



South Milwaukee Lions Club

Serving the community for 87 years!



South Milwaukee Lions Newsletter JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024

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

JANUARY:

- 5-6 – District Convention – Pewaukee
- 10 – Dinner Meeting BE Club
- 17 – Festival Mtg 6:30 Location TBD
- 19 – Deadline for Convention Reimbursement Receipts
- 22 – Foundation Meeting
- 24 – Board Meeting

FEBRUARY:

- 7 – Valentines Gathering K Ranch
- 28 – Board Meeting
- 29 – Zone Meeting host St. Francis Lions Club

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

APRIL:

- 10 - Dinner Meeting SM Yacht Club
- 24 – Board Meeting

MAY:

- 8 - Blood Drive at City Hall
- 22 – Installation Banquet Joes K Ranch
- 29 – Board Meeting

JUNE:

- 12 – Dinner Meeting SM Yacht Club
- 21 – 25 – International Convention
- 26 – Board Meeting

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

- 9 – Don Stoddard 10- Pam Werth
- 11 – Tim Talaska
- 13 – Ashley Prondzinski & John Boswell
- 20 – Pete Vlaj
- 22 – Dan Eberhardt & Tom Kubusek
- 28 – Scott Streich 31 – Vittoria Sipone

FEBRUARY

- 1 – Lori Serrano 5 – Dolores Page
- 7 – Bob Kingston 26 – Jim Wranovsky

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

LION ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY

- PDG Jerry Willms – 55 years
- Jackie Ove – 24 years Dolores Page – 23 years
- Sal Purpora – 11 years Steve Sroka – 8 years

FEBRUARY

- Claren Harris – 11 years
- CoryAnn St.Marie-Carls - 6 years
- Don Frederick–6 years
- Dick Miller & Scott Streich – 5 years
- Denise Brzenk & John Boswell – 4 years
- Barb Berndt – 3 years

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, March 6, 2024 from 12-5 pm at City Hall.
Thanks to Lion's Dick B, Bob K, Jackie O for your coordination of this event.

BOWLING EVENTS - St. Francis- January 27th, Cudahy Lions – February 24th,
The Tichigan Lake Lions Club – March 2 thru April 27, 2024.
You received all the flyers on Wednesday, December 27th via email.
If you're interested in bowling in any of them, please sign up on your own and provide Treasurer with your receipt for reimbursement.

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, January 8, 2024 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. Currently waiting for the December donation.
Thank You to Lion Mary Cay for organizing and everyone else who has helped with this event.

DEER HIDE COLLECTION – Started on September 16th and will officially end on January 7th.
A BIG THANK YOU TO LION DAN EBERHARDT 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

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 and Agenda will be sent no later than the 14th.

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.

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.

ZONE MEETING – Thursday, February 29, 2024 hosted by St. Francis Lions Club.
Details will be email out once received by the Zone Chair.

South Milwaukee Lion's Foundation News

The Foundation sponsored 8 children for Christmas thru
South Milwaukee Human Concerns for \$726.65.

The Foundation donated candy canes filled with M&M to the Old-Fashioned
Christmas event on December 2, 2023 for \$371.00.

The Foundation will be making the donations for the Parade of Checks at
District convention per the budget totaling \$11,700.

The next Foundation meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2024, location,
time and agenda will be sent out closer to the meeting date.

If any Lions have any questions, they can contact Foundation President
Lion Jackie Ove.

South Milwaukee Leos News & Announcements

LEO CLUB ADVISOR – OPEN POSITION

Leo Assist's – Lion Alex Salisott & OPEN POSITION