



### We Serve



#### From the desk of Lion Dick Perri, President

My Fellow Lions:

Certainly these are difficult times for all of us. Especially those of us who are at higher risk because of health issues. I have been relying on my wife Barb, and my daughter to handle all those activities that I would normally leave the house for. It is really scary when I listen to the news and they describe background and health issues of those who have been the victims of this virus so far. I have three of the most serious issues someone could have pertaining to the virus.

As most of you know I am in tax accountant. I have my largest client located in Champagne Illinois. It is quite a large operation and requires almost daily contact with them regarding accounting and tax issues. I have learned to use a program called Zoom where we can communicate with one another.

Most recently I have tried to buy a WebCam to install on my desktop computer at home. I have checked out four different sources and all of them are sold out. That is for the most models that are reasonably priced.

The demand is been so high because of online educational classes and people wanting to communicate with one another by the Internet. Would have been a good idea to buy stock in logitech if we knew this thing was coming.

Even though there is an extension for filing taxes in order to avoid any contact with other people I have been having clients scan their information and send it to me by email or just drop an envelope with your material off at the house where my office is located. Subsequently on finishing their tax return I will either email or send it to them by mail avoiding unnecessary contact.

As you know the IRS has extended the filing deadline until June 15. So that gives the procrastinators more time to procrastinate.

On a lighter note I Purchased a window feeder in order to watch the birds. It is been quite rewarding since I have placed meal worms in one of the feeders and I have been attracting beautiful bluebirds the last couple of days. I kind of feel like St. Francis when the birds land on my feeder and they are just inches away. It is a joy to watch.

Painting is my hobby. I have found some time To paint my favorite subjects. I enjoy wildlife and I have attached one of



my paintings to this email. I have also attached a photo of a bluebird feeding from our kitchen window.

God bless all of you and your families.

Please excuse the grammatical errors but using Siri to compose my email is a real problem.

President Dick Perri.



#### From the desk of Lion Dennis Cobler, PID

Hello everyone out there in the world beyond our front door/yard! There are concerns about this latest threat to all mankind but once we pause to think about it staying home and away from crowds it makes sense but that is not the usual way for a Lion to think. We want to be out there doing what we always do and doing good projects for our community. I guess, however, doing nothing is the best policy for the current moment. A large percentage of our club is in that tasty age group that this virus seems to prefer so we must be careful to protect ourselves as well as our fellow Lion. We have lived through many other occasions of public health issues (polio and other bad flu times) so this too shall pass.

There are many things I miss during this self-imposed isolation but church, our meetings and the Friday morning discussions (trash talking) at what has come to be known as "my favorite restaurant", Mr. Quick's. We have started an email to everyone in the club just to check in by responding to all that we are indeed out of sight but none the less still alive and kicking. Let's keep this up.

Until next time, PID Dennis



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

Fellow Lions,

At the present time we are looking for candidates for a third vice president and a Tail Twister for our 2020-2021 board. Other vacancies may occur. Some of our newer members have stated that they feel that they do not know enough about the club or Lions in general. Serving on the board in any position is one of the best ways to learn. You do not have to have been a Lion for any specific amount of time to serve. The same goes for sponsoring new members. Once you have accepted membership you are qualified. If you do not know, ask.

More good news!

Lion Dorothy Rush has requested to transfer her

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membership back to our club. Lion Sharon Genter has requested to sponsor Billie Ryan as a member. How fortunate we are.

To all the committee chairs and co-chairs. PLEASE contact First Vice President Darnell Gundy-Reed at 740-2616 or at darnellgundy\_reed@yahoo.com or me if 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. The first community service project, partnering with Friends of the Walker Memorial Library's Easter Egg Drop has been terminated. The stuffing of the eggs was held at the North Muskegon Community Center as planned. As in all events we participate in, PLEASE wear your vest and/or a Lions' cap. We must let people know we are a part of this event. Our White Cane Tag days will tentatively be May 1 and 2. Two days at Dykstra Road and Witham Dr. and on Saturday the 2nd at the Four Corners in North Muskegon. With the closing of Great Lakes Fresh Market we are looking for a new location. If you have any ideas for replacement contact Lion Deb Roest.

Lion Darnell Gundy-Reed and I are embarking in a 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. The table will be located just before to buffet tables 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, Phil Margules 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. Ray Wiseman underwent the same heart surgery I did with the same doctor from U of M and is doing good. 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, 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 completed her treatment for a malignant brain tumor. She will be continuing to take oral chemo and have periodic MRIs. She is back to school and work. 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!!!!

I am providing you with the following information regarding future meetings until our governor lifts the restrictions for public gatherings.

As of this date our next regularly scheduled meeting will be the first Tuesday in May.

Hopefully we will have a speaker at that meeting. I promise you it will be an uplifting presentation.

Until that time we should all stay put and comply with the governors mandate.

Behind the scenes we are still attempting to accomplish necessary business with our board members.

We are putting together a new slate of officers and will be voting on that slate using innovative methods to communicate with one another. As for the upcoming white cane event. We are going forward with that as previously scheduled. You should be receiving a call from our committee chair or her representatives asking you to help on that event. As you know Deb Roest has been handling that event for sometime. Please cooperate with her so that she continues the excellent job she has done in the past.

As of this morning our governor has projected that at least 70% of our state population will be affected by this virus. That statistic is staggering. When I think of the number of members in our alliance organization I can't help but I think that the majority of us are at high risk.

So it does not make sense to do anything that would further expose us to this pandemic.

Be patient, follow the recommendations that the medical experts are telling us to follow.

Please know that you all are in my daily prayers. I look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces at that first May meeting. I asked that God protects you and your family from any harm.

*Lion Ed Weessies, Editor*  
Muskegon Northside "Lions Tale"

### From the desk of

**Lion Pat Wiseman, Secretary**

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### Regular Meeting Minutes - March 3, 2020

The March 3, 2020 meeting was called to order by President Perri at 7:00 P.M. at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church with 37 members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Olsen  
The invocation was offered by Lion Bradfield  
Guests in attendance: Marie Hoppa, Barb Perri and Billie Ryan (friend of the Genter's).

The meal was the Dave Sheehy Memorial Chili and Soup supper competition.

Chili winner – Clara Spicer

Soup winner – Marie Hoppa

Installation of new members Sharon and Ray Genter by Lion Dennis Cobler. Lion Ron Hansen is their sponsor.

The program was Nancy Watters, Muskegon County Clerk who discussed the changes in the election laws answering many questions.

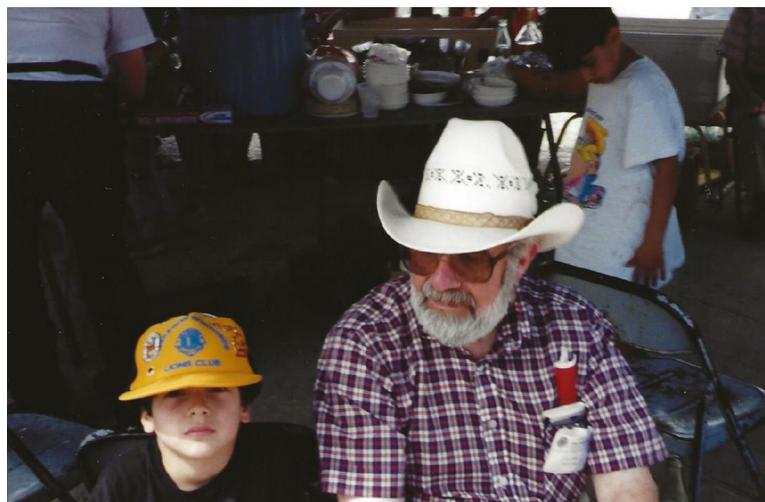
### Announcements/correspondence/discussion:

1. Announcement and sign-up table – Lion Weessies
2. White Cane Tag Days on May 1 and 2 – Lion Deb Roest
3. Friends of the Walker Memorial Library Easter Egg drop –Eggs will be stuffed on March 12th at 11:15 am. Needs lots of help. Lion Darnell
4. Tip Box – Lion Hoppa
5. Our next meeting will be a pot luck
6. All dates for placing Flags on the Veterans' Memorial Causeway are filled – Lion Krol
7. A "Thank You" card was read from the Friends of the Walker Library for our donation.
8. Lions Gundy-Reed and Weessies discussed club elections. Need candidates for 3rd Vice President and Tail Twister.
9. A "Thank You" to Lions Jan Irwin and Clara Spicer for organizing our supper was offered by Lion Anna Alderman.
11. The Secret Greeter was Lion Larsen.
  - a. Winner was Lion Luther.
12. Lion Krol served as interim Lion Tamer and announced that there was \$ 811.00 in the pot.
  - a. The lucky number was drawn by Lion Lana O'Lonergan and;
  - b. Lion Hoppa was the winner and did not draw a joker.

Submitted: Lion Edward Weessies  
– Assistant to the secretary



Charter Member Lion Phillip Margules  
February 20, 1923 - March 30, 2020  
[Rest in Peace Lion Phil](#)



We lost a brave soldier and a great Lion today. He will be missed. I have fond memories of working with Lion Phil on many projects. One of my most memorable moments was on a mission trip we did to Linares Mexico in 1990. Lion Phil had his Lions hat stolen or misplaced it? A day or two later the Linares Lions took us to a park for a picnic lunch. I captured this photo of the kid who had Lion Phil's hat sitting next to him. Lion Phil had no idea. This may have resulted in a fine when we got back home.

With the Covid-19 mess many funerals are just a few family members now. I had an idea how we could honor Lion Phil. If we know the cemetery and time of grave side service, we as members could line the driveway with our vests on over our coats. Keeping 10 feet or so away from each other. We have access to American flags and we could each hold a flag to honor his service.. ~Lion Richard Carlson

### Due to COVID-19

**Regular Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
March 17, 2020**

**Meeting Canceled**

**Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
March 17, 2020**

**Meeting Canceled**

**Next Regular Meeting scheduled for May 5, 2020**

### Northside Lions' Upcoming Events

Fellow Lions,

Please mark the following events on your Lions' Calendar:

- Apr 21 Election of Officers
- May 1 & 2 ~~White Cane Tag Days~~ Canceled
- May 15-16 ~~District 11-C1 Convention in conjunction with MD11 Convention, Holland Doubletree Hotel, Holland MI~~ Canceled
- June 26-30 ~~Lions International Convention, Singapore~~ LCIcon2020-Canceled
- 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.

#### LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

## Responding to the Coronavirus

Lions Clubs International is actively working with our clubs around the world and monitoring the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, which is changing the way we live, work and serve. This Response Center is your central source for news and resources impacting Lions and our efforts to serve the world during this challenging time. Check back frequently for updates since this is a rapidly evolving situation. Let's continue to put our kindness in action by putting the health and safety of our communities first.

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

#### Birthdays

- April 6**  
Frank DiPiazza
- April 10**  
Dennis Cobler  
Debbie Moreen
- April 14**  
Michael O'Lonergan
- April 29**  
Michelle Bullion

#### Wedding Anniversaries

- April 5**  
Brian Avdek & Karen
- April 8**  
Doug Schneider & Cheryl
- April 18**  
Dale Roest & Deborah
- April 24**  
Denny Loughrige & Carroll

#### Club Anniversaries

- April 1**  
Windy Bradfield 23 yr
- April 2**  
Chris Ruppel 27 yr
- April 3**  
Dave Olsen 37 yr  
Steve Bowne 8 yr
- April 5**  
Frank DiPiazza 26 yr
- April 18**  
Brian Avdek 25 yr
- April 21**  
Bob Nolan 25 yr

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

Lions in Service to others - Thank you for your time and talents.

Our 2019-2020 Board



**Muskegon Northside Lions Club  
Board of Directors**

Thank you for your leadership during this  
Lions' Calendar Year, 2019-2020



### 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 2019 - 2020

PRESIDENT	LION HENRY R. (DICK) PERRI
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	LION DARNELL GUNDY-REED
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	LION KATHLEEN COBLER
3RD VICE PRESIDENT	LION JAMES IRWIN
SECRETARY	LION PAT WISEMAN
TREASURER	LION JAMES WOLFFIS
LION TAMER	LION MICHAEL SIMERICK
TAIL TWISTER	LION OLIN C. RUPPEL
MEMBERSHIP	LION ED WEESSIES, PCST
PAST PRESIDENT	LION PAUL J HOPPA

#### DIRECTORS:

At Large-	LION DENNIS COBLER, PID
1st Year-	LIONS JILL MOUW, MICHAEL O'LONERGAN
2nd Year-	LIONS CINDA COGSWELL, FRANK KROL

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

### Over 48,000 Lions Clubs

Every Lion and club is supported by our international association. More than 300 Lions International staff members are constantly working on tools and technology to enhance your service.



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Lions Everywhere)

### Lions Clubs International

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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!"

#### MUSKEGON NORTHSIDE LIONS CLUB

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#### District 11C1

Allegan  
Barry  
Ionia  
Kent  
Muskegon  
Ottawa



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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



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Lions' Tale Editor, Lion Ed Weessies, PCST  
Publisher, Lion Frank DiPiazza, PCT

### EVENT & COMMITTEE CHAIRS - 2019/2020

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

Food Truck	Lion Cheryl Schneider
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 & Causeway Lighting	Lions Frank Krol & Jim Larson
Scholarships	Lions Dave Olsen & Dennis Loughrige
 North Muskegon & Reeths-Puffer Application	<a href="http://www.muskegonnorthsidelions.org/LionsScholarship.pdf">www.muskegonnorthsidelions.org/LionsScholarship.pdf</a>
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 & Cheryl Schneider
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
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 & Cheryl Schneider
Historian & Photographer	Lions Anna Alderman, Ed Weessies, & Dave Olsen
Constitution & By-Laws	Lions Ed Weessies & Lion Michael O'Lonergan
Calling Committee	-----
Publicity/Social Media	Lion Darnell Gundy-Reed
Meeting Meal Scheduling	Lions Marilyn Eyestone & Pat Wiseman, Lions Paul Hoppa & Jill Mouw, 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.