



Marshall Lions Club

Winter 2016 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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Lion's Park is Receiving a Facelift!

Members in the community continue to enjoy the river by fishing, cooking out and play activities at Lion's Park, which is adjacent to the Mauneshia River dam in Marshall. The shelter at the park is also a



focal point for the Lion's Club, where we host our meetings outside, weather permitting. You have probably noticed that the shelter is expanding-construction is already underway to build a 'real, flushable toilet' (in an ADA compliant bathroom!) to replace the porta-potties that have been in use in year's past. The larger shelter will also include a pavilion for additional picnic tables and will be a welcome

addition to accommodate the club's successful sum-

mer 'Brat Fry's.' Brat Fry's are held on select Friday's in the summer months, and funding raised at those events in particular are dedicated to make improvements at Lion's Park. The construction of the 'Marshall Lion's Club Park Shelter Project' is in the extremely capable hands of Lion Kevin Moreland, who has coordinated assistance not only from Lion members, but community sup-

porters, including: Jim Steindorf (J.B. Crete); Greg Motl (Motl Electric); Mike Pache (Marshall Plumbing); Jesse James (James Masonry). First Supply donated a toilet and sink for the project. Phil Haerterich is serving as Kevin's lead worker, but you probably have

seen a few Lion's with black and blue bruises who thought that they could help by swinging a hammer. The Lion's Club is grateful to the community for supporting fund raising drives to generate the money needed to support this project, and is also grateful to Village leaders who support the club and the shelter expansion. The Lion's Club could not be successful without your generous support!

Fisheree on 15 & 16 January Offers Something for Everyone!

The Marshall Lions turn the icy Mauneshia River into an outdoor playground during the largest Winter event of the season. There will be a new contest this year, a simulated (not real!) fish tossing! In addition to the fishing tournament with a \$200 cash prize for the largest fish and over \$400 in other 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 15, with candlelight skating and card tournaments. There are with broomball tournaments & coyote and rabbit hunt tournaments on Saturday, Janu-

ary 16. And yes, there are fish in the river, as the club spent \$3k on fishing stocking this past fall. Ice skating, gun and cash raffles continue throughout the day, along with food and refreshments (please no carry-ins). The event culminates with DJ Scott Nolan and announcing raffle winners on Saturday night.

Lions Riverfest/ Steak & Lobster Event is fun for the whole family on Saturday Aug 13

The annual Lions Club River fest at Fireman's Park featuring the well-received steak and lobster dinner will be held Saturday August 13, 2016. This event features a steak and lobster meal with locally produced corn and potatoes to those that purchase a meal ticket prior to the event. There will be burgers and other food available for purchase the day of the event..

The event has grown to include events for the whole



family. Cash and other raffles prizes will be featured. And no doubt that more peo-

ple will be entering their own home-made cardboard boats into the boat race. Last year's boat race was certainly a highlight of the weekend. 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!

The Gift of Sight: Eye Screenings!

In addition to donating \$1k 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 and by conducting eye screenings. Marshall Lions have been providing eye screening to Marshall

Early Learning Center students for years and on October 15th the Marshall Lions Club members performed the service for 65 Pre-Kindergarten students in Waterloo as part of the district's wellness events. As a result of the screening seven students were referred for further evaluation and treatment.

Gregg Langer, the Chair of the Lions Sight First Committee, believes that without the screening by the Lions-owned advanced equipment, their vision issues would have probably gone undetected. To date, the Marshall Lions club have performed the service for over 1,000 students.



Meet Lion Kris!



You may recognize Lion Kris Hellenbrand, because he is very active in the community. His awesome attitude is very much appreciated. While active in all major Lion's Club activities, he particularly enjoys the annual Ice Fisheree and the many events that people can enjoy during that week-

end; and coordinating the coyote and rabbit hunts. He has been a member of the Marshall Lions for over 18 years because he enjoys the community involvement and the rewards of being a volunteer. Not to mention the fun that we have while contributing to improving our community. Other Lions

activities he participates in includes the donor tissue driving, and a landscape project at a Wounded Warrior's house. He and his wife Callie have two daughters, Kiana & Isabella. He also coordinates the annual bus trip to Brewers games for the Lions Club and community members. Say Hi to Kris ask him about the Lions Club and how to join!

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 those in need. The staff at the Marshall/Waterloo Food Pantry were in need for volunteers 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 food twice a week from the Marshall Kwik Trip. In the last year, more than 1,625 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 the transport. 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 Tracy@ (608)577-2035.

Centennial Lions Club Celebrations

The Marshall Lions club qualified for a Lion Diamond award for conducting activities in four areas: youth, vision, environment and hunger. As a result, the Marshall Lion's Club were able to award individual Lions with Centennial Awards for their service. In their support of youth activities (turkey and duck hunts and softball) Lions Cliff Albedyll & Denny Kloepping received awards. Lions Gregg Langer, Conrad Dreyer and Sheryl Moreland received awards for their work conducting eye screening of Pre-K students to detect Lazy Eye (a leading cause of blindness in young people) and assess the need for glasses. Lion Vern Connor was recognized for supporting Arbor Day in which 4th grade students learn about and plant trees. Lions Tom Doyle, Dennis Riley, Tracy Wild and David Easley were recognized for their food rescue efforts shuttling food to the Marshall/Waterloo Food Pantry.

Christmas at the Sienna Crest Retirement Home & Marshall Community Center

The Lions Club visited 25 residents on Saturday, December 12th to spread holiday cheer by baking and decorating 24 dozen Christmas cookies. Lion Tammy Haerterich lead Lion members because she has a passion for this group activity since her children were young and



and grandparents took over the decorating while Tammy baked. On December 17th Lion Tammy led another cookie decorating event at the Marshall

Community Center. It is Lion Tammy's hope that by sharing a family tradition that passed the test of time in her own family, that others may find similar joy and reminisce about past memorable holidays or even start a tradition of their own. This may become an annual event, contact the Lions if you wish to help!

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

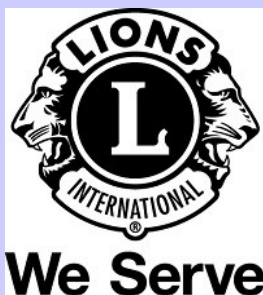
- What other funding sources or fundraising efforts have been tried or will be?
- How much money is being requested?
- How close is the person or group to their goal?
- Why is this a good cause for the Lions to support?
- When is money needed by and to whom/what organization? (name, address, phone, email)

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 37 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.

Marshall Lions Club is an extension of Lions Club International, the largest community organization in the world with over 1.4 million members in 46,000 clubs in 210 countries.

We now have more than 80 men and women members. Our programs are continually changing to meet new needs and greater demands, but our mission has never wavered:

"We Serve!"

2016 Marshall Lions Club Calendar of Events

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Upcoming Events

Fisheree
Jan 15 & 16

Youth Turkey Hunt
April 9 & 10

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

Riverfest
Steak & Lobster
August 13

Halloween & Coat Drive
October 31

Lions Giving Tree
December 3

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