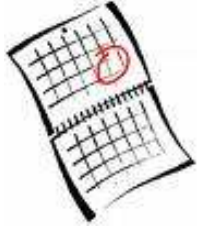




Austin Morning Lions

P.O. Box 405 – Austin, MN 55912

May 2010



Comin' Up

May 6th, 7am
Regular meeting
Holiday Inn

May 6th 5pm
Go kart cleanup
Gordy Cassidy's
2001 29th Ave SE

May 20th 7am
Regular meeting
Holiday Inn

May 27th 7am
Board meeting:
Holiday Inn

Jun 3 7am
Regular meeting
Holiday Inn

Jun 17th 5:30pm
Installation of Officers
Austin Elks

Jun 19th
Friendship Wagon
Train Breakfast
1916 4th St SE

WHAT THE HECK IS A ZONE MEETING?

By PDG Dudley Parsons

Zone meetings are the places to go where Lions can find out what is happening in other clubs in their area. Information is also shared about what is happening in District 5M1, the eight counties in SE Minnesota, and Multiple District 5M (MD5M), which is the whole state of Minnesota, the northwestern part of Ontario, Canada, and all of Manitoba. They are informative and fun and always involve good food in plentiful portions. Zone meetings are held either two or three times each year. The usual schedule is to have Zone meetings in September and March and a Region meeting (two zones together) in November. All Lions are welcome to come to these meetings where so much information about Lionism is shared.

If you have never been to one, now is the time to plan to go next fall in September.

Community Pride Day

Austin's fourth annual Community Pride Day was held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday to help clean up local parks. Jim Dunlop, Burt Morlan and about 10 members of the Austin Morning Lions volunteered to clean up Austin Lions Park. Even before (the first) Community Pride Day, Lions members cleaned the park each year. But they changed it to match up with the day. Dunlop said the Lions Club collects donations from the group's members to maintain and add new features to the park each year. In the next few years, he said they plan to add a new pavilion. "It's a nice get together, and we wanted to get this stuff done," he said.
(excerpted from Austin Daily Herald, April 26th, 2010)

Beloved President Thad Kusick
1st Vice President Jim Marx
2nd Vice President Gordy Kuehne
3rd Vice President Craig Perkins
Secretary for now Doug Bergemann
Treasurer Woody Vereide
Tail Twister Garry Ellingson
Asst. Tail Twister Chuck Folk
Lion Tamer Mike Biedermann



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Doug Bergemann	434-7984	
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Ruth Biedermann	433-4197	
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Garry Ellingson	433-2125	
*LaVerne Ehmke	433-8145	
*Scott Ehmke	433-8145	
Chuck Folk	433-9150	
Steve Greenman	433-7920	
*Jena Helmbrecht	440-6905	
*Karen Helmbrecht	433-4898	
*Royce Helmbrecht	433-4898	
Steve Jensen	433-7115	Feb
Tom Klapperich	433-1865	Mar
David Krenz	440-6181	Apr
Gordon Kuehne	433-7823	May
Thad Kusick	434-9650	Jun
Greg Larson	437-7896	Jul
Patty Lundberg	433-0201	
Jim Marx	433-8392	
†Merrill Meier	433-1232	
Anita Mittlested	438-6520	
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Sara Schafer-Perkins	434-0080	
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†Gary Sutter	433-8603	
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Woody Vereide	433-5868	
Brad Weber	433-2061	
Paul Worlein	437-7597	
Gary Zimmerman	434-0308	

* Member of the Evening Branch
†Associate Member

Austin Morning Lions Club Projects

- Go Cart Unit
- Juvenile Diabetes Poinsettias
- Morning Lions Park
- Fly-In Pancake Breakfast
- Twenty-Five Dollar Club
- White Cane Days

*We
serve*



Our club: www.austinmorninglions.com
District: www.lions5m1.org
International: www.lionsclubs.org

Week-long wagon train to benefit Camp Winnebago

The team members and riders of the Friendship Wagon Train are gearing up for their annual week-long trek to raise funds for children and adults with developmental disabilities who attend Camp Winnebago.

With help from Austin's Hy-Vee, Austin Morning Lions Club will be serving breakfast to the travelers and staff, Saturday June 19th at Whispering Pines Ranch.

Thad has a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help out with this event, please check your schedule and get on board.



.....●●●..... **Go Kart clean up**

The Go-Kart Unit performs synchronized driving maneuvers while participating in parades around southern Minnesota. The Go-Kart Unit was started by the Austin Lions Club in 1983.

The Go-Cart Unit currently consists of members from the Austin Lions Club and the Austin Morning Lions Club, and Austin Evening Branch Lions Club. The Go-Kart Unit has 14 go-carts that thrill the crowds during the parades.

The Karts take a beating, however, and need to be serviced, maintained and repaired. Please come to Gordy Cassidy's house at 5pm on Thursday, the 6th to help out.

Letter from your President



I had the opportunity to help with the clean-up at the Austin Morning Lions Park. I felt this would be a great time to share this with my girls. Wendy (my wife), was enjoying a weekend of peace and relaxation which she really needed; so, it was dad's weekend to watch the kids. I really was looking forward to this. Of course; it fell on weekend we clean up the Park. Courtney and Kiley, ages 10 and 8 really enjoy watching cartoons on Saturday morning and now dad was taking them to do work, pickup trash. I can hardly get them to clean up their rooms. What was I thinking? On top of that; it was raining, windy and a little cold. When the girls were asked why they were there, Courtney said: "Dad made us". I guess that is probably why they came in the first place.

(editors note: The girls were interviewed by Sarah Lysne for the Austin Post-Bulletin: Courtney Kusick, a fourth-grader, and her sister Kiley, a second-grader, were ready to help their dad, Thad Kusick, clean up the Early Morning Lions Park. Thad is a member of the club.)

We made a game out of picking up trash. Whoever had the most weight in their bag won. It may surprise you who won. I found more enjoyment out of watching how the three of us worked as a team and talked about different things than I could have ever thought. Kiley won. She used one of her gifts to win. She is physically the smallest of the three of us. So, she was able to look under the evergreen trees more easily than big old dad. She found many empty glass bottles. I said when we started they couldn't pickup glass. So, when she found a bottle she would ask me for help (Team work). Toward the end of the time of picking up trash the girls were getting tired and so was I. Lion Mike B. came up and showed us about Geo-Caching (treasure hunting). The girls later that day said this was the one of the highlights of the day. Mike set one up in the Austin Morning Lions Park. Ask him about this.

It was GREAT!!!! It's a great family, couples, or individual time activity. Mike said there are over 200 of these treasure hunts in the Austin community. Maybe we should have a FUN Event for the Austin Morning Lions built around Geo-Caching.

The thought for this month would be that as Lion members we are to serve, but in serving others I'm reminded time and time again we receive much more than we ever give. I'm really thankful for being a part of the Lion organization. Lately, some people seemed concerned about after June, when Lion Jim takes over as President I'm going to stop being an active member. "NOPE" How could I walk away from an organization that allows me to receive more than I give? The moments with my family and Lion members this last year have been priceless. Sorry you are stuck with me. Have A Great Day!

Lion Thad