

**Wisconsin Lions Missions
Fall 2016 Newsletter**

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Mark Your Calendars!

**Winter Meeting scheduled for January 7, 2017
9:43 am, at the Lions Camp in Rosholt, Wisconsin.**

**Wisconsin Lions Missions Annual Meeting Minutes
Summer Meeting, Beaver Dam, WI, August 26, 2016**

Bill Taubman opened meeting @ 9:45.

Secretary report - Minutes read, one correction: Dr. Corning was also along on the trip. Motion to accept and seconded. Approved.

Treasurers Report read. Balance checking \$16,372.22 as of 6/30/2016. Questions on some costs, motion made to accept and seconded, approved.

DISTRICT COORDINATORS REPORTS

A-1 Bill Fenger - no report.

A-2 Dr. Alan Ehrhardt - no report

B-1 - Merle Strehlow -trying to purchase some vehicles.

B-2 - Marcia Knapp - trying to get more people involved.

C-1 - Steve McCabe - all is looking good.

C2 - Mike Lorbetske - going to McAllen to help the orphanage out.

D-1 - Erling Isley - club in good shape may be able to help other clubs purchase vehicles.

D-2 - Dick Dalberg -all is okay.

E-1 - Bill Taubman - going down with equipment late January if you have anything to go, please see me., monies are in good shape.

E-2 -Ron Duffe - teaming with others to help with purchases of equipment. Need to get more people involved.

MISSION REPORTS

Rudy Kessler - Haiti - Lozandier - struck with famine and drought. Many problems. Dates not set yet. South and West of Port-au-Prince., Very primitive - can take 6-10 people, Mountain Top Ministries second mission - cooler in the mountain area. This time 2 separate trips, one for research possibilities.

Steve McCabe - Fire truck sent - video presented - trip to Nicaragua.. Nicaragua Partners have taken these donated vehicles by plane, specifically a DC5 carrier. Can take many equipment vehicles at once. Missions to be February 10 - February 19, of 2017.

Tom Bredesen - El Salvador - 1st mission complete. - Lions met group at the airport and did all check-in duties. Breakfast @ hotel and then bussed to project, facilities were great. Video presented - New mission to be February 19 to February 26, of 2017. Can take 32 people.

Bill Taubman - other mission possibilities - Belize - maybe, 4 clubs currently in Belize. English spoken there. Would be in capital city of Belmopan. New club being formed. If it happens to come together, maybe March, nice weather.

John Alberts - maybe mission in Playa Del Carmen - working on it, going down to investigate, interested?

Equipment: Jim S. has 2 auto refrsctors; Rudy K. has spot camera and auto refractor; Dick D. has lensometer; Pauline has fitting case

NEW BUSINESS: Insurance mentioned for equipment - policy is coming due

Do we have copies of the constitution and by-laws?

If you haven't already done so - check out the Facebook page Wisconsin Lions Missions Group.

From Bill Fenger - question raised - Registration/Medical Information Form. Forms to be completed by participants. Used for medical info, allergies, contact inform for emergencies, leader of mission needs to have this with him on departure. Move to accept form as good use and seconded.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lions Missions Emergency Response Team - Talk it up. So far there is no need yet in WI maybe can go to Louisiana.

Assessments - \$500 each district - moved and seconded to continue this payment

Shirts for missions - see or call Erling Isely

Note to coordinators: Bill has eyeglass bags, envelopes and stationery available.

Transporting glasses - speaking with military about helping out - flights going down to mission destinations regularly, Some of ours shipments are costly and this is a growing concern. Motion made to authorize coordinators and president to approve negotiation of funds for shipping glasses.

Audit needed today: volunteers Ron Duffe and Joe Bruns to do so. Moved and seconded to complete audit today.

Trailer Report -All works well and ready for travel.

Election of Officers: President - Bill Taubman; Vice President - Tom Bredesen; Secretary - Jackie Shively; Treasurer - Rudy Kessler Motion made and seconded to approve

A great big thanks to Doc and Ramona for all their efforts to host meeting and offer their hospitality.

Motion made to adjourn. Moved and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Shively, Secretary

Wisconsin Lions Missions Gold Polo Shirts

Lion Erling Isely
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The gold Lions Missions shirts can be ordered thru me.

Cost is: sizes S thru XL \$27.00

XXL and larger will be \$29.00 If I have an order of 25 or more you can reduce the cost by \$3.00 each.

You can order men's or women' sizes.

The shirts will have the Lions Logo with Wisconsin Lions Missions on the front with your name. Wisconsin Lions Missions will be silk screened on the back.

Caps are available as well. They will be blue with the Logo and Wisconsin Lions Missions around the logo. We will need a minimum order of 12 and the cost will be \$9.50 each.

When I know the numbers I can give you the final cost. Checks can then be sent to me made out to, Wisconsin Lions Missions. There will be no sales tax because we are a 501-c3.

Please take care of this matter sooner rather than later or you may miss out. Thank you!

Wisconsin Lions Missions President's Ponderings

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SUMMER MEETING

We had an excellent summer gathering in Beaver Dam hosted by Dr. Alan and Ramona Ehrhardt. Many thanks to them and the Beaver Dam Lions for all that they did to make this an enjoyable and fruitful time. I expect that minutes of the meeting are a part of this newsletter. While there were no earth shaking decisions made there was a lot of discussion about a number of things. One that you will notice if you participate in a mission is that we did adopt a standard registration form that all participants will be asked to complete. This provides the leader with some very critical information enabling him/her to plan for the mission as well as for the participants care and well being.

OFFICERS

Officers elected for the next three years are as follows: President Bill Taubman; Vice-President Tom Bredesen; Secretary Jackie Shively, and Treasure Rudy Kessler.

WLM BY-LAWS

For whatever reason, no one seems to be able to find a copy of our constitution and by-laws. If you happen to have a copy please contact Bill Taubman.

WELCOME DONATION

Wisconsin Lions Missions has made friends in many places but most of our members have never met the friends that we have in Mississippi. We gained those friendships through the work we did after hurricane Katrina and again after devastating tornadoes ripped through the northern part of the state. Chief among those new friends is Mississippi Past Council Chair Vicki Bond who has become a real advocate for our Missions programs. She has signed up as a volunteer for our Emergency Response Team and hopes to join us on an eyeglass mission someday. In the meantime she has arranged for all the eyeglasses collected in that state to be shipped to Wisconsin each year. This year at their state convention they did everything in "100's" recognizing the 100th anniversary of Lionism. So they chose to send \$100 to WLM and then Vicki added another \$100 of her own money so we are the recipients of \$200 from our Mississippi Lion friends. Thank you Mississippi Lions and thank you PCC Vicki Bond.

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BELIZE

In June of this year I visited Belize and talked with the Lions there about an eyeglass mission. They were enthusiastic about the possibilities and so we have been moving forward with the planning. At this point I have submitted an application to their Minister of Health from whom we need approval. We would be working with a new Lions club in Belmopan, which is the capital city of Belize. I have good reason to believe that this mission will happen and if so, will be about the second week of March. My plan is to take about 20 people on this mission. Anyone who would like to be a part of this mission is encouraged to contact me now and get on the list. Belize will be a wonderful country to work in and to visit!

Wisconsin Lions Eyeglass Mission to Haiti

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At this time I do not have any dates set for an eye glass mission in Haiti. I anticipate one in Lozandier the end of March or first part of April 2017 and hope to have that firmed up by early December. I will be there in November and plan to work out the necessary arrangements then.

I am also working with Mountaintop Ministries in anticipation of doing another mission there, but at this time we have not been able to coordinate any dates.

Wisconsin Lions Eyeglass Mission to Nicaragua

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Thirty two Wisconsin Lions will have arrived into Managua International Airport by Friday evening, February 10th of 2017. Reservations for those arriving from our flights will be made once again by the WI/Nicaragua Partners for us at the Best Western Mercedes Hotel located directly across from the front entrance of the airport. On Saturday morning, February 11th a bus will come to take all of us to the Austrian Hotel in the city of Leon about a 75 mile trip. The rest of the day we are on our own. Sunday is opening ceremony and the mission setup at a nearby high school. The actual mission will run from Monday through Friday with Wednesday being just a half day of work. There will be a closing ceremony on Friday evening. Saturday we return to the Mercedes Hotel in Managua. Sunday the 19th some Lions will travel to El Salvador for the next Lions Mission, some will stay a few days to vacation, and some of us will fly back home.

I will need those Lions bringing equipment to let me know what instruments you will be carrying into Managua. If you are one of the doctors bringing equipment, I will just need to know if the equipment is the same as the last mission or are you also bringing any new items.

I received good news from Amy Wiza last week that our eyeglasses are finally out of Nicaragua Customs and are now being stored by Harlen Zapata.

Please email me a copy of your flight itinerary once you have purchased your tickets. Nicaraguan Customs requires prior notification of our flight schedules. Once you have your tickets to Nicaragua, contact Amy

Wiza about Travel Guard Insurance (optional) to cover any medical flight emergencies. Amy's telephone number at the UW Stevens Point campus is 715-346-4702 or amy.wiza@uwsp.edu

Please return both the two page "Medical Forms" and the two page "Travel Waiver Forms" before the end of November. Where the Medical form asks who your insurance carrier is, please also list the name of the medical flight insurance carrier and contact information if other than Travel Guard Insurance.

Wisconsin Lions Eyeglass Mission to El Salvador

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Eyeglasses are being shipped in October 2016 from the Wisconsin Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center via UPS Ocean Freight to El Salvador. The project itself will run from Sunday, February 19 until Sunday, February 26, 2017.

This year our group is working with a nonprofit Salvadoran group called Angeles Salvadoreños (Salvadoran Angels). This facilitates the shipping, receiving, and storage of the eyeglasses in El Salvador.

We will be using the army barracks site in San Salvador for the mission. Bill Taubman and I visited the site in June of 2015 and believe that it will work well. The army will provide security for our group and we will use a military bus to be transported from place-to-place.

A rough idea of the schedule is as follows:

Sunday - all arrive

Monday - morning meeting after breakfast, set-up site, optional tour, and opening ceremony

Tuesday - full day eyeglass project

Wednesday - full day eyeglass project

Thursday - half day project, half-day excursion to Pacific Ocean

Friday - full day eyeglass project

Saturday - half day eyeglass project, closing ceremony

Sunday - depart

As of the time of this newsletter there are 26 people signed up for this mission. There is room for 32 volunteers, so if you or someone you know has an interest in joining in on this project, please contact me as soon as possible.

Wisconsin Lions Emergency Response Team

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Another summer seems to have passed and we haven't responded to a disaster yet. Of course, that is a good thing but it would be good for us to have an opportunity. When the heavy rains flooded the little village of Cream I contacted Lions of that area and it was decided that help wasn't needed. More recently heavy rains along the Kickapoo River caused flooding in that area. I made contact with Lions in those areas and as of this writing have not heard from them. We will continue to be alert for areas that we could

serve. Also, we are always eager to grow our list of Lions eager to serve in this effort. If you would like to register please contact me for a registration form.

Wisconsin Lions Missions

7-1-16 Thru 9-29-16

Checking & Savings Accounts

7/1/2016

Start Bal **\$16,372.22**

Income

7/7/2016	6-30-16 Interest	Interest	\$27.25
7/8/2016	Donation	Sheboygan Noon Lions	\$50.00
7/21/2016	Donation-for kid sight	Faith Lutheran	\$225.18
9/10/2016	Donation-for kid sight	Eau Claire VBS	\$15.60
9/22/2016	Donation	Mississippi Lions	\$100.00
9/22/2016	Donation	Vicki Bond	\$100.00

Total Income \$518.03

Expenses

8/29/2016	2353 Steve McCabe	Batteries-Auto-Refractor	\$282.29
8/29/2016	2354 Jim Schiferl	Tape-Auto-Refractor	\$42.81
8/29/2016	2355 White Birch Printing	Envelopes-Stationary	\$165.00
9/2/2016	2356 Grinnell Mutual	Trailer Insurance	\$190.00
9/22/2016	2357 VOID	VOID	
9/25/2016	2358 Tom Bredesen	Shipping-El Salvador	\$1,016.57

Total Expenses \$1,696.67

Balance as of 9-29-16

Checking & Savings Accounts

\$15,193.58

Dollars Budgeted

Kids Sight

\$240.78