



MUSKEGO LIONS CLUB HISTORY

1950-2009

FIFTY-NINE YEARS OF STRONG AND
CONTINUOUS COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Muskego Lions was chartered on tax day April 15th 1950. The Waukesha Lions Club was the sponsoring club. Charter Night was called to order by; John M. Couture First President of the Muskego Lions Club accepted Waukesha Lions Past President James D'Amato, Invocation Rev. G.L. Cloninger Waukesha Lions Club, Toastmaster Charles Horwitz Waukesha Lions Club, and the Club Charter. Since then we have sponsored the Hales Corners Lions Club, Tichigan Lake Lions Club, and the Muskego Leo Club. From our oldest and longest running event, the Easter Egg Hunt (1964) to our most recent event the Lobster boil (2004), from our purchase of land, which was donated to the city as Lions park, to the construction of the Lions pavilion at Muskego's Veterans Memorial Park we have served. We have been the charter organization representatives for Muskego Troop 19 BSA twice; one of the many troop19 Eagle Scouts is the son of a club charter member. Our club was honored to have a charter member active in the club continuously for 58 years and one of our charter members had 50 years perfect attendance. The club has had the distinction of the youngest Club President (24 years old at the time) ever in District 27-A1 history and maybe the state. Our club members have been active and respected members of the community for over 50 years as Lions and as citizens. As you can see when you browse our projects and events page along with our club's commitment to Lions charities our club has always been part of the Muskego fabric. We plan on being around for another 50 plus years, with 13 women Lions and one Leo transfer to Lions we are setting our course for the future. Plotting our course may be more accurate for our 30-year-old Parade Unit of motorized boats and their affinity for water and other things of liquid form. With our parade unit spreading Lionism and our yearly Fortune 5000+ Raffle as our anchor fundraiser we plan on being a force in both the Muskego and Lions Community for long time to come.

BELOW ARE MILESTONES, EVENTS AND/OR PROJECTS WE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH OVER THE YEARS AND STILL STRONGLY SUPPORT TODAY:

- First Club member to be District Governor 27-A1 Lion Gary Stewart (2007-08)
- First Woman as Club President – Lion Ann Wissing (2005-06)
- Lobster Boil (Since 2004)
- First Club member to be District Secretary/Treasurer 27-A1 – Lion Gary Stewart (2003-04)
- Special PC for visually impaired Muskego High School Student (2003)
- Financial support for new Muskego Police Dept. Explorer Post (2003)
- Chat PC communications device for disabled Muskego child. (2003)
- March of Dimes (2003)
- Special Olympics – Polar Plunge (since 2002)
- Infra-red Video Camera Muskego Vol. Fire Co. (2002)
- American Cancer Society (2001)
- First Woman Inducted into Club - Lion Jenny Reidy (Feb. 2000)
- Lions Pavilion on Veterans Memorial Park, Muskego. (2000)
- Formation Muskego Leo Club for 12 to 18 year olds. (Since 2000)
- Infra-red Video Camera Tess Corners Vol. Fire Dept. (1999)
- New Muskego Library Flag Pole (1999)
- Lake Denoon Middle School - Mentoring Program. (Since 1999)
- Muskego Lions Child Safety Event. (Since 1998)
- Video Color Magnifier to assist partially blind Muskego resident to read. (1998)
- Exercise Equipment Muskego PD. (1997)
- Boy Scouts of America – Muskego Troop 19 Sponsor (1951-1960) (1991 to Present)
- Muskego Community Festival (Current Event Since 1991)
- Mega Raffle (Since 1990)

- Wepco right of way Bike Path (1990)
- Speller Teller communication device for Muskego family (?)
- Tess Corners School playground equipment (?)
- Leisure Park (Now Veterans Memorial Park) (?)
- Muskego Lions Club Parade Boat Fleet. (Since 1978)
- Muskego Lions Club Breakfast with Santa. (Since 1973)
- Muskego VFW Festival. (1965 till its End)
- Muskego Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt (Since 1964)
- Muskego Lion Dave Salentine Scholarship Fund (5 Scholarships) Renamed in memory of Lion Dave; (April 2002) - 2 College, 1 Tech School, 2 Bay Lane Middle School, 2 Lake Denoon Middle School (1950)
- Lions Park (Lions Park Dr.) – Purchased triangle portion of land at Old Racine Ave. & Oak Grove and donated it to the City of Muskego as Lions Park. (1955)
- Fisherees held on Little Muskego Lake as fundraisers. Shoveled snow and maintained ice rink at Schubering Bay. (1956-57-59)
- Yearly progressive card parties held in gym at Muskego Elem. as fund raiser. (1951-59)
- Helped establish Muskego Volunteer Fire Department. Principally in obtaining old Model “T” fire Truck from owner of Muskego Beach Charles Rose and helped with construction of 1st station. (1950)

PROJECTS, CHARITIES AND EVENTS WE SPONSOR YEARLY.

- Special Olympics Polar Plunge
- American Cancer Association Walk
- Girl Scouts - Great Blue Heron Council
- Muskego Athletic Assoc. - 2 Teams
- Muskego Sports Inc.
- AFS
- DARE
- Holiday Baskets/Food Pantry Contributions (1981)

- Muskego High School Post Prom (Since 1997)
- Center for Deaf and Blind Children
- Wisconsin Lions Foundation
- Lions Leader Dog
- B.O.L.D.
- Center for the Blind
- Wisconsin Eye Bank
- Eye Glasses collection sites in Muskego

PAST CLUB PRESIDENTS

<u>Year</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>President</u>
1950	JOHN COUTURE	1977-78	WAYNE RADTKE
1950-51	PAUL BERGEN, SR	1978-79	HAROLD SANDERS
1951-52	ANDY BOAZHARDT	1979-80	ROBERT UNGER
1952-53	VICTOR LEMKE	1980-81	ROLAND RUTZEN
1953-54	LESLIE SORENSON	1981-82	WILLIAM MOLENDIA
1954-55	ROLAND LINCK	1982-83	GERALD "SAM" TANG
1955-56	ROBERT KREUSER	1983-84	GARY STEWART
1956-57	ALVIN FRIED	1984-85	WALLACE "SUNNY"
1957-58	ROY LEKFIELD	BRAATZ	
1958-59	JAMES SCHWEERS	1985-86	DARYL HONL
1959-60	BUD SPAIGHT	1986-87	DEAN KING
1960-61	ERVIN STOLZ	1987-88	JACK SPOERL
1961-62	JEROME GOTTFRIED	1988-89	RICHARD KUNZ
1962-63	NORMAN HOLTZ	1989-90	ROBERT KLENZ
1963-64	LESLIE SORENSON	1990-91	DON TANGWAY
1964-65	RICHARD LA TOUR	1991-92	MIKE PLUMLEY
1965-66	ALBERT CZARNECKI	1992-93	PATRICK DRISCOLL
1966-67	WALTER BOHRER	1993-94	JOHN JOHNSON
1967-68	GERALD P. LEE	1994-95	STEVE KWIATKOWSKI
1968-69	PAUL M. DE ANGELIS	1995-96	THOM SCHULTZ
1969-70	GERALD L. FABER	1996-97	BILL MADSEN
1970-71	JOHN A SHROBLE	1997-98	DOUG WALECKI
1971-72	CHARLES P. FOLDY	1998-99	DOUG WOHLWEND
1972-73	JOE WASHEBECK	1999-00	BOB MUELLER
1973-74	CARL WAUER	2000-01	CURT KLENZ
1974-75	ERROL HOHMANN	2001-02	DON REIDY
1975-76	JACANINO	2002-03	KEN BITTER
PEROCESCHI		2003-04	SCOTT LAGO
1976-77	ANTON STEINWEBER	2004-05	DEAN BARTOSH

2005-06

ANN WISSING

| 2006-07

TRACY DEANGELIS



CHARTER NIGHT PROGRAM MUSKEGO LIONS CLUB

SATURDAY EVENING

APRIL 15TH, 1950

AVALON HOTEL

WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN

-SPONSOR-

WAUKESHA LIONS CLUB

MENU

Fruit Cocktail

Relish Tray

Baked Ham, Pineapple Ring Cherry Broiled

Mashed Potatoes

Buttered Fresh Frozen Corn en Soufflé

Toss Vegetable Salad, Chef Dressing

Hot Home Made Rolls

French Apple Cobbler

Coffee or Milk

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND APPRECIATION

Thanks to Lion S.A. Mansour for seeing the need for a club in Muskego, following through with its organization, and willingly helping us out whenever called upon to do so.

Thanks to President Horwitz and the entire Waukesha club. We are indeed grateful for the kind assistance and cooperation given by our sponsoring club.

Thanks to Mayor Lentz, our guest speaker this evening, and to District Governor Bearder for his help and advice.

Thanks to all of you for your interest in our club. May our future accomplishments prove your interest worthwhile.

Thanks for visiting us this evening and seeing us off to a flying start. We will keep the ball rolling.

Visit Us Again!

REGULAR MEETINGS:

2ND WEDNESDAY & 4TH MONDAY

7:00 P.M. AT MOCCO'S TAVERN

MUSKEGO, WISCONSIN

PROGRAM

Call to Order..... James D’Amato
Song – America Leader – Art Couture
Accompaniment – Merle Hempte
Muskego Lions Club
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation Rev. G.L. Cloninger
Waukesha Lions Club

DINNER

Introductions and
Roll Call of Clubs..... Toastmaster – Charles Horwitz
President Waukesha Lions Club
Evening Address Arnold H. Klentz
Mayor of West Allis
Presentation of Charter..... A.M. Bearder
District Governor
Acceptance of Charter John M. Couture
Closing Song..... Everyone

DANCING

MUSIC BY CULLEN CASEY

OFFICERS MUSKEGO LIONS CLUB

JOHN COUTURE.....PRESIDENT
 PAUL BERGEN.....FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
 ROGER CUMMINGS.....SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
 RAY McELVOGUE.....THIRD VICE PRESIDENT
 ANDY BOSZHARDT.....SECRETARY
 AL CZARNECKI.....TREASURER
 BOB KREUSER.....TAIL TWISTER
 ART COUTURE.....LION TAMER

DIRECTORS

Bob LeFevre
 Earl Rathke

Bud Spaight
 Oliver Kahl

CHARTER MEMBERS

Paul Bergen
 Bob LeFevre
 Carl Bergen
 Joe Leight
 Andy Boszhardt
 Roy Lekfield
 Nolan Burns
 Victor Lemke
 Art Couture
 Roland Linck
 John Couture
 Tom Malicke
 Roger Cummings
 Martin Mayer
 Al Czarnecki
 Ray McElvogue
 Frank D'Amato

Hugh McGroty
 Paul DeAngelis
 John Miech
 Ralph Fiken
 Dick Nepple
 Floyd Gifford Sr.
 Wm. Ragsdale
 Merle Hampe
 Earl Rathke
 Oliver Kahl
 Bob Reeve
 Joe Kelly
 Bud Spaight
 Bob Kreuser
 Tony Westland
 L.W. LaChance

50TH ANNIVERSARY JUNE 2ND 2000



Muskego Lions Club invites you to celebrate our 50th Anniversary

1950 to 2000

Friday, June 2, 2000

6:00 cocktail hour • 7:00 dinner • 9:00 entertainment

MENU

Choice Center Cut Filet Mignon (8oz.) \$25.00

Breast of Chicken En Crouete \$25.00

Baked Alaskan Cod Almondine \$25.00

*Aud-Mar Supper Club
S79 West 15851 Aud Mar Drive
Muskego, Wisconsin
Upper Hall*

CONTACT US ABOUT RENTALS OR POSSIBLE USE OF

Tents, Sign, PA systems (with 4 speakers, 4 tripods, 2 wireless microphones, 1 wired microphone, 1 amplifier), Amplified lecture, TV with VCR built in, VCR.

Please contact any Lion if you are interested in helping support any of these very worthy Muskego Lions Clubs projects. If you are interested in becoming a Muskego Lion please contact us.