



# South Milwaukee Lions Club

*Serving the community for 86 years!*



## South Milwaukee Lions Newsletter SEPT /OCT 2023

### 2023-2024 OFFICERS

- President** – Lion Gonzalo Couto-Lain
- First Vice President**– Lion Jonathan Seel
- Second Vice President** – OPEN POSITION
- Third Vice President** – OPEN POSITION
- 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 & Allan Bassett
- 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

#### SEPTEMBER:

- 4 - HAPPY LABOR DAY
- 11 – New LCI Portal opens
- 11 – Culvers Fundraiser
- 13 – Dinner Meeting, SM Yacht Club
- 14 – SM Downtown Market
- 16 – SM Lions serving Bold Luncheon
- 16 – SM Lions serving food HC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 16 – Deer Hide collection begins at Lion Eberhardt’s
- 27 - Club Board Meeting

#### OCTOBER:

- 5 – SM Downtown Market
- 8 – Art Work on the Avenue-SM Lion serving ice cream
- 9 – Culvers Fundraiser
- 10 – Festival Sponsor’s & Volunteer’s appreciation event will be held at Oak Manor, details to follow in separate email.
- 11 – Dinner Meeting, BE Club
- 21 – JDRF event
- 25 – Club Board Meeting

#### NOVEMBER:

- 8 – Dinner Meeting, Barbieri’s
- 13 – Culvers Fundraiser
- 15 – Blood Drive
- 24 – HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- 29 – Club Board Meeting

#### DECEMBER:

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

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

### JULY

6 - Blaise Paul  
11 - Mike Kulba  
12 - Mary Cay Rittershaus  
18 - Cameron Blaha  
26 - Linda Ryan  
27 - Jackie Ove

### AUGUST

8 - Al Bassett  
14 - Deb DeBoer  
25 - Don Frederick  
26 - Gonzalo Couto-Lain  
29 - Peggy Bartelt

### SEPTEMBER

2 - Matt Eisenhauer  
4 - Steve Sroka  
5 - Patti Redlin  
11 - Jonathan Seel  
12 - Debbie Polzin  
14 - Jim Kowalski  
19 - Julie Schramm  
29 - Cory Ann St. Marie-Carls  
29 - PDG Jerry Willms Jr.

### OCTOBER

5 - Don VanderVelden  
15 - Christina Jasper  
15 - Dick Blaha  
24 - Steve Glase

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL of YOU!*

*\*We apologize if we have missed anyone\**

## LION ANNIVERSARIES

### JULY

George Becker - 31 years

### AUGUST

NONE

### SEPTEMBER

Don VanderVelden - 46 years  
Bernice Czarnecki - 30 years  
Linda Ryan - 28 years  
Dick Blaha - 12 years  
Joyce Bulley - 10 years  
Ashley Prondzinski - 7 years  
Larry Redlin - 18 years

### OCTOBER

Tim Talaska - 35 years  
Joe Weirich - 18 years  
Susy Lemcke - 7 years  
Jim Kowalski - 5 years  
Cameron Blaha - 3 years  
Judy Williams - 2 years  
Mary Cay Rittershaus - 2 years  
Matt Eisenhauer - 2 years  
Tamra Kaczmarowski - 2 years  
Tony Gardner - 1 year  
Tracy Stewart - 1 year  
Jim Holmblad - 1 year  
Blaise Paul - 1 year

***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.

Thanks to Lion's Dick B, Bob K, Jackie O for your coordination of this event.

**BUCYRUS COMMONS GRAND OPENING** - Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 1-5 pm.

Free ice cream provided by SM Lions and net profit of \$190.05 in food sales.

**CHEATERAMMA CAR SHOW-** Saturday August 26, Bucyrus Commons

We prepared and sold a variety of items at this event. Thanks to Lions: Jim K, Scott, Bruce, George, Dick B, Debbie P, Peggy, Denise, Gloria Mary Cay, Deb D. Our net profit was \$1,646.10

**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](mailto:Peggybartelt@att.net), [dkpolzin@gmail.com](mailto:dkpolzin@gmail.com)

**COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT-** Thursday, August 3, 2023 Free ice cream provided by SM Lions.

Thanks to Lions: Dick B, Bill F, Tim T, Lori S, Cameron, Debbie P

**CRUSHER FEST – Saturday, June 3, 11-9 & Sunday, June 4, 11-6 pm at Bucyrus Commons**

Thank you to Lions Scott, Don F, Peggy, George, Deb D, Julie Jim K, Jonathan, Patti R, Dick B, Denise, Debbie P and Marie for making this event successful. Our net profit was \$2,048.11.

**CULVER'S FUNDRAISER – MONDAY, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11 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](mailto:mrittershaus@yahoo.com). This is a great fundraiser for our club.

In May we received a donation of \$376.70, June \$349.90, July \$405.90.

Thank You to everyone who has helped with this event.

**D.A.R.E. GOLF OUTING – Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 8 am Grant Park Golf Course.**

Thank You Lions, Clarence, Don S, Don V and John B for representing our club.

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

**DONATIONS MADE IN MAY, JUNE, JULY –** Bucyrus Grand opening \$486.21, Earth Day Shredding \$340.00, SMPD K9 - \$1,667.00, Human Concerns - \$500.00.

**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.**

**K9 DECOYS NEEDED –** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is seeking volunteers from our club who may be interested, willing and available to participate in the Explosive Detection Canine Program at the Mitchell Intl Airport (MKE) here in Milwaukee.

The K9 teams train daily to detect, deter and prevent threats to the traveling public and commercial aviation. You will be playing the role of passengers and carry "training aids" during your decoy volunteer time. If interested email: [wicaninevolunteer@tsa.dhs.gov](mailto:wicaninevolunteer@tsa.dhs.gov) to get more information.

**REQUIREMENTS:** 1. YOU MUST BE OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE, but may be accompanied by minors/children 2. YOU MUST SIGN A NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE** – Please remember to save your aluminum can tabs to support this worthy cause. Lion Al Bassett collects these and delivers 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/southmilwaukeeelions/>  
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/smlionsclub?lang=en>

**SM MARKET** – Lions will be fundraising on these dates **September 14 & 21<sup>st</sup>, October 5<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Set up starts at 2 pm, market opens at 3 pm and closes at 7 pm.** Lions will be serving Brats, Burger, Hot Dogs, Walking Taco's, Baked Potatoes, Soda, and Water. If you would like to volunteer to help at any of these events, please let me know as soon as possible. [dkpolzin@gmail.com](mailto:dkpolzin@gmail.com)  
Our net profit for the month of June was \$615.10, July, \$665.56, August \$926.37.

**STATE CONVENTION** – **May 11-13<sup>th</sup> in Stevens Point**  
Thank You Lions Patti, Larry, Dan and Elizabeth for attending and representing our Club.

**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](mailto:d.brzenk56@gmail.com) and she will send them a card to brighten their day.

**VISION WALK** – **Sunday, May 21, 8 am – 12 pm at Veterans Park**  
Thanks to Lion's Dick Blaha, Bob Kingston for preparing the luncheon hot dogs and serving and Lion Eoghan Browne for being our Lion Mascot.

**ZONE MEETING** – Thursday, May 25, SM Lions had 12 attendees.  
Tuesday, August 29, SM Lions had 9 attendees.  
The meal and commemorative was great.

## **South Milwaukee Lion's Foundation News** **Nothing reported at this time**

## **South Milwaukee Leos News & Announcements** **Nothing reported at this time**

LEO CLUB ADVISOR – OPEN POSITION  
Leo Assist's – Lion Alex Salisott & Lion Allan Bassett