

BEMIDJI LIONS NEWS FOR 2009

December 2009

The Bemidji Lions have been involved in recent Christmas projects.

A total of \$950 was collected from Bemidji Lions Club members for the annual Holiday Gifts for Kids. This surpasses the amount given in past years by many times. Thank you Lions for your generosity!

Another project is the annual Holiday Gifts for Kids. The Lions have collected a vast assortment of toys, clothes, and cash (\$550 and rising) for Christmas gifts to children in the Bemidji area. Many children will receive Christmas gifts through this annual program.

A third project was to answer the telephones for the December Lakeland Public Television pledge drive. The Bemidji Lions answered the telephone for a two hour period on Tuesday, December 1st. The club now holds the record for the most pledges made in a two hour period with 57. We raised over \$3000 during that two hour time slot and brought in many new members for Lakeland Public TV.

The Lions also rang the bell for the Salvation Army during the week after Thanksgiving. This is the annual Christmas Kettle Program that the Lions have done for many years. Thirty-two Lions volunteered for two hour time slots to ring the bell. Last year the Bemidji Lions collected over \$2000 for their bell ringing, and it appears that we easily topped that amount this Christmas season.

Many thanks to the Lions for their service to our community. We follow the Lions International motto "We Serve".