



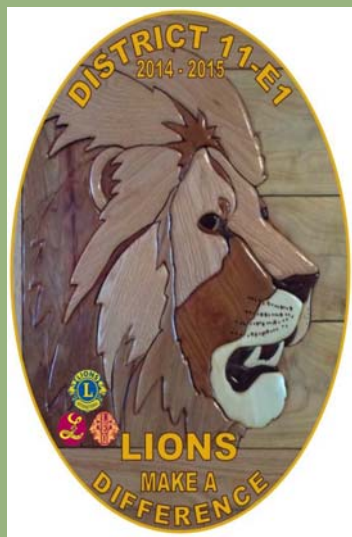
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DISTRICT LIONS 11 E1

January 2015

NEW MEMBERS
46

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



What a wonderful six months (July-December) to be a District Governor. We have had an outstanding Lion's year so far. VDG Pam and I have had the opportunity to visit over 30 Lions clubs and all the Zone Meetings, you have added 46 new Lions to our District, we have solved a few prickly problems, are planning a wonderful District Convention in Traverse City – March 27, 28 and 29, and are looking forward to the election of a 2nd VDG at the January 17 cabinet meeting. We have had a wonderful reception at all the clubs we have visited. Thank you for the invitation to visit your club and your hospitality.

The Governor's book proposal is taking off in conjunction with KidSight. Screener Sandy House indicated that they gave away 65 books at one site. Children love books at this early age and what a wonderful way to motivate them to read. Some clubs are also giving dictionaries, constitutions, and books to children of different ages in our schools.

We are working on retention in our clubs. It is so important to survey the needs of your members and stay in contact with them. Keep all your members involved and it will benefit your club and your community. Phone calls, post cards, and taking a little time to do a follow up with your Lions, makes them feel needed. Dues reminders from the treasurer are important. Every year, we lose a few Lions because they get too far behind on their dues.

The 11 E1 District Convention credential and registration forms are in this issue of the newsletter. Plan to attend our District based convention in Traverse City. Come early on Friday and visit the sites in Traverse City plus there are great buys and food. Then attend Friday nights Governor's reception. We are getting a phenomenal room rate of \$69 a night at the Park Place Hotel. Reserve your room early and ask for a confirmation number.

VDG Pam Schroeder mentions the Multiple District 11 Forum in her message. Consider being involved. It will be a great day with some excellent ideas for your Lions Club.

Our founder, Melvin Jones' Birthday is celebrated January 13. Pick up on his vision and initiative and make your club stronger!

LIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE, DG PETE - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

AWARDS



WHITE CLOUD LIONS

Unsung Hero Award
Ruth Gleason
Friendship Award
Janalee McClure



STANWOOD LIONS

Unsung Hero Award
Steve Cole



Friendship Award
Dave Anderson



DISTRICT 11 E1 NEWSLETTER

1ST VDG PAM SCHROEDER'S
MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR



We are starting the last six months of our Lions year. It is a new year and we need to initiate new ideas. Try something new this year, it could turn out to be your best project yet.

I am filling my positions for the coming Lions year. If you want to be a committee chair, give me a call and we will work with you to fulfill your Lions ambitions. Take a look at the roster book, your president and secretary should have one, to see what we have to offer. We need people for all positions and for many of them I would like to have co-chairs.

PEACE POSTER AWARDS

Big Jackson Public Schools have participated in the LCI Peace Poster Contest for 15 years working with the Baldwin Lions Club. First Place from Big Jackson – Grace Atwood



Second Place – Eden Atwood



The Lions Michigan Forum will be held on February 27th, 2015. It will begin at 8 a.m. There are four breakout sessions in the morning, with someone from LCI to present a session on "Forming New Clubs". Our keynote speaker will be Miss Michigan, KT Maviglia. She has started a foundation for children with hearing disabilities. They plan to adjourn around 2:45 p.m., leaving you time to still travel in daylight.

The District Convention will be here soon, it is the 27th – 29th of March.

We will be in Traverse City with our own Pinewood Derby. We would like to remind you of the silent auction, and ask clubs to send an item or two as this helps to keep the cost of the convention down. It will be an exciting event as we have two candidates for 2nd Vice District Governor. Lion Bill Koch and Lion Peggy Walls have both indicated they would like to fill this position. You will be hearing from the candidates in the near future.

Looking forward to a great and productive 2015. If your club needs help with anything, let me know and I will do my best to give you some assistance.

Lion Pam
1st Vice District Governor

DISTRICT 11 E1 NEWSLETTER



Baldwin Lion Elf
Laura Johnson helps
Santa (Lion Harry
Johnson) greet
children.

REGION 1 ZONE 2 CHRISTMAS PARTY



Seventy Five Lions attended a Zone Christmas Party hosted by the Kaleva Lions Club – Bear Lake, Manistee, Mesick and Onkama Lions shared friendship, a wonderful buffet dinner, and music to dance to.



CARL HAWKINS MEMORIAL AWARD
DG Pete Conarty and Kaleva Lions President Dennis Belford present the Carl Hawkins Family a Melvin Jones Fellow Award in memory of the outstanding work of Lion Carl.



BIG RAPIDS LIONS
Santa (Lion Jim Nostrant) congratulates Cameron Miller. The Big Rapids Lions honored Cameron as the “Pickle Salesman of the Year” for his outstanding sales at Ferris University and Big Rapids High School Football games. The club runs the snack bar at these games. Coal was presented to Lions Jim Chipman and Kerry McGinley for their Leadership roles.



VDG Pam Schroeder and PDG Dan Gibbons enjoy the Stanwood Christmas Party with Stanwood Lions.

**PEACE POSTERS
2015-16**

In the December issue of this Newsletter we featured the Peace Poster winners in District 11 E1 for 2014. We had 9 posters from 7 clubs. We hope to increase that number for the coming year. The 2015-16 Peace Poster theme is "SHARE PEACE". Kits will go on sale on January 15. For 25 years the Peace Poster Contest has encouraged children to express their thoughts on peace through art. It is an easy project for Lions Clubs to be involved in. Talk to your school art teacher. It can be a class project or an extracurricular offering for students age 11-13.

**LIONS CLUBS
INTERNATIONAL
FOUNDATION**

Many of our District clubs and individual Lions support LCIF and their many charitable causes from eye disease to severe weather related disasters.

LCIF has recently earned its third consecutive 4-star rating from Charity Navigator. This rating means that LCIF outperforms many other charitable organizations in the US. It, also, means that your donations are being used correctly.

STANTON LIONS CLUB

Stanton Lions provided Christmas dinner for a Senior Housing project. They also packed and provided food packets for needy families through the schools.

SHERIDAN LIONS

Sheridan Lions assembled and delivered 20 fruit baskets for Christmas. The Lions sang Christmas Carols and delivered the baskets to homebound citizens in the community.

DISTRICT OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Any Lion who wishes to run for a district office (Governor, 1st VDG, 2nd VDG or Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee) is reminded to send in his or her intent letter by Monday, January 26, 2015. The letter should come from the club's secretary, signed by the club president indicating the club's support and sent to the Nominations Committee Chair and the District Cabinet Secretary. If you have any questions, please contact the Nominations Chair Lion Dick Perrin PDG at (231) 796-5675 or email at perrinr@hotmail.com.

**DISTRICT 11 E1 CONVENTION CERTIFICATION FORM
INFORMATION**

The District 11 E1 Convention Certification form is on the next page of the newsletter.

Reminder to club secretaries

Send your list of delegates, alternates and Past District Governors, who will be attending the District Convention in Traverse City to Lion Gayle Morlock before February 28, 2015. Past District Governors get a vote independent of the club delegates. List them at the end of your list of delegates and alternates. The number of delegates is based on your membership as of February 1, 2014. You get one (1) delegate for every ten (10) members or major fraction thereof.

AT THE CONVENTION, ALL DELEGATES MUST BE CERTIFIED BEFORE 12:00 P.M. (NOON) ON SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2015 TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

Send certification forms to: Lion Gayle Morlock
9357 95th Ave.
Ewart, MI 49631

Email: landg@netonecom.net
Phone: 231-734-5200

DISTRICT 11-E1 DELEGATE CERTIFICATION FORM

CLUB NAME _____ **NUMBER OF MEMBERS** _____

ARTICLE XI SECTION 7 of the District 11-E1 Constitution and By-Laws so states that: Each chartered Club in good standing in Lions International and the District shall be represented by one or more delegates at the District Convention and shall be entitled in each such Convention to one (1) voting delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, of said Club as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month last preceding the month during which the Convention is held (Feb. 1, 2014) The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Further, full delegate Status shall be accorded each Past District Governor who is a member of a Club in this District, independent of the Club delegate quotas herein above specified. Each certified delegate present in person may cast one (1) vote for each office to be filled and one (1) vote only on each issue to be voted on by the members of said Convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the Convention.

NAME Delegate or Alternate	DELEGATE (D), ALTERNATE (A)	SIGN AT CONVENTION
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I hereby certify that the delegates and alternates listed above are in good standing with Lions Clubs International and The Lions of Michigan.

_____ Club President/Secretary/ or District Governor at Convention

Remember: All delegates must be registered and certified before 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Saturday, March 28, 2015 or they will not be allowed to vote.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

Lion Janalee McClure
P.O. Box 177
Brohman, MI 49312

ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 28, 2015

DISTRICT 11 E1 MARCH CONVENTION SPEAKER
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR KEMBRA SMITH



Kembra L. Smith from Decatur, Georgia, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 97th International Convention held in Toronto, Canada, July 4 through 8, 2014.

Director Smith is a lawyer.

A member of the Decatur North Decatur Lions Club since 1997, she has held many offices within the association, including district governor, zone chairperson, council chairperson, district LCIF chairperson, multiple district MERL coordinator, district and multiple district GLT coordinator, district convention chairperson and CEP facilitator. Director Smith is also the chairperson for the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation and a certified guiding Lion.

In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards, including four Contributing Membership Bronze Awards, the Member Key Award and an International President's Award. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Director Smith is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the American Immigration Lawyers' Association, the American Bar Association's Appellate Judges Conference ("AJC"), Council of Appellate Lawyers and the Federal Bar Association. She previously served as president of the AJC's Appellate Staff Attorneys.

Lions C-1 & E-1 District Convention
March 27 – 29, 2015
Park Place Hotel/Traverse City
300 East State Street
Traverse City, MI 49684
231-946-5196
Fax: 231-941-9812

Menu

Friday Night Dinner Buffet (“Park” Pizza Parlor)

All buffets include coffee & tea service. No dessert

Fresh tossed Caesar salad

Park Place pasta salad

Fresh baked garlic toast

Penne marinara with mozzarella

An assortment of pizzas: cheese, pepperoni, vegetarian, margherita, potato, sausage, ham
pineapple and mushroom

Cost: \$18.00

Saturday & Sunday Breakfast Buffet

Assorted fruit juices

Breakfast pastries & bagels

Scrambled eggs with cheese

Bacon – sausage – potatoes

Cost: \$14.00

Saturday Lunch (Plated)

Includes coffee & tea service.

A Tomato Tortilla Wrapped with blackened grilled chicken breast, romaine, parmesan,
red onion, Caesar dressing and Monterey jack cheese. This is served with fresh fruit.

Cost: \$15.00

Saturday Dinner (Plated)

Includes tossed salad with dressings, warm roll, vegetable medley and baked potato

Choice of three (3)

- Caribbean Rubbed Pork Loin with Mango & Mint Compote
- Broiled Great Lakes Whitefish with Tart Cherry Glaze
- Vegetarian Option: Ravioli with Wild Mushroom Cream (Ricotta, Mozzarella and Romano Cheese-filled Ravioli, tossed with a wild mushroom sauce) does not include a potato.

Dessert: Black Forest Torte

Cost: \$30.00

Total meal cost for the weekend = \$91.00
Food count due no later than Monday, March 23rd

**CONGRATULATIONS AND
WELCOME TO OUR NEW
LIONS**

BIG RAPIDS LIONS
DELORES VAN HORN

ARCADIA LIONS
JIM ANDERSON
JIM JAEGER
MARK JAEGER
ROSS KLADDER
BILL RIFE

COLEMAN LIONS
JEANNE ADAMS
WENDY GROSS
LINDA SUE LOVEJOY
PAM RENDER

CRYSTAL LIONS
MARSHA NEMETH
TODD NEMETH

GREENVILLE LIONS
KAUSHAL KALRA
JEFF WILLHELM

HOWARD CITY
LIONS
JEANETTE
CHROMIC DC

SAND LAKE LIONS
MICHELLE RENEE FEIKEMA

MIDLAND LIONS
DAVID HEYING

**DISTRICT 11 E1
NEW LIONS
JULY - DECEMBER
2014**

HARRISON LIONS
JOSHUA WIGGINS

FRANKFORT LIONS
CATHERINE FLYNN
CARIE MILLARD
ALEC MILLARD

EMPIRE LIONS
MICHAEL LUBIG

EVART LIONS
KENDRA MICHELLE
BACKING-HARRA
JONATHAN NAILOR

STANWOOD LIONS
TANYA KING



MANISTEE LIONS
GLENDA FINNER,
USAN MENCARELLI
CLARE NICKELSON
MARYLYNN WRZESINSKI

MICHIGAN CROSSROADS
ADAM JOHNSON
CAROL SEMEYN

BALDWIN LION
JESSICA LEENHOUTS

HART LIONS
JEFFREY KABOT

HONOR LIONS
TAMARAH HAWKINS
TIMOTHY HAWKINS

CEDAR MAPLE CITY
SANDRA GALLA

KALEVA LIONS
JOHN REUSCH
MARGARET REWERTS
WALTER REWERTS

LUTHER LIONS
EUGENE HUNT
EDWARD LANGERBURY
RUTHE MCNEE

FREMONT LIONS
JENA ZEERIP

WHITE CLOUD LIONS
ROBERT NIELSEN

VESTABURG LIONS
BRANDON HUBBARD

STANTON LIONS
SHARLENE TANS

WHITE CANE

The White Cane season is fast approaching. This is one of our Lions best fundraisers. How are your White Cane supplies? Order them now and you can pick them up at the MI Lions Forum on February 28. Order Online: www.lionsofmi.com



District Governor Pete – frustrated! After spending two hours at the telephone office trying to get his cell phone calibrated so that he could capture his pictures for the newsletter??? Took 2 1/2 hours



Chippewa Lakes-Mecosta
Lions packed Merry Christmas bags for 40 families in the area



BIG RAPIDS LIONS
Big Rapids Lion Dave Hamelund received a Melvin Jones Awards for outstanding contributions to his club and community. Dave made and contributed braille signs and stands to help the sight impaired understand features along the park trail.

In other Big Rapids Lions news, an anonymous Big Rapids Lion donated \$2,500 to the student council at Big Rapids High School. The money was used to initiate a gift-giving program at the School. The program called “Helping Hands” benefited 25 at risk Big Rapids High School students.

2015 SCHOLARSHIPS

Two scholarships are available for hearing and visually impaired students attending higher education. The Lions Hearing Center of Michigan and Lions of Michigan offer a scholarship for Deaf/Hard of Hearing students. The scholarship value is \$1,000 and must be applied for by Feb. 1, 2015. It will be presented at the Lions of Michigan Forum on February 28.

The Lions Clubs of Michigan offer three, \$3,000 scholarships for visually impaired students attending schools of higher education. The deadline for applying is December 31, 2015.

For applications or further information on these scholarships contact the Lions of Michigan State Office. Call (517) 887-6640 or E-mail lionsofmi.com

**MIDLAND LIONS CLUB
SPECIAL PROJECT**

The Midland Lions Club and Rotary Club worked together to fill a need for textbooks in 20 schools and orphanages in Zimbabwe, Africa. They collected and packed 300 cases of books that they received from schools, Friends of the Library, and an AAUW Book sale. Eighty cases were shipped at a time and the Zimbabwe Lions and Rotary Club picked them up and distributed them. The Zimbabwe Clubs had fundraisers to earn \$2,000 to help them deliver the books.



SEEKING LIONS

They are all around you! I was selling White Canes and a lady came up to me and said, "What are the Lions"? She went on about the fact that she works with a Lion but the only time she hears about Lions from him is when he comes to her to sell tickets for a Lion Fundraiser. Check out the illustration above. These are the people that are your Lion candidates. During coffee breaks, at the water cooler, during coffee and donuts at church, over the fence to your neighbor talk about what your Lions Club is doing and how they help your community. They might want to know more or even visit your club. Try an invitation!

JUST ASK! – LIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR

**"BECAUSE A CAPE WOULD GET IN YOUR WAY:
BECOME A LION SUPERHERO"**

Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. or Friday, Jan. 16, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

Activate your Lion superhero traits and put them to work as Lions. Understand your mission, consider your power, recruit sidekicks.

Don't miss this perspective on Lions.

Check it out on the LCI Web Site – Leadership Development Webinars.

DISTRICT CALENDAR
JANUARY

Jan. 9 – Last day to sign up for the early bird price of \$110 for the International Convention in Hawaii.

Jan. 13 – Melvin Jones, our founder's Birthday

Jan. 17 – District Cabinet Meeting at the Blue Lake Tavern on M-20, 2 ½ mi. west of Mecosta. - 9:30 A.M.

Jan. 28 – Three Zone Meetings:

Region 1 Zone 2, Sheila Ferrell at the Mesick Lions Den

Region 2 Zone 1, Diane Fleming at the Doherty in Clare.

Region 2 Zone 2, Peg Walls at McKenna's Restaurant in Lakeview.

Jan. 29 – Region 1 Zone 1, Zone Meeting at the Red Lobster in Traverse City. District Secretary Ron Gibson will host this meeting.

Lions of Michigan forum

Causeway Bay Hotel, Lansing, MI

Friday, February 27th, 8:00p.m. Lions Wheel of Fortune

Saturday, February 28th–Educational Sessions

KEYNOTE LUNCHEON SPEAKER~~ MISS MICHIGAN K.T. MAVIGLIA

I am your current Miss Michigan, KT Maviglia and I have a sensorineural hearing loss. Many aspects of my daily life are affected by my hearing disability. I would often wonder if my hearing limitations would stop me from reaching my goals, but I told myself they would not. I was determined to make the best of my situation, and strive to reach my goals, regardless of the adversity in my life. The **KT Maviglia Foundation for Hearing Disabilities** has raised funds for children in need of hearing equipment since 2012. There is no greater reward than watching a child experience the first time they use their hearing aids. They become aware of all the sounds in their environment that eluded them in the past. I am determined to help children focus on their **ABILITIES** not their disability.

MULTIPLE SESSION TOPICS TO CHOOSE FROM!*

Learn the **Tools for Forming New Clubs** with the Professionals from Lions Club International!

College Clubs – Mentoring – Conducting Effective Meetings –Club Orientation –Protocol

The End of Membership as we Know It –Tax Filing –GPS Technology – Marketing/PR for your Club

Involvement *is* Retention –Special Needs Vision Clinic –Lions of MI Foundation –Club Excellence Process *Session topics are subject to change.

Check our website for regular updates at: www.lionsofmi.com

Causeway Bay Hotel, Lansing, MI

TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM CALL 517-694-8123

