



Marshall Lions Club

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Marshall Lions Charitable Impact! Your Donations are Tax Deductible

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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The Marshall Lions Club has served the local community through charitable contributions since 1979. These contributions have included development of Lions Park, fish stocking of local waterways, and scholarship awards among other charitable causes. The Marshall Lions have also supported national and international charitable causes through its parent organization, Lions Clubs International. To provide additional flexibility for community support of these and other charitable activities, the Marshall Lions have added the Marshall Lions Club Foundation.

Marshall Lions Club Foundation

Charitable organizations are approved and regulated by the IRS. Lions Clubs are exempt from federal income tax through an ex-

emption granted under section 501(c)4 of the Internal Revenue Code to LCI. All clubs chartered by LCI receive this exemption. A disadvantage of this exemption is that it does not allow for tax deductible charitable contributions to be made to the organization.

LCI does not allow Lions Clubs to change their tax exemption status, but does allow clubs to form a foundation that can be approved by IRS under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code to receive tax exempt contributions. During 2016, the Marshall Lions applied for and received approval for such a foundation. The process was lengthy and involved approvals from LCI, IRS and the State of Wisconsin. However, the Marshall Lions Club Foundation is currently able to receive tax deductible con-

tributions from the public to support club charitable activities.

Making a Contribution

What does all of this mean to you? Tax deductible contributions can be made directly to the Marshall Lions Club Foundation! Documentation of contributions will be provided by the Foundation for use in claiming deductions. Alternatively, some employers match charitable contributions made by employees, which provides a means of increasing the value of an individual contribution. If you would like to support the charitable activities of the Marshall Lions, consider making a tax deductible contribution to the Marshall Lions Club Foundation.

Marshall Lions Help Fight Diabetes

In conjunction with Diabetes Awareness month in November, the Marshall Lions Club joined Lions Club International in its ongoing fight against diabetes. While diabetes often starts without symptoms, it is more prevalent in obese and aging people. Sadly, diabetes can strike anyone, anytime. The Mar-

shall Lions Club is proud to participate in combating



this disease. The Marshall Lions Club will maintain an information table at the Marshall Community Li-

brary and have purchased a diabetes magazine subscription for the library and its patrons. In November Lion's hand-delivered diabetes awareness materials to many homes throughout Marshall. Visit the Marshall Lions club website for more information. www.sightfirst.com

Lions Riverfest/ Steak & Lobster Event is fun for the whole family on Saturday Aug 11, 2018

The 26th annual Lions Club Riverfest at Fireman's Park featuring the well-received steak and lobster dinner will be held Saturday August 11, 2018. 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 Riverfest has grown to include adventures for the whole family. The cardboard boat races are

certainly the highlight of the day. Other events include a car show, antique tractor show, euchre and bags tournaments, craft fair, bouncy houses, and High Energy DJ playing dance music from 6:30 – 10:30.

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!

Lions Club & Kwik Trip Support the Waterloo-Marshall Food Pantry

The Marshall Lions Club and Kwik Trip have been partners for four years supporting the Waterloo-Marshall Food Pantry-providing services to residents of Marshall and Waterloo. The Food Rescue program diverts groceries nearing their expiration date to those in need. Under the direction of Marshall Lion Tracey Wild, volunteers transport the

donated food to the Food Pantry twice a week. In 2017 the Lion picked up and delivered 2,838 pounds of food, an increase of 735 pounds over the previous year. In fact, deliveries have grown over 20% each year:

In 2014/2015: 1,625 pounds

In 2015/2016: 2,103 pounds

The program's success depends upon volunteers willing to pick up Kwik Trip's donated items and delivering them to the Food Pantry. Food delivery volunteers do not have to be a Lions Club member-anyone with a desire to help is welcome!

To learn more and get involved, please contact Tracey Wild at 608.577.2035.



Lion President Sheryl Moreland

Lion Sheryl Moreland joined the Marshall Lions Club in 2011. Already very active in the community, she quickly became one of our more active Lions, coordinating Halloween activities, holiday visits to retirement homes, contributing serious manual labor to Lion's Park improvements as well as participating in the world-famous Marshall brat fries during the

summer months in Lions Park and the annual Fisheree and Riverfest events.

Sheryl leads by example, and her energy inspires her fellow Lions, who recognized her leadership and elected her as our first female Marshall Lions Club President!

Her goals as club president are to continue to grow the membership in the club, and to help the club become known as one of the premier voluntary community clubs in Marshall, and for the Marshall Lions Club to be recognized as one of the best Lions Clubs in Wisconsin! Please contact Sheryl or any Lions Club member if you are interested in learning more about our club.

Halloween at Lions Park

Every Halloween the Marshall Lions Club and friends distribute hot dogs, hot chocolate as well as candy at Lions Park. The park offers a location for Halloween celebrants to gather to warm up and catch up with friends and neighbors.

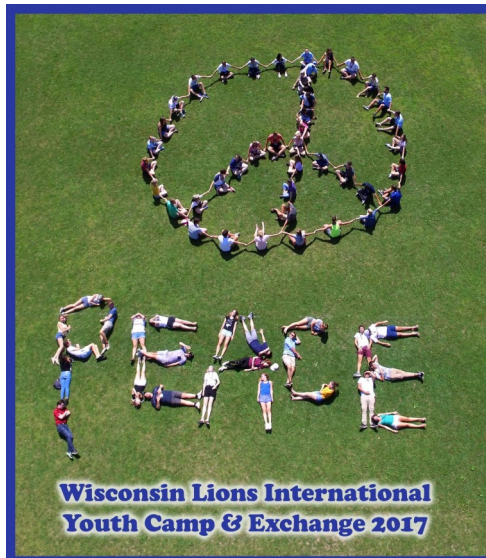
In conjunction with the traditional Halloween celebration, the Marshall Lions Club collects winter coats, snow pants, boots, mittens and gloves for all ages to donate to those in need.

This past Halloween over 300 trick or treaters were served, and we were pleased to receive many winter clothing items. Lake Mills Cleaners has been an outstanding partner in this event, and over the past several years has donated their services to clean over 900(!) clothing items collected by the Marshall Lions Club before they were distributed to those in need. Thank you Lake Mills Cleaners for your services!

Lions Club Youth Exchange

This past summer Lion Denny Kloepping and his family participated in the Wisconsin Lions Youth Exchange Program. They welcomed Beatriz Munoz Fernandez, a 20 year old college student from Malaga, Spain. Bea stayed with the Kloeppings from July seventh to August eighth. Bea and Denny's daughter Alea were able to visit many of the sites of Wisconsin. They attended Concerts on the Square, State Street, and went hiking and swimming at Devils Lake. They also spent a day in the Dells at Noah's Ark and attended German Fest in Milwaukee.

As part of the program, Bea attended a week long camp in Dundee, kids from 29 different countries. The most interesting part of the camp was the



presentations each country shared about their culture. The kids also participated in many group activities which help to build friendships while promoting world peace. "We like to think this program creates memories for a lifetime", said Wisconsin Lions Youth Exchange member David Easley.

As part of the Exchange program, Alea Kloepping may now go and visit Bea and her family in Malaga Spain. The two have become close friends during her stay, so Alea's already counting the days till she can see Bea again. They continue to maintain their friendship through Facebook and other social media outlets.

If You or Someone you know needs help...Contact the Marshall Lion's Club

You can request help, both with service projects or possible monetary assistance 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 club meeting so all the club members can learn more about the request. If the request is for a student

organization, the students can gain valuable experience by making the request themselves. We request the following information when making a request for a donation:

- Introductions and a 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 Lions help by providing services in lieu of money?
- Why is this a good cause for the Lions to support?

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!"

Main Street Mania!

The Marshall Area Business Association sponsors an annual all-day family-friendly event on the last Saturday in September. Every year there is a different theme, and vendors are invited for a craft fair. A DJ plays music throughout the day, and the event culminates with a band which provides the only opportunity of the year to dance in the middle of Main Street in Marshall!

There are a number of food and drink vendors as well, and many of them are fund-raising for worthy causes. The Marshall Lions Club sold over six hundred cheeseburgers (with toasted buns!) and almost 400lbs of curly fries made fresh onsite. Other popular events include a Silent Auction and a Bean Bag tournament. For more information or to coordinate a booth rental contact Julie Bergholz at 608.225.2215.

Marshall Leos Club works with the Make a Wish Foundation

Marshall 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 and follow many of the same guidelines as the Lions Club and are a critical part of the Lions family. Their goal is to make a difference in the community and the lives of others.

The Marshall Leos Club plans to take on events that were previously organized by the Marshall High School "Wishmakers on Campus Group." Wishmakers help raise funds for the Make a Wish Program which serves children with life-threatening medical conditions. "It is a really great program that helps create what the child would consider an ideal day" said Marshall Leos Wishmaker Chairman Reece Leistikow.

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
19-20 January

Brat Frys in Lions Park
beginning w/village
wide garage sale

Riverfest
Steak & Lobster
August 11, 2018
Firemans Park,
Marshall

Main Street Mania
Saturday, September
29, 2018

Halloween Trick or
Treat & Coat Drive
October 31, 2018

Giving Tree
December 10, 2018
Marshall

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