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Howard Lake Lions

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Thank You to Lion Renee Lahr for the delicious meal at our January 3rd Meeting.
Thank you to the Lions who brought food to the potluck meal on January 17th.

Drug Awareness Poster Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winning Drug Poster Contest winners who were: 2nd Grade: Heather Leukuma; 3rd Grade: Austin Decker; 4th Grade: Angela Allen; 5th Grade: Logan Kritzek and 6th – 8th Grade: Kira Karels. Their posters were entered in the Drug Awareness Contest at the Mid-Winter Convention. Thank you to Lions Steve Weber, Cathy Rufer and Susie Grangroth for judging the entries.

Peace Poster Contest Winners

First place winner was Darren Jones and runner up was Samantha Bullert. Congratulations!

MEETINGS

Our first meeting this month will be held on Thursday, February 7th at our Lions' Hall at 7:00 p.m. Lion Darrell Main is preparing the meal.

Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, February 14th at our Lions' Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Our second meeting of the month will take place on Thursday, February 21st at our Lions' Hall at 7:00 p.m. This will be a potluck meal.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board of Directors will be meeting the 2nd Thursday of each month. All members are invited to attend. The Board will conduct business like paying bills, voting on new and dropping members, and requests for donations. Most of the items before the Board will be discussed and brought back to the Club for final approval.

Who is the Board of Directors?

In our club, the Board of Directors consists of the President, three Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, four Board members, Lion Tamer, Tail Twister, Membership Chairman, and Immediate Past President. We need seven members present at the board meetings to do any business, like paying bills, etc. So please try to attend.

Palm Sunday

Mark it on your calendar, Breakfast Buffet at our Lions hall on March 16th. Lion Mike Main is the chairperson and Lion Terry Thorson is the co-chair.

Newsletter

There are a number of old Newsletters on our web site at www.hllions.org. Look for the link [News Archive](#). We have started putting them online as a .pdf file. It is easier to use and print and much nicer to read online than the old format. If you have any ideas, comments or news for the newsletter please let us know. Email: lions@hllions.org or mail to Howard Lake Lions, PO Box 13, Howard Lake MN 55349.

Easter Egg Hunt

Mark it on your calendar – Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 22nd. Lion Julie Gangl is the chairperson

Call List

President Gary is reinstating the call list that we did in the past. He has passed out names to a few Lions who will be calling a couple of days before meetings to remind us of the meeting. We know in our busy lives it is easy to forget about our meetings and this friendly reminder should help us remember and hopefully increase attendance.

Tour the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank

We have made reservations for ten Lions to visit the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank on Saturday April 5th. There are a few spots left. If anyone is interested in going with on the tour let Lion Tom Fiecke or President Gary know.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all the Howard Lake Lion members who are celebrating their birthday in February: President Gary Hagemann (2), Erin Judd (12), Bernie Rohling (23), Dan Oestreich (24), and Deb McAlpine (27).

Did you know that Presidents Day is the common name for the federal holiday officially designated as **Washington's Birthday**, and both variants are among the official names of a number of coinciding state holidays. It is celebrated on the third Monday of February.

As the official title of the federal holiday, Washington's Birthday was originally implemented by the federal government of the United States in 1880 in the District of Columbia and expanded in 1885 to include all federal offices. As the first federal holiday to honor an American citizen, the holiday was celebrated on Washington's actual birthday, February 22. January 1, 1971 the federal holiday was shifted to the third Monday in February by the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. A draft of the Uniform Holidays Bill of 1968 would have renamed the holiday to Presidents' Day to honor both Washington and Lincoln, but when signed into law on June 28, 1968 simply moved Washington's Birthday.

In the late 1980s, with a push from advertisers, the term Presidents Day began its public appearance. The theme has expanded the focus of the holiday to honor another President born in February, Abraham Lincoln, and often other Presidents of the United States. Although Lincoln's birthday, February 12, was never a federal holiday, approximately a dozen state governments have officially renamed their Washington's Birthday observances as "Presidents Day", "Washington and Lincoln Day", or other such designations. In Washington's home state of Virginia the holiday is legally known as "George Washington Day."

