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# Howard Lake Lions Club



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Steve Weber

Becky Frank

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Immediate Past President:

Judy Mattson

## Meat Raffles

The meat raffles continue at Troubles Bar and Restaurant starting at 3:00 p.m. **Thank you, thank you, thank you to the faithful members who have been able to help.** It is very much appreciated.

## \*Governor's Night\*

Thank you to all the Lions and Guests who attended our Governor's Night and Christmas Party. What a great turnout! Governor Judy's theme is "Serving with Service and Kindness". She led us through some of our club's accomplishments. She also told us that International President Lion Douglas Alexander is challenging us all to go out and get one new member.



## An excerpt taken from the January 2022 5M7 Gram

### From 1VDG Lion Mark Landwehr....

Hello everyone, This past month I attended the Howard Lake Lions Christmas party. I had no trouble finding the City of Howard Lake, I'm usually pretty good with directions. What I'm not good at is remembering the finer details of emails. I couldn't remember where the meeting was once I arrived in Howard Lake; my phone had died and I couldn't pull it up on emails. No problem. I went to the VFW thinking that's a likely spot for the meeting. I was wrong. Then I remembered something about the meeting being two blocks south of Hwy12 on CR6. I tried that. The only place I found was a church with a bunch of cars in the parking lot. I thought to myself, "probably a church group having choir practice". I drove around and spotted a Hennepin County sheriff's car so I

followed him and started flashing my lights at him. This was a lot different from my youth where they would follow me with flashing lights! It took almost a mile before he pulled over; I jumped out of my truck, raised my hands and asked him if he knew where the Howard Lake Lions held their meetings. He called his dispatcher, got directions and offered to lead me there where which brought me back to the little church I'd been to earlier. I walked in as the Howard Lake club was in line for dinner. After apologizing for coming late I was encouraged to head to the front of the serving line. I told their president that anyone that came late should be at the end of the line, but he insisted. It was a great pot-luck dinner. The Howard Lake club starts their meetings with a tail twisting game. The president starts by giving a reason that someone should be fined. I think he said, "Everyone with a plate of food in front of them should be fined." Fines are only ten cents, and you get to ring the bucket when you donate. You also get to come up with reasons to fine members. I raised my hand and said everyone who came late to the meeting should be fined. The president agreed and added that everyone who forgot to include lions in their request should also be fined. I got nailed twice and the only thing I had with me were Jacksons and Ben Franklins. I had a great time at this meeting; the Howard Lake club has great fellowship. At the end of the meeting I wanted to take a picture of the club members. I borrowed a camera from 2VDG Steve and climbed up on the countertop in the kitchen. The church has an opening between the kitchen and main hall where the club puts Lions and other trinkets on this ledge which as I climbed up on, managed to knock a few off but did get a great picture. Come late for the meeting and start destroying decorations before you go home. 1VDG Mark, you will probably never get invited to this club again, although I hope I do. I had a great time and met many wonderful Lions.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the Howard Lake Lion members who are celebrating their birthdays in January: Tom Sullivan (2); Terry Thorson (19); Becky Frank (24).

## **MEETINGS**

Our first meeting in January will be held on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Social hour starts at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck meal at 7:00 p.m. The second meeting in January will be held on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Social hour starts at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck meal at 7:00 p.m.

## **LOOKING BACK AT 2021**

**\*We remember our Lions who have gone before us\***



Lion Curt Levang



Lion Darrel Rufer

Most of our fundraisers were canceled due to Covid but we were able to hold our annual “Music in the Parking Lot” fundraiser. That was the best kept secret in Howard Lake!

Some of our Lions donations were: \$1,000.00 each to 2 graduating seniors at HLWW, \$500.00 to the HLWW gymnastics team, \$1,000.00 to the City of Howard Lake, (\$500.00 for new splash pad and \$500.00 for Lions Park improvements), \$500.00 to the HLWW FFA, \$500.00 to the Howard Lake Royalty, \$100.00 to Adult Training and Habilitation Center, \$100.00 to MN Childhood Cancer Foundation, \$250.00 scholarships each to the outgoing Howard Lake Ambassadors, \$500.00 to the HLWW football team for equipment, \$100.00 to Can Do Canines, \$340.00 to KLKR (media department at HLWW), \$100.00 to LCIF, and from the Maple Lake Lions and Howard Lake Lions: \$4,000.00 to the Howard Lake Fire Department and \$4,000.00 to the food shelf in Waverly.

Our Lions Club would like to thank the **Maple Lake Lions** for their generous donations. Without them and the meat raffle we would not be able to make our donations.

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### **LINKS**

Lions International – [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

Multiple District 5M- [www.lionsmd5m.org](http://www.lionsmd5m.org)

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