



Marshall Lions Club

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Marshall Lions Club Charitable Impact!

The Marshall Lions Club is well-known for hosting community events and fundraisers throughout the year. The annual Fisheree, Riverfest, and popular summer brat frys are an opportunity for family and friends to enjoy fun events.

What happens to the money earned at these fundraisers? The improvements made at Lions Park, to include a working bathroom and a fishing and kayak pier, are a visual reminder of what the club accom-

plishes with our donations. In addition, over \$95,000 has been donated since 2011 to a number of causes. Over \$17,000 has been donated to causes outside of the community, to include the Lions Eye Bank, hearing, and diabetes programs. The pie

chart reflects some of the larger amounts donated. If there is a specific cause that you would like to donate to, we can try to accommodate that request.

We thank you and the community thanks your for your support!

Marshall Lions Club Charitable Donations
Over \$95k from 2011-2016!



Lions Park Gets a Facelift!

Lion's Park, adjacent to the Maunsha River dam in Marshall, continues to be a focal not only for Lion's Club members, but also for community members. This past year the shelter was expanded to include a flushable toilet(!) in an ADA compliant bathroom. The bathroom is available to the public during normal park hours. The pavilion addition

accommodates more picnic tables for all to use. Summer brat frys in the park remain a staple to fund park improvements, so thank you for your patronage! The pavilion and park is available to be reserved by contacting the Marshall Parks Department. The Marshall Lions hope that your family and friends will enjoy the park.



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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Lions Riverfest/ Steak & Lobster Event is fun for the whole family on Saturday Aug 12, 2017

The annual Lions Club Riverfest at Fireman's Park featuring the well-received steak and lobster dinner will be held Saturday August 12, 2017. This event features a steak and lobster meal with locally produced corn and potatoes. A meal ticket is required to be purchased prior to the event so that we can coordinate food ordering. There will be burgers and other food available for purchase the day of the event. The event has grown to include events for the



cardboard 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!

Maunesha River Fish Stocking

The Maunesha River is a unique asset for Marshall and area residents, as the river provides habitat for wildlife, kayaking and canoeing opportunities, ice skating in the winter- and fishing year round!

Thanks to your generosity and support during fundraisers, the Marshall Lions Club stocked the river near Fireman's Park with over 900 fish-400 bluegills, 400 crappies, 50 bass and 50 walleye on November

2, 2016. The average length of the walleyes were between eight and ten inches; the average length of the bass were between six and seven inches.

The bluegills and crappies were between 6 and 7 inches when released.

One of the crappies is a tagged fish. If the tagged crappie is caught between

6 am and 2:30 pm on the day of the annual ice fishery, Saturday, January 21, 2017, the club will award \$1,000 to the lucky fisherperson!



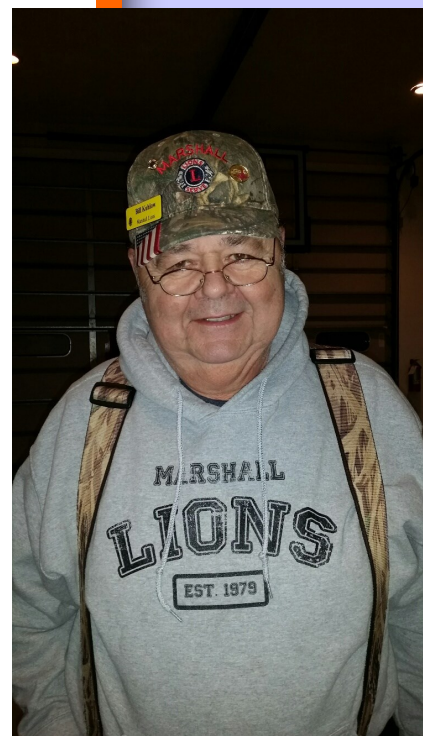
Lion Bill Kuhlow

Lion Bill Kuhlow has dedicated his life to serving the community. He was one of the founders of the local Ducks Unlimited Chapter some forty years ago, and was one of the original officers in the Waterloo Gun Club. He stayed involved in both organizations and was active in the Portland community for years. "I like being involved, and I like serving the community," Lion Kuhlow says. He regularly attended the

Steak and Lobster event (now "Riverfest") and saw how the Lions operated. "The Lions is a good organization and I thought joining Lions would be the best way to get involved in the community." Lion Kuhlow joined Lions after he retired from his career; this way he was able to dedicate more time to the Lions and the community. Consistent with his prior service record, Lion Kuhlow has been very active in the Lions. He volunteers his time to deliver food to the local food pantry. He volunteers to help new hunt-

ers learn to hunt through community youth hunting events. He will soon take over as chairman of the Giving Tree, the annual Christmas event where people donate Christmas presents to those in need. He serves on the Lion's Civic Affairs Committee, to coordinate grants to worthy community causes. Finally, he serves on the Sunshine Committee, which tries to spread well-wishes and sunshine on those in need of well wishes.

Lion Kuhlow plans to stay involved in the Lions for years to come, continuing his lifetime of service.



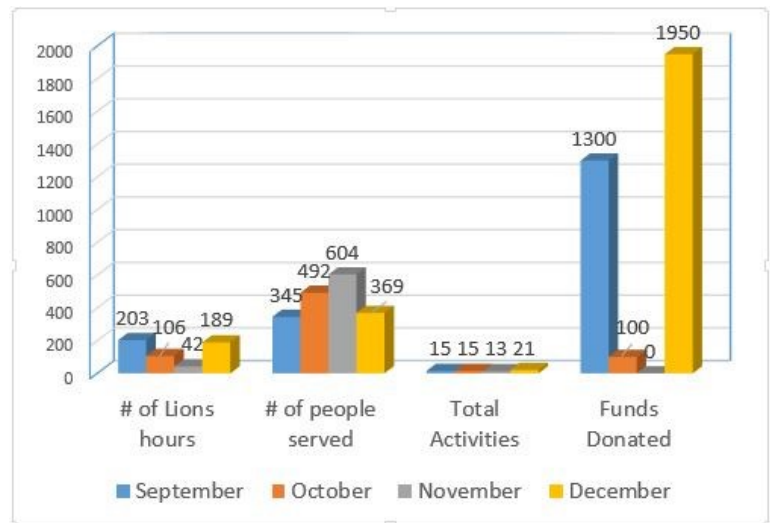
Marshall Lions Club Community Service Activity

We have over 80 active members in the Marshall Lions Club. Our members, and other volunteers, help conduct eye screenings, deliver donations to the Marshall-Waterloo food pantry, are active in village park improvements, and numerous other activities to benefit the community.

We are beginning to track the number of activities, the amount of hours worked and the number of people served. Here is a snapshot of our recent accomplishments:

There will be a big spike in hours worked and people served during the upcoming annual January Fisheree and August Riverfest!

September, October, November, December Service Activity



Marshall Lions Supporting Youth Hunts

In April 2016, Tom's Guns coordinated a program for youth and others to learn to hunt turkeys. Marshall Lions were there to help mentor and provide a meal and beverages to keep over 163 hunters and mentors energized. In September, Tom's Guns sponsored a youth duck and goose

hunt at Wings over Wisconsin land for 40 new hunters. For added excitement, Larry Smith from 'Larry Smith Outdoors' was on hand with a video crew to promote the event. {www.larrysmithoutdoors.com}

Mr. Smith brought additional giveaways from his sponsors to those that participated in the event.



If You or Someone you know needs help....Contact Us

People can request help or donations by contacting any Lions Club Member. The Civic Affairs Committee will review the request and may ask the person or group to speak at a future club meeting so all the club members can hear the request. If the request is for a kid's organi-

zation, 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.
- 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?
- Can the Lion's help by providing services in lieu of money?
- 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.



We Serve

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The Marshall Lions are celebrating 38 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!"

Marshall Leo Club has Started!

The Marshall Lions Club is sponsoring a Leo Club. Leo Club members are kids from the Marshall area between the ages of 12-18. Leo clubs are self-governed and work on community projects. Leo Clubs follow many of the same guidelines as the Lions Club and are a critical part of the Lions family. Like any family, all members have a special role to play. The Leo's offer energy and a fresh perspective that will help improve our quality of service to our communities and the world. Benefits youth can gain from participating in a Leo Club are:

- Learn to plan and manage projects
- Learn the value of community service through working community service hours-many educational scholarships consider community involvement
- Become an effective leader
- Make Marshall a better place to live
- Enjoy being part of a team and develop camaraderie with other Leos
- Make a difference in the community and the lives of others

Leo's become a part of the only nonprofit organization in the world (Lions) to be nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize Award. Lions Clubs help support Leo Clubs financially and provide them with advisers. The Marshall Lions Leo Club Advisers are David Easley, Denny Kloepping and Scott Reed. Leo Adviser Chair Dave Easley said "I am really excited to be a Leo Adviser. There are already 25 Leo members and they are a really exciting group to work with. Their enthusiasm is contagious. "The Leos can help create our community's future and as a charter member will become an important part of the Marshall Lions history."

Youth who have an interest in joining the Marshall Leos or would like to attend a meeting to learn more about Leos may contact Dave Easley (608 698 5526 / easleydj@frontier.com) or if they know a Leo, ask to be invited to the next meeting.

Upcoming Events

Fisheree
Jan 20 & 21 2017

Brat Fry's in Lions Park
Beginning May 5, 2017
w/village wide garage sale
(11:00 AM -8:00 PM)

Brat Fry in Lions Park
16 June 2017
(11:00 AM- 8:00PM)

Riverfest
Steak & Lobster
August 12, 2017
Fireman's Park,
Marshall

Halloween Trick or
Treat & Coat Drive
October 31. 2017

Giving Tree
December 2, 2017
Marshall

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