



We Serve



**From the desk of
Lion Dick Perri, President**

Fellow Lions,

It is hard to believe that as I sit down to write this article and look outside at my surroundings, that summer is almost over. Winter was hard on my peaches and apples. Poor pollination and a turbulent spring. I guess that I will have to rely on local produce at the farmers market this year. There is nothing more refreshing than enjoying a fresh honey crisp apple or peach from your own yard.

There are many factors that contribute to trees bearing good fruit. Weather, pollination, insect control, fertilization, proper watering and pruning in the early spring. The same goes true for a productive service organization like ours.

There are many moving parts that contribute to our continued success and productivity. The many members of our club that have followed in the footsteps of our founder Melvin Jones, have made us what we are today. They have provided the leadership, organizational skills, and energy through many hours of service forming a very strong foundation for the Northside Lions for many years to come.

I was amazed to find out at our last meeting the number of our members who have been honored with this prestigious award.

As we continue in the footsteps of our founder Melvin Jones let us not forget that as times change, we must think ahead in all that we do in servicing our communities needs. It is essential that we become innovative and proactive leaders in our community in providing humanitarian service.

With that said, never be shy about bringing new ideas to our attention. No idea is too small or thought too big in that it cannot be accomplished through collective cooperation with others.

Please offer your support for the November meeting honoring our Veterans. This is a prime example of innovation as a result of a new idea. Projects such as this will give our organization the opportunity to develop new resources and build meaningful experiences for our members. Let us be a shining star with many points of light.

As Mother Theresa often said "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great Love"

President Dick Perri



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

The Northside Lions have always been an active club right from the start and this year's version is no different. The large amount of effort on the Causeway Veterans Park to all the ramps and fund raising accomplishments we do is to be commended. Even as summer draws to a close we continue to find things to not only help our community but to further the bonds we have with our fellow Lions. The next few months will again test our mettle as we have not only our candy days fund raiser but the start of the 2020 raffle calendar sales. Lion Windy as chair of the calendar raffle ad committee has again gotten the 36 ads needed with special thanks to President Dick for his ad recruitments as well. Lion Frank DiPiazza has the calendar put together and to the printer so once they are done we will get the calendars ready by at least the second meeting in September. The calendar captains this year will be Lion Weessies, Lion Krol, Lion Shalow, Lion Hoppa and Lion Me. Please respond to these Lions as we continue to each year put \$10,000.00 into our community fund.

November 4th, a Monday night rather than our usual Tuesday, will be our first attempt to honor our veteran neighbors with special emphasis on those Vietnam veterans that served in country. We will need an exact count of Lions and spouses that will be attending so that we can know how many veterans we can invite. Our first meeting in September will be the time to let us know, the dinner will be paid for at that time and a ticket(s) will be given to you. We intend to also reserve some places for younger veterans in hopes that they may decide to use their leadership and commitment as new Lions members. This is a project that President Dick wanted to try and it will be a success with your help! The guest speaker that evening will be James "Doc" McCloughan who served as an Army medic in Vietnam and received the Congressional Medal of Honor 50 years after the fact. The veterans in attendance will receive a special gift from an outside source.

Until next month, PID Dennis



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[Scholarship Application on last page.](#)



An Editorial by:

Lion Ed Weessies, PCST Lions Tale Editor

Fellow Lions,

Don't forget "Candy Days" on September 6 & 7 at Witham and Dykstra as well as Great Lakes Fresh Market. If you have yet to sign up, contact Lion Jim Irwin.

Recently I was at a non-Lion event, introduced as a Lion members and was asked, "What do the Lions do?" After ten minutes the people I talked with looked amazed. Unfortunately they from out of state. We seem to be our own worst enemy in publicizing who we are and what we do. I am sorry if I repeat this BUT we need to get the word out to the public about all the great things our members do. We need to show that we are proud of what we do for our communities and the world. The Internet is the best way to spread the word. Those of you that use Face Book and Twitter can help by getting the information of what we do by "tooting our horn" about our accomplishments so that we are not one of the many best kept secrets.

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 Lions Tom Carl and Ray Jasicki, and Jan Weessies. I am feeling much better since my Ablation. No more fatigue or shortness of breath. Thanks for your thoughts and 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 are missed. Everyone brings something good to our meetings even if it is only a smile!!!!

Lion Ed Weessies, Editor
Muskegon Northside "Lions Tale"

From the desk of

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Regular Meeting Minutes - August 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Dick Perri at 7:00 P.M. at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church with 34 members present.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Terry Sabo
2. The invocation was offered by Lion Michael O'Lonergan
3. Guests in attendance were John Ball, Barbara Perri, Kate Bullion
4. The Table Picker was Lion Perri
5. The meal was provided by Dave's Kountry Katering
6. Induction of Jackie Ball and Denise Sabo – Lion Weessies introduced our two new members and how they came to join. Lion Dennis Cobler performed the induction of the two ladies.
7. Program – Supervisor Stephani Harmon from Sacred Suds

talked about the services they provide and the items they need for their programs.

Announcements/correspondence/discussion:

8. Lion Dennis Cobler – November Program will be a Vietnam veteran who was awarded a Medal of Honor. This will be an outreach to veterans to encourage their joining Lions.
9. Lion Simerick – Pancake breakfast in North Muskegon – Volunteers are asked to be there at 7:00 am for an 8:00 start.
10. Lion Weessies – North Muskegon Parade – Line up at 7 pm at usual place.
11. Lion Hoppa – Steak Fry on 8/20. Cost per meal is \$14.00.
12. Lion Cheryl Schneider – Informed the club about diabetes awareness programs available free of charge. Interested member should contact her to be registered.
13. Lion Jim Irwin – Discussed the Candy Days fund raiser on Sept. 6&7.
 - a. He also presented a progressive Melvin Jones pin to Lion Frank Krol.
14. Lion Ron Hansen discussed the ramp program and that the club will be assembling playground equipment at Mullally Memorial Park on September 26 & 27.
15. Lion D. Schneider mention that he and Lion Cheryl have hosted 14 Youth Exchange students which equates to over 216 hours.

Tail Twister Ruppel:

16. Fined Lion Cheryl for "taking over the meetings."
17. Lions Hansen, Pellerin, D. Schneider and Perri for eating dessert before the start of the meeting.
18. Twitt on Lion Alderman for car accidents.
19. Twitt on Lion Hoppa for scheduling a "clean-up" on the walkway and then went on vacation.
20. Lion Perri – Took club bell to Canada.

Brag Bucks:

21. Lion M. O'Lonergan's grand daughter won the fastest baby in the Fremont Baby Food Festival's baby crawl. She even set a record.
22. Lion Deb Roest celebrated 40 years working at Hackley/Mercy hospital.
23. Lion Jim Irwin found an envelop containing \$3 that came from the sale of coffee cups to members of the Holton-Twin Lake Lions Club. Since they have disbanded, he is putting the money in our admin fund.
24. Lion Dreikorn's daughter is having her first child.
25. Lion Terry Sabo's grandson has survived open heart surgery and doing fine.
26. Lion DiPiazza's son moved to Virginia. In the process, Lion Frank assisted his son purchased a home without daughter-in-laws' being involved. She likes the house!
27. Lion Krol's Youth Exchange student ate the most at camp.
28. The **Secret Greeter** was Lion Jim Irwin.
 - a. He selected Lion Rich Carlson.
29. Lion Tamer Simerick announced that there was \$ 422.00 in the pot. The lucky number was drawn by our guest speaker. Lion Krol was the winner and did not draw a joker.
30. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Submitted: Lion Edward Weessies
– Assistant to the secretary

Regular Meeting Minutes - August 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Dick Perri at 7:00 P.M. at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church with 30 members present.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Michael O'Lonergan
2. The invocation was offered by Lion James Larson
3. Guests in attendance were Ed O'Brien, Penny Larsen, Pam

Krause

4. The Table Picker was Cindy Short
5. The meal was a steak fry provided by Dave's Kountry Katering

Announcements/correspondence/discussion:

6. Lion Dennis Cobler – November Program
7. Lion Jim Irwin – Candy Days September 6 & 7.
8. Lions Jan Irwin & Michael O'Lonergan – Vision & Hearing screenings held at Lebanon Lutheran Church. 49 children were vision screened while 47 were hearing screened.
9. Lion Dennis Cobler discussed our November meeting format with Emphasis on Vietnam veterans with a Medal of Honor recipient as keynote speaker will be held on MONDAY November 4th not November 5th. Members planning on attending will need to register and pay for the meal (\$11.00) in advance.
10. Lion Simerick reported that the pancake project netted \$2,448.63 and lots of good will and fun for members. He thanked all who helped.
11. Lion Ron Hansen reported that the next ramp will be built on August 29. He reminded members of the playground equipment assembly on September 26 & 27 at Mullally Park. He also ask that members keep Matt Kaley from LOVE, Inc. in their prayers as he is suffering with a brain hemorrhage.
12. Our future programs will be:
 - a. September – N. Muskegon fire chief;
 - b. October – D.J. Hilson, Muskegon County Prosecutor;
 - c. November – Veterans' meeting;
 - d. December – Christmas party.
13. **Tail Twister Ruppel:**
 - a. At Lion Dennis Cobler's table, members ate dessert before meal.
 - b. Lions Jim Irwin and Jim Larson – because.
 - c. Lion Ron Hansen – Missed brother's birthday by a month.
 - d. Lion Perri for not keeping the bell in his possession.
14. **Brag Bucks:**
 - a. Lion Perri – Daughter-in-law to graduate from chiropractic School while being a wife and mother.
15. **The Secret Greeter was Lion Jan Irwin**
 - a. and the winner was Lion Denise Sabo.
16. Lion Tamer Simerick announced that there was \$ 450.00 in the pot. The lucky number was drawn by Lion Jim Irwin.
 - a. Lion Jill Mouw was the winner and did not draw a joker.
17. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Submitted: Lion Edward Weessies
– Assistant to the secretary

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 20, 2019

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

IPP Hoppa		LT Simerick	
Pres. Perri		TT Ruppel	
1st VP Gundy-Reed	A	Dir. O'Lonergan	
2nd VP Kathleen Cobler		Dir. Mouw	
3rd VP Irwin		Dir. Krol	
Secretary Wiseman	A	Dir. Cogswell	A
Treasurer Wolffis		Membership Weessies	
		Dir. D. Cobler	

1. A **motion** to approve the agenda as presented was made by Lion O'Lonergan, seconded by Lion K. Cobler. -Agenda **approved**.
2. A **motion** to approve the Board minutes for July 2019 was made by Lion O'Lonergan, seconded by Lion Irwin. Discussion - none. **Motion approved**.
3. A motion to accept the treasurer's report for June 2019, subject to review was made by Lion Weessies, seconded by Lion O'Lonergan. **Motion approved**.

Administrative:

1. 2019 – 2020 Projects Fund Budget – Postponed until September 17.
2. Review and adoption of Policies and Procedures manual – Postponed until September 17.
3. Club accounts review committee – To be appointed and meet prior to September 17.
4. 2019-2020 membership dues reminder – To be E-mailed by Lion Weessies.
5. Resignation of Lions Linda and Raymond Jasicki – A **motion** to accept, with regret, was made by Lion Weessies, seconded by Lion Wolffis. **Motion approved**.
6. Member recruitment – Lion Perri reported of two possible candidates met at N. Muskegon Art Fair.
7. Continuation of officers' meetings – There was a consensus to continue on the Thursday prior to the monthly Board meeting at 9:00 am at First Evangelical Lutheran Church.
8. Future meeting programs - reviewed
9. January/February 2020 caterer – Lion Hoppa presented a contract from Joy Filled Catering for four meals at \$9.00 per meal. Consensus to accept. President Perri to sign.

Community Service:

Assembly of playground equipment at Mullally Memorial Park – Information only

Fundraising:

1. Request from AMA International for assistance transportation and distribution of backpacks and supplies to Mexican children. With a lack of more detailed information and a plan, Erica Plunkett to be asked to make a presentation to club.
2. Candy Days (September 6 & 7)
3. Calendar Sales – Calendar to printer

Round Table:

Lion Kathleen Cobler made note of the absence of our involvement (pancake trailer) in the North Muskegon Family Fun Fest. Lion Weessies to check with the city.

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M. was made by Lion Weessies, seconded by Lion Ruppel.
Motion approved

Submitted: Lion Edward Weessies
– Assistant to the secretary

Indian Summer Poem

There's a crispness in the air that greets the morning sun, a feeling of anticipation, a new day has begun. Harvest days are ending, winter is drawing near, yet in between is surely the most special time of year. They call it Indian Summer, and it seems to fit the bill, for it's as if the Lord took a feathered brush and painted all the hills.

Now as I sit contented, atop of one of these, a book in hand to pass the time, the sound of a gentle breeze, I can almost imagine an Indian child upon this mountaintop, looking down at the land of her forefathers, lost within her thoughts

For in every persons lifetime some heartache may occur, but on these hills in quiet solitude, God helps us to endure.

So I say that the eyes are a window, beauty is found within the soul, and upon the hills of Autumn, that are strewn with red and gold.

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/autumn-indian-summer>

Poem by © Julie L. O'Connor

Northside Lions' Upcoming Events

Fellow Lions,

Please mark the following events on your Lions' Calendar:



- Sep 6 & 7 Candy Days
- Sep 19-21 **USA/Canada Forum** - The largest and best Lions Club Leadership training event in world, Spokane, WA
Online readers, click [Forum Newsletter](#)
- Nov 4 Our Meeting is on Monday, to honor our veteran neighbors, with a special emphasis on those Vietnam veterans that served our country.
- Nov 8-10 Leadership Institute, R.A. MacMullan Center, Higgins Lake, Michigan



Creating BETTER Leaders

2019 | Spokane, WA September 19-21, 2019

Birthdays

- September 8
Rol Crummel
- September 11
Doug Schneider
- September 18
Ron Hansen
- September 20
Mike Emerson
Denise Sabo
- September 23
Deborah Roest
- September 29
Clara Spicer

Wedding Anniversaries

- September 2
Mike Baauw & Denise
- September 6
Gary Wenzlaff & Barbara
- September 8
Bruce Bullion & Michelle
- September 29
Greg Jerke & Gloria

Club Anniversaries

- September 4
Darnell Gundy-Reed 6 yrs
- September 6
Carl Luther 2 yrs



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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 2019 - 2020

PRESIDENT	LION HENRY R. (DICK) PERRI
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DIRECTORS:

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1st Year-	LIONS JILL MOUW, MICHAEL O'LONERGAN
2nd Year-	LIONS CINDA COGSWELL, FRANK KROL

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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!"

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Our Leadership

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EVENT & COMMITTEE CHAIRS - 2019/2020

First VP Lion Darnell Gundy-Reed >> SERVICE

Food Truck	Lion Cheryl Schneider
NM Parade	Lion Ed Weessies
Eye Glasses Collection	Lion Jim Wolffis & Lion Rich Carlson
Ramps	Lion Windy Bradfield & Lion Ron Hansen
Hearing Screening	Lion Michael O'Lonergan & Lion Paul Hoppa
Kid's Christmas Shopping	Lion Deb Roest & Lion Barb Pellerin
Seaway Flags &	Lion Frank Krol & Lion Jim Larson
Causeway Lighting	Lion Dave Olsen & Lion Dennis Loughrige
Scholarships	Lion Jan Snyder & Lion Paul Hoppa
 North Muskegon & Reeths-Puffer Application	www.muskegonnorthsidelions.org/LionsScholarship.pdf
Adopt A Pathway	Lion Paul Hoppa & Lion Kim Arter
Project Kid Sight	Lion Jan Snyder & Lion Jan Irwin
Santa & Dandy Visits	Lion Michael Simerick & Lion Chris Ruppel
Emergency Family Fund	Lion Paul Hoppa & Lion Cheryl Schneider
Friends of WL Easter Egg Drop	Lion Darnell Gundy-Reed

Second VP Lion Kathleen Cobler >> FUNDRAISING

Pancakes	Lion Michael Simerick, Lion Gwen Glatz, Frank Krol
Calendars	Lion Frank DiPiazza & Lion Dennis Cobler
Mint Sales	Lion Windy Bradfield & Lion Dave Olsen
Candy Days	Lion Tom Hoffman & Lion Jim Irwin
White Cane	Lion Deb Roest & Lion Dale Roest

Third VP Lion Jim Irwin >> ADMINISTRATIVE

Newsletter & Website	Lion Ed Weessies & Lion Frank DiPiazza
Programs	Lion Jim Larson & Lion Cheryl Schneider
Historian & Photographer	Lions Anna Alderman, Ed Weessies, & Dave Olsen
Constitution & By-Laws	Lion Ed Weessies & Lion Michael O'Lonergan
Calling Committee	Lion Linda & Lion Ray Jasicki
Publicity/Social Media	Lion Terry Sabo & Lion Darnell Gundy-Reed
Meeting Meal Scheduling	Lion Marilyn Eyestone & Lion Pat Wiseman, Lion Paul Hoppa & Lion Jill Mouw

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"