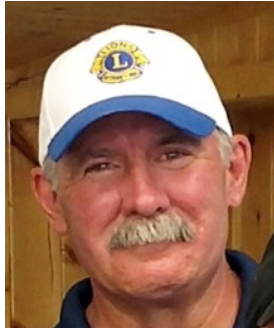




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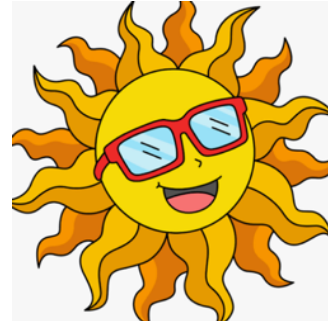


President's Message Mike McKeon

I hope everybody had a nice summer. For most of you, I know it was very a very busy summer celebrating our wonderful Northwoods weather, enjoying the lake with family and participating in all our Lions summertime fundraising events. I have a lot to talk about in this newsletter... So here we go.



Your club has been very busy this summer starting with our Waters and Wings event in town where our Lions Club provided and served food and beverage for the Car and Water Show.



July Fourth was a very busy weekend for the Lions who helped on Friday and Saturday. We served food for the second time in three years at the Fourth of July parade. We learned a couple lessons this year about the marketing of the event and the placement of our tent, and we will do better next year. Still, we raised over \$3000 at the event. Your efforts and dedication are much appreciated, and we will make sure that next year we don't take on more than we can handle.



Our weekly summertime events are nearing conclusion for the season. The Flea Market has a few more weeks to go. Thanks to **Gary Luckow** and his team - they are on their way to breaking records for Flea Market

revenue. Concession sales during the Thursday Flea Markets were very good and augmented by the Sunshine Committee who provided fresh baked goods to Flea Market attendees. Not only did they provide the fresh baked goods at the Flea Market, but they also did the same thing on Monday nights during Bingo, and they have garnered quite a following. Way to go Sunshine Committee - **Sally, Sue, Carole, Mary and Laurel!** 🧐👍



Bingo finished up its season for the year on August 10th, and we met our goal for revenue. Bingo proceeds support scholarships for MW students attending higher education after high school. The Bingo crew is steady and dedicated. Ten to twelve Lions help every Monday night all summer long and work together like a well-oiled machine. Cheers to the Bingo crew!



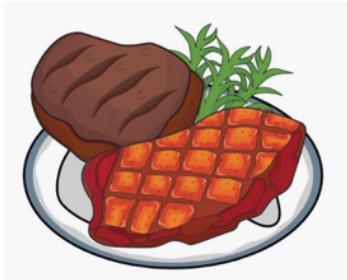
Your board also took on a new initiative this summer inspired by the heroic efforts of our very own **Deyna**

Schmitt who earlier this year saved a customer at Aberdeen Restaurant from choking by using a Life Vac Device. Your board proactively engaged with Northwoods EMS to provide Life VAC devices to 22 establishments in our area at no charge and offered free training through NEMS. The program was well received by the local establishments in MW, and while we hope that the devices never have to be used, we feel better knowing that they will be available to help when needed. Thanks to **Deyna, Tim Schmitt** and the **Lion's Board** for making this happen for our community.



Our 26th annual Golf Outing was just completed at Trout Lake Golf. This year's event was once again billed as a northern Wisconsin Lions Club outing with the clubs agreeing that the proceeds would help support Little Forest School. The co-chairs of the event, **Kevin Birschbach** and **Frank DiLeonardi**, did a wonderful job working with the golf club and working with all the volunteers, including those from Little Forest School (LFS), to put on a wonderful outing. Ninety golfers from the area participated and nearly twenty volunteers helped run the event. The weather was perfect, the

event ran flawlessly and everybody had a great time. The event raised approximately \$15,000 for Little Forest School. A great day indeed. 😊 A presentation to LFS will take place in early September and all are welcome to be present and partake in the presentation.



Our last pork chop dinner of the season is Thursday evening, August 20th. **John Hilbert** continues to chair these dinners and does a wonderful job every year. He has a dedicated group that help not only in food service but set up, take down and cleanup. Our community really enjoys the dinners and it's great to see everybody come out once a month during the summer. Thanks to **John** and team!



Our fall fundraising season is going to wrap up with two raffles this year: The annual cash raffle chaired by **John Hilbert**, and a new fall gun raffle, which will begin right after September 1st. The fall gun raffle is co-chaired By **Dan Meier, Guy Kapal,**

Laurel Tschurwald and Chuck Rayala.

The annual cash raffle winners will be announced Labor Day weekend at Music in the Park and once again was a sellout. The fall gun raffle will start in September and conclude in November, with winners being drawn at our November dinner meeting. More on the fall gun raffle to follow soon.



Renovations to your Lions Pavilion continue and you will see some big changes inside over the next few weeks as two local community members and supporters of the Lions have offered to help us finish off the Pavilion. Thanks go out to **Tom Kramer** and **Corbin Klug** for helping us finish the inside trim work in our Pavilion. The plan is to also finish the outside of the building as weather allows this fall. It'll be exciting to see the new Pavilion and great for our club and the community. 💪



We're always happy to announce new members joining our club. Please welcome **Tom Ahonen, Camryn Schulz, Paul Duerst, Kenneth Bettenhausen** and **Ed Wynn**. They will be great additions to our club, and we look forward to getting to know them better. Cheers and welcome aboard!

We also send out wishes to Lions members struggling with health issues themselves or within their immediate family. Prayers and best wishes go out

to **Brock Orwig, Don Zickert and Phil Rose**.

That's all for now. What a busy and productive summer it was. See you at the pork chop dinner Thursday and looking forward to seeing you at our annual October dinner meeting at Blue Bayou.

Cheers, Mike











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