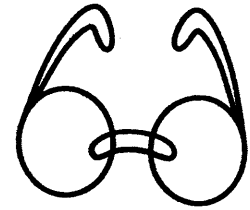




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## Laingsburg Lions Club

## Quarterly News

### Presidents Message

As outgoing president, I would like to acknowledge our membership. I would especially like to thank all those who made it possible for a successful and wonderful year.

We accomplished a lot in keeping with the Lions motto, "We Serve." One of my goals was to give back to this community which has always been very generous and supportive to our Lions Club. We managed to help those in need with our service, food baskets, eye glasses, and donations to various community organizations. And along the way, we gained five new members.

Again, thanks for your support in accomplishing my/our goals.

Welcome and good luck to our incoming president- Lion Sparky.

Your President In Lionism,  
Ben Siniarski

### Seniors Night- Great Turnout

Almost 80 meals were served on the Laingsburg Lions Club's Annual Seniors Night. We certainly appreciated the turn out and saw how many participants enjoy visiting with each other. The dining hall was certainly alive. We were entertained by Dave Witchell on piano and a special treat, a tuba solo by high schooler Drew Jones. Great amounts of chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, cole slaw and many choices of cake were on the menu. Several had seconds and some left to take home. Just a wonderful evening.



*People enjoying  
the Senior Night  
feast put on by  
the Lions Club*

### Charter Night- Mark Your Calendar

Our annual charter night will be celebrated Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at Cinders Restaurant, downtown Laingsburg. This special night is devoted to welcoming the Lions Club officers for next year. They will be sworn in by past District Governor Lloyd Kilbreath. Menu will be choice of chicken or beef, all the trimmings plus dessert and including tip for \$14.00 per person. Lets honor our new officers by bringing the gals all gussied up and their good looking mates. Remember, new members are also inducted. See you there.

### Lions 2009 Golf Outing

No comparison, the Lions Annual Golf Outing is the best value you can receive for your buck. 18 holes of golf, cart, steak dinner, plus everyone receives great prizes and even trophies to win. This years trophies will have a new look as winners might not be the best golfers. Hope to see 4 to 5 teams from Laingsburg Lions along with teams from many other clubs. Last year we entertained at least 7 area Lions Clubs. We are also looking for a good number of gals to give our outing a more attractive look and to help remind the men to be gentlemen.

Proceeds will be going to the States Lions Club Welcome Home Program. This great program helps many, many seniors and others with training and living with sight problems. Help us have a record turnout this year. For more information, call John Carroll at (517) 651-6254.

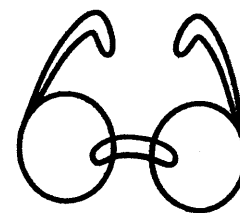
### White Cane Days

April is a busy month, but one of our most important drives of the year is the annual White Cane Sale. April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> are this years dates. Last year, due to inclimate weather and a limited amount of help, we lost some time. Hopefully we can encourage a larger number of Lions to man one of our several spots to raise monies for this project.

We still had a fine year in 2008, but with more sellers we could do better this year. Along with the Golf Outing, we were able to send support to about 12 Lions Programs throughout the state. Be sure to reserve a spot this year.



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### 2008-2009 Lions Officers/Board

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### “Need Help” – Mike Danek

Mike Danek has been the chairman of the Springtime Festival Parade for longer than many can remember. He is asking for some one to step forward and learn the ropes and responsibilities that this project requires. He is willing to work with, train and share all of his expertise with the person that will succeed him, no matter how long it takes. The festival and parade are one of the main highlights of the year. Great numbers of people, groups and area leaders take part in this event. Lets help Mike.

On this same issue, our Club is eagerly looking for new members as well as younger Lions to start taking on many other Lions Activities. It's fun, rewarding and super important to our community. Talk to some of the senior members that have led these projects for many years.

### Kids Sight Training

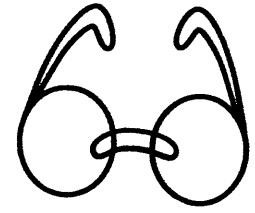
Lloyd Kilbreath, our past District Governor, was the guest speaker at our regular Thursday meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>. He is heading up a program that is called Kids Sight. The objective of this program is to call on young children, usually ages 1 to 5, to test the possibility of sight problems. The process involves a special camera that looks into the eye of young children and can detect any future sight deficiencies. His presentation and examples were of great interest to our club. He has offered to train a group of our local members in the near future at our local facility. A prime source of service would be any Daycare operation. Hopefully several members, especially fathers and mothers with small children, could benefit from this training program. Please contact John Carroll at (517) 651-6254 for information including time and place. You do not have to be a Lions member.

*Lloyd Kilbreath presenting at the regular meeting on March 12. He educated us all on Kids Sight, which he heads up.*





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### Programs have been Great

Our president to be, Larry Sparks, has done a super job of filling our meetings with outstanding speakers and programs. In addition to the Childs Sight presentation, there was Senior Night, and Sons, Daughters, and Grandchildren Nights. Remember the large turn out and the excellent presentation on youth midget racing? We also had Kathy Kilbreath provide a program on Diabetes and Vision. She shared some alarming statistics on child obesity and how its grown from 5% in 1963 to 40% today. How important exercise is and how much it is neglected in our school programs. No longer is gym or physical education mandatory. The main threat was how diabetes is one of the leading causes of sight problems in latter life. She got down to the nuts and bolts of what we need to know. Brochures were made available to all attendees. Good program.

### Quarterly Goof



HOW THE TERM "NASCAR"  
WAS INVENTED.

### Spring Time Festival

The largest attraction of the year is always the Lions Club Spring Time festival. Locals and Visitors from all over the Mid-Michigan area come to Laingsburg that weekend. Wonderful food, vendors, contests and the famous Midway with exciting rides for all ages. Need, we certainly need many fellow Lions to make sure this festival does well again.

First and foremost, raffle ticket sales. Last year Mike Danek related that he had not sold many tickets in the past, but set a goal to change things in 2008, and he did. He said it was exciting and fun to see how people responded, just by asking. My challenge is for you to try. Also now there are eight winners, not the usual three, and for real cash.

Besides ticket sales, there are many committees that could use your help. Every Lion should help in some way. The festival is our main source of income during the year. You know how good it feels to be part of the Lions Club when they do something terrific for Laingsburg.

Be sure to attend our next meeting, Dennis Shaw, a retired police detective from the Lansing Police Force, has recently returned from 3 years in Iraq. His job was training Iraq police officers. His story should be terrific.

See you next Thursday.

Jack Epple  
Publicity Director

### Garage Sale

Again under the direction of Rollie Nickols, the Lions Club will feature a community garage sale. The date: August 28<sup>th</sup>. A \$10 bill gets you your name, location, and fliers for your sale. Take part in this community function. This is also a great time to encourage men and women to become lions.

### Spring Time Festival

Congratulations to Father Duane Pamment. He is the 2009 Parade Marshall. A great honor to a true Laingsburg Giant.

# Summer Time Activities

Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup> - Ladies Night, also called steak night. Bring your spouse or best friend along with table service. Bates Scout Park at 6:30pm . It's a wonderful time to visit. Just for adults.

Thursday August 20<sup>th</sup> – Family Night. Unheard of today, but a time to be together with your own family as well as many Lions Club families. Chicken Dinner is the main course. Bring a dish to pass along with table service. Again Bates Scout Park at 6:30 pm

## Calendar or Meetings and Activities

April 9th Thursday	Regular Meeting/ Program Returning Iraq Veteran Dennis Shaw	Laingsburg Elementary School
April 23rd Thursday	Regular Meeting Program- Leader Dog	Laingsburg Elementary School
April 30 <sup>th</sup> & May 1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	White Cane Sale Help Needed!	City Hall
May 7 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Time Festival	Downtown Laingsburg
May 28th Thursday	Regular Meeting Red Cross Presentation	Laingsburg Elementary School
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Charter Night Welcome New President Larry Sparks	Cinder's Restaurant Laingsburg

