

## Notes from Lion President Tim

It was an honor to represent the McFarland Lions at the 2015-2016 27-D1 District Convention and receive the Lion Club of the Year Award. It would not have been possible without the volunteering, fundraisers, community service and meetings our members participated in. Our club takes on many challenges and it is our members that fulfill and live up to motto: "We Serve" - It's What We're All About. Let's keep up the momentum with new ideas and the sharing of opportunities. I am proud to be a part of the largest service organization in the world and you should be too!

Please take a moment to congratulate Lion Jim Klubertanz on his nomination for 27-D1 Grassroots Lion of the Year award. This would be a good time to introduce your self if you haven't already. Lion Jim has gone above and beyond what it means to be a Lion with an extraordinary level of commitment to serving our community.

We are in the midst of our busiest time in our fund raising efforts. Please continue to sell roses for McFarland Lions Rose Days (April 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>) and be ready to serve for the McFarland Lions Memorial Day Chicken BBQ. May 30<sup>th</sup>

Proudly wear your McFarland Lions shirt, pin and nametag to the April meeting.

*Lion Trivia: What is the Centennial slogan? Look for the answer in this newsletter.*

We Serve, Lion Tim

## McFarland 27-D1 Lions Club of the Year



Lion President Tim, with Past International Director, Mike Molenda, accepting the 27-D1 Lions Club of the Year Award and Certificate at the District Convention Celebration of Service Reception.

McFarland was one of the 9 District Clubs nominated this year.

The Club of the Year was selected from the nominees based on the club's accomplishments in the categories of membership development, communication, PR, club activities and activity beyond the club. The Club's total points were divided by number of Club members. The Club with the highest point/member was named Club of the Year.



**There are still 40 dozen Red Roses & Spring Bouquets available to sell. Call Lion AI 838-8596 with your orders.**

Flower Deliveries will be April 8th & 9th.  
Sign up at the April 5th meeting.

## Calendar of Events

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| <b>April 2</b>   | <b>Lioness Spring Raffle, Maple Tree, Noon</b>                |
| <b>April 5</b>   | <b>McFarland Lions Meeting, Green Lantern, 6pm</b>            |
| <b>April 8-9</b> | <b>Rose and Spring Bouquet Delivery Days</b>                  |
| <b>April 18</b>  | <b>Officer Training/Orientation, Innkeeper, Waunakee, 6pm</b> |
| <b>April 23</b>  | <b>McFarland Community Service Day</b>                        |
| <b>May 3</b>     | <b>McFarland Lions Meeting, Green Lantern, 6pm</b>            |
| <b>May 19-21</b> | <b>State Convention, Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton</b>         |
| <b>May 30</b>    | <b>55th Annual Chicken BBQ</b>                                |
| <b>June 14</b>   | <b>Steak Fry Meeting, American Legion</b>                     |
| <b>June 16</b>   | <b>Annual Golf Outing, Foxboro Golf Club</b>                  |



## THE COMMUNICATOR

### Community Food Drive

The semi-annual Lions/Lioness Community Food Drive was a success as usual. The support and generosity of the community is very evident as we collected 1,305 pounds of food and received \$689 in cash donations.



Well done Lions & Lioness! Thank You Lion Larry Chatman for organizing and coordinating the Food Drive

### Children's Vision Screening

McFarland's Annual Pre-K Child Development Days will be held April 19-20-21 at the Madison Curling Club. We will be doing Children's Vision Screening all 3 days. There are still spots available and you can sign-up online at <http://vols.pt/fbng>

### Club Dues

Yes, it's that time of the year again. Dues statements for 2016-2017 are going out this week. Members with email will receive via email, all others will be mailed.

Each statement will have members address, phone number, cell phone and email address. Please check those, make any corrections and return will your dues payment.

***All dues should be paid by May 1, 2016***



### Lion's Work Shirts

Anyone who has not pick up their Lion's Work Shirt can do so at the April 5th meeting. The cost including tax is \$12.65 per shirt.

### Eye Tissue Transports

Lion Ed Proctor leaving the Lions Eye Bank for Westfield, the first leg in a corneal tissue transport for a next day surgery. The result will be the gift of sight for someone unknown to those doing the transports.

Club members have done 15 transports this month with a few days to go.



### Officer Training/Orientation

#### Attention Newly Elected Officers/New Members

Officer Training will be held on April 18 in Waunakee, April 19 in Dodgeville and April 21 in Albany. We usually attend the session in Waunakee but you can attend any session that fits your schedule. All officers are encouraged to attend one of the sessions. Any new members who have not been through an orientation should attend as well. The Club covers all the costs.

Please sign up at the April meeting or contact Lion Bruce at 572-9173. Carpools will be set up.

### State Lions Convention

May 19-21, 2016 - Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton

If you would like to attend the State Convention, you may do so by contacting Lion Bruce or sign-up at the April meeting.

Early registration for the state convention ends on May 1st and the costs will be covered by the club. All additional fees incurred for late registration will be charged to the member.

Convention information is available in the Wisconsin Lion Newspaper or at <http://wisconsinlions.org/state-convention/>

### Community Service Day—Apr 23

Community Service Day is one day opportunity for McFarland residents to give back to their community. This year, the service day will be held on Saturday, April 23.

Please go to the Village of McFarland Website at <http://www.mcfarland.wi.us/> and click on Community Service Day 2016 to view the available projects.

We will discuss some of the opportunities available at the next meeting.

### Wisconsin Public TV Auction

**Saturday, June 4, 6-10PM**

The Lions and Lioness have worked the WPT Spring Auction for several years and it is always a busy but fun evening. Last year, 20 Lions and Lioness took part. We hope even more will help out this year.

If you would like to sign up, you can go to:

<http://vols.pt/bw8SSq>



## Lion Jim Klubertanz

### McFarland's Grassroots Lion of the Year Nominee

**McFarland Nominee:** Lion Jim Klubertanz

**Years as a Lion:** 9

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend Lion Jim Klubertanz for the 27-D1 Grassroots Lion of the Year award.

Throughout his time as a Lion, Jim has shown integrity, valor, and commitment. He has gone over and above the motto "We Serve" and has been an outstanding member who is dedicated to serving his community and district. Simply stated, he is precisely the type of Lion for whom the Grassroots Lion of the Year award was created.



From day one, Jim has been an integral part of the McFarland Lions organization. He has had nine years of perfect attendance and served six years on the Board of Directors. Lion Jim sponsored three new members and has served on the Annual McFarland Lions Golf Outing and District Bowling committees. His commitment to recruiting new members and unwavering dedication to these committees has strengthened the viability and success of the McFarland Lions.

Most recently, Lion Jim was Club Chair /Tent Captain for Wisconsin Farm Technology Days. He coordinated this fundraiser for our club with enthusiasm, grit, and persistence. He attended meetings, organized worker shifts, and stayed from start to finish. Lion Jim was an engaged leader who was dedicated to ensuring the success of the event. As if that was not enough, he is also an Eye Tissue Transporter and Certified Children's Vision Screener who participated in the McFarland Elementary School's fall screening. Lion Jim's dedication to the McFarland Community Food Drive, Shared Table, McFarland Family Festival, Memorial Day Parade, and McFarland Lions Chicken BBQ further demonstrate the extraordinary level of commitment he has to serving our community.

On a personal note, it is an honor to be acquainted with Lion Jim for over twenty-five years as a friend and fellow Lion. Outside of the Lions, I have served with him on the Parish Counsel of our local church and participated in other youth fundraising activities. It is through personal observation that I can attest to the

fact that McFarland is a better place because of Lion Jim.

Lion Jim epitomizes all the good things that a Lion is supposed to stand for, and I can think of no one more deserving of the "Grassroots Lion of the Year" distinction. For many years, Lion Jim has given of himself without recognition or reward. Although he seeks no fame or glory, I believe Lion Jim's unparalleled dedication to the Lions and our community is worthy of recognition.

For these reasons, and more, I recommend Lion Jim for the Grassroots Lion of the Year award without reservation. Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information.

Timothy G. Benishek  
President, McFarland Lions

*Lion Jim was one of the 22 Lions from our District who was nominated for Lion of the Year for service to their club and their community.*

### Lion President Tim and McFarland Lions club members:

I would like to express my deepest appreciation for the nomination to represent the McFarland Lions Club at the Lions District convention as the Grass Roots Lion for our district.

It is quite an honor to represent a club with great leadership, both past and present, and a very strong dedication to the Lion's Motto, "We Serve".

Even though I did not win the District Grass Roots Lion of the year award, our club did win the award for the club of the year, which is a great honor, and makes me feel very humbled by your nomination of me to represent our club.

Congratulations to each and every club member, our President Tim, Vice Presidents Brad and Paul, Secretary Bruce, Treasurer Mary Pat, and Board Members for providing all of us such a great opportunity to be associated with the largest and best service organization in the world.

**Great Job McFarland Lions!**

Respectfully,  
Lion Jim Klubertanz

### Million Pound Challenge Final



Lions & Lioness earned 4471 pounds of food for area Food Pantries through their exercise and weight loss efforts.

**Great job, everyone!**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

McFarland Lions Club, McFarland, Wisconsin  
March 1, 2016

The McFarland Lions Club held its regular Club meeting March 1, 2016 at the Green Lantern in McFarland, Wisconsin. Lion President Tim Benishek called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with 43 members and 1 guest in attendance.

**Minutes of Club Meeting**

McFarland HS Teacher, Audrey Damon-Wynne presented a synopsis of her Fulbright Exchange with Finland.

Lion Jim Klubertanz made a motion to approve the secretary's minutes from the February 2, 2016 regular meeting as printed in The Communicator. Seconded by Lion Rob Sherman and carried unanimously.

Lion Dick Schwedrsky made a motion to file the February treasurer's report for audit, seconded by Lion Brad Czebotar and carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

Lion Tim Benishek informed that the Lions "work shirts" have arrived and can be picked up after the meeting. Anyone who would like to order can see Lion Bruce.

Lion Bruce Voight said that the Million Pound Challenge has ended and the Lions/Lioness Team earned 4471.5# of food for their designated Food Pantries.

Lion Larry Chatman reported that 53 Bricks were ordered and the engraving has been completed. A date to install the bricks will be set at the April meeting.

Several suggested service projects were reviewed:

1. Build a raised garden at the Cottages: No Update
2. Repairing the ventilation at the Legion BBQ pits/ new grates: Lion Bob Hargraves reported that he and Lion Jim Klubertanz will be meeting with RG Huston in Cottage Grove next week and will have more information at the April meeting.

**New Business**

The Slate of Officers for 2016-2017 was presented. President-Brad Czebotar, 1<sup>st</sup> VP-Paul Fankhauser, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Jim Klubertanz, Secretary-Bruce Voight, Treasurer-Mary Pat Lytle, Past President-Tim Benishek, Membership Chair-Ernie Thieding, 1-Yr Directors-Ed Proctor & Adrian Mecum, 2-Yr Directors-Jerry Christenson & Ron Allen, Tail Twister-Brian Clerkin, Lion Tamer-Dick Rewey, Lioness Liaisons-Al Wheeler & Larry Chatman. Nomination were solicited from the floor.

Lion Jim Klubertanz moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Lion Rob Sherman and carried unanimously.

Lion Rob Sherman moved that the Slate of Officers be approved as presented, seconded by Lion Fran Faber and carried unanimously.

Lion Bruce Voight announced that Officer Training and Member Orientation will be held in April for all officers and members who have not gone through orientation. Training will be held in Waunakee on April 18, Dodgeville on April 19 and Albany in April 21. Sign up tonight or at the April meeting. Registration and meal will be paid for by the club.

Lion Tim Benishek said that 14 Lions will be attending the District Convention on March 4-5, 2016 in Middleton. Lion Tim announced that Lion Jim Klubertanz was the club's nominee for Grassroots Lion of the Year and read the nomination letter. Lion Rob Sherman asked for help from Convention attendees in monitoring the A-V in the sessions they attend.

March is Eye Tissue Transport month. Lion Paul Fankhauser took a transport to Beaver Dam earlier this evening. Expect a busy month of transports.

Lion Brad Czebotar thanked all the members who have responded to the Committee Survey. 43 responses so far. Another reminder will go out to those who have not responded tonight. By completing the survey, members can specify their preferences on which committees they would like to serve.

Lion Paul Fankhauser said the annual Rose Days were set for April 8-9, 2016. Sales information has gone out to all members. Signs have been put up in many local businesses. Sales have been good so far. Lion Al said that members need to have their sales in by March 24, 2016 as the order must go in then to insure delivery. Extra will be ordered to accommodate late orders but color preferences cannot be guaranteed on orders after March 24.

Lion Larry Chatman gave an update on the semi-annual Community Food Drive will be held on March 18-19, 2016 at Pick N Save. Many have already signed up but that are still spots open, a sign-up was passed. Lion Ed Proctor suggested do something like "Cram the Cart" as the theme for the Food Drive to promote the event on Facebook and in The Thistle.

Lion Ed Proctor suggested that the club participate in the Tour de Cure for Diabetes on March 21 as volunteers for the event. He will have more information in April. Lion Jerry Christenson said that he is riding in the Tour with Lion Joe & Amy Muetting. He encouraged other to "ride", it's a ride not a race, and has distance levels for everyone. Members can participate by riding, donating or volunteering.

Lion Rob Sherman said the WLF will have a booth and updates at the Convention. Lions Camp visit days will be Wednesdays. If members would like to visit the camp a "road trip" can be organized. 1600 kids go to camp each year.

Child Development Days will be held April 19-21, 2016 and our club will be doing the Children's Vision Screening again this year. Lion Rob Sherman said he will need 4-6 volunteers on each shift, shifts will be

*Minutes Continued*

8am-10am and 10am-Noon. He will need 1-camera operator, 1 data entry, and helpers. Positions will rotate so everyone who volunteers will get to do all phases. Lion Bruce will put out an online sign-up with Volunteer Spot.

Lion Larry Chatman said that the idea for the Lion-Lioness Fun Night was presented to the Lioness. It was discussed at their board meeting and was decided that they would not be interested in rekindling the Fun Night. They felt that the invitation to the annual Steak Fry was sufficient.

Lion Tim Benishek asked the club members if they were interested in have a 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 2017-18 as part of the Centennial Celebration. After some discussion, it was decided that members should consider the subject and it would be revisited at the April meeting.

Lion Paul Fankhauser said that he and Lion Jim Klubertanz met with last year's golf chairs, Lions Dick Metcalf and Roger Richards to discuss ideas for June's Golf Outing. The full Golf Committee will be meeting next week.

Lion Bruce Voight announced that the State Lions Convention will be May 19-21 at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton. He will have a sign-up at the April meeting. Convention and Hotel information is in the Wisconsin Lion, so make your reservations if you will be attending. Hotel cut-off is April 20, 2016.

Lion Tim recognized Lion Fran Faber as Lion of the Month and Lion Gordon Kinder was profiled in the "Who the Heck are You" segment.

DG Dick Schwedrsky inducted new members, Al Burgus (Sponsor-Fran Faber) and Ted Juszczyk (Sponsor-Tim Mitchell).

Welcome Al and Ted. DG Dick also presented Lion Cinda Schwedrsky with a 20-year Chevron which credit her for her 20 years of service as a McFarland Lioness.

**Correspondence**

Invitation to UW Saving Sight Session, April 21, 2016

McFarland Chamber Golf Outing, 5/17/16

Thank you from OccuPaws for donation

Request from Leader Dog-Donation for Canine Development Center

**Announcements**

**March** - Eye Tissue Transport Month

**March 4-5** - District Convention, Marriott West, Middleton

**April 5** - Next Meeting – Green Lantern Social at 6:00PM, Dinner at 6:30PM, and Meeting at 7:00PM

**April 5** – Winners Circle Lions Club Charter Night

**April 8-9** – Rose Days

**April 19-21** – Child Development Days Vision Screening

**May 1** – Deforest Lions Club 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**May 19-21** -State Convention, Paper Valley Inn, Appleton

**May 30** – Chicken BBQ

**June 16** – Golf Outing

Bottle Winner – Lion Steve Newcomer

50/50 Winner – Lion Phil Wildt

Motion to adjourn was made by Lion Dick Rewey, seconded by Lion Jim Klubertanz.

Motion Carried. Adjourned at 9:00 pm.

*Bruce Voight, Secretary*

McFarland Lions Club

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING**

McFarland Lions Club of McFarland, Wisconsin  
March 11, 2016

A special Board Meeting was held via email on March 11, 2016.

Responding Lions were Larry Chatman, Mike Carmody, Tim Benishek, Roger Richards, Brad Czebotar, Carolyn Staszewski, Rob Sherman, Al Wheeler, Ed Proctor, Bruce Voight, Ernie Thieding

Lion Larry Chatman made a motion that the Vision Assistance Budget be increased by \$40 to enable the club to provide assistance to an additional person. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Mike Carmody. Motion Carried.

*Bruce Voight, Secretary*

McFarland Lions Club



Welcome New Members, Lions Ted Juszczyk and Al Burgus

**Upcoming Projects/Activities**

April 8-9—Rose Delivery Days

April 23—Community Service Day

May 19-21—State Convention, Appleton

May 30—Chicken BBQ

June 4—WPT Spring Auction



DG Dick & Lion Cinda at District Convention

**CELEBRATING SERVICE**

Second Harvest Food Bank-Mac McCormick	20 hrs
Second Harvest Food Bank-Dick Metcalf	24 hrs
McFarland Food Pantry-Don Zimmerman	12 hrs
School of Hope Reading Tutor-Jerry Christenson	4 hrs
<b>Platelet Donation</b>	
2/3/15 Jim Klubertanz	2.5 hrs
2/18/16 Jeff Bauer	3 hrs
2/18/16 Jerry Christenson	3 hrs
2/24/16 Jim Klubertanz	2.5 hrs
3/16/16 Jim Klubertanz	2.5 hrs
<b>Befriender Transportation</b>	
2/1/16 Bruce Voight	3 hrs
3/14/16 Bruce Voight	3 hrs
<b>Christ the King</b>	
1/23-24/16 Carolyn Staszewski	6 hrs
2/22-24/16 Carolyn Staszewski	5 hrs
<b>Luke House</b>	
2/29/16 Ron & Carolyn Staszewski	2 hrs
3/16/16 Jim Klubertanz	2.5 hrs
<b>Senior Outreach</b>	
3/4/16 Brad Czebotar, Bruce Voight	4 hrs
2/27/16 State Bowling Meeting/Opening Ceremony	
Dick Schwedrsky, Bruce Voight	8 hrs
3/1/16 Regular Club Meeting 43 Lions	108 hrs
3/8/16 Golf Committee Meeting	10 hrs
Paul Fankhauser, Jim Klubertanz, Dick Metcalf, Dick Rewey, Roger Richards, Jim Howery, Phil Wildt, Al Wheeler, Bruce Voight, Jim Sporer, Bob Hargraves	
3/16/16 Alert Meeting	15 hrs
Ed Proctor, Rob Sherman, Peter Smith, Tim Benishek, Tom Mooney, Ron Allen, Bruce Voight, Dick Schwedrsky, Jerry Adrian	
3/21/16 Convention Meeting	3 hrs
Dick Schwedrsky, Rob Sherman, Bruce Voight	
3/4-5/16 District Convention	190 hrs
Dick & Cinda Schwedrsky, Ed Proctor, Rob Sherman, Dennis Gullickson, Paul Fankhauser, Jim Klubertanz, Mary Pat Lytle, Al Wheeler, Bruce Voight, Tim Benishek, Jim Sporer, Bob Hargraves, Mac McCormick	
3/18/16 Community Food Drive	33 hrs
Dick Metcalf, Rob Sherman, Ron Allen, Jerry Christenson, Mary Pat Lytle, Ed Proctor,	

Jim Klubertanz, Sharon Payne, Jerry Adrian, Ron & Carolyn Staszewski, Tim Mitchell, Al Burgus, Larry Chatman	
3/19/18 Community Food Drive	22 hrs
Gary & Judy Rudsinski, Tim Benishek, Mike Decker, Rob Sherman, Bruce Voight, Dick Rewey, Brian Clerkin, Rob Sherman, Ed Proctor, Larry Chatman	
Eyeglasses Collected	213 pair
Total to Date	22464 pair
Hearing Aids Collected	6 units
Total to Date	164 units

**THANK YOU LIONS**

*District Convention 2016*



**Birthdays**

<b>Jim Howery</b>	<b>Apr 6</b>
<b>Tom Mooney</b>	<b>Apr 8</b>
<b>Ken Brost</b>	<b>Apr 15</b>
<b>Peter Smith</b>	<b>Apr 15</b>
<b>Mary Pat Lytle</b>	<b>Apr 18</b>
<b>Jerry Adrian</b>	<b>Apr 27</b>

*Happy Birthday Lions!!*