

Mayor CoryAnn Answers your questions:

Recently asked Questions below.

Recently I received some personal questions and I would like to share those answers with you.

1. I have been asked - Why does it seem I have so much money to spend on everything?

We are always willing to help. My husband and I always want to give back, we are grateful for all we have. When I became Mayor I did it with the distinct intention to be charitable and giving to the community, and my husband and I have planned accordingly with our budget. My husband and I are financially responsible people who have worked hard for what we have all our life and always want to pay it forward and give back.

I guess I could use help understanding why there are people so critical of my family's financial capabilities and decisions; it is true we account to be able to afford giving, charity, commitment and donations that serve needs and serve citizens and the community. If anyone can help me with this I would appreciate your thoughts in this area please email me at info@news4stfrancis.com

2. I was asked about the Lions Club?

Here is a summary of what I said:

To answer your question, I am willing to join the St. Francis Lions anytime, but I believe I need to be asked. My husband and I have been very good supporters of the SF Lions personally. In the past years we have donated a flat screen TV to their bar and painting supplies for their big repainting project. I have attended and participated in their fundraisers as a donor and/or sponsor. I have been around the SF Lions for many years having done bingos and bingo kitchens many times even before I was Mayor.

I don't know if you were aware, but until recently the St. Francis Lions had a policy of not sponsoring women as official members of their Club. Women were Auxiliary members only for the longest time; I know women who have been volunteering for SF lions for years as members of the Auxiliary. I was not made aware of the change in this long standing tradition of not sponsoring women in the St. Francis Lions. I am friends with Lions and know many Lions members but it never came up with them. I was surprised I did not hear about the change from the former Mayor Al Richards. Is someone putting out info that I don't want to join St. Francis Lions? Is that what you heard? Please let me know.

Since St. Francis was not taking women, I finally put in an application with South Milwaukee after being invited several times. I have a cousin of my Dad who has belonged to SM Lions for around 30 years. It is my understanding it is not all about Cities or territories when you become a Lion, but it is about service and each club does things differently. When I joined the 128th Community Council I kept seeing SM Lion's volunteering at events with the 128th and SM asked me to join since St. Francis did not take women. Also, Al Bassett, who was President of the SF Lions when I was Miss St. Francis in 1986, has always asked me to be a member of South Milwaukee from the moment we crossed paths again at a Chamber event in 2013. SM Lions have taken women since the law changed in 1986 to allow women to be official club members.

I am very dedicated to organizations and belong to the Historical Society, Friends of the Library, Civic Association and 128th Community Council. My husband and I give to many local groups and charities and we recently sponsored a City Guide put together by children from Willow Glen School.

