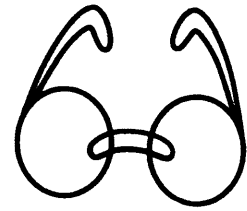




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President's Message

I would like to thank everyone who showed up at the home of past Lion member Dale Slee(Moose) on September 15, 2008. We managed to help his widow (Fram) by repairing the sub flooring in a portion of her home. She was very appreciative of our effort and said the repair should make this winter a more comfortable one.

Our Lions Club is involved in a number of projects, both fund raisers as well as community involvement such as the above. Our Club would like to get more members involved in these projects and we could sure use more volunteers/help. Attendance at our meetings has dropped in the past years. We usually only see about 15-24 in attendance. Our total Club Membership is about 50+ members.

Included in this Newsletter is a list of our meetings for 2008 and 2009. **HOPE TO SEE YOU** at least at some of those meetings.

Our Membership Night will be October 23rd, 2008. It would be nice if we could bring some prospective members to that meeting. Remember we are also accepting female applications as well as male.

Your President in Lionism,
Ben Siniarski

Introducing Jazmin Palmer

Jazmin Palmer is a 12 year old girl who has been blind since birth. She attends Bentley school in Owosso. She has been chosen by Beike Biotech to participate in a Stem Cell program in China.

Her Grandmother, Diane Stokes from Owosso, contacted Lion Larry Sparks and Lion John Carrol for help regarding the trip and expenses for the trip to China. The cost is around twenty thousand dollars.

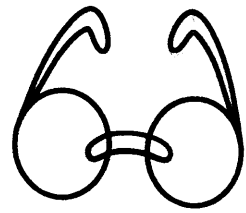
Attempts were made to contact the Owosso Lions Club with no success. We gave her several Lion's organizations to contact as well as other organizations. We said after her contacts if she still needed further assistance to contact us and we would see if we could be of further assistance.

There have been several fund raisers to date but we are not sure on where they stand at the present time. As of this date, we have not been contacted again.

Lion John Carroll Jr PDG
Lion Larry Sparks



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Publicity Director Column

First and Foremost- A big thank you to the Laingsburg Lions members for all the cooperation with excellent articles and reports on festivities that involved our Club. Sure made this new position (Publicity Director) a lot easier. Again, thank you.

This message is mainly for those members that did not attend our regular Thursday night meetings of recent. We had a couple of top notch speakers, one of local interest and one that is the leader of a state wide Lions project.

Cathy Rathburn Hawks spoke at our first regular meeting following summer break. She is president of LEAF, an organization that provides an enormous amount of financial support to school projects that are not affordable through school funds. They have funded technical equipment for students, uniforms, teacher supplies, sport booster funds, instruments, and much much more. Her presentation was very professional, humorous, and factual on many areas that many Lions members were not aware of. She certainly did a good job.

Last Thursday Brian Shepard, past District Governor of Michigan Lions and new Director of Welcome Home, shared all the changes and growth going on in this new Vision Care program. Brian and his workers are busy contacting assisted care facilities that have several vision impaired residents and offering a training program for their employees to be able to assist the resident of their facilities. They are trained to do this and still give the vision impaired residents the independence they need. Their goal is to have 30 homes and 600 trained workers in 4 years. A great and informing presentation.

Hats off to the Program Committee headed up by President Ben and 1st Vice Larry.

Publicity Director,
Lion Jack L. Epple

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News Worthy

New eye glass, hearing aid, and NEW cell phones boxes at Marks Food pride and Laingsburg Post Office.

A Century of Values

Exciting things are happening in Laingsburg, February 7th and 8th, 2009. The 100th anniversary of Scouting will kick off at the Laingsburg High School.

Many events will be taking place on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday a Pinewood Derby will be open for past and present scouts and their leaders as well as anyone else who would like to enter. Also during the weekend there will be a Winter Camporee featuring Scouts from all over the Michigan area. Sunday's events include a kickoff meeting including Michigan's Governor as well as several other dignitaries.

The entire hallway of the High School is available for displays from Lions State and National projects to local Lions projects.

Added News Blurp: The board of Directors agreed that the Lions Club will be footing the bill for a pancake breakfast during the festivities.

If you are interested in helping on the displays or want to participate on the committee contact me using the information below.

Lion John Carroll Jr. PDG
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Letter Acted On

Dear Lions Club,

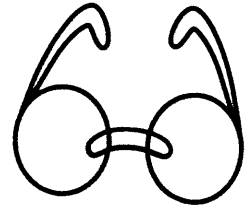
My name is Mrs. Gwen George and I am a Kindergarten teacher at the Laingsburg Early Childhood Education Center and I am writing to ask for you help in a monetary gift. Laingsburg will hae their first legally blind student in my classroom this year. I would like to purchase some Braille books for Autumn with you help. Autumn had form vision, but due to a tumor, she now is totally blind.

I am asking for you help of a donation of 208.73 to buy books and two kits, a list is attached to this letter. I really appreciate your help with this; you will be providing a wonderful gift for a little girl. If you have any questions please call me at 651-6375. Thank you for your help and time with this great gift to a little girl.

Good news- The Laingsburg lions club approved monies for this worthy project.



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Laingsburg Lions Yard Sale- A Great success

The Laingsburg Lions held its first annual yard sale on August 23. We had eighteen families participate. The sale went better than expected and the hard work paid off.

On our regular meeting of October 23, we will be holding "A New Membership Drive." Invitations are being sent to several couples that participated in the yard sale. Help make this meeting grow by adding a name or two to this list. Contact Rollie Nickols with names and addresses so invitations can be sent. I need this information by October 5th.

That evening program will have a short history about Lions International, but most of the program will be about Lionism in Laingsburg. We will show how we have invested over \$200,000 in our community in the past 50 plus years.

The club is depending on all members to support our very worthy efforts.

Lion Rollie Nickols
Membership Director

A morale booster



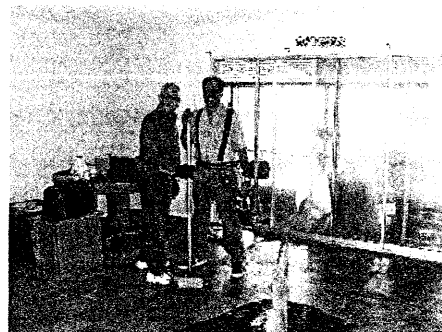
Laingsburg Community Support



Outside work

The Fiscal year of 2007- 2008 saw a great amount of support and several work projects that your Laingsburg Lions members were involved in. The Lions Club spent \$13,298.54 on community and state projects. Community headliners were:

Boy Scouts-	500.00
Little League-	1500.00
Library-	3000.00
Shopping Cart-	1300.00



And inside work

Our Club always strives to be a leader in helping our community be a better place to live.

Lion Mark Danek
Treasurer

Welcome New Members

The Laingsburg Lions Club Extends a hardy welcome to our new members:

Dave Hasselbach
8787 Winegar Rd
Laingsburg, MI 48848

Dave is the C.O. of Hasselbach Tree Service

John Schlaack
5627 E. Grand River Rd
Laingsburg, MI 4884

Johnny is a Pastor at Graham Church

Calendar of Meetings and Activities

October 9 th Thursday	Speaker- Library Board member Regular Meeting- 7:00pm	Laingsburg Elementary School
October 23 rd Thursday	Membership Night Regular Meeting- 7:00pm	Laingsburg Elementary School
November 13 th Thursday	Speaker- Lioness Kay Olson Regular Meeting- 7:00pm	Laingsburg Elementary School
December 11 th Thursday	Christmas Party \$13.00 per person	Peacock Road Tree Farms

*We look forward to seeing you, the food is certainly worth it!!



David Pursel
6768 Highland Dr.
Laingsburg, MI 48848

