

Louie Gardipee Distinguished Service Award

Louis Gardipee was the leader in organizing the Black River Falls Lions Club, chartered November 30, 1937. Louie remained a member until his death on November 14, 2002. Sixty-five years in Lionism - THAT'S DEDICATION. Four words describe Louis Gardipee: **HONESTY, INDUSTRIOUSNESS, ATTITUDE and CITIZENSHIP.**

Louie was involved with additions to the Pine View Care Center, building the new County Jail, and building the golf course. He also chaired many projects, "Louie the Lion", which welcomes visitors and campers to the Wisconsin Lions Camp, was named in honor of Louis Gardipee. Louie and his two sons were involved in fixing up that famous Lion,

Louis Gardipee was a District Governor of District C in 1943-1944. He loved Lions and all the things Lions do. He also loved the Green Bay Packers and was the second inductee into the Packer Fan Hall of Fame. Louie had a very positive attitude. He once said "if you are given lemons, you make lemonade".

Louie's life was helping people, helping community, and always doing something good. This is only a brief summary of Louie Gardipee.

The Cabinet of Lions District 27-E2, from the 2005-2006 Lion year forward, honors a Lion each year who has dedicated a life of helping people, community, and always doing something good with a "Louie Gardipee Distinguished Service Award". Dedication includes involvement in church, community and Lions (donor programs, project chairperson, key awards, club officers, cabinet positions, WLF director, Mission to Mexico, etc). The award is presented at the District Convention in March.

The Application Process for a potential Recipient is as follows:

Each club president is asked to submit "the name of a Lion" for consideration chosen by their selection committee. It is recommended that GRASS ROOT LIONS (so to speak) be nominated. A "Grass Roots" Lion is one who has not received an International President's Award or an International President's Leadership Award and who has not been a District Governor. Attach a summary of achievements in 100 words or less for the Lion you are nominating. Include involvement in church and community, as well as any Lions involvement, i.e. donor programs, project chairpersons, key awards, club positions, cabinet member, WLF director,

Louie Gardipee Distinguished Service Award Recipients

Chuck Buswell - Black River Falls - 2006	Milo Hays - Altoona - 2015
Jim Stull - Trempealeau - 2007	Galen Hagen - Mondovi - 2016
Milton Kuehn - Fall Creek - 2008	Loren Sybra - Blair - 2017
Dave Kamla - Trempealeau - 2009	Richard Ziemann - Fall Creek - 2018
Mary Samuelson - Hudson - 2010	Ann Bechel - Plum City - 2019
Alan Stewart - River Falls - 2011	George Johnson - Eleva-Strum - 2020
Dean Brockmeier - Elk Mound - 2012	Ken King - Cleghorn - 2021
Olin Fimreite - Whitehall - 2013	Fred Ackley - Pigeon Falls - 2022
Richard Oldfield - Menomonie - 2014	John Paddock - Eau Claire Evening - 2023
	Leon Hawkins - Hammond - 2024