

# Muskegon Northside Lions Club



THE LIONS TALE

WE SERVE

# May



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

**Hello Fellow Lions,  
It's hard to believe we're already nearing the end of April and that, in just a few short months, Lion Doug Brown will take the helm as our next president. He has already been hard at work preparing and has exciting plans ahead for our club.**

**In the meantime, the remainder of my presidency will be full of meaningful service opportunities, including food truck events, pancake breakfasts, White Cane Days, the North Muskegon Summer Kick-Off Carnival, and a KidSight vision screening at the carnival on the last day of school in June. Be on the lookout for sign-**

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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

**MAY 1 & 2 - WHITE CANE DAYS**

**MAY 5 - MELVIN JONES DINNER / CLUB MEETING - 6:30 PM AT FIRST LUTHERAN**

**MAY 19 - GENERAL MEETING @ 6:30 PM AT FIRST LUTHERAN; BOARD MEETING TO FOLLOW**

**MAY 25 - MEMORIAL DAY**



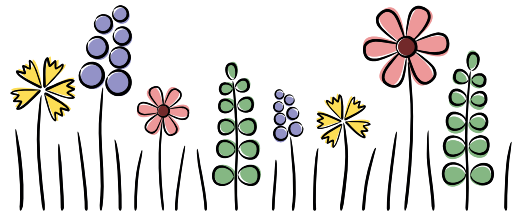
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**up boards at upcoming meetings—we truly rely on your time and dedication to make these events successful.**

**Let's finish the remainder of my presidency by continuing to serve with purpose, pride, and the true spirit of Lionism.**

**Jacquelyn Ball**



**MD 11 Convention  
Bellaire, MI  
May 14-16**

***DON'T  
miss it!***

**Lion Brian Werschem's  
District Convention in  
Spring Lake will be held  
on April 9 & 10, 2027**

**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 WEESSIES**
- 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:  
[MKGNSIDELIONS.COM](http://MKGNSIDELIONS.COM)**

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## **FILLING EASTER EGGS AT NM COMMUNITY CENTER**



**Photos courtesy Lion Dave Olsen**



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



**HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO LION CARL LUTHER (41 YRS) AND LIONS DEBBIE AND MARK MOREEN (45 YRS)!**

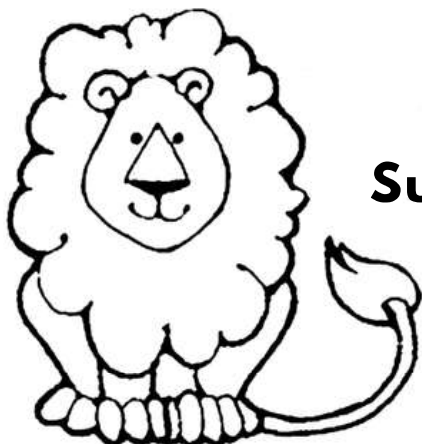
**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- MAY 11 DOUG BROWN**
- MAY 14 STEPHEN DREIKORN**
- MAY 21 DICK PERRI**
- MAY 22 VICKI MURPHY**
- MAY 26 BOB SCHALOW**

**HAPPY CLUB ANNIVERSARY TO THESE LIONS THIS MONTH: MIKE SIMERICK (43 YRS!) ROL CRUMMEL, TOM HOFFMAN, ROGER DREIKORN, JIM LARSON, JAN SNYDER, DICK PERRI, PAT WISEMAN, GARY WENSLAFF, AND DOUG KRAUSE.**



**WHITE CANE DAYS  
MAY 1 & 2**



**LOOK for your Lions friends at Tractor Supply as well as the corners of Witham & Dykstra and the Four Corners and Harding's**

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## EASTER EGG DROP at WALKER PARK with the Friends of the Library



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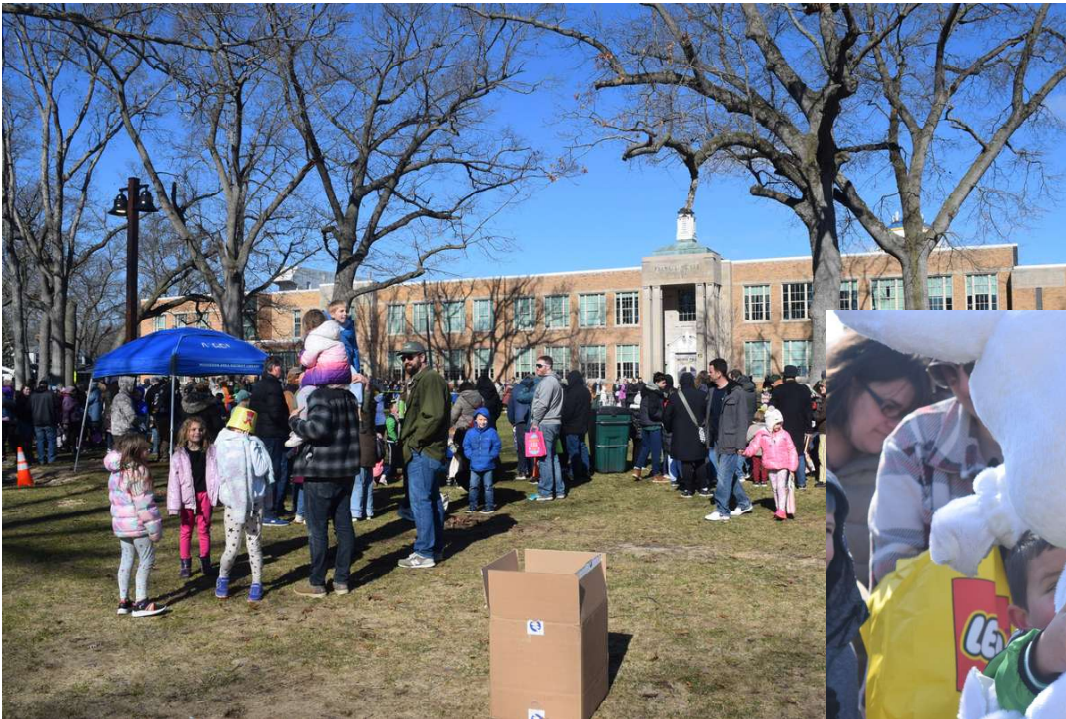
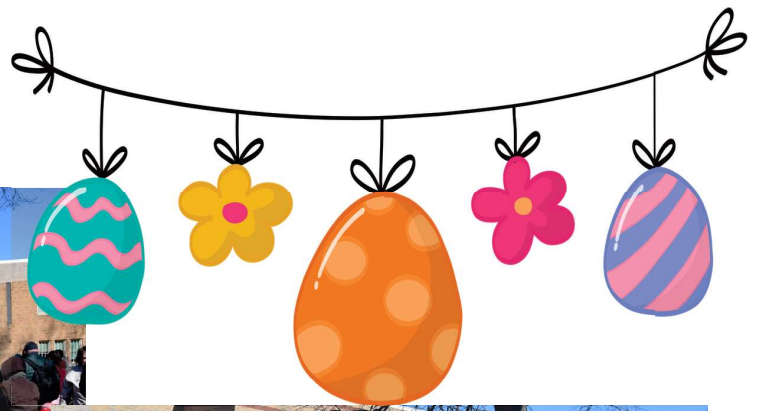
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# LIONS AT THE EASTER EGG DROP



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## OUTDOOR FUN AT WALKER PARK EASTER EGG HUNT

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**Muskegon Northside  
Lions at the District  
Convention**



**DISTRICT CONVENTION**



**(left) Lion Ed Weessies at the DC;  
VDG Brian Werschem (above) speaks at the DC**

**Photos courtesy Lion Rich Carlson**



Cutler award winners

**Congratulations,  
District  
Governor-Elect  
Brian  
Werschem!**



★★ **SERVANT HERO** ★★

**LEADERSHIP CHAMPION**

**POWER PROFILE**

**SUPERPOWERS:**

- LEADERSHIP & MENTORSHIP**  
Guides and empowers others to reach their full potential.
- COMMUNITY SERVICE**  
Mobilizes compassionate action to uplift and serve.
- UNITY BUILDER**  
Brings people together to create lasting impact.
- INSPIRATION**  
Speaks and leads with purpose, igniting the spirit of service.

**PASSION:**

Empowering individuals through leadership and mentorship while building stronger, compassionate communities through selfless service.

**LIONS CLUB IDENTITY**

PROUDLY SERVING WITH:  
★ **LEO CLUB** ★  
"Empowering Each Other Through Service"

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Award presented by Robert "Ski" Marcinkowski to Brian - "Tiggerism"



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Lion Rich Carlson

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**Lion Michael (on right) receiving the Granville and Betty Cutler award**



**Lion Paul Hoppa receives the Rod Prys Spirit award**



**Brian presents Cobler award to Jim Anderson from Community Rebuilders Hero's program for veterans**



**Photos courtesy Lion Rich Carlson**

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## **Kidsight Preschool Vision Screening 4-20-26**



**185 students screened  
and many kids  
referred!  
Thank you, Lions!**



**Photos courtesy Lion Rich Carlson**

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## **SPOTLIGHT ON A YEAR OF LIONISM (2025)**

**Dear Lions, I have been looking for an opportunity to include this summary by Lion Carlson on our activities in 2025 for several months. It seems like as our president's term is coming near a close, it is also a good time to review 12 months of Lionism in North Muskegon.**

**--Submitted by Michelle Bullion**

**January - donated \$200 to Every Woman's Place in memory of Lion Terry Hoffman-Forward**

**February - Club celebrated its 46th anniversary - club has 4 charter members**

**March - Dave Sheehy Memorial Chili and Soup cook off; 10 members attend District Convention - Mount Pleasant, MI**

**April - Stuffed Easter eggs and Assisted with Easter Egg drop with Friends of the Walker Library. 8 members attended district convention**

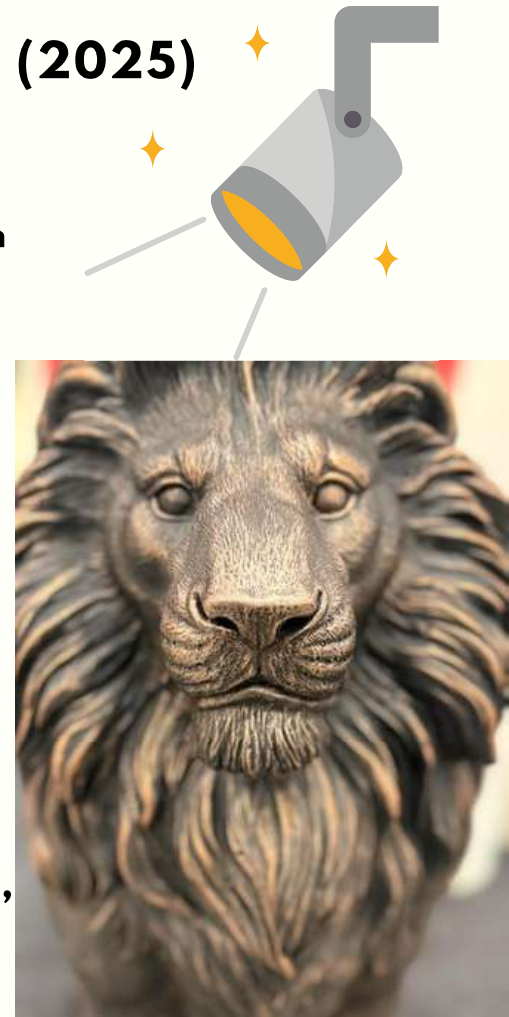
**May - Melvin Jones dinner/award; White Cane Days; Flags on the Causeway (kicks off with Memorial Day)**

**June - First of 5 Community Pancake Breakfasts (June-August); donation of 8 "balls for all" to visually impaired/blind children; helped with the end-of-school-year carnival at Walker Park**

**July - Installation of new officers**

**August - Northside Community Parade; Tour des Trees Aid Station**

**September - ABVI 5K Walk/Run; club social on Aquastar; District project donation to RISE; Candy Days**



**Photo courtesy Lion Rich Carlson**

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## **CONTINUED, SPOTLIGHT ON A YEAR OF LIONISM (2025)**

**October - fall educator mini-grants (over \$24K lifetime); Kidsight school screenings at 18 schools, 5800 students screened; Central Elementary Walk&Roll to School volunteers; donations to St. Mary of the Wood baby pantry and Hillcrest Living Center; multiple donations to non-profit organizations at Project Night; Helen Keller Fellowship award to Lion Pat Wiseman**

**November - food truck; North Muskegon breakfast for Veterans**

**December - Circle of Trees in Walker park; holiday social at First Lutheran; Christmas party at the Krol's; donations for Pound Buddies and Every Woman's Place; Christmas shopping with Kids; inducted 3 new members; Santa and Dandy Lion visit Every Woman's Place; 1000 Raffle Tickets Sold**

**In 2025 we... held 24 club meetings and 12 board meetings;  
enjoyed the food committee preparing 20 meals for the club;  
sponsored 3 food trucks;  
maintained 14 locations for mint sales and recycled eyeglasses and hearing aids;  
cleaned up bike paths in Laketon Township;  
also donated to Love Cafe toward the purchase of an AED.**

**Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the club in 2025. You can probably add other things we did in 2025 to this list. What can we do as Lions in 2026?**