

**Wisconsin Lions Missions
Fall 2022 Newsletter**

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Wisconsin Lions Missions **Winter Meeting** is scheduled for **Saturday, January 7, 2023 in Rosholt, WI at the Wisconsin Lions Camp.**
The meeting will begin promptly at **9:27 AM!**

We are looking for a Volunteer to take on this responsibility so our new folks could have a shirt or two. The following was the information used in 2019 so adjustments might need to be made in costs. Contact Miriam and she will send you pictures of the shirts!

WISCONSIN LIONS MISSIONS POLO SHIRTS and CAPS

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

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 are \$27.00 in either men's and ladies' sizes.

XXL and above are \$29.00 in both men's and ladies' sizes.

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

CAPS are \$10

Wisconsin Lions Mission Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Taubman at 9:50am.

It was decided to skip introductions.

The secretary's report was read by Lion Val. Lion Tom Bredesen made a motion, which was seconded by Lion Sandy Bressler, to accept the report. Motion carried.

Lion Rudy Kessler gave the treasurer's report. The ending balance as of 6/30/22 was \$34,591.40. District A-1 paid their back contributions. Questions concerning mission contributions should be made at your District Convention or directed to your District Mission Coordinator. Lion Bill suggested that the district contribution bills be sent to the District Governors & District Mission Coordinators. Unfortunately, many Lions don't understand how much it costs the Lions Mission to ship the recycled eyeglasses to the mission site. Lion Jim LeJeune made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Lion Larry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

District Reports: All of the districts represented at this meeting reported everything was fine.

Fort McCoy - There were 2 missions to Ft. McCoy. One was in November 2021 & the other in December 2021. 1200 to 1300 Afghan refugees were served. There were 14 different doctors that participated.

Mayfield, KY - \$7000 was collected to be able to buy necessary supplies. Lions Bill Taubman & Pat Knier took loads to Kentucky.

Pine Ridge - Lion Rudy & Sharon Kessler took a load in June. District C2 has taken loads. Mission Coordinator Lion Pat Knier has not received responses after trying to contact people there.

Equipment: Lions Rudy & Larry have Spot Screeners. Lion Bill will check his basement to see what he has for equipment. Everyone needs to look for the fitter kit. Lion Rudy has 2 label printers.

The trailer is still OK. \$812 was spent to fix the back door. A short discussion was held whether to consider to buy a new trailer.

Dominican Republic - Lion Tom Bredesen gave a presentation about the upcoming mission to Higüey. The mission is set for February 5-12, 2023. There will be 4 Lions Clubs from the DR helping with the mission. 11,844 pairs of glasses will be shipped somehow to Higüey. We will be staying at the Melina Hotel at a cost of \$35/night. The mission site is at the University of Autonomous Santa Domingo. Each Lions member is to pay a \$100 registration fee. You can use American dollars. WI Lions are to arrive on Sunday, 2/5/23. A bus will pick us up and drive us the 30 miles to Higüey. After on Monday morning, we will set up.

There will be a walking tour in the afternoon. Tuesday thru Friday will be full work days with a half day on Saturday. Saturday night will be party night. A bus will take us to the Punta Cana airport on Sunday morning. 2-3 doctors will be serving patients.

Approximately, 800 patients will come each day with a ticket system being used.

Haiti - Lion Rudy Kessler says there are no definite plans to return, even though they said it is safe.

Guatemala - This is a Minnesota Lions mission. Lions Gary Donaldson of WI & Jim Mulroy of MN are mission coordinators. There are no definite plans to do a mission as it is not safe yet to travel there.

Lion Bill was contacted by Lions in Hindman & Neon KY. The plan is to do another mission. A letter will be sent to the Council Chairperson, who will pass it on. There is a load of beds in Madison to be picked up. Contacts will be made to find trailers & see how many can be gotten.

Lion Bill gave an update on WI Act 257 concerning exemption. This act makes it legal for us to distribute eyeglasses in the state of WI. There was a discussion with lots of great ideas on how to implement this. There is still a lot to think about the future of this program.

Lion Alan Ehrhardt made a motion to keep the district assessment at \$600. The motion was seconded by Lion Bob Mersch. Motion approved.

A winter meeting of the WI Lions Mission group will be held in January. There is to be a training session of at least 1 hour. If you are planning to be on the mission to the Dominican Republic, you are required to attend.

Thank you to the Chetek Lions for preparing our lunch. Thank you to Lion Gwen Southworth for hosting the Saturday night get together & arranging the Sunday meeting at the Lions Park.

Lion Miriam Bredesen asked that any new address/email/contact information be sent to her.

Election of Officers:

Lion Jim LeJeune nominated PDG Lion Bill Taubman for President. The motion was seconded by Lion Larry. Motion carried.

Lion Janice Pettersen nominated Lion Val LeJeune for Secretary. Lion Larry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A unanimous motion was made to nominate Lion Rudy Kessler for Treasurer. There was a unanimous second. Motion carried.

There was a unanimous motion to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous second. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Val LeJeune

Wisconsin Lions Missions Chairman's Chat

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WLM CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

PCC Bill Taubman

WLM HELPING PEOPLE

The last 2-3 years has certainly put a damper on our eyeglass missions in Central America and other places but it doesn't mean we haven't been helping people. You may not remember December 10th last year when tornados ripped through large areas of western Kentucky destroying much of the city of Mayfield and killing 80+ people. Pat Knier from Kiel talked to me about how we could help the people there. The Lions there told us that what they needed most now was small kitchen appliances, dishes, etc. as people were only then getting places to live and needed to refurnish a home. In May Pat and others from his Zone collected and delivered a large trailer load of needed items. About the same time Gwen Southworth and I traveled down there with the Lions trailer also full of needed items. Additionally, we were able to give them gift cards to deliver to people in the greatest need.

August of this year brought heavy rains (21 inches in 2 hours) to southeast Kentucky hill country and caused horrific flooding, killing 18 people and destroying 100's of homes, bridges, and more. In October the Kesslers pulled one Lions trailer and I another and delivered 2 loads of household items to help people in Hindman and Neon KY. Again, greatly appreciated.

In September the Kesslers made a trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation with a load of household items for them. All of this is made possible because of the support of Lions from all over the state.

FORT MCCOY

It was a year ago when we did two eyeglass missions for the Afghan people at Fort McCoy. Lion Steve Kraus made this happen and while we didn't serve as many people as we planned for, we helped over 1,300. A great humanitarian project for people who arrived in this country with nothing.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Thanks to the efforts of Tom and Miriam Bredesen we will be doing a mission in the Dominican Republic in February 2023. Complete information about this mission is elsewhere in this newsletter. It will be so great to get back to what we do best, deliver improved vision.

WINTER MEETING

We will be having a winter meeting on **January 7, 2023**. It will be at the Lions Camp in Rosholt and will begin at **9:27 AM**.

TRAINING

For a couple years I, along with others, have been talking about the need to offer more training opportunities for people wanting to go on missions. I have been fairly blunt in saying that my observation is that the quality of our work has slipped a little in recent years and none of us want that to happen. As the WLM chairman I accept responsibility for that and so I also should take the responsibility to arrange for needed training opportunities. We have to be as perfect as we can be!

After some discussion about it at our last two state-wide meetings, it was generally agreed that going forward everyone will have to have been through a more advanced training session before you will be able to participate in a mission. It is our responsibility to organize training opportunities for you and it is your responsibility to participate.

On January 7th we will keep our "business meeting" at a minimum and devote the majority of the morning to training. While details haven't been all worked out it will be somewhat more in depth and will involve lots of hands on time understanding prescriptions and selecting glasses. Everyone going to the Dominican is expected to be a part of this as even us "old-timers" haven't had much practice the last few years.

GLASSES

Some years ago WLM volunteered to assist the Recycling Center by picking up loads of glasses in Nebraska and later expanded to include South Dakota and Iowa. It was a somewhat selfish offer because we wanted the recycling center to have a good supply of glasses so that we could get the glasses and prescriptions that we need for our missions. Since that time about every ten months we go to Omaha and get 100,000 or more used glasses. Every couple years we go to Sioux Falls. While we have picked up 11,000 - 13,000 from a club in Iowa for the last few years, now we get all of Iowa's.

On our return from Mayfield, KY in May we picked up a large load in Omaha and when we returned from eastern KY in November we again picked up all of Nebraska's and all of Iowa's. It was a very large load! Just one more way that WLM serves! Both states make a donation to WLM to help offset the costs. A win win deal!

DUES

Has your District made the suggested \$600 donation to WLM? Please check that out and if they haven't, encourage them to do so.

Have a great rest of the year and we will look forward to seeing many of you at our Jan. 7th meeting and then again in the Dominican Republic in February.

Wisconsin Lions Eyeglass Mission to Dominican Republic

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We are in the final stages of preparation for a February 5-12, 2023 Wisconsin Lions Mission to the Dominican Republic. There are three doctors among the 34 volunteers headed to Higüey, about a half hour from Punta Cana on the east coast.

This past September Hurricane Fiona tracked across the east coast of the Dominican causing power outages and hundreds of families to lose everything. It took several weeks for the conditions there to improve, and our project planning continued.

Past International Director Eugenio Roman is our contact person. He and his wife Cris have teams of local Lions helping to organize the facilities, food, and transportation. The eyeglasses we shipped from Wisconsin arrived in port on November 10.

Eugenio has a vision to reach all areas of the DR this decade. He and his colleagues already have selected the sites of San Pedro for 2024 and Santo Domingo for 2025.

At the moment, there are no Covid vaccination requirements for entry into the DR, but all of our volunteers have indicated that they have been vaccinated, and it would be wise to bring along vaccination cards.

We will be lodging at the Melina Hotel in Higüey. This hotel doesn't normally serve breakfast, but the Higüey Lions are making arrangements for that to happen. Following the pattern of previous missions it works well to have breakfast at the hotel so that we can start with clients upon arrival at the mission site. Then, we often eat lunch in shifts to keep the lines moving, and have dinner after we finish.

The Higüey Lions are working with the local university, which will serve as the project site. Miriam and I plan to arrive on February 3 so that we can visit the university on Saturday, February 4 to map out the table setup and traffic flow.

I would just like to reinforce what Wisconsin Lions Missions' President Bill Taubman stated at our summer meeting regarding training. We haven't had very many missions in recent years and we have some new members. So it is important that everyone who is available on Saturday, January 7 at 9:27 am show up for the meeting and training at the Lions Camp in Rosholt, Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Lions Eyeglass Mission to Haiti

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Nothing to report on Haiti at this time

Wisconsin Lions Eyeglass Mission to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Wamblee, SD

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Nothing to report at this time, but keep in mind the following items needed by the residents of the Pine Ridge Reservation.

"Needs For Families Working Together" on the Pine Ridge Reservation

<p>Single mattresses Sewing machines Fabrics Cotton Cotton/Polyester Fleece Denim Used Jeans Baby blankets Sewing supplies Simple patterns (all sizes—used is ok.) Threads (need not be full spools) Quilt pattern books (Simple ones) Mirror to use to check "fit" Kitchen supplies Dishes Pots and Pans Mixing bowls Canning jars and lids Canner with lid Cookie sheets</p>	<p> Cookie jars or tins Pitchers, glasses, and cups Dishtowels and dish cloths Clothing: Newborn Babies: Blankets, Booties, "Sleepers" Laundry soaps Towels Shower curtains (plastic with shower curtain hooks) Bedding: Twin and bunk: Sheets, blankets, Pillowcases, Pillows Infant/Toddler: Everything!! Kindergarten through High School! All ages and sizes for both Men and Women. Shoes and Boots: All sizes, gently used !! Extra Shoelaces. Shoe Polish Winter coats and Jackets, mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, caps, etc. All sizes and types. Age appropriate toys for all ages: Puzzles, books, Dolls, games, crafts, etc.</p>	<p>Kids Books and Videos Coloring Books Crayons: Fat and Skinny! School scissors (blunt and sharp) Pencils Chalk—White and Colors Pencil Sharpener Blackboard and erasers Clothing: All sizes: Women, men, kids, teens, and babies Hygiene needs: Hand soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, etc. Outside Needs: Rakes, shovels, hoses, hoes, hammers, hand saws, clotheslines, and posts 30 Gallon gas LP water tank Shower stools Canes Crutches Walkers Wheelchairs Canes</p>
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Wisconsin Lions Eyeglass Mission to Guatemala

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Nothing to report at this time.

Wisconsin Lions Missions Finances

7-1-22 Thru 6-30-23

			Start Bal.
Checking & Savings Accounts			Start Bal.
		7/1/2022	\$34,591.40
Income			
7/11/2021	Donation	Deforest Lions	\$500.00
7/11/2021	Donation	Sheboygan Lions	\$50.00
7/11/2021	Contribution	27-A1 annual	\$1,000.00
8/29/2022	Contribution	27-A2 annual	\$500.00
8/29/2022	Donation	27-A2	\$200.00
9/30/2022	Interest	Interest	\$62.22
10/18/2022	Contribution	27-E2 annual	\$1,200.00
10/28/2022	Donation	McCastin Lions	\$500.00
10/28/2022	deposit	Nebraska eye glasses help	\$300.00
11/11/2022	Contribution	27-E1 annual	\$1,200.00
11/11/2022	deposit	Iowa eye glasses help	\$750.00
11/14/2022	Overpayment to Rudy	Trailer tires	\$284.85
Total Income			\$6,547.07

Expenses

7/4/2022	2485	Load Trailer	Help-Shell Lake Football Team	\$100.00
8/28/2022	2486	Tom Bredesen	Dominican Mission	\$102.42
9/28/2022	2487	WLF	Trailer Insurance	\$203.00
10/5/2022	2488	Rudy Kessler	eye glasses shipment	\$1,382.50
10/18/2022	2489	Acuity	Equipment Insurance	\$359.00
10/19/2022	2490	Wolverine	2 Trailer tires	\$284.85
10/22/2022	2491	Gwen Southworth	Kentucky-Walmart cards	\$600.00
10/22/2022	2492	Donation	Hindman Lions- Kentucky	\$1,000.00

10/22/2022	2493	Donation	Neon Lions--Kentucky	\$1,000.00
11/4/2022	2494	Bill Taubman	Mileage to Kentucky	\$1,516.90
11/4/2022	2494	Bill Taubman	Mileage to get glasses	\$399.70
11/4/2022	2494	Bill Taubman	Trailer repairs	\$105.47
11/4/2022	2495	Rudy Kessler	Mileage to Kentucky	\$1,516.90
11/4/2022	2595	Rudy Kessler	Tires and tail light	\$291.17

Total Expenses **\$8,861.91**

Balance as of 11/5/2022

Checking & Savings
Accounts **\$32,276.56**

OVER

Accounts Receivable

27-A1	\$3,000.00
27-A2	\$700.00
27-B1	\$1,200.00
27-B2	\$1,700.00
27-C1	\$1,200.00
27-C2	\$1,200.00
27-D1	\$1,200.00
27-D2	\$1,200.00

Total **\$11,400.00**

