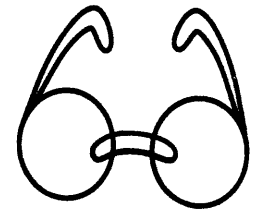




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Presidents Message

Welcome Fellow Lions to the 2010-2011 season and as your incoming President, I would like to congratulate outgoing President Larry (Sparky) Sparkes on a banner year- 10 new members brought into the Club, plus all the money raised and put back into the community.

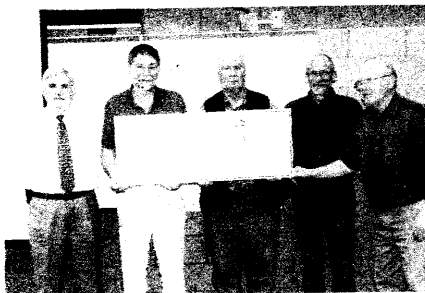
And Now it's time to look forward to the new year, and I know we will get another 10 members (at least) because our Club is still growing and is a vital part of this community and our members are second to none! Upcoming events include: July 15th Steak Fry at 7pm at the park and August 19th family night chicken dinner (bring a dish to pass!) also 7pm at the park. Both events offer great food and a fun time visiting with fellow Lions. Also, this year's Springtime Festival has been changed to two weeks later, May 19-22, so hopefully we will finally have beautiful weather and mothers can have their day back. As raffle chairman I know I will see you all out on the midway selling like crazy.

Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you in the fall and Thank you to the board who decided to put up with me.

Lion President Clyde Stanlake
Proudly Laingsburg Lion

Railing for High School Bleachers

The Lions Club recently approved paying and installing a railing through the middle of each side of the High School bleacher sections. Although this was an expensive gift, the board felt extremely good knowing change would allow people to be more comfortable when climbing the bleachers. This addition will certainly help many people enjoy watch their favorite team play. Many larger facilities have railings and it certainly allows people a better view of what ever event is taking place. We feel Laingsburg residents will be overjoyed about being able to go up a little higher to watch an event. Their safety is worth the cost.



Springtime Festival Report

The Laingsburg Lions Spring Festival is an amazing miracle event each year. 2010 was no exception. The economy is terrible, unemployment is at an all time high, rain and cold weather for most of the weekend. So how does this great festival continue to beat all the odds and always end up as the top fund raiser? The money earned in this event always supports many local needs. Being a God fearing person, I think He has something to do with our success.



Rovaltv- The Walters' and the Stewarts'

We know that many Lions members spend a lot of time planning and working for this weekend; putting on a huge parade, preparing a scrumptious chicken dinner, peddling many raffle tickets, setting up stages, booths, midway and more. After all this, Lions members also see to it that everything is put back in order by Monday morning.

Also, hats off to our community for braving the bad weather, purchasing raffle tickets, and showing up for chicken and dessert every year. Laingsburg must be a great place to live. Bottom line, the Lions Club netted over \$7,000. I'm sure some wonderful and useful things will be taken care of this next year with these earnings. Thanks to all involved!



The \$500.00 Winners!

Club Carpenters

The Lions Club recently installed their 4th handicap ramp for needy residents in the area. And there are plans to do more!!

New Tri-Fold

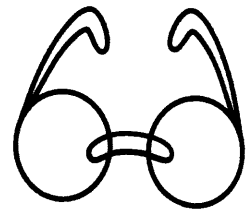
Look for it every Saturday at the Farm Market and also at other community activities!

We Serve- Artists Bill Dodge and Ron Hasselbach





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2009-2010 Lions Officers/Board

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Golf Outing For Welcome Home

June 12th was a gorgeous day and 66 golfers showed up to enjoy one of the oldest and most entertaining annual golf scrambles. This yearly golf outing is put on by both the Laingsburg and Ovid Lions Clubs. The money earned is allocated to a state Lions project that helps needy people with vision problems. Welcome Home, a Grand Rapids based organization, trains medical aids on teaching vision impaired people on how to function



Ovid Lion Larry Martin giving out prizes

normally in their home environment. Brian Shepard and Nancy DeVogel are Director and Assistant, respectively, for Welcome Home. This year we were able to present them with a check for over \$2000.00.



Fraidenburgs' team is always in the money

For the players, they competed for trophies, plaques, prizes galore and topped off with one of the finest steak dinners. The steaks are prepared by our Head Chef, Keith

Townsend. We asked Keith why the steaks were so good and his reply was "start with good meat and then I add some special ingredients," He refuses to tell us what those special ingredients are, but they are certainly good. Chuck Ross is Keith's assistant and another 10 Lions Club members provide the necessary help to make this outing a fun and prosperous event.

Laingsburg Emergency Care

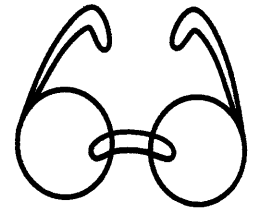
Shannon Kotrba was our speaker at a recent Laingsburg Lions meeting. She was happy to tell us how lucky people of Laingsburg were when it came to emergency heart care. Our community has a \$25,000 EKG apparatus that only a few larger cities in the area have. Shannon is licensed to operate this equipment that will literally save a person's life while being transported to a hospital. She shared the 3 things a person could be experiencing when



suffering a heart attack. Her presentation was excellent and Laingsburg residents should feel safer when loved ones suffer emergency heart problems. Those Lions in attendance had many questions that Shannon was able to answer. She certainly made the meeting well worth going to.



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Charter Night

Victories, rewards, new members, new officers, a bit of Lion History, and a changing of the gavel highlighted the Laingsburg Lions Clubs Annual Charter Night. 50 Lions members, spouses and guests attended the sit down dinner on June 24th at Cinders Restaurant in downtown Laingsburg. A choice of chicken parmesan, or roast beef, salad, potato, veggies and strawberry shortcake for dessert were served to all.

The main business each year (July 2010 through June 2011) is to install new officers, including the president. Also, three new members, Dan Hasselbach, James Black and Harold Walters were officially inducted into the Club. Past District Governor Eric Schuman did the honors of making everything official.



Turning over the Gavel

Lion Larry sparks reign as president came to an end with many of the accomplishments of the 2009-2010 year shared with all. Highlighting the list was the food bank, Library, clothesline, Christmas Baskets, Bleachers for youth baseball, aisle railings for High School bleachers, senior scholarships and more. Also several handicap ramps were installed for area individuals. All told, well over \$13,000 went into the Laingsburg Community. An additional \$5000 plus was distributed to State, National, and area impaired eyesight projects. All this plus installing 10 new members made the year under Sparkes leadership very satisfying.



Our Chef didn't have to cook tonight!

The success of this year was the hard work and energy by several Lions, headed by Ben Siniarski who received the Lion of the Year Award. Great job, Ben, a very quiet but loyal member that is visible on every work project. Attendance pins were presented to many with 35 years of service to Ed Kemp and 25 years to Gene Stewart and Dane Nickols.

John Carroll and Jack Epple had the privilege of presenting a check for \$2200 to Nancy DeVogel of Welcome Home. These monies were raised by the Annual Laingsburg/Ovid Golf Scramble played on June 12th at Pine Hills golf course. Each year the two Clubs pick Lions impaired vision projects to support.

Nancy DeVogel of Welcome Home then informed us that Welcome Home has been serving Michigan residents with vision difficulties since 1920 and annually select a Lion for the Harold Pendergast (founder of Welcome Home)



Nancy presenting Welcome Home Award to John

Award. This years winner was John Carroll of our Laingsburg Club.

Eric Schuman, who really knows Lions History, informed us that Laingsburg started in 1948 and became an official Lions club on 1/1/1958. Good job Eric, and a fine time was had by all.

Dr. Dale Herder- Guest Speaker

Dr. Herder was our final speaker before breaking for summer changes. He shared stories of his world travels, which included trips to Russia, Georgia, and some areas that most people never hear of. He is a teacher, administrator, author, and well know speaker.



Dr. Herder surrounded by Chris Keorner (Senior Scholarship winner) and Lions Larry, Ben and John

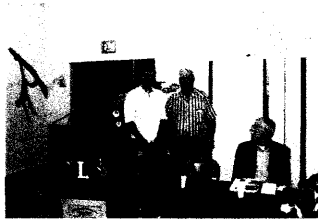
His stories were challenging

and included terror attacks, poor accommodations and transportation problems. He coupled his talk with his keen sense of humor as well as his command of foreign languages and experiences of many cultures. His presentation was certainly entertaining and educational to all. Spending time with him would excite most everyone. We appreciate not only Dr. Herder, but all the programs that were presented during our meetings.

Fast News!



Lions Club always has great food. Pictured are staff from Ovid Cafe with past President Larry and New president Clyde



Recipient of one of Laingsburg Lions Clubs Senior Scholarship Award- Chris Koerner



Library gets new shelving!!



Another set of bleachers for youth baseball- compliments Lions Club. Pictured are Lions Terry and Al Fraidenburg plus President and Board members for youth baseball.



Jennies Dance Studio Stars perform for festival audience.

Calendar of Meetings and Activities

Enjoy the summer fellow Lions!

July 15 th	Steak Night 7:00 pm	Bates Scout Park
August 19 th	Family Night 7:00 pm	Bates Scout (Bring dish to pass) Park
September 9 th	Regular Meeting	Elementary School
September 23 rd	Regular Meeting	Elementary School



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