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2017-2018 NEW OFFICERS

- President: Eric Schuman
- 1st VP: Ed Arthur
- 2nd VP: vacant
- Secretary: Terry Fraidenburg
- Treasurer: Shannon Caroland
- Board 1 Year: Chuck Ross
- Board 1 Year: John Carroll
- Board 2 Years: Ed Kemp
- Board 2 Years: Duane Ginther
- Tail Twister: Ron Gorsline
- Lion Tamer: Jessie Martinez
- Membership: Mike Foster
- Past President: Dane Nickols

LAINGSBURG LIONS CHARTER NIGHT

Charter night was held on June 23rd, 2017 at the Dewitt Prairie Creek Banquet Center. Our out-going president Dane Nickols made his opening remarks on his achievements since he took on the office of President on behalf of his father Rollie Nickols, who passed away and would have been president this year. He handed the meeting over to our new incoming president and Past District Governor - Eric Schuman.

Lion Eric presented his goals for the year with his number 1 goal of "I would like to increase our membership by 3" this year. The Laingsburg Lions club needs additional members to help achieve its goals as well as accomplish the fundraising needed in order to complete those goals and projects which benefit the city of Laingsburg and it's surrounding area.

He further went on to say that he would like to see that our International involvement be focused in 4 areas. Hunger, Youth, Vision, and Environment. Since we already do the first three, he would like to see the club do something for the environment. "I will entertain



The new 2017-2018 Officers and Board members.

L to R: Terry Fraidenburg, PDG Dr. Tom Doyle, PDG Eric Schuman, Ed Arthur, Shannon Caroland, Duane Ginther, PDG John Carroll, Chuck Ross, Ron Gorsline, Ed Kemp, Mike Danek.

all suggestions and urge you all to help me think of a way we can improve the environment within the Laingsburg area".

After a great meal was served by the banquet center, Past District Lion Governor Dr. Tom Doyle who is a retired ophthalmologist from the Dewitt Lions Breakfast Club, swore in the new 2017-2018 officers and board members.

After the meal Lion Dane Nickols passed the gavel on to Lion Eric making him the official President for 2017-2018.

Lion Eric then went on to present the Lion of the Year Award. Secretary Terry Fraidenburg presented the membership awards for those Lion members who had perfect attendance for the year.

After some brief announcements the meeting was brought to a close. Everyone who attended seem to enjoy the evening.

LION OF THE YEAR AWARD

Lions International has a world wide motto for all clubs.

"We Serve"

Most clubs award the "Lion of the Year" plaque to that member who puts forth an unusually amount of time and effort during their current year as a Lion.

This years Lion of the Year Award was presented to outgoing Treasurer Mike Danek. During Lion Mike's acceptance speech he acknowledged that he is not the only one that should have received the award. Ovarions to Mike for an award well deserved.



POKER LEGISLATION

One of the purposes of the Laingsburg Lions Club is to raise money to fund various projects in our community. One of the sources of these fund raising efforts comes from the proceeds of the Michigan Millionaire Events we host. These events are typically held in the Lansing area. We have also hosted events in Owosso. This host-



ing does require the efforts of many Lions. There has been a number of rule changes in the last couple of years that have increased the work load of our club. In the past we only needed two Lion members at a given Poker location. However due to Richard Kalms rule making, we now need three members present at these events. This has placed a burden on our club from a volunteer perspective. It is difficult to get enough participation with our limited membership. Yet another reason why we would love to have additional members in order to lighten the load for all Lion members.

Bills submitted by Sen. Rick Jones and Rep. Tom Barrett calls for reducing the requirement from three back down to two, along with other needed changes. Due to changes and differences between the two Bills, it now needs to be passed again by the Senate. Why not help us out and make a phone call to the Senate majority leader asking that the Bill come to the floor for a final vote. Also call your State Senators and Representatives asking for their help. Also calls to Rick Jones and Tom Barrett giving Thanks for their work on these Bills. Additional info can be found at micga.org

SUMMER SCOUT CELEBRATION

The Summer Scout Celebration was held in conjunction with the Laingsburg Business Association movie night last Wednesday evening. Needless to say it was a very HOT night out. It's estimated that there were between 75-100 kids and parents in attendance. Lion member Jesse Martinez was gracious

enough to cook up 80 hot dogs. Over 100 cotton candy treats as well as popcorn and chips were made available. The Boy/Girl Scouts teamed up to sponsor the event with the Laingsburg Lions assistance.

"On my honor I will do my best.... To help other people at all times"

GOLF OUTING

Terry Fraidenburg reports that the Annual Golf Outing which raises money for Bear Lake Camp and the Lions of Michigan Foundation was yet again a successful event. 20 teams from as far away as Brighton Woods were in attendance trying in vain to win the \$5,000 Hole in One contest. Hawk Hollow and Eagle Eye graciously donated the 1st and 2nd place prizes of 4 rounds of golf. Jesse Martinez and Ron Gorsline cooked up the Lions Famous Steak Dinner in order to put the strength back into those in attendance after a hot day in the sun. The really great steaks were purchased from Marks Food Pride. An

abundance of prizes were offered up by Laingsburg, Ovid, Perry, Dewitt, Owosso and Lansing area businesses. Larry Martin of the Ovid Lions club provided raffle prizes and sponsored the "hit the ball on the green" golf balls. The Laingsburg Lions Club would like to say "Thank You" to the Hole sponsors who were Twilligers Tavern, Rick Carr Builders, One Call Restoration, Central Pharmacy, Perry Dental, and the Webberville Lions Club. Bragging rights for winning 1st place went to the Fabus team, Second place was won by the Sewell team, and 3rd place winners of a dozen Titlist ProV1's went to the team Arthur. Editors note: Sorry I didn't have the team names when this newsletter went to press.



Laingsburg and Ovid Lion Club

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Upcoming events you may want to put on your calendar.

August 17, 2017

Lions Board Mtg - Bates Scout Park - 6:00pm

Lions Steak Night / Mtg Bates Scout Park - 7:00pm

Sept 14, 2017

Lions Board Mtg - Laingsburg Elementary - 6:00pm

Lions Regular Mtg - Laingsburg Elementary - 7:00pm

Sept 21, 2017

Lions Breakfast Mtg - Twilligers - 8:30am

Sept 28, 2017

Lions Regular Mtg - Laingsburg Elementary - 7:00pm



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS—DONATIONS

A presentation was made at the July Laingsburg Lions Club Board meeting by the Den Defenders Youth Football organization. Guests Nick and April Rowley presented a request for items their organization needs to assist them in making this program successful. After their presentation and later during the evening a

motion was made to approve the expenditure and donation of \$500 dollars towards the needed equipment to help keep these young athletes safe.

The board also decided to co-sponsor along with the American Legion, another community free Thanksgiving dinner

this coming November.

The new basketball court at the Bates Scout park is still progressing with Terry Fraidenburg leading the project to completion. Modern Woodman has made matching donations, along with the city of Laingsburg department of works providing some of the labor for this project.

*Another contribution to
our community!*

DO YOU KNOW THIS LION?

Throughout the years many of the local community members have been, or are, Laingsburg Lion Club members. This ongoing column will briefly introduce you to those current members.

Lion Keith Townsend is currently the Lion who's been a member the longest. He has been a member of the Lions Club since January 1959. A total of 58 years. He has served on the board for 10

years in a variety of positions including President, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Vice President, and Secretary. He and his wife Maxine reside on West St in Laingsburg. If you should see Keith, tell him Thank You for being a Roaring Lion!



Left: Keith Townsend, right:
Duane Ginther

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Our Motto: "We Serve"



The Laingsburg Lions Club is a community service organization.. It is open to both male and female members. We have been serving Laingsburg since 1948. We hold a number of fundraising events to provide funds for projects that improve the Laingsburg Community.

A smaller portion of funds raised are used in support of Lions International, State, and District projects.

We also sponsor events like the Springtime Lions Festival, community spaghetti dinners and in conjunction with the American Legion, the free community Thanksgiving Day dinner.

We could also use some Help if your interested in serving your community.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

Contact our Membership Chairman Mike Foster at (517) 599-6064



Lion International website: lionsclubs.org

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