



RANDOM LAKE LIONS CLUB

Chartered in 1952

CHARTER MEMBERS

La Vern Bauernfeind	Roger Krier
Ted Block	George Kroeger
Lee Burmesch	Hollis Krohn
Harold Doegnitz	Clarence Marshall
Roger Eisentraut	Harold L. Miller
Elmer Firme	A. J. Mueller
Robert Gessner	Herbert Mueller
Herbert Gosse	Michael Orth
Roger Grotenhuis	I. R. Sauter
Ed Haferkamp	Nic Schmitz
Norbert Heiting	* Ray Scholler
Mike Jacoby	George Schroeder
Karl Jung	Stuart Sepstead
William Jung	Chester Stahl
Hugo Jungers	Charles Swinehart
Richard Jungers	Clarence Thiel
Leo L. Kircher	Elmer Thiel
Arthur Koop	Elmer Toepfer
George Krier, Jr.	Reuben Wells
Harold Krier	Harvey Werner
Jerome Krier	Vernon Wilk
Ray Krier	

(43 Charter Members)

* (Ray Scholler, who passed on September 20, 2015, was the longest living Charter Member.)

CHARTER DAY

The June 9, 1977, issue of The Souder included an article about the 25th anniversary of the Random Lake Lions Club. It noted that the Lions Club charter was dated Feb. 17, 1952, and was sponsored by the Sheboygan Lions Club.

FUNDRAISERS

During the 1950's and early 60's the main fundraiser was The Random Lake Home Show featuring:

Displays by local businesses;

Professional entertainment; and

A Miss Random Lake Pageant. One of our "Queens" eventually finished as first runner-up at the Miss Wisconsin Pageant.

Additional funds were raised with:

Light Bulb Sales;

Broom Sales;

Candy Sales;

Raffles.

From the mid 60's to the mid 80's, we added:

A "Pole in the Lake Ice Thaw Contest" - 1st prize was a TV SET;

Christmas Tree Sales - we bought trees for \$5.00 and sold them for \$10.00 and made big money in those days;

We did special event food sales - frying and serving hamburgers, brats and beer at local auctions and the Ray Sommers Dog Shows;

We sponsored Donkey Baseball, Professional Ladies and Packer Basketball and other unique one-night performances that were popular at the time.

In the mid 60's we initiated a Pancake Breakfast near Christmas time. In the nineties, we upgraded this to a Breakfast Buffet with Santa. Recently we added a Mrs. Santa Clause.

In the mid 80's we added two more major money makers:

A Carry Out Chicken Barbecue (BBQ) held on the last Sunday in September; and

A game we affectionately refer to as "Our Pool Project" which, in 2019, was replaced with a Calendar Raffle which is still used today.

On October 7, 2014, with the Adell Lions Club we scheduled to hold a Harlem Ambassadors Basketball game. Harlem team members presented a "Stay in School, Stay off Drugs" assembly for our school students, and encouraged them to make positive choices for their futures, set goals, not be a bully, avoid peer pressure, and remain drug-free. During the evening, local members of our community were challenged by the Harlem Ambassadors in a comedy basketball game. Sponsors donated \$13,170.00, Ticket Sales were \$3,432.00 plus a Misc. \$627.00 for a total income of \$17,229.00. After all expenses were covered, \$4,916.55 were available to both the Adell and the Random Lake Lions Clubs.

Nearly every year a prominent local citizen and his wife have made a large donation to the Club around Christmas time for us to use for our many projects.

OUR NOBLE AND WORTHY RECIPIENTS

Since the Random Lake Lions Club was chartered in 1952, it has provided eye exams and eye glasses to all who have requested our assistance and since the Spot Camera became available in District 27-B1, our club has done Vision Screening for every school in our immediate area from Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade.

On Sun. Nov. 13, 1955, a banquet was held at St. Mary's School Hall, and Troop 863 of the Boy Scouts and Pack 3863 Cub Scouts officially received the Random Lake Lions Club sponsorship. The Lions Club was presented with the Scout Charter that night. An article in the Random Lake Times (which later became The Sounder) stated that the Lions Club decided to sponsor the Scouts earlier in 1955. The cost at that time was \$200 per year. We have chartered all the troops and Cub Scout packs in the Random Lake area since that time, but the Scouts had no home of their own. So on November 16, 2004, a QUIT CLAIM DEED was signed for the purchase of the former Sherman Town Hall that was first used in 1898. This building was intended to be used for our local scouting program. Included in the quit claim deed was a paragraph stating: *"This conveyance is made for the consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and the requirement that the premises will not be sold, but instead used as a club house for boy scouts and girl scouts and other non-profit purposes; and in the event that the premises are no longer used for such purposes all right, title and interest to the premises shall revert to the Grantor."* Our club continues to pay the insurance, upkeep and utilities on the building and Scouts hold most of their activities in this building and surrounding property.

1956 marked the first annual Athletic Banquet to honor Random Lake High School's Athletes, coaches, managers, trainers and cheerleaders sponsored by the Lions Club. In recent years this event has evolved into State Night or Awards Night which provides an opportune time for our club to award our Student Scholarships of \$1,000.00 each.

Through 2019, we sponsored 56 Annual Easter Egg Hunts, but held off during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our organization has helped to sustain Random Lake Area Interfaith Food Pantry since it opened in 1982.

For many years our members and the Lioness club played Santa Claus and delivered food boxes and baskets to needy families in the Random Lake area.

For more than 30 years the American Red Cross Bloodmobile made biannual visits and our club arranged for donor lists and provided space, snacks and refreshments to the blood donors and staff.

Scholarships have been provided for qualified graduates of Random Lake High School since 1981 and the program continues.

Since our charter year, we have financially supported the Fire Departments of Random Lake and Silver Creek and the EMT programs of our community when special needs, such as a new ambulance arose.

Several newer community organizations have also received our financial support including the Lakeview Community Library, The Greater Random Lake/Adell United Fund, the Random Lake Summer Theater which began in 1996 (now called Lakeshore Productions, Inc.), and the Random Lake Trust Fund while it was active.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Wisconsin Lions Foundation (WLF) have received annual contributions when special programs such as the "Drive to Eliminate the Cases of Preventible Blindness" by Lions International or special projects at Lions Camp in Rosholt, Wisconsin, such as the "Cabin Project." We have responded enthusiastically and appropriately when requested.

For many years, annual checks have been written to: the Diabetes Foundation, Leader Dog, Companion Dog, Paws With A Cause, Lions/Quest Program - which is still being used at our local high school, Special Olympics, Eye Banks, Mission

to Mexico or other countries where needed, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Wisconsin Badger Camp, Salvation Army and Lioness projects while they were still active.

Several years we participated in the Adopt-A-Highway program.

For the last several years we have participated in collecting Deer Hides to benefit Lions Camp in Rosholt, Wisconsin.

Since the program began, club members have been transporting eye tissue between Sheboygan and Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, during the month of November and serve as back-up transporters during the month of December.

At no cost, we have been recycling used eye glasses, hearing aids, hearing aid batteries, and medication bottles to be used where they are not available in some of our third-world countries.

Since 2001 we have sponsored the "Peace Poster Contest" which is designed for area students ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15 of the present year. Local winners were awarded \$25.00 for best poster in each school. Since 2018 the award was raised to \$50.00. If the poster wins at the state or national level, stakes are much greater.

On Christmas Eve, 1983, our club barbecued 500 chicken halves which became the main entrée at the evening meal of St. Benedict the Moor Parish inner city food kitchen in Milwaukee. With air temperatures varying from negative 34 degrees to 50 degrees above we continued the outdoor barbecue for at least 19 years and added baked potatoes and dinner rolls to the menu.

In 2016, our club purchased 14 Hanging Flower Baskets to decorate the village streets. The project began when the Random Lake Garden Club approached the village board with the concept of beautifying our streets with flower baskets hanging from utility poles already located along the streets. Board members liked the idea, but the project was then handed over to Trustee Eric Stowell, who chaired the Community Betterment Committee. Financial help came quickly. The first donors were longtime village residents Blaine Werner (who is also a member of the Random Lions Club) and his wife Cinda Werner, who donated \$350 toward the plantings. The Random Lake Lions Club presented a check for \$3,097 to the village to cover the creation of brackets and purchasing the baskets, which all included a three-gallon water reservoir.

In 2016 we donated \$2,500.00 to a special project for the Random Lake Fire Department, to purchase a “Sparky The Fire Dog” outfit with a recognizable Lions Logo somewhere on the costume to indicate the Lions involvement. The Sparky costume is an effective tool in teaching kids the importance of fire prevention.

In 2017 the Lions Club donated \$2.00 for every Smoke/CO Alarm that the Random Fire Department sold to reduce the price of each unit so it was affordable to everyone. The fire department ended up putting over two hundred new Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Alarms in our community with our support.

During 2019, 2020 and 2021 we donated to the high school baseball team for Lions signage around their baseball field.

At our October 20, 2020, meeting, Mike San Felippo gave a presentation to our membership for a camera system to provide recordings for Random Lake High School sports programs as well as other school uses. A \$3,609.00 unit was recommended so our club passed a motion to purchase the unit. The school is very pleased with the system.

Late in 2020, District Secretary/Treasurer Dave Holschbach relayed a challenge from PDG Dave Lee to raise funds to renovate the Solarium Room at Marshfield Clinic into a Lions Healing Space for teenage and children undergoing cancer treatment. We donated \$100.00 and when we learned that they were falling short on their pledge, we donated another \$100.00.

In 2020 we donated \$1,800 to Silver Creek Fire Department so we can continue to use their chicken barrels and Grill “for the next 10 years.” They needed funds for an air tank for their fire truck.

Since its origin, the club has annually donated funds to the Random Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.

We have donated to the Random Lake Area Historical Society Museum which opened in 2008, originally located at the Jung Brewery bottling house until March of 2012 when the museum relocated at 115 Carroll street, Random Lake, Wisconsin. This building was purchased in December of 2012, extensively remodeled with the help of volunteers during 2013 and early 2014. The grand opening dedication was held June 1, 2014.

Several years ago, when we learned that a woman living in town needed a reading machine, we bought a Topaz 20" Reader for nearly \$2,000.00 and it magnified the words or pictures on a screen that she was able to read. The woman used it until she passed. In 2021 we purchased two reading machines for \$1,700.00 (two at a price less than the old reader) that are capable of not only enlarging items, but they are capable of reading the message - and each cost far less than the less capable earlier machine.

In the past, we have donated to: the World Affairs Seminar for Youth; Model United Nations; Youth Exchange; Lions Highway Safety Program; Lions Pride; special hearing aids; Disaster Relief; Bridgeway (SCIO); Youth Exchange; Greater Random Lake-Adell United Fund; American Legion, Sheboygan Eye Bank and other community projects.

50th Anniversary

Random Lake Lions celebrated their 50th Anniversary on Saturday, April 20, 2002, at the Five Pillars Supper Club - Lower Level (located two blocks east of corner of State Hwy 57 and County Hwy K).

Guest Speaker was Dr. Richard "Dick" Tyler - Past International Director from Forest, Minnesota. Lion Orville Kittel, District Governor from Green Lake also was part of the program as was Zone Chairman Lion Elmer Kaas.

Hopefully we expect to have another anniversary celebration when we reach our 75th anniversary in 2027. Can we call it our "Diamond Anniversary?"

RANDOM LAKE LIONS PAST PRESIDENTS

1951-52.....	Jerome Krier	1990-91.....	Tom Silver
1952-53.....	Jerome Krier	1991-92.....	William Wessing
1953-54.....	Herb Gosse	1992-93.....	Jim McGillivray
1954-55.....	Leo Kircher	1993-94.....	Clark Hanson
1955-56.....	Chester Stahl	1994-95.....	Michael Finnegan
1956-57.....	A.J. Mueller	1995-96.....	Ron Klitzkie
1957-58.....	Vernon Wilk	1996-97.....	Michael Cofta
1958-59.....	Ted Block	1997-98.....	Dan Uelmen Jr.

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1959-60.....	Stuart Sepstead	1998-99.....	Dr. Dennis Jankowski
1960-61.....	Hugo Jungers	1999-00.....	William Wessing
1961-62.....	Lee Burmesch	2000-01.....	Lon Biedenbender
1962-63.....	Clarence Thiel	2001-02.....	Dan Uelmen, Jr.
1963-64.....	George Schroeder	2002-03.....	Jon Murphy
1964-65.....	Stuart Sepstead	2003-04.....	Lamar Nohl
1965-66.....	Elmer Firme	2004-05.....	Bill Wessing
1966-67.....	Harvey Werner	2005-06.....	Dan Uelmen, Sr.
1967-68.....	Ray Scholler	2006-07.....	Glen Laubenstein
1968-69.....	Dan Uelmen, Sr.	2007-08.....	Ron Klitzkie
1969-70.....	Arnold Sveom	2008-09.....	Gary Smith/Tom Silver
1970-71.....	Dr. Michael Cavanaugh	2009-10.....	Tom Silver
1971-72.....	Joe Schneider	2010-11.....	Roger Scholz
1972-73.....	Dan Panzer	2011-12.....	Jim Benson
1973-74.....	Ray Kremsreiter	2012-13.....	Glen Laubenstein
1974-75.....	Harold J. Mueller	2013-14.....	Bill Wessing
1975-76.....	Gilbert Schmidt	2014-15.....	Lon Biedenbender
1976-77.....	Robert Hanson	2015-16.....	Dan Uelmen, Jr.
1977-78.....	John Mueller	2016-17.....	Dan Uelmen, Sr.
1978-79.....	Lester Miller	2017-18.....	Ron Klitzkie
1979-80.....	Dan Uelmen, Sr.	2018-19.....	LuAnn Silver
1980-81.....	Don Hubing	2019-20.....	Blaine Werner
1981-82.....	Robert McDermott	2020-21.....	Bill Singer
1982-83.....	Francis Murphy	2021-22.....	Bill Singer
1983-84.....	Dean Kelling		
1984-85.....	Bill Maas		
1985-86.....	Bill Maas		
1986-87.....	Ron Klitzkie		
1987-88.....	William Wessing		
1988-89//.....	Dan Uelmen, Jr.		
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