



THE LIONS ROAR



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Robert Swedeon

It is almost Halloween, and our snowbirds are heading south for the winter. We had a GREAT turnout at the steak fry this month. Eight new potential members were in attendance. In fact, we are inducting two new members in November. Sue and Bruce Waslie. Our club is growing and growing this year!

This month I would like to encourage members who have overseen an event for years and wish to step down and work on something else, or need to cut back on responsibilities as they get older, to talk to me at least a year beforehand if possible. You have very valuable information that needs to be passed along to the individual that will replace you. The best way to do this is for the two of you to work together on the event and then transition.

A great example of this is Shirley Scollard. Shirley oversees the Salvation Army Bell ringing and the Santa Shop (gift shopping for the McGregor school children) in the month of December. Shirley is working to pass on this information about these two IMPORTANT events to a couple of members in the club so when she is ready to step down these events will continue to be handled and run as efficient as possible.

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 to 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

How good were those steaks??!! Thanks to Howie for providing them and Dave and Pat for the great grilling job. My one problem was with the sides – members K-Z (27 according to my count) were supposed to handle this event. We had 5 items – good stuff, mind you, but a little short. In the past we had callers to remind folks of an upcoming potluck event – should we do that again? Let me know what you think....

Lions Night Out will be **Wednesday**, Nov 8th at Marks's Bar, 6:00 (but you can come earlier). Note day change because Mark's doesn't open for supper till Wednesday. Hope to see you there!

We can't do the Santa Shop for Kids this year because we need someone to handle it. Shirley Scollard will help you, but last year Mike Kraus had 19 people to help handle kids, wrapping, & cashiering. Do you know that many people who would like to help? They don't have to be Lions – let them know they get a FREE school lunch and that should get them coming in! This isn't just for the kids; it'll make your heart happy.

In the famous words of Lester Holt (Ch 11 news guy) – Be kind to yourself and each other.

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Calendar

Nov 8 Lions Night Out 6pm at Mark's Bar.

Nov 20 Board meeting 5 PM, at the Community Center, General Meeting at 6:30pm

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

Gambling Report

Deb Laursen, Gambling Manager

Gambling Donations:

City of McGregor ambulance radio batteries	\$3,000
City of McGregor transfer pump	\$229
ISD #4 t-shirts for staff recognition	\$200
HOPE domestic abuse program	\$2,000
Hook up AC in ambulance building	\$1,423.40
Ukura's Big Dollar for holiday vouchers	\$8,000

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)**

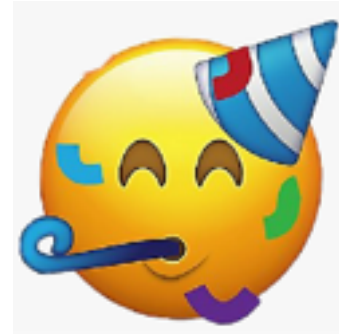
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November Birthdays



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

Jon Jacobs

Sharon Lake

Virginia Johnson

Tim Ernhart

Jackie Scollard

Carol Jansen

Brenda Anderson

Gina Staska

Pam Hoover

Greg Maas

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October 16 Meeting

John Plagman talked about Habitat to Humanity to the group. They are currently doing a roof replacement and could use funds for that. Applicants must meet certain criteria and no one from McGregor has applied. They build 1 house every 2 years.



Sharon Whipple (right) from the Malmo Lions club was representing District 5M9 and talked about upcoming events including the convention in January.





October 16 Meeting (cont)



Many at the October meeting attendees wore costumes to celebrate Halloween.

Barb (Bobbie) Jurek tried to frighten the cameraman as he snapped a photo. He is fearless and it didn't work.



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Coats for Kids!!!

Lion, Mark Greninger, delivered boxes of “coats, snow pants, hats and mittens to McGregor School. Lion Shirley Scollard is shown helping. Many organizations make this possible, including the McGregor Lions.

