hard to raise the necessary funds to fight EWM in our chain and by the time you receive this letter, we should be approaching \$100,000 raised. The goal for the campaign is \$250,000 so we're not quite halfway there. If you're considering donating to help us fight this invasive weed in our chain...please do so soon.

The Lions July 5th concert proceeds will go to the Save the Chain Campaign, and we are deep into the planning stages. Many Lions are involved in this committee. If you'd like to help be part of the committee, it's not too late....Please reach out. Educational events are also being

planned for later this spring to fully inform the public on the threat of EWM in our chain so please keep an eye out for these events. <https://mwlakes.com/save-the-chain/#!form/SaveTheChain>



A couple things before we wrap it up.... Our scholarship recipient Allie Bridgwater completed her first semester in college and the Lions were proud to extend to her the second half of her scholarship in

January. Nice job **Bob, Sue** and the **Scholarship Committee** and way to go Allie!!

We have three new members to introduce to you:

Frank DiLeonardi

Allison Sharpe

Dave Warren

Welcome one and all.... Excited to have you all as part of our club.

Cheers 😊

Stay warm....,

Mike



Ideas of March

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with Scott Kirby

FREE CONCERT

To Celebrate the efforts to

“SAVE THE CHAIN”

**07.05.2025
3:00-6:00PM**

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EVENTS

Zone Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025
Hosted by the Mercer
Lions Club
Great Northern Hotel
5:00 PM.

Sportsman's Night

Saturday, April 26, 2025
Aberdeen Restaurant

Club Awards Banquet

Thursday, May 15
Little Bohemia

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, May 24, 2025

2025 Flea Markets

Thursdays, June 5 -
August 28

Save the Chain Concert

July 5, 2025
Koller Park

2025 Bingo

Mondays, June 16 -
August 11

Pork Chop Dinners

Thursday, June 19, 2025
Thursday, July 17, 2025
Thursday, August 21,
2025

Lions Golf Outing

Thursday, August 7, 2025

Lions Fall Raffle

Sunday, August 31, 2025



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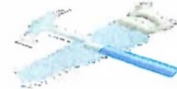
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