

**Wisconsin Lions Missions
Fall 2017 Newsletter**

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**The Annual Winter Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 9:43 am.
We will gather 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. Motion to accept and seconded. Approved.

Treasurers Report read. Balance in checking is \$22,347.00 as of 6/30/2017. Motion made to accept and seconded. Approved.

MISSION REPORTS:

The usual requirements needed, waivers, flight numbers, passports etc.

Rudy Kessler - Haiti - Lozandier - and Mountain Top Ministries.. Dates to be Nov 7 to Nov 14, 2017.

He had a slideshow presentation.

Steve McCabe - slideshow presented - trip to Nicaragua.. Going to Chinandega this time. Mission to be February 17 - February 25, of 2018.

Tom Bredesen - El Salvador - Video presented - New mission to Usulután. Dates to be February 25 to March 4 of 2018. 34 people signed up.

Bill Taubman - Belize has fallen through but.....San Pedro maybe - working on it.

John Alberts - Mexico still not possible, alcohol is a problem, sickness prevails.

Cuba - Havana - If it comes to pass, Gary Donaldson will lead - slideshow by Bill Taubman. He is meeting with several contacts; to be continued. Maybe October or up to April of next year.

Equipment: Alan Ehrhardt checking on new items. Lensometer. Spot Screeners are farmed out amongst us. The consensus is: need someone on each mission to run lensometers. Do not dispose of any type of refractors; one unit for adults and spot screeners for children. Each has its own merits. Dr. Ehrhardt will do some checking.

Insurance for equipment is good.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lions Missions Emergency Response Team - It is hard to get anyone to deal with on a helpful basis. Erling Isley brought some ideas.

Assessments - \$500 each district - moved and seconded to continue this payment. There was some discussion; Mike Lorbetske of C-2 reported clubs are asking for clarification and breakdown of cost and expense.

Shirts for missions - see or call Erling Isley

NEW BUSINESS:

Transporting glasses - Increasing problems and growing more costly; this is a growing concern. Trips are still being made to McAllen, TX. It is becoming more difficult to get items and vehicles across the border. Vehicles still needed - ambulances and fire trucks.

Audit approved on treasurer's report for the year.

Trailer Report -All works well and ready for travel. May use it for response team.

A great big thanks to Bill Taubman, Rudy and Sharon Kessler 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 POLO SHIRTS

Anyone wishing to order a shirt can do so by contacting Erling Isely:

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608-846-4571

617 Russell St., Deforest, WI 53532

These are the gold polo shirts with the Lions logo and your name on the front and WISCONSIN LIONS MISSIONS silk screened on the back

Cost: Sizes Small thru XL \$27.00 men's and ladies sizes

XXL and above \$29.00 " " " "

Order the size you would buy in a department or clothing store. State the name you wish to have printed on the front.

Checks should be made out to: Wisconsin Lions Missions
Erling Isely

Wisconsin Lions Missions President's Ponderings

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TID-BITS from Bill Taubman, WLM President

We have received information from Jackie Shively that Francisco Razo, Abe's dad, has passed away. A lot of us who did missions in Posa Rica, in the state of Veracruz, Mexico became friends with the family. Francisco, with his Lions Club, coordinated our projects for many years, as did his son Abe when his father became ill.

SUMMER MEETING The summer meeting was held at Shell Lake this year and about 30 people from around the state attended. Thank you to the Rudy and Sharon Kessler for hosting an enjoyable get-together on Friday evening. I expect that the minutes of the business meeting are elsewhere in this newsletter. Although there were no earth shaking decisions made there was some good discussion about a number of issues of relevance to our programs.

2018 MISSIONS Once again we have full rosters for the missions in Nicaragua and El Salvador. Each year we see a few new names showing up on these rosters and that is a wonderful thing. There was to be a small mission to Haiti again this fall but some logistical issues came into play and the entire medical mission that we were teaming up with was canceled. Many thanks to Lions McCabe, Bredesen, and Kessler for providing the leadership for these missions.

CUBA In May I traveled to Cuba to explore the possibilities of doing an eyeglass mission there. We had received an invitation from an agency there asking us to consider coming to their country. I traveled there with two men from Minnesota, one of whom had made several trips there during the past 30 years. It was all interesting but was difficult getting to the agency or whomever that might be the one to help us. I finally did meet with the head of a sort of social welfare agency and he said that they could and would help us. Since that time it has been difficult to get much of an exchange of information with him. Gary Donaldson has agreed to lead a mission there if he can make it happen. I hope it will happen but there are numerous obstacles to overcome. Stay tuned!

BELIZE In 2016 I traveled to Belize at the request of the Lions there to talk with them about a mission in that country. I came back feeling very good about it all but it didn't happen. They sort of dropped the ball on the effort. I am again having some conversations with them there and think it is looking like a good possibility. The Lions Club on San Pedro Island would like to host us. I think about 25,000 people live on the island but they would work with the water taxi companies to have people transported there from other nearby islands. Again, stay tuned.

Wisconsin Lions Eyeglass Mission to Haiti

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Mountain Top Ministries (MTM) Haiti—Seven of us headed to MTM the end of May to do a five-day eye glass mission there in conjunction with a medical group. This was the second time we did an eye glass mission at MTM - the first being December 2015. We served 850 people in 5 1/2 days. So far all our missions in Haiti have been small as it is very difficult to get the Haitian Lions on board to help coordinate and also hard to get a big supply of glasses there. We hand carry everything we need in with us in our luggage. Our Haiti missions so far are also quite a distance from large cities so the total number of workers is dependent on how many the "mission houses" at each location can accommodate. Hotels are not an option at this point.

Lozandier Haiti—At this time we do not have any Eye Glass missions planned for Lozandier.

Wisconsin Lions Eyeglass Mission to Nicaragua

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Wisconsin Lions will arrive into Managua Nicaragua on the 15th and 16th of February and upon their arrival will be staying at the Best Western Mercedes Hotel located directly across the street from the airport. On Saturday morning the 17th, a bus will pick us up and transport us to our Hotel Farallones, Lions Mission's City of Chinandega, Nicaragua. Sunday morning will be our opening ceremony and in the afternoon we will set up our mission site.

The actual Lions Eyeglass mission will start at 8:00AM to approximately 5:00 - 6:00PM on Monday the 19th and run through Friday the 23rd with the closing ceremony that Friday evening. Wednesday will be a half day of work. The afternoon activities will be announced at the mission.

Saturday morning we will all be bused back to the Mercedes Hotel in Managua. Sunday the 25th some of you will fly on to Tom Bredesen's Mission in El Salvador, some onto Costa Rica, and other Lions will return back home.

Remember Lions that Chinandega is hot and may be humid. Please bring suntan lotion and mosquito spray. Check with your physician about anti malaria drugs and there were some Zika Virus cases during their last wet season. Yes, you will see several volcanoes.

Wisconsin Lions Eyeglass Mission to El Salvador

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The El Salvador Mission

The project in 2018 will be in the city of Usulután in the southeast of the country. Usulután is the fifth largest city in the country. This agricultural area, close to the Pacific, has about 75,000 people. The arrival date is Sunday, February 25th, and the departure date will be Sunday, March 4th.

Usulután has a Lions club and a Lioness club. The Lions Club President is Marlon Raphael Claros, and the Lioness Club President is Betty Zaldivar de Gutierrez. We will be working with both groups on this project. Like last year, the project site will be on the military base. One of the mornings will be reserved for the vision screening of military families.

The military assists with our transportation to and from the airport and to and from the hotel to the project site. We also rely on them for transportation and security on our short tour of the city after we set up the project, and when we take an excursion to the beach mid-week.

There are 34 volunteers signed up to be a part of this project. We will be staying at the Hotel Sevilla, and having our breakfast there. The other meals will be catered in to the project site. The in-country organization is being done by Diego Ulloa. Diego did a great job last year and has kept in close contact with me to finalize details for this project.

We look forward to serving the people of El Salvador in 2018!

Wisconsin Lions Emergency Response Team

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WLM EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM Three cheers, we finally did something!! When Hurricane Harvey was stirring out in the Gulf of Mexico we began thinking about a response. After communicating with the Lions in Rockport, TX a plan was made to leave on Sept. 8th. Unfortunately we could only gather together seven people to go but we went and during that week we accomplished a lot. We desperately need more people to sign up for this program so that we can have a bigger crew another time. Please do some recruiting for this activity. An article about the trip with much more information will be in the next Wisconsin Lions magazine. Read all about it!

Wisconsin Lions Missions

7-1-17 Thru 10-15-17

Checking & Savings Accounts

7/1/2017

Start Bal.

\$22,347.14

INCOME

7/27/2017	Donation	Sheboygan Noon Lions	\$50.00
8/21/2017	Donation	3 Lakes Lions	\$600.00
8/21/2017	Shirts	Shirts	\$135.00
8/22/2017	Contribution	27-B1--16-17 & 17-18	\$1,000.00
9/5/2017	Deposit	Hurricane Harvey	\$2,575.00
9/5/2017	Donation	Dubay Lions	\$500.00
9/18/2017	Contribution	27-D1	\$500.00
9/18/2017	Deposit	Hurricane Harvey	\$11,020.00
9/25/2017	Donation	Dorchester Lioness	\$500.00
9/25/2017	Deposit	Hurricane Harvey	\$2,600.00
9/29/2017	Deposit	Hurricane Harvey	\$700.00
10/4/2017	Deposit	Hurricane Harvey	\$237.86

Total Income

\$20,417.86

EXPENSES

8/11/2017	2377	City of Shell Lake	meeting rental	\$50.00
8/20/2017	2378	Tom Bredesen	El Salvador 18--Diego	\$108.00
8/20/2017	2379	Pauline Schiferl	Misc. Fitter Supplies	\$89.19
8/20/2016	2380	Steve McCabe	Nicaragua--18 Supplies	\$18.86
8/25/2017	2381	Community Insurance	Trailer insurance	\$190.00
9/2/2017	2382	VOID	Void	
9/2/2017	2383	Rudy Kessler	Trailer Parts	\$260.00
9/7/2017	2384	Rudy Kessler	Hurricane Harvey-Cash	\$3,000.00
			Glass Shipment-El	
9/19/2017	2385	Shell Lake Bank	Salvador	\$1,075.00
9/24/2017	2386	Rockport Eye Ass.	Hurricane Harvey	\$337.00
10/1/2017	2387	Bill Taubman	Hurricane Harvey--	\$212.93

			Materials	
10/1/2017	2388	Sharon Kessler	Lable printer paper	\$79.92
10/5/2017	2389	Rockport Lions	Hurricane Harvey	\$5,000.00
10/5/2017	2390	Good Samaritan	Hurricane Harvey	\$2,500.00
10/5/2017	2391	Hurricane Harvey Relief	Hurricane Harvey	\$2,500.00

Total Expenses **\$15,420.90**

Balance as of 10-15-17

Checking & Savings Accounts **\$27,344.10**

Accounts Receivable

27-A1	\$1,000.00
27-A2	\$500.00
27-B2	\$500.00
27-C1	\$500.00
27-C2	\$500.00
27-D2	\$500.00
27-E1	\$500.00
27-E2	\$500.00

Total **\$4,500.00**