

Manitowoc Lions Club

The Manitowoc Lions Club was organized on January 10, 1922 and chartered on February 22, 1922. The club began with 24 charter members and by May 22, 1922 membership grew to 43. The Club is in its 95th year and looking forward to a centennial celebration in 2022!!

Historical Highlights

- ❖ In 1922, the Manitowoc Lions Club sponsored Boy Scout troop one and continued sponsorship for over 60 years.
- ❖ In February 1924, the Manitowoc Lions Club worked with the city fathers to begin snow removal from the city streets. Members provided manpower and a grader. Prior to this time, cars were put up for the winter months. This allowed commerce for downtown.
- ❖ In 1923 the Manitowoc Club partnered with two other service clubs and purchased and erected a monument for the soldiers and sailors at the entrance of Evergreen Cemetery.
- ❖ In 1926, the club formed and organized a program of "Americanization", which identified alien residents in Manitowoc and helped over 200 obtain citizenship.
- ❖ In 1928, after the City purchased property on Menasha Ave., the club provided manpower to lay the first runway for an airport as well as helped build other facilities for the airport.
- ❖ Mid-fifties to early sixties the club provided major monetary and manpower contributions to the Rahr School Forest Lodge Project and a Health Center at Camp Sinawa.
- ❖ A Braille club was founded in 1961 and today the Manitowoc Club as well as individual club members volunteer to help members of the local visually impaired support group.
- ❖ Since the mid 1980's the club members have provided transportation from Manitowoc to Madison's eye bank for transplant and research.
- ❖ Since 1954, the Manitowoc Club continues to collect thousands of used eyeglasses each year and provide new eyeglasses to the needy.
- ❖ Manitowoc Club has sponsored clubs in Two Rivers (1923), Brillion and Sturgeon Bay (1929), Valdres (1939), Cleveland (1963) and Newton (1976)
- ❖ Since 1946, the club has presented the "Distinguished Service Award" to an individual in the community that goes above and beyond to make Manitowoc a better place to live.
- ❖ Since 2014, the Manitowoc Lions have proudly sponsored and provided donations to the Miracle League of the Lakeshore, which provides a baseball opportunity to disabled children in our county.
- ❖ Since 2014, the club began a fundraiser called "Bowling Blind", which provides an opportunity for sighted people to bowl using eyeglasses that resembled a variety of eye diseases bringing awareness to the challenges of those with visual impairment.
- ❖ Each year the club donates funds to the Wisconsin Lions Camp, Leader Dogs, WIF and donates to numerous local charities. The club also manages a durable medical closet free of charge, for the community.
- ❖ The club currently provides vision screening for area elementary school aged children (1500 students this year), with the goal of early detection for several vision issues.

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50 Years

1922 - 1972

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April 18, 1972

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THIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY AND SOUVENIR PROGRAM IS DEDICATED TO THOSE CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE MANITOWOC LIONS CLUB WHO HAD THE INTEREST AND FORESIGHT TO FORMULATE THE MANITOWOC LIONS CLUB WHICH GAVE THE CLUB THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE MANITOWOC IN MANY WAYS ESPECIALLY THOSE INDIVIDUALS LESS FORTUNATE THAN OURSELVES.

MANITOWOC LIONS CLUB
BOB ELLIG, PRESIDENT

ACTIVE CHARTER MEMBER
LION OTTO ENGEL

1922 - OFFICERS

PRESIDENT..... EDWARD NELSON
VICE PRESIDENT..... WILLIAM HUCHTHAUSEN
SECRETARY OSCAR RICHTER
TREASURER CHARLES DRUMM
TAIL TWISTER DR. PAUL ESCH
LION TAMER..... EDWARD MEYER

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INVOCATION

Lion Rev. Paul Blaufuss
Retired Pastor - St. John's United Church of Christ

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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Lion Pres. Bob Ellig

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of St. Norbert's College, DePere, Wis.

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Baldwin, Harlan	Kugler, Earl
Bertler, Ray	Lutze, Rev. John
Best, Dr. John M.D.	Magill, James G.
Blaufuss, Rev. Paul H.	Mahnke, Ashton
Boelter, Joseph A.	Martin Jerry
Boswell, Wesley	Meacham, Earl E.
Brandt, Perc.	Molzahn, Douglas
Brault, Del	Musial, Raymond
Braun, Robert	Neff, Richard C.
Braunel, Paul H.	Olson, Roger
Brose, Merlin	Pleuss, Henry
Check, Newphrey	Pleuss, Junias H.
Dailey, James	Puestow, Dr. Robert M.D.
Donatell, Henry	Rex, Leslie J.
Eberhardt, Fred	Schneider, A. H.
Ehlert, Edward	Schwartz, Adolph
Ellig, Robert	Severson, Jack
Engel, Otto H.	Sigman, Iman
Erickson, John	Sigman, Leon
Fischl, Alois C.	Skarda, Ralph
Fricke, Robert W.	Smith, Austin F.
Frieder, John	Smith, Keith
Fritsch, E. A.	Staalson, Joseph E.
Gilson, Gerald W.	Stock, Arnold
Glander, James	Tess, Clarence
Gorychka, Edwin	Thuerwachter, Glenn
Halvorsen, Bjorn	Tisler, William
Hansen, Gerald	Umnus, Paul
Headrick, James	Underberg, Don
Jones, Charles E.	Urbanek, Cy
Kakuk, Louis A.	VanDe Leest, Warren
Kaufman, Robert E.	Waak, Winfield
Kloiber, Frank	Wegner, Jerome
Koprowski, Rev. John	Wenstadt, Dr. D. H.
Kreft, Greg	Williquette, Donald
Kruck, Raymond	Worthington, T. C.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Haugh, Earl W.

