



From the desk of Lion Paul J. Hoppa, President

Hello NS Lion's Club Members,

While 2012 is about to be ushered in we as Lion's Club members are in the middle of our year with a few challenges and changes ahead. We are in need of a few good Lion's members to step-up and take on leadership positions. At our December Board meeting we discussed the current 1st VP opening along with an additional VP position for 2012-

2013. The 1st VP spot will need to be filled as soon as possible. This is a great opportunity for an individual to get training and mentoring from experienced Lion's while learning the duties of the job. If you have ever thought about a leadership position with our Club NOW is the TIME! I'm available to discuss leadership with you anytime, just contact me.

January through April will feature the monthly board meeting at the second meeting of the month as our program. After dinner we will have our announcements, tail twister, secret greeter, 50/50 and then the Board meeting. I am requesting that all Lion's stay for the entire Board meeting in order to better understand how the board operates. If there are questions at the end of the meeting we will be happy to answer them.

Please keep in mind we are opening our doors to ten additional dinner guests at each meeting January through April. You may invite one person or a family. Just call or email me ahead of time so we can assure a spot is open. Please invite people who would appreciate a great meal and a little fun. Meals can be taken to a family if they cannot make it to Johnson Hall.

Happy New Year! - Lion PJ



Lion Secretary Michael O'Lonergan presenting the Calendar Raffle Grand Prize check to Rick Kidd.



From the desk of Lion Dennis Cobler, PID

January International Notes

I would like to dedicate this column to a discussion on the various Leadership Institutes that are provided by our Association. We can start with our own, a regional institute held here in Michigan every November at Higgins Lake. We have had many of our club members

attend these sessions and it has evolved into a two part program, a basic and a senior program. You have to be a graduate of the basic before you can apply for the senior session. The next step up the leadership ladder is the Emerging Lion Institute which is available at the Constitutional Area level and is open to those that have not yet been club president. Again at this level is the Senior Lions Leadership Institute which is open to those that have not yet been a District Governor. Yet another level of advanced training is the Faculty Development Institute which is open to those who want to be considered for faculty positions at the various institutes. These training opportunities are all on site but are not the only training that LCI provides, the most widely used training site is our Lions Leadership Training site on our website. There are many courses available for you to take online and each of us should at least take a look at what is available:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/training-materials-resources/index.php>

Michigan has another opportunity for learning every February at our Michigan Forum. Once again, it would benefit not only the individual Lion who attends but the club as well. Our club has been recognized for its leadership since our beginning, to maintain this leadership status we all need to consider taking advantage of all the leadership training that is available. Next month I will expand on this topic further. Until then, let's continue to treat each other as family and to search for ways to make our community a better place for all to enjoy.

Stay tuned for the next edition, always enjoy hearing any comments you may have. ~ Lion Dennis

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Regular Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2011

Regular Meeting Minutes December 20, 2011

The Meeting was called to order by Lion President Paul Hoppa at 7:00 P.M. at First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Tail Twister Lion Kathleen Cobler led a "Lions" version of the 12 days of Christmas.

There was a moment of silence in remembrance of our dear friend Dennis Bates.

The Invocation was offered by Lion Windy Bradfield
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Tom Hoffman
The Table Picker was Lion Windy Bradfield

After a great meal prepared by Dave and Cindy Short, members introduced themselves and their guests.

President Hoppa recognized the planning committee comprised of Lions Roger Dreikorn, Kathleen Cobler, Anne Schalow and Cheryl Schneider. Lion Dennis Bates had also been a part of the planning.

We were then entertained by the Shoreline Barbershop Chores.

Announcements:

Lion Dennis Cobler explained Lions International's mentoring program and that our vice presidents had completed the basic program. The advanced portion to begin soon. Lion Cobler handed out Certificates of Completion to Lions Hansen, Krol with Lion Olsen accepting for Lion Dennis Bates.
Lion Deb Roest reported on the Kids' Christmas Shopping trip and that 26 children were served. Many local merchants donated food and Dollar General offered a substantial discount. "Dandy" and "Santa" will be visiting the Children at the Hackley campus of Mercy Health Partners Pediatrics ward and at Child Haven on December 23rd. Elves are needed.

Lion Dennis Cobler encouraged members to get their calendars sold as soon as possible and turn in the sales reports and money to him or Lion Bradfield.

Members continue to light up the Causeway.

Lion Hoppa - Encouraged members to read then newsletter.

Door Prize winners:

1st - Lion Deb Roest; 2nd - Joan Carlson; 3rd - Lion Anna Alderman; 4th - Lion Jerry Prince; 5th - Lion Jim Wolffis; 6th - Gale Ruppel; 7th - Lion Ernie Webber; 8th - Lion Dave Olsen; 9th - Lion Bob Schalow; 10th - Lion Denny Loughrige; 11th - Cathy Behling; 12th - Lion Rich Carlson; 13th - Lion Tom Carl; 15th - Gail Kraft

Lion President Hoppa closed the meeting with a couple of "jokes."

Submitted by Lion Edward Weessies, Acting Secretary

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 B. Schalow.

The Table Picker was Lion B. Schalow.

Guests: Lion Jack Brewer Zone Chair, Eric Strait
Dinner - Pres. Hoppa gave a thank you and gift to Cindy for the great year of food prep.

Comments and Zone information was given by Zone Chair Jack Brewer.

Program: Newsletter Publisher and Editor Lions Frank Dipiazza and Ed Weessies gave an overview of the NSL home page and how to use it. Please contact them for further information as well as submissions must be made by the 23rd of each month. All pictures and NSL activities are welcome for use in the Newsletter.

Announcements:

Lion Simerick reminded all of the NSL tradition of the SANTA and DANDY visits.

Lion Ruppel gave info on the causeway Christmas lights.

Lion Arter announced the successful alliance of grants that NSL helped Laketon Twsp acquire for extending the bike path and walks or safe path to school.

Lion Roest summed up the successful Kids Shopping Event held at Johnson Hall with 35 volunteers.

Lion K. Cobler read a letter from NSL scholarship recipient Dan Barnhart that his college experience is going well.

The calendar sale is coming to a finish but we still need help to sell the remaining 90.

Quarterly Dues of \$51 dollars is now due as of January 1st for all LIONS on the quarterly payment plan. See or contact Secretary O'Loneran.

A new 13 foot tree and additional lighting was put at the north end of the causeway. Tree donated by O'Loneran and work done by Lions Weessies, Loughrige, Olsen, and O'Loneran.
TT Cobler fined the following Lions: Hoppa for leaving tire tracks across O'Loneran's lawn; Hansen for bad coins; Behling, Alderman, and Schalows for heading south and being gone; everyone at Olson's and Loughrige table must pay their fine; One whole table for not knowing what was different about this international magazine.

Secret Greeter - Lion Hoffman Winner - Lion Dreikorn
50/50 Winner - Lion Jasicki - No joker - pot \$465.00

Submitted: Lion Michael O'Loneran, Secretary



Lions preparing to pour cement at Mullally Park

MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS December 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8:52pm by President Hoppa at PM at Johnson Hall.

1. Officers present: President Hoppa; Secretary O'Loneragan; Treasurer Wolffis; 2nd VP Hansen; 3rd VP Krol; TT K. Cobler, Directors Weessies, Loughrige, Bradfield, A. Schalow; Lion Tamer Margules. Membership Chair Larson.
Absent - none

2. Additions and corrections to the agenda -

3. A motion to approve the minutes from the 11-15-11 Board of Directors was made by VP Hansen, seconded by LT Margules. Motion approved.

4. A motion to approve, subject to audit, the treasurer's report for the months of Oct. & Nov. was made by Dir Weessies, seconded by Dir Loughrige. Motion approved.

5. Reports:

a. President Hoppa:

1. A follow up to seasonal meals and clarifications like contacting Pres Hoppa for free guest meals was given by Pres Hoppa.

2. The VP meeting coverage was adjusted by Pres Hoppa to pick up both Jan. meetings.

3. Filling the 3rd VP open position was discussed and picking up the responsibilities will be shared until possibly the next election.

b. 1st VP :

1. The Kid sight Training will be Feb 7th with program and training introduced.

2. The club will buy the Service Foundation Tickets and Dir Weessies will fill out and send in the form.

3. A motion by Dir Weessies and second by Sec O'Loneragan to donate \$100 to Reeth Puffer Grad Night request. ACTION ITEM ***** Carried

4. A motion for reimbursement of some causeway lighting expenses of \$50.84 was made by TT Cobler and second by Dir A. Schalow. ACTION ITEM ***** Carried

c. 2nd VP Hansen:

1. The Indiana Lion's donation of \$750 will be put into the administrative fund as per motion made by Dir Weessies with a second by Loughrige. ACTION ITEM ***** Carried --- Secretary O'Loneragan will send a Thank You in response.

2. Dir Weessies made a motion to buy any outstanding calendars by the club with a second by VP Hansen. ACTION ITEM ***** Carried

d. 3rd VP Krol:

1. The Michigan Forum at Lansing Feb 18th will cost \$35. Delegates needed.

2. The seasonable reduced meal guarantee of 45 will be

watched by monitoring attendance.

3. Program update - Programs for the next few months discussed.

4. Sec O'Loneragan covered some membership issues and up dated the board on dues status. A motion by Dir Weessies and second by Dir A. Schalow to drop Dave Scouten was carried. ACTION ITEM *****

7. A motion to adjourn at 9:30 P.M. was made by Treas Wolffis, seconded by Margules. Motion approved.

Submitted by Lion Michael O'Loneragan, Secretary

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Fellow Lions:

Well we have made it through December with two very well attended meetings. If you have not been attending and our not out of town you do not know what you are missing. Besides good food and good programs you are missing times with folks who do miss you. Of course we miss our members who have traveled to warmer climates too but for those of you who are braving the Michigan weather (not too bad so far) we sure would like to share your company. In addition to our meetings, we have other activities coming up that will prove to be entertaining. The combined Convention of Districts 11 C1/11 D1 will be held March 30 through April 1st . The convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Grand Rapids (45 minutes away). Another opportunity to renew old or make new friendships and it is close.

This bears repeating. 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.

As you are aware with the passing of Lion Dennis Bates there is a vice president vacancy on the Board of Directors. Lion President Paul will have more information on this and it will be a topic of discussion at our January meetings. If you might be interested in serving Let Lion Paul know.

Want to know about the programs for January through April? Check out the calendar section of the "Lions' Tale." For those 4 months we will be having the Board meetings as the programs for the second meeting of each month. As always, members are encourage to attend Board meetings and express their thoughts. This is OUR club not the Board of Directors. 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. On that note, Lion Michael O'Loneragan's son has graduated from the Naval Nuclear Propulsion School and is awaiting further orders.



Dues: At the last International Convention the Lions of the world approved a four dollar (\$4.00) dues increase. It will be implemented over a two (2) year period. One (\$1.00) dollar as of July 1, 2012, one (\$1.00) dollar as of January 1, 2013, one (\$1.00) dollar as of July 1, 2013 and the final increase of one (\$1.00) dollar will be effective January 1, 2014. These increases will be included in your annual administrative dues assessment payable by August 1 of each year. At this time there are no dues increases being proposed by the state, district or the club. Third quarter meal expenses of \$51.00 are due January 3, 2012. I am still hoping to hear from our members with news that our membership would like or need to hear about. 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. Check out the photos in this issue especially the one of our \$500.00 winner from the calendar sales. The winner was Rick Kidd from Agard's Lawn & Garden on Ottawa Street.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Ed Weessies

Editor, Muskegon Northside "Lions Tale"

"Lines from Leona"

(Our Tail twister Bank)

Leona wants everyone in the club to know when she got home she fined herself and donated a paper bill to the bank (herself), She forgot to mention the following birthdays---Dave Olsen 17th, Ed Mouw 26th, and Mike Simerick 28th, Happy Birthday. Then wedding anniversaries-Mike Simerick 20th at our meeting on the day of his anniversary WOW! Frank Krol 21st and Ed Weessies 26th. Many happy returns to you all. Maybe Leona was "rattled" when the President tried to skip by her "JUST SAYING"!

As the New Year begins, I want to wish all of you a great year in Lions service. Don't forget to read your international Lions magazine each month or at least thumb through it. Be sure to fill out TWIT cards as needed and for sure bring REAL coins to our meetings. Leona LOVES hearing the "clink of coins" and even better the sound of folding paper bills. See you all January 3rd, 2012! ~ Leona

The photos on the right represent three projects where Lion volunteerism is on display. top-Hearing Screenings before school starts in the fall, middle-Christmas Shopping with young students in the area, including Santa and Mrs. Claus, bottom-Cement work at Mullally Park to assist folks with wheelchairs, so they may more easily attend and enjoy the baseball games.

Our Club Member's Participate



Members performing hearing screenings: **Lions Kathleen Cobler, Frank Krol, and Chuck Woods**



Kid's Christmas Shopping was a big success



Lion Michael O'Lonegan snapped this picture of hard working Lions, **Ron Hansen(seated), Ed Mouw, Windy Bradfield, and Larry Seastrom**

Muskegon Northside Lions Club

THE LIONS TALE

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DATES TO REMEMBER 02/07 Speaker will be Lion Cheryl Schneider who will be doing kid sight training. 02/21 Opening of nominations for Club Officers 03/06 District Governor Ken Frary 04/03 Sharon McCullar from Lakeshore Museum 04/17 Election of Club Officers						
1  Happy New Year LIONS JOHN & MARIE EMRICH -WEDDING ANNIVERSARY	2 LIONS AMY COBLER, MIKE COBLER, GREG JERKE, DICK KRAFT CLUB ANNIVERSARY	3 REGULAR MEETING AT JOHNSON HALL	4 LION CHUCK WOODS CLUB ANNIVERSARY	5	6	7
8	9	10 Peculiar People Day - is in honor of uniquely different people. Un-ordinary, extraordinary, unusual, strange, odd, uncommon, intriguing, different, abnormal, and quirky...	11	12	13	14 LION JIM ZOOK WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr	17 REGULAR AND BOARD MEEETINGS AT JOHNSON HALL	18 LIONS DAVE SHEEHY, BRUCE & MICHELLE BULLION CLUB ANNIVERSARY	19 LION RAY JASICKI BIRTHDAY	20 Aquarius	21
22	23 Newsletter Deadline	24 LIONS DENNIS & KATHLEEN -WEDDING ANNIVERSARY	25	26	27 Chocolate Cake Day, a white or yellow cake will not do. Nor, will part chocolate, part white suffice. It must be chocolate, all chocolate.	28
29	30	31	1/3/2012 – Speaker will be Lee Coggins from Baker College			

2011 Calendar Fundraiser facts - Our Christmas winner, Rick Kidd.

We had 255 unique calendar number winners; 45 double winners, some in the same month; four triple winners, Roger Dreikorn, Wendy Robertson, Barry Garabedian, and First Lutheran Church; and believe it or not, two quadruple winners, Lorainne Goryl, and Frankie Anderegg.

We had many multiple winners that bought multiple calendars, and won on different calendar numbers.

January 18, 2011 we cut a check for \$10,000.00 to the Muskegon Northside Lions Charities, Inc, Blind Fund. From that fund, we fund/operate programs for the blind and hearing impaired, award scholarships, etc.

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 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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JAMES LARSON (MEMBERSHIP)

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LIONS WINDY BRADFIELD AND ANNE SCHALOW

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

1925: Eradicating Blindness Helen Keller addressed the
Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA, and
challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade
against darkness." Since then, we have worked tirelessly to aid the
blind and visually impaired.

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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



District 11C-1 & 11E-1 Convention Registration Form
 March 30 – April 1, 2012
 Crowne Plaza Hotel
 5700 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

For hotel reservations, call hotel direct at 616-957-1770

Club Name: _____ District: _____
 Contact Name: _____ Contact Phone: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ Zip _____

If you have special Needs (meals or hearing or sight impairment) please contact Lion Brian Werschem at 231-206-4821 by March 16th, 2012.

	Registration (s) Please Print Clearly please enter information for each person attending	Registration Fee \$5.00 per Person (after March 19, 2012 \$20.00)	\$6.00 Friday Party	\$12.00 Saturday Breakfast	\$13.00 Saturday Lunch	\$22.00 Saturday Banquet Dinner	\$12.00 Sunday Memorial Brunch	Total Per Person
Lion						Beef		
Lioness						Chicken		
Leo								
Campus Club								
Guest								
1st Timer								
Totals								
Grand Total								

Please Make Checks Payable to: District 11C1 Convention
 Payment must be included with Registration Form

Send registration forms to: Brian Werschem, 3436 Whispering Woods Dr., Muskegon, MI 49444

Registration Deadline: March 19th, 2012 -- Must pay late registration fee (\$20.00 / Person) after deadline.