



## We Serve

### From the desk of

#### Lion Paul J. Hoppa, President



Dear Northside Lion's Friends,

I never imagined I would be commenting on the passing of a fellow club member in this issue. But with the death of Lion Denny Bates on November 18th we must pause to remember him. Lion Denny, besides being a super 1st Vice President, was a Lion who truly understood our motto of "we serve". He was one of the first to sign-up for and offer to help with any project we sponsored. He

would move pancake trailers, shop with youngsters at Christmas, plan social events and participate wherever he could throughout the year. Denny, by virtue of his profession, was our photographer. Most recently he was working on the second addition of our slide show which depicts each of our 18 projects and activities. This is something we will want to complete and dedicate to Lion Denny! Lion Denny will be missed, but he has left a memorable legacy that will inspire all of us to "serve"!

During the months of January through April several of our members leave for warmer weather. Since we guarantee 45 meals to our caterer we have some room to invite people to dinner. At the November Board meeting I suggested that we invite people who are having financial difficulty to join us for dinner. Let them enjoy a great meal and some fantastic Lion's Club camaraderie. After some good discussion the idea was approved. Here is how it will work: Our members can bring, at no extra charge, a total of 10 additional people to dinner. If you would like to invite a person or family to dinner please call or email me first to ensure there will be room for the date you've selected. If delivering a meal is a better option that can be arranged. Please keep in mind this is designed to help people in need. If you have any questions or comments please let me know. This will be a great opportunity to extend some goodwill to our northside community.

At our November meeting the Board approved reducing the number of newsletters from four to two during January through April. I have since received a request from our editor and publisher to please leave it a monthly publication. We will revisit this decision at our next Board meeting.

I hope to see many of you at our annual Christmas gathering December 6th at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. In addition, we have Kid's Christmas Shopping on December 11th and the hospital visits by "Dandy" on December 23rd. Be sure to enjoy the Christmas lighting at Veteran's Memorial Park beginning Friday evening November 25th and continuing throughout the holiday season. The Christmas Season is a great time "to serve"! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Lion President PJ

### From the desk of

#### Lion Dennis Cobler, PID



#### December International Report

Another month, another column so here goes. My goal from the start was to give you information or activities that generate from International, something that perhaps the local club Lion either doesn't hear about or may not have a keen interest in.

I was in Oak Brook November 15th though the 20th for the 2011 Senior Lions Leadership Institute, a training time for Lions from North America that have not yet attained the leadership position of 1st Vice District Governor. I was one of 8 Lions chosen by the Leadership Division to serve as faculty and I enjoyed it very much. It is an opportunity to "pay it forward" if you will, to give back, to share what you have learned from those that mentored you. We had nearly 100 Lions attend these sessions and judging from their comments it was well worth the time and effort for both student and faculty.

One other reason for my being at our Headquarters was to personally learn how to both participate and be a panelist on these new webinars that have become so popular for "off site" learning. The webinar was originated in India as part of their Eastern India Institute, I joined another panelist from the Netherlands and one from India to discuss the relationship between the Global Membership Team and the Global Leadership Team (the one I am involved with). Being the first one I have experienced, I was amazed at how quickly the power point I was using would show up on the screen coming from India. Maybe someday the awe of all this will subside and it will become old hat but now it is like being a 5 year old at Christmas.

Lion's membership is and should be like being part of a family, if we continue to have this feeling we will continue to prosper as a club. We lost a vital part of our family this month with Denny Bates' passing, we need to honor his work within our club and for the community by adding at least one new member in his honor. We all profess to be overburdened with time commitments but SERVING our community is one of the 4 pillars of our club's philosophy, the others being GOD, FAMILY and OCCUPATION. Let's use this sad time to recommit to the service that Denny strove for.

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**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**November 1, 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 Mouw.

The Invocation was offered by Lion Weessies.

The Table Picker was Lion Weessies.

Guests: Dr. Chris Stock, Larry Strait, and Tom Hobbie  
Dinner

Program: Common Causes of Decreased Vision by Dr. Chris Stock

Announcements:

The causeway lighting is ready to go with extra power and Lion Bradfield also said the Christmas tree start will be on Saturday Nov. 12th.

Lion Hansen reported that all 384 lineal feet of concrete is in for the handicap walkways at Mullally Park which completes this year's work.

The fifth ramp was completed last week.

President Hoppa gave updates on the club calendar of events.

Lion Deb Roest said the Kids shopping Event is planned for Dec 11th at Johnson Hall for 26 children.

Lion Pellerin needs people to help in Holland with the Michigan Eye Bank.

We will have a visual display board for ongoing projects and postings for help.

Bear Lake Camp sent a nice Thank You for the \$1000 dollars donation from NSL.

Please get phone numbers for the calendar sales.

Tail Twister Cobler fined the following Lions:

Hanson - for not sitting in the official LIONS Chair

D. Schneider - for the cornhusker hat

Everyone who unfortunately had heads

The Secret Greeter was Lion Behling, Winner - Lion Dreikorn  
50/50 Winner - Lion Dreikorn - NO Joker - pot \$417

Submitted: Lion Michael O'Lonergan, Secretary

### **Regular Meeting Minutes** **November 15, 2011**

The Meeting was called to order by Lion President Paul Hoppa at 7:00 P.M. at Johnson Hall.

The following guests were in attendance:

Christine Pellerin Dunham daughter of Lion Barb Pellerin

Ken and Roxanne Woloszyk. They are a part of the flag project representing Volunteer Center of West Michigan.

The Invocation was offered by Lion Ed Weessies.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Tom Hoffman  
The Table Picker was Lion Ed Weessies

Our program was on the "Old Newsies," who they are and what they do and was presented by Chris Zart.

Announcements:

Congratulations to Lion Chuck Woods who was re-elected to the North Muskegon City Council.

Lion Bradfield - Club will be working on lighting decorations on the Veterans' Memorial Causeway.

Lion President Hoppa gave an update on our activity calendar.

Lion Bradfield discussed our calendar sales and our club business cards to be used to invite potential members. Lion Weessies has the cards.

Lion Pellerin and Deb Roest visited the Holland Lions Club.

Lion Deb Roest reminded the members that the Kids'

Shopping will be held on December 11. We will be using Johnson Hall this year. It is anticipated that we will serve 26 children.

Former member Lion Chuck Wriska has finally sold his house in Laketon Township and he and Lisa have moved to the Lansing area.

Lion Dreikorn made note of the club's Christmas party at First Evangelical Lutheran Church on December 6.

Lion Kathleen Cobler mention that she has raffle tickets from the Vietnam Veterans of American. We have partnered with the VVA on the Causeway improvement project. She also read an E-mail from Erin Alderink, one of our scholarship recipients.

Lion Hoppa - Encouraged members to read then newsletter.

Correspondence:

We received "Thank You" letter from the Lions of Michigan Foundation, The Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired and Welcome Homes Vision Services for our financial support.

Tail Twister:

Lions Kathleen Cobler fined the following Lions:

Pellerin & Zook - Birthdays - The club attempted to sing "Happy Birthday."

Cheryl Schneider - 16 years as a Lion - No fine

All those that did not shop at Meijers today - lots of members.

Hansen - Telling TT how to do her job.

Holstrom - Leaving Michigan and spending the next 4 months in Florida.

Hoppa - Using a T.W.I.T. card to pass a note.

Weessies - Intentionally having the TT eat last.

Secret Greeter - Lion Cheryl Schneider Winner - Lion Ernie Webber

50/50 Winner - Lion Cheryl Schneider. She drew a 9 of clubs and lost out on \$438.00.

The following members had their numbers drawn and received gifts from the TT:

Alderman, Loughrige, Linda Jasicki, Ruppel, Krol, Hoffman, Doug Schneider & Weessies

Submitted:

Lion Edward Weessies

Acting Secretary

### MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS November 15, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:34 P.M. by the president.

#### 2. Roll Call of Officers:

President Hoppa; 1st VP Bates; 2nd VP Hansen; 3rd VP Krol; Treasurer Wolffis; ail Twister Cobler; Lion Tamer Margules; Directors at Large Bradfield, Loughrige, Schalow, Weessies. Members absent and excused were Secretary O'Lonergan and Membership Director Larson.

3. Additions or corrections to the agenda - Reports; b; 7 - VVA raffle tickets.

4. A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on October 18, 2011 was made by VP Bates, seconded by Director Schalow. Motion approved.

5. There was no Treasurer's report.

#### 6. Reports:

##### a. President Hoppa -

1. Follow-up on seasonal meals - A motion to adopt the following for 2012 only was made by Director Bradfield and seconded by TT Cobler - During the months of January through April members will be encouraged to bring a guest who is in need or deliver a meal(s) to someone in need up to 10. The rationale for this action is that we are committed to Dave's Kountry Catering for 45 meals and during the months mention we usually see only 30-35 members. Members wishing to bring a guest or take a meal(s) are to contact the president.

Motion approved.

##### 2. The VPs will conduct the following meetings :

- 1st meeting in January - VP Bates
- 1st meeting in February - VP Hansen
- 1st meeting in March - VP Krol
- 2nd meeting and Board meeting in March

##### b. 1st VP Bates -

1. Causeway Lighting project update - Bradfield stated that it should be completed this weekend.
2. Food Trucks - No more this year.
3. Ramps - Hansen stated that we are done for this year.
4. Kids Sight Training - Lion Cheryl Schneider to conduct training at the first meeting in February.
5. Dandy's & Santa's visit to kids - Will be 12/23 - Lions Ruppel and Simerick to coordinate.
6. Kids' Shopping Trip - Lion Deb Roest has all arranged.
7. VVA raffle tickets - TT Cobler moved to have the club purchase \$100 worth of VVA raffle tickets. Seconded by Director Loughrige. Rationale is because we are partnered with the VVA on the Causeway project. Any thing the club wins will be raffled off to the members.

Motion approved.

##### c. 2nd VP Hansen -

1. Pop Corn Bucket Sales - Final report: VP Krol noted that all buckets were sold and \$500 was turned over to the treasurer.
2. Calendar Sales - Lion Bradfield noted that most calendars are out and some funds are coming in.

##### d. 3rd VP Krol -

1. Christmas Party - Lion Dreikorn states as is going well.
2. Meeting programs - Lion Dreikorn has programs schedule through March 2012.

3. Membership - Director Weessies noted that he contacted the Lions he sponsored and encouraged him to attend and he did attend. Other "missing" member is deer hunting.
4. Seasonal reduced meal guarantee - President Hoppa reported that the caterer was not receptive to a change for financial reasons. See 6, a, 1 for outcome.
5. Lions of Michigan Leadership Conference - TT Cobler and Director Schalow attended and were very enthused with the programs. They both thanked the Board for the financial support.

#### 7. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn at 9:28 P.M. was made by 2nd VP Hansen, seconded by Director Loughrige. Motion approved.

Submitted:

Lion Edward Weessies, Director  
Acting Secretary

### A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Fellow Lions:

Last month was another bad month for our club with the passing of Lion Denny Bates. His absence will be felt by all of us.

As mentioned last month, fall and winter are rather slow times of the year for us. We do not have any fund raising going on BUT we do have some community services activities. There will not be a food truck scheduled until sometime in the spring.

Hopefully by this writing the Veterans' Memorial Causeway will be all decorated. On 12/6 we will have our club's Christmas social at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Kids' Christmas shopping trip is scheduled for December 11. We will be using Johnson Hall as a point of assembly and take the kids shopping at the new Dollar General on Holton Road just past Ray's Mini Mart. If you have not signed up to help, contact Lion Deb Roest at 744-1936. On December 23, Dandy will accompany Santa to see the kids in the pediatric ward at the Hackley campus of Mercy Hospital and at Child Haven. There is always room for some "elves" to go along.

If you have information to share with the members send it to me at [eweessies@aol.com](mailto:eweessies@aol.com).

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

The Multiple District 11 (State of Michigan - Lower Peninsula) convention is scheduled for May 18-19 at the Crowne Plaza in Grand Rapids. Another fine opportunity to meet new friends. Both conventions offer fun and education about Lions. I know I included this in the November "Lions' Tale" but it does bear repeating.

One activity that we should continue to do is seeking out new members. Not just because our numbers are declining 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.

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

Have you sold all your calendars? PLEASE "Get 'er done" no later than December 20th. The 6th would be better!!!! We would like to know if any of our members have 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. At this time only Michael O'Lonergan II, son of Lion Secretary Michael O'Lonergan, is serving in the U.S. Navy and is attending nuclear propulsion school.

Just a reminder. 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 should be sent in a document format so they do not have to be re-typed. 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)

WOW ---- I was so happy to see all the LIONS at the first meeting in November. Attendance at the second meeting on November 15th was down and I was SHOCKED to hear about this thing called "HUNTING." Needless to say, I do not understand the concept of going after animals.

"Leona" will be staying away from the Christmas party on the 6th of December. It is my way of saying "Merry Christmas" to all Lions. BUT I will be looking forward to seeing everyone and their change at the meeting on the 20th of December.

Have a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

See you soon - Love, Leona

### Our Club Member's Participate



Members putting in walkways at Mullally Park in Laketon Township. **Lions Ron Hansen, Dennis Cobler, Dennis Loughridge, Larry Seastrom, Denny Bates and Ed Mouw**



Tree Planting Day, with **Lions Dennis Loughrige, Barb Pellerin, Jim Wolffis, Michael O'Lonergan, Phil Margules.**



Lion **Frank Krol** placing Flags at Veterans Memorial Park on Veterans Day, Lion Frank DiPiazza was there too.

# Muskegon Northside Lions Club

## THE LIONS TALE

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
Have you sold all of your Raffle Calendars yet? Need more? See Lion Windy or Lion Dennis Cobler				LION LARRY SEASTROM BIRTHDAY LION LUPE ALVIAR CLUB ANNIVERSARY		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		LION JIM BEHLING CLUB ANNIVERSARY  HOLIDAY SOCIAL at First Evangelical Lutheran Church			Christmas Card Day, honors Sir Henry Cole (1818 - 1874) of England. Cole created the first commercial Christmas Card in 1843.	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
12:30pm Kid's Christmas Shopping Start at Johnson Hall	Poinsettia Day - was pronounced as an Act of Congress. Joel Roberts Poinsett was the first ambassador to Mexico who brought the plant back to his plantation in the U.S. to Greenville, S.C.			LION LARRY SEASTROM CLUB ANNIVERSARY		LION DAVE OLSEN BIRTHDAY  LION BARB PELLERIN CLUB ANNIVERSARY
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	LION KIRK CHAUVEZ LION ERNIE WEBBER CLUB ANNIVERSARY	LION MIKE SIMERICK WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  REGULAR AND BOARD MEEETINGS AT JOHNSON HALL	Winter Solstice 		Newsletter Deadline  Dandy and Santa to visit kids at Hackley Hospital and Child Haven	
25 Merry Christmas 	26	27	28	29	30	31
	LION ED MOUW BIRTHDAY LION ED WEESSIES WEDDING ANNIVERSARY		LIONS BRIAN AVDEK, LARRY PENNINGTON MIKE SIMERICK BIRTHDAY			
<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b> 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 scheduled 03/02 OPENING OF NOMINATIONS FOR CLUB OFFICERS 04/20 ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS				12/20/2011 – Speakers will be Lions Frank DiPiazza and Ed Weessies who will talk about our Website.		

### Grandpa's Old English Eggnog Ingredients

- 6 eggs
  - 1 cup granulated sugar
  - 2 quarts light cream
  - 1 pint Cognac
  - 1 cup light Rum
  - 1/2 cup confectioner's sugar
  - Cinnamon
- Yield: 28 - 4 ounce servings

### How to make Grandpa's Old English Eggnog

1. Separate egg yolks and whites.
2. Refrigerate egg whites until step #8.
3. In a large bowl, beat egg yolks well.
4. Gradually add granulated sugar, beating until well mixed and light.
5. Add light cream, stirring until well mixed.
6. Slowly stir in Cognac and Rum.
7. Cover and refrigerate until chilled. 2-3 hours.
8. About one hour prior to serving, beat egg whites until foamy.

9. Gradually add confectioner's sugar, beating well.
10. Egg whites are ready when soft, fluffy peaks form as the beater is raised.
11. Gently fold egg white mixture into the eggnog.
12. Cover and place back in the refrigerator until ready to serve.
13. As you place the eggnog out to serve, sprinkle a little cinnamon on top for effect.



### 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

#### SOUTHSIDE LIONS CLUB

Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 PM  
El Camino Taco at 785 Broadway

#### 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 Saffety" (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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2011 - 2012

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THESE LIONS HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO SERVE YOU.  
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS,  
CONTACT ONE OF THEM.

**1920: Going International** Just three years after our founding, Lions became international when we established the first club in Canada. Mexico followed in 1927. In the 1950s and 1960s international growth accelerated, with new clubs in Europe, Asia and Africa.

### Lions Clubs International

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### Our Leadership

#### District 11 C1, Zone 1, Region 1

Lion Wing-Kun Tam, International President  
Lion Gary Anderson, International Director

#### Muskegon Northside Lions Club

Lion Dennis Cobler, Past International Director  
Lion Ken Fray, Governor  
Lion Paul J Hoppa, President



### *In Memoriam*

**Lion Dennis R. "Denny" Bates**  
**June 19, 1942 - November 18, 2011**



Lion Denny Bates was one of the most active and inspirational Lions in our club, having joined on April 18, 1995. Like other members, he put Lions before other things in his life. At the time of his death he was serving as First Vice President. During his tenure as a Northside Lion, Denny served as a Director at Large, Membership Director, and Bulletin Editor where he introduced photos into our "Lions' Tale." He chaired many committees, worked on most projects and fund raising activities, was the club's official photographer.

During the preparation of the walkways at Mullally Memorial Park, Denny made short work of the grading with his tractor.

A highlight of his Lions service was being a member of the Vision Mission team that went to Peru.

For his Lionistic service, Lion Denny received an International President's Certificate of Appreciation and was given a Melvin Jones Fellowship award by our club.

He was active in Junior Achievement and love being out doors.

As a Master Photographer he utilized his talents for more than a business, donating countless services.

Denny is survived by his wife of 46 years Audrey and his sons Heath and Kevin and daughter Rebecca.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.