



### We Serve

From the desk of  
**Lion Paul J. Hoppa, President**



Hello Northside Lion's Club Friends,  
We are now entering the holiday season with all of it's excitement and busy schedules. It can be very easy to put aside Lion's Club Projects in favor of the necessary activities of "the season". And while family always comes first I hope we all create time to serve our community through our club's projects.

While the weather is still relatively good both Mulally Park (cement work) and ramps remain viable events. Please look for details in the newsletter or at our club meetings. Our December projects are: Kid's Christmas Shopping (Dec. 11th) and Dandy's Hospital visits (Dec. 23rd). The shopping trip will require about 50 volunteers which can include people who are not Lions. The Dandy visit is usually smaller with 6-10 Lions joining Dandy. Dates for the Christmas Lighting Project, on the causeway, will be announced soon. It real feels good when I drive by the decorated causeway and know the Northside Lion's had a great deal to do with it! The 2012 raffle calendar sales event wraps-up in December. This fundraiser is a critical component of our yearly budget (about 44%) of revenue. So please do your best to sell as many as possible and remind people of all the great things we do all year to help our community.

Lastly, do not forget our club's Christmas Party the evening of December 6th. It is always a super time with great food, wonderful camaraderie and seasonal entertainment. We will be asking for sign ups during our November meetings. Best Wishes to All and remember, "We Serve" - Lion PJ

### Just a Reminder: Save the date

 Kid's Christmas Shopping on **Sunday, Dec. 11th at 12:30 pm** at **Johnson Hall** instead of First Lutheran. Shopping trip and then back to the hall for wrapping of gifts, pizza, goodies, and a visit from Santa.  
- Thanks Deb Roest

**Do you have something to say about Lionism?** The Northside Lions Club in particular? Or just to inform us of a happening or an event that is of interest to our members? If so, please submit your writing to Lion Ed Weessies before the 23rd of the month, for publication in a subsequent newsletter.



From the desk of  
**Lion Dennis Cobler, PID**

### November International Report



Kathleen and I have returned from the International Board Meeting in Hong Kong the first part of October where I participated with the Leadership Committee in their discussions as well as the Informal and Formal Hearings during the week. After the Board meetings we attended World Sight Day in Shenzhen, China. Part of the day was a tree planting ceremony in the park and then off to see a low vision clinic as well as a pediatric cataract unit. We did miss this part of the trip as Kathleen suffered from dehydration and was sent to the local emergency room. This turned out to be as interesting as any part of the trip as I did lots of people watching while waiting for Kathleen to feel better. The Lions of Shenzhen could not have been nicer or more helpful during this time.

One of the major points of interest to me as the International GLT Coordinator was the Board approving a \$300.00 stipend to be used by the district GLT leader for local expenses. This is a good example of our dues money coming back to the district. Another point would be the emphasis placed world-wide on tree planting. Our District, under the leadership of 1st Vice-Governor Rock Wood of Rockford is moving forward at a very fast clip to get this done in 11C1.

I was very happy to see 6 Northside Lions at the recent Projects Night as well as the amount of money 1st Vice-President Bates presented to the various projects. There will be at least 4 Northsiders at the retirement party for our current Lions State Secretary Mary Brown the last weekend in October. She was hired for this role in 1988 during my time on the 87-88 Council of Governors and has served very capably these past nearly 25 years.

Everything Lions accomplish world-wide, every person helped starts with membership in a local Lions Club. We have been very fortunate to have very dedicated members, but we must remember that these members were invited into membership so we must continue to be vigilant in maintaining our membership into the future. My role is in leadership but without a membership pool to draw from leadership ceases. Let's do what we all know is needed; continue to work toward a healthy club with increased membership.

More next month, PID Dennis

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### Regular Meeting Minutes October 4, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Hoppa at Johnson Hall.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Hoffman.  
The Invocation was offered by Lion R. Jasicki.  
The Table Picker was Lion R. Jasicki.  
Guests: Dan Weikel  
Dinner  
Program: LST History and its future by Dan Weikel  
Announcements:  
The Fruitport fish fry is soon and if interested contact Lion Weessies.  
The popcorn bucket sale is complete. Please turn in any outstanding money to Lion Krol.  
President Hoppa spoke of the club calendar and newsletter. Keep Editor Weessies and Publisher Dipiazza current with any and all club news & pictures.  
Help is needed for the National Walk to School Day Oct. 5th announced by Lion Arter.  
The USA/Canada Forum will be in Grand Rapids in 2015.  
Lion Hansen had a big turnout of 15 Lions help complete another ramp for a total of 4.  
Lion Bradfield asked Lions to keep selling the calendars and we still have 120 left to sell.  
The pedestals are in on the causeway project and Lion Bradfield said Oct. 18th is the organization of the lights at Hansen's storage facility 1659 Buys.  
We still have six people left to pay the 2nd quarter dues of \$51 that are now overdue.  
We will have a tree planting trial on October 8th. See O'Lonergan for details.  
Badges are now available again at Staples. See O'Lonergan for details.  
Tail Twister J. Emrich fined the following Lions:  
Bradfield – talking on the phone; Weber – slug depositing; Hoppa – saying editor starts with Ed; Hansen, Bradfield, Weessies, anniversary - the people who sit across from them are fined; All who did not know that 325 was in TT Emrich hometown; Hoppa – mouthing off; Deb Roest – for asking TT to be quiet-----

The Secret Greeter was Lion - none Winner - Lion - none  
50/50 Winner – Lion Woods – NO Joker – pot \$367

Submitted: Lion Michael O'Lonergan, Secretary

### Regular Meeting Minutes October 18, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Hoppa at Johnson Hall.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion M Emrich.  
The Invocation was offered by Lion Holstrom.  
The Table Picker was Lion M. Emrich.  
Guests: Adam Spedoske, Celena Rosset  
Dinner  
Program: Medicare preparation, information, and changes were presented by Adam Spedoske of Bankers Life & Casualty.  
Announcements:  
Lion Krol gave the wrap up of the Popcorn bucket fundraiser that made \$500.  
Lion Hansen said Mullally Park work will be preparations and concrete for more handicap areas on several days in October.  
X-mas light prep will be at Lion Hansen place.  
The next ramp will be 10-21-11 in Muskegon with another to follow to finish the year.  
Lion Bradfield announced that there is a lot more power on the causeway for more potential Christmas Lighting. The display will be bigger and better. Remember to keep selling calendars. There are still 200 plus left to sell.  
Lion D. Roest has the Christmas Children's Shopping day scheduled for Dec. 11th at 12:30.  
Lion O'Lonergan reported on the Tree Planting Initiative. On Oct 8th we planted 130 trees at Laketon Township Hall. Remember to keep up to date with your Dues. There was a reminder about other optional meetings to attend. – Nov. Leadership Conference  
Lion Emrich the substitute Tale Twister presented the ugly bucket w/\$100 to TT Cobler.  
TT Cobler fined the following Lions:  
M. Emrich & J. Emrich – for being gone & fining everyone  
All people who do not work and did not help with Mullally or other projects.  
Hansen – for being a Tattle tale  
Dreikorn – for a bad joke

Secret Greeter - Lion Ruppel Winner – Lion Mouw  
50/50 Winner - Lion Larson – NO Joker – pot \$391

Submitted: Lion Michael O'Lonergan, Secretary



**Lions Frank Krol, Linda Jasicki, and Michael O'Lonergan**  
Hearing Screenings during Backpack Days.

### MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS October 18, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8:45pm by President Hoppa at Johnson Hall.

1. Officers present: President Hoppa; Secretary O'Lonergan; Treasurer Wolffis; 2nd VP Hansen; 3rd VP Krol; TT K. Cobler, Directors Weessies, Loughrige, Bradfield, A. Schalow; Lion Tamer Margules. Membership Chair Larson. Absent - 1st VP Bates

2. Additions and corrections to the agenda – D-3

3. A motion to approve the minutes from the September Board of Directors meeting was made by Dir. Weessies, seconded by Dir. Loughrige. Motion approved.

4. A motion to approve, subject to audit, the treasurer's report for the month of September was made by Dir. Weessies, seconded by Sec O'Lonergan. Motion approved.

5. Reports:

a. President Hoppa: - None

b. 1st VP Bates:

Causeway lighting project information was given at the regular meeting.

Food truck and ramps were updated at the regular meeting.

Sidewalk at Mullally Park information was given at the regular meeting.

Tree Planting Initiative info and a request for reimbursement of the cost the trees was given by Sec. O'Lonergan. A motion by Treas. Wolffis to cover the cost of the trees with a second by VP Krol was carried. ACTION ITEM - \*\*\*\*

Some of the Kids Christmas Shopping info was given at the regular meeting but a discussion about keeping the current budget ensued.

The consensus was to keep it.

The Dandy Lion visit date is proposed as 12-23-11.

c. 2nd VP Hansen:

Treas. Wolffis gave the pancake trailer balance sheet/report for the year. Discussed

Popcorn buckets done at regular meeting.

Calendar Sales Project was discussed.

d. 3rd VP Krol:

A seasonal approach will be experimented with the months of Jan, Feb, Mar, and

Apr. for a bimonthly newsletter, board meetings as the program on 2nd Tuesday,

and meal guarantee numbers. There was discussion and explanations on all three.

This is a result of declining attendance at winter meetings.

Meeting Programs for the next few months discussed.

Lions June & Lyle Shaw submitted a letter of resignation that was accepted by the

board with regret and understanding. Motion Carried – ACTION ITEM \*\*\*\*

A motion by TT Cobler to allocate \$300 for the Christmas Party with a second by

VP Krol was carried. ACTION ITEM \*\*\*\*

7. A motion to adjourn at 9:38 PM was made by VP Hansen, seconded by Sec. O'Lonergan. Carried

Submitted by Lion Michael O'Lonergan, Secretary

*Our condolences go out to Lion Jim Larson and his family on the passing of Jim's brother, Stephen, 56, Oct 21st.*

### A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Fellow Lions:

As you are aware, fall and winter are rather slow times of the year for us. We do not have any fund raising going on (except for the Calendar Sales) BUT we do have some community services activities. There may be a food truck scheduled but that is not for sure. We will set the flags on the Veterans' Memorial Causeway on Friday, November 11 (Veterans' Day) and right after that we will start putting up the lights on the causeway.

In December we have the Kids' Christmas shopping trip and Dandy will accompany Santa to see the kids in the pediatric ward at the Hackley campus of Mercy Hospital and at Child Haven. On 12/6 we will have our club's Christmas social.

Things calm down until March 30 through April 1st when the combined District 11 C1/11 D1 convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Grand Rapids. Another opportunity to renew old or make new friendships and it is close.

One activity that we should continue to do is seeking out new members. Not because our numbers are declining as we have lost several since July 1st but so we can extend our circle of friends who might like to share the worthwhile work our club does for those in need and for the Northside as a whole. Membership is not supposed to be a numbers game. It is supposed to be an action of adding to our membership so we can do a better job at what we do and more of it and in doing so have a good time. Yes we can have fun working together. How about trying something new.

Every member that has taken calendars, have them sold by November 30th. It can be done. By doing that you will have time to take some more and have all 1,000 sold by December 20th. Bet it can be done!!

As for our losses, at the last meeting the Board accepted the resignations of June and Lyle Shaw. Age and health has interfered with their being active members. Health issues has forced Tracy Knight to resign, and there are more.





Lion Roger Dreikorn has lined up some interesting programs through February. They will be listed in the calendar section of this newsletter, so you will know what you are missing if you do not attend.

We would like to know if any of our members have a relative serving in the military, their names and what branch of the service they are in and if they are serving in a combat zone. Please let me know.

Remember, All information, new or old, is welcome. If it is a notice that just needs to be added to the calendar, that can be sent in the body of an E-mail. Articles are to be sent in a document format. Photos, which are most welcome, are to be sent in the JPEG format as a separate attachment. Please be sure to send information to me and be sure to put LIONS BUSINESS in the subject line. When possible all information and photos will be sent to the editors of the district, state and international publications. We must blow our own horn as no one else will do it for us. Suggestions are always welcome so don't be shy. Same goes for questions.

Yours in Lionism,

*Lion Ed Weessies*

Editor, Muskegon Northside "Lions Tale"

### **"Lines from Leona"** (Our Tail twister Bank)

Where is everyone? How is Leona expected to make any money for the club when YOU are not attending the meetings? Fines need to be spread around so please bring your smiling faces and loose change to the next meeting. This will make Leona very happy, T.W.I.T. cards will be available at every meeting, you will be fined for "tattle tailing" but never (well, mostly not), for filling out a TWIT card.

See YOU ALL in November.

Tail Twister Leona

### **Michigan All State Band**

Each year from 1948 to 1977, a high school band was selected to represent the Lions of Michigan in the annual parade at their international convention. In 1978, an all-state band was organized to honor and play for an incoming Lions International President from Michigan. The Lions All State Band was created and has appeared annually at conventions thereafter.

The All State Band has since become one of the Michigan Lions' most acclaimed youth activities. The success of the band is attributable to outstanding students, excellent instructors, and dedicated support staff. Former band directors include Jon Francis, Walter Cole, Jim King, Mack Pittard, and Matt Taton. The current director is Roger Weyersberg.

Students from over 300 Michigan high schools and communities

have participated in the band since its inception. The band averages 45-75 students.

Performances center around the band's appearance at the Lions Clubs International Convention, held in major cities throughout the world during late June or early July. Additional concerts and appearances are scheduled enroute to the convention site or during the homeward journey. The annual tour generally lasts 7 to 10 days. Major cities where the band has performed include Atlanta, Chicago, Miami, Phoenix, San Francisco, New Orleans, Honolulu, Philadelphia, Tokyo, Sydney, Beijing, Hong Kong, Seoul, and Montreal. -Lions of Michigan Website

For more information:

[http://www.lionsofmi.com/pages/all\\_state\\_band\\_information](http://www.lionsofmi.com/pages/all_state_band_information)

### **River Blindness Eliminated in Columbia**

Since 2004, SightFirst has been a contributing partner in the Onchocerciasis Elimination Program of the Americas, which works to end the illness and transmission of onchocerciasis (or river blindness) in Latin America. As a result of health education and Mectizan® distribution, there has been no new blindness from onchocerciasis in these areas. The World Health Organization (WHO) will announce the elimination of onchocerciasis in Colombia at the Inter-American Conference of Onchocerciasis in November, making Colombia the first country to receive such certification. -LCIF, eNewsletter

*As you know this has been one of the goals of our Club, using the Raffle Calendar, to support LCIF in their world wide efforts to eradicate all preventable blindness by 2020, through Campaign Sightfirst. Thank you fellow Muskegon Northside Lions and friends, who have contributed so generously toward this project.. -Frank DiPiazza, Publisher*

### **SightFirst II Making an Impact in South Asia**




Lions helped to raise more than US\$200 million during Campaign SightFirst II. These funds are already having a great impact around the world, including in South Asia. To date, in South Asia the program has helped to fund 112 projects totaling US\$16.9 million. Grant funds have been awarded to upgrade or expand 72 clinics and hospitals, provide 496,200 cataract surgeries, and train 96 midlevel ophthalmic personnel. In addition, one state-of-the-art comprehensive eye hospital will be constructed and equipped, and one comprehensive, multiple district diabetic retinopathy program, including equipment purchases and training for seven Lions eye hospitals, has been completed. In upcoming enewsletters, each region of the world will be highlighted. -LCIF, eNewsletter

# Muskegon Northside Lions Club

## THE LIONS TALE

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> Speaker: Dr. Christopher Stock, MD <b>REGULAR MEETING AT JOHNSON HALL</b>	<b>2</b> LION MARIE EMRICH CLUB ANNIVERSARY	<b>3</b> LION KIM ARTER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  LIONS KIM ARTER AND FRANK KROL CLUB ANNIVERSARY	<b>4</b> LION MICHAEL O'LONERGAN CLUB ANNIVERSARY	<b>5</b> LION DALE ROEST BIRTHDAY
<b>6</b> Daylight Saving Ends (Fall Back)	<b>7</b> LION BRUCE BULLION BIRTHDAY	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  LION DAWN AND JERRY PRINCE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY	<b>11</b>  LION ROL CRUMMEL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  VETERANS DAY Flags posted on the Causeway	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Speaker: Chris Zahart LION BARB PELLERIN BIRTHDAY LION JOHN EMRICH CLUB ANNIVERSARY <b>REGULAR AND BOARD MEETINGS AT JOHNSON HALL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Great American Smoke Out Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  LION CHERYL SCHNEIDER CLUB ANNIVERSARY	<b>22</b>  LION MIKE COBLER BIRTHDAY	<b>23</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>24</b>  THANKSGIVING DAY	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  LION JOHN EMRICH BIRTHDAY LION JIM ZOOK BIRTHDAY
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Red Planet Day commemorates the launch of the Spacecraft Mariner 4 Nov 28, 1964. The 228 day mission of Mariner 4 brought the spacecraft within 6,118 miles of Mars on July 14, 1965.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Have you sold all of your Raffle Calendars yet? Need more? See Lion Windy or Lion Dennis Cobler</b>		
			<p><b>11/08/2011</b> – Speaker will be Dr. Christopher Stock, MD. He will talk about some the most common eye diseases, those most likely to cause blindness.</p> <p><b>11/15/2011</b> – Speaker will be Chris Zahart who will talk about the “Old Newsies.”</p>			

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- 12/06 Christmas Social. Need ideas for entertainment.
- 12/11 CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
- 12/20 Speakers will be Lions Frank & Ed Weessies who will do a presentation on the Muskegon Northside Lions' Web site.
- 12/23 DANDY & SANTA VISIT CHILD HAVEN AND HOSPITAL
- 01/03 Program to be scheduled.
- 01/17 Speaker will be Lee Coggins from Baker College.
- 02/07 Speaker will be Lion Cheryl Schneider who will talk about low vision.
- 02/21 Program to be scheduled
- 03/02 OPENING OF NOMINATIONS FOR CLUB OFFICERS
- 04/20 ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS

**November 15-30 is Firearm Deer season in Michigan.** Remember, the legal hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Be sure to make your zone adjustments when calculating sunrise and sunset.

Residents and nonresidents 12 or older may take a deer with at least one antler three inches or longer during the Nov. 15-30 firearm season or during the muzzleloading season.

Most hunters know that the lasting fun of hunting comes only when it is conducted safely and ethically. Safe hunting begins with Hunter Education. Successful completion of this class is required of all first time hunters born on or after January 1, 1960.

### Local Area Lions Clubs

#### MUSKEGON NORTHSIDE LIONS CLUB

Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30pm  
Johnson Hall, Holton Road

#### MUSKEGON HOSTS LIONS CLUB

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 12:15pm  
At the Masonic Temple, 3rd St. Muskegon

#### MUSKEGON EASTSIDE LIONS CLUB

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6:00pm  
Morrow's (Apple Ave. and Maple Island)

#### WHITEHALL-MONTAGUE LIONS CLUB

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at  
The American Legion, Colby St., Whitehall

#### FRUITPORT LIONS CLUB

Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:30pm  
Village Inn, Fruitport

#### HOLTON-TWIN LAKE LIONS CLUB

Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30pm  
Northside Pub, Holton Road

#### MONA SHORES/MUSKEGON HTS.

Meets 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 PM  
Brownstone Banquet Room

#### RAVENNA LIONS CLUB

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30pm  
Ravenna Conservation Club

### The Slogan

The slogan of the association is "Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety" (LIONS).  
An unofficial slogan penned by Past International President Sid Scruggs - "Loving  
Individuals Offering Needed Services"

### The Motto

The motto of every Lion is: **"We Serve"**  
What better way to express the true mission of Lionism.

### The Club Motto

"We Do It Better - Together!"

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS,  
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### Our Leadership

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#### Muskegon Northside Lions Club

Lion Dennis Cobler, Past International Director  
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