



**NEWSLETTER**  
**11 E1**  
**AUGUST 2015**

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR**  
**PAM SCHROEDER'S**  
**MESSAGE**

The first month has been a busy one. We went to Bear Lake Camp for a day with the campers. It is amazing what blind and visually impaired children can do with people just like them. Leadership development is offered to the older campers, and a camp out in tents for a night for each camper. Songs, swimming, flag ceremonies, and socializing is just a part of their day. Camp counselors are amazing working with the campers. For some campers it was their first time away from home, but the children acted like they have known each other for a long time. Leader dog trainers came out and showed the students what is like to walk with a leader dog. If you get the chance to visit Bear Lake Camp, you will find it amazing. Continue to support this project, it works with visually impaired and blind children, deaf and hearing impaired children and also the children with diabetes.

EverSight was our next visit. In 2014, 2,104 Michigan residents gave the gift of sight. 2,519 received a second chance for sight through Corneal Transplantation with the help of EverSight Michigan (formerly known as Michigan Eyebank). Of those 1,541 recipients were from Michigan. 50 % of Michigan Adults are now registered eye, organ and tissue donors. This is another project we need to continue to support and provide information about being a donor.

Be sure to support our projects at the Fall Conference during the Parade of Checks. No matter how small or large the club donation is, the projects greatly appreciate what you give.

If there is anything I can do to help your club, I am a phone call away.

Let`s have fun as we Serve!

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## DIETRICK 11 E1 NEWSLETTER



### 1<sup>ST</sup> VDG RON GIBSON'S MESSAGE

Leadership is important for the success, the health, and the future of our Lions clubs and the District. As we look in our clubs and our District, we must always be trying to identify and mentor future leaders. New leaders bring new energy, new ideas, and new insight, while working off traditions that are important and successful. Many of our PDGs are very helpful and intuitive in helping in this process. It's never ending; the need is always there as we are frequently reminded. So let me encourage each of you to help identify future leaders, those who will take us into our second hundred years of being a great service organization. There are many in our communities who are counting on us!



### 2<sup>ND</sup> VDG PEG WALLS MESSAGE

The most amazing thing about being able to attend an international convention is the number of wonderful Lions you meet from around the world. Everyone has a similar attitude of genuine interest in serving others. And the Lions of 11 E1 have that same attitude as I continue to meet them in my travels around the District. Just like it is hard to contain a moment of joy--it is hard not to want to share the excitement of Lionism. I encourage each of you to continue to do this as we work on the year 2015-16. People want to know about Lions. They want to be informed. Do not be hesitant to tell others that you are a proud Lion.



Lions Club International's new president is Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada from Japan. Dr. Yamada is a neurosurgeon. His theme for the year is pictured in the box above with his logo the crane. Dr. Yamada is asking all clubs to start the year with a special service project involving or helping children. He has set aside August 30 – September 5, as LCI Children's Dignity Week.



### LCI CONVENTION IN HAWAII

IPDG Pete Conarty installs Governor Pam Schroeder by removing the Governor Elect ribbon from her pin.

Congratulations Governor Pam!



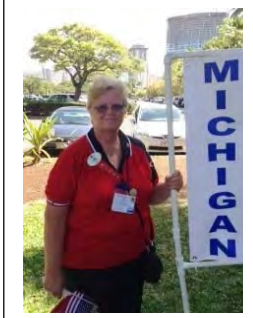
### Coleman Family Receives I-Pad From Lions

Coleman Lions Club presented an I-Pad to a local family in late May. But before that Coleman Middle/Senior High School teacher Jim Burkhart installed a special program on the device. We were notified by a case worker at the Community Mental Health for Central Michigan that there was a child in the Coleman area who was autistic and has trouble communicating with friends and family. The Coleman Lions Club Sight and Hearing Committee under took the responsibility of helping this child. Because of this expensive undertaking, we applied for and received a grant from the Lions of Michigan Foundation to purchase a special program called Proloquo2go, designed to help autistic children communicate. The Coleman Lions also used money from our White Cane collection held the first weekend in May to purchase the I-Pad. Last year, Coleman Lions had a similar request. The I-Pad program helped this student overcome the communication barriers he was facing prior to receiving his I-Pad.

**EVART LIONS CLUB**  
 Evart's Lion of the Year, **Randy VanBuren**, presents **Natalie Belleville** and **Stevie Duey** each a \$1,000 Evart Lions scholarship for college. The Lions have as their major fundraiser a food booth at the Evart Fairgrounds. This year, they will be selling food at seven events.



### INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION PHOTO SHOTS - HAWAII



Top Photo: Back row IPDG Pete Conarty, PDG Harry Johnson, PDG Laura Johnson, Front Row: District Gov. Pam Schroeder, PDG Dan Gibbons. Bottom Photos: 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Peg Walls and PDG Jim Walls, Gov. Pam ready to march in the International Parade.



## DISTRICT 11 E1 NEWSLETTER

### GMT REPORT

District GMT Jim Walls

Being a part of the Centennial Celebration is as simple as sponsoring a new member or helping to organize a new club! From now until June 2018, when you sponsor a new member or club you immediately receive special recognition. Centennial Sponsors and Centennial Club Organizers earn a limited edition pin and certificate, and are eligible for our progressive level awards. Sponsor a new member or help organize a club today and be a part of the Centennial Celebration!



### TRAVERSE CITY LIONS

On July 9, District Governor Pam Schroeder inducted the officers of the Traverse City Lions. The club has moved It's meetings to the Traverse City Elks Club.

### Big Rapids Lions Installs Officers

The Big Rapids Lions Club gathered on June 22 for a picnic. With a rainout predicted, the picnic moved to Cranker's Brewery. As part of the evening events, officers for the 2015-2016 Club year were installed by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Ron Gibson. The officers are President Bruce Fredrick, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Hal Palmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Kurt Schwamberger, Recording Secretary Mary Clark, Financial Secretary Rick Horst and Treasurer Joe Czinder. The evening also offered an opportunity for special recognition for several club members. Jerry Nichols received the Melvin Jones award; Tom Samuels received the Outstanding Service award; and Bruce Fredrick received the Charles Weir Fellowship award. Richard Perrin was honored for his 30 years of service to the Club.

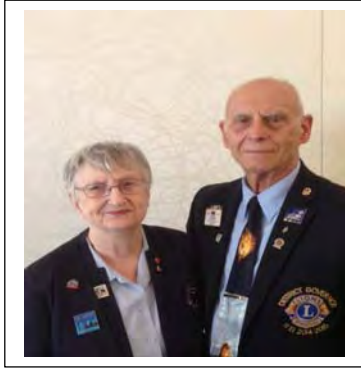


Pictured above DG Pam is presenting Zone Chair Sheila Ferrel a new Ken Lautzenheiser Award. Sheila's home was destroyed by fire this spring and she lost all of her belongings. This award replaces the one that she lost in the fire.



Pictured to the right: Midland Lions 8:30 a.m. potato brigade preparing potatoes to cook for the July 18, Lions Chicken Dinner Fundraiser. The Midland Lions had a sell-out. The club has 11 straight days of fundraising, starting with a Hole In One Contest and ending with the dinners.





DISTRICT 11 E1

GOVERNOR'S  
APPRECIATION DINNER

Hosted by the Midland Lions Club

IPFL MARY LOU & IPDG PETE CONARTY

Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

5:30 P.M. Social Hour, Buffet Dinner 6:30P.M.  
Cash Bar, Dinner - \$18.00 – Everyone is welcome!

Midland Country Club  
1120 W. St. Andrews  
Midland, MI 48642

RSVP by August 12<sup>th</sup> to:  
Midland Lions Club  
PO Box 2243

Midland, MI 48641-2243

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Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Send To: Midland Lions Club, PO Box 2243, Midland, MI  
48641-2243



### DIST. GLT JOHN MONAHAN

Our new Lions year has begun, so this is a good time to work on leadership in our district. You may have heard of the program for helping clubs run smoothly and effectively. It is called Club Excellence Process (CEP). The first and one of the most important steps in the process is to find out how well clubs keep their members satisfied with all aspects of the club. After finding out where the club succeeds and where it can improve, the club draws up a plan for the future and then implements the plan. Afterwards, a follow up assessment is conducted to see how well things worked.

I would like to talk to each and every club about CEP. I have a 15 minute program that gives the basic outline and some details. After that, I am happy to help clubs figure out how they want to begin the process and offer whatever assistance they need to get going.

My goal is to work with at least 5 clubs on CEP this year, but more would be better. I plan to come to as many zone meetings as possible the next few months and talk briefly about CEP. If your club is interested in CEP, please let me know by phone or email: 989-772-1852 or [john.monahan@cmich.edu](mailto:john.monahan@cmich.edu). I look forward to working with you on CEP.

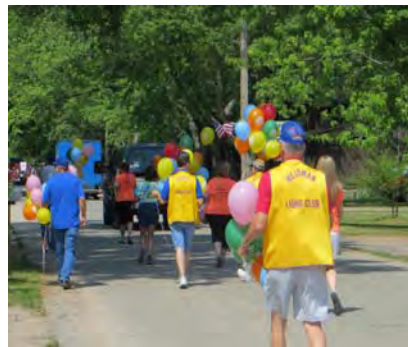
### NEW KIDSIGHT TRAILER

PDG Dan Gibbons stands inside the new KidSight trailer to take pictures in. The trailer painted blue inside by Lions Jackie and Steve Glazier provides a wonderful environment in which to take pictures in outdoor areas. The trailer will eventually have air conditioning and a heater. A blue bubble light on top will indicate to people that pictures are being taken.



### WEIDMAN LIONS CLUB

The Weidman Lions participated in Weidman Days. They entered a float, marched in the parade and passed out balloons. The Lions worked their Lunch Wagon and offered reduced prices for families purchasing food. A band in the evening capped off the festivities. Pictured to the left: Weidman Lions marching in the parade. Below their float.



### BEAR LAKE CAMP

Bear Lake Campers lower the flag at the end of a successful day. See Gov. Pam's comments about Bear Lake on the front cover..

**Hello August!**  
(and goodbye July)

## DISTRICT 11 E1 AUGUST CALENDAR

JULY 31 – AUGUST 1, Council of Governors' Meeting, Lansing

July 31 – VDG Training Lansing

AUGUST 1 – Lions Hall of Fame, Causeway Bay Hotel, Lansing

AUGUST 7, 8 & 9 – Onekama Days

7 & 8 – Empire Lions cooking hot dogs, Port Oneida Fair

9 - Empire Lions Annual Auction, Johnson Park- boat and other items.

8 - Pizza Battle, Stanwood Lions 4-6 p.m. Stanwood Free Methodist Church

11 – Governor's visit to Manistee Lions

12 - KidSight at Traverse City Fair

17 – Stanwood Lions Picnic – Citizen of the Year presentation.

13500 215<sup>th</sup> Ave., Big Rapids

17 - Governor's visit, Stanwood Lions

19 – Governor's visit, Harrison Lions

21 & 22 – Greenville Lions Food Trailer at the Danish Festival, Big Event

22 - KidSight screening, 9 – noon, Family Center – Coleman Lions

22 – IPDG Pete Conarty's Appreciation Party, Country Club, Midland

Aug. 30 – Sept. 5, LCI's Children's Dignity Week

### TRAVELING WITH THE GOVERNOR



Pictures Above: Governor's Team at the EverSight White Caps baseball game. Center: IPDG Pete Conarty presenting the District gavel to Gov. Pam Schroeder. Picture right: Gov. Pam schmoozing with White Caps Baseball team mascot.

## LIONS DISTRICT 11 E1 NEWSLETTER - AUGUST

### ENLIST YOUR VETS INTO LIONS

We are pleased to share that Lions Clubs International is extending the *Involve a U.S. Veteran* program through **June 30, 2016**. This program waives the charter or entrance fee for U.S. Veterans joining a Lions club in the United States.

Eligible veterans include retired U.S. military personnel or honorably-discharged members of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard Services, Marines, National Guard, Navy or Reserves. Those currently serving in the National Guard or Reserves are also eligible. Lions Clubs International will provide an entrance fee waiver of \$25 (\$30 for charter members) to qualified U.S. veterans that join a local Lions club.

Veterans have made so many great contributions and sacrificed so much to serve our country. As service members return home from serving in the military, let's offer them an opportunity to get involved in their communities.

### VISUALLY IMPAIRED?

#### KNOW SOMEONE THAT CAN'T SEE THE PRINT?

The Manistee Lions have two machines 255, that can help visually impaired individuals read. If you or if you know a person that can benefit from such a device, contact the Manistee Lions Club to get further details about the equipment. Contact: Lion President John Mencarelli at 231-299-1110 or E-mail [jmenca@charter.net](mailto:jmenca@charter.net)



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### LCI CENTENNIAL

Lions Clubs International is celebrating 100 years of service and we're getting ready for our next 100 years!

To commemorate 100 years of service and celebrate the achievements of our members, we are rewarding Lions and Lions clubs that invite new members and help organize new clubs with special recognition. Earning is as easy as sponsoring a new member or helping to organize a new club between now and 2018.

For more information on the Centennial Celebration Membership Awards - [LCI website](#).



## Lions Clubs International

### LCI CONVENTION – HONOLULU CONSTITUTION RESOLUTIONS

Delegates At the convention passed the following resolutions to the LCI Constitution:

1. The number of US Lion delegates to the Board of Directors was reduced by three.
2. The position of 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President was reinstated. (to be elected in Japan).
3. Leadership Committee was renamed Leadership Development Committee.
4. Payment of delinquent dues is due at least 15 days prior to the District Convention. Clubs must have all dues paid 15 days prior to the convention to have voting delegates at the District Convention.
5. Redistricting procedures were amended. Redistricting has been made easier.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**SEPTEMBER 26 (Saturday)** District 11 E1 Lions Fall Conference, White Cloud Lions Den. Parade of Checks and renew your commitment to the Knights of the Blind.

**VDG's Ron Gibson and Peggy Walls**





# West Mecosta Pizza Battle

Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

4-6 p.m.

Stanwood Free Methodist Church  
7496 Stanwood Dr., Stanwood

\$5.00 per/Person admission  
@ the door covers pizza tasting.

*Voting requires additional funds.*



Join us and help -- Vote  
the Best Pizza in our Area

The West Mecosta Pizza Battle supports  
the Stanwood Lions Club Scholarship Program.

Ph: Lion Jim Walls, (231) 796-2861.

## Coleman Lions Club Annual CHARTER NIGHT Party Dinner & Auction

Celebrating 75 Years of Service  
to the Community

Saturday, October 10, 2015  
VFW Hall, 204 Railway Street,  
Coleman, MI

Doors Open at 5:30 pm  
\$17.00 - Dinner at 7:00 pm

Auctions Games,  
Drawings

*Reservations must be made by  
October 1, 2015*

Call or Email Lynn, 465-6979  
[lynn.brugger@yahoo.com](mailto:lynn.brugger@yahoo.com)

Checks can be mailed to:  
Coleman Lions Club  
P.O. Box 163  
Coleman, MI 48618



## CARNIVAL HELP NEEDED!!

Final call for entertainers! The USA/Canada Forum planning committee is in need of volunteers on **Thursday, September 17**, in Grand Rapids. This year's opening night ceremony will feature a Lions Carnival, organized **by** Lions **for** Lions to enjoy! Do you or your club have costumes or carnival-type games you would be willing to share, operate, donate for use? You are encouraged to make this a club-wide project and attend the Forum.

Contact the MI Lions State Office, Ext. 10 or 11 or E-mail Sunny Pulley: [smpulley@comcast.net](mailto:smpulley@comcast.net)