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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Fellow Dexter Lions,

Winter's about over
 And springtime is near,
 Many projects are over
 But please have no fear.
 More projects are coming
 They're almost here.

White Cane, Prom Parking
 Kidsight too.
 And Rebuild America
 To name just a few.

"We Serve" is our motto
 And we certainly do.
 Each member contributes
 And not just a few.



So for all your past efforts
 And your future ones too.
 To each Lion I say
 I truly thank you.

Yours in Leprechaun Lionism,

Lion Chuck O'Eddlemon

FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

We had great meeting attendance. There were 44 Lions and guests present at the February 7th meeting, with this being Ladies' Night and special awards given to community members. Lion President Chuck presented awards to Ron Tupper (DAPCO President) and Dennis Blanchard (Busch's Manager) for their support and assistance to the Dexter Lions. Last year's honorees attended; Fred Schmidt (Dexter Pharmacy) and John Carres (Dexter Mill). Dexter Lions supported Ty Boik, who was present to talk about his experiences at Boys State. Vice District Governor Roberta Sexton was in attendance at this meeting. There were only 20 present at the February 21st meeting due to the fact that we had 8 members working at a High School Basketball Game. Lion President Chuck presented the slate of officers for the 2008-2009 year. Tailtwister Lion Jim Koch did another great job of collecting money from members at this meeting.

2008-2009 OFFICERS

President: Matt Rolfes
 1st V.P.: Chuck Hughes
 2nd V.P.: Ray Clebek
 Secretary: Andy Dettling
 Treasurer: Bob Hoatlin
 Tail Twister: Ron Meyer
 Lion Tamer: Bruce Forshee
 Mbr/Ret: Larry France
 Past President:
 Chuck Eddlemon

2008-2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dennis Berry, Richard Darr,
 Ralph Dresch, Jay Myers,
 Jim Warden, Jason Stidman,
 Louis Ceriani, Hal Geppart,
 Lee Knapp, Bob Steptoe

MICHIGAN FORUM

On Saturday, March 1, 2008 there were over 200 Michigan Lions who attended the Michigan Forum in Lansing. Our District had representation from both the Dexter and Manchester Clubs. There were four great sessions and displays by many of the organizations that we the Dexter Lions support. White Cane supplies were available to those who wanted to pick them up.

DISTRICT 11 B-1 CONVENTION

Presently, the Dexter Lions have 7 members attending the District Convention on April 18th & 19th at the Holiday Inn in Jackson. This will certainly be an excellent meeting to attend even if you can only attend on Saturday. See Lion Dick Dettling or Lion Chuck Eddlemon if you still would like to attend. It is close by and you can certainly get a ride with a Dexter Lion if you wish to attend.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6 Membership Meeting	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Board Meeting	14	15
16	17	18	19 Penrickton Center Visit Meijer Sal-A2 Rd @6:05	20 Membership Meeting	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2 Secretary of State BUDDY DAY	3 Membership Meeting	4	5



DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Dexter Lions' Scholarship forms were taken to the Dexter High School Counseling office this past week. The counselor said that they would be handed out in the middle of March and we have a cut off date of April 18, 2008. There will be four(4) scholarships given this year on behalf of the Dexter Lions.



LIONS' INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM



This year the clubs in the District have been asked to help support the International Youth Exchange program. There are presently 9 students from Finland, Japan and Argentina who need placements for the summer in this area. They are between 16 years old and 19 years old. They will be here for about four weeks this summer and need families to take them in. Families can also share these students and take them for two weeks. If you are interested in this exchange program, please see Lion Terry at the meeting or call him at 426-4983.

PENRICKTON CENTER VISIT



Zone Chairman, Lion Terry Walters has arranged a visit to the Penrickton Center for Blind Children on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.. Everyone is to meet at Meijers off of Saline-Ann Arbor Road at 6:05 p.m. to car pool to Taylor, MI. for the visit. The visit will be from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.. Some are meeting at 5:15 p.m. to have dinner together at the Big Boy, which is next to McDonalds off of I-94 at Saline-Ann Arbor Rd. This is an excellent opportunity to see one of the organizations we support and talk to the blind children who stay there during the week. Please sign up or call Lion Terry (426-4983) if you would like to go. Spouses are welcome to attend. There are already 8 signed up from other clubs and there is a limit of 30.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lion Norman Brown Mar 2
Lion Terry Walters Mar 7
Lion Russell Gould Mar 14

WHITE CANE WEEK

WHITE CANE WEEK is coming during the last week in April. We usually sell either during the weekend of April 25th & 26th or the other possibility would be the weekend of May 2nd & 3rd. There are two other activities that happen during this time and that is valet parking for the Dexter High School Prom and Christmas in April. We do need a lot of manpower for all of these activities, so please come to the meetings or call and sign up. Your support and help are desperately needed. If you can give two to three hours for White Cane, please contact Ray Chlebek (424-0057) or Al Ritt (426-8581). We need to have the Lions cover all areas of Dexter including some Lions being at Busch's.

BUSCH'S SCRIPT CARDS

The Dexter Lions Board approved the the Busch's Script Cards. This program will help out the Dexter Lion's treasury by money coming back to the club from any purchases done at Busch's Store. Every time the card is used, 5% will come back to the Club. The cards cost each member \$5 which will be credited on the card. Make sure you give your card to the checkout person to be swiped each time you make a purchase. Please pick up your card at the next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Have you asked anyone lately to be a Dexter Lion? The year is quickly coming to an end. Thank you Dexter Lions who brought two guests to the last meeting. Remember that people respond to people. The secret to a successful "ASK" is THE:

- RIGHT prospect asked by the.....
- RIGHT Lion in the.....
- RIGHT way at the
- RIGHT time for the.....
- RIGHT Lions Club.....



We Serve

We have a great club and we need to continue to be mindful and supporting of this by doing our share in adding members to the club.

Lion Terry- Membership Chairman

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Information for the newsletter is due to Lion Tony Godin by the 18th of each month.