



### We Serve



**From the desk of  
Lion Darnell Gundy-Reed,  
President**

Hello Friends: Well, it's really official....at our August 4th meeting in Walker Park, our new board was officially installed by Past District Governor Paul Hodge, who also presented membership awards, Jill Mouw's committee presented the Melvin Jones Fellowship award to Lion Butch Coulier, and Dennis Cobler gave a heartwarming welcome to our brand new American citizen, Lana O'Lonergan. I was so pleased to see 38 Lions members and 3 guests in attendance and to see so many Lion faces was exciting and rewarding. In this pandemic, there are no certainties other than change and that is the hardest thing to face. And with the changing of the guard, so to speak, of our club, we are impacted with many changes which will continue to affect us for the foreseeable future, some welcome and some not. We will be meeting again on September 1 in Walker Park, and our board will be bringing you up-to-date on changes in the works and anticipated changes dues to the virus and its various closures over the months ahead. Hopefully what our new board will be presenting to you for the upcoming year will be welcome and satisfactory, and of course, we will be looking to you, our members, to share your ideas and suggestions as well as your support. For instance, the board has elected to not have our usual spring/summer fundraisers until the following spring and we are also in the process of discussing and then implementing new ways to continue to present our holiday events that allow for keeping all participants safe and healthy. With all of us working together to follow our motto of "We Serve," we can continue to provide services to our community knowing that we are a vital component to the well-being of our friends and neighbors. I very much appreciate your continued support and with the support of our new board, we will weather this too and come out better in the future together as Friends and Lions.

President Darnell Gundy-Reed

***"To everyone battling a difficulty or under attack right now, smile, keep your head up, keep moving and stay positive, you'll get through it."  
— Germany Kent***



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

Fellow Lions,

**PLEASE READ AND TAKE HEED!**

The continued shut down from the virus has negated all of our local fund-raising efforts except the raffle calendar. This annual \$10,000 raised goes into our community efforts fund which we have spent very wisely over the past 20+ years and makes our club a go to club in times of shared community needs. The time has come for all of us to rally around the sales efforts for the 2021 raffle calendar. We have 8 very dedicated Lions that have already stepped forward to make this year another success. A very big thanks goes to Lion Frank DiPiazza who puts the calendar together ready for the printer as well as writing and mailing all the winning checks, Lion Ed Weessies who gets the needed paperwork together for our state license as well as serving as one of our team captains, Lions Frank Krol, Lion Bob Schalow, Lion Jim Irwin and Lion PJ Hoppa who serve as team captains. Many thanks go to Lion Kathleen Cobler who puts in many hours with me preparing the calendars to be placed in the hands of the captains. Thanks also to the many Lions that procured the ads that pay for the printing of the calendars.

Now that this has been said, it will soon be time for each of us to do our part in making sure we have funding for our projects by selling the 1,000 calendars. We will have all of the listings of who bought calendars last year so that you will have a running start on your sales. We know there may be some snags this year due to the virus but nothing dedication can't overcome. We have not been able to put in the time for White Cane, Candy Days or our world famous Pancake Wagon Days so this is the only personal efforts needed for fund raising this year so please consider being a willing participant. Thank you!

Till next month, PID Dennis

The photo page has some vintage pics. We have a lot to be proud of, as Lions of the Northside.  
~Lion Frank DiPiazza, *The Tale* Publisher.

[Scholarship Application on last page.](#)



### An Editorial by:

**Lion Ed Weessies, PCST**  
**Lions Tale Editor**

Fellow Lions,

From all reports, our first meeting on August 4th was a rousing success. I am so sorry I could not attend. Our immediate past district governor installed our 2020-2021 board of directors and also gave out membership chevrons. Lion Jill Mouw presented our 2019-2020 Melvin Jones Fellowship to recipient Lion Butch Coulier. The meeting was also a "Farewell" to Lions Cheryl and Doug Schneider who have moved to Texas and a celebration for Lion Lana O'Lonergan who was officially sworn in as a citizen of the United States of America. How fortunate we are.

Our next meeting will be September 1 at 7:00 P.M. at Walker Park where we met this month. No meal. Bring a chair. IF the weather is raining the meeting will be postponed until September 15 – same time and place.

It should be noted that members of any tenure are 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 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.

Lion Roger Dreikorn and his team consisting of Lions Cinda Cogswell, Jackie Ball and Jill Mouw will be co-ordinating our food truck events. What a team! Our first truck will be on September 10 beginning at 4:00 p.m. As mentioned last month, this project will be accomplished in a different way. Lion Roger Dreikorn has stated that prior to the arrival of the folks seeking food, Lions and friends will pack up boxes of food. As recipients arrive, they will be lined up in the parking lot, receive a line up number and when the distribution time comes they will be directed to the trailer area. There they will stop, open their trunk or back seat where the food boxes will be placed and then they can leave. If they wish, the can return to the staging area for a second time through depending on the availability of food. No more self serve as we have done in the past. This process should be faster and safer for all. PLEASE contact Lion Dreikorn as soon as possible

letting him know you will help with the food distribution.

This is a repeat. To all the committee chairs and co-chairs. PLEASE contact President Darnell Gundy-Reed at 740-2616 or at darnellgundy\_reed@yahoo.com or me of your intention to remain on your committee or if you wish to be replaced. 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.

Lion Darnell Gundy-Reed and I will continue to keep our members informed as to community service and fund raising projects as well as other special activities. Our use of a special table where information and signup sheets for up coming fundraisers and community services projects, updated member rosters, a few newsletters and the tip box. If you know someone without E-mail (besides the Hansens, and Rick Werschem) or if you want 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, Windy Bradfield, Rol Crummel, Pat Wiseman and former Lion Tom Carl, Rita King (Lion Brad's wife), and Jan Weessies. At this writing my wife has tested positive for Covid 19 again and is at Robinswood – Northcrest Assisted Living. Her only symptoms are fatigue and shortness of breath. Thanks for all the prayers. 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"

***"You will never learn to swim by looking out  
across the water."  
— Daniel Leaver***

# Muskegon Northside Lions Club

## THE LIONS TALE

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### From the desk of

**Lion Pat Wiseman, Secretary**  
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**Due to COVID-19**  
**Regular Meeting Canceled**  
August 18th

### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 18th, 2020



#### AT LION Ed Weessies' HOME

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.  
by President Darnell Gundy-Reed.

### ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

President Darnell Gundy-Reed

	LT M. Simerick	
1st VP Kathleen Cobler	TT R. Dreikorn	A
2nd VP Jim Irwin	1st Dir. J. Ball	
3rd VP Michelle Bullion	1st Dir. Deb Roest	A
Secretary P. Wiseman	2nd Dir. J. Mouw	
Treasurer Brad King	2nd Dir. M. O'Lonergan	
IPP D. Perri	Membership E. Weessies	
Dir. D. Cobler		

A = Absent Excused

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the meetings held on July 21, 2020 by Lion O'Lonergan, seconded by Lion Weessies. Motion approved.

A motion was made to receive the treasurer's report of July, 2020 subject to review, by Lion Weessies, seconded by Lion O'Lonergan. Motion approved.

### Administrative:

- Regular meetings start date - A motion was made by Lion Weessies to hold a regular club meeting on September 1 at 7:00 P.M. at Walker Memorial Park without a meal. Motion was seconded by Lion King. Motion approved.
- Calling of absent members – Lion Weessies. Topic was deferred to another meeting. Distribution of proceeds from sale of convection oven. The \$800.00 paid for the convection oven was deposited into the activities fund.

### Community Service:

- Installation of Handicapped playground equipment at Mullally Park – Members to be informed.

- Food truck – Lion Mouw – Activity scheduled for September 10. Members to arrive by 4 P.M.
- Be Kind Signs – Lion K. Cobler moved we purchase 50 of the signs at a cost of \$195.00. Signs to be distributed to members. Motion was seconded by Lion Weessies. Motion approved.

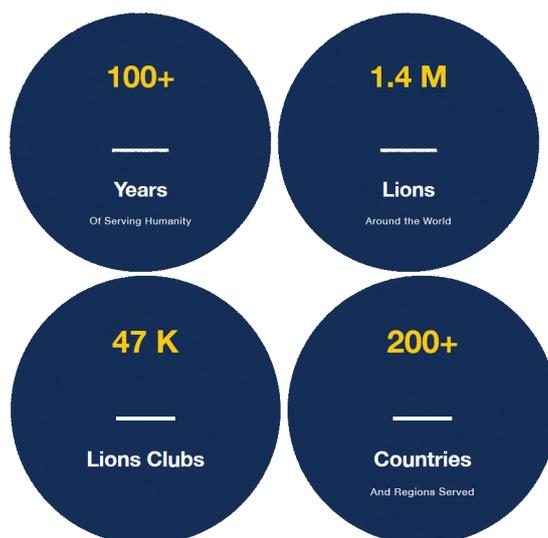
### Fundraising:

- Calendar Sales update – Lion Dennis Cobler reported that calendars are at the printer. Have a few sponsors who have yet to pay. Lion DiPiazza to do invoicing.
- Lion D. Cobler reported that the Ravenna Lions have pledged \$500 to the purchase of the special printer for visually impaired students. Fruitport pledged \$600 leaving our portion at approximately \$650.
- Fund Raising - ? Go Fund Me Page – It was discussed that should we proceed with this fund raiser that the money raised would be designated to a local need that would be receptive to donors. One idea was for school supplies normally provided by students. This could help low income students.

### Round Table:

- Lion Ball – are we checking into a place to meet once the weather changes? Kind of waiting for word from the state and First Evangelical Lutheran Church.
- Lion Mouw mentioned that the food truck committee was having a Zoom meeting tomorrow (8/19). President Darnell expressed her thanks to Lion Mouw for her presentation of the Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Butch Coulier.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:20 P.M. by Lion Weessies, seconded by Lion K. Cobler. Motion approved.



### Northside Lions' Upcoming Events

Fellow Lions,

Please mark the following events on your Lions' Calendar:

- Sep 1 Regular Meeting, at Walker Park
- Sep 7 Veterans Park Flags on Labor Day, Lions Michael & Lana O'Lonergan
- Sep 10 Food Truck, 4:00pm, First Lutheran Church
- Sep 17-19 USA/Canada Forum **Canceled**
- Nov 11 Veterans Park Flags on Labor Day, Lion Jim & Penny Larson



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### Birthdays      Wedding Anniversaries      Club Anniversaries

- September 8**  
Rol Crummel
- September 18**  
Ron Hansen
- September 20**  
Denise Sabo
- September 23**  
Deborah Roest
- September 29**  
Clara Spicer

- September 2**  
Mike Baauw & Denise
- September 5**  
Ray Genter & Sharon
- September 6**  
Gary Wenzlaff & Barbara
- September 8**  
Bruce Bullion & Michelle

- September 4**  
Darnell Gundy-Reed 8 yrs
- September 6**  
Carl Luther 4 yrs

#### Centennial Service Challenge

*To celebrate 100 years of serving humanity, we challenged Lions from around the world to serve 100 million people during our celebration. In true Lion fashion, that number was more than doubled—with more than 248 million people served.*

# Muskegon Northside Lions Club

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



We missed the Parade this year. It's an event that everyone loves, and many participate. Maybe next year.



We are going to miss Lions Doug & Cheryl. They were so giving, to share their home with Exchange Students each year.



We enjoy getting together to work the Pancake Breakfast at the North Muskegon Art Fair. This was from 2016.



The Ramp Crew is seen here, July 2015, and they are still going strong in 2020. The needs do not go away, despite the COVID-19.



This tree planting crew put them in the ground, April, 2013. Has anyone checked on them? Are the trees thriving?



The Veterans Park Project, is enjoyed by many, as they travel the Causway, This is a pic of some of the Lions that worked on that Project, Oct 2017.

### 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
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	LION KATHLEEN COBLER
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	LION JAMES IRWIN
3RD VICE PRESIDENT	LION MICHELLE BULLION
SECRETARY	LION PAT WISEMAN
TREASURER	LION BRADLEY KING
LION TAMER	LION MICHAEL SIMERICK
TAIL TWISTER	LION ROGER DREIKORN
MEMBERSHIP	LION ED WEESSIES, PCST
PAST PRESIDENT	LION HENRY R. (DICK) PERRI

#### DIRECTORS:

At Large-	LION DENNIS COBLER, PID
1st Year-	LIONS JACKIE BALL, DEBORAH ROEST
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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Lions Everywhere)

### Lions Clubs International

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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!"

#### District 11C1

Allegan  
Barry  
Ionia  
Kent  
Muskegon  
Ottawa



## We Serve

### Our Leadership

#### District 11 C1, Region 1, Zone 1

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

#### Muskegon Northside Lions Club

Lion Darnell Gundy-Reed, President  
Lion Dennis Cobler, Past International Director

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Publisher, Lion Frank DiPiazza, PCT



### 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 & Causeway Lighting	Lions Frank Krol & Jim Larson
 Scholarships	Lions Dave Olsen & Dennis Loughrige
North Muskegon & Reeths-Puffer Application	Lions Jan Snyder & Paul Hoppa
Adopt A Pathway	<a href="http://www.muskegonnorthsidelions.org/LionsScholarship.pdf">www.muskegonnorthsidelions.org/LionsScholarship.pdf</a>
Project Kid Sight	Lions Paul Hoppa & Kim Arter
Santa & Dandy Visits	Lions Jan Snyder & Jan Irwin
Emergency Family Fund	Lions Michael Simerick & Chris Ruppel
Friends of WL Easter Egg Drop	Lions Paul Hoppa
	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	---
Publicity/Social Media	---
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.