

Terry's Corner (An old Lions' Memories)

This column is all about the Ladies.

In 1986 Lions International mandated that women be allowed to become Lions. This was not well received. Some Lionesses Clubs did not want to give up their status as separate from the men's clubs. The men in many clubs felt the same way, including our own club. We

clubs felt the same way, including our own club. We lost a few members because of this mandate. 1986-87 was my first go around as president and I was also opposed to the change. Lion Jack Schwab was on the board, a Lion with vision and a level head. He convinced the board that we should comply. Boy, was he right!! Lady Lions are a most important part of our club. The Ladies have stepped up in both participation AND leadership. I feel that the Ladies are the Heart and Soul of of our club.

Someone who can answer the following question will, at our next meeting, receive a surprise gift from me. Name our first lady Lion and list all our lady presidents. (The clue is there were 4) Remember "Junior

Yours in Lionism, *Terry Kalemba*

Our Global Causes

Diabetes:

We serve to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those diagnosed.

Vision

We serve to prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are Blind and visually impaired.

Hunger

We serve to ensure all members have access to nutritious foods.

Environment

We serve to sustainably protect and restore our environment to improve the well-being of all communities.

Childhood Cander

Lions and Leos provide support for the needs of children and families infected by childhood cancer through impactful service activities.

How about another pin to add to your Lions vest? This is an attainable award. Interested??

Membership Key Awards Program

This progressive awards program recognizes Lions who sponsor new members that remain active for at least a year. It begins with only two members sponsored and is something that all Lions can do beginning on their first day of membership.

November 2023

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We change the world by enriching lives through our service We change the world by transforming our communities We change the world by working together.

Lions International District Governor 23-2024

Lion Michael O'Lonergan Muskegon Northside Lions Club



Volunteering improves physical and mental health. Most of our volunteers have specific reasons for what they do. Some of them are here.

- Gaining new skills
- Making new friends
- Mental and physical health and wellbeing.
- Giving something back
- Improving your confidence.

How has joining the Rockford Lions Club helped you?