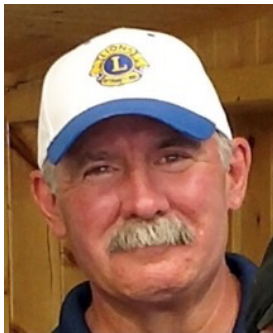




THE LIONS ROAR

*The Official Newsletter of the Manitowish Waters Lions Club
Manitowish Waters, WI 54545 <https://www.mwlionsclub.com> April 15, 2026*

President's Message Mike McKeon



Well, the snow piles are finally starting to melt and a lot of you are starting to make your way back to the Northwoods from your wintertime haunts. Before we know, summertime will be starting in Manitowish Waters and I for one cannot wait 😎

The annual Lions convention just wrapped up last week and Lions **Bill Vogel, Kevin Birschbach** and **Laurel Tschurwald** attended the convention, represented our club and took part in the remembrance of our deceased lions from this past year, **Parker Sharpe** and **Bill Radant**. The Sunshine Committee did a nice job putting together a memorial package for each and I hear the ceremony was very nice.

May starts our fundraising season and is also our awards season. Your board and nominating committees have selected our MW lion of the year, MW citizen of the year, Birch Sturm winner, and Melvin Jones award winner. Our club has been

giving out many of these awards since 1971. Once again this year, we had many, many nominees, and that is representative of a strong club. The decisions aren't easy, but this year's winners are very worthy. We will be presenting those awards at our annual May banquet at Little Bo on May 21st.



Our Scholarship committee (**Bob Cook, Sue Griswold** and **Bill Koehler**) will present this year's higher education scholarship winners during the banquet. It is always fun to meet these young, driven students and their families.



Also during the banquet, the nominating committee and the board will present its slate of nominees for the board and officers. All members will be able to vote at the meeting. Prior to the meeting you may also provide the Board with nominees that you feel would fit our board. Please reach out if either you or someone else within our membership roster is interested in joining our Board.

Details on the Banquet will follow, but it's always a fun event and it's a great chance to catch up with everybody after a long winter.



Our first fund raising activity takes place around the Memorial Day weekend, where we will be serving food during the Wings and Water show. Prior to the start of the show, we will host the Memorial Day

weekend Pancake Breakfast on Saturday morning with all proceeds going to the North Lakeland Bucks Youth Hockey program. Families from that program are an integral part of putting on the pancake breakfast and it is their largest fundraiser of the year. Please make sure you come on out support Bucks youth hockey because it is a great program for our kids and young families in our community.



June kicks off our annual Monday Bingo and Thursday flea market activities, and we will be in full swing with our slate of summertime activities by late June including our famous pork chop dinners. If you'd like to help, please reach out to the committee chairs listed in the Lions roar and let them know you're willing to help. We can always use help but every event we put on even if it's just for an hour or so here or there.





Because a lot of us are wrapping up our late winter sunny vacations and many are still slowly returning to the Northwoods, we will not have an April member dinner meeting. The May meeting will be our Banquet at LITTLE BO on May 21st. See everyone soon...travel back safely!

Cheers, Mike

July this year we will put on the July 4th Burger and Beer tent on the day of the parade like we did two years ago. It was a good success two years ago and now we know even more on what to expect so we anticipate it'll be an even better fundraiser for our club. More detail details on that to follow in the May Lions Roar on all our summertime events including some NEW events 😎

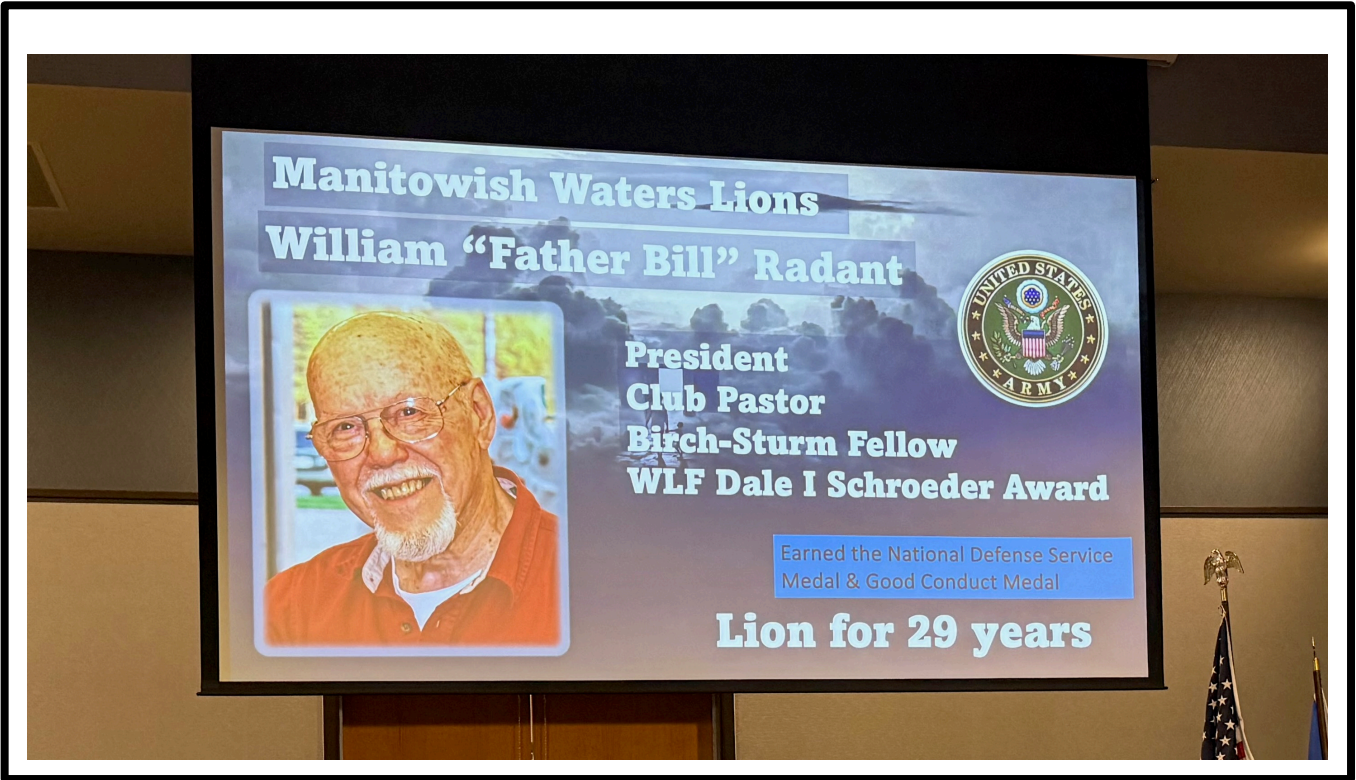


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The presentation board features a photograph of H. Parker Sharpe, an elderly woman with white hair and glasses, wearing a yellow vest over a purple shirt. She has a Lions Club pin on her vest. To the right of the photo is a circular logo for the National Guard, which includes the text "NATIONAL GUARD" and "ALWAYS READY ALWAYS THERE". The background of the board is a dark, cloudy sky with a silhouette of a person walking through a doorway.



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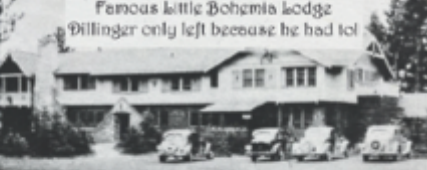
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