

DISTRICT 11-E1 NEWSLETTER



August 2014

News from the Governor

Lions,

A wonderful way to start the year, by July 25, we had recorded 6 new Lions for District 11 E1. Our goal is 130, 124 to go!! Congratulations! "Be Bold! Be A Lion!"

Our Zone Chairs are busy organizing your first Zone meetings. You will be hearing from them soon as to a date, location and time. District membership Rosters will be handed out at your meetings, along with methods to strengthen your clubs, ideas for the District Convention, and Fall Conference. All clubs should be represented at these meetings. If the officers can't attend, send a club representative. It is important that all of our clubs are communicated with. Zone Meetings are no longer meetings to share your fundraising or special project success. We will deal with problem/solutions and what is happening in our District. You are the District Governor's advisory committees. We encourage you to share your special projects and fundraisers through your pictures and stories in the District Newsletter. At the District Cabinet meeting on July 25, the cabinet voted to discontinue the membership net growth \$30 rebate incentive. In the two years, that it was in operation only a few clubs have applied for it and there was a lot of confusion as to



how it worked.

The Fall Conference on September 20, at the Harrison Lions Club will be great fun and a portion of the program will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Leader Dogs. Put it on your calendar as a must do!

In the absence of a 2nd VDG, I have asked our cabinet secretary, Lion Ron Gibson, to help us out with programs and meetings, when needed. He is presently assisting 1st VDG Pam Schroeder with the Fall Conference.

I stand ready to visit your clubs, call or E-mail me if you have a specific date in mind.

Lion Pete "Lions Make A Difference"

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Message from 1st Vice Lion Pam



1st VDG Pam Schroeder & PDG Dan Gibbons

Here we are in August already; time is flying by with many activities happening in our clubs. Hope your summer festivals have had the outcome you had hoped them to have. Some clubs still have that project to look forward to happening. If you would like extra help give me a call. I would like to work with the members of our district on a project.

Our International President is Lion Joe Preston from Arizona. He has asked for each Lion to ask one person to join our organization. We could double our membership and serve twice the amount of people that we are now serving. There are three membership webinars coming up, at the LCI website. If each club got someone in their club to go on the website for the webinars, they could bring information back to the club meeting and it would benefit the club.

Fall Conference is September 20, 2014, at the Harrison Lions Club. We will be featuring "Leader Dogs," as it is their 75th Anniversary this year. We have a great day planned. Please provide this information to your club members, so that they can save the date. The flyer and the registration form is in this newsletter. We will be doing a "Parade of Checks" for the state and district projects. See you all there.

If there is any way that I can be of help to you or your club, I am only a phone call away.

Lion Pam Schroeder, 1st Vice District Governor

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DISTRICT 11- E1 LIONS FALL CONFERENCE



10 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.
Saturday, September 20, 2014
417 Fairlane, Harrison Lions Club

Featuring; LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND
Celebrating 75 Years

We will be holding a “PARADE OF CHECKS” for our State and District Projects. Information from our Membership and Leadership Chairman

We will be discussing FUN MEETINGS; the clubs will tell what their fun meeting was like.

Some surprises too!!! CASUAL DRESS

Lunch will be served at a cost of \$7.00 per Lion

Registration Form 11- E1 Fall Conference 2014
Parade of Checks

Club _____ Name of Attendees _____
Contact Phone Number _____

Lunch \$7.00 per attendee Total \$ _____

Mail to Lion Pam Schroeder
4829 Crescent Beach, Onkama, MI. 49675
Please submit by September 11, 2014

DISTRICT CONVENTION ROOMS - \$2.00

District 11 E 1 will be selling \$2.00 tickets to win a two night free stay at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City during the District 11 E1 Convention. The Convention dates are March 27, 28, and 29, 2015. The winning ticket will provide the winner with a free room for two on Friday night, March 27 and Saturday night, March 28. Tickets will be sold at Zone meetings, the Fall Conference, and when your District officers attend your club meetings. The drawing for the free nights' lodging will be held at the January Cabinet meeting on January 17.

MEMBERSHIP RIBBONS

All Lions in the state of Michigan will soon have the opportunity to wear a purple ribbon attached under their Lions pin. The purple awareness ribbon indicates that you are looking for a new Lion to become a member of your club. When you succeed in getting a new member inducted, you pass on your purple ribbon to the new member. You would then receive a gold ribbon along with your Michigan Safari pin to hold it in place. The ribbons for your club will be handed out at your first Zone meeting and a further explanation of their use will be explained. The membership ribbons are meant to have you think about membership when you see one.

LIONS SHIRTS

Are you looking for a spiffy new Lions shirt for you or your club members? District 11 E1 has blue golf type shirts available in men and women's styles for approximately \$25.00. The shirts can be ordered through Ist VDG Pam Schroeder at dgibbons4870@charter.net





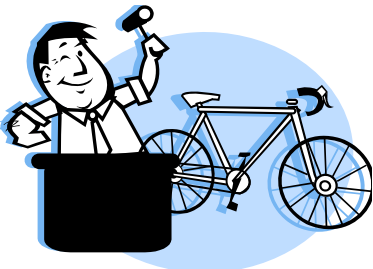
TRAINING FOR THE FUTURE

Lions interested in becoming a Lions Club President, there is a special training being offered in Oakbrook, Illinois on October 4-6, 2014.

You need to apply and be accepted for this training. The cost to the candidate is \$95.00 and you pay your own round trip transportation to Oakbrook. LCI will pay for your course, hotel room, and provide your meals. The training is excellent and you have an opportunity to meet Lions from around the USA, Canada and Bermuda. If interested contact DG Pete Conarty at mlpjc@sbcglobal.net for more information.

SILENT AUCTION

In recent years, District 11 E1 has revisited the silent auction for our District Convention. Auction items are put up for written bids over a two day period. The items sold help to finance the cost of the Convention and help us to keep convention costs down. If you have an item that you could contribute for the 2015 convention in Traverse City, bring it to the convention when you come, take it to your Zone Chair or notify Convention Chair Jerry Brandt (jbkb@ispmgt.com) that you have a contribution for this event.



In Memory of a passing Lion

Lion Carl Hawkins - District GLT coordinator, Zone Chair, and Past President of the Kaleva Lions Club. Our sympathy to Carl's family and the Kaleva Lions Club.

What Carl exemplified was someone who didn't even see their own limitations but only saw their own potential. Carl didn't ask for a handout, or public assistance, but instead saw the needs of others and figured out how to make a good living for him and help others through his Lions club. Carl told me about his clubs efforts to clean up toxic waste. He put out an APB for dead car batteries. He told me "there has got to be one behind every trailer in our county" so his club members would make a Saturday road trip and pick up any dead batteries they learned about since the last trip. "Last time we turned them in and made over \$500 for our club" Carl told me at the euchre table that night I met him. Lion Carl will be missed and will always be a reminder of what I should be doing with the two good arms and legs I have. Rest in peace; Carl Hawkins. You've been an asset to the world you've left. I feel blessed to have met you. Lion Steve Adsmond

MEET YOUR ZONE CHAIRS

A big LIONS ROAR for our Leadership Crew that volunteered to be Zone Chairs for 2014-15. We appreciate the time and skill that they give to this position.

Lion Connie Mc Morris – Cedar-Maple City, Empire, Frankfort, Honor, Kingsley, Lake Ann, Northport, Traverse City.

Lion Sheila Ferrell – Arcadia, Bear Lake, Kaleva, Manistee, Mesick, Onekama.

Lion Diane Fleming – Coleman, Harrison, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, Shepherd, Vestaburg.

Lion Peggy Walls – Barryton, Big Rapids, Chippewa Lake-Mecosta, Lakeview, Remus, Stanwood, Weidman.

PDG Dan Gibbons – Baldwin, Cadillac, Evart, Luther, Michigan Crossroads.

Lion Deb Kreitner – Carson City, Crystal, Edmore, Greenville, Six Lakes, Sheridan, Stanton.

PCC Janalee McClure – Fremont, Hart, Howard City, Newaygo, Sand Lake, White Cloud.

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Important News from Crossroads Lions Club

NOTE: MEETING LOCATION/DATE CHANGES: We will now only be meeting on the Second Tuesday of the month at Noon. The location for this one meeting will be at the Depot here in Reed City.

The Crossroads Lions Club participated in the Volunteer Expo on Thursday, August 7th at the Osceola county fairgrounds in Ewart. We had a table set up to find more members who want to become involved in the community by joining our club.

The Crossroads Lions Club will hold a KidSight eye screening from 10:00am – 2:00 at Westerburg Park in Reed City. This is part of the Great American Crossroads Festival. We will have a tent set up in the kids' games area to hold the screening of the kids. We will also be helping out with activities in areas where volunteers are needed.

So our next meeting is August 12, 2014.

Traverse City Lions

Glasses Collections – Lion Jim Pascoe, Chair - Lions eyeglasses collections boxes have been placed at Grand Traverse Ophthalmology, Scarbrough Family Eye care, and The Ear Lab at Munson Hospital, Dr. Ed Stewart's office, Traverse Vision and TADL Talking Books Library.

Eye Glasses Collection Boxes – We need additional locations to place eye glasses collection boxes.



Baldwin Lions



July 17th proved to be a busy day at the Baldwin Trout A Rama.

The Baldwin Lions Club partnered with two area Masonic groups to take advantage of the mass of kids in downtown Baldwin on Kid's Day. With White Cloud Lion Bill Koch operating the Kid Sight camera, 36 children were screened, 3 referrals were found. Lions Bob and Shirley Flynn from the Luther Lions and Lion Tony Rutledge from the Big Rapids club wore dual hats that day, working as members of the Mason's, operating one of six special computers. For each child, a voice recording, photograph, finger printing, height and measurements were taken and placed on a CD for the parent's safe keeping. Kids were treated to a YOOPER bar upon completing the screening. As a bonus, the Baldwin Lions gained a new member after witnessing the service to the community that we Lions do!



PDG Lion Lynnwood Mast speaks to the mom about being an organ donor after her child went through the screening

The Mecosta County Fair proves to be the perfect location for a Kid Sight Vision screening. On July 9th, members of the Big Rapids Lions Club, with the help of White Cloud Lion Bill Koch, were able to screen over 60 children, finding 4 that needed referrals to a vision professional. PDG's Laura and Harry Johnson lent a hand as well. PDG Lion Lynnwood Mast was also at the booth recruiting new names on the Organ Donor Registry. All the children that went through the screening were given a bag of caramel corn as a "thank you"!

Greenville Lions Club, 4-H Club team up for fund raiser



With 4-H supplying the building, booth and name recognition and Greenville Lions Club members offering the man hours to shop, cook and serve, the two local groups teamed up to raise \$9,000 to be split 50-50. This is the first year the two organizations ran a joint food booth at the Montcalm County 4-H Fair. Pictured are 4-H students and advisers operating the booth.

MONTCALM TOWNSHIP — Both the Greenville Lions Club and the 4-H program are founded on education and life experiences for local youths. During last month's Montcalm County 4-H Fair, the two organizations teamed up. For years, 4-H has manned a food vendor booth at the fair, raising money for educational experiences for 4-H students, but because the advisers as well as students are often too busy during the fair, operating the booth became a bit overwhelming. "We're really busy during fair and (operating the booth) really puts us out during fair," said Melanie Rodenhouse, vice president of the 4-H Council. The Lions Club has also had a vendor booth at the fair, selling typical fair food, hot dogs, brats, hamburgers, etc., but they had not always done as well as they hoped. This year, the two groups joined together to operate a booth, with 4-H supplying the building, booth and name recognition and the Lions Club members offering the man hours to shop, cook and serve the food. The joint booth was a major success for both groups, raising about \$9,000 total. The two organizations split the revenues evenly, each taking home around \$4,500. "That's more than we've ever made at the fair," said Bo Stephenson, vice president of the Greenville Lions Club. "Boy, were we hoppin'." The decision turned out beneficial to 4-H as well. "It's definitely the most we've done at the new fairgrounds," Rodenhouse said. "We were extremely happy." While the groups were able to raise more money, it is money that will go back into the community. The Lions Club will use their newly generated funds to conduct community services, volunteer projects and opportunities for children. "They are all about the children and doing things for the children," said Rodenhouse of the Lions Club members. Stevens said it is because of that (and admittedly lower prices) crowds at the fair flock to their booth for the food. "They know the money is going to the community," he said. The 4-H Council will use its share of the profits to provide 4-H students with educational experiences such as classes, exploration days and trips to educational centers. The two groups enjoyed the experience so much; they are already beginning plans to join forces again next year. "We hope to have them back next year," Rodenhouse said. And Stephenson said the Lions Club is hoping for another year as well. "We had a very busy week at fair with both of us there," he said. "It sounds like we're doing it next year as well."

Great Job Greenville Lions

Midland Lions

We have just completed our busiest fund raising month and initial reports for both the Hole in One and Chicken BBQ are positive. The Hole in One Committee and the BBQ committee both worked diligently to insure that events were well organized and managed. We had a mix of long term members and newer members working at both events.



- left - right Lions Steve Poole, Al Ducham, Jim Mitchell and Rick Fraser, L to R, Lions Thayre Talcott, Ron Sharp, Bernie Philabaum and David Philabaum.

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White Cloud Lions

District 11 E-1 Lions of Michigan responded to the severe flooding in Newaygo County in April of 2014. On April 14, 2014 as the Muskegon River ravaged 403 homes from Newaygo City to Bridgeton. 703 people were forced to evacuate and seek shelter. Governor Snyder declared a disaster on April 17th. The LIONS CLUBS OF Newaygo Fremont and White Cloud attended the Multi Agency resource center meeting. With a Michigan Lions Grant, Zone Chair Bill Koch coordinated the allocation of resources for cleanup with Rubicon and the Red Cross. As one of the residents that Lion Bill talked to put it. Thank God for the Lions! Thank you! Thank! You Roar Lions Roar. Loving Individual Offering Needed Services.

By order of Senate Resolution #148 on May 21, 2014 as published in the Journal of the Senate 805

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JOURNAL OF THE SENATE 805

Senator Green offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 148.

A resolution to proclaim October 5 - 11, 2014, as Lions Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, there are over 12,000 Lions members, both men and women, in more than 500 clubs throughout Michigan.

Around the world, their 46,000 clubs and 1.35 million members make them the world's largest service club organization; and

Whereas, In 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Since then, they have worked tirelessly to aid the blind and visually impaired and have earned high marks for both integrity and transparency throughout their 95 year history; and

Whereas, Lions meet the needs of local communities and the world. The 1.35 million members of their volunteer organization in 207 countries and geographic areas are different in many ways, but share a core belief; that community is what we make it; and

Whereas, In Michigan, Lions Clubs perform a huge variety of services to their communities, such as providing eyeglasses and hearing aids to those who cannot afford them; hosting holiday parties for underprivileged kids; underwriting food giveaways; assisting in sending kids to camp; maintaining parks; visiting seniors; supporting organ donation drives; vision testing for young children; and many more; and

Whereas, All Michigan Lions Clubs come together to support four state projects: Leader Dogs for the Blind, Michigan Eye Bank, Bear Lake Camp, and Lions of Michigan Foundation, which help fund endeavors such as disaster relief in the United States and abroad; now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby proclaim October 5 11, 2014, as Lions Week.

May Lions Clubs throughout Michigan reaffirm their member service mission: "To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs"; and be it further

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Lions of Michigan Council of Governors and the Lions of Michigan State Office as a reflection of our esteem.

Senators Anderson, Bieda, Booher, Brandenburg, Hansen, Hopgood, Hunter, Jones, Marleau, Pavlov, Proos, Richardville and Rocca were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

BE BOLD! BE A LION!

Big Rapids Lions Club

District Governor Lion Pete Conarty installed the new club officers at the annual club picnic and officer installation on June 23rd.

We ran our concession stand at the Downtown Farmers Market on July 18th and will run it again at the Big Rapids South End Block Party on August 15th. This is an event put on by the merchants at that end of town. The local Habitat for Humanity is holding a grand opening for their store and they have asked us to be there. It's been a busy summer and soon football season will be upon us with lots of Friday night and Saturday games.



Picture 1) District Governor Pete Conarty presents Lion Joe Czinder with a Melvin Jones award from the club.

Picture 2) King Lion Jackie presents District Governor Pete Conarty a check for a donation to the Lions of Michigan Foundation from the Big Rapids Lions Club

Picture 3) Immediate Past President Lion Jackie exchanges the presidential gavel with incoming King Lion Bruce Fredrick