

Muskegon Northside Lions Club



THE LIONS TALE

WE SERVE

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Lions,

My letter this month is short and sweet because, in part, the newsletter has so much to say. Our club had a food truck this month, awarded teacher mini-grants and had a member go on a Mission Trip. DG Michael has kindly written a great article on who a district governor is.

I know that many of you will choose to spend your winter somewhere warmer than West Michigan. We will miss you at our meetings the next few months. Safe travels.

No matter where you spend December, I hope this holiday season is everything you are hoping for and more. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Until the next meeting,
Lion Michelle



UPCOMING
MEETINGS & EVENTS

**DECEMBER 5 - PARTY
ARRIVE 5:45-6:20 PM
FIRST LUTHERAN**

**DECEMBER 19 @ 6:30
PM FIRST LUTHERAN -
BOARD MEETING
TO FOLLOW**

**DECEMBER 10
KIDS' CHRISTMAS
SHOPPING TRIP**

**DECEMBER 25
CHRISTMAS**



Board of Directors 2023-24

- 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 RICH CARLSON**
- LION TAMER LION MIKE SIMERICK**

- LIONS CLUB LEADERS:**
- DR. PATTI HILL INTERNATIONAL**
- PRESIDENT**
- DISTRICT GOV 11C1 MICHAEL O'LONERGAN**

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MEMBER BIRTHDAYS!
DECEMBER 17 DAVE OLSEN
DECEMBER 24 AMY VIREECK
DECEMBER 25 JAN IRWIN
DECEMBER 28 MIKE SIMERICK &
DECEMBER 28 BRIAN AVDEK
DECEMBER 30 DOUG KRAUSE
DECEMBER 30 BOB NOLAN

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS WITH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES AND CLUB ANNIVERSARIES!**
**OUR CLUB ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH INCLUDE
LIONS LUPE ALVIAR, MYRA DUTTON, BARB PELLERIN AND
JIM & JAN IRWIN.**

Photos courtesy of Lion Rich Carlson



**Photos from the Oct Lions Mission trip to
Jamaica**
**Pictured (L to R), the Carlson family: Rich,
Adam, Kevin and Joan. Adam and Kevin are
members of the Grand Rapids Lions Club.**

**FROM THE DESK OF THE
DISTRICT GOVERNOR,
LION MICHAEL O'LONERGAN**



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The District 11C1 board is somewhat like our own club board of directors with some similar titles and some different. At the district meetings we are making decisions for the 6 counties and 29 clubs that make up 11C1. Those decisions involve district projects, starting, closing, or consolidating clubs, helping clubs with problem solving, leadership training, service training, service recording, and membership questions with an open mind to any and all other requests. The district serves as a go between state {MD11} and our local clubs in our area.

Back to the title -- what is a district governor and what does he or she do? A district governor is part club president, part orchestra director, part coach, part politician, and most of all the glue that holds all of these people together making a successful team. Part of the District Governors job is to serve on the Counsel of Governors. There are 10 governors in lower Michigan and one in the UP. Just like the district meetings we are solving, voting on, acting on most of the above-mentioned duties.

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FOOD TRUCK PHOTOS courtesy of Lion Jackie Ball

DECEMBER 2023

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 8:07 PM by Pres. Michelle Bullion

Present: Lions Bullion, Ball, Johnson, Wiseman, Irwin, Hoppa, Holstrom, O'Lonergan, Viereck, Weessies, Carlson, Simerick

Absent: Lion Brown

Motion made by Lion Holstrom, seconded by Lion Weessies, to approve the October 17 Board meeting agenda. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lion Wiseman, seconded by Lion Carlson, to approve the minutes of the September 2023 Board meeting. Motion carried.

Motion made by Pres. Bullion, seconded by Lion Weessies to accept the Sept. financial reports as submitted, subject to audit. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Tax preparation - Motion made by Lion Irwin, seconded by Lion Weessies, to pay the dues of 2023-24 for all the work done by Lion Dick Perri for our tax preparations. Motion carried.

Gift cards - Motion made by Lion Hoppa, seconded by Lion Wiseman, to purchase 10 more gift cards at \$25 each, for the second-chance drawings of our general meetings for a total of \$250 (from our admin. fund). Motion carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Lion Irwin will be sending a check for \$500 for orthodontic services provided for a young person (authorized by vote at our September Board meeting).

ROUND TABLE:

Lion Johnson - raffle tickets will have a new look for 2024.

Lion Hoppa - reminder of Kid's Christmas Shopping - limit of \$50 each and a total of \$1500 towards this project. Lion Deb Roest is coordinator.

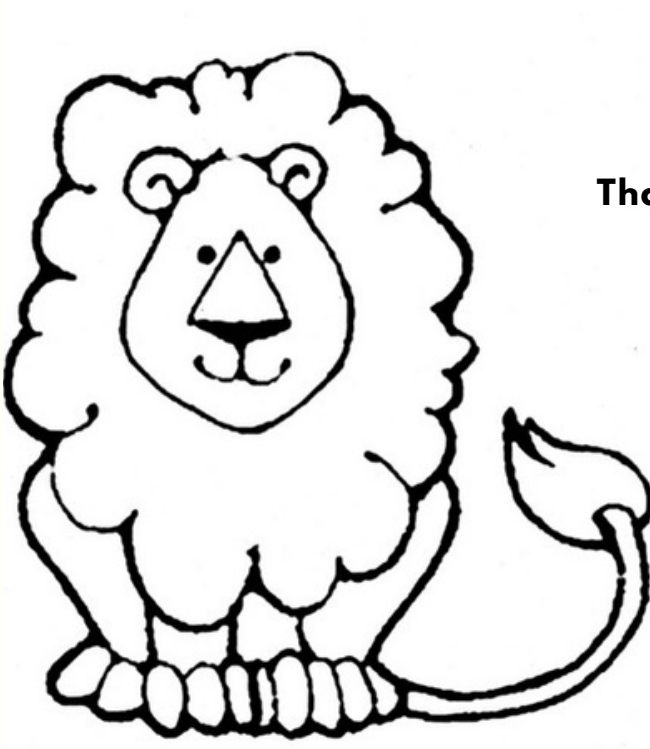
Lion Irwin - Lions Mouw and Alderman for gift baskets at our Christmas party - approved \$150 and at this time have spent \$68.71.

Lion Ball expressed interest in being included in future mission trips that involve several NS Lions.

Motion made by Lion Weessies, seconded by Lion Irwin to adjourn our meeting. Motion carried.

We adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Lion Pat Wiseman, Secretary**



**Thank you to all Lions who bought
or sold raffle tickets!**

See you in 2024!