

# Muskegon Northside Lions Club



THE LIONS TALE

## WE SERVE



### FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Hello Lions,

As this month is about warm sentiments and great leaders, may I begin this note by saying that I am grateful for each of you and the heart you bring to our club and our community.

February reminds us that leadership is not just about titles – it is about service, kindness, and showing up for others. You do that every time you volunteer, every time you support a fundraiser, and every time you extend a helping hand.

Thank you for being leaders in the truest sense of the word and for continuing to make a difference through your generosity and commitment. I am proud to serve alongside you.

With gratitude,  
Lion J Ball



UPCOMING  
MEETINGS  
& EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2 -  
GROUNDHOG DAY

FEBRUARY 3- GENERAL  
MEETING - FIRST  
LUTHERAN @ 6:30 PM

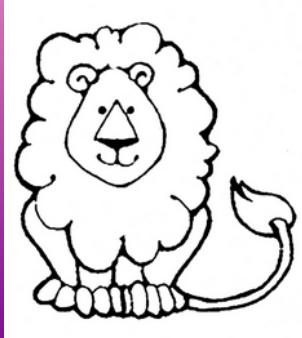
FEB 14 - VALENTINE'S  
DAY

FEB 16 - PRESIDENTS'  
DAY

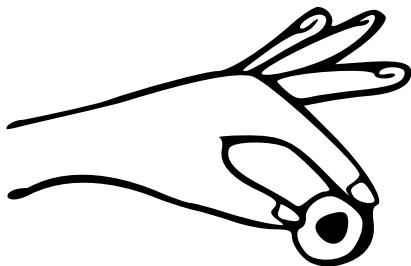
FEBRUARY 17 - GENERAL  
MEETING - FIRST  
LUTHERAN @ 6:30;  
BOARD MEETING TO  
FOLLOW

February

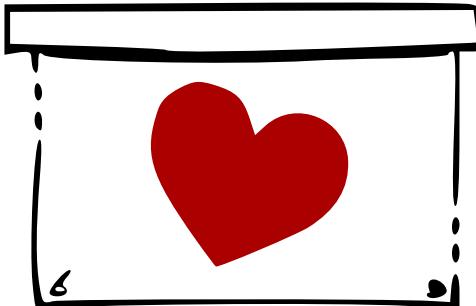
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## EXPRESS YOURSELF WITH A NEW LIONS PIN!



WE WILL HAVE RETIRED ENAMEL PINS FOR A DONATION TO THE ADMINISTRATION FUND AVAILABLE AT OUR UPCOMING MEETINGS.



### 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 DENISE SABO  
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 WEESIES  
TAIL TWISTER LION MICHAEL O'LONERGAN  
LION TAMER LION MIKE SIMERICK  
DIRECTOR AT LARGE LION PAUL HOPPA

### LIONS CLUB LEADERS:

A.P. SINGH, INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

DISTRICT GOV 11C1 EARL HOWELL

**OUR WEBSITE:**  
**MKGNORTHSIDELIONS.COM**

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## GET READY FOR OUR 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LION DAVE SHEEHY MEMORIAL CHILI/SOUP COOK OFF - MARCH 3RD

**Looking forward to seeing you and tasting some delicious chilis and soups and sides. There will be no cost for dinner but please bring quarters or dollar bills to vote for your favorite chili and soups. Your first plate of samples will cost \$1. We look forward to tasting your contribution to dinner. Thank you to everyone who helps with this event and our co-chairs Doug Brown and Deb Roest.**



**BRAGGING RIGHTS & A MEDAL!**





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

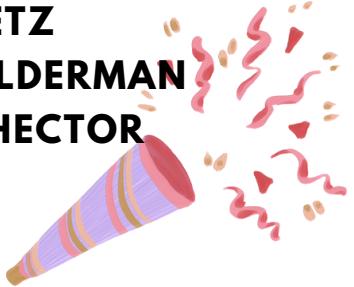
**HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO  
LION PAUL HOPPA AND LION DAVE  
OLSEN. DAVE AND JAN HAVE BEEN  
MARRIED FOR 60 YEARS ON FEB 5!**

**HAPPY CLUB ANNIVERSARY TO THESE  
LIONS THIS MONTH:  
JEANNE BEARDSLEY, BUTCH COULIER,  
ANNA ALDERMAN.**



**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

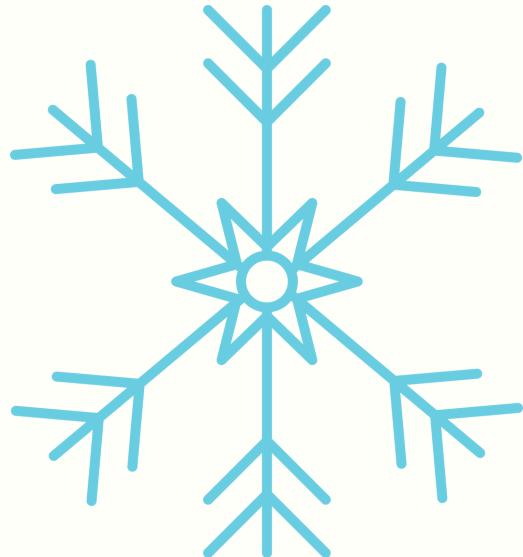
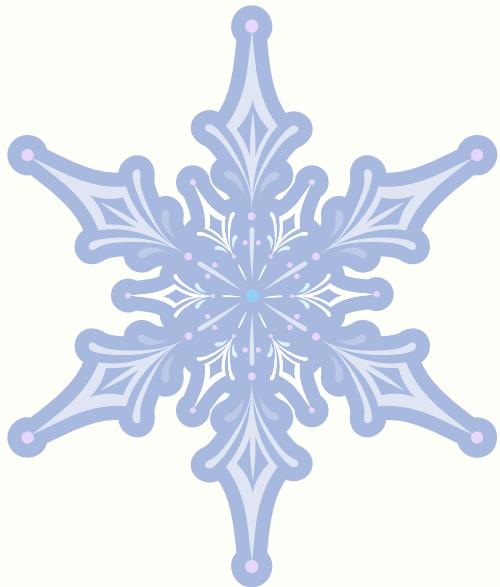
**FEB 1 LANA O'LONERGAN  
FEB 2 DAVID BETZ  
FEB 16 ANNA ALDERMAN  
FEB 21 KATHY HECTOR**



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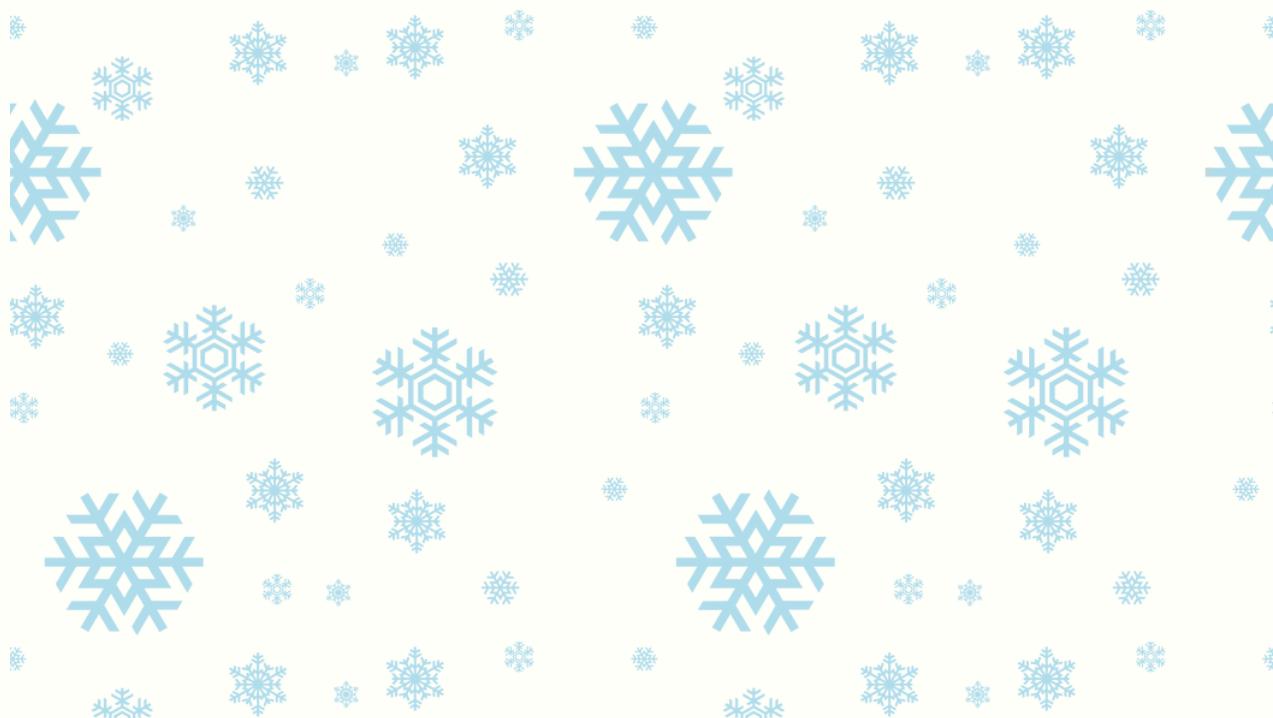


**HAPPY 47<sup>TH</sup> CLUB ANNIVERSARY TO  
OUR CLUB AND THE FOLLOWING  
FOUNDING MEMBERS:  
DENNY LOUGHRIE, ED WEESSIES,  
LARRY HOLSTROM AND PAUL HOPPA**



## **JANUARY Board Meeting Minutes**

**A snowy January meant that we did not have a board meeting this month. We canceled our Jan 20 meeting and the one that was rescheduled for Jan 27 also.**



**FEBRUARY 2026**

**Looking for a Lions event in February? Head to Kalamazoo to the Lions of Michigan Forum on Feb 27 & 28. Register by Feb 16.**

**Go to [lionsofmi.com](http://lionsofmi.com) under the “Events” tab to sign up for the Forum. Cost is \$60 per individual.**

### **2026 MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM**

LEAD TO SERVE, SERVE TO LEAD

Featuring Keynote Speaker

Kathleen Marcath, Author & Founder, ASL Picture Books

February, 27-28 2026 at the

Delta Marriott Kalamazoo

2747 South 11th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 4909

Reservation available at the

**Marriott Delta Kalamazoo**

Phone # 269-375-6000

Rate: \$119.00-Room Discount code: LMC

**Best Western Suites**

Phone # 269-350-5522

Room Rate: \$112.00

Please Complete all fields for the registration form. If you are registering more than one person for the forum please enter all registrants names in the area provided. Multiple names can go in this area.

\*Registration per person includes

Lunch, Forum and Proceedings booklet.

Register by February 16, 2026 to be guaranteed a lunch and booklet!



**FEBRUARY 2026**

## **Lions with Milestone Club Anniversaries**



**Vice District Governor Brian  
Werschem with (top to  
bottom) Lions Jim Wolffis,  
Marilyn Eyestone, Rich  
Carlson and Roger Dreikorn**



**Photos courtesy of Lion Dave Olsen**

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## **SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBER TRACI WERSCHEM**



**Lion Traci Werschem has been married to Brian Werschem for 27 years. They have three grown children--Connor 26, Jordan 25, and Logan 18. They also have two dogs, a yellow lab Willow and a mini bernedoodle Grace.**



**She has worked for the State of Michigan for 23 years and says that although her job is stressful and sometimes requires a lot of hours, she really does enjoy it.**



**Traci likes to say that she is truly a “homebody” and very shy but that she loves spending time with her kids and all her grand dogs.**

**Thank you, Traci, for being part of Muskegon Northside!**