

Lions of Michigan

District 11-E1

“WE SERVE”



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A note from the District Governor

My fellow Lions;

The time is here to celebrate the Christmas season. We try to help our fellow man all year but this is the time of year that we dig just a little deeper to give a toy to a child that won't celebrate Christmas or a meal to a family that cannot afford it. As I travel through the district it is a shame to hear and see all of the hardships that are out there. At every club you hear about the concerns for their communities and the big question is when will this madness all go away. To me the meaning of Christmas is being together as a family and giving. I am not going to talk about Lions this month at all, you know what you have to do. Both First Lady Debbie and I would like to say to you, our family, may you be blessed and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please bless our troops overseas bring them home safely and may the blessings also be with their families.

God Speed, a very happy Holiday to you and your family.



Governor Wayne & First Lady Debbie

District Governors Calendar:

January 4: Greenville Lions Official Visit

January 10: District Cabinet Meeting

January 11: Lake Ann Lions Official Visit

January 12: Howard City Lions Official Visit



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SEASONS' GREETINGS TO ALL!

As I look outside today, all is glistening with a fresh covering of white, sparkling snow. To many of us this means a new season is here. One that requires us to allow extra time to arrive at our destinations, time spent shoveling and dodging those drivers that are not prepared for the seasons slippery roads and fighting the crowds of shoppers looking for the perfect gift . All these changes in our environment take valuable time from our already overloaded schedules.

TIME: that's what it's about. All these conditions and seasonal changes involve a time commitment. Time to do what is necessary. What about time to do what is important to each of us? What do you value more? Time for yourself or time sharing yourself, your gifts and your talents with others?

We as Lions have a made a commitment to serve the less fortunate, the handicapped, the blind and those who have a sincere need. I ask you at this special time of year to reevaluate your dedication as a Lion. Are you living up to the oath you took when you became a Lion?

Are you stepping up to volunteer when your club has a new project? Are you asking that new friend to join in service with you? Let's remember the blessing we give others by our service will be returned to us tenfold in many ways.

In closing, I'd like to thank each and every one of you who have called me or sent a card wishing me a speedy recovery as I battle a serious infection in my left knee. I believe each and every prayer is heard on my behalf. I'm truly blessed to have such a caring family of Lions. I want to especially thank my husband for his patience, and to our Great Governor and 1st Lady for the daily calls of support. It means so much to me to having such a caring networks of Lions friends.

I'm hoping to be back out visiting clubs after the holidays , if all goes well.

Until then, may each one of you experience the joy of the season! I hope you are able to surround yourselves with many special friends and family.

Yours in Lionism,

1st Vice District Governor, Laura Johnson



2nd VDG John Monahan, Wife Carolyn

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Merry Christmas Fellow Lions,

We as Lions are always doing something for someone, whether as a group or as individual Lions. We are committed to following our motto: We Serve. Margo Jonker, CMU's Hall of Fame Softball Coach, was the speaker at a recent club meeting and showed us what commitment is all about. She says; imagine a farm breakfast of bacon and eggs. A hen and a pig are the basis of the meal, unequally. The hen is involved, but the pig is committed. She says that with her players, she looks for immediate involvement soon becoming commitment. My son, whose name is also John, was inducted at the same meeting, and Margo asked him from the podium if he was involved or committed. He is definitely involved and seems to be committed. We, of course, want to know the same thing about each of our new members. The question for us is how to achieve it.

Fortunately, Lion Ed Weessies, eweessies@aol.com, has a suggestion. Lion Ed says that his club, Muskegon North Side, began to grow when they adopted this method he calls Pre-induction Orientation. It works like this: Set up a meeting at a restaurant or other neutral place (not the club's meeting place or the prospect's home) with the prospective member, spouse or significant other (what a terrible phrase), the sponsor and a knowledgeable Lion or two before accepting the application and check. Limit the meeting to about an hour. In the meeting, briefly introduce Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 11: structure, area, administration, Sub-District 11E-1: structure, area, administration, your club: structure, area of responsibility, meeting place, cost of membership, fund-raising activities, and service projects. Additionally, tell then prospective member what he or she can expect from the club, including opportunities for personal growth, leadership training and experience, and the warm feelings engendered by helping others in need. Finally, tell the person what the club expects from its members. By then the prospective member and spouse have a good idea of the scope and seriousness of the commitment needed to become a Good Lion. So you can ask for questions, ask whether they still want to be a member, and, if positive, ask for the initiation fee and schedule an induction. Lion Ed says the probability that you will get a good member if that person commits is very high.

Lion Ed has a PowerPoint program that he will email you if you ask. Just tell him I sent you. You will have to make a few changes; it references District 11C-1 and Muskegon North Side Lions Club. The changes are small, and I, john.monahan@cmu.edu, or Karla Roebuck, kroebuck@greenridge.com, will be happy to help you. But be sure to email Lion Ed first. He will be happy to know that his ideas are being used.

Yours in Lionism,

2ndVDG John Monahan

Quote of the month

Teamwork divides the task and doubles the success. . .

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District Organization

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As per attached Article IV, Section 2, it has been decided by me, First Vice District Governor Laura Johnson of the Baldwin Lions Club; that I will not utilize the office of Region Chair in my cabinet for the year 2010-2011. As per the constitution, I am notifying Lions Club International, English Department, and the current Cabinet secretary, along with the current Region Chairs. This article will be published in the District Newsletter for December.

If you have any questions, please contact myself or Cabinet Secretary Jim Chipman.

First Vice District Governor Laura Johnson

Posted: December 9, 2009

ARTICLE IV

District Organization

Section 2. ELECTION OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR/first and second VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS. The district governor and first and second vice district governors shall be elected at the annual convention of the district. The district shall elect or the district governor shall appoint, by the time he/she takes office, the cabinet secretary-treasurer or a cabinet secretary and a cabinet treasurer, one region chairperson for each region (if the position is utilized during the district governor's term), and one zone chairperson for each zone, in the district. **Inasmuch as the office of Region Chairperson is an elective position, and in order to give the candidate sufficient time in which to campaign, candidates for the office of district governor shall declare their intention whether to utilize region chairperson on or before January 2nd of the year in which they seek election; otherwise it is understood that the office of Region Chairperson shall be utilized.**

April 8-10, 2010 District Convention

To the Lions of The District: Per our Constitution and By-Laws under By-Laws Article 3; District Nominations, Elections and Appointments, Section 2 and 3 are By-Laws require any qualified member of a club in the district seeking an elected office shall file his/her intention to so run in writing with the Nominating Committee (Nominating Chair PDG Irwin Beck 8558 W. Stormer Rd. Empire Mi 49630) at least 60 days prior to the opening session of the District Convention, with copies to the Cabinet Secretary and Multiple District Executive Secretary. Feb. 8 is 60 days out.



The theme is Halloween in April, bring your costume and plan on having a lot of fun. The Convention Committee has been working hard to make this the best ever. If you don't come, you are going to miss out on a lot of fun. Silent Auction will be featured again this year and last year we had a lot of nice prizes and we expect many again this year..



2nd Region II Zone 3 meeting

On October 27th the Baldwin Lions Club hosted the 2nd Region II Zone 3 meeting for this year. All clubs were represented at the meeting. After the club reports were given Zone Chair Lion Tim Anderson stressed the importance of new member orientation and went over the governors goals for both the clubs and the district for this year.



The speaker for the evening was Mike Filkins from the All State Band and he brought along Kelsey Heck a McBain senior and three year member of Lion 's Band. Mike spoke about the band and what they do also about the upcoming trip to Australia and Kelsey shared stories of her last two trips and what it feels like to represent the different countries during the flag ceremony.

ZC Lion Tim won the 50/50 and donated his winnings back to the club to be used at their annual children 's Halloween party which was scheduled for that Saturday the 31st. Thanks to the members of the Baldwin club for a delicious home cooked meal.

Pictured are left to right Zone Chair Lion Tim Anderson, Mike Filkins, and Kelsey Heck



Michigan Eye Bank Report

Phase I of the "I Joined" Donor Registry program is nearly complete. All but one club in our District has either had the program or is scheduled. The goal was to present the program to every club in the district and we still hope to accomplish that. The programs have been given by Eye Bank personnel, Lion Larry Alman and me. Thirteen clubs have received the 100% patch and more clubs are completing the requirements for the patch.

Now here comes "Phase II" of the "I Joined" program. I have an 8 minute DVD that shows how Lions Clubs can use our Community events, Festivals and Fairs to inform and sign up people on the Donor Registry List. It is also a very good video to use as a public relations program for potential new members.

Please contact me at 231 689 6971 or lmast@riverview.net to schedule this new program.

PDG Lion Lynn Mast

Barryton Lions Club



Barryton Lions Club sponsors Mobile Food Pantry: The Barryton Lions Club purchased 10,000 pounds of food from Feeding America West Michigan Division that was delivered ready to be given out to those in need. The food was given out on a Saturday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and all the food was gone by 3:00 p.m. and 205 families were served. Lion members volunteered along with others from local Churches and schools to help to distribute the food. The program is organized by the Barryton mobile area Food Pantry with distribution monthly, of which the Barryton Lions Club will purchase two more months in 2010.

Big Rapids Lions Club

The Big Rapids Lions Club at their meeting last night endorsed the candidacy of Lion Bill Simpson for the office of 2nd VDG for District 11-E1. Lion Bill has been a member of the Big Rapids Club for 13 years, served as president in 2004-05, Club Secretary for 3 years and currently is Zone Chair for Region 2, Zone 1. Bill has been married for 36 years to Vickie and has 2 children and 1 grand child. The Big Rapids Lions Club is very proud of Lion Bill and knows he will do the District a great job as 2nd VDG.

Cedar - Maple City Lions Club

On Sunday November the 1st, The Cedar/Maple City Lions served a Benefit Dinner for Caleb Mikus. He is going to have Heart Surgery due to an enlarged heart, a result of having Mar fans Syndrome. A Roast Pork Dinner with a Silent Auction raised over \$3,000.00. The food and all the items for the Silent Auction were donated. This was all done on two weeks notice, our King Lion, Rob Serbin made it happen. There was great community support for this event.



November 5th the Cedar/Maple City Lions finished their Peace Poster Contest. They worked with Glen Lake and Saint Mary's Schools. There were 74 students participating. Each schools winner received; 1st place a \$100.00 US Savings Bond, 2nd & 3rd places a \$50.00 US Savings Bond and the first 6 places received the Lions International Certificates. Photo left to right; Jill Walker (Glen Lake, Art Instructor), Lions Rob Serbin (President) and Bill Courson.

The Cedar/Maple City Lions had a visit from 11E-1 Governor Wayne Kreitner & 1st Lady Lion Debbie Kreitner on November 28, 2009. They brought their experiences from our last National Convention and Leo Club organization details; it really was a good evening for Lions.



On Monday November 30, 2009 the Cedar/Maple City Lions Club were presented with a check (\$500.00) from Fox Grand Traverse for their 20' Douglas fir tree. The lions cut and installed it in their showroom on November the 19th. General Manager, John Cueter presented the check to Lion President Rob Serbin and the Lions Club. Fox Grand Traverse is also collecting Toys for Tots. Photo left to right; Lions Carrlin Waldenmyer, President Rob Serbin, Fox Grand

Traverse General Manager, John Cueter, Lee Winfrey, Gordon Waldenmyer & Gerry White. (Fox Grand Traverse is the Ford Dealership in the Traverse City Area).

Edmore Lions Club

EDMORE LIONS CLUB EVENT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS



On October 28 the Edmore Lions club hosted a fundraising event that drew almost 700 people to the Montabella High School gymnasium. The Lions Club, in cooperation with the Montabella Sports Boosters, brought in the Harlem Ambassadors, a professional touring



basketball team that is dedicated to presenting a wholesome family show with high quality performances. The Ambassadors played against the Montabella Spudtaculars, a team consisting of local celebrities and Montabella school coaches and teachers. The Ambassadors featured player/coach Lade Majic, Rashad McGee, Alvin Bray, Sam Given, and 4' 14" dynamo Kiki Davis! The show was full of entertainment for all ages, including a group of children who were selected to play a short toss and catch game during the performance.

For the audience, the entertainment included tried -and-true gags that had everyone in the crowd laughing! The Ambassadors even had the crowd participate in a line dance that was quite hilarious! Mixed in with the above was a full game of basketball featuring some high flying dunk shots! After the game, the Ambassador players also signed autographs and provided an opportunity for photos with team members, and Ambassador Souvenirs were also sold at the game.

The coach for the Spudtaculars was Edmore Lions Club Member Rick Rivas, and he was ably assisted by another Edmore Lion, Rich Adgate. Their play calling was suspect though, as the Ambassadors ran away with a lopsided victory!

Everyone had a great time at the game and it was a huge success as a fundraiser, with the net profits after expenses being \$10,000 from the event, which was shared equally with the Sports Boosters. Any Lions Club interested in details of sponsoring the Ambassadors should contact the President of the Edmore Lions club. The Ambassadors are already booking dates for Michigan for October of 2010.

Greenville Lions Club



The Greenville Lions Club for 60 years have been providing toys for the less fortunate children in the Greenville School District and this year the names of children in need have grown larger and we collected over \$10,000.00, we purchased toys with what we received. There are various organizations in the community that donate toys as well as money to help our project out.



The ABATE motorcycle group, Region 21, donated \$300.00 plus of toys. The Greenville Corvette Club is just 2 years old and this is the second year that they have given us 4 huge boxes of toys plus more on top of that. Many families in the Greenville will have a good Christmas for their children this Christmas.

Picture 1; Lion Mark Warnshuis, our treasurer and Lion Dan Eagles Christmas project co-chairman receive many toys from the ABATE motorcycle group. Picture 2 Lion Dan Eagles receives toys from the Greenville Corvette Club.

Midland Lions Club

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Lions Annual Christmas Party for special kids will be Tuesday, December 15. This year the First Vice District Governor Laura Johnson will visit the Midland Lions Club to attend the Children's Christmas Party. If you want to see some appreciative kids enjoying themselves, if you want to laugh and have a good time, if you want to be amazed by the number of cookies some kids can eat, if you want to see "Santa believers" by the score, if you want to see a professional clown work a group of kids into a frenzy, if you want to help the kids or just watch, if you want to experience one of the neatest things we, as Lions, do for the community, you won't want to miss this event.

The country club traditionally does a really nice set up for the kids with decorations and a buffet of finger foods that they enjoy. The kids start arriving about 5:40 and most will be gone by 8:15. Please join us anytime between those times.

Midland Lioness Club

December 1 is our annual Christmas Party. Our musical entertainment will be "Bells in Motion" a bell ringing quartet led by Connie Nickleson from First United Methodist Church. This year we will not have a Chinese Auction, but we will each give a \$10 donation instead of exchanging gifts and that money will be provided to The Open Door. Traditionally, December is our "Toiletries for Charity" drive month. If you have any items that you wish to donate, they will be given to the H.E.L.P. Food Pantry this year.

A reminder to all Lioness members—turn in your "boxes" for our "Change for Charity" fundraiser at the December meeting. The next time we turn in our "boxes" will be at the June 2010 meeting.

Editors note

If you are going to mail me a photo, please put it on paper that is not glossy. When I scan it, it looks lighter on glossy paper. I do the best I can with it but it would be better if it was on Matte or plain paper.

The very best of the Holiday season to everyone from the District Editor