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Help Someone Up

by ADP Myrna Kelley

It has been a busy summer. So many of the Lioness have major fund raisers and community projects during the summer. Lioness do so much for so many. Someone once said that the best exercise is to bend down and help someone up. What a great philosophy to follow!

The Open House at the Lions Camp will be held on Saturday, September 18. It is such a great opportunity for Lioness, Lions and Leos to visit with some of the campers and their parents about the whole camping experience. Everyone also has a chance to see all the other projects at the Foundation.

The Lioness will again have the Lioness Raffle on that day;. Each club in the state is asked to contribute $25.00 toward the baskets that are in the raffle. Checks may be given to your Affiliate District President to be forwarded to ADP Lioness Marilyn Lemieux of District E 1 or PADP Lioness Phyllis Wilder of District E 1. Thanks.

Make sure you visit the District 27-D2 web site. PADP Loretta Ewalt does a great job of posting activities from our district.

My goals for this year are to:

- increase membership in 27-D2 Lioness clubs.
- improve membership retention in 27-D2 Lioness clubs.
- make a 100% donation to WLF. from 27-D2 Lioness Clubs.
- let the local communities know the wonderful contributions that the Lioness give our local communities by putting more articles in the local newspapers.

Remember the U.S./Canada Leadership Forum that will be held in Milwaukee, September 23-25, 2010. The Lioness, Lions and Leos will be collecting knitted or crocheted afghans or squares to make afghans at the Forum. They may be given to your ADP or brought to the Forum. They will be distributed to Kids at Risk around Milwaukee. For more information or instructions check the web site at www.wisconsinlioness.org.

I'm looking forward to visiting all the Lioness clubs in my district. Please get the requests in as soon as possible. Keep up the great work!

Hillsboro Plants JFK Commemoration Tree

by Bob Potter, Secretary Hillsboro Lions

State Senator Dan Kapanke and representatives of several Hillsboro civic and municipal organizations gathered at the Public Library to plant a tree commemorating the 50th anniversary of John F. Kennedy's visit. Senator Kennedy spoke at Hillsboro High School, then located at the High Avenue site, on March 25, 1960, while campaigning for the Wisconsin Presidential primary. A tree planting, planned as part of the future president's visit, was not carried out because JFK was running late.

In a joint April meeting, the Hillsboro Lions and Women's Civic Club, decided to complete that bit of unfinished business.

The City of Hillsboro donated the tree, a Burgundy Belle® Red Maple. The Lions and Women's Civic Club will donate a suitable bronze plaque to commemorate the occasion. The clubs came together on this project to help Hillsboro students "connect to history," according to Lion Bob Potter, "and to be inspired by the famous JFK quote on the plaque: '"Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."'

Senator Kapanke demonstrated that spirit by honoring his commitment, despite the rainy, cold weather. Speaking to some two dozen hardy representatives of both civic clubs, the City of Hillsboro, the Public Library, Hillsboro Schools, and others, he reflected on the roles of John F. Kennedy, Abraham Lincoln, and other great leaders who guided our nation through difficult times.

President Kennedy may rest in peace, in the knowledge that some of his goals were met: we put a man on the moon in 1969, the Berlin Wall came down in 1989, and a tree was planted in Hillsboro in 2010.

An interesting sidelight to this story is that, in digging into the rumor of JFK's visit to Hillsboro, I emailed the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston to see what they might know. (They had nothing.) Then I found a local newspaper article about JFK's visit in the Hillsboro library's microfiche. The archivist from the JFK Presidential Library called me shortly after I got home from the Hillsboro Public Library. He said that if I could email a scan of the Hillsboro article, he would put a link to it on the library's Twitter feed. (The library was recreating JFK's 1960 primary campaign on Twitter.)

Much scurrying about Hillsboro ensued; after many telephone calls and activity involving a number of interested residents, a copy of the original newspaper was located in the basement of the Hillsboro Sentry-Enterprise. Part of the newspaper was water damaged, but the article about JFK's visit was good enough to scan. I emailed it to the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library.

It was quite a thrill, the following day, for school children and others in Hillsboro to Google the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library, go to its Twitter feed, and read about a visit from the future leader of the Free World to this town of 1,300 fifty years earlier..

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Shine Your Light On Service. The last days of summer are upon us and the students are surely anxious to get to school. Heaven knows that their parents are. As you read this we have returned to Wisconsin from the International Convention in Sydney, Australia. The Wisconsin delegation looked very sharp in red and was easily spotted in a crowded room. Several us had the opportunity to tour before or following the actual convention and the land down under as well as New Zealand are a once in a lifetime experience. But it's time to roll up our sleeves and do what we do best.

This year's International Theme is "A Beacon of Hope" and throughout the year you will probably see articles in both the state paper and the Lions magazine about the following topics:

- A Global Service Action Campaign
- Lions Clubs and a First Service Pledge
- The International President's Service Blog

By making sure that we a serving our own community as well as supporting our state and international projects, we can be that "Beacon of Light" and shine our own light on being Lions. We can attract others to our organization by letting our service mission be an invitation as well as a public relations tool.

On an official note, make sure that your club's secretary is submitting monthly membership reports to LCI as well as to myself and your zone or region chair. When we receive the cumulative club records from the international office, there are too many "no report" notices in our district. If you don't care to email them, there is a hard copy that can be used for the same purpose.

I would like to invite the club presidents from Region 4 to our first Cabinet meeting in Elroy on August 22nd. Too often, we don't get to know the Lions from our nearby clubs as well letting the cabinet members know who you are. Please let me know if you plan on being there or you can contact your new region chair, Shawn Reddington.

Finally, don't forget to get your District Governor Visit form in as soon as possible.

Hope your year is in the positive growth and fulfilling to you as Lions.

Vision without action is a dream.

Action without vision is simply passing the time.

Action with Vision is making a positive difference.

— Joel Barker

Necedah Lions To The Rescue

NECEDAH LIONS WORK CREW *receiving thanks from the happy recipient of a new ramp as he uses it for the first time.*

It was a beautiful sunny day as four Lions headed out to a quiet trailer park in Necedah. What might be going on you ask? Just the good-hearted Necedah Lions going out to help a worthy Korean Vet.

Alvin Schultz, recently released from the VA hospital, was in need of an easy way to get in and out of his trailer home. The Necedah Area Lions came to the rescue, as they have for the past 18-20 years; they were more than willing and able to build a ramp for Alvin.

Various pieces of the ramp were constructed in one night and then loaded up and moved to Shultz's house for ramp construction.

The day wasn't without it's hitches. We came up one board short, so someone had to run into town to get another. There were paver stones that had been put down to form a sidewalk, most of which had to be taken up. We didn't want them to go to waste so after some digging and tamping of soil they were added to the end of the ramp.

What makes men do this - give up a Saturday of fishing, golfing or just relaxing to care for their fellow man? Helping to bless others as they have been blessed. Seeing the smile on Schultz's face as he could once again get out easily and by himself. Hearing him say, how much he appreciated it and how now he can get out to feed his birds and to just enjoy the day.

The ramps can run around from $500 and up. The only stipulation is when you no longer need the ramp, the Lions will come and take it. That way we can use the material for someone else.

Fundraisers are done through out the year to help support this and the many other worthy endeavors the Lions do. Crane Fest is the next big one coming up in September, in December will be Breakfast with Santa and then in March Fun Night. Hope to see you at one of these events.

Club News & Events

WARRENS LIONS DONATE SCHOLARSHIPS TO GRADUATES - On Monday June 7th 2010 the Warrens Lions awarded four local High School students scholarships. The money awarded was made possible due to a large donation made to the Warrens Lions by lifelong village of Warrens resident Phyllis Birkholz at the time of her passing. ABOVE (L to R) Front Row: Warrens Lion Bill Forseth, Leah Rezin ($250), Michelle Luebke ($500) and Warrens Lion Dave Kimpton. Back Row: Mitch Rezin ($250), Scott Kaul ($250) and Warrens Lion Mike Linehan .

THE NORWALK LIONESS HELD THEIR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT in the Village Park on April 3. The weather was sunny and a little chilly but that did not hamper the children from hunting eggs. After the Easter Bunny handed out oranges to the children Lioness Vicky Wathke drove the Easter Bunny around town to hand out Easter Cups filled with candy and an orange to the senior citizens.

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN'S WATER SUPPLY - Larry Gates, Water Superintendent for the City of Prairie du Chien, gave a very informative presentation to the Prairie du Chien Lions Club earlier this year. Larry spoke and answered several questions from members regarding the city's water supply and how residents and businesses can assist in keeping it as one of the best in the state of Wisconsin.

ELROY LIONS 2010 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS - These awards were presented at the senior banquet held in May. Every year the Elroy Lions provide these scholarships to qualified graduating seniors of Royall High School who live in the Elroy area. The students will receive the money upon successfully completing one semester of college. This is part of the continuing support by the club for the school district including elementary, middle school and senior high school projects. The award winners are: Morgan Harris - $600 Physically Adaptive Scholarship, Emily Preuss - $500 Fine Arts Award for females, Kalli Zmolek - $500 Athletic Achievement Award for females, Brian Miller - $500 Athletic Achievement Award for males, Randy Board - Elroy Lions Scholarship Committee Chairperson and Royall Business Teacher.

Upcoming Events

AUGUST

SUN, AUG 22 - District Cabinet Meeting at the Elroy American Legion. Social at 11:00, Dinner at 12:00 with the cabinet meeting to follow.

SEPTEMBER

SAT, SEP 18 - 10th Annual Whooping Crane Festival At Lions Park in Necedah. It will be chocked full of great stuff, bus tours of the Necedah Wildlife refugee, awesome speakers, a 10K run, ATV Poker run. Great food, Whooper brew, Fiddlestiks playing that night. Lots of vendors and crafters.

— For more information check out: http://www.whooping-crane-festival.com/