



District 11-E1, District Governor Lion John Monahan
“Together We Serve” **“April Newsletter 2012”**



District Governor John & Carolyn Monahan
Fellow Lions,

It was an excellent 11-E1, 11-C1 convention. The western themed night was a Hoot: Costume judging, dancing, and general good fun. The best I can remember at a Lions Convention. The International Director, Doug Alexander, gave excellent presentations at Saturday lunch and dinner. All the other things, the business meeting, the forums, and the silent auction went very well. Our newly elected officers are Governor Bill Simpson, 1st VDG Tim Anderson, 2nd VDG Pete Conarty, and Service Foundation Trustee Ron Gibson. If you missed this convention, I hope you make the next one, and that it is as good as this year's.

Like all Michigan Districts, our district has a membership problem. Getting new members and keeping current members are tasks that we must succeed at. Our GMT District Coordinator, 2nd VDG Elect Pete Conarty, has worked hard this year defining the role of the GMT and working to shore up weak and failing clubs. PCC Lion Dick Perrin, our GLT District Coordinator has also had to define his new role, and leadership is important in maintaining membership. But with all these efforts and yours too, we seem to be slipping toward the magic number of 1250 members. If we cannot maintain that many members, we will lose the ability to have an international director visit our convention. We may also lose the benefit of Lions Clubs International paying for the governor elect's trip to the International Convention. Further we will not have a vote on important Michigan Lion matters, and we won't be able to sponsor a candidate for international director. For these reasons, this year's Council of Governors asked an ad hoc redistricting committee to recommend a 6 district plan for Michigan, down from our current 10 districts. Having fewer districts saves the state about \$10,000 or more per district eliminated, so state dues do not have to be raised. The plan also has districts of about 2,000 members each, leaving a good cushion of membership to avoid the dreaded 1,250. Of course there are downsides. Some of our members move to a different district. Some of our old associations require more effort to maintain. Governors may have to travel farther. We will have to weigh the negatives with the positives, but our district and the other three that are above 1,250 members are on only ones allowed to vote the plan. After that four larger districts vote, if they all vote for redistricting, the entire state membership gets to vote on it at the State convention. If that passes, International gets to decide whether we can do it. As my grandmother used to say, "There's many a slip between cup and lip." It's no sure thing. So I hope you will have a chance to hear a good discussion of the issues and will cast your vote at the E1 convention.

Yours in Lionism, DG John Monahan



1st Vice District Governor Lion Bill & Vickie Simpson

Thanks to the efforts of many Lions, we had a great convention. Our speaker ID Alexander was personable, inspirational and put up with our antics of riding a horse (lion) stick into the banquet room to start our meet and greet session on Friday. PDG Perrin trained zone chairs, Lion Karla presented the secrets of Facebook and a chef from the Culinary Institute gave an interesting talk about salt and prepared several dishes including a wonderful filet. It was just a great weekend to renew old friendships and meet new Lions. Our convention team did an excellent job, so please thank Lions Deb and Brian for their efforts if you have the opportunity.

We are in a transition time between Lion years - the most important event that has to happen is your club election and forwarding those results on a PU 101 form to LCI with a copy to DG John Monahan. We need those timely election results to do our district roster book and to set up training schedules for new officers.

Thank you for electing me to the office of Governor. My team and I will assume our responsibilities in July of 2012. I will do my best to represent the office of Governor and Lionism in our District. My telephone and e-mail are available to you, so don't hesitate to contact me with any concerns. I look forward to an invitation to visit your club and participating in your activities during the coming year. Our function as Lions is to serve our local communities and to perpetuate our organization. The more helping hands we have to accomplish this goal, the easier our job will be.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Bill Simpson DGE

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2nd Vice District Governor Lion Tim & Chris Anderson

Hello Fellow Lions, first of all I want to say THANKS for this past year and THANKS for having the confidence to make me 1st VDG Elect for the coming year. The convention was FUN lots going on and as always a GREAT chance to meet new and catch up with old friends.

During this past year at several of the different training sessions I have attended a question was asked more than once, “When did YOU become a Lion?” The question seems easy I joined Lions 11 years ago but that’s NOT what they are asking, the question is actually asking at what point or event AFTER you joined Lions did you embrace the “We Serve” and KNOW Lions is the group for you!

For me it didn’t happen until I was in Lions for over 3 years, not until I became a club president and finally saw firsthand and understood EVERYTHING my club did for the community all the lives we touch and make better because of our service.

You might say I’m a born again Lion because that feeling that joy of service I felt the first time I have been lucky enough to experience that feeling again and again each time filling my heart and renewing my faith and belief that I belong to the Greatest Service Organization in the World!

The second time was when Project KidSight found the problem with our daughters eyes and because of that program and Lions we were able to get her help early enough to correct the vision in her right eye before she lost it all together, then next it happened again at my first district convention when I saw the spark light up in my wife when she saw and heard the LEOS of our district for the first time.

Other times were when we started the CUB program at our club, when our son joined Lions on his 18th birthday, or each time I’m able to bring someone new into Lions and stand beside them in front of the club as their being sworn in, my list could go on and on but what I would like to know is “When did YOU become a Lion?” Have you become a Lion?

Being involved with your club getting involved with your clubs projects might just be what you need to open your eyes and heart and see and discover first hand Why You Became a Lion! Also you may want to discuss this at your club maybe once a month have a fellow member take a few minutes and share with the club when they became a Lion.

By doing this just once a month or even every few months it might inspire and motivate the other members of your club and who knows it might just be the spark needed to help someone discover or re-discover why they joined and why they **Serve!**

When did you become a Lion? I’d like to hear your stories email me and share then if you like! vdgtim11e1@charter.net

Thanks yours in Lionism,

Tim Anderson 2nd VDG, 231-920-9905



TOUCHDOWN – DISTRICT 11 E-1 FALL CONFERENCE

MARK YOUR 2012-13 LIONS CLUB CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2012

WHITE CLOUD, MI 49349

Newaygo County Commission on Aging Building

93 S. Gibbs St.

10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Parade of checks, State and District projects, District Float Trailer Registration: \$7.50 per Lion, includes Lunch and Snacks (White Cloud Lions Club)



**NOTES FROM LION PETE
GMT DISTRICT COORDINATOR**

“JUST ASK” – IT IS THE BEST METHOD TO RECRUIT NEW LIONS!

Congratulations to the twenty seven District Lions clubs, who have added a total of 64 new members since last July. Each year, we lose a number of members through illness, death, transfers to different cities or through job loss. However, we also lose a number of Lions because of a lack of interest or involvement in Lions.

Retention is a big job.

It takes not only the leadership but individual Lions to build a working team. A working team and program consists of mentors for new Lions, a good orientation program, involvement in Club activities and fundraisers and a committee assignment. Lions need to be involved. They join to serve. All Lions need to feel that they are contributing members. We need to give them an opportunity to express themselves and share their time and talents. Ask your Lions to fill out a short evaluation of your club. Two questions – what are the strengths of our club and how can we improve our club? Then follow up on the improvements that are suggested. Two helpful suggestions: Develop a calling/ internet committee, to contact each Lion and remind them about your next meeting. Call your members, who have not attended a meeting lately. See if they need transportation or if a problem exists that you or the Lions can help with. Join the team - help keep our Lions busy and happy.

Lion Pete Conarty, GMT District 11 E-1 Coordinator

Cedar-Maple City Lions



The Cedar/Maple City Lions held their last Pancake Breakfast on April 1, 2012. We had a good turnout this time. The last one was cancelled by 21" of snow . Photo #1 is King Lion Wayne Bright Jr. doing sausages and photo #2 is Lions, Jim Lyskawa, Dan Hobbins and co-chairs, Christy Griffith & Dean Lillie (taking a break).

Coleman Lions



Coleman Lions are gearing up for a busy month. April 17th is our Kidsight Vision screening at the Railway Family Center in Coleman. And on the 21st we will be teaming with the STAR Leo Club to do our Adopt-A-Highway clean up on U.S. 10. We are also working on purchasing prizes and printing tickets for our annual raffle. More on this next month!

At our meeting on April 2, guest speaker Dick Trouville from the Chippewa Nature Center in Midland spoke to us about three new kayaks and canoe launch sites in the county that are handicapped accessible. This five year project has just been completed and will be open to the public on May 1.

A special certificate was given to Lion Ross Kent for his many hours of service as Mints Chairman. For several years, Lion Ross has been in charge of mints along a 20 mile route, from Farwell to Sanford! Two Coleman Lions, Mary Jo Fachting and Mary Lewis will take over from him this month.

Dear GLT District Coordinator,

Quality leadership is critical to the future of Lions Clubs International. As Lions leaders focused on leadership development, it is our responsibility to develop and encourage the leaders of tomorrow by providing opportunities for Lions to enhance their leadership skills. To do so requires a cadre of skilled Lions faculty capable of effectively delivering training in an educationally sound, professional manner.

As you know, we recently conducted the 2011-2012 Faculty Development Institute for Lions from Constitutional Areas I & II – USA, Affiliates, Bermuda and the Bahamas and Canada. This institute took place in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada on March 9-12, 2012 with thirty enthusiastic Lions.

Lion Karen Routson, of Mason Lions Club and Lion Richard Perrin, of Big Rapids Lions Club successfully completed this institute. These Lions participated in this intensive program where the curriculum focused not only on presentation skills, but encompassed many of the skills and concepts that impact the quality of training delivery and ultimately the effectiveness of LCI's leadership development programs. All participants had the opportunity to demonstrate their mastery of the institute content through a final project presentation of 20-30 minutes incorporating the use of all of the skills and techniques examined. These Lions' efforts to enhance his/her instructional skills are to be commended.

We encourage you to personally congratulate these Lions and to recognize the successful participation in this Faculty Development Institute. Of critical importance is the active engagement of these Lions' enhanced instructional skills. For the benefit of the multiple, the district, and the club and for this institute graduate's further development, please encourage these Lions to contribute to training and leadership development programs in your area.

Through active participation in a Faculty Development Institute, these Lions have demonstrated a commitment to and enthusiasm for quality leadership development. We hope you will encourage these dedicated Lions to use the newly refined skills as a Lions instructor for the benefit of our association. By consistently developing and expanding the pool of skilled Lions instructors, we can all look forward to a bright future for Lions Clubs International.

Thank you and best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Gudeem Bjoet Yngvadottir

Midland Lions

WHITE CANE FUNDRAISER

Hey, fellow Lions, This is just a reminder: there are still several slots open for the White Cane Fundraiser. We have three more meetings at which you will be able to sign up. Please remember the dates are May 10 and 11. Hope to see you there. Please contact Lion Al Ducham.

Lions Social Night/Awards Night on May 15.

Special Projects: Midland Blooms  and Memorial Day Parade.



The Midland Lions are invited to the Eagle Village Spring Luncheon on Wednesday May 23, 2012 at the Midland Country Club from noon to 1:00pm. It will be a Celebration of the work Eagle Village has done for the last 40 years and lay out the vision of where they are heading and their needs. They have sponsors for the luncheon so there is no cost to attend. Each table seats 10 and will include one kid and one staff person from Eagle Village. They would like it if the Midland Lions Club could be represented. If you are interested in attending please contact Lion Mike Hoy before May 16.

Honor Lions



Honor Lions Project KidSight a Success

The Honor Lions Club recently held two sight screening sessions for children 1-5 with the Michigan Lions newest camera system that detects sight irregularities, provides a picture of the child's eyes with recommendation for any follow-up exam and paperwork for the parent and/or guardian. Free screenings were held at Crystal Lake Elementary School and BACN. 22 children were screened by this non-invasive procedure and 5 were referred for additional examination by an ophthalmologist or optometrist. Early detection of sight impairment is the key to a child's development. In many instances, early detection can mean no glasses required at a later age. All referrals for follow-up made to the parent or guardian will be followed by the Lions of Michigan Project KidSight. Financial assistance may be available for families to facilitate further examination and/or glasses.

The Honor Lions have held sight screenings in the past in conjunction with Kindergarten Round Up and will continue to offer this early detection Project to anyone wishing to host a site. This year's sites served the Head Start program at Crystal Lake Elementary School and BACN clients. Please call Connie at 325-4407 to make arrangements for Project KidSight Screening at your site. Pre-registration forms for parental approval are required to facilitate the process but are also available for walk-in sign-up as well."

Pictured: (l-r standing) Lion Connie McMorris, Lion Dan Gibbons & Lion Betty Cramer
Lion Dan Gibbons and camera tester David

Lion Dan Gibbons & Lion Betty Cramer reading the results

Not pictured but there to help were: Lions Kevin Ingleston and Jeffie Lynch-Jones



You are cordially invited to
The Onekama Lions Charter Night
45th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, May 5, 2012

At

The Onekama Lion's Den
Onekama, MI

Cocktails will begin at 6:00 P.M. with a Cash Bar

Dinner will be Swiss Steak Española served at 7:00 P.M.

\$20.00 per person

Please R.S.V.P. by April 27, 2012 to

Lion Pam at 231-889-4870 or PDG Jack at 231-889-4451

We will be holding a Silent Auction that evening.
If you have an item to bring let Lion Pam know.



Greenville Lions Club Charity Golf Classic

1st Annual

DATE: May 19th, 2012
TIME: Registration at 8:00 am. Shotgun start at 9:00 am.
PLACE: Brookside Golf Course and Grill
1518 S. Johnson Rd
Gowen, Michigan 49326

Tournament Committee

Marketing/Sales/Promotions:

Steve Bursach
Andy Hurst
John Moy
Kyle Madole

Events Committee:

Sheri Bursach
John Hackett
E.J. Paas
Roger Wilson

ENTRY FEE: \$50.00 per golfer. (\$200.00 per team)

Entry Fee Includes:

Green Fees
Cart
Catered Lunch
Each Player will receive a "Goodie Bag"

Contests:

Hole-in-one for a new car.
Longest Drive
Closest to the pin
Longest putt
& many more.....

Format:

Tournament will be played in 4-person scramble format.
Individuals are encouraged to sign-up and will be placed on a team.



For more information see: www.g lions.net

or our  Facebook page "Greenville Lions Club Golf Classic"

For more information please call John Moy @ 616-754-7324 or lionsgolfclassic@charter.net

18th Annual Lake Ann Lions

Golf Outing

Saturday, May 19, 2012 - 9:00 AM



**18 Hole Four Person Scramble • Shotgun Start at 9:30 AM Rain or Shine
at Mistwood Golf Club - 75689 Ole White Drive, Lake Ann, MI**

Win a 2012 Chrysler 200

for a "**Hole-in-One**" on designated hole!

Other prizes given:

for Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin
& Door prizes

Also available:

Mulligans, Strings,
50/50 drawing

\$65 per golfer includes:

18 Holes of Golf, Cart, and Food

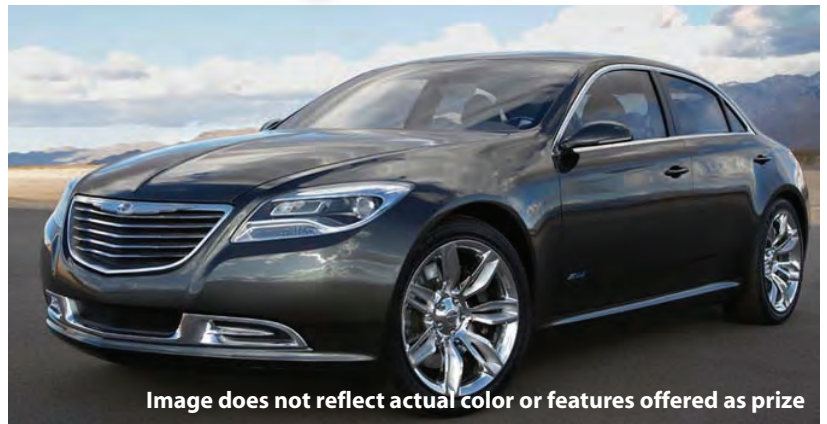


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Lake Ann Lions

P.O. Box 313, Lake Ann, MI 49650
and Mistwood Golf Club

Funds raised support
Lake Ann Lions Projects



Contact Pete Lewis (231) 883-3604

Please have entries in by May 16th

*Entries received by May 16th are only \$60 per golfer
Include names of golfers & payment amount on your entry*

Please make your check payable to:

Lake Ann Lions Club

Mail entry fee with name & address to:

Pete Lewis

6926 Windwood Dr., Lake Ann, MI 49650

Mission Statement of the Lake Ann Lions Club:

To serve the needs of our community through sight programs, aid to our youth, humanitarian needs, community activities and educational programs.