



The Lions Roar



September, 2007

Vol. 88, No. 3

Bulletin of the Saginaw Downtown Lions Club - Our 88th year

www.geocities.com/saginawdowntownlionsclub/



Upcoming Meetings

Our next evening meeting will be October 3, at 6:00 pm at Timbers. **Our speaker is Angela Barris, CEO of the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum**, which is scheduled to open in spring of 2008. This should be a very entertaining and informative program. Bring a guest!



Our next noon meeting will be the annual JV Football Banquet at Curtis Hall (2nd floor), Saginaw Valley State University, on October 17th. **Our speaker will be SVSU's new head basketball coach, Frankie Smith.** Cost of the meal is \$10 at the door for club members. Be sure to mark your calendars for this important annual event. (And while you're doing that, mark them for the Little Brown Jug game the next day, Thursday, October 18th, at Saginaw High School, at 4:00 pm.



Past Meetings Report

Wednesday, Sep. 5 @ Timbers



At our first Wednesday meeting, we welcomed members of the **Carrollton club**. Shown is president of that club, Lion Joan Douglas, wearing a "Charity Road Races" t-shirt. This is an annual event that takes place in early May and Lion Joan extended an invitation to our membership to take part.

President John Senyko touched on the following points during his report:

- The goal of International to increase membership among the "iPod generation".

- Encouraged members to consider attending the Nov. 9-11 Lions Leadership Institute, in Higgins Lake. See the web link in "Coming Events", below.
- Initial estimate is that we grossed about \$7000 from Friday Night Live events.

Lion Bob Heft has seven Michigan Lions flag hats (baseball caps) left. Contact Lion Bob if interested in purchasing. Cost is \$10.00.

Drawing\$: Lion Eddie's name was drawn in our first "in- place-of-the-ace-of-spades/you-must-be-present-to-win" drawing. Since she was not in attendance, the money grows for the next drawing. Fifty-fifty winners were Lion Joan Douglas of the Carrollton Lions (\$15.00), and Lion Wil Hufton (\$5.00). Congratulations!



Our speaker, Tim Greffe, of First Priority Realty, gave a very interesting talk on the current real estate market in the Saginaw area. (Average sale price is dropping, as is the ratio of homes sold to homes listed). Tim reviewed his company's practice of "Fee for Service", wherein they offer their service for a flat fee, rather than a percentage of the selling price. In most cases, this is a much better deal for the seller. They are the first brokerage in Saginaw County to use this approach, though he believes that "Fee for Service" is the future of real estate.

Wednesday, Sep. 19 @ Saginaw Club

We welcomed as a guest past Lions' president and past Golden Gloves president Doug Mazany.

During the President's report:

- Lion John Senyko displayed a Lions' Mints tray and encouraged anyone who had a place to put one to take one.
- Lions John and J.T. reported on the upcoming JV Football Banquet and Game. (See "Upcoming Meetings") **They expressed a hope for a strong Lion presence at both events.**

Drawing\$: The fifty-fifty drawing winner was Doug Mazany. Lion Delores' name was selected in our on-going drawing. Since Lion Delores was not in attendance the money grows again (to \$30.00) for the next drawing, the October 3rd evening meeting.



Our speaker was Sgt. Doug Szczepanski of the Michigan State Police, Traffic Control Division. Sgt. Szczepanski is a motor carrier officer, working with commercial trucking on Michigan's roads and highways. He gave us a little background on his career and presented a very

interesting and informative Power Point presentation on the importance of sharing the road safely with the big trucks. Don't hang out in the "No-Zone"!

- February 29th – Michigan Lions Forum, Best Western Motel, Lansing.
- April 11-13 - D1 District Convention, West Branch, MI
- May 16-17 – MD 11 Convention, Kewadin Casino, Sault Ste. Marie
- June 23-27 – LCI Convention, Bangkok, Thailand

Lion Paul



Other News

Long-time Lion Bob Zill has resigned from the club due to health reasons. We wish him all the best.

We are always looking for new members, so bring a guest to enjoy our meeting and see a good program.



Coming Events

► Designates a local club event.

- ► October 3rd, Membership Meeting at Timbers Bar & Grill, 6415 State St. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. Business Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- October 14th, District 11-D1 Fall Conference at Mayville High School. Full Cabinet Meeting. More information to follow.
- ► October 17th - JV Football banquet; Noon at SVSU, Curtis Hall, 2nd floor.
- ► October 18th - JV football game; 4:00 pm at Saginaw High.
- ► October 24th – Board meeting at Fire Mountain; noon.
- ► November 7th – Membership meeting at Timbers; 6:00 dinner, 6:30 meeting.
- November 9-11, Lions Leadership Institute, MacMullan Center, Higgins Lake, Michigan. More info at: www.lionsofmi.com
- ► December 11th – Annual Christmas Party for the kids; at noon in the gym at Peace Lutheran Church (Adams St.). Alternate date in case of bad weather is December 19th.
- Jan. 20th, Winter Cabinet Meeting at East Flint Lions Club House at noon.