



Lions Tales

August - 2009 Elkhart Lions Club

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 5

District 25-G Golf Tourney
Maxwelton, Syracuse

Aug. 12

Summer Schedule for August
Noon, Matterhorn

Sept. 2

Weekly Noon Meetings Resume

Sept. 24-26

USA/Canada Leadership Forum



Memorial Flagpole Erected on North Main St.

It has been a long standing tradition of the Elkhart Lion's Club to honor the Veterans of our community. The Flagpole at the South East end of the Main Street Bridge does just that. It was erected in honor of deceased veterans from our community in recognition of their invaluable service to our country.

We are proud to have our first honoree be a Lion. Lion Gordon G. MacKenzie was memorialized by flying the Coast Guard Service Flag under the American Flag honoring his service to our country. Shown above is Past President Duane Klein putting the first flag to memorialize a veteran on our new flag pole at the Memorial Bridge site on North Main St.

From the Nu(nan) Prez

I hope you all are having a productive and pleasant summer!

Although this is a slow time for our club, there are still lots of activities going on – putting together committees & budgets, planning for the Lions Tales, the Lions Dodgeball Spectacle, and working on the new concession trailer just for starters.

We have seen the passing of several Lions in the past month...Lions Gordon MacKenzie and Joe Grolimund from our club, and PDG Art Birk as well.

Although these gentlemen have done many notable things outside of Lions, we know them through their dedicated service to Lionism. They left behind a legacy of service to their community.

I have to believe that we all joined the Lions because we wanted to give back, to build our own legacy of service.

Sometimes it's easy to get caught up in the constant fund raising we do, chasing dollars through chicken BBQ sales & newspaper ads...but remember what those funds represent: glasses for the needy, the eye bank, leader dog training, testing of children to diagnose eye problems and prevent more severe problems later...the list goes on and on.

So enjoy your summer...I look forward to the coming year where we can continue the work started by many Lions before us, which is to give back to our community.

**Show Up!
Participate!
And
Have Fun!**

Lion President Chet

Memorial Contributions Received

With the recent passing of Lions Gordon MacKenzie and Joe Grolimund, the Elkhart Lions has become a recipient of memorial contributions in their memory. Many of those contributions come as a result of a notice that the Elkhart Lions Foundation (our named account with the Elkhart County Community Foundation). Funds in our account with the Community Foundation will eventually generate sufficient earnings each year to allow us to fund specific service projects. Contributions

to this fund may also represent tax savings for individuals (how's that for a disclaimer?), but the benefit to the club in maintaining service to the community is the real winner.

**Don't forget the
Aug. Meeting,
Wednesday
Aug. 12
Noon - Matterhorn**



Dodgeball 'Spectacle' Plans Take Root

Meetings to formalize our plan of action for the Regional Dodgeball Tournament (dubbed 'Spectacle' to reference our work on vision projects) are well under way. There are several areas of responsibility and members are being asked to help in whatever capacity they can and have an interest.

This project will help our club in several areas, including the obvious fund raising aspect. We also hope to increase public awareness of our club to the community and the participants who come from outside the area. The potential to get non-Lions involved in this project also strengthens our membership recruitment effort. Several individuals have already 'stepped up to the plate and volunteered to work on a committee and even take charge of an area.

We don't have exact dates set for the tournament, but we're looking at March/April next year, to avoid spring breaks and avoid conflicts with the use of the North Side Gym.

Check Your Listing in Lions Roster

Roster chairman Bill Cork is putting the finishing touches on the Roster for the 2009-10 Lions year. If you have any changes in your data (address, phone numbers, email addresses, employment, etc.), be sure to have corrections or new information to Bill **NO LATER THAN OUR MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12**. If you cannot attend this meeting, email the info to Bill at: wgcork@comcast.net.

Service Set for Past President and Past District Governor Joe Grolimund

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, August 1, at 10:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Beardsley Avenue, Elkhart. There is no visitation and burial is private.



Lions Begin Work on Lions Tales Newspaper

This year's Lions Tales Newspaper project is also getting an early start. Early meetings have been held and committee have been formed in an effort to make sure we're 'ready to rock 'n roll' by the time we begin our regular meeting schedule this September. To date, the following individuals have volunteered to serve in various capacities:

General Chairman-Duane Klein

Editorial- Marty Juel

Sales- Cliff Yehle

Production- Dave Dufour

Distribution- Brian Thomas

The newspaper editorial focus will be on Education in Elkhart. Articles will focus on schools and other educational institutions that have played an important role in the lives of individuals in our community. Club members with editorial

suggestions should direct them to Marty Juel as soon as possible.

Club members will again be asked to step up efforts to find new advertisers for the paper. Our ability to continue providing much needed service in our community, with Indiana Lions state projects and Lions Clubs International projects is directly related to our sales success.

State Fair Workers Sought by Indiana Lions

Once again the Indiana Lions are calling for volunteers to help at the Indiana State Fair. This is an update (as of late July) on taking tickets required at the Grandstand for concerts during the fair.

Monday, August 10-Demi Lovato
Need 10

Tuesday, August 11-Sandy Patty
Need 5

Wednesday, August 12-Mercy Me & Jeremy Camp
Need 10

Friday, August 14-Kelly Clarkson
Need 14

Sunday, August 16-Journey with Heart
Need 6

The club receives credit for \$50 towards a WP Woods or \$10 in cash either to the club or one of the State Projects for each person who works. Workers do not have to be Lions. At the gates we can take persons 16 and older (grandchildren?) You have free parking and free admission to the State Fair after your shift. You park in the employee parking lot, shuttle to the fair, see the fair, sign in and be at the employee entrance to the grandstand by 6 p.m.

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