



# THE LIONS ROAR



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Robert Swedeen**

May has been a great month for our club. We are continuing to receive donations from our members for our upcoming "Charter Night" to help raise money for our general fund. If you have something to donate, there is still time to drop it off at the office. Our "Tail Twisters" have also stepped up their game, and their results are showing in a steady increase to our general fund.

At the May meeting we also welcomed two new members, Bryan and Lisa Schmidt, Bryan approached Gayleen Touhey at the High school scholarship presentation and asked how he and his wife could become members. Mike Herbst was helping at the "Angels Community Meal" and as a result, has a new member coming to our June meeting. Community interaction and the excitement our club is generating is paying off. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

Once again, our club helped McGregor school with their track and field event. The weather was amazing, and it was fun working with the staff and the kids. Andrea Oden will oversee this event from now on as she has been asking to help with this event since she became a Lion a couple years ago. Thanks for stepping up, Andrea.

(continued next page)



## SECRETARY'S NOTES

**Betty Jo Johnson**

Ya gotta love Minnesota – 30 overnight & 80 during the day – my furnace came on again! But it's not stopping me from planting a few cute pansies...

It's so great to see folks stepping up to help at events. The Awards Banquet was a big hit – even if you didn't get to eat! The Track & Field event is going on as this is being written, but, hey, what a beautiful day to be out there running around – well, for kids, not me.

Our Charter Night celebration is coming, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – we've invited all the clubs in Zone 2 to attend, there are lots of great auction items, Tail Twisters are working on something fun, the District Governor will give a pep talk, there will be award presentations & we're having appetizers, meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, veggies, roll, salad & dessert – it doesn't get much better! Gayleen showed off a few of the auction items at Monday's meeting; it's not too late to bring in something wonderful for us to sell. The money from this event will go into the General Account. Cost is \$18.00 and dress is casual, fancy, whatever. Just come!

The Corn Feed is also just around the corner. Make sure you get in on whatever committee you like – otherwise you could be helping shuck corn....The



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT(cont)

last week of July is the McGregor High School 100<sup>th</sup> year all class re-union. This is a weeklong event, and our club has been asked to help. I will have more regarding this as the schedule is finalized.

Our club will have a booth at "Wild Rice Days". Our 1<sup>st</sup> VP Bruce Johnson is heading up this event and will be ready to share his ideas very soon. Bruce is the president of the "Big Sandy Lakes Association" and has had VERY successful results at their booth at "Wild Rice Days" in the past. Our goal at the event is to keep getting the word out that the McGregor Lion's club is in town, supporting our community and looking for individuals in our community to step up and join our group. We need a Lion to step up and take this event on as "their event" as Bruce will be running the "Big Sandy Lakes Association" booth. Any volunteers please give Bruce or myself a call.

Things are starting to come together for our upcoming Corn Feed. We will have additional kids games this year along with Sumo Wrestling for the high schooler's and adults.

That is all for now. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your President.

## Calendar

- June 5** Lion's Night Out 6 PM, at the MN National Golf Course.
- June 19** Board meeting 5 PM, at the Community Center, **General Meeting** at 6:30pm. **Charter Night. Meal is \$18. Get stoked about the auction. See newsletter article. Be There!!**
- July 17** Board meeting 5 PM, at the Community Center, **General Meeting** at 6:30pm. **Annual picnic.**

## SECRETARY'S NOTES(cont)

Meat raffle quote this month: The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so they can tell when they're really in trouble. I know you can hear your mom right now.....

## GAMBLING REPORT

**Deb Laursen**

### Gambling Donations:

Childhood Cancer Foundation/	
Honorarium District Gov. speaker	\$500
City of Tamarack/Fireworks	\$200
ISD #4/Prom	\$2000
ISD #4/7 & 8 grade Valleyfair trip	\$500
ECRL(McGregor Public Library)	\$800
Alzheimer's/Aitkin Team	\$200
Cromwell-Wright Youth/Youth	
baseball	\$2000

### Locations

All of the sites listed below are serving customers both food, drink, and Lions e-gambling. Please let them know you appreciate the Lions support they are giving by not only supporting the business but by mentioning it to them.

- **Zorbaz on Big Sandy (e-gaming)**
- **Fisherman's Bay ( Meat Raffle Saturdays at 5:00pm, e-gaming)**
- **Round Lake Resort and Bar (Meat Raffle Saturday, and e-gaming)**
- **McGregor Lanes**
- **Fireside Inn (e-gaming)**



## Corn Feed

Please drop off any stuffed animals you have for the Corn Feed. We need a lot of them for one of the games. Call **Shirley Scollard** if you have questions. [218-426-3527](tel:218-426-3527).

## Charter Night

Charter night is coming up on June 19th. It is the celebration of McGregor Lions becoming a chartered organization in the International Lions Clubs. Several other area Lions Clubs will be invited to attend. We will also have a silent auction to raise funds for our General Account which is dangerously low. **Gayleen Touhey** has graciously agreed to chair the auction. Donations can be dropped at the Center or at Meetings. If you have something to donate you can also contact Gayleen to arrange getting it to us. [218-565-0012](tel:218-565-0012).

## Lions Academic and Athletic Awards Dinner.



Lion recipients of Scholarships/Awards at the Banquet. We awarded \$15,000 in scholarships.

**L-R:** Xander Neu, Parker Jackson, Isaiah Serfling, Ethan Bohn, Jose Kellerman, Madilyn Macedo, Erin Ford, Ava Guida.

Editor: Dennis Adams  
Website: [www.mcgregorlions.org](http://www.mcgregorlions.org)  
FaceBook Page:  
McGregor MN Lions Club.



Ass't. Editor: Jerry Feucht  
Facebook Mgr.: Carol Jansen  
[carol.jansen@gmail.com](mailto:carol.jansen@gmail.com)  
Web Master.: Tom Maijala

Volume XLI, Issue 5

May 2023

## **Lions Academic and Athletic Awards Dinner (cont)**

Liz Dean was guest speaker at the Banquet at School. She is a 1993 graduate of McGregor School.



## **May Lions Birthdays!**

June Murray, Betty Jo Johnson, Robin Pearson, Gloria Boyer, Russ Thompson. Happy birthday Russ and ladies!



Editor: Dennis Adams  
Website: [www.mcgregorlions.org](http://www.mcgregorlions.org)  
FaceBook Page:  
McGregor MN Lions Club.



Ass't. Editor: Jerry Feucht  
Facebook Mgr.: Carol Jansen  
[carol.jansen@gmail.com](mailto:carol.jansen@gmail.com)  
Web Master.: Tom Maijala

Volume XLI, Issue 5

May 2023

## ISD#4 Track and Field Event

For the first time since covid hit in 2019, the McGregor School held it's Track and Field event on Friday, May 26, 2023. The event includes 200M through 800M races, long jump, softball throw, and accurate frisbee toss. Medals are awarded to the top three kids, male, female, in each grade 1st through 6th. The Lions always commit to have volunteers on hand for measuring and data recording. Here's some pics!!





Editor: Dennis Adams  
Website: [www.mcgregorlions.org](http://www.mcgregorlions.org)  
FaceBook Page:  
McGregor MN Lions Club.



Ass't. Editor: Jerry Feucht  
Facebook Mgr.: Carol Jansen  
[carol.jansen@gmail.com](mailto:carol.jansen@gmail.com)  
Web Master.: Tom Maijala

Volume XLI, Issue 5

May 2023

## New Members Sworn In!

Pat McGin and Gayleen Touhey swore in two new Lions in May meeting. Please welcome Lisa and Bryan Schmidt to McGregor Lions!!!

