

THE GREAT LIONS OF DISTRICT 11E-1

"TOGETHER WE SERVE"



District Governor William "Bill" Simpson & First Lady Vickie

July Newsletter 2012, Editor Lion Debbie Kreitner



1ST Vice District Governor Tim Anderson & Lion Christina



2nd Vice District Governor Peter Conarty & Mary Lou

News from the District Governor: Hello, Korea - here we come! I'm on board a Boeing 777 with a large group of Lions heading to DGE training before International Convention. The head steward announced the Lions group on the plane and I was pleasantly surprised at the cheers and applause that resounded from the passengers. This should be a great experience with lots of unknowns and new acquaintances to be made. More on Korea later! I've had the honor of installing new officers in a couple of Clubs and have challenged each Club to fire up their new member efforts. In doing this, it didn't seem fair to the rest of the Clubs that I'd see later to put them at a time disadvantage for accomplishing my challenge. Hopefully, your club will accept this challenge of a net membership growth to be completed before June 1st, 2013.

Remember, **Just Ask!**

Yours in Lionism, DG Bill

Club	Current Membership	Growth Goal	Club	Current Membership	Growth Goal
Arcadia	47	+5	Lake Ann	31	+3
Baldwin	6	+2	Lakeview	28	+3
Barryton	23	+3	Luther	46	+4
Bear Lake	35	+4	Manistee	22	+3
Big Rapids	35	+4	Mecosta	11	+2
Cadillac	31	+4	Mesick	21	+2
Carson City	13	+2	Midland	58	+7
Cedar Maple City	25	+3	Mt. Pleasant	60	+7
Chippewa Lake	9	+2	Newaygo	17	+2
Coleman	29	+3	Northport	30	+3
Crystal	12	+2	Onkama	63	+7
Edmore	20	+2	Remus	15	+2
Empire	77	+7	Sand Lake	10	+2
Evart	28	+3	Sanford	16	+2
Frankfort	12	+2	Shepherd	20	+2
Freemont	29	+3	Sheridan	6	+2
Greenville	47	+7	Six Lakes	11	+2
Harrison	47	+7	Stanton	21	+2
Hart	48	+5	Stanwood	16	+2
Hesperia	14	+2	Traverse City	19	+2
Honor	17	+2	Vestaburg	12	+2
Howard City	16	+2	Weidman	38	+4
Kaleva	44	+5	WhiteCloud	47	+5

News from 1st Vice District Governor:

Fellow Lions

Wow its July already the summer and heat are upon us! Summer is a very active time for most Lions clubs, parades, food booths, festivals, you name it and we are out there serving and being seen!

This month marks the start of our new year, our new District Governor Bill Simpson is back from Busan, Korea and I'm betting is full of fresh ideas and plans for the coming year. Membership I'm sure will be a hot topic and something I'll be addressing as I move into a GMT role as 1st VDG.

Now is a GREAT time to try a little recruiting, I mean what better time then while we are out in front of the public working our events. The community gets to see us in action and see the FUN side of what we do. Wear your vest, t-shirt, cap if nothing else wear your "Just ASK!" button on your shirt if you have one.

We are the largest community based service organization in the world and that's what most people care about helping their communities. So let them, show them the best way to benefit to serve their communities is to become a LION!

My family and I are looking forward to the coming year and look forward to the chance of visiting your club and spending some time with our fellow lions. If you would like me to come for a visit, please again "Just ASK!" and I'll do my best to be there!

Yours in Lionism

Tim Anderson 1st VDG
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CELEBRITY SPOTLIGHT

Sanford Lions Club

Nestled between Midland and Coleman, the village of Sanford (population - 800) hosts a most ambitious Lions Club. The youngest club in District 11 E1, it was chartered in 2005. The club boasts 17 Lions. It is a six month club, meeting from mid- April to approximately mid- October at the Sanford Chamber of Commerce Building every first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are structured as business/program meetings. Projects vary from providing eye exams and glasses to community residents; providing each Meridian school (elementary, middle, and high school) with a \$100 clothing allowance for student needs; helping out at a food distribution site; and an Emergency Fund to help fire victims with a \$100 donation. Fundraisers include a huge garage sale on Chamber grounds; selling strawberry shortcake, ice cream sundaes, root beer and other food items from their food wagon at Sanford's Founder Days and other events; host a White Cane Drive and sell Michigan Lions Mints. Social events usually consist of meeting at a member Lions house for relaxation and fun. The Sanford Lions are the only non-profit organization located in Sanford. They serve with enthusiasm and a lot of energy. Sanford residents are aware of their presence and they receive a lot of commendations for their work in the eye care area.

This article is courtesy of 2nd Vice District Governor Peter Conarty

Cadillac Lions



Over the past year Franklin Elementary School has partnered and helped the Cadillac Lions Club "SERVE" and recognizes the youth of their Community. They were the 1st "Project KidSight" location with our new cameras when the Lions were invited into the Cadillac Schools ...to screen the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students.

Thanks to the success of those screenings the Lions were invited into several other school districts and have been able to screen close to 1000 students for possible vision issues.

The second partnership was the recent Tree Planting involving the 3rd grade students from Franklin and the Lions. Together this "Green Team" planted 200 trees to help make our air and our world a better place to live.

In appreciation and recognition of their help Lions International awarded Franklin Principal Jo Beth Hicks on behalf of her school the International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation for significant service to the ideals of Lionism and the community.

The award was presented in front of students and parents at a recent all school awards assembly by District Governor Elect Bill Simpson from the Big Rapids Lions Club and Lions VDG Tim Anderson and President Gary Williams from the Cadillac Club also in attendance.

Cabinet Meeting Dates

Cabinet meetings have been scheduled as follows:

1. 7-29-12 @ The Gate - small room, 9 a.m. Big Rapids
2. 9-9-12 Fall conference @ Newaygo Commission on Aging in White Cloud, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
3. 10-7-12 @ Camp T, 9 a.m. Greenville
4. 1-13-13 @ The Gate (might change to Falcon head) - small room, 9 a.m. Big Rapids
5. Convention, March 22, 23 & 24, 2013, Big Rapids

Lake Ann Lions



Lake Ann Lions 2012 Scholarship winners!!

Kendra Holz--From Traverse City West High School going to Northwestern Michigan College for Computer Tech

Nicholas Zarafonitis--From Benzie High School going to Northwood University for Entertainment, Sport & Promotion Management

Katianna Morawitz--From Benzie High School going to Lake Superior State College for Conservation

Missing from picture: Chase Gray--From Benzie High School



TOUCH DOWN – DISTRICT 11-E1 FALL CONFERENCE

MARK YOUR LIONS CLUB CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2012

WHITE CLOUD, MI 49349

Newaygo County Commission on Aging Building

93 S. Gibbs St.

10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

***Parade and pledge of checks, District Float Trailer, Special club projects/fundraising ideas,
Kid Sight, Third World optical, and much more.***

Registration: \$7.50 per Lion, includes Lunch and Snacks (White Cloud Lions Club)

Midland Lions

HOLE-IN-ONE



The 15th annual Hole-in-One Contest is just about ready to go. This year HIO will be located at Big Al's Golf and the dates are July 11th thru the 20th. The hours are noon to 8:00pm each day. The ads are prepared and scheduled for coverage in the Midland Daily News. Contributions and prizes are coming in and to date revenue is at \$1,600 over last year. We have prizes donated by sponsors for the golfers and, as usual, prizes for the kids playing during the Family Days contest on July 14th. Like last year, letters were sent to prior contestants reminding them of the dates in an effort to boost the number of shooters. We are looking forward to a great year for the HIO!

24th ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ DINNER

The 24th Annual Midland Lions Chicken BBQ will be held on July 21, 2012. The ticket cost is \$8.50 and are now available for purchase both from Lions members and online through face back supported by Big Brothers/Big Sisters. The menu is the same. We will begin serving at the Tridge Pavilion at 4 pm until 7:30 pm and will have off-site pickup from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. The off-site location will be the same as last year, the parking lot on Jerome Street south of the BP Gas Station.

Harrison Lions



The Lions Club of Harrison partnered with three Harrison Elementary School fifth grade classes to plant 900 pine trees on Harrison Community School property. Fifth grade teachers Amy Romanowski, Michael Long, and Heather Jensen walked their students from the Harrison Elementary School to the tree planting site, about one-quarter of a mile. Department of Natural Resources & Ron Romanowski loaned us their tree planting spuds for our project. Lions Jerry & Kay Brandt, Fred Hollister, and John Mostiller staked the rows and directed the children during the planting process. The children worked in teams of twenty-five to accomplish the task. Chartwell Food Service delivered sack lunch's to all workers at the planting site. Each student was given a tree to take home for planting. Lions Club of Harrison took on this project to help Lions Clubs International President, Wing-Kim Tan, challenge to plant 5,000,000 plus trees throughout the world during his year as President. Lions Clubs around the world have already exceeded his goal.

KIDSIGHT



CORNER

Every once in a while we wonder if our photo screenings are making a difference in any child's life. Today we know **Weidman Lions Club** made a difference:

June 5th, 2012 – Letter from a parent to Kidsight Central Office

Thank you to the Lions Club of Michigan Project Kid Sight. My son James was screened in his preschool classroom in Weidman, Michigan this spring. While his evaluation resulted in normal findings, I want people to know how important this service is to our local children. As a person with a visual impairment, I know how much a child's vision can affect their learning and self-esteem. A teacher identified my visual difficulties in fourth grade. Had I been fortunate enough to receive a vision screening earlier in my education I could have received the help I needed much sooner.

Thank you again to the Lions Club for providing this wonderful free service.

Respectfully, Wendy J. Endres, Speech-language pathologist



Greenville Lions



Pictured from left to right, 2nd Vice President E.J. Paas, 1st Vice President John Hackett, President Debbie Kreitner and PDG Wayne Kreitner, who installed the officers in June.

Greenville Lions had a first in the history of the club in 76 years of service.

The first woman was installed as President, Lion Debbie Kreitner. Where she was a charter member of the Coloma Lioness Club, she received the Lioness of the Year in 1983. She is a Lifetime member of that club, which was chartered in 1978 under the Coloma Lions Club; her husband PDG Wayne was Coloma Lions President at that time. Lion Debbie transferred her years as a Lioness over to the Greenville Lions Club, she now has 33 years of Lionism of which she has served and held many officers. She is on several committees at the District 11-E1 level, she is currently the District Convention Chair and she also is District Editor for 11-E1 for the last 3 years and also serves as State Chair of the District Editors for two years. Lion Debbie also does the club roster book for the Greenville Lions and had done the district book in the past for several years. Lion Debbie has attended Higgins Lake Leadership Institute for the Lions of Michigan. Lion Debbie received the Ken Lautenheiser Award in 2011 at the District 11-E1 Convention.

Lakeview Lions



PDG Wayne Kreitner inducted 2 new members into the Lakeview Lion Club in June at their annual steak fry. Pictured above are new Lion Amy Wales, PDG Wayne, and new Lion Jerry Kellogg. PDG Wayne also installed the new officers: President Dave Stephens, 1st Vice President Debbie Stephens, 2nd Vice President and former President John Ellafrits, Secretary Dick Goedge, Treasurer Rosie Witt, Tail Twister Sam Pankhurst and Membership Hal Wilkes.

Traverse City Lions

At its July 10, 2012 Special Board Meeting, the Traverse Area District Library (TADL) Board of Trustees voted to continue providing specialized services for the blind and physically handicapped; it accepted the Advisory and Outreach Center (AOC) service model proposed by the Michigan Commission for the Blind (MCB); and it accepted the MCB proposal to reduce the local service area from the current 16 county region to 8 counties [Antrim, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Wexford, Leelanau, Benzie, Manistee and Grand Traverse]. The new service will be called the *TADL Talking Book Library*. These changes are planned to go into effect by **October 1, 2012**.

As an Advisory and Outreach Center, TADL will continue to provide specialized services at its Woodmere location. It will provide a local lending collection of talking books as well as digital players available to registered walk-in patrons. Staff will continue to provide personal service by phone and to those who walk in from our local service area.

New to this service will be the ability to incorporate an on-demand download service for access to the entire National Library Service database of titles, BARD, and the ability for TADL to greatly improve its outreach services to the region it serves. The level of annual state aid remains the same, projected next year to be \$41,000, and will ensure that the LBPH remains a service provided to our community and the extended LBPH community.

Routine collection management and circulation will be handled from the central library in Lansing. Patrons in the outlying seven counties of our current service area (Mason, Lake, Osceola, Oceana, Newaygo, Mecosta, and Roscommon) will continue to receive service through standard mail and readers' advisory phone service provided by the Lansing office. Crawford County will be served by an AOC in the Upper Peninsula.

Up until October, nothing will change for any current LBPH patrons. They will continue to order books just as they do now. In the next few days we will be in the process of directly notifying all currently registered LBPH patrons about these changes, through the US Postal Service.

The TADL Board of Trustees and I thank you for your feedback and comments over the last four months. The AOC is a combination of the old and the new designed to provide only the greatest benefit for our patrons. As one of the TADL trustees mentioned last night, your advocacy was a critical component in helping us reach what we believe is a very good service model.

Please contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

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Appreciation Dinner for

Immediate Past District Governor

Lion John Monahan

August 11, 2012, Saturday at 6:00 P.M.

The Harrison Lions Building

417 Fairlane, Clare County Fair Grounds, Harrison, MI 48625

Social Time: 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Cash Bar & Appetizers

Dinner at 7:00 P.M.

Dinner will consist of Roasted Pork Loin with apples & dressing
Mashed potatoes and gravy, Green Beans with onion & bacon
Coleslaw, rolls & butter, beverage & Delectable Desserts

Please contact Lion Debbie Kreitner with your reservations

by August 3, 2012 at 616-754-8409.

The cost for the meal will be \$20.00 per person.

You may send your check made out to "District 11-E1" to

Lion Debbie Kreitner at

514 W. High St., Greenville, MI 48838.