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THE LIONS ROAR



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Robert Swedeon

Reminder...there is no meeting in December.

Christmas is just around the corner, and on December 18th we will be having our club Christmas party at the Fireside. Happy hour and Hors d'oeuvres starts at 5:30 followed by dinner at 6:30. Howie is still out sick, so Jerry has not received information on our dinner choices. Watch for an email as soon as we receive it from Howie.

2024 Lion's mid-winter convention is being hosted by the Vergas Lion's at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomon, MN. This is a 3-day event January 5 - 7th. This year at the convention our club will have 7 voting members and will be awarding a lucky student a \$1,000 scholarship. If you are planning on attending, please let me know.

At the last Zone meeting Sharon Whipple, our chairperson, asked our club to host the April 2024 Zone meeting. I will be putting together a committee for this event. If you are interested in helping with this event, please give me a call, or let me know at the Christmas party.

Our clubs' dues are due January 1st and July 1st. The cost is \$70 for an individual and \$120 for a couple. If you are not sure when your dues are due, please give Betty Jo a call.

Between now and this spring I would encourage everyone to focus on inviting new member prospects and to bring any event ideas you may have that we as a club could do for our club meetings or call me to discuss them. I can be reached at 612-205-5468.

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

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SECRETARY'S THOUGHTS

Betty Jo Johnson

So, have you recovered from Thanksgiving dinner yet? The reason I ask is because you need to start getting ready for the next round! We will be having our Christmas Party on Monday, Dec. 18th, 5:30 happy hour, at The Fireside. Jerry is working on menu choices which we'll send you. This is a fun event with contests and singing. Again this year we're having the Ugly Sweater Contest – this is your chance to be creative. We'll have surprise gifts for everyone and candy!

Also coming up is the Community Meal, Wed., Dec 20th, 5:30 at the Community Center. I don't know who's doing it, but it will be great to see all of our neighbors and wish them Merry Christmas.

You might also consider helping at the Santa Shop at school on Fri. 12/15. Check with Shirley Scollard on start time for this – but I know we get treats in the morning and school lunch at noon – how much fun is that?

A helpful hint: socks never constitute a gift...



Calendar

Dec 18. Annual Christmas Party 5:30pm at Fireside Inn.

Jan 5 - 7 Midwinter Convention at Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomon, MN.

Jan 15 Board meeting 5 PM, at the Community Center, General Meeting at 6:30pm

Gambling Report

Deb Laursen, Gambling Manager

Gambling Donations:

MACC	Carpeting	\$1500
ISD #4	Plays/musical	\$7200
Something Cool	Thrive Rec equipment, TV, preschool play room.	\$3500
ISD #4	2nd grade flexible seating	\$1500
Habitat for Humanity	Aitkin	\$1200
Angels	Operation Christman	\$4000
Salvation Army		\$1000
ISD #4	Santa Shop	\$2500
MN Vision Foundation	Jessie Latterell memorial	\$200
ISD #4	PTO	\$750
5M9 District Scholarship		\$1000

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)**

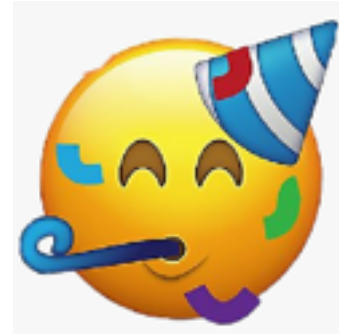
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December Birthdays



***December* birthdays, hope you have a great one!**

Walt Ford

Dave Winegar

Tom Maijala

Pat McGinn

Darlene Erickson

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November 20 Meeting

Lion Shirley Scollard talks to the group about the upcoming Santa Shop at the school December 15th. Call Shirley if you want to help out.

Lions President Robert Swedeen looks very distinguished in the official Lion's President headwear. It took 18 months to get it. Better late than never!



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