



# Laingsburg Lions Newsletter

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## 2012-2013 Officers

**Dave Pursel,  
Acting President**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

**Clyde Stanlake,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

**PDG John Carroll,  
Secretary**

**Mike Danek,  
Treasurer**

**Bill Harkema,  
1 Yr Board Member**

**Mike Foster,  
1 Yr Board Member**

**Larry Sparkes,  
2 Yr Board Member**

**Mike Dembinski,  
2 Yr Board Member**

**Chuck Ross,  
Tail Twister**

**Bonnie Snyder,  
Lion Tamer**

**Bill Dodge,  
Membership Director**

**PDG Eric Schuman,  
Publicity Director**

**Terry Fraidenburg,  
Immediate Past President**

## The Prez Sez...

Lion's members,

As the church lady use to say on Saturday Night Live, "Isn't this special!" My first "From the Prez" column. June 27th is our annual celebration of Charter night. Don and Kathy Miller, owners of Lakeview Banquet Center, at Round Lake, offered the Laingsburg Lions Club the opportunity to use their beautiful facility at no cost to us. A cash bar will be available. Country Spice Catering is offering three choices of meals. The 11-C2 District Governor will swear in our new board, and install new member Dan Marczuk. Call PDG John Carroll at 651-6643 for reservations.

White Cane was a success. We had great weather and earned \$2,233. This money will be earmarked for various programs like our local eyeglass program, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Bear Lake Camp, Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, etc. etc.

Larry Sparkes was again Chair for our 31st Spring Festival. Larry reported that we brought in over \$9,000 dollars. Still some expenses being tallied but considering the weather he thought we did very well. The ticket sales chaired by Clyde Stanlake were down this year, but considering the weather we did all right. More help will be needed next year as part of the reason sales of tickets were down was because we simply didn't have enough members selling this year. Clyde also reported that our new member Del Dreja did a great job on ticket sales. Ed Carpenter's parade was held on a rainless Saturday morning with a great crown turnout. One of our newer members, Julia Jannsen, created all the scripts for the two announcing stations and feedback indicates she did a fantastic writing job.

Chuck Ross and his wife Debbie chaired their first Chicken Dinner. Terry Fraidenburg, Keith Townsend, Jesse Marinez, Dane Nickols, and (hopefully I didn't miss anyone) put the new grill to a real test by cooking approximately 380 chickens between Saturday and Sunday mornings. Bob Fineman chaired the craft show. He had 32 registered vendors this year. Thanks to all who donated their time to make these events successful.

As everyone is probably aware, Oklahoma was hit by 15 tornados and it's a nightmare for those everything. Our own Past District Governor, Eric Schuman, took it upon himself to contact the 11-C2 District Governor and head up the committee to raise dollars and goods in order to help and assist those in need. Eric believes in the "We Serve" motto that all lions should be proud of.

More project and details will come in the future. The Club Calendar and committee assignments are nearly complete. They will be available on the website within the next couple of weeks even though it's not July 1st. One more regular meeting remains for this year, where after I become the official President for my second term instead of acting president. I'm hoping that everyone will support me and help me make it through the year.

Yours in Lionism,  
David Pursel



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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 Cassidy – May, 1990  
Larry Cook – April, 1984  
Dreja Detlef – April, 2013  
Duanne Ginther – April, 1962  
William Pearsall – June, 2010  
John Peck – June, 2011  
Charles Ross – June, 1995  
Eric Schuman – April, 1978  
Larry L Sparkes – May, 1966  
Chris Starr – April, 2012  
Al Van Antwerp – April, 2004  
Harold Walters – June, 2010  
Rollie Nickols – April, 1970

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.

## Editor Moves On...

I want to thank Past Presidents Dave and Terry for asking me to be the Publicity Director for the club.

I've had fun publishing our club newsletter. The time has come however, to move on.

I'll be assuming the position of Tail Twister for the club so watch out ☺.

I wish Lion Julia much luck and success in succeeding me in this position.

## Board News

April:

1. An Administrative Account fundraising committee of PDG'S John Carroll & Eric Schuman, along with Chair Lion Mike Danek was established.
2. \$1,600 was approved for the purchase of 2 flagpoles for the athletic fields at the high school.
3. The Board approved giving the Ken Lautzenheiser Fellowship to the club honoring all that have served present and past.
4. Update given on 8/10 golf outing.
5. Update on chicken dinner for festival given; more help needed.
6. A request for funding for the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary was tabled.
7. President-Elect Dave Purcel brought up having our charter night dinner at Lakeview Banquet Center. Motion was made to approve.
8. A recommendation for the new slate of officers for next year was approved. Now it must be presented to the general membership for voting.
9. Lion Larry Sparkes reported on the first morning meeting that 10 were present including Lions and prospective members. Next meeting is 5/16 at Twigs.

May:

1. Some Administrative account fund raisers were discussed and a few approved. More to come.
2. Tentative financial report on festival given, final to be next month.

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## Board News (cont'd)

3. Charter Night confirmed details were given.
4. A resignation was read and approved, and a new member was approved.
5. 4 members whose dues are in arrears were discussed. Attempts will be made to collect.
6. Approval given for birthday table for the year (see separate article)

June:

1. Distributed White Cane profits to various local, district and state projects
2. Donated \$175 to the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for Laingsburg
3. Voted up to \$2,000 to sandblast and paint the pavilions in Bates Park
4. Approved 2 members going to "no meals" dues, and accepted 1 resignation
5. Food Bank report by Lion Bill showed they donated 10,542 meals and their funds have nearly doubled
6. Discussion about reinstating scholarships with the club selecting the recipients instead of the school; more information to be obtained

## Lions Work At Bates

Lions Clyde Stanlake, Larry Sparkes, Dan Dembinski, and PDG Eric Schuman along with his wife Pam spent some time recently working at Bates Scout Park.

The group shoveled a big pile of compost all around the new set of swings that our club recently purchased and had installed near the ball field. Helping the community and less fortunate is part of our mission.

## Tail Twister Tidbits

The club will have a new Tail Twister come July 1. According to the installation ceremony, this job is to "maintain harmony and encourage good fellowship... (by) promoting stunts, fun and laughter"

Remember, this helps the Administrative fund. Below is a list of things to watch for and/or do (or not do) referencing whether or not you get fined at some point (which all probably will).

1. Wear both your name badge & Lions lapel pin to the meeting (if you don't have a name badge, see Lion Sec John)
2. Having your name or photo in the paper (advertising yourself)
3. Reading this newsletter to ensure you follow TT advise, eg wear mismatched socks to a certain meeting
4. NEVER leave the room during a meeting without asking the President's permission first
5. During the meeting (after the bell sounds and prior to the bell ending) ALWAYS address a fellow Lion as such, eg. Lion Dave, Lion Larry, etc.
6. There will be no giving \$1 and "go away" for the night.
7. Give what you want but usually the standard is 25¢ and number of times fined depends on YOU ☺
8. Twisting tails, as it were, will be done all meeting long except during program

This Tail Twister will be watching and ready to pounce at all times☺. Remember, this list is NOT all inclusive, and most important, it's meant in GOOD FUN. So come with a smile, good attitude and change in your pocket.



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## Oklahoma Help

The District Governor's request to have PDG Eric Schuman chair the district's effort to help the victim's of the Oklahoma tornado has been completed.

Many thanks to the Mason, Dimondale, Durand, and DeWitt Breakfast Lions clubs as well as the St. Johns Lioness Club.

Thank you as well to Lions Ron Gorsline, Harold Walters, and Jesus Martinez for their help.

A big thank you also to both Graham Community Church and Mark's Food Pride for their help. Many area residents also chipped in with either cash or products to send to the homeless down in Moore, Ok.

Through the efforts of all mentioned above, District 11-C2 Lioness and Lioness as well as citizens were able to provide over \$2,100 in cash, 79 cases of bottled water, 3 cases of Gatorade, 3 cases of trash bags, work rags, toilet paper, and many other non-perishable food and toiletry items.

Many thanks to those that participated!



PDG Eric Schuman, and Durand Lions Doug Schnell & Bill Isaacson delivering product and cash to be sent to help the victims of the Oklahoma tornado.

## Flagpoles Are Up

The two flagpoles for the athletic fields are now up and being used thanks to the efforts of Lions Duane Ginther and Chris Starr along with his boys.

We appreciate all their efforts in this service project.



## Birthday Table

The board approved in May the starting of a birthday table for the new year beginning July 1.

The way it works is the Tail Twister has, as provided by the Secretary, a list of all club member's birthdays.

At one of the tables will be a birthday sign of some sorts. At the meeting closest to your birthday, you are required to sit at the birthday table.

If you sit there, you're liable to get a special treat, perhaps a birthday song ☺ and a \$1 fine.

If you do not sit at the table at the meeting closest to your birthday or are absent, you'll probably get fined \$2.

This will help our administrative fund with some good natured fun so please, let's all get in the spirit of the fun and have a good time with it.