



District 11-E1 Newsletter 2010 - 2011

“Together We Serve”

December 2010



District Governor Lion Laura & PDG Lion Harry Johnson



HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

It's hard to believe the end of 2010 is nearly here! That means my year as your Governor is half over! We have accomplished one of my goals to date. That was to charter one new Leo club. The Greenville Leos are off and running with 34 charter members. These are our future Lion members! I would like to thank the clubs who sponsored PEACE POSTER contests. We had entries from the following clubs: Fremont, Baldwin, Harrison, Weidman and Cedar-Maple City. The winning poster belonged to student from Cedar-Maple City. Congratulations to All who entered a poster. Next, I need to update our Lions of the action taken at the recent International Board of Directors meeting. An International dues increase was approved for the ballot at the convention in Seattle next July. If the proposal passes, we are looking at a \$4 increase, \$2 in 2011-2012 and \$2 in 2012 - 2013. I.D. Dr. Gary Anderson pointed out that if this increase passes, our International dues will still be \$20 lower than what the Rotary or Kiwanis pay per year. If you are strongly opposed to the increase, I would encourage you to attend the convention as a delegate and cast your vote! In closing, I would like to wish each one of you a very, very MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope you all take time to remember the reason for the season and try to be a blessing to others around us who are less fortunate. May you spend the holidays surrounded by the ones who are dear to your hearts! Let us all count our blessings in 2011!
DG Laura



1st Vice District Governor Lion John Monahan & Carolyn

Dear Fellow Lions,

The Christmas Season is one of the most exciting of the year, particularly for children and particularly if you have children or grandchildren. An exciting experience for Carolyn and I was seeing a flash mob (whatever that is) sing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus on You Tube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXh7JR9oKVE>. It is absolutely amazing and inspiring.

With the New Year come some changes in the makeup of both district and multiple district administration. According to our PID's next year the MERLO concept, a separate person for membership, extension, retention, leadership, and orientation, will be gone. In its place will be the GMT, global membership team, and the GLT, global leadership team. There will be a multiple district version of the GMT and GLT with five senior lions and a chairperson for each. At the district level, the GMT chair will be the 1st VDG, Lion Bill Simpson, and the GLT chair will be the newly elected 2nd VDG. They will have four or five committee members to help accomplish their tasks. The GMT will be responsible for membership, extension, and retention. The GLT will be responsible for leadership and extension. Thus there will be a need for additional Lions to work on these committees; for that reason, I will not use region chairs next year.

I believe that one of our difficulties in gaining new members is the difficulty in getting good public relations in many clubs. This year, and for years past, the Governor has offered points in the Governor's Contest for articles in the newspaper. Hooray for clubs that get lots of articles, but many of us do not get enough good publicity. Therefore, I hope that Lions with public relations skills will help to educate the rest of us, including myself, about how to get good (the best) public relations.

Public relations will be important for both the GMT and GLT to get their message out and accomplish their tasks. One of the important tasks of the GLT will be to identify and help new leaders get started. You know that every elected job in Lions, from the Club President to the International President is a one year job. New Lions are needed each year to fill the positions being vacated and to invigorate clubs, districts, multiple districts and Lions International. Consider being a Lions leader.

Peace and joy,

John Monahan
1st VDG



**2nd Vice District Governor Lion William (Bill)
& Vickie Simpson**



Fellow Lions,

We just want to wish that everyone will have a fun and safe Holiday season. Please be kind to yourself and do a kindness for others.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!

Yours in Lionism,

2nd VDG

Bill & Vickie Simpson

**Please make a note for a new e-mail address:
Leader Dog Chair North
Kim Wattles watts24@centurylink.net**

“Six Lakes Lions Fish Fry Dates”

**Jan. 7, 2011
Feb. 4, 2011
March 4, 2011
April 8, 2011
May 6, 2011
June 10, 2011
July 1, 2011**

**This is a great fish fry for anyone that would like to attend; they start at 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
They are held at the Six Lakes Lions Building in Six Lakes.**

Season's Greetings, from the Kaleva Lions



Kaleva Lions handed out checks to area food banks, taking care of local people is what Lions do best. Picture above shows Lion Karen Bingman delivering check to Harriet Little of the Marilla food bank. Checks were also delivered to Kaleva's food bank and Brethren's food bank. We Serve.
A big thank you goes out to all the Onekama Lions for hosting the annual Manistee area Lions Christmas Party this year. Thank you, Thank you, wonderful, wonderful!!!!!!
Breakfast and Pasties served every week, come got yours.

A "KIDNEY" FELT THANKS

Sitting in the dinette watching the cardinals, juncos and chickadees eating their breakfast at the bird feeder covered with a foot of snow, I want to thank all of our Lion's family who sent cards and emails during my recovery from my kidney transplant.

I'm ahead of schedule on my recovery, but have to take it easy so I'm sitting in my lazy-boy watching the snow fall (who needs snow?) and feeling very blessed that all of you remembered us these recent weeks and past two years of my kidney dialysis.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

PDG Larry & Lion Gayle Morlock

Coleman Lions

DG Lion Laura Johnson and PDG Lion Harry visited on October 21 as well as Lions Tim Anderson and Bill Taylor from Cadillac Lion's Club. Along with her message to be more visible in our community, the DG encouraged us all to make a service commitment pledge online. DG Lion Laura inducted our two newest members that evening, Lions Steve and Judy Haynes. Six Leos were also in attendance to meet the DG and report on their activities. Last month they raked yards for senior citizens and helped with our Halloween party.

Our guest speaker on November 1 was Tina Hoy, wife of Midland Lions President Michael Hoy who also was in attendance. Tina is a vision rehabilitation therapist in five counties including Midland. She works with people 55 and older who are losing their vision, helping them to be independent. She shows them devices that can help them see better and get around their home safely. Anyone can refer someone to her agency, the Michigan Commission for the Blind. There is no charge and no insurance billing for her services.

Our newest fundraiser might also be considered a service since citizen safety is involved. We are selling the green address signs with white reflective numbers that help emergency vehicles locate the correct house in rural areas. We will deliver the signs and, if needed, install them. This will be an ongoing project this year.

On December 11 we will participate in Coleman's lighted Holiday parade with our first float! The theme is *The Gift of Service*.

Region II, Zone 1

Zone Lions,

Many of our Zone Lions are in the process of enjoying Lions Christmas Parties and the Holiday Season.

I just want to add my voice to this Holiday Season by thanking each of our Lions for the outstanding work that you do for your communities. Your unselfish dedication and club work is valued by your communities. Continue the good work in the name of Lionism.

Happy Holidays!

May the New Year bring us peace and an exciting year of Lionism!

Lion Pete Conarty, Zone Chair
Region II Zone I

Midland Lions



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Lions Annual Christmas Party for special kids will be Tuesday, December 21. The kids start arriving at 5:45, eat at 6 and Jews will be performing magic at 7 and Santa arrives at 7:30.

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. We will be in one room (central part of the ballroom) this year. Lions are encouraged to attend and assist where needed

LIONS CLUB JANUARY FOOD PROJECT

The Midland Lions Club is working with the Midland County Food Pantries Food Distribution Program on Wednesday, January 19, 2011. The Lions Club is purchasing the food and helping to distribute it. This service project will be held at the Midland Civic Ice Arena from 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. We need Lions, Lioness members, spouses, relatives and friends to help distribute the food. Usually a core of approximately 70 volunteers is used in the distribution process. An average of about 300 families will participate in the pickup of food.

Traverse City Lions

Raffle – Lion John Hunt, Chair. We are conducting our 2010 raffle. Our goal is to sell 2,000 tickets @ \$2.00 each. Based on our results for 2009 that is a very reasonable goal. Our sales to date have been impressive. However we have a ways to go to sell all 2,000 tickets. The available hours are from 10AM to 8PM. Remember – The raffle proceeds support our Lion's vision services to the community. At the time of the Drawing on November 22, 2010 we had sold more than 1900 tickets. We had a very successful year.

Membership Growth -

Membership Committee members are Lion Paul Hanrahan, Lion Doug Hunt and Lion John Hunt. Adding a family unit qualifies the new members for the Family Membership Dues rate. We have already added **three** new members for our current lion's year. We welcome Lion Bill Young, Lion Nancy Simmons, and Lion Sal Falsette.

Glasses Collection - Lion Paul Hanrahan, Chair – Requests for eyeglasses continue to be in excess of our ability to fulfill the requests. Lion's eyeglasses collections boxes have been placed at Grand Traverse Ophthalmology. The Scarborough Family Eye care, The Ear Lab at Munson Hospital, and Dr. Ed Stewart's office.

Leader Dog Chair's North & South

It's been a busy fall for the Leader Dog Co-chairs; Kim Wattles and her future Leader Dog Lynard have spent many hours talking to the Cadillac, Empire, Frankfort, and Harrison, Honor, Lake Ann, Mesick, Traverse City, and White Cloud clubs in western Michigan about the exciting programs at Leader Dogs for the Blind. Pam Blizzard and her Leader Dog, Nicholas represented Leader Dogs at Crystal and Mt. Pleasant in the eastern area of District 11 E1 and spoke a couple of times in the 11 C-1 District as well.

Our goal is to visit every club in the 11 E-1 District. If we have not been to your club, please contact whichever of us lives closer to you.



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Leader Dog at work, Nicholas

News from the District Editor

The Council of Governors appointed me to the position of Lions of Michigan State Editor, replacing Lion Jim Leach, who resigned a month ago. I am very honored that I was asked to take over this position. I will continue to do this job as I do with all of the other Lions positions that I hold for the betterment of the Lions of Michigan. Thank you District Governors for your support. Lion Debbie Kreitner

Cedar/Maple City Lions



The Cedar/Maple City Lions Club completed our Peace Poster Contest. Glen Lake School and Saint Mary's School students (54 totals) participated. Glen Lake photo left to right: Top Row, Lion PDG Richard Daniel (Empire Lions), 1st Tyler Flores, Lion Pat Hobbins, 2nd Ericka Bootz, 3rd Richard Nadlicki & Lion Jim Lyskawa. Bottom Row Left to right: 4th Anthony Duperon, 5th Duke Angers & 6th Kelly Bunek. Photo 88, left to right Saint Mary's Art Instructor Lani Hoenschied-Smith, Lions Melinda Lautner & Jim Lyskawa. Saint Mary's winner's top row left to right, 1st Mary Rexroat, 2nd Emily Burgess & 3rd Daniel Duperon. Bottom row left to right, 4th Jack Garthe, 5th Brittany Hobbins & 6th Eric Faulkiwicz.



Cedar/.Maple City Lions Club – Lions International Peace Poster Contest
“Vision of Peace”
2010-2011

Glen Lake School Community Schools

11-2-10 Glen Lake School Winners

- 1st Tyler Flores, Achievement Award & \$100.00 US Savings Bond
- 2nd Ericka Bootz, Certificate of Appreciation & \$50.00 US Savings Bond
- 3rd Ryan Nadlicki, Certificate of Appreciation & \$50.00 US Savings Bond
- 4th Anthony Duperon, Certificate of Appreciation
- 5th Duke Angers, Certificate of Appreciation
- 6th Kelly Bunek, Certificate of Appreciation

Art Instructor, Jill Walker

Judges: Empire Lion PDG Richard Daniel, Cedar/Maple City Lions: Jim Lyskawa & Pat Hobbins.

Participants: 31 Glen Lake 6th graders.

Saint Mary’s School

11-8-10 Saint Mary School Winners

- 1st Mary Rexroat, 8th grade - Achievement Award & \$100.00 US Savings Bond
- 2nd Emily Burgess, 7th grade - Certificate of Appreciation & \$50.00 US Savings Bond
- 3rd Daniel Duperon, 8th grade - Certificate of Appreciation & \$50.00 US Savings Bond
- 4th Jack Garthe, 8th grade - Certificate of Appreciation
- 5th Brittany Hobbins, 8th grade - Certificate of Appreciation
- 6th Eric Faulkiwicz, 7th grade - Certificate of Appreciation

Art Instructor, Lani Hoenschied-Smith

Judges: Cedar/Maple City Lions; Jim Lyskawa, Melinda Lautner & Clare Garthe.

Participants: 23 Saint Mary Students.

Greenville Lions



The Greenville Lions, King Lion John Moy is shown above with his gavel that he received back from the Rockford Lions Club on the night of the Rockford Lions Christmas party. King Lion John lost his gavel at the Greenville Leo's charter night, thanks in part to members of the Rockford Lions that were present at the charter night celebration. King Lion John was relieved that all he had to do was sing Jingle Bells and sit on Santa's lap. Also shown with King Lion John is 2nd Vice President Lion Debbie Kreitner. The two had a good time and enjoyed fellowship with the members of the Rockford Lions.

Greenville Lions Toy Project



The Greenville Lions had their favorite and largest project on Dec. 11, at Cedar Crest Elementary school. The club made Christmas possible for over 500 children in the Greenville School District. Pictured above on the left are over \$12,000 worth of toys. On the right stuffed animals along with a table of hats, mittens and scarves made by area women for every child. If it were not for the generous support of the community and Meijer's, we would not be able to this project. Also special thanks go to the Lions and Leo's who worked the project.

Important Information for the District Convention 2011

December 15, 2010

Dear Club Secretary,

As you know, each year, at the District Convention, we remember and honor those Lions who have gone to serve in the Kingdom beyond. The District Convention in 2011 will be a joint convention of District 11-C1 and 11-E1. It will be held in Mt. Pleasant at the Comfort Inn on April 1, 2 & 3, 2011.

To prepare for the Sunday Morning Memorial Service takes a lot of time and the cooperation of all Lions Clubs in the Districts.

If your club has lost a member to death since the 2010 District Convention, I would like to receive the information now so that we can begin to put the memorial together. You will find attached to this letter an information sheet. Please fill out the form and send it to me, along with a picture of the deceased member.

As the convention nears, we will contact you with final arrangements. We would suggest that your club pay the registration for a family member to be present at the Memorial Service to place a white pine sapling on the altar table in memory of their loved one. They will then be presented with the white pine sapling to take home with them.

If your club loses any members to death prior to April 1, 2011, please forward the same information for that member at the earliest convenience. This will make the final preparations for the Memorial Service go much smoother.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours in Lionism,

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MEMORIAL INFORMATION

Lions Club of _____

Deceased Lions Name _____ Age _____

Date of Death _____ Inducted into Lions Club _____ / _____ / _____

OFFICES HELD BY THIS LION IN THE:

<u>CLUB:</u>	<u>DISTRICT:</u>	<u>INTERNATIONAL:</u>
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HONORS AND AWARDS RECEIVED BY THIS LION FROM THE:

<u>CLUB:</u>	<u>DISTRICT:</u>	<u>INTERNATIONAL:</u>
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MILITARY SERVICE Branch _____ From _____ To _____
Medals/Commendations earned _____

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR COMMUNITY SERVICES & INTERESTS:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OF INTEREST AND/OR IMPORTANCE

