



Laingsburg Lions Newsletter

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President**

**Dave Pursel,
1st Vice President**

**Clyde Stanlake,
2nd Vice President**

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2 Yr Board Member**

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2 Yr Board Member**

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**Bonnie Snyder,
Lion Tamer**

**Bill Dodge,
Membership Director**

**PDG Eric Schuman,
Publicity Director**

**Terry Fraidenburg,
Immediate Past President**

The Prez Sez...

Lion's members,

I was asked to write this for our President as he's going through some rough times right now with his brother. I just got off the phone with him and he's in surgery as I type this. We offer our prayers to Lion Dave and his whole family in this trying time.

Summer is almost upon us and with it comes our annual Springtime Festival. Plans, as many of you know, are already underway for this best festival yet. Be sure to volunteer to help us in this endeavor as its our major fundraiser of the year. Whether it's selling raffle tickets, helping with the parade, helping with the chicken dinner, or whatever, each member's help is needed.

At our next meeting, we'll have the presentation of the slate of new officers for the coming year. Nominations may also come from the floor prior to voting. We hope you all attend.

Hopefully this summer we can also put some effort into fixing up Bates Scout Park. Various things have been discussed. More swings have already been ordered, and we've talked about fixing up the pavilions. They do need some maintenance work. When this is scheduled, please come down and help with the work. After all, the more we have, the less time it takes.

Also coming up is the Lions Lugnuts Day on June 4. This is a fun time at the stadium as all Lions from all over the District are blocked into one section and recognition is given on their big screen and through their announcer to the Lions and what we do for our communities. Plus you get to see the Lugnuts play. If you like baseball and would like to attend, let Lion Sec. John Carroll know as we have to get our reservations in for this event.

Finally, let's not give up on membership either! This is an area we always have to work on. Ask your buddy, neighbor, church friend, golfing buddy to join. The more we have, again, the more we can do to fulfill our motto of "We Serve".

Yours in Lionism
PDG Eric Schuman



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Member Anniversary Dates

No, it's not marital anniversaries. This is the place I'll list the anniversary date of joining Lions according to the roster. WOW, this quarter there is:

Mike Foster – Jan, 2010
Edgar Kemp – Mar, 1975
Thomas Mahoney – Mar, 1992
Bill Rosenquist – Jan, 2010
Robert Saxton – Mar, 1986
David Shinsky – Jan, 2010
Clyde Stanlake – Jan, 1992
Keith Townsend – Jan, 1958

Congratulate them at the next meeting on their continued service to Lionism!

NOW is a good time for you to invite someone to join in on our fun and become a Lion. Ask someone today.. that's how you joined, you were asked.

Dates Coming Up

This is about other events should you want to attend.

On June 14, it is Lions Day at the Lugnuts. Ask PDG'S John or Eric for more details on this if you're interested in attending with your family or alone.

The first or second week of June, Dewitt is hosting a Club Officer Training session. This is an excellent opportunity for those Lions that are to become officers, or if you're thinking about it, to learn what it's all about, what your duties would be, etc.

Consider attending either or both of these functions to have some fun and education.

Board News

December:

1. All reports were approved.
2. BBQ Grill policy: draft passed out, to be reviewed by board and final decided next month.
3. Xmas party: 44 with 7 no-shows.
4. Festival Raffle: added prize of 2 days at Kewahdin casino
5. LMSF Raffle: paid \$200 for book of tickets.
6. Poker: \$5,600 profit, next one in Jan.
7. Membership Brochures: looking at ordering new ones, PDG Eric to design.
8. Flag poles for soccer fields: voted to donate \$800 for 2 with 1 nay vote.
9. Breakfast Branch Club: brought up and discussed, more info at next meeting.

January:

1. Approved the BBQ Grill instructions and rental form.
2. Approved the revised membership brochure and printing of same.
3. Approved payment of Dist. Conv. Memorial Brunch meal for any members that attend along with Myra and Fonda Fraidenburg.
4. Donated \$300 to Shiawassee Respite and requested program on it. (PDG Eric will set this up)
5. Accepted Brian Doepker's membership application.
6. Approved a new bench downtown and installation in memory of Lion Al Fraidenburg. Location and cost of the bench will be reported on next meeting.

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RIP - Al Fraidenburg

Our longtime friend and fellow Lion, Albert Fraidenburg passed from us recently. Lion Al always had a smile on his face and a friendly hello to all he met.

He was President of our club in 1995-96, and also served in a variety of offices both on the board and in committee work.

Your board of directors recently approved the purchase and installation of a bench downtown in memory of Lion Al.

Board News (cont'd)

March:

1. Tabled Ken Lautzenheiser Award recipient until nominations are submitted at next meeting or else club as recipient.
2. Administrative account fundraiser(s) committee to be formed.
3. Fraidenburg bench to be located in front of middle school.
4. Voted to send 3 boxes of Lions mints to military.
5. American Legion Baseball team request for funds tabled.
6. Slate of officers for 2013-14 is partially completed. Will present finished slate at next meeting.
7. White Cane will be week prior to festival.
8. Detlef Dreja was accepted into membership.
9. Senior King/Queen voting took place.
10. Brought up calling the question during board meetings and it being used too much when something needed to be discussed more. Tabled.

Donation to Respite

Our club, recognizing the value of Respite of Shiawassee County, recently made a donation to the group of real items needed.

Among the items donated were plastic cutlery sets, multiple boxes of #10 envelopes, styrofoam plates, bowls, and cups, boxes of photocopy paper, and postage stamps.

Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee was established in March 1993 as an Interfaith Volunteer Program. It became an independent, non-profit organization in May 1996. The Respite program brings volunteers from churches and the community at large, together with caregivers and their ill or frail loved ones into meaningful and supportive relationships.

Respite will be coming in to give us a program on what they're about during our Senior Night meeting in March.



Shown above are Helen Howard, Executive Director of Respite, Pam Schuman, Respite recipient, Jackie Hurd, Respite Board Chair and volunteer, and PDG Eric Schuman representing the club.