

Muskegon Northside Lion Club



THE LIONS TALE

WE SERVE

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Lions,

Well, it's still marching band season at my house, but for many of you, it's time to get ready for leaf pick up (groan), colder weather (another groan), and the holidays. Some of you may even be thinking of heading South!

But the Lions will still be working in November and December, with a food truck, a Christmas party to plan and Kids Christmas shopping trip. There will be a Veteran's breakfast that we helped sponsor at North Muskegon schools and perhaps lights in the Veteran's park for Christmas. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of our Veterans that have served. We appreciate your sacrifice.

Until the next meeting,
Lion Michelle

Veterans Day



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

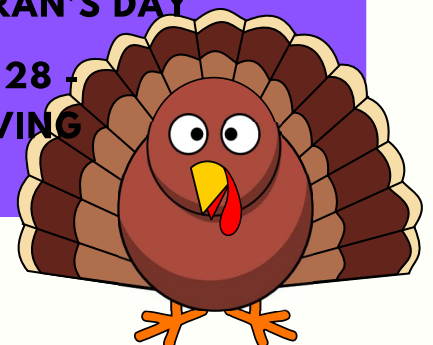
NOVEMBER 5 - GENERAL MEETING - 6:30 PM, 1ST LUTHERAN

NOVEMBER 19 - GENERAL MEETING 6:30 FIRST LUTHERAN & BOARD MEETING FOLLOWING

NOVEMBER 5 - ELECTION DAY

NOVEMBER 11 VETERAN'S DAY

NOVEMBER 28 - THANKSGIVING



DON'T FORGET



**FOOD TRUCK - NOV 15 -
FRIDAY @ 9AM
Discovering Christ Church**

Board of Directors 2024-25

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

**DIRECTORS LION AMY VIERECK
LION LANA O'LONERGAN
LION LARRY HOLSTROM
LION PAUL HOPPA
MEMBERSHIP LION ED WEESSIES
TAIL TWISTER LION RICH CARLSON
LION TAMER LION MIKE SIMERICK**

**LIONS CLUB LEADERS:
FABRICIO OLIVERIA, INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT (BRAZIL) -
"MAKE YOUR MARK"
IPIP PATTI HILL (CANADA)
DISTRICT GOV 11C1 CHERYL ANDERSON - "FOLLOW YOUR
PASSION"**

**OUR WEBSITE:
MKGNNORTHSIDELIONS.COM**

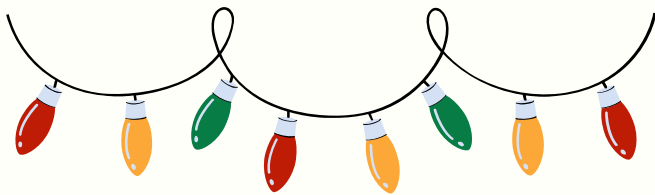


CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS WITH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES AND CLUB ANNIVERSARIES!

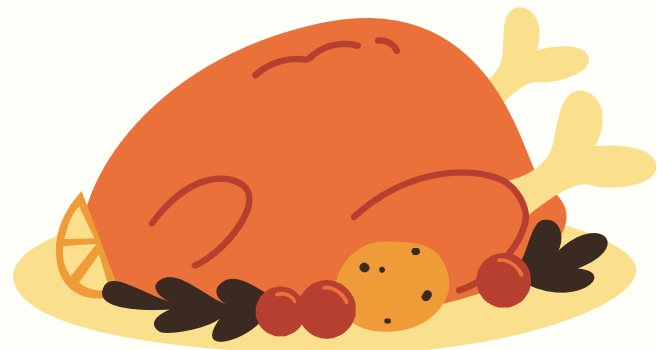
HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO THE IRWINS, KIM ARTER AND ROL CRUMMEL. HAPPY CLUB ANNIVERSARY TO KIM ARTER, FRANK KROL, AND MICHAEL O'LONERGAN.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- NOVEMBER 5 DALE ROEST
SHARON GENTER**
- NOVEMBER 8 TERRY SABO**
- NOVEMBER 9 TAMMY COULIER**
- NOVEMBER 10 BARB BONIFIELD**
- NOVEMBER 12 BRUCE BULLION**
- NOVEMBER 15 BARB PELLERIN**
- NOVEMBER 20 BILL RYDER**
- NOVEMBER 27 JACKIE BALL**
- NOVEMBER 28 GEORGE DOBRY**

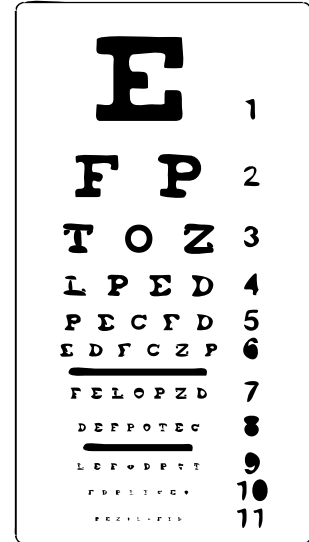


Northside's Christmas Party will be held on December 3.



NOVEMBER 2024

Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped with the vision screenings in October!



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SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBER LANA O'LONERGAN



**Dear Lions,
My husband brought me to America 12 years ago. I grew up in the Soviet Union and as you remember there was a "Cold War" between the Soviet Union and USA in the 70's and 80's when I was growing up. I was 11 years old when Ronald Reagan became the president of the United States. He was the scariest person for me when I was a kid. I thought that Ronald Reagan would start World War III, as Soviet propaganda told us kids in kindergartens and schools. That is why all teenagers at schools were trained to put on a large rubber gas mask with a tube in the shortest time**



just in case an atomic bomb happened. It was an informational "Iron Curtain" and I didn't see or learn too much about America at that time. I knew from the school's history book that American Capitalists were using people to make their millions of dollars. People were working at the factories and other places to survive and make a little money to buy food. I saw on the Soviet TV some American people were looking for food in the garbage cans hoping to find something to feed their kids. I was very happy that I was born in the Soviet Union and my parents make enough money that our family is not looking for food in the garbage cans. So, when I came to America and (continued, next page)



Spotlight on a Member, continued

Michael invited me to spend some time in Disneyworld in Florida I was so impressed about the United States and the wonderful people of the United States. I still was afraid to give Michael my Ukrainian passport to put in the safe while we were staying in the hotel. My Ukrainian friends were worried about me. They told me never to give your Ukrainian Passport to anyone because you will be trapped and can't go back to Ukraine without a passport. I was happy before because I didn't know how good it could be and I'm very happy now. I'm thankful to my husband for opening me to another World, for taking care of my Mom, my son and his girlfriend when he invited them to the US after the War started. My niece from Russia put in her social media that she is 14 years old finally and has a Russian Passport now. She was 1 years old when she was visiting my Mom in Ukraine last time. She doesn't have a clue that her country is bombing a kindergarten near my Mom's house in Ukraine where she made her first independent step on Earth. They have other information about Special operations and the Russian Army saving Russian speaking people in Ukraine. Hopefully one day my niece will be able to visit the United States and realize how wrong her thoughts were. We all are blessed to live in the USA now and I'm very thankful for Northside Lions Club and all of you awesome Lions.

Lion Lana

