



NPOV Lions Club Newsletter July 2008



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Down River Days on the Way

Down River weekend is rapidly approaching—July 25–27, 2008. The weekend will kick off with the special Lions Train Ride and dinner on Friday evening. This ride is open to Lions and their guests. A pre-ride reception, complete with the Kimberly Pipers, is being held at the Lions Depot in Ione, beginning at 4:30 PM. The train will depart from the depot at 6:00 PM sharp. Riders will then be “Piped” to dinner with the meal starting at 7:00 PM. Tickets for the Down River Days train ride and dinner are available from Lions Marita and Dick Norton at the price of \$12.00 each.

The Down River Days Parade will begin at 11:00 AM on Saturday. Contact Lion Marita Norton, Parade Chair, if you would like to participate in the parade.

We will have two train rides on Saturday—at 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM—and two rides on Sunday—at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Be sure to contact Lion Bob Shanklin to sign up to host a ride or two (more is even better)!

Lion John Middleton and his lovely bride, Lila, will be hosting a potluck at their home on Saturday evening, beginning at 5:30 PM.

Keep an eye out and ears open for other event information. Cowboy Breakfast Chair Lion Dick Ashton can always use a hand.

MEETING NOTES

Railroad/ Depot News

During the June 5, 2008 meeting, it was reported that we have newly signed agreements for the coming train ride season with the Port and train crew. It was noted that rises in fuel cost translates to an increase in cost of \$800.00 for running the train this season.

Our NPOV Lions Excursion Train is getting some good press. It was mentioned in the June issue of Lion magazine (page 24) and there is a three-page article from a Train magazine about our ride posted on the bulletin board at the depot.

It was reported that the local 4H Club is now meeting regularly at the Lions Depot on the 1st Monday of each month.

Lion Brandy Thomas is looking for help with the club's souvenir video. What she needs is information on the history of the club, the trainride etc. Contact Brandy if you can help.

Depot Management

There are several projects in the works at the depot. Lion Bob Shanklin met with Steve Davis of PUD, Lion Curt Lynn, and Lion Glen Saxe to discuss the electrical needs for the standby heater that will be needed this fall for the locomotive. The plan is for an additional 200 amp service, reconnecting the existing outlets by the concession area to the service, and placing a new connection



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by the depot to the locomotive. It was reported that two of the holding tanks from open cars will need to be rebuilt and the restroom ramp needs repair work or replacement. The door threshold needs a ramp for easier wheelchair access.

Fundraising

“9 for K-9” Golf Event: First Vice President Dick Norton reported that there were 30 golfers (a 25 percent increase from last year) Even though it rained all day everyone had a great time. Again, this year, the sponsors and merchants were very generous. Lots of prizes were awarded, from coffee cups to crushed rock. TeckCominco, again this year, paid for the insurance for the “Hole in One” (no winner). Gross receipts for the event were \$692. Expenses for food and drinks have not been presented to the Treasurer. Funds raised from this event benefit the Leader Dogs for the Blind program.

White Cane Days raised over \$780 this year. Funds raised are donated to the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight and Hearing for sight conservation projects. Our community has benefited from Foundation grants for vision projects (laser surgery and special equipment) and hearing projects (hearing enhancement system at the Cutter Theatre). Thanks to Lion Sue Mason for her work as committee Chair, to Lion Dick Norton for being her runner during the big weekend, and to all of the Lions who collected donations and spread the word about how Lions serve.

Lion Nick Anderson has suggested an idea for a club fundraiser “Fishing Derby.” Lion Nick is looking for a suitable pond site. Selkirk High School students would participate in this project. Watch for more information.

Lion Lori Adamson-Deming needs more recipes for the NPOV Lions Cookbook. Contact Lions Lori or Susan Mason to add your recipe or fun folk remedy to the book.

The Bicycle Breakfast is scheduled after Down River Days, on July 31, 2008 at the Box Canyon Dam warehouse. The menu will be the same as last year. Immediate Past President Marita Norton will be Chair. We will begin serving breakfast at 6:00 AM. Contact Lion Marita if you can help. We had a blast last year!

Other News

The meal for the June 19th regular meeting was provided by the men of the club. Special thanks to Lion Tom Bollers for organizing the meal and to Lions Ron Waller and Glenn Mason for executing the plan.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Scholarships

President Marita Norton had the honor of presenting NPOV Lions Scholarships to three Selkirk High School students on June 7, 2008. One of the scholarships was the new James P. McNally Memorial Scholarship.

Main Street Banners

Lion Marvel Smith is working on a project for new banners for Main Street in Ione to be flown after Down River Days until the Holiday banners go up. Two designs would be purchased, one imprinted with a locomotive and the club name and the other with an eagle and “Ione” on it. The banners may





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also have sponsors' names imprinted on them. Nine banners will be needed at \$118 each. Lion Marvel has been discussing the project with the chair of the Ione Town Council.

Youth

The club has received a "Thank You" from Nickolas Milleran for our donation to his expenses to attend the Young Leaders Conference. Nickolas will provide a presentation about his trip to the club at a later date.

Diabetes

The club donated \$150 to Camp STIX, a local camp for kids with diabetes. The amount donated covers the registration cost for a child to attend the camp.

New Projects

The Board of Directors met on June 12th to review proposed projects for the 2008–2009 Lion Year and develop recommendations for funding. Members will vote on the proposals during the July 3rd regular meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

During the meeting, Past Zone Chairman Kim Di Rienz installed the incoming officers for the 2008–2009 Lion Year with the assistance of Past President Kim Cress. Installed were as follows:

- 1st Vice President - Susan Mason
- 2nd Vice President - Jack Sherry
- Secretary - Kim Di Rienz
- 1st Vice Treasurer - Brandy Thomas
- 1-Year Board Member - Carol Stone
- 1-Year Membership (Chair) - Marvel Smith

The remaining officers will be installed during the July 17th meeting. As a result of Lions Kevin and Karen Kinsella moving from our area, we have three positions to fill: Tail Twister, Treasurer and 2-Year Board Member. Lion Cheryl Chalfant has offered to replace Lion Kevin Kinsella as Tail Twister and Lion President Marita Norton has offered to fill Cheryl's position as 2-Year Board Member. Lion Brandy Thomas is willing to move up from Vice Treasurer to Treasurer. Since the originally elected officers notified us prior to the new Lion Year that they would be unable to serve their terms, we are required by our Constitution and Bylaws to hold a special election. A Special Election is scheduled for the second regular meeting, July 17, 2008.

Welcome new members Tom and Patty McMorrow and Eric and Lynn Hofstad. Be sure to visit with our newest members and take them up on their offers of help.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

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| July 3, 2008 | Meeting of the Board of Directors. Begins at 6:00 PM at the Lions Depot in Ione, immediately prior to the regular meeting. All are invited to attend. |
| July 3, 2008 | First Regular Meeting—Business meeting with no meal; begins at 7:00 PM at the Lions Depot in Ione. We will be voting on Community Project Funding. |



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July 17, 2008

Second Regular Meeting—Business meeting with no meal; begins at 7:00 PM at the Lions Depot in Ione. There will be a Special Election to fill current club officer vacancies - Treasurer, Tail Twister, and 2-Year Board Member.

July 25, 2008

Special Lions Train Ride & Dinner. Pre-ride reception at Lions Depot beginning at 4:30 PM. Train leaves depot at 6:00 pm Dinner at 7:00 PM.

July 26, 2008

Cowboy Breakfast in Ione Riverfront Park—check for times. Down River Days Parade begins at 11:00 in Ione. Train Rides at 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM Saturday night potluck at John & Lila Middleton's beginning at 5:30 PM.

July 27, 2008

Cowboy Breakfast in Ione Riverfront Park—check for times. Train Rides at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM.