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# Howard Lake Lions Club

WE "GET TO" SERVE



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## GOVERNOR'S NIGHT AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Governor's Night and Christmas Party was held on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. A delicious pot luck meal was served. Governor Brian Toews and Lion Joanne, First Vice District Governor Dave Schroeder and Lion Nancy, and Second Vice District Governor Paul Hansen and his guest Shirley were in attendance. Governor Brian inducted our new member Lion Bonnie Weber, wife of Lion Steve Weber. We had 18 members and 3 guests present out of 44 members.

## SERVING WITH PRIDE



**Breakfast with Santa** was on Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup>. Lion Judy was Chairperson for the breakfast. We served our normal delicious breakfast consisting of pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage patties and links, biscuits and sausage gravy, cookies, and orange juice, coffee and milk. The HL Royalty helped serve the food. We had a good turnout of Lions to help with 24 members in attendance. Thank you to the Howard Lake Business Association for providing gift bags for the children and taking pictures.

**Ice cream** was served at the HL Nursing Home on December 12<sup>th</sup>. We had a total of 3 Lions help with this project along with the Howard Lake Royalty. Care center residents enjoyed the treats and company!

**Donkey Basketball** will take place March 26<sup>th</sup> at the HL Middle School Gym. Help is needed setting up and tearing down as well as selling tickets. Lion Paul reported that he is working with the FFA Alumni. They are securing sponsors for this event. Start spreading the word, and we will let everyone know when advance sale tickets are available. If we all sell a few we can fill the stands!

**Drug Awareness Posters** will be judged at our next meeting, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Lion Nancy has been working hard getting the word out to the teachers and coaxing them to get them done. So let's all

show up and show our support to Lion Nancy by helping with the judging.

## **Silent Santa**

Lion Debbie McAlpine, chairperson of the Silent Santa program, reported that we helped 49 families and 152 children and adults to have a Merry Christmas this year. A special thank you goes out to Lion Debbie's Mom Kay for all the help with shopping and sorting gifts along with providing the garage space to do all the work. Also thank you to all the Lions who helped by purchasing gifts, donating money, or helped in any way. This was a big project; Lion Debbie did a great job! Thank you Lion Debbie for a job well done!!

**Welcome our newest member, Bonnie Weber.** Bonnie is the wife of Lion member Steve Weber. Lion Bonnie was inducted into our club on Governor's night.



**The Buzz from HL Lion President Cathy Jo Rufer:**

**My goal** as the HL Lions President is to encourage members to evaluate our club and find a shared vision that we can continue to be proud of. I want our club to be recognized for its effort and hard work. I commit to honoring members who "achieve and believe" in Lionism. Together I hope we will be able to come up with new ideas to serve our community and grow in membership. We already started something new, our 1st Annual School Supply Collection, chaired by Lion Steve Weber. Together we will explore creating and distributing a brochure to help advertise our club. Finally, I will try to attend as many meetings, zone meetings, and the upcoming 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention in January.

**I encourage you to meet my pledge**, continue your **membership** in a club that shows pride in all they do, **participate** when you can with your donation of time or financially, **volunteer to chair** a NEW program that you feel could be a part of our shared vision, **be active and volunteer** at one of the great opportunities we "**get to**" **serve at**, and **find your pride** with the HL Lions.

**Meetings**

**Our first meeting** this month is Thursday, January 6th at our Lions' Hall at 7:00 p.m. This is a dinner meeting being prepared by some anonymous Lions.

**The Board of Directors** will meet on Thursday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m. at our Lions' Hall.

**Our second meeting** this month is Thursday, January 20th at our Lions' Hall at 7:00 p.m. The meal will be pot luck. If you are not able to bring a dish or do not have the time to get one ready, please come anyway, we seem to always have plenty of food and we do need your attendance.

*If you would like anything to be included in the newsletter you have to let us know.*

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**Upcoming events**

District 5M-7 Mid Winter Convention January 14, 15, and 16<sup>th</sup>

Valentine's Breakfast Buffet – Sunday, February 13th

Donkey Basketball – March 26th

**Links**

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

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

District 5M-7 - [www.5m7.org](http://www.5m7.org)

Lions 5M7, Region 1, Zone 2 - [www.lions5m7r1z2.org](http://www.lions5m7r1z2.org)

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**Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to all the Howard Lake Lion members who are celebrating their birthday in January: Tom Sullivan (2), Dan Judd (8), Darrell Main (12), Terry Thorson (19), and Dennis Massey (31).

***HAPPY NEW YEAR***