

Muskegon Northside Lions Club



THE LIONS TALE

WE SERVE

August



FROM THE DESK OF THE
PRESIDENT

Greetings Lion Members,
With the first month of my presidency almost behind me, I would like to begin this note with a thank you. I am grateful to all of you for your support and guidance in these beginning stages, and I welcome your continued suggestions, ideas, and critiques moving forward. Although I have a great deal to learn and do this year, my mind is a bit at ease knowing I have a knowledgeable, supportive group of Lion members to reach out to when needed. I strongly believe our club is better when we work together, and I appreciate all of you. I'm also excited to share that our club is already buzzing with a bit of new activity and enthusiasm under the initiative of our 1st VP, Doug Brown. Our first club social event will be an evening cruise on the
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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

**AUGUST 5 - GENERAL
MEETING- FIRST
LUTHERAN @ 6:30 PM**

**AUGUST 7 - NORTHSIDE
SUMMER SPECTACULAR
PARADE**

**AUGUST 9- PANCAKE
BREAKFAST @ WALKER
PARK**

**AUGUST 19 - GENERAL
MEETING @ LAKETON
BETHEL @ 6:30; BOARD
MEETING TO FOLLOW**



A MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT (continued)

Aquastar September 10th, and if you need help registering online, please reach out. The promo code is as follows: LIONSHALFOFF91025 and you can sign up on their website: www.aquastarcruises.com or you can call 231-903-0669 - Remember veterans are free. If you have a social event idea, please share those with Lion Doug as well.

In the past few weeks, we've concluded our fourth pancake truck this summer at Rebel Road (3rd year at this location) and will be gearing up for our final one in Walker Park on August 9th. A huge shout out to Lion Mike Simerick and Lion Frank Krol for their leadership and the members who were able to serve in the various positions to ensure great food and service!

Our first board meeting was filled with energy, new ideas, and great dialogue—from upcoming service projects (Tour Des Trees) to new scholarship ideas. You have elected a strong group of individuals to lead this year, and we look forward to serving you.

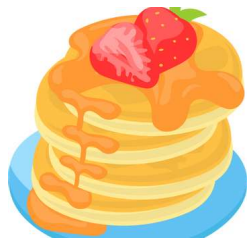
You should have an electronic version of the Lion's Roar song and an audio link to the Ravenna Lion Club members singing it. Our rendition of the song improved at the second meeting, and it can only get better from here- practice - practice- practice!

In closing, please remember, your input is always welcome because together we're not just continuing traditions, we're building momentum.

Enjoy these warm months; Fall is fast approaching!

Lion Jackie (President) 🦁





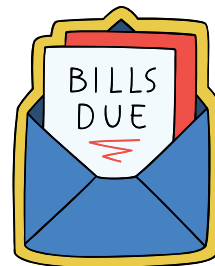
Pancake Schedule 2025

LAST CALL FOR PANCAKES!
SEE YOU SATURDAY AUG 9 IN
NORTH MUSKEGON AT WALKER
PARK.

WE START
SERVING
PANCAKES
AT 8 AM

Your annual dues are due.

Please pay \$116 for first
member; add \$87 for another
family member; pay Pat or Jim;
alternatively pay by Venmo
(code on our website)



DUE

Board of Directors 2025-26

PRESIDENT LION JACKIE BALL
1ST VP LION DOUG BROWN
2ND VP LION JILLIAN JOHNSON
3RD VP LION DEB MOREEN
SECRETARY LION PAT WISEMAN
TREASURER LION JIM IRWIN
IPP LION MICHELLE BULLION

DIRECTORS LION AMY VIERECK

LION LANA O'LONERGAN
LION FRANK KROL
LION JILL MOUW
MEMBERSHIP LION ED WEESSIES
TAIL TWISTER LION MICHAEL O'LONERGAN
LION TAMER LION MIKE SIMERICK
DIRECTOR AT LARGE LION PAUL HOPPA

LIONS CLUB LEADERS:

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OUR WEBSITE:
MKGNORTHSIDELIONS.COM



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
MEMBERS WITH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES AND CLUB
ANNIVERSARIES!**



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
TO LION JILL JOHNSON (JON) AND
LION BRIAN WERSCHEM (TRACI).
WITH 50 YEARS OR MORE OF
MARRIAGE, HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
LION RICH CARLSON (JOAN), LION
DICK PERRY (BARBARA) AND LIONS
BOB AND ANNE SCHALOW.**

**AUGUST 16 LAURA SIKKENG
AUGUST 19 DARNELL GUNDY-REED
AUGUST 19 PAUL HOPPA
AUGUST 22 CINDA COGSWELL
AUGUST 27 FRANK KROL**

**HAPPY CLUB ANNIVERSARY TO THESE
LIONS THIS MONTH:
MIKE BAAUW, JACKIE BALL, LANA
O'LONERGAN, DENISE SABO, TERRY
SABO AND PAT WOODS.**



GENERAL MEETING

**AUG 5 - DINNER
COST WILL BE \$10**

**AUG 19 - STEAK
DINNER - COST
WILL BE \$24 -
PLEASE SIGN UP
FOR STEAK DINNER**



AUGUST 2025



Photo credit: Lion Jackie Ball

**Amazing flag signed by
Ukrainians in honor/thanks
for Lana's fundraiser**

July



**WALKER PARK PANCAKES IN
JULY**



Photo credit: Lion Dave Olsen

A NOTE FROM AN INTERNATIONAL LIONS FRIEND

In memory of PID Dennis Cobler

I met Dennis for the first time when he was elected to Lions International Board of Directors at the Convention in Birmingham, UK 1998. I was just starting my second year on the board and was appointed Chairman of the Leadership Committee where also Dennis found his role.

There was an immediate connection because of Dennis's background with Swedish and Norwegian ancestor. This connection very soon developed into a much closer and deeper friendship. We found a common basic understanding of life, same kind of humor and of course same reason to be a Lion. As I was lucky to become Board Appointee the following year we got two full years to learn each other even better.

Friendship developed over the years. We kept in touch between the following international conventions and after the convention in Toronto 2014 my wife Inger and I finally found ourselves close enough to rent a car drive to Muskegon, Michigan and finally pay a visit Kahtleen and Dennis. We were heartily welcomed and got the opportunity to meet some of the members of the Muskegon Northside Lions Club.

Less than a year later I recall that Dennis accompanied me home for a short visit to Gavle, Sweden after a European GLT meeting while Dennis was the International GLT Leader.

I am so grateful and thankful for a quarter of a century friendship. Dennis - You will remain in my memory. Furthermore you gave me the best title I ever got - You named me "your second favorite Swede". Your "first favorite" was not available - it was your grandma.

Friends for ever.

Bruno Ahlqvist

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