



The Nisswa Lions Bulletin

Pride of the Community

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We Serve

President's Corner

President's Message

Spring is finally here. Along with it comes change, in our daily lives, our surroundings, and our pride. On Monday March 27th, our club held the annual election for the new officers and board of directors. Congratulations to newly elected President Ray Kuntz, 1st V.P. Gary Boche, 2nd V.P. Denise Laudenbach, 3rd V.P. Steve Walsh, Secretary Bonnie Mork, Lion Tamer Ginger Hustvedt, Tail Twisters Tom Beaver & John Hunter, Membership Jim Dullum, Directors Paul Luger & Dennis Bertrand. I know that they will do an awesome job for our club.

Our packing challenge is gaining momentum! Thank you to Denise Laudenbach who made a presentation at the Zone 2 spring meeting that was held on March 30th. She did receive money from several clubs for packing events as well as strong interest from those attending. In the March 30th Echo newspaper was an article that featured our clubs' 20,000 meal emergency packing event that was held on October 27th, 2016. Please read the press release and share it with your friends, family, and co-workers who may not be a lion. Tell them and let them see what great work that our club does and is involved with, not only locally but internationally. Maybe ask them to come to a meeting to share with them what the Nisswa Pride is about. Maybe they would like to make a difference in someone's life. They may just want to become a lion. I still continue to challenge all club members to recruit ten new members by the end of June.

In the upcoming months there will be opportunities to volunteer. Pork on a stick has some slots that need filled. Talk to Don or Ben to get on the signup sheet.

Do you want to make someone's day a little brighter? Do a kind jester for them. Open a door, help them with that awkward bag or box. Say hello or good morning. Shake the hand of an old friend or a new acquaintance. Give that someone special a compliment. Be kind, because this will come back to you.

Sincerely yours,

Terry Hansen
Club President



Treasurer's Corner

I am still looking for someone to work as Treasurer 07/01/2017.

To make this less time consuming I have agreed to do the financial forms, work with the Budget & Donation Committee's and do billings.

I still need someone to pick up the mail, do deposits and pay bills as I will be out of the country most of the summer and in Arizona most of the winter.

This would not take a great deal of time.

Please give me a call or text at [218-821-0384](tel:218-821-0384) or Email me at weizenegger@yahoo.com

Thanks!

John Weizenegger
Treasurer
[218-821-0384](tel:218-821-0384)



Float News

One of our newest members has offered to take over operating the float from us. Greg Boche, son of Gary, has stepped up to the plate and will begin starting with the Nisswa Freedom Day parade on July 3. We enjoyed the times we had with the wonderful volunteers who helped us over the past ten years but felt the time had come to give it up. We will be assisting Greg in the transition process and wish him all the best. THANKS, Greg!

Ron and Ginger Hustvedt



Publicity

We have been busy getting the word out with our Facebook site. We are getting lot's of activity and hits on the site. We have also sent out news releases. Our entertainment committee did a great job with our 2016 Christmas party. Everyone seemed to have a great time and roared like true Nisswa Lions.

We are looking forward to a great 2017 with the leadership and committees we have. Let's serve and be true to our motto. We will have a fun filled time at our 3 Social Events this summer.

Nisswa Lions Calendar of Events

Apr 1	April Fool's Day	
Apr 10th	Bd Mtq 5PM & Regular Mtq 6PM	Comm Ctr
Apr 16th	Easter	
Apr 18th	Tax Day	
Apr 24th	Bd Mtq 5PM & Regular Mtq 6PM Program Curt Lugert	Comm Ctr
May 8th	Bd Mtq 5PM & Regular Mtq 6PM Ditch Pickup	Comm Ctr
May 14th	Mother's Day	
May 22nd	Bd Mtq 5PM & Regular Mtq 6PM	Comm Ctr
May 29th	Memorial Day	
Jun 14th	Flag Day	
Jun 18	Father's Day	
Jun 23rd	Summer Picnic & Installation of Officers	
Jul 4th	Independence Day	
Jul 14th	Mid Summer Classic Social Party	
Aug 25th	Streak Fry	Comm Ctr
Sep 4th	Labor Day	
Sep 9th	Columbus Day	
Sep 11th	Bd Mtq 5PM & Regular Mtq 6PM	Comm Ctr
Sep 25th	Bd Mtq 5PM & Regular Mtq 6PM	Comm Ctr
Oct 9th	Bd Mtq 5PM & Regular Mtq 6PM	Comm Ctr
Oct 23rd	Bd Mtq 5PM & Regular Mtq 6PM	Comm Ctr
Oct 31	Halloween	
Nov 5th	Daylight Saving Time	
Nov 11th	Veterans Day	
Nov 13th	Bd Mtq 5PM & Regular Mtq 6PM	Comm Ctr
Nov 23rd	Thanksgiving	
Nov 27th	Bd Mtq 5PM & Regular Mtq 6PM	Comm Ctr

Nisswa Lions—Officers for 2016/17

President—Terri Hansen

Tail Twister—Joe Laudenbach
Tom Beaver

1st Vice Pres.—Ray Kuntz

Lion Tamer—Ron Hustvedt

2nd Vice Pres.—Gary Boche

Membership—Jim Dullum

3rd Vice Pres.—Denise Laudenbach

Director 1Yr—Ben Baloun

Secretary—Bonnie Mork

Director 1 Yr—Pat Joyce

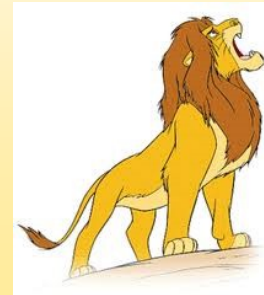
Treasurer—John Weizenegger

Director 2 YR—Mark Jarboe

Director 2 YR—Jim Swanson

Let's help our leaders by volunteering when we are needed.

Let's Roar



Nisswa Lions Pork on a Stick

2017 Schedule

May 27th	Saturday	Memorial Day Weekend	Schaefer's parking lot
May 28 th	Sunday	Memorial Day Weekend	Schaefer's parking lot
July 2 st	Sunday	Freedom Day	Schaefer's parking lot
July 3d	Monday	Freedom Day	Schaefer's parking lot
September 1 th	Friday	Labor Day Weekend	Schaefer's parking lot
September 2 st	Saturday	Labor Day Weekend	Schaefer's parking lot

Don Mork 963-4578
Ben Baloun 562-4553
Karl Bennett 562-5023
dmork@nisswa.net

Ted Schaefer Koeze Nut chairman

The 2016-2017 selling season is closed out and the results are in. Total sales were \$27,839.38 and the profit before sales tax is paid is \$9,857.03. We would like to thank all the sellers for all the work they put into this project. Without the commitment of the sellers our club wouldn't have the \$9,000.00 plus profit to support our community. We will be trying to get a little earlier start next year with the hope of making contact with some new customers before they head south for the winter.

Koeze Nut Chairman, Ted.



Scholarship Committee

March is the month that each member of the committee starts to read each of the applications that have come in from Brainerd and Pequot High School seniors. This year we had a total of 32, 21 from Brainerd and 11 from Pequot. After each member has had a chance to read them and then rank their choices, we get together in mid April and make the final selection. It is always difficult to decide on the finalists because they are all so deserving. Those selected will be invited to our July 14 meeting so we can meet them.

Ginger Hustvedt



News from Pork on a Stick

On February 20th Don, Karl and I notified the Nisswa Lions that we were going to resign from the Pork on a Stick project effective September 18th 2017. At that time we will turn over the wagon, codes and books to our successors or to the Board. As of that time some Nisswa Lions will have to take over the operation. I hope some will come forward this summer and work with us to learn the set up and operation.

In mid April we will have Dave's appliances go through and repair all the burners, he will also replace all the igniters.

Last year Pork on a Stick netted \$2,353.77 for the Lions club plus we had a positive balance at Schaefer's of \$127.00

As everyone knows Pork on a Stick has to be licensed by the State. Our current license allowed us 10 days / 3 events this has now changed to 10 days and not limited to 3 events. When we applied for the license we were not aware of the change so we are set up for the 3 summer events. The dates are Saturday May 27th and Sunday May 28th, Sunday July 2nd and Monday July 3rd, Friday September 1st and Saturday September 2nd. All events will be at Schaefer's parking lot.

We hope some people will step forward and take over the operation. Also please folks sign and work the Pork Wagon this summer.

DON, KARL AND BEN



Kids Against Hunger

Nearly five months after 56 Nisswa Lions Club members helped pack 20,000 meals at Kids Against Hunger-Brainerd Lakes Area in Nisswa, those meals are on their way to Haiti.

The local Lions club donated \$5,000 to Kids Against Hunger to pack emergency food for Haiti after Hurricane Matthew left thousands of people there in need of food. Cass Lake Lions Club members joined the Nisswa Lions in the packing event.

In total, 27,000 nutritious meals left the Kids Against Hunger facility in Nisswa earlier this month on a journey to Haiti. Included with the meals are boxes of pillowcase dresses that Lanette Peterson, Pequot Lakes, made.

"After the hurricane in Haiti, we heard they were in dire need of food and water," said Terry Hansen, Nisswa Lions Club president. "We asked the board membership for \$5,000 to contribute to the pack of 20,000 meals."

Pallets of food were trucked March 14, and were expected to take a couple of weeks to reach Florida and then another couple of weeks to get to Haiti.

Helping the cause are Wes and Jillian Wagner, of Baxter, who adopted two children from an orphanage in Haiti and have taken trips there to do mission work. While there, they forged a friendship with a driver and maintenance worker at the orphanage - Kens Michel, who has since moved to Merrifield.

"I learned so much about the culture," Wes Wagner said of Michel showing him around town. Wagner also liked that Michel was able to look after his children when they were still in the orphanage. When the orphanage lacked funds and had a massive shortage of food and water, the Wagners sent money, and then formed a team with their church to raise funds for a food program. It helped to have Michel in Haiti to ensure the orphanage got the needed food and water.

Then Wagner met John Poston, who founded the Nisswa Kids Against Hunger organization, and the first Kids Against Hunger meals went to the orphanage.

"Rice will fill your belly, but this stuff is healthy. It's unreal what nutrients can do for a child," Wagner said, noting he saw the improvement in children firsthand.

"It's going to be fantastic to get these meals down there," he said of the Lions' pallets of meals.

Shipping the pallets from Florida to Haiti has always been costly, as well as burdensome to get through customs, Wagner said. For the recent shipment, they're paying more to ship the meals across the ocean, but customs is included in the price. Total cost for the shipment across the ocean is \$1,800.

"We get to watch the kids eat it. We get to watch the cooks prep it," Wagner said. "We see the kids get healthier. We see families grow because the financial burden of food has been taken away."

The Nisswa Lions packing event qualifies for a Lions Clubs International Centennial Service Challenge to relieve hunger with a goal of serving 100 million people by June 2018. During this centennial year of the Lions International, the Nisswa club has challenged other clubs in its district to donate \$250 to Kids Against Hunger or to come and pack food. The Nisswa Lions Club has pledged to match other clubs' donations up to \$250.

There are more than 60 clubs in District 5M9, stretching from the north metro area in Minnesota into Canada.

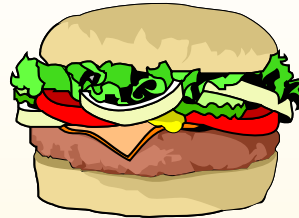
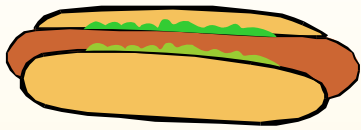
Kids Against Hunger is a nonprofit humanitarian food organization whose goal is to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the United States and to feed nutritious meals to starving children throughout the world. Kids Against Hunger is 100 percent donation and volunteer driven. All food is purchased through donations and is packed by volunteers.

Denise Laudenback

Lions at Summer Social Parties

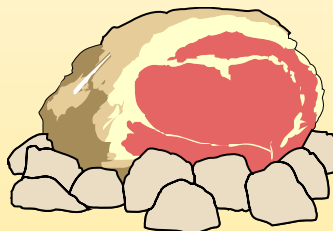
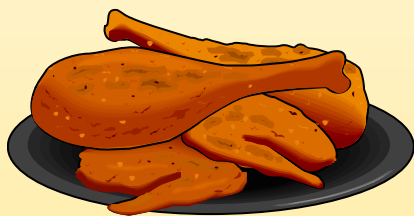
Summer Picnic June 23rd

Menu: Hamburgers, Wieners, Brats, Beans, coleslaw, Potato Salad, and desert.
Lions will provide Pork-on-a-stick wagon and 2 cooks and 2 runners to bring food into food line. Legion will provide food and person to kept buffet line filled.



Mid Summer Classic July 14th

Menu: Pulled Pork, Chicken Breast, and thin sliced roast beef, potatoes, salad, coleslaw, and desert. Legion will provide all the food prepared and person to fill the buffet line. Lions will assist will keeping line full.



Annual Steak Fry August 25th—Cook your own streaks—if you are unable to cook your contact Dell Draves, Ben Baloun, or Jim Swanson

“Come as you are - no special clothes”

Where There's a NEED, There's a LION

Whenever a Lions club gets together, problems get smaller. And communities get better. That's because we help where help is needed – in our own communities and around the world – with unmatched integrity and energy.

The World's Largest Service Club Organization

Our 46,000 clubs and 1.4+ million members make us the world's largest service club organization. We're also one of the most effective. Our members do whatever is needed to help their local communities. Everywhere we work, we make friends. With children who need eyeglasses, with seniors who don't have enough to eat and with people we may never meet.

Community and Environment Programs

Lions are kind and generous people who want to help. That's why we work on projects to improve our communities and protect the environment. Lions perform hands-on community service through [Lions Crew at Work](#) projects, including remodeling a non-profit community center, painting a shelter for the homeless or repairing a public park or playground.

And around the world, Lions demonstrate our [commitment to the environment](#) through [Lions Green Team](#) projects that protect the planet by [cleaning the environment](#), [planting trees](#), [recycling](#) and [educating others](#).

Natural Disaster Relief Volunteers

When a natural disaster strikes, Lions are among the first to offer volunteer disaster relief. When an earthquake devastated [Haiti](#). When Hurricane Katrina struck the U.S. And when an earthquake and subsequent tsunami caused massive damage in [Japan](#), Lions were there to provide immediate and long-term disaster relief.



Today's Children Need Lions More Than Ever

Millions of children suffer from poverty, homelessness, hunger, abuse, neglect, disease and disabilities. Tragically, these children often must live without essential health and education services that would alleviate their distress – and give them hope for the future. That's why the **Lions Services for Children Program** continues Lions Clubs International's long tradition of helping the world's future generations.

Lions Services for Children Projects

The problems children face vary in degree from country to country, but the need for health and education services is constant and universal. Lions clubs help address these needs by developing services for children – projects with specific, attainable goals, including:

- Collecting food, clothes or books
- Organizing a vision or hearing screening
- Providing immunizations through a vaccination drive

Starting a literacy program with a local school, library, community center or [Leo club](#)

- Supporting a nutritional program for undernourished children
- Securing wheelchairs for disabled children
- Sending a child with diabetes or physical challenges to a specialized camp

Lions have also constructed hospitals, schools, orphanages and children's centers throughout the world to serve children in need.