



We Serve



From the desk of Lion Darnell Gundy-Reed, President

My Lion Friends:

I am so pleased to be able to address all of my Lion Friends as your new (although not officially installed) President as well as being personally well and safe. First, let us all welcome to our Lion home our in-coming Board of Directors: 1st Vice President, Kathleen Cobler, 2nd VP Jim Irwin, new to our Board 3rd VP Michelle Bullion, new Treasurer, Brad King, Tail Twister Roger Dreikorn, and new Directors Deb Roest and Jackie Ball. Our thanks go to those Board members who are returning to their posts for another year(s) and to those whose terms have expired. Special thanks goes to our outgoing President, Dick Perri, and our long-standing (30 years?) and long suffering Treasurer Jim Wolffs for their many years of service.

For the past few months, our world has been in the midst of unforeseen and unplanned-for changes with far-reaching consequences. While the world goes on around us, Lions have been contemplating how we will be impacted and making plans during this time of uncertainty (with a capital "U"). Our Board of Directors has been working hard to address these issues keeping our motto "We Serve" while staying safe foremost in mind.

Some changes will be necessary, however, the Board's focus will continue to be providing services to our local community and local projects such as ramps first. We have already established a budget committee, chair 1st VP Kathleen Cobler, which has made some recommendations keeping that in mind. Also, 3rd VP Michelle Bullion has volunteered to lead a Social Media image and public awareness campaign showcasing our community efforts.

One thing we greatly miss is our regular meetings and we are finding that social distancing is HARD. First Lutheran Church is on lockdown until at least the middle of July. As soon as we can have open meetings, we will advise you. And first on the agenda will be Installation of Officers, and the Melvin Jones award.

The future of our club and the continuance of our providing quality community service is based on your help and support. We ask for your help in assuring that we stay community leaders by attending our meetings, giving your board, and especially me as your President, your ideas and your stories, and supporting our efforts with your thoughts and prayers.

Lion President, Darnell Gundy-Reed

*it's a smile, it's a kiss, it's a sip of wine ...
it's summertime! By Kenny Chesney*



From the desk of Lion Dennis Cobler, PID

Another month and here comes another column. There continues to be very little to add to the previous columns as the virus still has us at a standstill! I have often wondered how Lions clubs that do not meet during the summer could withstand a three month hiatus of not only not meeting but basically not seeing one another as a group during that time. Many of those clubs are no longer with us so it causes me to pause to wonder whether or not how this long layoff will affect Northside? Will we come back strong as ever as we have been in the past, the go to organization giving needed services to our shared community or will this become a weakening of us as an organization? The answers obviously lie within each of us as members of this club. All of us are creatures of habit but with extended layoffs from our daily routines it is easy to start in different directions once the social distancing has been lifted. It is my hope that we all will be together once this is over and come back raring to go. These are points to ponder partners!

Till next month, PID Dennis



An Editorial by: Lion Ed Weessies, PCST Lions Tale Editor

Fellow Lions,

Just to let you know that the 2019-2020 Board of Directors have been meeting in an effort to help the 2020-2021 Board get started. They have been meeting at Lion Simerick's very large garage so that social distancing can be maintained. We are waiting for the governor to allow us to meet so that our Board can be installed and we may present our 2019-2020 Melvin Jones recipient may be honored and then Lion Dorothy Rush will be formally accepted to transfer her membership back to our club. Lion Sharon Genter has requested to sponsor Billie Ryan as a member. How fortunate we are.

It should be noted that members of any tenure are eligible to serve on the board, chair a committee or sponsor a new members. Once you have accepted membership you are qualified. If you do not know, ask.

More good news!

This is a repeat. To all the committee chairs and co-chairs.

[Scholarship Application on last page.](#)



PLEASE contact President -Elect Darnell Gundy-Reed at 740-2616 or at darnellgundy_reed@yahoo.com or me of you intention to remain on your committee or if you wish to be replaced. Everyone is doing a great job but we all get tired out too. It should be noted that Lions Cheryl and Doug Schneider will be moving to Texas. Personally I believe it is all Lion John Emrich's doing. In any case, Lion Roger Dreikorn will assume the Chairpersonship for food trucks. He will be assisted by Lions Cinda Cogswell, Jackie Ball and Jill Mouw. What a team!

Once we return to meeting Lion Darnell Gundy-Reed and I will continue the new process of keeping our members informed as to community service and fund raising projects as well as other special activities. Our use of a special table where information and signup sheets for up coming fundraisers and community services projects, updated member rosters, a few newsletters and the tip box. Depending on the room set-up the table will be located just before to buffet tables, if that is how we will continue to get our food, hopefully making it easier for members to know what is going on and sign up for an activity or more. This also allows us to enjoy each other's conversation during meals. PLEASE take advantage of this new resource. If you know someone without E-mail (besides the Hansens, and Rick Werschem) or if you want a newsletter or other publication printed, let me know.

With the current situation of the Covid-19 virus, we have started an E-mail contact for our members. From time to time, Lion Kathleen Cobler will pose a subject and I will send it out to all our members. It is designed to keep in touch with our members, hear their thoughts during this time when we are not meeting. When you respond PLEASE respond to all. More good news. Last but not least, you all are asked to continue to keep those of our members, former members and their family members that are ill or recovering or have passed away in your thoughts and prayers. They include Lions Lupe Alviar, Windy Bradfield, Rol Crummel, Phil Margules, Pat Wiseman and former Lion Tom Carl, Rita King (Lion Brad's wife), and Jan Weessies. I would also like to add that my granddaughter Emily Weessies will be continuing to take oral chemo and have periodic MRIs. She is back to work. At this writing my wife has tested positive for covid 19 and is at Mercy Hospital as she became symptomatic. Thanks for all the prayers. I am sure there are others we need to be thinking about.

Please keep me posted as to who might be ill, been in an accident, lost a loved one or had surgery. We are a family. For those members that have not been attending meetings, you were missed. It is hoped that when we return to meeting as before we will have a full house! Everyone brings something good to our meetings even if it is only a smile!!!!

Lion Ed Weessies, Editor
Muskegon Northside "Lions Tale"



Next Regular Meeting
tenatively scheduled for July 7, 2020

From the desk of

Lion Pat Wiseman, Secretary
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Fellow Lions,

As we approach the end of Lions' year 2019-2020 the issue of dues has to be discussed. Some of you may have known that the Lions of Michigan had proposed a three dollar a year increase in our assessment. Because of the Covid19 virus, the Multiple District Convention was canceled making it impossible to hold a vote by the lions of Michigan on a dues increase.

Because of the aforementioned, our dues structure has not changed. A regular member's dues will be \$105.00. A family member's dues will be \$76.00. A Life member will be \$62.00. Meal costs will be \$11.00 per meeting except for special occasions. An annual fee is yet to be determined.

Dues are to be paid anytime but no later than July 1, 2020.

Payment may be made at any meeting or be sent to me at:

Lion Patricia Wiseman
1265 Joslyn
Muskegon, MI 49445

Please make checks payable to the "Muskegon Northside Lions Club." In case you are not aware, membership dues are tax deductible. Meal costs are not deductible.

Lion Pat Wiseman

Due to COVID-19

Meetings Canceled

June 2, 2020 & June 16th

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

June 16th, 2020

AT LION SIMERICK'S HOME

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M.
by President Perri.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

President. Dick Perri	LT M. Simerick
1st VP Darnell Gundy-Reed	TT C. Ruppel
2nd VP Kathleen Cobler A	1st Dir. L. O'Lonergan A
3rd VP Jim Irwin	1st Dir. J. Mouw
Secretary Wiseman	2nd Dir. F. Krol
Treasurer Wolffis	2nd Dir. C. Cogswell
IPP Hoppa	Membership Weessies
Dir. D. Cobler A	A = Absent Excused

Officers Elect Present:

3rd VP Elect M. Bullion	1st Dir Elect J. Ball
Treasurer Elect B. King	1st Dir Elect Deb Roest

A **motion** was made to approve the minutes of the meetings held on February 18, 2020 and June 2, 2020 was made by Lion Gundy-Reed, seconded by Lion Ruppel. **Motion approved.** A **motion** was made to receive the treasurer's report of May, 2020 subject to review by Lion Ruppel, Seconded by Lion Weessies. **Motion approved.**

Administrative:

1. A proposed budget drafted by the budget committee was distributed. This proposed budget will be the first item on the agenda of the July 21 board meeting.
2. Assigning of new members to committees – It was discussed that in the past new Lions were assigned to a Committee in an effort to educate them on what Lions do and to train future committee chairs. Since this is an action item, it will be a part of the July 21 board meeting.
3. Regular meetings start date (?) and meal plan – July 7 if possible. Meal plan to be determined. It was discussed by Lion Hoppa that we may go to a bag dinner to meetings or just have a desert.
4. Lion Weessies discussed the possibility of our beginning at 6:00 P.M. end at by 7:30. On board meeting nights the meetings should end by 7:00 P.M. and board meeting start by 7:15 P.M.
5. These items will be on the July 21 board agenda to be reaffirmed by the 2020-2021 board of directors.
6. After reviewing the results survey the following **motions** were made:
 - a. Lion Cogswell moved to proceed with the calendar project. Seconded by Lion Krol. **Motion approved.**
 - b. Lion Weessies moved to have the returnable collection. Seconded by Lion Wolffis. **Motion was defeated,**

Community Service:

1. Lion Irwin stated that he had already sent in over 100 pill bottles to Matthew 25 project.
2. Lion Cogswell discussed the food truck project and how they might operate. Lions Ball and Mouw offered to help work on the committee,

Fundraising:

1. If we are to have any fundraiser besides calendar sale it should White Cane Tag Days and not Candy Days. White Cane Tag Days is our most profitable street fund raiser with the least amount of product cost. Having this event will be determined by how the Covid 19 is affecting the community.

Round Table:

1. Lion Gundy-Reed thanked Lion Perry for his leadership this past year. Lion Perry handed the bell and gavel.
2. Lion Gundy-Reed passed out the 2020-2021 proposed budget.
3. It was noted that the officers meeting to formulate the agenda for our July 16 to be held at Lion Weessies house at 1:00 P.M.
4. Our July 21 Board of Directors meeting will be held at Lion Simerick's house at 1:00 P.M.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lion Wolffis, seconded by Lion Cogswell. **Motion approved** at 2:05 P.M

Submitted by Lion Patricia Wiseman, Secretary.

Our Ramp Crew is active





Northside Lions' Upcoming Events

Fellow Lions,

Please mark the following events on your Lions' Calendar:

Jun 26-30 Lions International Convention, Singapore—LGICon2020-Canceled
Jul 7 Next Tentative Meeting of the Muskegon Northside Lions Club
Sep 17-19 USA/Canada Forum



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2020 Lions Clubs International Convention Cancelled

The Board of Directors has voted to cancel the 2020 Lions International Convention, making Montreal, Canada our next International Convention in 2021.

For up to date information, click » <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/coronavirus>

4TH OF JULY
LET FREEDOM RING
GOD BLESS THE USA

Birthdays

July 6
Jim Larson

July 10
Patty Woods

July 11
Jan Snyder

July 16
Cheryl Schneider

July 18
Rick Werschem

July 22
Carl Luther

Wedding Anniversaries

July 1
Rick Werschem & Marilyn

July 9
Ernie Webber & Joanne
Pat Wiseman & Raymond

July 17
Chris Ruppel & Gayle

Club Anniversaries

July 1
Kathleen Cobler 11 yrs
Brian Werschem 4 yrs
Rick Werschem 4 yrs

July 15
Anne Schalow 11 yrs

June 21
Angelica Dreikorn 5 yrs
Stephen Dreikorn 5 yrs





Living our Mottos - **We Serve** - "We Do It Better - Together!"



The Veterans Park looks great these days, and those O'Lonergans are pretty sharp too.



We are going to lose two dynamic Lions this year, as both Lion Doug, and Lion Cheryl have retired, and will be moving to TX.



It's sad, but COVID-19 has canceled our 2020 Pancake fundraiser schedule this summer. Look for us next year.



The Ramp Crew installed three ramps already this year. As you can see, this one was for Lion Ray Genter.



The ramp crew not only installs aluminium ramps, like this one, but they can disassemble them when they aren't needed any longer.



Lions Windy Bradfield, Ron Hansen, and Dave Olson with a ramp, sturdy enough to handle a scooter and its owner.

Muskegon Northside Lions Club

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Local Area Lions Clubs

MUSKEGON NORTHSIDE LIONS CLUB

Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30pm
First Lutheran Church, 1206 Whitehall Rd NM

MUSKEGON HOST LIONS CLUB

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 12-Noon
At the Muskegon County Visitor Bureau, 610
W. Western Avenue, Muskegon

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
Whitlow's Restaurant, 4610 Airline Rd.

RAVENNA LIONS CLUB

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



Melvin Jones
Founder

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2020 - 2021

PRESIDENT	LION DARNELL GUNDY-REED
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	LION KATHLEEN COBLER
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	LION JAMES IRWIN
3RD VICE PRESIDENT	LION MICHELLE BULLION
SECRETARY	LION PAT WISEMAN
TREASURER	LION BRADLEY KING
LION TAMER	LION MICHAEL SIMERICK
TAIL TWISTER	LION ROGER DREIKORN
MEMBERSHIP	LION ED WEESSIES, PCST
PAST PRESIDENT	LION HENRY R. (DICK) PERRI

DIRECTORS:

At Large-	LION DENNIS COBLER, PID
1st Year-	LIONS JACKIE BALL, DEBORAH ROEST
2nd Year-	LIONS JILL MOUW, MICHAEL O'LONERGAN

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

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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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Our Leadership

District 11 C1, Region 1, Zone 1

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, International President
District Governor Lion Paul Hodge
Lion Gary Anderson, Past International Director
Region 1 Chair - Jack Brewer,
Zone 1 - Heidi Tice

Muskegon Northside Lions Club

Lion Dick Perri, President
Lion Dennis Cobler, Past International Director





EVENT & COMMITTEE CHAIRS - 2020/2021

First VP **Lion Darnell Gundy-Reed** >> SERVICE

Food Truck

Lion Roger Dreikorn, Chairperson, Lions Cinda Cogswell, Jackie Ball and Jill Mouw.

NM Parade

Lion Ed Weessies

Eye Glasses Collection

Lions Jim Wolffis & Rich Carlson

Ramps

Lions Windy Bradfield & Ron Hansen

Hearing Screening

Lions Michael O'Lonergan & Paul Hoppa

Kid's Christmas Shopping

Lions Deb Roest & Barb Pellerin

Seaway Flags &

Lions Frank Krol & Jim Larson

Causeway Lighting

Lions Dave Olsen & Dennis Loughrige



Scholarships

Lions Jan Snyder & Paul Hoppa

North Muskegon & Reeths-Puffer Application

www.muskegonnorthsidelions.org/LionsScholarship.pdf

Adopt A Pathway

Lions Paul Hoppa & Kim Arter

Project Kid Sight

Lions Jan Snyder & Jan Irwin

Santa & Dandy Visits

Lions Michael Simerick & Chris Ruppel

Emergency Family Fund

Lions Paul Hoppa

Friends of WL Easter Egg Drop

Lion Darnell Gundy-Reed

Second VP **Lion Kathleen Cobler** >> FUNDRAISING

Pancakes

Lions Michael Simerick, Frank Krol

Calendars

Lions Frank DiPiazza & Dennis Cobler & Jim Irwin

Mint Sales

Lions Windy Bradfield & Dave Olsen

Candy Days

Lion Jim Irwin

White Cane

Lions Deb Roest & Dale Roest

Third VP **Lion Jim Irwin** >> ADMINISTRATIVE

Newsletter & Website

Lions Ed Weessies & Frank DiPiazza

Programs

Lions Terry Sabo

Historian & Photographer

Lions Anna Alderman, Ed Weessies, & Dave Olsen

Constitution & By-Laws

Lions Ed Weessies & Lion Michael O'Lonergan

Calling Committee

Publicity/Social Media

Meeting Meal Scheduling

Lions Marilyn Eyestone & Jill Mouw,
Lions Paul Hoppa & Denise Sabo

Are you on a committee? Do you see something that interests you? Please see one of the VPs to volunteer for membership to one of these committees or events.

If by chance you are asked to help, please do so. "Many hands make light work"

The Benefits of Being a Lion

When you become a Lion, you become part of a global network of volunteers working together to make a difference.