

DISTRICT 11 E1 APRIL NEWSLETTER

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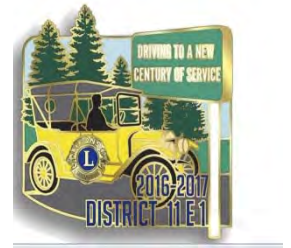
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**DRIVING TO A NEW
CENTURY OF
SERVICE**



DG RON GIBSON'S MESSAGE

Another District 11 E1 Convention is in the books. Thank you to all who came and a special thanks to the District Convention committee who worked so hard to make the weekend possible. Congratulations to our incoming officers and to those Lions who received awards and other forms of recognition. District Governor Elect Peggy Walls is busy completing her cabinet positions and is getting excited to begin her year. Our 2016-17 year has almost 3 months left in it and we still have much to do. We still have new members out there just waiting to be asked to be a Lion. In May, club and District officer training will be held at various sites highlighted in the newsletter. Let me encourage you who are incoming officers to participate in these valuable training sessions. The better prepared you are, the better your club will function. And finally, always remember the opportunity you have to make a positive influence on the lives of those in your community!

DG Ron



Convention Cabinet Meeting
Left to Right 2nd VDG Al Roeseler, 1st VDG Peggy Walls, ID Alan Lundgren, and DG Ron Gibson

Leader Dog Passes



Pam Blizzard and Nicholas Monday evening, February 27, 2017, shortly before 7:00 we helped Nicholas end his battle with skin cancer. His last responsibility as a leader Dog was to take me to church on Sunday. He was limping but was able to guide me up the ramp and to my chair. By Monday morning the shine was gone from his eyes and we could tell he had lost weight. I could only get him to eat by feeding him by hand. I called the vet's office, and although they were booked I was told they would squeeze us in. The vet said he was surprised that it happened so quickly. The vet gave him the shot and Nicholas dropped his head into my hands for the last time. He was a great companion and guide and I will miss him. On March 9, I received the call from Leader Dogs for the Blind. I was invited to come to Leader to train with a new dog on April 23. I will be there until May 11 getting to know and working with my new dog. It will take us a few months to really bond and become a good working team. After that, I would love to visit your club to introduce my new dog and talk about the new things happening at Leader Dog.



MESSAGE
1ST VDG
PEGGY
WALLS

A reminder to clubs to send in their next year's officers as soon as they are elected. This information makes planning for the following year much easier. Thank you. Also a "thank you" to all the many Lions I have talked with and who have volunteered to serve in a District capacity next year. I am looking forward to a fantastic year. It is amazing just how fast the time does go by. It continues to be my pleasure to share the joy of service with you.

Lion Peg



DISTRICT 11 E1 CALENDAR

- April 1, District Convention
- April 2, Breakfast with International Director and Convention Committee
- April 4, DG visits Sheridan
- April 8, DG attends D2 convention, Holland
- April 10, Passover
- April 16, Easter
- April 20, Grants and Assistance meeting, Foundation, Lansing
- April 27, DG attends Region 2; Zone 2 meeting, Canadian Lakes
- April 29, Lions of Michigan Foundation meeting, Lansing
- April 28 – May 7, White Cane Week
- Save the dates – May 5 & 6,
- 9TH Michigan Pin Swap at the White Cloud Lions Den.



MESSAGE
2ND VDG
AL ROESLER

Last December Coleman Lions was invited to do a Kidsight screening at the Santa Express in neighboring Sanford. This three day event gives area children an opportunity to see Santa, get treats and choose a present. Our club was interested, but we did not have enough volunteers to cover all three days. In search of a solution, we approached Midland Lions and asked if they would be willing to partner with us on the project. They graciously accepted. Over the three days we were able to screen 129 kids with 18 referrals and many thanks from parents. As I have visited clubs around our district, I believe the position Coleman was in last December is not uncommon. Smaller clubs with aging and busy members can find themselves stretched thin. Carrying out some of their fund raising and service projects can be difficult. I believe an answer in some of these situations may lie in partnering with other Lions clubs. To take this a step further, in many communities there may be other organizations that would be good partners for specific projects. Scouts, 4H, churches, schools, senior services centers, other service organizations all could be possibilities. I realize that many clubs do partnering already and deserve credit for those efforts. As Lions, we strive to be of service to our communities and world. Let's keep in mind that it is not about us, but about the service. If we are creative and partner with others in order to provide a service that is a good thing. Interactions with other Lions Clubs is refreshing and can strengthen both clubs. Working with other community groups can strengthen our public image, and might identify potential members. There is no downside; it is strictly win/win.

Lion Al



**CONVENTION
AWARD
PRESENTATIONS**

Presidential Certificates, presented by International Director Alan Lundgren:

Lion Dawn Willman, Kingsley Lions Club
Lion John and Barb Sovey, Harrison Lions Club
Lion Larry Mock, Fremont Lions Club (presented by District Governor at Fremont Club).

Membership Growth Plaques (presented by PDG Jim Walls):

Sheridan Lions Club
Carson City Lions Club
Fremont Lions Club

Mike Howard Spirit Award:

Lion Ken Hisey, Mt. Pleasant Lions Club
Lion Bob Chapman, Hart Lions Club
PDG Dan Gibbons and IPDG Pam Schroeder, Onekama Lions Club

Louis Braille Award:

presented by PDG John Monahan:

PDG Pete Conarty, Midland Lions Club

Paws With A Cause Award (inaugural):

Lions Mike and Tina Hoy, Midland Lions Club

Ken Lautzenheiser Fellowship:

PDG Jerry Brandt, Harrison Lions Club

Helen Keller Fellowship:

Lion Pam Blizzard, Carson City Lions Club

Charles Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship:

Lion Dee Van Horn, Big Rapids Lions Club
Lion Kay Brandt, Harrison Lions Club
Lion Bill Koch, White Cloud Lions Club
Lion Karla Kasten, Kaleva Lions Club

William "Doc" Barr Knights For Vision Fellowship:

PCC Janalee McClure, White Cloud Lions Club

Lions International Leadership Award:

PDG Lynn Mast, Fremont Lions Club

Lions International Presidential Award:

PDG Pete Conarty, Midland Lions Club

Congratulations DG Ron Gibson!



Coleman Lions Supports New Business and Mobile Food Pantry

Speakers Deb Praay and Marilyn Bowen gave a slide show presentation at the March 6, meeting of Coleman Lions to tell about their horses and their clients. Marilyn and Deb's new business is a ranch called Serendipity which offers free equine therapy to veterans and children with special needs. Lions Ann and Al Roeseler later visited the Coleman area business which opened last summer, and presented them with a check from the club. (Pictured are Lion Ann and Deb Praay with Kalif)

On March 22, four Coleman Lions members worked at the Midland County Mobile Food Pantry. Each year in March a Coleman church hosts the food giveaway. 190 families received groceries, which included fresh vegetables, frozen meats, bread, cakes, rice and much more.



DISTRICT EYE GLASS MISSION TRIP

The District 11 E1 Eyeglass Mission Team will be cleaning and sorting used eyeglasses at the Luther Lions Building beginning Saturday April 22, 2017 from 9:00 to 1:00 pm. Other cleaning sessions will be planned until we have 25,000 eye glasses that we can take on our trip next February or March to the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico .Everyone is invited to help at Luther even if they can't make it on the trip. See you there!! Lion Harry Johnson

GREENVILLE LIONS

On April 27, 28, 29, Greenville Lions will be out in full force for their White Cane Days during White Cane Week. Their next event will be a Spouse/Special guest Night. On May 13, the club will host the Kreitner Memorial Golf Outing Classic. The Kid's Night Magic Show in March had a great turnout. Approximately 50 Lions and invited guests enjoyed the performance of magicians Christian and Bill Rasmussen. We had some lucky winners of the \$2.00 bills, but no one came up with the \$100.00 bill.



Deputy Josh Reed and Partner K9 Callahan

Members of the Big Rapids Lions Club were treated to a visit from Mecosta County Sheriff's Department Deputy Josh Reed and his "partner", K9 Callahan. Deputy Reed is the handler for Callahan, who serves as the only K9 dog in Mecosta County. He described the level of on-going training that he and Callahan take part in weekly along with the types of cases they are called to handle. Callahan lives with Deputy Reed and his family and makes the transition back and forth from trained K9 to pet to trained K9.



Baldwin Lions Club Initiate Backpack Program

While attending the Lions of Michigan Forum, PDG Harry Johnson from the BALDWIN Lions club, had the opportunity to participate in a LCI Centennial Service Project, Feeding the Hungry. He was able to return home with backpacks stuffed with food to give to each child at Big Jackson Elementary School, located in northern Newaygo County. The school is one of a half dozen one room schools remaining in operation within the state. The enrollment in this Kindergarten through 5th grade school is currently at 16 students, who attend school Monday through Thursday. The school's Parent/Community has agreed to keep the backpack's filled with food to send home on the weekends for the remainder of the year.

STANWOOD LIONS

The Stanwood Lions club was present at the latest Morley Stanwood Elementary fun night on March 16, 2017, to screen children for possible vision problems using the Kidsight program. At this latest screening, they found three children that needed referrals. This was the third time the Stanwood Lions screened children during a fun night.

Pancakes and Pickleball Keep Empire Lions Busy

The Empire Lions participated in Empire's Winterfest that was held on February 18, 19, with a pancake breakfast and served over 125 guests. There is a Pickleball court now at Empire's Lion's /Johnson Park. It is a very sought after sport here in Empire, amongst our 40 and over residents. We are honored to endorse the nomination of Empire Lion Jackie Glazier, our President, for 2nd VDG at the March 31-April 1, District Convention. The Empire Lions will host another pancake breakfast with REAL maple syrup on the 23rd of April at our Asparagus Festival. Everyone is invited to attend.

Girls on the Run of Central Michigan

The Midland Lions program for the February 21, meeting was a presentation by Samantha Jones, Executive Director of *Girls on the Run of Central Michigan*. This is a 10 week afterschool program for girls in 3rd – 8th grades meeting twice a week. They serve the counties of Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella and Midland. The program teaches life skills through physical activity. They celebrate the end of the program with a fun 5k run. The motto for *Girls on the Run* is "*Learn, Dream, Live, Run.*" To learn more about *Girls on the Run* check out their website: www.gotrcentralmichigan.org OR call 989-330-4085. *Girls on the Run of Central Michigan*, PO Box 310, Shepherd, MI 48883



2016-17 PEACE POSTER WINNER

Lakkana Meepara from Thailand is the 2016-17 International Peace Poster Contest winner! The theme was "A Celebration of Peace." Thirteen year-old Lakkana, who is in her school's art club and passionate about volunteering for environmental issues, says she "wants everyone to build peace together, because peace is something that makes everyone happy." Lakkana will receive a cash award of US\$5,000, and will be honored at Lions' upcoming international convention in Chicago. 2017-18 Peace Poster kits are on sale now. Don't miss the opportunity to engage youth 11-13 years old in your community. Visit lionsclubs.org/peaceposter today to learn more!

Convention election results Officers Elect for 2017-2018

District Governor – Peggy Walls
1st VDG – Al Roeseler
2nd VDG – Jackie Glazier
Past District Governor – Ron Gibson
Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee -- Pam Schroeder
Vote on Merger with District 11 E2 – passed. It will now go to District 11 E2 to vote on.

AROUND THE DISTRICT CLUBS:

KALEVA – Hosted a Pasty Dinner March 25th, made over \$600. Seventy people were served at the club house and take outs were available. Welcome to two new members – Christopher Ursum and Ruth Asiala.

WEIDMAN- Working on their second calendar as a fundraiser. They will work at the Weidman Business Days selling calendars and recruiting new Lions.

HOWARD CITY- The Lions are buying new benches for the city's walkways as their Centennial Legacy project.

WHITE CLOUD – Working the Kidsight program. They have almost all the schools in their county screened.

Carson City – Working on their Citizen of the year program.

SHERIDAN – Sent the 4th graders in the elementary school to the Shrine Circus. Have some new sites for Kidsight screening.

CADILLAC – Their fundraising project, "Sink the Shack" sank in early march at 7:18 p.m. Craig Kent won the \$1,000.

LUTHER – Has been opening their Lions Den for Community use. The District Eye Glass Mission is storing and cleaning glasses in Luther's storage facility.

BALDWIN – Baldwin Lions are taking over the Lake County Christmas Party for Children. Approximately 600 children participate in this five day project.

MT. PLEASANT – Lions are working on their 63rd Annual Chicken Bar BQ. The dinner is a box dinner with a pick up at Island Park in Mt. Pleasant. This year's date is May 7, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 pre-sales and \$12.00 at the door.



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR-
ELECT
PEGGY WALLS**

Club and District Officer Training Sites 2017
Dinner 6 pm, \$8; Training 6:30 pm, All Venues

Wednesday, May 3: Harrison Lions Den, 417 Fairlane, Clare Co. Fair Grounds.
Baldwin, Barryton, Cadillac, Coleman, Ewart, Harrison, Midland, Mt. Pleasant,
Shepherd, Vestaburg, Weidman - 11 Clubs

Tuesday, May 16: Onekama Lions Den, Manistee Co. Fairgrounds, 7587 1st St.
Arcadia, Bear Lake, Cedar-Maple City, Empire, Frankfort, Hart, Honor, Kaleva,
Kingsley, Lake Ann, Luther, Manistee, Mesick, Northport, Onekama, Traverse City
- 16 Clubs

Tuesday, May 23: White Cloud Lions Den, 294 N. Charles (M-37).

Big Rapids, Carson City, Chippewa Lake-Mecosta, Crystal, Edmore, Fremont,
Greenville, Howard City, Lakeview, Newaygo, Remus, Sand Lake, Sheridan,
Stanton, Stanwood, White Cloud - 16 Clubs

Officer Training Faculty

Zone and Region Chairs	DGE Peggy Walls
Presidents and Vice-Presidents	PDG John Monahan
Secretaries	Lion Karla Roebuck
Treasurers	PDG Bill Simpson
Membership Chairpersons	PDG Jim Walls

Notable Attendees

DG Ron Gibson
1nd VGE Al Roeseler
2nd VGE Jackie Glazer
PDG Jerry Brandt @ Harrison
PDG Pam Schroeder @ Onekama
PDG Dan Gibbons @ Onekama
PCC Janalee McClure @ White Cloud

Please let me know if your club needs a different date than the one listed here.

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CONVENTION SILENT AUCTION

Thank You to the clubs and bidders for making our silent auction a success. We made \$793 to help set off convention costs. We are working on a new idea for next year, so stay tuned for all the details to come in future newsletters.

IPDG Pam Schroeder



DISTRICT CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM September 21-23, 2017 Portland, OR

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March 2017

**Leo Day puts
the focus on
our future**

**Build Your Leadership Skills Year
Round With Lions University**

**Global Initiative
on Health &
Wellness**

**Spring Has Sprung in the
Pacific Northwest U.S.**



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**Countdown to
Portland
September 21-23**

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The Onekama Lions 50th Anniversary

Saturday, May 13, 2017

The Onekama Lions Den
 Onekama, Michigan

Cocktails 6 P.M.
 Cash Bar

Pork Loin & Chicken Dinner 7 P.M.

Cost of Dinner: \$15 per person

Please R.S.V.P. by May 1, 2017

by contacting Lion Pam at 231-889-4870

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE LIONS CONSTITUTION

**Proposed Amendments
 (To be voted upon at the MD 11 State
 Convention May 20, 2017)**

**A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT
 11 BY LAWS BY THE 2016-2017 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS**

The 2016-2017 Council of Governors proposes the following:
 Combine the District Editors Committee and the Publication Advisory Committee. The rationale for this action is that in almost all cases the sub-district members representing these committees are one in the same. "It is therefore proposed that the By Laws of Multiple District 11, Article IX, Section 1-a be amended as follows: Combine number 11 (Publication Advisory Committee) and number 12 (District Editors Committee) be combined into a new number 11 and that the rest of Section 1-a be renumbered accordingly."

"Whereas, the subscription for the MD Magazine is currently five dollars(\$5.00) annually,

And whereas, the annual dues for a student member is fifty (50) percent of a regular member,

And whereas, the magazine subscription fee should fall in line with the fifty (50) percent membership discount,

Now, therefore be it resolved that the By Laws of Multiple District 11, Article VII (Magazine) be amended to include a section 2 that shall read - The annual subscription fee for the magazine for a qualified student member shall be two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) and shall be invoiced twice a year. The first billing shall be one dollar and thirteen cents (\$1.13) and the second billing shall be one dollar and twelve cents (\$1.12). This represents fifty (50) percent of the subscription fee for all other Lions."

Help Wanted: Club LCIF Coordinator

The Club LCIF Coordinator is an ambassador for Lions Clubs International Foundation in your club. This person will share LCIF stories, motivate fellow Lions to support LCIF, and enable LCIF to advance its humanitarian work both locally and globally. This new position is crucial to the promotion of our foundation and we need all club presidents to actively recruit within their clubs to enable its success!

Appoint your Club LCIF Coordinator in 5 easy steps!

- 1 Announce the open position at your next club meeting
- 2 Educate members on the roles and responsibilities
- 3 Identify club members who are passionate about LCIF
- 4 Nominate and appoint a Club LCIF Coordinator for your club
- 5 Enter required Club LCIF Coordinator information in MyLCI

As club president, you are responsible for appointing your Club LCIF Coordinator. What an exciting way to be part of the future of LCIF!

The Club LCIF Coordinator is nominated by your club's nominating committee, elected as a member of the club's board, and serves a one-year term until reelection the following year. The Club LCIF Coordinator works closely with local leadership and communicates directly with LCIF District Coordinators to ensure alignment with district goals.

Once your nominating committee is ready to appoint to this important position, enter that information into MyLCI. We'll take it from there!

Club LCIF Coordinator Quiz

Are you interested in the Club LCIF Coordinator position?

Yes

No

Are you ready to share your passion about LCIF with your club?

But aren't you passionate about LCIF?

Yes

I'm not sure

Yes

No

What if LCIF were to give you all the support you need for the job?

Then yes!

I don't think so

Great!

That's okay!

Tell your club president that you want the job!

There are plenty of other ways you can support LCIF!



GREAT AWAITS...

2017 Lions of Michigan MD11 State Convention

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Name _____ Lion Lioness Spouse Guest

Lions/Lioness Club of _____ District _____

Name _____ Lion Lioness Spouse Guest

Lions/Lioness Club of _____ District _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Home: () _____ Office: () _____ Email: _____

Is this your first MD Convention? Yes No How many years a Lion member _____

QUANTITY		AMOUNT
_____	Thursday Picnic @ \$10.00, May 18, 2017	\$ _____
_____	Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lion	\$ _____
_____	Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lioness or Leo	\$ _____
_____	Registration @ \$15.00 for each Spouse or Guest	\$ _____
_____	Friday Evening Buffet @ \$20.00 per person	\$ _____
_____	Friday Night Welcome Reception @ No Charge	\$ <u>0.00</u>
_____	Saturday Breakfast @ \$15.00 per person	\$ _____
_____	Saturday Night Banquet @ \$26.00 per person	\$ _____
_____	(Choice) of: Roasted Chicken# _____	
	Grilled Beef Tips # _____	
	GLUTEN FREE# _____ TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____	

Remittance or credit card information must accompany this form.
(Make checks payable to "Lions of Michigan.")

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION: Visa Master Card Discover

Credit Card No.: _____ Exp Date: _____

Signature: _____ CVC/CID Code: _____

Please Note any special needs (i.e., deaf interpreters, dietary restrictions, food allergies, etc.)

1. Everyone MUST pay the registration fee. No meal tickets may be purchased unless (excluding Saturday Banquet) registration fee is paid.
2. Deadline for pre-registration and purchase of tickets is May 8, 2017. No refunds after May 8, 2017.
3. Tickets and registration packets will be distributed at the Lions Registration Desk at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City. They will not be mailed to you.

The registration desk will be open from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 19 and from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2017.

MAIL THIS FORM TO: LIONS OF MICHIGAN • 5730 EXECUTIVE DR., LANSING, MI 48911