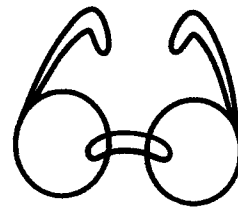




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Charter Nite

Close to forty Lions Club Members and guests gathered at Cinder's Restaurant on the evening of June 26th to celebrate our annual charter night.

This special evening is reserved each year to swear in the Clubs' new officers and board members. Past district governor, Nancy Lamtmain, did the honors. Brian Durke Passed the gavel to Ben Siniarski, our new president. All of the new officers are listed on this page of the newsletter.

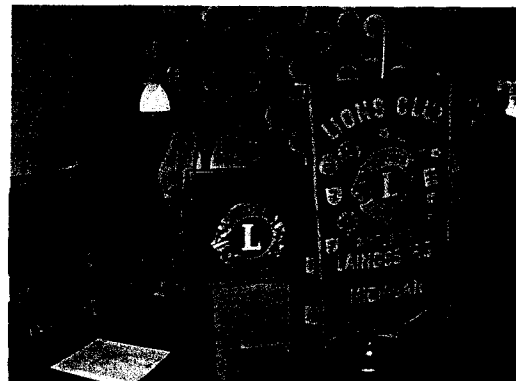
After the dinner, which included salad, choice of chicken or beef, potato, vegetable, and a delicious desert of Michigan strawberry shortcake, Brian Durke called to order his last meeting as president for the 2007-2008 year. The entire Lions Club would like to thank Brian for his hard work and leadership for the past year, "Great job Brian."

Besides the installation of new officers, the Lions inducted Dave Hasselbach into our club. He became a new member this year and shows great enthusiasm in serving our local community. Fellow Lions are looking forward to working with new members with such a positive attitude.

Annually, the Lions Club honors the members with perfect attendance and several received pins for their dedication. We do want to give special recognition to two lions that served far and beyond what most of us can believe possible. They are Duane Ginther 40 years and Keith Townsend 50 years of perfect attendance. Leaders with this much dedication to servicing our community is the reason Laingsburg Lions Club has been responsible for so many of the projects that have helped Laingsburg grow.

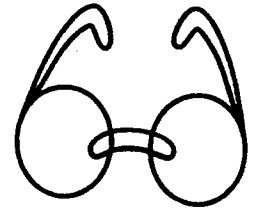
Again, thanks to all that participated in our banquet.

Nancy Lamtmain, past district governor, speaking at the Lions Club's annual Charter Night. Awards were given out and new leadership was announced. A delicious meal was also served.





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Editorial – New News Letter

By: Jack Epple

I would like to share what was a real plus to the regular Lions Club meetings over the last year. That plus was the food!!! Last summer, the board received bids from three sources and the membership voted on their favorite. Each food service firm prepared a meal for a regular meeting. The contract was awarded to the Ovid Café and they did a wonderful job all year long.

To those members that missed regular meetings, you also missed out on a fully prepared home cooked dinner including a relish dish and dessert, both regular and sugar free.

The downside was that many of the meetings were sparsely attended. Help your fellow Lions this year. Same time, same place, 2nd and 4th Thursday s at 7 pm. This community needs the Lions Club and the Lions Club needs the help of its members.

Bonus- Most meetings had top notch speakers of service and support groups that serve our area.

I'm sure you'll enjoy the fellowship, receive information on various services and projects available. You will also be treated to a delicious meal. Bring a guest, they eat free and maybe will like what they see and decide to become a Lion. Remember both female and male quests can join.

Help!!! The Vision is New!

Any news worthy information would be great. We would like to know if there are any organizations, subjects, or projects that could be presented at our regular meetings. This includes guest speakers and programs. Remember, any ideas need to be approved by the board of directors. Send, call, fax, or e-mail your thoughts to any board member.

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Busy Spring for Laingsburg Lions Club

White Cane Drive- Thursday May 1st, Friday May 2nd, and Saturday May 3rd - Even though the rains came, several Lions braved the weather to make this annual project a success. A special pat on the back goes to Keith Townsend and Clyde Stanlake, who manned the street at Grand River and Woodhull. It was a tough job, but it led to great results. About \$1611.00 were distributed to ten different Lion sponsored programs.

Youth Baseball- Your Lions Club answered the call as the youth baseball programs were installing a new field. This program, led by James Cherry, needed to accommodate the numbers of youth players signing up to play. We donated \$1500 to further this project.

Scholarship Program- On May 22, 2008 a special night for seniors was held in the High School, "Graduation." This year your Lions Club awarded two \$500.00 scholarships, one to Stephanie Farr and the other to Preston Frazier. They achieved these awards not only for academics, but also for extra work on school projects and community programs. The presentation was made by Lions Club President Brian Durke. We know these seniors will have a bright and rewarding future.

Boy Scout Summer Camp- Each year the local Boy Scouts earn reward points to qualify for a special summer camp. The young men are responsible for paying their way. This is one of the highlights for being a hard working Boy Scout. Due to costs, some qualifiers need help. The lions helped 5 scouts by contributing \$500.00 to this fine program.

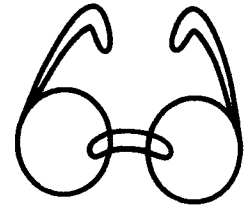
New Carpet for the Library- Visit your Laingsburg Library and take notice of the new carpeting. This was a project that the Lions Club was excited to complete. The carpet was installed by Klotz Carpeting of Laingsburg and assisted by several Lion members with hand carts, dollies, and heavy lifting. Rollie and Dane Nickols led this effort. Tremendous job Lions!

Laingsburg Library Board enjoying their newly carpeted building





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Lions Annual Festival

Mother's day weekend is always big in Laingsburg. We not only celebrate the wonderful women of our community, but, as everyone knows, its festival time. There is a parade, carnival, chicken dinner, bingo, bake sales, crafts, and many other features. This is all highlighted by the drawing of the winner of the wonderful vacation packages. This year, all expenses paid trips for two were destined for Hawaii, Las Vegas, and Chicago.

A lot of hard work and many helpers, both from the Lions Club and the Laingsburg community, made this possible. Thanks to everyone and especially Larry Sparks (chairman) and Mike Danek (parade chairperson). This year, even with one day rained out, the Club netted over \$10,000, which allows the Lions Club to again look at projects to further Laingsburg. Many of these dollars are earned by ticket sales with Gene Stewart and Clyde Stanlake, as always, our sales leaders. Good news.... The Festival will be back next year!

What's New?

August 23rd 2008 is the date for what is hoped to be an annual activity, "Garage Sale Day" in Laingsburg and the surrounding area. Sponsored, of course, by the Laingsburg Lions Club and chaired by Dane Nickols (651-6289) and Rollie Nickols (651-5331). Participants pay \$10.00 to cover advertising, signs, and directions to your personal sales. Sale owners keep all the profits from their prize possessions. Time: 8:00am – 5:00pm. Lets all do something to encourage a large group of residents to take part in this event. Call either Nickols' number for more details.

2008 Golf Outing

June 7th was booked for the annual Laingsburg/Ovid jointly sponsored Golf Scramble. Ten teams registered (40 golfers and goofers) to participate in this yearly event held at Pine Hills Golf Course. Five different Lions Clubs from Mid-Michigan were represented along with several area golfers and guests. Trophies were awarded to the teams that finished 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Extra prizes, mostly donated by local merchants and professional firms, made it possible for everyone in attendance to walk away with at least one prize, if not more.

Of Course, the highlight of this event is the rib eye steak dinner with all the trimmings, including dissert. Our head chef, "now over 80" Keith Townsend, made sure these steaks were cooked to perfection. John Carroll (Laingsburg) and Larry Miller

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(Ovid) were responsible for organizing this fun event. The two Clubs netted over \$1,000 that was put to work to further the great cause that is Lionism.

Keith Townsend head chef and Chuck Ross hard working assistant cooking the delicious steak dinner at the Annual Golf Scramble.



Next year there will be a new feature to add to the fun. When: June 13th 2009. Put a team together or let us add you to one that needs a player. We are anxious to see more lady golfers or goofers participate. Golfing ability not required. This is the lowest cost day of fun and games at the links. This year, \$45 included golf, cart, steaks, trophies, and prizes. Hope to see more of you next year.

Time for a Laugh!!!



In Memory Of

Everyone has seen the picture of Frances Slee and the shopping cart donated to Marks Food Pride super market in Laingsburg. We, the Lions Club of Laingsburg, would like to say thank you to our dedicated long time friend and member, Dale Slee, who passed away this year... We all know how much Dale loved the Lions.



Coming Events

July 17 th Thursday	6:30pm Board Meeting 7:00pm Steak Fry	Bates- Scout Park
August 21 st Thursday	6:30pm Board Meeting 7:00pm Chicken Dinner	Bates- Scout Park (Family Night)
August 23 rd Saturday	Lions Club Garage Sales	All of Laingsburg (Hopefully)
September 11 th	Regular Meeting	Elementary School
September 18 th	Board Meeting	TBA
September 25 th	Regular Meeting	Elementary School

