

Diabetes Committee Report
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27-D1

Here is your committee report for Diabetes.

We did not meet, and the last quarter was focused on maintaining and growing Trollway Diabetes, Inc.'s Prevent2. The second cohort is in full swing, still meeting weekly. Currently we have 5 attendees that are working hard on tracking their food, activity, and weight. I am proud to announce that I have successfully attained "Preliminary Status" with the CDC. This means that I will be able to bill insurance for participants that sign up. I am working with Pam Geis from the WI Department of Public Health on an infrastructure agreement. This means that the state will secure contracts with insurance companies and take care of all of the billing. This is a huge step, as I have reached out personally to most insurance companies in the area and have been denied as a preferred provider. Partnering with the state eliminates this step and assures that TDI can be reimbursed appropriately.

Another piece of good news for the program is that a dietician that lives in Mt. Horeb has reached out and is going to be taking the Lifestyle Coach training under TDI. This means that I will have another person to teach the classes with me. She has shadowed one of the food focused classes and will be becoming certified in February.

As far as the rest of the diabetes committee, our focus has been the D1 Diabetes Awareness Contest, open to all clubs in the district. As you may recall there were two categories: service projects and social media. I asked for clubs to reach out to me if they participated and got very few responses. Thankfully we were still able to pick 2 winners in each category.

Service Projects: 1st place (\$50) goes to Monticello Lions: Store window decorating, flyers, and newspaper article.

2nd place (\$25) goes to Beloit Lions: They held a Health Fair in November; (Honorable mentions go out to Mt. Horeb and Cross Plains Lions for helping out with that-sorry no prize money).

SOCIAL MEDIA: 1st place (\$50) went to Fennimore Lions. They posted on their facebook page about diabetes EVERY DAY in November.

2nd place (\$25) went to Potosi-Tennyson Lions, they posted 14 times.

We are SO GRATEFUL for the clubs' efforts at raising awareness about diabetes.

Other news: We plan to have a table at the District Convention. Waunakee Lions has reached out to TDI about the possibility of expanding the diabetes prevention class to Waunakee. Talks are in process. More to come about that. Lastly, I just got an email from Liz Shelley at WI Lions Foundation re: 2022 Diabetes Statistics. These numbers are up from the past report card significantly. This means we CANNOT stop our efforts.

The report card can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/data/statistics-report/index.html?ACSTrackingID=DM73850&ACSTrackingLabel=New%20Report%20Shares%20Latest%20Diabetes%20Stats&deliveryName=DM73850>

I am interested in getting a list together of Diabetes Committee Chairs across the district. I want to use this information to do a better job at getting diabetes related information out. Sending to club presidents and secretaries is just not having the impact I hoped for. If you are a committee chair for diabetes please just send me an email and I will compile the information for better communication in the future.

If you were a winning club, I am submitting an expense form to get the checks written out, and I will be mailing them out as soon as possible.

Thank you again!