

April 2011



Howard Lake Lions Club

WE "GET TO" SERVE



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Palm Sunday Breakfast Buffet

Our annual Palm Sunday Breakfast Buffet will be held on Sunday, April 17th at our Lions' Hall. We will be serving from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Help will be needed. Proceeds will be used towards our Lions' scholarship. As of this writing, we do not have a chairperson. Would you like to volunteer?

Easter Egg Hunt

Our Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 23rd at Memorial Park. Lions LaNette and Renee are the chairpersons. The Easter Egg Hunt is for children ages 0 to 10 and it starts at 10 a.m. sharp! However, the real fun will start around 8:00 a.m. as we will need help "hiding" the Easter Eggs, making coffee etc. So if you can be there, that would be great!

Donkey Basketball

The Donkey Basketball fundraiser was held on Saturday, March 26th. If you weren't there to help or watch, you missed a great time. It was a hoot! Thank you to Lion Paul for a job well done!



Remembering Lion Verdell Stenberg



Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Lion Verdell's family. Lion Verdell passed away on March 21st. Did you know he was the first Lion in our club to receive the "Crow Award"? Years back, the Lions decided to have a radar run on Howard Lake. Lion Verdell said, "That will never work!". Well guess what? It did! And so Lion Verdell "ate crow".

We also remember Lions Mike, Kathy and Chris as Lion Mike's Mom, Doris, passed away on March 4th. Please keep our Lion families in your prayers.

One thing that was brought up at our Lions' meeting was that if we want people to attend our fund raisers, we should attend theirs. So here is your chance: Spaghetti Supper at John's Lutheran Church, Howard Lake on Friday, April 8th from 4 to 8:00 p.m., Benefit for 9 month old Grant Thompson at Waverly Village Hall on Saturday, April 16th beginning at 1:00 p.m.

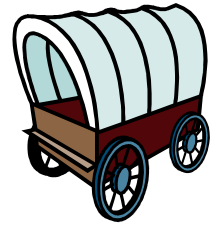
Slate of Officers

The Slate of Officers for the year 2011-2012 are as follows: President: Lion Mike, 1st Vice President: Lion Terry, 2nd Vice President: Lion Darren, 3rd Vice President: Lion Denny, Secretary: Lion LaNette, Treasurer: Lion Debbie, Board of Directors: 1 year term – Lions Donald and Karen, 2 year term – Lions Judy and Susie, Lion Tamer: Lion Renee, Membership: Lions Chris, Dan and Paul, Tail Twister: Lion Gary and Past President: Lion Cathy Jo.

Thank you to the Lions who built a wheel chair ramp for an elderly Howard Lake resident.

Wagon Train

Plans continue to come together for the wagon train that will be stopping in Howard Lake on Saturday June 18th. They will be spending the night at the fairgrounds. Lions Dan, Donald, Tammy, Mike, Darren, Debbie and Judy have all attended some of the organizational meetings. The next meeting is tentatively set for May 7th in Montrose. Our club will probably be serving some sort of a meal for the wagon train participants. We could also make this a fundraiser if we decide to invite the community for the meal. Something to think about. We will have more information at future meetings and in our newsletter.



Meetings

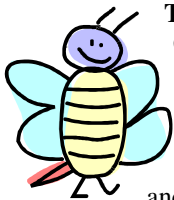
Our first meeting this month is Thursday, April 7th at our Lions' Hall at 7:00 p.m. Dinner is being prepared by Lion Mike.

The Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m. at our Lions' Hall.

Our second meeting this month is Thursday, April 21st at our Lions' Hall at 7:00 p.m. ***See special note below about meal.***

***Here's a special invitation by HL Lion President Cathy Jo!**

For our 2nd meeting in April that is usually a "potluck" I am asking that everyone bring a box lunch with a tag on it that says, "This box lunch was made by" and put your name on it. We will put everyone's name in a hat and whoever's name you draw will be the box lunch you get for the evening. It will be fun to see who gets whose and what kind of a lunch you can create. Use your imagination but stick to the following: a main item like a special sandwich or piece of chicken for instance, a vegetable or fruit source, and a desert or treat. Keep it simple with chips or whatever you feel like putting in. Think of it as an Easter basket of sorts. Get hopping! Who knows, if you enjoy this we may do it again sometime.



The Buzz from HL Lion President Cathy Jo Rufer....

Growing up in the beautiful "Black Hills" of South Dakota, I remember winter challenges like putting chains on the wheels of vehicles so folks could get up the steep snow covered hills in Lead where we lived. We walked to school because we did not have school buses. Determined as we were, walking long distances in all kinds of weather was the norm. No hot lunch or any lunch program was offered so we set out each morning wondering what homemade daily surprise awaited us when we opened our lunch pails. There were moments of discovery and disappointment. The greatest moments of time for me, were when I could "learn by doing!" The lessons I learned help shape and mold me. My transformation has been a journey. My journey led me here. I couldn't have better mentors who have helped me with this wonderful opportunity "to get to serve." I continue to "learn by doing!" because YOU ARE THERE GUIDING ME.

I am SO privileged to be a Lion and the President of the Howard Lake Lions. The pageantry of our club's handiwork is mesmerizing! Each service project is common ground for members to pitch in and work and YOU DO! Each time a leader or chairperson is needed YOU ARE THERE! If we need cooks, volunteer drivers, plumbers, construction workers, mechanics, electricians, seamstresses, landscapers, shovelers, painters, light bulb changers, picture hangers, cleaners and comforting arms THERE YOU ARE AGAIN AND AGAIN like "Beacons of Hope." YOU ARE GREAT! DON'T FORGET TO TELL YOURSELF THAT FROM TIME TO TIME. I look forward to seeing you this month at the club house as we continue to "learn by doing" together.

If you would like anything to be included in the newsletter you have to let us know.

Email: lions@hllions.org or mail to Howard Lake Lions PO Box 13 Howard Lake MN 55349.

Upcoming events

Palm Sunday Breakfast Buffet – Sunday, April 17th

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 24th at Memorial Park

Links

Lions International – www.lionsclubs.org

Multiple District 5M- www.lionsmd5m.org

District 5M-7 - www.5m7.org

Lions 5M7, Region 1, Zone 2 - www.lions5m7r1z2.org

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April is National Donate Life Month, and that is the perfect time to share the donation message with your friends, family, and co-workers.