

Zone Chair Report

R3Z3 – Fitchburg, McFarland, Oregon-Brooklyn, Verona

September 15, 2015

Region Meeting scheduled for October 21, 2015 at Dodger Bowl, Dodgeville, WI

Zone Meeting for January is scheduled.

January 26, 2016 – Zone Meeting will be hosted by McFarland Lions at the Green Lantern in McFarland.

Social begins at 6pm with dinner and meeting to follow at 6:30pm.

Zone Meeting, August 12, 2015 Hosted by Verona at Grey's Tied House

All 4 clubs in attendance – Fitchburg (3), McFarland (2), Oregon-Brooklyn (2), Verona (4)

Also in attendance – 1st VDG Eric Holthaus and WLF Director John Dickson

Showed a 10-minute video on International President Yamada's theme "Dignity, Harmony, Humanity

Each club reported on their summer projects and activities and upcoming events.

We discussed the Centennial Service Challenge and Centennial Membership Awards from LCI. All 4 Clubs qualified for the Diamond Level Banner Patch for 2014-2015 Centennial Service Challenge and are working on 2015-2016. Clubs shared ideas on projects that would qualify the "Protecting the Environment" Service Challenge. Encouraged each club to send at least one member to the How to Attract New Members Workshop.

Club Visits:

Verona – August 20, 2015

President Brian McKay ran a great meeting. There was good interaction and discussion on the agenda topics. Everyone was well prepared if leading an agenda item/committee report. New treasurer, Lion Steve Chia, gave a detailed treasurer's report with easy to understand explanations. Attendance was typical of less than half the members- would like to see more attend the meetings but those not attending are kept well informed via email, facebook and website. The club is very active with projects and activities, having just completed Stuff the Bus and Vision Screening/Police Night Out Event. They always seem to have good volunteer response.

McFarland – September 1, 2016

McFarland held their annual "open house" meeting in August which resulted in 2 new members joining at the September meeting. They had 41 members and 3 more possible members as guest present. President Tim Benishek, starting his 2nd year, runs a great meeting and recognizes a Lion of the month at each meeting. The club just finished volunteering at Farm Technology Days and have a 2-day Community Food Drive with the McFarland Lioness, Eye Tissue Transport, McFarland Family Festival and Parade and OccuPaws Vision Screening all coming up in September.

Fitchburg – September 14, 2015

Fitchburg had a busy summer with Fitchburg Days, Strawberry Fest, Concerts in the Park and Agora Art Fair. They will be serving food at Epplegarten in October. They don't have any large fundraisers but have many small ones and get good member participation. They also had a successful Stuff the Bus, working with the Madison area clubs. They are active in Eye Tissue Transports from Dodgeville to the Eye Bank in September and March. They had 10 members (50%) at their meeting with 1 prospective new member in attendance. I will be auditing their 2014-2015 Administrative and Activity accounts in early October. There is a problem in that few want to step up as leaders within the club. A board meeting was scheduled prior to the meeting but only 2 of 7 board members showed up, though 3 more came for the meeting. I suggested that they could hold the board meeting after the regular meeting or as part of the meeting with all members in attendance. There was no written meeting agenda, no minutes from prior meeting and treasurer's report was not

given. This is not usually the case but plan to follow up with President/Secretary Tom when I meet with them to discuss their audit in early October.

Upcoming Activities

McFarland

September – Eye Tissue Transport Month

September 20 – McFarland Family Festival Parade and Parade Traffic

September 20 – Occupaws 10th Anniversary, Vision Screening at Wisconsin Brewing Co, with Verona Lions

November 5 – Serving the Shared Table Community Meal

Verona

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Fall Copps Food Drive for Food Pantry

Oregon-Brooklyn

Fall Nut Sale

Fitchburg

Epplegarten Food Stand

Eye Tissue Transports - September

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