



South Milwaukee Lions Club

Serving the community for 86 years!



South Milwaukee Lions Newsletter NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023

2023-2024 OFFICERS

- President** – Lion Gonzalo Couto-Lain
- First Vice President**– Lion Jonathan Seel
- Second Vice President** – Lion Tony Gardner
- Third Vice President** – Lion John Boswell
- Secretary**– Lion Denise Brzenk
- Club LCIF Coordinator** – Lion Denise Brzenk
- Club Service Chairperson** – Lion Patti Redlin
- Treasurer** – Lion Debbie Polzin
- Directors** – 2 YEAR Lion’s Dick Blaha & Judy Williams
- Directors** - 1 YEAR Lion’s Bruce Wranovsky & Scott Streich
- Leo Advisor** – OPEN POSITION
- Leo Assistants** – Lion’s Alex Salisott & OPEN POSITION
- Membership Director** – Lion Gloria Becker
- Membership** – Lion’s Matt Eisenhauer, Ashley Prondzinski
- Lion Tamer** – Lion Robert Kingston
- Tail Twister** – Lion Julie Schramm
- Past President** – Lion Fran Jasper
- Marketing Communications** – Lion Peggy Bartelt

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER: National Diabetics Month

- 5 – District Bowling Tournament
- 8 – Dinner Meeting, Barbieri’s
- 11 – Veterans Luncheon at the Legion Post
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- 13 – Culvers Fundraiser VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- 15 – Blood Drive
- 23 – HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- 29 – Club Board Meeting

DECEMBER:

- 2 – Xmas Parade/Tree Lighting/OF Xmas at Sr Center
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- 11 – Culvers Fundraiser VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- 13 – Xmas Gathering, K Ranch
- 25 – MERRY CHRISTMANS
- 27 – Club Board Meeting

JANUARY:

- 5-6 – District Convention – Pewaukee
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- 10 – Dinner Meeting BE Club
- 17 – Festival Mtg 6:30 Location TBD
- 24 – Board Meeting

FEBRUARY:

- 7 – Valentines Gathering K Ranch
- 28 – Board Meeting

MARCH:

- 6 – Blood Drive at City Hall
- 13 – Dinner Meeting BE Club NOMINATIONS
- 16 – Easter Event at the SR Center
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- 21 – Community Meal – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- 27 – Board Meeting

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

- 1 - Amy Block
- 2 – Eoghan Browne
- 8 – Nathan Thompson

DECEMBER

- 17 – Tony Gardner
- 24 – Gregg Dufek
- 26 – Tracy Stewart
- 27 – Bill Fenger
- 29 – Dick Wranovsky
- 31 – Sal Purpora

LION ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER

- Gregg Dufek & Dennis Ryan - 28 years
- Cary Fischer – 24 years
- Marc Gear – 19 years
- Fran Jasper – 14 years
- Jonathan Seel – 4 years
- Steven (Harpo) Janiszewski – 1 year

DECEMBER

- Clarence Harris – 31 years
- Patti Redlin – 18 years
- Debbie Polzin – 14 years
- Michael (Doc) Dounell – 2 years

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL of YOU!
We apologize if we have missed anyone

Thank You for your SERVICE!

COMMITTEE & NEWS UPDATES

The SM LIONS Newsletter Deadline for articles, news, projects activities, etc. will be 5 days prior to the end of each month. Please get your information to Lion Debbie Polzin.

BLOOD DRIVE – Wednesday, November 15 from 12-5 pm at City Hall. Very successful 11 whole blood and 3 dual reds. Thanks to Lion's Dick B, Bob K, Jackie O for your coordination of this event.

CLUB SOCIAL MARKETING- If you are present at any Lions events, please take pictures and send to Lion's Peggy Bartelt and Debbie Polzin for use on our club social media pages, submission to the WI Lions Newsletter, Monthly Newsletter, and our book for next year.

Please include a brief description of the photo. Peggybartelt@att.net, dkpolzin@gmail.com

CULVER'S FUNDRAISER – Next Event MONDAY, Dec 11, 2023 from 5-8 PM

Volunteers needed. Culvers, 6031 W. Layton Ave, Greenfield, WI 53220. Volunteers will be doing assorted duties from, taking food bags out to drive thru customers, trays to customers who are eating in the restaurant and bussing tables. If you would like to volunteer, contact Lion Mary Cay Rittershaus cell 414-708-5769 or email at mrittershaus@yahoo.com. This is a great fundraiser for our club. In November we received \$437.91. Thank You to everyone who has helped with this event.

DEER HIDE COLLECTION – Starts September 16, Thank You Lion Dan for being a drop off point.

DISTRICT CONVENTION – January 5-6 Ingleside Hotel, Pewaukee

All information available on the district website: [27-A1 Lions Convention](#), you also received a detailed email on November 15. See page 12 of your Lion book for reimbursement information.

DEADLINE FOR YOUR RECEIPTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT WILL BE FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH

Information on Lion Ralf Windler and Lion Al Bassett for the memorial at convention have been submitted.

If you're planning on attending, please let Lion Denise Brzenk know if you would like to be a delegate.

CHANGE IN DELEGATES BASED ON DISCOUNTED MEMBER DUES – This will include a discounted family member, Leo-Lion member, student member or young adult members. Discounted members have all of the same rights as an active member paying full dues, but DO NOT count towards the club's delegate entitlement for voting at conventions. You received an email on November 18th from LCIF stating the full details.

SM Lions will be supporting 3rd VDG Lion Patti Redlin at convention by making desserts, setting up her table in the gathering hall for Friday night festivities and serving the desserts. If you are interested in helping by making a dessert, contact Lion Debbie Polzin. Desserts would need to be dropped off by Thursday, January 4, 2024.

Thank You

EYE GLASS MONITORING & COLLECTION:

Lions that monitor eye glass collection boxes are reminded to please bring your collection to the next meeting. Thank you for caring and serving! Additional volunteers are needed. Note that Lions can drop off the Eye Glasses at Lion Jonathan Seel house, 811 Montana Ave, South Milwaukee. Please put your glasses inside the front porch. **If You Are Monitoring an Eye Collection Box or Know Where One Is Located, Please Call Lion Jonathan Seel at 414-313-3490.**

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE – Our 1st planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17th, 2024. Location TBD.

HOLIDAY CARDS RECEIVED – David Joseph Flack

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE – Please remember to save your aluminum can tabs to support this worthy cause. With Lion Al Bassett's passing we will need someone to step up to collect these and deliver them to the Ronald McDonald house to show our Lions Club support of their mission.

SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS FOR OUR CLUB- If you are not familiar with the SM Lions Club's social media accounts, now is a great time to follow them! We have active Facebook and Instagram accounts, and we are working to reboot our Twitter account - the links are below. If our club members can help interact with the club pages' posts, this will help the posts be seen by more people based on the website algorithms. Interactions can include: liking or commenting on posts, sharing posts, and responding to events that you'll be attending. This will help increase visibility for our club & events!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthMilwaukeeLionsClub/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/southmilwaukeelions/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/smlionsclub?lang=en>

ST. FRANCIS LIONS CLUB BOWLING EVENT – Saturday, January 27, 2024 at South Shore Bowl in Cudahy. If you are interested in bowling, contact Lion Debbie Polzin. You received the flyer via email on November 20, 2023.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: If you know of anyone who needs to know Lions are thinking of them during a rough time, send information to Lion Denise Brzenk at d.brzenk56@gmail.com and she will send them a card to brighten their day.

THANK YOU CARDS RECEIVED – JDRF, SM Human Concerns

VETERANS LUNCHEON – November 11, 2023, SM Lions provided lunch to about 50 local Veterans. Thank You Lion Bob, Dick, Richard, Marge and Debbie



ZONE MEETING - November 16, 2023 hosted by Oak Creek Lions. 5 SM Lions attended.

South Milwaukee Lion's Foundation News

Donation to SMHC 50 th Anniv	\$3,000.00
Donation Appreciation Gathering	\$1,349.67
Ronald McDonald Gala Donation	\$500.00
Lions Camp Memorial Bricks for Lion Ralf Windler & Lion Al Basset	\$1,000.00
Scholarships	\$9,000.00
Festival Volunteer Groups	\$3,800.00
Festival Police Auxiliary	\$1,750.00

South Milwaukee Leos News & Announcements

Nothing reported at this time

LEO CLUB ADVISOR – OPEN POSITION

Leo Assist's – Lion Alex Salisott & OPEN POSITION

This is the Leo Bench project from collecting all the plastic bags last year.

