

District 11-E1 Newsletter

New Members

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From the Governor

October marks the start of **Membership Month** with LCI. In our district we extend that until the end of November making it our "Fall Membership Drive." During this time we're asking all clubs to go out be seen be active and most importantly "Just Ask". Wear your Lion pin, shirt, vest or hat whenever possible, if you still have them start passing you're the Wooden Nickels but this time to people you see "doing" good deeds as a show of appreciation for their selfless acts.

To help with this drive the state of Michigan has declared October 6th – 12th "Lions Week" here in Michigan. Now last year we only had Lions day and we didn't have much advance notice but now with having a full week we need to get the word out to our clubs to plan activities, but this is important we MUST do our best to be seen and invite people to attend or help out. We need to show people what we as Lions do and how we make a difference and once interested invite them to join.

Just one new person can make a difference to a club and in turn to a community now go out there and find YOUR one person and invite them to a meeting! In this newsletter you'll find a list of tips & ideas on how to attract new members. If your club does something else lets us know so we can pass it on to the rest of the clubs. Let's make the Fall Membership drive a success!

Finally if you look up to the top of this page you will see even before the membership drive started you were all doing a FANTASIC job bringing in new members. With being just 3 months into the year we have brought in 29 new lions so far leaving us only 95 more to go to reach our goal, so keep up the good work WE CAN DO THIS! Go Lions!

DG Lion Tim Anderson
District 11E1
New Member Countdown: 95
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"Follow Your Dreams"



Tim Anderson



“Unsung Heroes”

A special “Thank You” goes out to the following Lions for all they do for their clubs and community!



On September 3rd while visiting with the Honor Lions Club, I congratulated them on their new member spoke about the upcoming district events and asked **Lion Jeffie Jones** to please join me up front announcing she was my "Unsung Hero" for the Honor Lions Club.

Lion Jeffie stood smiling and proceeded to hug me because "that's just the way she says thanks" and this most certainly deserves a BIG Thank you! While hugging her I patted her on the back then as we stepped back I shook her hand and presented her with her pin and read her certificate aloud to her and the club so they could all hear before handing it to her.

The club applauded and congratulated Lion Jeffie agreeing with my choice as I Thanked her for all she does!

Congratulations Lion Jeffie Jones on being the Honor Lions Clubs "Unsung Hero!"



On September 4th during a VERY nice visit with the Carson City Lions after harassing one of their members and enjoying a nice meal I was given a chance to speak about our plans and goals for the year.

After talking about membership, pies and Dreams of a Lifetime I announced I had a special award I wanted to present so at this time I walked over to **Lion Pam Blizzard** and announced she was my "Unsung Hero" for the Carson City Club.

Pam was taken aback and by surprise as her club congratulated her I shook her hand and presented and attached her pin to her vest. Then while reading the certificate to Pam I patted her on the back and thanked her for all she does not just for her club but for Lions and her community.

Congratulations Lion Pam Blizzard on being the Carson City Lions Clubs "Unsung Hero!"





On September 9th while visiting with the White Cloud Lions after complimenting the cook and thanking the entire club for having me as their guest I begin talking about membership, fun, communities, then I asked **Lion Vern Brandt** of the White Cloud club to come on up front and help me with my next presentation.

After asking if he should bring a broom, Lion Vern is always working, he joined me at my side telling me it doesn't matter what I say he's not volunteering for anything.

I began to explain what I've been doing watching the smiles appearing on the faces of those that knew what was about to happen. I turned to Lion Vern stuck out my hand and told him he was the White Cloud "Unsung Hero".

After shaking hands I presented him with his pin and read the matching certificate aloud to the room letting Lion Vern and all in attendance know he is appreciated for all he does for his club and community. After a pat on the back his fellow Lions cheered and applauded him.

Congratulations Lion Vern Brandt the White Cloud Lions "Unsung Hero!"



On September 10th, I dropped in on the Mesick Lions Club. I quietly took a seat as to not interrupt the meeting. Once King Lion Shiela finished the current business at hand she turned things over to me. Since I was already there I took this chance to honor a few Lions that deserved it.

I handed out two Michigan Safari Pins to members who brought in their 1st new Lions for the year and an American Flag pin with a Dream Catcher design in the center was given to Lion Shiela to help the club catch their dream this year.

Lastly I asked **Lion Les Barnes** to stand, I then explained what I have been doing and I turned to Lion Les and told him he is the real reason I am here. Lion Les you are my "Unsung Hero" for the Mesick Lions Club.

I shook his hand and presented him with the pin which he proudly held out to show the rest of his club. He began to thank me but I stopped him and told him there was more I held out and read his Certificate aloud to everyone present.

Lion Les broke out into a smile as the club clapped and cheered. I patted him on the back and told him how much all he does for his club and community is greatly appreciated by me and everyone there.

Congratulations Lion Les Barnes the Mesick Lions "Unsung Hero!"




On September 16th after a wonderful BBQ Rib Dinner in Arcadia, I was given the floor to honor and recognize a few of the Arcadia Lions Club Members, I called out 4 names Lions Al Schroeder, Keith McArthur, Susan LaBudde, and Lion Dick Eckles asking them all to come forward and stand with me, 3 lions got up Lion Sue wasn't there that night. I showed a picture of our new Michigan Safari Pin and congratulated Arcadia on the recent addition of several new members at this point I gave out 2 of the Safari Pins giving the 3rd to the King Lion asking him to please present it to our missing Lion.

I then thanked the 2 Lions for helping me and the district with our membership goals for the year and I told them they could sit down now. This left just 1 person still standing with me **Lion Dick Eckles**, and I told Lion Dick he was about to get his now! I smiled and began telling everyone about what I've been doing honoring 1 lion from each club and placing my hand on his shoulder, I told Lion Dick for all he does for his club for all he does for his community HE was the "Unsung Hero" for the Arcadia Lions Club.

As the applause started cameras came out and I presented Lion Dick with his pin which he proudly displayed for his club and then I held out his certificate and read it aloud letting Lion Dick and all present know he was appreciated. We shook hands again and more pictures were taken as I once again THANKED him, his daughter who was present came up and took our picture beaming with pride for her dad. **Congratulations** Lion Dick Eckles the Arcadia Lions Clubs "Unsung Hero!"

Welcome New Lions!




CARSON CITY
Marilyn A Wilcox

LAKE ANN
Kim S Fehrenbach

SHERIDAN
Edward Schulte

FREMONT
Peter Slovinski



From District 11E1 To Our Newest Members

WELCOME!

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1st Vice District Governor



Pete Conarty

October is Lions Membership Month, a month to grow our future. District Governor Tim has been asking each Lions Club to share their dream for the future with us. Whether your club's dream is to make your fundraisers more profitable,

own a Lion's den, be able to meet more of your community's needs, or to have as strong a club ten years from now will all depend on your Lions. Wonderful dreams usually depend on having a membership that will work to make your dream a reality. Numbers do make a difference! Many hands make the work easier and no one gets tired.

Take advantage of Lions Membership Month to start to develop your dream. Michigan Lions Week is October 6-12. Let your community know that you are a Lion – wear your shirts, vests, pins or hats during the week. Then continue your Membership Drive with an initiative that the whole club can participate in between October 6 - November 30. Have the entire club wear "Just Ask" pins, pass out calling cards inviting community members to your meetings, write letters to community members inviting them to your club, media releases (newspaper, Facebook, Web site) or place your old Lions Magazines in offices around town with your club's name and a phone number on them. There are so many strategies that can be used. Lions are fantastic volunteers; we could use more of them.

Lion Pete Conarty, 1st VDG



2013-2014 Roster Books

If you or your club would like extra copies of this year's District Roster Book we are offering them on sale for \$3 apiece while supplies last!

Please contact DG Tim to get your extra copy today!

CALENDAR 2013-2014

Michigan Reads
September 9th 2013
all over the state

Council of Governors Meeting
October 4th-5th 2013
West Branch, MI

Lions Week in Michigan
October 6th-12th 2013

Lions Fall Membership Drive
October 6th-November 30th
2013

District 11E1 Cabinet Meeting
October 12th 2013 (Saturday)
@ Big Boy
1310 S. Mitchell St, Cadillac MI

All State Band Auditions Begin
October 27th 2013 12 PM –
October 28, 12 PM

Michigan Lions Leadership Institute
November 8th -10th 2013,
Higgins Lake MI

District 11E1 Cabinet Meeting
January 11th 2014 (Saturday)
@ Big Boy
1310 S. Mitchell St, Cadillac MI

Midwest Eye-Banks/Lions of Michigan Foundation Fundraising Cruise
January 26 2014 - Sailing from
Fort Lauderdale, FL

Michigan Forum
Saturday, February 15th, 2014
9:00 AM
Ramada Inn, Lansing

District 11E1 Cabinet Meeting
March 21st-23rd 2014
District Convention @
Double Tree Hotel, Holland MI



2nd Vice District Governor



Mike Howard

Hi everybody,

The 2013 Fall Conference is over. We had 68 Lions representing 24 Lions Clubs at our Conference. The speakers and the literature they provided were very informative. The Parade of Checks for the Projects we had at the meeting will

help the entire Project very much. Karren Reish from Michigan Reads was our main speaker. She was very informative about this program. The Michigan Reads that the Lions are sponsoring with the Libraries of Michigan has begun on Sept 9-2013.

October 6-12, 2013 is Lions week in Michigan; please have your clubs do something to show that we are Lions. October 6 - Nov. 30 2013 is the Fall Membership Drive. We are challenging all clubs in our District to add NEW MEMBERS to their clubs. You can wear JUST ASK PINS, you can ask candidates to A MEETING just to see how your club works, you can ask friends, relatives, or fellow workers to join.

Remember the Michigan Lions Leadership Institute ON NOV. 8 -10, 2013 at Higgins Lake.

2nd VDG Michael Howard,
daduck@ejourney.com

WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER AS LIONS OF OLD AND NOT OLD LIONS RESTORE THE LIONS 'ROAR'

'ROAR" 'ROAR" 'ROAR"

Certified Guiding Lions

Our districts Certified Guiding Lions all need to get recertified. If you would like to continue being a CGL all you need to do is download the 2 PDF files found at the links below and complete both pages then send them to the District Governor. 1 is an information page and the other a short 22 question test.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/cgl_test.pdf

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/cgl_completion.pdf

Club Aniversaries

October

BEAR LAKE LIONS

Chartered
10/12/1956
57 YEARS

CEDAR-MAPLE CITY LIONS

Chartered
10/04/1964
49 YEARS

HONOR LIONS

Chartered
10/10/1961
52 YEARS

KALEVA LIONS

Chartered
10/01/1962
51 YEARS

LUTHER LIONS

Chartered
10/03/1978
35 YEARS

REMUS LIONS

Chartered
10/05/1938
75 YEARS

WHITE CLOUD LIONS

Chartered
10/21/70
43 YEARS



DISTRICT 11E1 ROARS

Arcadia Lions

District Governor Tim Anderson paid a visit to the Arcadia Lions Club for their September dinner meeting. His timing could not have been better as September's dinner meeting is an annual BBQ Rib Fest with Lions' wives and significant others all being in attendance.

D.G. Anderson presented an award to Lion Dick Eckels for his long time service and dedication to the Arcadia Lions Club. If there's a project or work session Lion Dick is always at hand to lend a hand.

Lion Miles Gerberding presented Lion Ed Matusko an award for his unstinting efforts to improve both the Lions Club as well as the community.

Tail twister Lion Andy Barbera being his usual vigilant self, fined members during the evening with a special effort directed toward Lion Rick Jones who may or may not have committed an "offense". Of course laughter follows all such shenanigans during meetings of the Arcadia Lions Club.



"Did You Know"

Here's an easy one!

Which of District 11E1's
Clubs has the most
members?



Cadillac Lions

During the week of September 23rd, a plea was initiated by Buddy to Buddy volunteer Mark McKeown for funds to help the family of Michigan Army National Guard soldier Jordan Hendrix. Jordan, JD to his friends had been severely injured in an automobile accident during the early morning hours of August 29th on his way to report to Camp Grayling.

He had been in a coma for 18 days at the time the request was made. To be near him his family had to travel from North Carolina to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, and Jordan's father Mark had to leave his job to be with his son. The lodging and food bills have been mounting up since and this where McKeown stepped in and sent out his plea for help.

The Lions of Michigan Foundation was one of the organizations contacted on the family behalf by Camp Grayling. They immediately contacted the Cadillac Lions Club since Jordan resided in the Cadillac area. The club in turn sent a request for assistance for the Hendrix family to the Foundation.

By the end of the week the Cadillac Lions had received a check for \$1,000 for Jordan's family. This was presented during a fund raiser at the American Legion Hall in Lake City on Saturday night September 28th.

KidSight Screening



DG Tim Anderson



Lion Cub Rachael Anderson

On September 14th during the Child Safety Expo at the Fire Station in Cadillac, the Lions held a Project KidSight Screening. 38 Children were screened by Lion Dan Gibbons, besides the two pictured above also helping from Cadillac were King Lion Bill Taylor and Lion Tom Jones (no relation) both of whom did their best to avoid the camera.

Carson City Lions

District Governor Tim Anderson visited with the Carson City Lions Club at their September 4th meeting. This was DG Tim's first visit with our club and we did our best to make him feel welcome.

Pictured below Club President Matt Niemi signs DG Tim's "I Promised" patch and the club's "Unsung Hero" winner Pam Blizzard has her certificate read aloud in front of everyone.



Dream Achiever Award

Congratulations District 11E1

Recently during the USA/Canada Forum held out in Overland Park Kansas our district was recognized and honored for exceeding its 1st quarter Membership goals in just the first 2 months of the year. Only 3 of the 10 MD11 Michigan Districts earned this honor and only 108 Districts in the entire country achieved this goal.

As your District Governor, I wanted to take a moment to say "I'm Proud of all of you!" it's from your efforts, you're going out there and asking people to join your clubs to help "Serve" your communities that made this possible. Keep up your good work and GO LIONS! – DG Tim Anderson



Cedar/Maple City Lions

The Cedar/Maple City Lions had Captain Berry Mazurek from the Cedar/Fire Rescue at their Sept. 9 meeting. He demonstrated their new Thermal Imaging Camera. The Lions helped raise money for the camera. They presented the Lions a Fire Helmet in appreciation. Pictured with Captain Barry is King Lion Lee Winfrey. After the meeting we held our annual raffle. Bottom photo is Lions Roy Romanowski, Melinda Lautner, Chairman Jim Lyskawa & Carrlin Waldenmyer.



FOLLOW YOUR DREAM

Coleman Lions

The Coleman Lions Club is getting ready for its 5th annual fundraising "Charter Night" party, which will be held a month later this year on October 19th.

The dinner will be catered by Central Michigan Catering and will again be \$15.00. They will have their usual silent and live auctions, drawings and old and new games!

Doors open at 5:30 at the Coleman VFW Hall.

We hope to see many Lions there again this year.

For tickets/reservations email Ann @ abroeseler@dishmail.net, or call 989-465-6482.

Coleman Annual Fundraiser

Dinner & Auction

Celebrating 73 Years of Service to the Community

Saturday, October 19, 2013

VFW Hall, 204 Railway Street, Coleman, MI

Doors Open at 5:30 pm

\$15.00 - Dinner at 7:00 pm

Central Michigan Catering



Games



Drawings



Prizes

For tickets or more information,
Call Ann, 231-465-6482 or email
abroeseler@dishmail.net

Mail checks to Coleman Lions Club
P.O. Box 163, Coleman, MI 48618

Membership Month Ideas

Print up and pass out customized Lions Book Marks @ Book Stores, Libraries

Coupons – Offer a local business, party store, restaurant, or bakery, anything really to partner up with the Lions Club for the month. They can offer a 10% discount off whatever they choose and the Lions will make up and distribute the coupons. At the top of each one are the words “Compliments of the Lions” It’s good cross advertising and you leave them at checkout counters all over town

Hold a visible Project & Promote it:

- Food Drive
- Highway Clean up
- Fall Candy Days
- KidSight Screening
- Setup a Trick or Treat Candy Station or Trunk or Treat on Halloween

Speak or hold a presentation for your local Council of the Blind

Pass out your Wooden Nickels if you still have them only this time to people you see doing a good deed

Talk up your club and what it’s doing using Social Media “Facebook”

Get your club meetings / events into the community calendar of your local newspaper

Take part in Fall Super Buddy Day at the Secretary of State’s office – October 22nd this will allow you to reach a whole new group of people coming in and out and help the Michigan Eye Bank at the same time

Make it FUN bring a friend to a meeting and your excused from being fined for that meeting

Give out a “Heart of a Lion” Award to a member of your community

Michigan Reads – This program continues until the end of the month so go in and read at your local library!

Hand out a short fact sheet about your club and what it does to “Serve” your community

Display “Did You Know” sheets or boards at projects or around town telling about our projects

Hold a Donor Station at a Sports Event or Fall Festival

Send out Community Needs Assessments to various business in your community

Add promo cards with information about your club to your Mint Stations

Besides all those things you can: Wear “Just Ask pins”, Hand out meeting invitation call cards, Send letters to potential candidates from your club, Collect the Lion magazines from your members and distribute around the community, Publicity in your newspaper or area newsletter, Develop place mats for restaurant use.

“Just ASK!”

Greenville Lions



Greenville Lions hosted a spaghetti dinner on September 20, 2013 at the American Legion Post 101 in Greenville. They started serving at 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. Everyone loves to come to the dinners and they enjoy the wonderful desserts that are provided, all homemade. They enjoy visiting with family and friends and look forward to our next spaghetti dinner that will be held on March 21, 2014. We have them each fall and one in the spring. We served over 300 adults and children. It is a wonderful fundraiser because it is really supported by the community and local businesses.



Pictured above is Lion Treasurer Mark Warnshuis with his Polka/Cello instrument. Lion Mark plays for us at each meeting; he always brings music for Greenville Lions to sing along with him. Sometimes Lion Mark has certain themes that he uses at different time of the year. If you have never been to a Greenville Lions meeting, you should try to attend sometime to hear our great musician.

Honor Lions

The Honor Lions Club is busy selling raffle tickets for our Fall Rifle Raffle, the drawing will be held on November 14th for the 243 Savage rifle with scope, or the Mossberg 22, or third prize of \$100.00.

We will also be holding a Hillbilly Breakfast on October 7th as part of the Benzie Fall festival. Feel free to stop and start your morning with us!

We are sad to report we have lost another member to death on September 27th Lion Tom Hawkins passed away in his sleep after open heart surgery 2 weeks ago. Lion Tom was 60 years old our condolences go out to his family. He will be missed by our club.

We will once again help with the Empty Bowls soup night to help our local food pantry it will be held on October 9th. All the soup is provided by area restaurants; the dinner includes salad, bread, dessert, and drink and is always a BIG hit.

In Memory

LION DENNIS E MCCARTHY

Bear Lake Lions Club

LION CARL BARBERI

Greenville Lions Club

LION EDWIN LAMAR GINGRICH

Remus Lions Club

LION EDWARD MCGRATH

Sheridan Lions Club

You are all missed!

(Names will be shared as they get reported to LCI)



Midland Lions

Lions 3rd Annual Family Potluck Picnic at Emerson Park



Lions Dave Romanesko, Steve Jenkins, Dave Stark



New Lion Mike and Julie Hays



New Lion Wayne Haynes and Judy Ashmore



New Lion Roger and Judy Frazer



Lions Mary and Ed Schendel



King Lion Karl leuter and family

Northport Lions

HOLD CONCERT AND
FLY-IN TO BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITIES



Northport Lions have again held their annual charitable concert at the local auditorium, with renowned pianist Bob Milne performing to approximately 300 persons. The Northport Lions Club also held its annual “Fly-In” at the local airport and, in spite of overcast and threatening weather, had over 800 attendees paying for the pancake breakfast, enjoying the local Northport Community Band, and the antique car display.

The total monies raised each year, amounting to \$10,000/year on the average, go to a number of local charities, including the Leelanau Children’s Center, Leelanau Christian Neighbors, prescriptions for uninsured persons needing help, Leelanau County Laundry Project, etc.



Sheridan Lions



Sheridan Lions Club did Candy Sales to earn money for eyeglasses Friday & Saturday, September 28, 2013 September 13th, 14th. This is the first year that the Sheridan Lions have done Candy Sales & they were pleased to help support their community in any way that they can.

Vestaburg Lions



On the left, are Jason and Amber Clark along with their sponsor Todd Horricks.

1st VDG Pete Conarty installed two new members, while visiting the Vestaburg Lions Club.

Congratulations to the new members along with the sponsor Lion Todd Horricks!

Tail Twister Lion Ron Gibson

New District Fundraiser for 11- E1



I've received permission from our DG Tim Anderson to hold a special fundraiser.

The fundraiser is to guess the specific date the district will get its 124th new member.

For \$5.00, a person guesses the date we hit 124.

It's a 50/50 drawing and will begin at the October Cabinet Meeting and is open to ALL Lions
(Closest guess to the actual date without going over will be the winner!)

In case of a tie, the winners will split the jackpot.

The deadline is 12/31/13 on entries

And what happens if we don't reach 124 (**SHAME** on anyone who would think that), the entire pot will go to a project of the Governor's choosing.

Just think it's a chance to win some money, see the Governor shave his beard, and get a pie in the face!
Now who wouldn't pay \$5 to see that!



Congratulations

The following Lions have brought in their 1st new Member for the year and have earned the new
MICHIGAN SAFARI PIN

CARSON CITY
Lion Tom Wilcox

FREMONT
Lion Larry Bays

LAKE ANN
Lion Jim Morse

SHERIDAN
Lion Carla Krafft

This pin will be awarded to all Lions once they bring in their 1st new member of the year!



Lions Clubs International

A new Lions Club will be forming in

Kingsley

We invite you and other community-minded individuals to join us for an informational meeting

Thursday October 10th
6:30 PM @
The ROCK of Kingsley Youth Center

If you cannot attend and would like to join or obtain additional information please contact:

The ROCK of Kingsley
or
Dawn Willman
231-313-1837

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization. We have more than 1.3 million members in more than 45,000 clubs worldwide.

Lions are everywhere. We're active men and women in more than 200 countries and geographic areas.

Lions have a dynamic history. Founded in 1917, we are best known for fighting blindness – it's part of our history as well as our work today. But we also volunteer for many different kinds of community projects – including caring for the environment, feeding the hungry and aiding seniors and the disabled.

www.lionsclubs.org

Fall Conference pictures



"Did You Know"

October Kicks off our Fall Membership Drive and the Largest Club in 11E1 is the Empire Lions Club with 70 Members



On Saturday, September 14, Leader Dogs for the Blind hosted a workshop for Lions Leader Dog Chair persons and friends. Attending from District 11 E1 were PDG Lion Wayne & Lion Debbie Kreitner and Bayla, Lion Ron & Karen Sharp & Hannah, and Lion Pam Blizzard & Nicholas. An interesting day of information and discussion was enjoyed by over 20 participants. We learned about plans for a kennel building remodel project and viewed the new type of kennel they want to use to house dogs in training. We also found out about the importance of Lions Club support and the programs available for helping the blind and visually impaired at Leader Dogs.

For more information about Leader Dogs for the Blind contact:

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pamblizzard@cmsinter.net
989 640 4046

Ron Sharp
Rasharp@sbcglobal.net
989 859 1690



Pictured above is PDG Frank Cunningham, State Lions Chair for Leader Dog. Also is Lion Mike Denhart from Leader Dog, they were some of the speakers that shared with us.

From the District Editor

Please submit any and all stories or updates to Lion Deb Kreitner our editor and let's try our best to help reach Lion Deb's goal of have EVERY club in our district submit at least one story this year Please do not send them to her cell phone, please use her e-mail; debkreitner@charter.net

So let's hear about your club and what it's been up to! Let's hear about your members your raffles or fundraisers or upcoming events. Lions Lets ROAR! Send stories and pictures.

Also, please remember all State "Lions Pride" newsletter stories MUST be submitted through our district Editor, NOTHING sent directly to the state will be make it into their newsletter it must be submitted to our editor first.

Calling all Lions Camp T Fall Clean-up and Put Away

The past District Governors Association is hosting a Camp T Fall Clean-up and Put Away at the camp on October 19th and is looking for Lions from our and neighboring districts to come out and help. This project is very much like the spring Bear lake Camp Clean-up which the PDGA sponsors every year.

If you or your club would like to come out and help get Camp T packed up and ready for winter we would appreciate your help! Your welcome to come to the camp on Friday the 18th for dinner and to stay the night in one of the cabins (bring our own bedding).

If you want to just come over on Saturday the 19th you can come for the breakfast at 7:30am or be there by 8:30am to help for the day. A lunch will be provided but a headcount is needed for ALL meals which will are being furnished are no charge to us.

Camp T is one of our District projects and I'm hoping 11E1 has a good turnout for this! It's a GREAT chance to see the camp and to give back to the camp showing we care. Contact DG Tim as soon as you can for the headcount it MUST be turned in by next week.



PDG Bill Simpson Appreciation Dinner Photos



Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind Summer 2013



Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind provided an outstanding year for the kids this year again.

In June, adults and children went up to the U.P. for a birding by ear week; this was very popular event this year. We sent the kids up to Sleeping Bear Dunes for a week with the staff, when the kids arrived up there safely the State called them and told them the group that reserved Camp T. for the week didn't show but it was too late to go back.

Braille Camp was a success; Music Camp is always a big event with the biggest group in attendance. Master Chef Culinary Camp was a big success. Adventure Camp sent them to Alpena for a start and up to Picture Rocks in the Upper Peninsula. They learned about ship wrecks in Lake Superior and nature up there for 10 days.

Science camp was canceled because of whooping cough, three of our male councilor's came down with whooping cough and we worked with the Health Departments of Kent and Montcalm Counties. This happened with two weeks to go in camp but we only had to cancel the one week.

If you ask any of the children that attended camp this summer they had wonderful experiences. We would like to thank the Lions Clubs that helped their camp season come true.

If you would like a program about O.U B and Camp Tuhsmeheeta, please contact Lion Larry Alman to schedule a program. Email; w8wr@charter.net or telephone 616-754-9213, we would love to put on a presentation at your club meeting.

GO LIONS!!!