

**NEWSLETTER  
DISTRICT 11 E1  
DECEMBER 2015**



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE**

It is hard to believe how fast this year is going. At the end of this month we will only have six months left to achieve our goals. It is time to reevaluate the things you want to accomplish this Lion's year.

Thank You to all the clubs that are increasing their membership. Do send me the new members names along with the sponsors names. The drawing for sponsors and clubs will run through the end of the Lions year.

January 10 - 16<sup>th</sup>, is set aside as Worldwide Week of Service. It is a time to Fight Hunger and Poverty. Be sure your projects get put on the activity reports, so that your club gets credit for the service they are doing, from International.

I will not be out and about for a while, as I need to have knee surgery the 15th. I will still be available by phone, so if you need anything give me a call. Looking forward to being pain free and back to visiting the Clubs and Zones.

I wish each and every member of our district, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Let`s have fun as we Serve!

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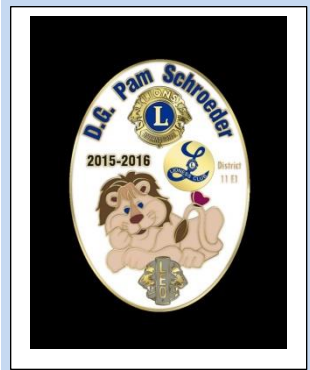
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### 1<sup>st</sup> VDG RON GIBSON'S MESSAGE

Our daughter works for one of the many fine Hospice organizations. She shared with me a list of their core values. As I read them I thought how very similar some of them are to those of Lionism. Here are some examples: 1. Choose the right attitude, message, and priority. 2. Be accountable for thoughts, words, and actions. 3. Demonstrate humility and servant leadership. 4. Select great people, treat them with respect, help them, and communicate effectively. My wife Barb and I wish each of you a holiday season filled with peace and love.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Peg Walls' MESSAGE

Lions Clubs are filled with service minded individuals who volunteer for all sorts of organizations--but did you ever think of what it really means to volunteer? The dictionary reports that to volunteer is to step forward and take part in an activity of your own free will. How many of us actually do that anymore? Rather, do we wait until someone "notices" us and "asks" us personally to do something? Each of us is aware of the talents we have. I am asking you to take some time for reflection of those talents you possess. Consider offering those valuable tools you possess voluntarily to your Club and your District. Your talent can and will make a difference. Remember there is Joy in Sharing!



### CLARE EXTENSION PROGRAM

Ten Lions from District 11 E1 met recently to canvas the Clare community to develop a new Clare Lions Club. Extension Leader 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Ron Gibson headed up the group and PDG Tim Anderson in his new role, New Club Development Consultant for LCI, made a presentation and prepared the Lions to canvas the community. Pictured left top: Lions Jim and Peg Walls, John Monahan, hidden – Dan Gibbons, Tim Anderson. Bottom picture: Lions Ron Gibson, DG Pam Schroeder, Jackie Glazier, Al Roeseler, taking pictures Pete Conarty.

## DISTRICT 11 E1 DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

### Weidman Lions Club



### Weidman Lions

At the start of the school year, Weidman Lions distributed Words I Use When I Write books to the first grade and Webster's Dictionaries to the fourth grade children at Beal City and Weidman Schools .



### MIDLAND LIONS VISIT BLACKSMITHS

The Midland Lions recently held a social night at the Midland Historical Societies Carriage House. Part of the Carriage House is occupied by five Blacksmith stations. Each Wednesday night the Blacksmiths open their doors to community members that want to be involved in the process as spectators. Each Blacksmith gives a presentation on his skills, the articles that he is producing and the process. The Midland Lions enjoyed the evening and learned the components of the trade. The Blacksmiths gave the articles that they made that evening to the Lions to be auctioned off at the Lions Christmas Party.



**GMT MESSAGE**  
**PDG JIM WALLS**  
LCI recommends that you bring potential members to an activity rather than to a meeting. When they witness and share the experience positively they are more likely to choose to join in membership. Be proud to wear your "Lions" shirt or pin (not just to Lions events)--you may be surprised at the interest and questions that can be generated by those who you meet. Remember that in order to become a Lion, one must be asked. Ask ! You may just find a new member.



### CEDAR-MAPLE CITY LIONS

Governor Pam Schroeder visited the Cedar/Maple City Lions Club and inducted new member Mary Anne Dunklow (Sponsor, Lion Sandra Galla). The Governor's visit was informative and she also welcomed Lions Tom & Jean Peterson, who transferred from Freeman Lions Club, SD. Governor Pam Schroeder presented a carved Lion to 1st VP Melinda Lautner.

### LIONS ACTIVE IN EMPIRE

Empire Lions are coming off a successful Fall of activities starting in August with their annual auction. With the help of lots of Lions and the Glen Lake Football team it was a success. A well-deserved break for all in September and on to October with the Empire Hops Festival. This wonderful brainstorm was thought out by Empire Business Association and Lion Paul Skinner who spearheads all aspect of this wonderful event. The club plays a small part in this event but a very viable one, parking duties. Now as the holidays are drawing near Empire Lions are doing a Toys for Tots drop-off.



## Give Back to Your Community in the New Year



This January 10-16, give back to your community by joining the Lions Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger and Poverty. This special international event is designed to bring dignity to the nearly 800 million people in our communities and around the world who go to bed hungry every night. Make a difference by hosting a project impacting hunger and poverty in your community, and you'll help us reach our Centennial goal of serving 100 million people. [Visit the Worldwide Week of Service page](#) for more information and start planning your project today!



### LIONS HELPING BIG RAPIDS LIONS

The Lions Football Concession at a recent Ferris Football Game was truly a community event. In addition to DG Pam Schroeder and PDG Dan Gibbons, we had Lions Steve and Diana Chips from the Weidman Lions Club, Lion Jerry Conrad, Lion Harry Johnson from the Baldwin Lions Club, Chuck Achterhof, Darrel Marvel, a whole host of Service Master employees and their families along with Ferris students from SVOSH. This was one of the Lions busiest days, as they sold out of hamburgers, hot dogs, pretzels, and other items. They could not have done it without the support of fellow Lions and community members. Picture left to right: Lion Joe Czinder, Lion Jerry Conrad, DG Pam Schroeder and PDG Dan Gibbons.



DISTRICT 11 E1  
2015-16  
CABINET

### GREENVILLE LIONS

The Greenville Lions Club recently donated 60 Thanksgiving dinners to local families. Club members worked with the local Meijer store and Haan's Bakery to provide complete dinners, which included, a 12-14lb turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, green beans, milk, cranberries, bread and a freshly baked pumpkin pie. The generosity of each store allowed the club to keep the complete cost of the meals to \$37.00 each. The Greenville Public School system was instrumental in identifying the families in need and assisted in the distribution. Numerous club members met on a Sunday afternoon to organize the food and pack boxes. The meals were delivered to six schools within the district.

# SHARE PEACE



Olivia Brown – Farwell Schools



Ethan Fuller –Big Rapids Middle School



Lizzie Renne –St. Mary's Big Rapids



Abbey Watson – Coleman Schools



Robert Miller – Crossroads Charter Academy, Big Rapids



Erin Coughlin – Harrison Schools

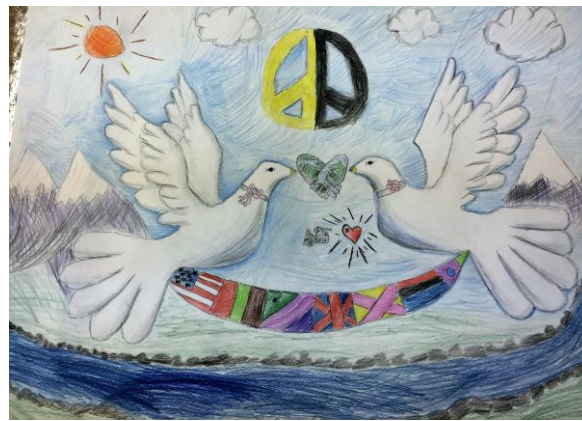
## SHARE PEACE

The Message is a challenge to bring into an art form. LCI's 2015 Peace Poster contest for students ages 11-13 years old provides students an opportunity to express their vision of Peace. Pictured on this page are some of our District 11 E1 aspiring artists presenting their artistic expressions of Peace. For more than 25 years, millions of children from nearly 100 countries have participated.



# DISTRICT 11 E1 PEACE POSTERS 2015

Lions Clubs participating in the 2015 Peace Poster contest:  
Big Rapids, Cedar Maple City, Coleman, Harrison, Midland, Sheridan, Weidman



DISTRICT 11E1 PEACE POSTER  
2015 WINNER  
ABBY WATSON – COLEMAN



**MT. PLEASANT LION WRITES AND PUBLISHES A BOOK ABOUT HIS LIFE**



Lion Clarence Tuma, a Mt. Pleasant Lion for 62 years, has written a book, THE ONE- POUND PORK CHOP - A Recipe for Life, Love, Family, & The American Dream. Clarence, who is best known as the chef and creator of the one pound pork chop at the Embers Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant, was urged to write his life history by many people including his granddaughter, who transcribed his many written and recorded notes and helped him produce the book. Clarence, who is ninety years old, recalls designing and creating the famous Embers restaurant with his partner, Lion Norm LaBelle. The Embers became the home of the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club for many years.



**CADILLAC LION SNOWMOBILES TO FIGHT DISEASE**

Cadillac Lion Bill Bradfield, a Vietnam Vet and cancer survivor, was diagnosed with diabetes from the war chemical agent orange. An avid snowmobiler since 1968, Lion Bill decided to put his snowmobiling talents to work raising funds for charitable organizations that fight disease. His first trip in 2010, took him through 5 states, 5 provinces – 22,000 miles, and he raised \$102,000. He has since added wheels to his snowmobile and continues to travel and raise funds mostly for diabetic research and awareness. This year Lion Bill and 62 other riders, did a world tour of 6 countries – 54,000 mile, and raised \$37,00.

**MESICK LIONS**

Cadet Scout, Alice Dixon, was with her grandparents, Lions Rich and Sheila Ferrel, last May, when their home burned down. The American Red Cross helped and the family was given "comfort bags". Alice decided that she wanted to give back to the Red Cross by donating some goody bags for them to use with other families. She presented a speech to the Mesick Lions Club asking for help with her project. They gave her \$100.00. The Kaleva Lions had sent Lions Rich and Shiela Ferrel a \$50.00 donation to help them with expenses, and they in turn, donated that money to Alice. On November 4, 2015 - the American Red Cross came to a Girl Scout meeting, where Alice presented them with 60 goody bags! Each baggie contained: a bar of soap, wash cloth, tooth brush and tooth paste, deodorant shampoo, razor, shaving cream or women's personal items, and, a nail care kit. The children's baggies also contained a toy. Alice plans to be a Lion in the future and has started TO SERVE.





## DISTRICT 11 E1 DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 1 Midland Lions Christmas Party – “Coats for Kids” and “Toys for Tots” collected.
- 2 District Governor Visit – Edmore Lions Club
- 4 VDG Training in Lansing
- 5 Council of Governors – Lansing  
KidSight Screening Manistee
- 6 Hanukkah  
KidSight – Cedar Maple City
- 7 Pearl Harbor – Remembrance  
DG visits Kaleva Lions
- 8 DG Visits Baldwin Lions
- 9 District Convention Planning Committee
- 10 Kingsley Christmas Party
- 12 Region 1, Zone 2 Christmas Party – Kaleva  
KidSight – Kingsley
- 14 DG visits Big Rapids Lions
- 15 Midland Lions – Christmas Party for Special Children from Midland Public Schools  
DG Pam – knee surgery
- 21 Fremont Lions Christmas Party
- 22 Winter begins
- 25 **Christmas – Gift a new Lion for your club!**
- 26 Kwanzaa
- 31 New Year’s Eve – HAPPY NEW YEAR

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### STANTON LIONS - HOLIDAY SERVICE

The Stanton Lions Club served a Thanksgiving dinner to the residents of Myrtle Mae Seniors Apartments on November 17th with 35 residents and guests in attendance. They will be serving a Christmas dinner for these same residents on December 15th. The Lions will, also, be giving out Christmas food packages to approximately 30 families (the families names are provided by the school ) on December 17th.



### DISTRICT 11 E1 CONVENTION

The Convention will be held at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City on April 8 & 9, 2016. One of the activities each year is our silent auction. This auction generates money to help pay for the convention. Start now to find an item to bring.



## PROTOCOL

The dictionary indicates that protocol is a code of courtesies. Lions have certain protocols related to the District Governor. He/she contributes many hours to the District handling problems and visiting clubs. One way that we show our respect for the work that a governor does is by the way that we greet him/her. It is customary for Lions to rise when the governor is introduced and at the end of his/her presentation. Many of our Lions are not aware of this protocol. It is the duty of the president to inform his/her Lions prior to the governor's visit or ask them to stand to greet him/her. Other courtesies are listed on Page 12 of the Roster Book.



## WHITE CANE SCHOLARSHIP

The Lions of Michigan White Cane committee will award three, \$3,000 scholarship in 2016 at the Michigan Forum. The scholarship is for students that are legally blind, a resident of the state of Michigan and a US citizen. The student must be attending or accepted by an accredited school or University. Lions that know such a student should encourage them to apply. They can access information on the website at [www.lionsofmi.com](http://www.lionsofmi.com)  
Deadline for applications is December 31.



Veterans Day is every day in recruiting Vets for Lions Clubs. Lions Clubs International has an "Involve a Veteran Program" which was started to reconnect Vets with their communities. This program provides that Vets do not have to pay the \$25.00 induction fee in honor of their service to our country. The program has been a success and has been extended to June 30, 2016. Recruit a Veteran into your

## LIONS OF MICHIGAN YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Youth Exchange Program has had students visit Australia, Japan, Germany, France, Sweden and Finland, etc. Students do not have to be able to speak a foreign language to go but it is helpful. Host families and Lion Exchange students do not have to be from a Lion family. It is helpful to have a Lions Club support or sponsor a youth but it is not necessary. There are two components to the program for students.

1. A U.S. family hosts a foreign student for 4-6 weeks. The family provides a bed, meals, and hospitality. Lions that have hosted a student find that the student becomes part of their lives for years.

2. Students from a Lions family but any student with a desire for a cultural exchange, travels to another country from the U.S. This student experiences a 2-4 week camp with other foreign exchange students or lives in a host home in a foreign country. Interested students or Lions should contact Lion Eileen Delaney at 517-882-6941 or e-mail her at [breederbrandi@yahoo.com](mailto:breederbrandi@yahoo.com). **DISTRICT 11 E1 NEEDS A YOUTH EXCHANGE CHAIR – Contact Gov. Pam Schroeder**

## GIVE YOURSELF A CHRISTMAS GIFT!!

Have everything that you want? Don't need a gift? We have the perfect idea for you! Treat yourself with a trip to the Lions Michigan Forum in Lansing on February 26-27, 2016. Be one of many Lions, Leos, Lioness (last year 313 were in attendance) to attend 4 of 16 Breakout Sessions, enjoy fellowship, and so much more. Don't forget to pick up your club's White Cane supplies. The keynote speaker at the luncheon will be Justice Richard Bernstein. He has been blind since birth and is a successful attorney, athlete and now a judge on the Michigan Supreme Court. Mark your calendar.