



Lions Tales

May - 2009 Elkhart Lions Club

IMPORTANT DATES

May 6

Mike Brunner from MSNBC.com will speak about 'Project Elkhart'.

May 13

Special meeting at the old 'Roosevelt School'. Lunch will be catered, \$8.

May 15

Living it Up- Downtown Elkhart. Come down and help staff our booth.

May 20

Presentation of Walter Lerner Scholarships to Memorial and Central seniors.

May 27

Judy Wells- Operation KidSight

June 5

Friday- Installation Banquet.

July 6-10

International Convention (Minneapolis)

Special Location for May 13 Meeting

Noted above in the schedule, we're meeting at the former Roosevelt School on Wednesday, May 13. Same time, same cost. Following lunch, we'll hear about the Roosevelt project and have an opportunity to take a look at the new housing development. Be sure to sign up so the caterer can plan accordingly.

Club Purchases Trailer

Within the past few months, the Elkhart Lions purchased a used concession trailer. It is currently being renovated and being painted. When completed, we'll have it for use in our public fund-raising and other events, where visibility as Lions is important. The first planned use for this trailer will be at the Rhapsody in Green project on Island Park. If you have any ideas on products to sell from the trailer or possible locations to use it, please contact Lion Nelson Nix. It will serve us well to have a focal point in our operations

Two Hero's

This month's President's letter is a Tribute Letter ... We all have people in our lives that we appreciate and for which we have an endearing love towards. I am so very "BLEST" as I have many. My Tribute this time is not to God and Family, for which I owe everything to but two special ladies in my life. One I have never met personally and the other only occasionally.

Our dear friend and fellow Lion and past Zone Chairperson Luella Karay passed away April 23rd. A spunky lady that had a drive for life and a zest for Lionism! Outspoken in her love for Lions and passionate for continuing to keep and foster Lionism in all our lives! She kept busy making aprons to sell to support various projects. She was a champion for both SightFirst campaigns and our KidSight program. A model Lion and one that left an impression on me for service and proper attitude toward all. She had a servant's heart and wore our motto of "We Serve" on her sleeve and heart! She will be greatly missed.

The other dear lady and friend to us Lions is Mrs. Jane Lerner. She has touched many lives through her gifts and to the honor of her late husband Lion Walter Lerner. Lion Walter was President of our Club back in 1944-1945 and passed away in Lion year 2000-2001. Since that time Mrs. Lerner has given a matching gift to support two scholarships for an outstanding student from both Elkhart Central High School and Memorial High School. What a wonderful way to honor the legacy of her husband and Lionism in our community. She has my heartfelt 'thanks' and while I have never met her, I feel we share a kindred spirit and that is the spirit of Lionism!

Fellow members, you would do well to emulate these two dear ladies. Both have given without regard to Thank Yous and special recognition. They have been unselfish in both their time and resources to further our mission as Lions. As you reflect upon your life as a Lion, ask yourself; "What kind of legacy do I wish to be remembered for?"

Continue to serve, continue to bless and be blessed!

Lion President Duane

at any fundraising or service project when we can keep the Lions image prevalent in our presence.