



Waterman Lions Club News

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Our Next Meeting

The Waterman Lions Club's next business meeting is 7:00 pm on Thursday, August 13, 2009, Lions Park.

We will discuss the Boys & Girls Committee Back to School Picnic and review the Antique Tractor Show and SummerFest.

New Melvin Jones Fellows

Three Waterman Lions received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from the Lions International Foundation at the June Officers Installation dinner held at Nat's on Maple Restaurant in Sycamore.

Shown here are Lion Wayne Stryker (left), who is a previous Melvin Jones Fellow, presenting the award plaque to Lion Steve Bock (right). Southwestern Region Chair Lion Chris Halsey (center) helped with the presentations.



Lion Bob Bend (right) receives recognition for being a Melvin Jones Fellow

The Melvin Jones Fellowship recognizes donations of \$1,000. It is the backbone of LCIF, providing 70 percent of the foundation's revenue. A recognition of humanitarian work, an MJF is an honor presented to those who donate to LCIF or to people for whom a donation was made by others. Melvin Jones Fellows receive an attractive lapel pin, a plaque and a congratulatory letter.



Lions Dale Gaston (right) displays his Melvin Jones Fellowship plaque.

Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International, was born in 1879 in Arizona. As a young man, Jones made his home in Chicago and became associated with an insurance firm.

He invited delegates from men's clubs to lay the groundwork for an organization that harnessed the drive of its members to improve their communities.

Melvin Jones's personal code was, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else."



The President Says...

After attending the region meeting, it occurred to me that membership is of central concern with most clubs who stated their three goals for the new club year. It also occurred to me that clubs that are visible in the community have a steady supply of new members.

It became apparent to me a long time ago that our club is very visible, that we have had good luck getting members who often came forth on their own desiring to join. Out of our respectful size of 28 members, 18 Lions, five spouses, and one member of the DeKalb Noon Club worked at the Tractor Show.

This is a very high percentage for membership involvement. My congratulations to the members for ensuring our club's success for our largest community event. Also, congratulations to the club for being visible and, thus, ensuring our steady flow of new members.

Lion Mark



10 Clubs List Their Goals

Increasing membership was a common goal of each of ten Lions Clubs at the first Southwestern Region Meeting of District 1-J held July 28.

Representatives from the clubs met for dinner at Bliss Creek Golf Course and Restaurant in Sugar Grove. Zone Chairs **Lion Chris Halsey** and **Lion Lee Stone** led the meeting. Also attending were District 1-J Governor **Lion George Endean** and Cabinet Secretary **Lion Dave Stryker**.

Waterman club president Lion Mark Fenske presented his club's goals. He said Waterman Lions hope to increase membership by three; to select a community enrichment project such as providing dictionaries to third grade classes; and to finish its SightFirst II pledge. Waterman Lions Dave Stryker, Dale Gaston and Craig Rice also attended the meeting.

Here's what other clubs listed for goals:

--DeKalb Evening: Increase membership by 10 percent or 2.4 members; implement a new fund raiser; and partner with the Red Cross for a new service activity.

--DeKalb Noon: Maintain membership; raise money for eyesight and sight conserving activities; get Big Rock Lions to attend zone meetings.

--Elburn: Have fun; work on membership; review fund raisers.

--Lee: Help start Leo Lions Club; work on its fund raisers.

--Malta: Build a play ground; get four new members; increase the numbers from the current fund raisers.

--Maple Park: Increase membership by three; implement a fall fund raiser; increase public awareness of Lions in the community.

--Sandwich: Increase membership; select and implement a "green" project; send out more press releases and improve public relations.

--Sugar Grove: Raise funds for fireworks display; increase membership by 10 percent; increase participation of younger members.

--Sycamore: Get back to basics in selecting projects for their target audience; find a new meeting place.



At the June Officer Installation Dinner in Sycamore, three new members were initiated. Shown here from the left are Lion Wayne Stryker who stood in for new member sponsor Lion Dave Stryker; new member Lion Sandi Graber, sponsored by Stryker; new member Lion Clidea Lave, sponsored by Rice; Lion Craig Rice, sponsor; and new member Lion Richard Smith, also sponsored by Rice.

Minutes From the June Meeting



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Bite `em, bite `em,
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LIONS TOAST

Not above you,
Not beneath you,
But with you

President Lion Mark Fenske called to order the July 09, 2009, business meeting of Waterman Lions Club at 7:05 PM at the Waterman Lions Shelter House. Lion Rich Smith led the Pledge to the Flag.

Secretary's report was passed out. Lion Steve moved to accept. Lion Bob seconded motion. Motion passed by voice vote. Roll call showed the following Lions present: Mark Fenske, Bob Bend, Dave Stryker, Harold Giddings, Leonard Johnson, Phil Nielsen, Al Rickert, Jeff Weber, Wayne Stryker, Richard Smith, Craig Rice, Clidea Lave, Sandi Graber, Shawn Blobaum, Dale Gaston, and Steve Bock.

Treasurer Lion Bob Bend presented the treasurer's report. It showed income of \$1,082.00. Expenses were \$2,901.13. Balance on hand in checking account is \$2,863.23. Balance on hand in savings account and certificates of deposit is \$11,865.60. Lion Shawn moved and Lion Harold seconded motion with correction to ending balance. Motion passed by voice vote.

Correspondence:

Lion Mark read letter LIF thanking us for the donation for Lion Leo Smith to the Endowment Fund.

Lion Mark read letter from LIF on Camp Lions at Camp Reynoldswood in Dixon on July 31.

Lion Mark read letter from LIF on the OSHA Hearing Screening testing program.

Lion Mark read letter on the District 1-J Golf Outing asking to sponsor a hole for \$75.00. Lion Rich moved to sponsor a hole at the Golf Outing for \$75.00. Lion Wayne seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Committee Reports:

Tractor Show: Lion Steve is hoping to have many at the Fishing Derby to serve and to bring 2 or 3 tents back with us for the Tractor Show. We will start setting up on Friday at 7:30 (or whenever you can come) at the Park. Lion Steve has all the food ordered, just has to get pop. Lion Dale and Lion Al will procure pop. We will also have Jama juice. Lion Steve and Lion Phil will bring horse trough to hold the water and pop. We will pick ice on Saturday morning at Casey's. Lion Phil says the FFA is coming. Lion Dave and Lion Shawn will conduct the Drawdown Raffle. Lion Al will bring his generator as back up. Lion Jeff reported we have around 20 vendors at this time. Lion Clidea made request on the Boys Scouts to have space for Paint Ball Shooting and their trailer. They will have snow cones, lemon shake ups and cotton candy. Lion Leonard reported we have several tractors, not as many at this time. We have an antique 1929 fuel truck coming. Serena has a 1948 Fire Pumper coming. He has several other unique vehicles coming. We will do the Parade of power at 11:30 AM. We will give \$5.00 tickets for concessions to each exhibitor. Lion Steve hopes to have some of the papers come to event.

Candy Day: The Candy Day Jamboree will be held on August 17 in Roselle American Legion Hall. Lion Dave will going and will check with Lion Janelle. Lion Dale might be going and possibly for Lion Craig, Lion Mark and Lion Leonard.

Fishing Derby: Lion Dave reported the date is July 16 and to be at park around 9:30 a.m. until about 2:00 p.m. We will host the evening meal at 6:00 PM; so, show up at 5:30 PM. Those Lions that can show up at Country Kitchen—7:30 a.m.

Boys and Girls: School starts on August 21. We will hold Kids Night on Thursday, August 27.



NEW BUSINESS

Lion Shawn asked about Tee Shirts. Lion Dave will check with Lion Lee Stone. Lion Craig mentioned that all should be thinking of potential new members while working the Tractor Show and other activities. Lion Shawn mentioned at the District Meeting he attended was to have Lions Info on display.

OLD BUSINESS

Lion Craig moved to adjourn the meeting. Lion Shawn seconded the motion. President Lion Mark Fenske declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

