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## Muskegon Northside Lions Club

THE LIONS TALE



#### **WE SERVE**

### FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

### Dear Fellow Lions,

"Soup's On!" is what I have to say to all of you. Twice a month dinner is on the table at First Lutheran and we are ready to share fellowship at the tables before we get down to the business of the meeting. And truth be told, fellowship IS actually a big part of the business of the meeting.

Looking forward to the chili and soup the first meeting of this month but also I wanted to point out that in some way or another, we have been saying "Soup's On" for 45 years.

I feel like not enough important things have been said about our club's sapphire anniversary on Feb 1. We are very fortunate to have 4 charter members attend our meetings regularly. We are very lucky to have so many members that have contributed to the history and to the every day operations of the club regardless of how many years of membership they can claim.

Until the next meeting, Lion Michelle



UPCOMING
MEETINGS & EVENTS

MARCH 5 -DAVE SHEEHY MEMORIAL CHILI/SOUP

MARCH 5 -GENERAL MEETING 6:30 PM, 1ST LUTHERAN

MARCH 14 FILL EASTER EGGS!
10 AM - COMMUNITY
CENTER NEXT TO
WALKER LIBRARY

MARCH 19 -GENERAL MEETING 6:30PM, FIRST

LUTHERAN & BOARD
MEETING FOLLOWING

MARCH 23 - 10:30 AM
EASTER EGG DROP
WALKER PARK!!





Photos shared from 2024 Suriname **Vision Mission group** 

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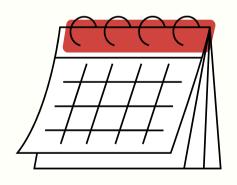
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# MEMBER BIRTHDAYS MARCH 8 KEVIN DEAN ED WEESSIES MARCH 15 MICHAEL HAUEISEN MARCH 20 TOM HOFFMAN MARCH 21 DENNY LOUGHRIGE MARCH 25 BUTCH COULIER

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS WITH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES AND CLUB ANNIVERSARIES!
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE COULIERS, THE PORTERS AND THE SABOS.
HAPPY CLUB ANNIVERSARY TO SHARON GENTER.





### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

PLEASE DON'T MISS HELPING THE FRIENDS OF THE WALKER LIBRARY WITH THEIR EASTER EGG DROP THIS YEAR! STUFF EGGS WITH CANDY ON THE 14TH AT 10 AM (COMMUNITY CENTER NEXT TO THE NM LIBRARY). HELP WITH THE EGG DROP ON THE 23RD AT 10:30 AM. SEE DARNELL OR FRANK IF YOU NEED MORE DETAILS.

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



We are now firmly entrenched into the last third of our Lions year and I think it is time to remember to not forget the basics. So, for us remembering the basics or what got us here, can help us refocus on what is important. I think it is good to always remember "why did you become a Lion"?. And when did you REALLY BECOME ONE?

We have MANY good service projects. How about fitting some service, in there, for our forgotten veterans, Or fireman, Or Police. Even our active military sometimes need our service.

Remember to say THANK YOU often. I do not think you can say Thank you enough. After all, it really IS the only thing that we get paid with. All of the wonderful things our club people do is not really for recognition, BUT IT IS, NICE TO HEAR AN Officer OR another member tell them they did a great job and a Thanks!

Celebrate the service that our club provides to our community. Oftentimes, we simply complete a project and move on to the next without taking the time to pause, reflect and then celebrate with our members and our communities the good that has been accomplished. As Lions we need to share our successes so that our communities know that we are there for them and that we are always ready and able for more. By celebrating our successes, we can entice others to join with us in our mission of service. Finally, by celebrating our successes, through print and social media we are able to share the message that Lions truly are a wonderful worldwide service organization.

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I leave you with two appropriate quotes, the first, from St. Francis who once said: "Start with what is necessary. Then do what is possible. Then suddenly, you are doing the impossible." The second is from Edith Wharton, the Pulitzer Prize winning novelist who said: "There are two ways of spreading light – to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it." Lions are a beacon of light for the world.

-DG Lion Michael



### SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBER: JACQUELINE BALL

Jackie is our club's First Vice President. She is married to John and mother to two girls, Jordan who recently graduated from GVSU and Jadyn who is a sophomore in the nursing program at WMU. In addition to volunteering, she likes to read, write, travel and visit beautiful beaches.

She says that being a member of the Lions ha enabled her to give back to our community. She felt humbled by going on the recent mission trip to Suriname. She was able to meet and work with many wonderful people from South America and Michigan on the trip. She says the act of helping on the trip made her realize the need for vision care around the world.

Jackie at a Lions sponsored food truck.



