



# Marshall Lions Club

**Winter 2015 Newsletter**

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**Club Meetings are usually held the 2nd Wednesday and last Thursday of every Month:**

**At the Marshall Community Center, 226 Madison Street, Marshall, WI (Fall, Winter & Spring)**

**At Lions Park in the Summer months**

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## Marshall Lions Joint Project with Le Ceiba Honduras Lions

Homer Braden, a member of the Marshall, WI, Lions Club, went on a week long mission trip with his wife, Sandra, and two other people from Door Creek Church to Honduras in 2014. Homer and Sandra's daughter, Heather Braden de Maradiaga is a long term missionary serving with United World Mission at CDI (Centro de Desarrollo Infantil, or Children's Development Center) in La Ceiba, Honduras. The service projects included: delivering more than 300 pairs of glasses donated by the Marshall Lions Club to the medical clinic affiliated with CDI and the eye clinic sponsored by the Le Ceiba Lions Club, building 11 beds for needy families, teaching wood working skills, leading Bible studies with the children who attend CDI, leading first responder training for the staff at CDI, and facilitating a financial literacy-debt elimination class.

Homer has been a Lion for 10 years, but the idea of taking glasses to Honduras



came from his wife Sandra. As they prepared for the trip she found out someone had stolen an eye chart. In addition to procuring an eye chart, she contacted the Marshall Lions Club to gather donated glasses, and as a result, more than 300 pairs of glasses accompanied the team to Honduras. The CDI and an eye and dental clinic are now working together in Le Ceiba.

Interestingly, the Le Ceiba Lions Club was established over 40 years ago when a team of Lions from Texas went to Le Ceiba with a suitcase full of used prescription glasses. The team discovered a tremendous need for both reading and prescription glasses. Of the 100 children who attend CDI, only one child has glasses but many were in need. One of the most memorable events of the trip was watching three women put on a pair of glasses and being able to read for the first time in many years. This was the first time a short term missions team has brought glasses on a trip to any of the five CDIs in Central American. The effort was so successful that the CDI director is going to coordinate with other CDIs and their leaders of future short term mission teams to see if they have a connection with a local Lions Club.

## Marshall Lions Fisheree Offers Something for Everyone!

The Marshall Lions turn the icy Maunseha River into an outdoor playground during the largest Winter event of the season. There is fun for the whole family! In addition to the fishing tournament with a \$200 cash prize for the largest fish and over \$400 in other fish prize categories, this year there is a \$1,000 cash prize for

catching the first tagged fish during the event. It is a free fishing weekend (no fishing license is required).

The event begins Friday, January 16, with skating by candlelight, snow sculpting contests, and an euchre and Texas Hold'em tournament.

The event continues on Saturday, January 17 with soft-

ball and broomball tournaments, coyote and rabbit hunting tournaments. Ice skating, gun and cash raffles continue throughout the day, along with food and refreshments (please no carry-ins). The event culminates with a DJ and announcing raffle winners on Saturday night.

**Please join us!**

## Lions Riverfest/ Steak & Lobster Event is fun for the whole family!

The annual Lions Club Riverfest at Fireman's Park featuring the well-received steak and lobster dinner will be held Saturday August 8th. This event features a steak and lobster meal with locally produced corn and potatoes to interested community members.

Meal tickets must be purchased prior to the event, but there will be a burger stand available for all who attend. The event has grown to include events for the whole family, including a

carp rodeo. The carp rodeo encourages kids under 15 to fish for carp in the Mau-

featured. Local musician Dan Riley will also be playing for your enjoyment.



The day begins with a car show, and a tractor show. This will be a fun day for the whole family and more activities will be added.

The event will continue to feature a reasonably priced meal and the opportunity to test your willpower at the dessert table!

**Hope to see you there!**

nesha River, and are rewarded with \$1 per carp and the opportunity for other prizes. Cash and other raffles prizes will be

## The Gift of Sight!

In addition to donating \$1,000 a year to the Lions Club International and \$500 to the Lions Eye Bank, the Marshall Lions help give the gift of sight by participating in the Cornea Transport Network. This effort transports eye tissue to and from the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin (LEBW) in Madison. The drivers are Lions Club members and friends of the Club who

are passionate about helping others. In November in conjunction with the Deerfield Lions Club there were 15 runs that totaled an estimated 400 miles and 20 hours.

Since joining this effort in 2010, we have done 56 runs, 3,200 miles totaling 160 hours. As a result, there are 56 people that

can now see! Volunteers are listed on a telephone roster twice a year for a one week period. If you're available when needed, great.

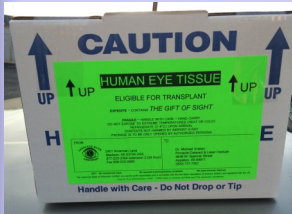
If you're not available, that's fine too, the coordinator merely calls the next volunteer on the list. If you would like to volunteer to drive, please contact the Lions Club.

## Meet a Lion!

Lion Chelsey Bauer and her husband Eli joined our club in 2014. You may have seen her during the Halloween at Lions Park event on October 31st. She coordinated the coat, mitten and hat drive during the event. Marshall area residents donated over 100 coats and 70+ mittens and hats. Lake

Mills Cleaners donated their services and after the coats were cleaned, they were donated to those in need. The Marshall School District received many of the items, and some were donated to the Marshall/Waterloo Food Pantry. Chelsey joined the Lions because she likes being active

in the community, and supports the ideals of volunteerism. One of her favorite events is the annual Fish-eree event. Chelsey is also a devout Green Bay Packer fan and has visited Lambeau Field once and is looking forward to returning. Say Hi to Chelsey and Eli and ask them about the Lions Club and how to join.



## Maunasha Fish Stocking

While the Marshall Lions Club is active in our community, one of the more unpublicized events is the effort to re-stock the Maunasha River every few years. This past November the Lions Club purchased 300 perch, 200 bass, 50 northern and 10 crappies which were released into the river from Fireman's Park. Two of the fish were tagged, and the person who catches the first tagged fish during the

Fisheree in January will win \$1,000 (must be entered to win).



## Christmas on Main Street!

The Lions Club participated in the Marshall Area Business Associations "Christmas on Main Street" event on Saturday December 6th. The Lions Club sponsored the Giving Tree and the first 100 kids visiting received a gift. For the first time we hosted a cookie decorating event, during which more than 50 people prepared for the holidays by decorating cookies to take home for their families. Thank you to the Marshall Fire Department for ensuring that Mr. & Mrs. Claus were on hand for children to convey their Christmas wishes.



## Kwik Trip & Friends Support the Marshall/Waterloo Food Pantry

Food Pantries in Wisconsin have a successful partnership with Kwik Trip. Groceries nearing their expiration date are no longer thrown out, but donated to food pantries for those in need. The staff at the Marshall/Waterloo Food Pantry were in need for volun-



teers to pick up donated groceries and bring them to the pantry. Through Tom Doyle's leadership and planning, the Marshall Lions Club and other volunteers pick up donated dry goods and refrigerated items twice a week from the Marshall Kwik Trip. To date, more than 260 lbs of food have been collected, with the

one day record of over 80 lbs of food. You can help with this effort by offering to participate in picking up foodstuffs.

A pick up and delivery usually takes less than an hour, and you can offer to help once a week, or once a month, whatever your schedule allows. For more information, contact Lion Paul @ 608.347.4959

## If You or Someone you know needs help....Contact any Lions Club member!

Typically people requesting help or donations make their initial request to any Lions Club Member or directly to the Civic Affairs Chairperson to request help or monetary donations. The Civic Affairs Committee may ask the person or group to speak in front of the club at a future club meeting so all the club

members can hear the request. If the request is for a kid's organization, the kids should make the request themselves. We request the following information when making a request for a donation:

Introductions and brief explanation of the group, project or need the funds are

being requested for

- What other funding sources or fundraising efforts have been tried or will be?
- How much money is being requested?
- How close is the person or group to their goal?
- Why is this a good cause for the Lions to support?
- When is money needed by and to whom/what organization? (name, address, phone, email)

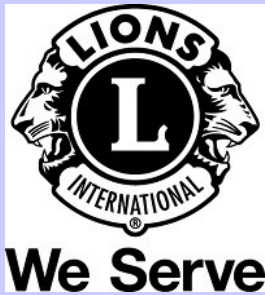
**Note: While we wish them the utmost success, the Marshall Lions do not support elite traveling sports teams or similar groups where there is not equal opportunity for others to play.**



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**The Marshall Lions are celebrating 36 years of service to the Marshall community!**

Since 1979 the Marshall Lions have offered people the opportunity to give something back to the community and those in need. From involving members in projects as local as improving Lions' Park or as far-reaching as bringing sight to the world's blind, the Marshall Lions have always embraced those committed to building a better, brighter future for our community.

**Seventeen new members joined our club in 2014!** We now have more than 70 men and women members are part of a worldwide network of over 1.4 million members compassionate, service minded people in 46,000 clubs in 200 countries. Our programs are continually changing to meet new needs and greater demands, but our mission has never wavered: "We Serve!"

**2015 Marshall Lions Club Calendar of Events**

**2015**

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**Upcoming Events**

**Fisheree  
 Jan 16 & 17**

**Spaghetti Dinner  
 March 29**

**Youth Turkey Hunt  
 April 11 & 12**

**Brat Fry's in Lions Park  
 May 8 w/village wide  
 garage sale**

**Riverfest  
 Steak & Lobster  
 August 8**

**Halloween & Coat Drive  
 August 31**

**Lions Giving Tree  
 December 5**

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