



### We Serve

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



First and foremost would be a big thank you to those Lions who have sold their allotted calendars, this has been the fastest start we have ever had! Now for the flip side, with about a month to go we still need to see the remaining 233 calendars find a home so I can enter them into the computer. Enough said, let's get them done ASAP.

I am sure that I have been experiencing what we all are, a separation from not only my Lions friends and church but everything else as well. I have done more fix it jobs around the house than I have in the past 40 years!! The main reason that I even leave the house is to be part of the VFW Honor Guard for our military deceased. Our veterans are leaving us at what I feel is an alarming rate. The next to last week of November I participated in 4 funerals, not a happy reason to leave my comfy home.

All of these months of the COVID-19 shutdown have made me realize just how lucky I have been to be part of an organization such as our Lions club. I know that many of you feel the same way. I have had lots of time to think about these personal relationships and I begin to wonder if everyone in our club feels this way? I would think the honest answer would be probably not, so that leads to a deeper question of why not. Are we who we say we are? Are we all inclusive with our total membership? What kind of club or club projects would bring about a higher degree of attendance during these times? What do we need to do to make everyone feel like an equal shareholder in the Northside Lions? I think I have too much time on my hands but these are questions that need to go beyond the pondering stages.

What are your thoughts?

Until next month, PID Dennis



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



Fellow Lions,

Some good news. Lion President Darnell is recovering from the Covid 19. Not so good news. On Friday 11/20 my wife Janice slipped and fractured her left ankle. Underwent repair surgery on Saturday. Lion Windy Bradfield is "hanging" in there. Has family and friends caring for him.

As all should know, First Evangelical Lutheran Church has canceled all activities until further notice. I feel the meetings we did have in the church were success'. Lots of information along with fellowship. The two big activities that have been approved are the Children's Shopping and the club's Christmas social. As for the Children's Christmas Shopping, that will take place at the Dollar Store next to Harding's Market. Children will come with a parent. They will receive a gift card and proceed to shop. There will be four or more Lions, working 2 hour shifts, to assist where needed. The event will take place over two Saturdays. There will not be a Christmas Social this year. We will have, like last year, two charities to donate goods to. They are Mission for Area People Teen Christmas and the Noah Project (cats and dogs). The needs list for each is rather long so if anyone needs a list please contact me and I will send you one. In lieu of gifts on might think of providing funds for Lion Deb Roest to use to make purchases for us. Member have put of Christmas lights on the south end of the Veterans' Memorial Park. Just waiting for electricity.

I know. I said this last month. It does not matter how long a member has been a Lion, you are

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eligible to serve on the board, chair a committee or sponsor a new members. Once you have accepted membership you are qualified. When discussing becoming a Lion you are asked to do two things. First ask why they want to be a member. Hopefully it will be the same reason you have, to make a positive difference in our community while having some fun. The other is, "Do you know that we pay dues to be a member?" Be sure to tell your prospective member it costs \$105 per year for them and if a family member wants to join it cost them \$79. Please note that from now until December 31st the New Member Fee of \$35 is being waived by Lions Clubs International. I have plenty of Invitation cards.

Members who have not joined a committee and wish to do so please contact President Darnell. Everyone is doing a great job but we all get tired out too.

If you know someone without E-mail (besides the Hansens, and Rick Werschem) I will send them a newsletter. If you would like a newsletter or other publication printed, let me know.

With the current situation of the Covid-19 virus, we will continue to have 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.

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, Rol Crummel, Pat Wiseman and former Lion Tom Carl, and Rita King (Lion Brad's wife). By the time you read this I will undergone surgery on my back again. If you have time, please give Lion Windy a call or drop in to see him. 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"

### From the desk of

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### REGULAR MEETING

**Tuesday – November 5, 2020**  
**First Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.  
by First Vice President Lion Kathleen Cobler.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by  
Lion Anna Alderman.

Invocation offered by PID Dennis Cobler.  
There were no guests.  
(20 Lions were in attendance.)

**Announcements:** Lion Deb Roest reported on the upcoming Kid's Christmas Shopping trip at Family Dollar on Whitehall Road (next to Hardings). Kids will be dropped off this year and more helpers are needed. Contact Lion Deb if you are able to help.

Lion Deb also reported regarding the Club's Christmas Social. We will not be participating in a Christmas party this year. We have chosen Mission for Area People and Noah's Project for our Club's donations this year. Items for these donations may be dropped off at Lion Deb's home (1361 Linden).

The Club was reminded that the first meeting of the month will be designated as a guest speaker meeting (special program) and the second meeting of the month will be designated as "getting to know you". Questions that we might like to include in the latter would be the Lion's background, such as "where were born?, where did you grown up?, what are your hobbies?, what about your family?, what do you do for a living?"



Any other questions that are appropriate would also be included.

**Tail Twister:** Lion Hoppa filled in for Lion Driekorn, with several 'jokes' that all drew a loud sigh. BRAG BUCKS included – Lion Pellerin, daughter in Oregon is engaged; Lion Bradfield, welcoming his 5th great grandson; Lion Ruppel, great grandchild graduating from Texas Tech with Marine Biogiol degree which took 7 years; Lion Irwin, oldest son graduating from Arizona State, middle son from Penn State, and youngest from University of Wisconsin.

Lion Dennis Cobler reported that calendar sales are going great. Lion Kathleen Cobler reported that the "Be Kind" signs are being received very well. (A few more are available. Contact Lion Kathleen if you need another one.) Lion Ron Hansen reported that he has "several, if not many" Christmas lights in his storage barn. If you are interested in any, please contact Lion Hansen.

(It was suggested that if anyone is interested, we would be able to put up lights at the Causeway this year, on the 'wall' that we have done in the past. Lion Alderman and Lion Jill Mouw will be looking in to the stringing of the lights.) Lion Hoppa reported on the Hardings Community Rewards program that is available to use. By using this program our Club would reach some of the monies from this program. It is easy to sign up on line and then at checkout just input your phone number and points in to our Club's account.

Reminder for our Lion friends who need our thoughts and prayers: Lion Darnell Gundy-Reed home suffering from COVID; Lion Ed Weessies home recovering from surgery; Lion Brad King home with back spasms.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. (Next meeting will be announced or posted on e-mail)

*Repsectfully submitted, Lion Pat Wiseman, Secretary*

## A Song For A Christmas Tree

Author: Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888)

Source: L. M. Alcott, Morning-Glories And Other Stories. New York: G. W. Carleton & Co., 1871, pp. 5-6.

Cold and wintry is the sky,  
Bitter winds go whistling by,  
Orchard boughs are bare and dry,  
Yet here stands a faithful tree.  
Household fairies kind and dear,  
With loving magic none need fear,  
Bade it rise and blossom here,  
Little friends, for you and me.

Come and gather as they fall,  
Shining gifts for great and small;  
Santa Claus remembers all  
When he comes with goodies piled.  
Corn and candy, apples red,  
Sugar horses, gingerbread,  
Babies who are never fed,  
Are handing here for every child.

Shake the boughs and down they come,  
Better fruit than peach or plum,  
'T is our little harvest home;  
For though frosts the flowers kill,  
Though birds depart and squirrels sleep,  
Though snows may gather cold and deep,  
Little folks their sunshine keep,  
And mother-love makes summer still.

Gathered in a smiling ring,  
Lightly dance and gayly sing,  
Still at heart remembering  
The sweet story all should know,  
Of the little Child whose birth  
Has made this day throughout the earth  
A festival for childish mirth,  
Since the first Christmas long ago.

Happy Holidays







### Northside Lions' Upcoming Events

Fellow Lions,

At our last meeting it was determined that because of the Covid issue we would not schedule a Christmas social but that we would donate to two local charities those being the **NOAH project (cats and dogs)** and to **Mission for Area People**.

#### The following is a suggested list of donations from each Charity:

**Mission for Area People** are seeking items for their teen Christmas. They requested items for teens 15-18 years of age include hoodies, PJ lounge pants, wallets, purses, colognes, gift cards for places like restaurants, movies, bowling, iTunes, Old Navy, Kohls, Ulta. Other items like watches, jewelry, makeup, perfume, ear buds, phone chargers, footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, socks, snacks or toiletry kits for boys and girls. A lot to choose from!

**The Noah Project** would like to suggest wet or dry kitten food, bleach, 13 gallon trash bags, sensitive skin and stomach cat food wet or dry, scoop able cat litter, Pedigree small breed chicken dog food, or Pedigree large breed chicken or beef dog food.

Plenty to select from.

Start bringing your donations at our next meeting **Oct. 20 through December 13th**

Thanks!!

Lion Deb Roest

**The Kids Shopping Trip** looks different this year. Approximately 30 Kids and their parents will be coming into the Family Dollar Store next to the Harding Store on Whitehall Road on **Dec 6 and the 13th from 1-5 pm** to pick up their gift certificates and be able to shop that day for their families. I would like to have 4 Lions each day on 2 shifts for a total of 8 Lions members. Please call me 231-744-1936 or email at [roostergirl23@gmail.com](mailto:roostergirl23@gmail.com) if you are available to volunteer from the shift **1- 3 pm or 3- 5 pm on Sunday Dec 6 and same for Sunday Dec 13th**.

Thanks!

Lion Deb Roest



### Birthdays

#### December 17

Dave Olsen

#### December 25

Jan Irwin

#### December 28

Brian Avdek  
Mike Simerick

#### December 30

Doug Krause  
Bob Nolan

### Wedding Anniversaries

#### December 20

Mike & Rae Ellen Simerick

#### December 21

Frank & Cathie Krol

#### December 26

Ed & Janice Weessies

### Club Anniversaries

#### December 1

Lupe Alviar 11 yrs

#### December 16

Myra Dutton 6 yrs

#### December 17

Barb Pellerin 18 yrs

#### December 20

Jim Irwin 4 yrs  
Jan Irwin 4 yrs

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



Christmas 2013



Lion 1st VP Kathleen Cobler & Lion Secretary Pat Wiseman  
Christmas 2016



Christmas 2016



Christmas 2012



Christmas 2018



Christmas 2019



# Muskegon Northside Lions Club

## THE LIONS TALE

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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
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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.

### Over 48,000 Lions Clubs

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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, Zone 1

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, International President  
District Governor Lion Robert Hohendorf, OD  
Lion Gary Anderson, Past International Director  
Zone 1 Chair - Jack Brewer,

#### Muskegon Northside Lions Club

Lion Darnell Gundy-Reed, 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](http://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

Lions Pat Wiseman, Kathleen Cobler, Anna Alderman, and Jill Mouw

Publicity/Social Media

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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.