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Board Meeting: Next board meeting is Thursday, December 5, 2013, starting at 6:30 pm in the Shelter House.

Membership Meeting: the next membership meeting is Thursday, November 21. It will be held in the Commons at Urbandale High School, starting at 6:30 pm.

Menu: This is our traditional Thanksgiving meal of turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, green bean casserole, cranberry relish, rolls/butter and pumpkin pie/whipped cream.

Program: We will use our program time to discuss the Lions International initiative called the Club Excellence Program.

December Chili Challenge

Once again the call goes out to our chili "foodies" to come forward with their favorite recipe to present and share at our December meeting. We'll ask for a show of hands at the November meeting. Ideally we'd like to have six-seven varieties for the meal (a comfort soup is a viable option if chili is not your thing).

UHS Basketball

We have not yet received the schedule of home games, but expect to pass around the clipboard very soon.

Tax Information

The IRS has asked that all Lions clubs share the following information with their members:

"Lions Club dues are not deductible as a contribution to a charitable organization. They may be deductible as a business expense. Contact your personal tax advisor."

Homecoming Pancake Supper

Jim Epstein reports that our annual pancake supper was a big success: we netted \$3,318 income. One would have to look back to the year 2000 when we exceeded that figure! Congratulations and thank you to all the Lions, Lioness and Leos who helped make that possible.

Shown below are the top sellers in the 6th grade (Monica Hall and Reed Andrews) receiving a UHS t-shirt and a McDonalds gift card from Lion Tim Carver.



Salvation Army Kettle Times

We have two dates available for bell-ringing.

Saturday, December 7: 8:00-10:00, 2:00-4:00, 4:00-6:00 and 6:00-8:00.

Saturday, December 14: 8:00-10:00, 10:00-12:00, 12:00-2:00, 2:00-4:00 and 4:00-6:00.

Our station is located inside Merle Hay Mall, just outside the Sears entrance. If you can help, please call Lion Jim Dingeman at 252-1750.

Targeted Donations in 2013-14

Our Finance Committee met recently to allocate funds toward charitable organizations that support families in and near the Urbandale community. We proposed allocating \$10,000 from our Activities Fund to 21 different organizations. A spreadsheet showing the distribution of these funds will be handed out at our November meeting for your review and approval.

Barney Dennis

Our board passed a resolution to donate \$50 to ILF in memory of Lion Barney Dennis.

Thank You Jerry Tank

Lion Jerry has agreed to help Larry Jablonski find speakers for our meetings. Be sure to thank Jerry for his volunteerism and offer to help him if needed.

Design our Pin

Many Lions clubs have a uniquely designed pin to display and sell to fellow Lions at various Lions functions. We'd like to 'join the party' and have our own pin. What says "Urbandale" and our club that could be depicted on a pin?

A worthy prize awaits the best suggestion.

In case you missed it

At our October meeting Lion Mike Haas, our Hy-Vee celebrity, presented a slide show of his bike ride around Lake Tahoe in support of JDRF. We couldn't resist one more picture of Lion Mike....



Joint Fundraiser

We have been asked to help an Olmsted student and her family pay for costly vision therapy (\$3,500 expense). A subcommittee comprised of club members, Breakfast Lions and Lioness is planning a baked cavatelli dinner for the evening of January 14 at the high school commons. This night will coincide with Olmsted night at the Urbandale-Southeast Polk basketball game. The Lioness will provide the cavatelli and trimmings, we will be responsible for the dessert. More details will be provided at the November meeting.

Upcoming Events

January 23 meeting: we typically invite our District Governor, Lioness and Leos to a joint meeting.

February 27 meeting: our annual sweet-heart dinner at the Urbandale Country