



## District 11-E1 Newsletter 2010 - 2011

“Together We Serve”

February 2011



District Governor Lion Laura & PDG Lion Harry Johnson

WARM(?) WINTER GREETINGS!

I hope by the time this newsletter reaches all of our LIONS in 11 E-1, the February blizzard season has ended! The recent snows have made the signs of Spring a warm and welcoming thought!

As I prepare my message this month, I'm also preparing to leave for Mexico on another Vision Mission trip, so I will be brief.

At the recent District Cabinet meeting held on January 16th, the voting members approved the elimination of the Mobile Hearing Lab as a District project, effective immediately. This decision came after meeting with Dr. Hanrahan, reviewing cost analysis, dollar amounts contributed by Lions in 11 E-1 and reviewing the number of clubs that have brought the unit into their communities for screenings. The \$6,000 commitment pledge of support has not been received in total for several years from the clubs in 11 E-1. Thus leaving the difference to come out of the District funds. Over several years, this has caused great concern for the viability of this project. Any donations received through January 31st will be forwarded on the Munson for the Ear Lab. The clubs in our District are still welcome to use the unit for screenings, still paying the required fees of \$350. The only difference now is that the District will not be sending an annual donation of \$6,000. We have had a long and cooperative relationship with Munson's Ear Labs, and have been assured by Dr. Hanrahan that they will continue to operate with the help of grants and funding by the hospital itself. I would like to personally thank the clubs of 11 E-1 who faithfully donated and utilized the units over the years.

One area that I feel needs some clarification is how we, as Lions are to use the funds collected from the public. In traveling to our clubs, I'm sincerely concerned about the misinterpretation of project/activities dollars raised and administrative monies. For that reason I'm asking all clubs in 11 E-1 to review the chart from the Legal Department at Lions International. Clubs CANNOT PAY their members for working projects in lieu of paying dues. They CANNOT PAY a percentage of project proceeds to their administrative account. If a club has a Bingo or Texas Holdem tournament, workers CANNOT be paid from the proceeds EVEN THOUGH THE STATE LOTTERY ALLOWS THIS! We as a Lions club operate under the guidelines laid before us in the International Constitution and By Laws, not the State Lottery Commission. There have been several clubs down state that face losing their charter because of misappropriation of their funds. I do not want to have this happen to any clubs in 11 E-1. This is a serious issue, and ask that any clubs with questions or concerns contact myself or the Vice Governors.

Our clubs all work hard at projecting a positive image in our communities, living up to our code of ethics. Let's make sure we never read about one of 11 E-1's clubs in the newspaper for mismanagement of funds! In closing, I will be setting up a District Float committee meeting toward the end of the month upon my return from Mexico. If your club or any individual members would like to help with the design and construction of the float, please contact myself or 2nd VDG Bill Simpson. We would like to have it ready to unveil at the convention in April. Remember to be a "BEACON OF HOPE" in your community!

D.G. Lion Laura

### Use of Funds Chart and Information Sheet

How Funds Are Raised	Use for Public Projects? (Activity Account)	Use for Administrative Expenses? (Administrative Account)
<b>Administrative</b> – dues, rental fees, fines, advertisement in newsletters to Lions	Yes	Yes
<b>Public</b> – any fundraising event open to the public, public contributions and bequests	Yes	No *
<b>Interest</b> – accumulated investments from money received from the public	Yes	No*
<p><i>*Direct expenses may be deducted from a public fundraiser to replenish the Administrative Account. Also, if a Lions building is used to meet the needs of the community at large, the club may deduct an amount of the proceeds of each activity held at the clubhouse to go towards the operating expenses of the building.</i></p>		

#### Activity Fund (Public)

All funds raised from the public must be returned to public use, including money accumulated from invested public funds. These funds may not be used for administration, to benefit a member, or for travel and meeting expenses for conventions.

#### Administrative Fund

Administrative funds are supported through contributions from Lions through dues, fines and other individual contributions. It is possible for Lions Clubs to fund their administrative account in the following manner:

- > Private fundraising activity limited to Lions Clubs members and their spouses >
- Advertisement proceeds for Club Newsletters
- > Donated member compensation for work as individual citizens at non-lion events, while not dressed or identified as Lions
- > Deduct direct operating expenses of a fundraiser
- > If the Lions building is used to meet the needs of the community at large, the club may deduct an amount of the proceeds of each activity held at the clubhouse to go towards the operating expenses of the building.

**LEGAL OPINION ADOPTED BY THE  
INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FUNDS RAISED FROM ACTIVITIES**

**QUESTION:**

May funds raised from the public be used for administrative or other non-public purposes? **OPINION:**

No. The Articles of Incorporation of The International Association of Lions Clubs state that the association is organized, among other things, "to govern all such chartered clubs so that they shall be nonpolitical, nonsectarian, not for profit of the individual club or its individual members."

Therefore, the Articles of Incorporation of The International Association of Lions Clubs expressly forbid that any part of the net earnings from activities shall inure to the benefit of any individual Lion or Lions club. Since districts are created by the association to facilitate its administration of individual Lions and Lions clubs, this proscription, by implication, runs to district administrative expenses as well.

The wisdom of this proscription is clear. To finance and fulfill their basic function of service, Lions clubs ask the public to patronize fairs, circuses, raffles, show and the like, and to purchase products infinite in variety. This public support is sought, and given, on the mutual understanding that the net funds raised thereby will go to finance some community need. Consequently, any diversion of such funds to other purposes constitutes a breach of faith with the contributing public. The proscription in the article quoted exists to prevent any such breach and to protect and preserve the image of Lions Clubs International. Therefore, the use of any such funds to finance convention trips, politics or candidates, or administration dues, deficits or expenses at the club, district, or international level is a breach of faith and an express violation of the basic document of the association.

This opinion shall be interpreted to mean that there shall be no public solicitation of funds to defray administrative expenses of a Lions club.



1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Lion John & Carolyn Monahan

Fellow Lions,

The ground hog did not see his shadow, so I hope that means that we will have an early spring. So far, all I see out of my back windows is snow and deer tracks. I'm hoping the ground hog is right.

If you need a little warmth at your club meeting, invite PDG Lynn Mast to talk about signing up as an organ donor. Lion Lynn has an excellent talk and short, emotional video about two little girls who received corneal transplants. If that doesn't warm you up, wait until he tells you about using organ donor sign ups to recruit new members. It's a great idea and Lions Lynn and Jan have worked out a finely honed plan to sign up the maximum number of people for organ donation while giving your club an excellent chance for recruiting new members. It's like eating your cake, and having it too. Or course, it also fits the International President's Global Service Initiative: You need to advertise the organ donor sign up in conjunction with a community event, hold the sign up, and recruit and orient the new members to your club.

LCI is slowly letting us know how they envision the new district organizational teams. They are mandating a district global membership team leader and a district global leadership team leader. I hope that every club has or will soon have an active membership committee with older and newer members serving on it. I also hope that each club will seek out potential leaders and give them a chance to prove themselves. Although not all of want to, every Lion can lead, and I hope that every Lion will have the opportunity to lead. Rotating leaders in a club can lead to even better performance and service to the community by the club. I hope each of you will take the opportunity to step forward and donate your leadership to your club. Sometimes the rewards of stepping outside your comfort zone and leading can last a lifetime.

I hope your nominations committee has been working to get a slate of officers for your club for 2011-2012. February is a great time for nominations and March is a great month for elections. Your officers elect can come to our district convention and attend some of the seminars that can help them have a great Lions year.

Yours in Lionism,

John Monahan  
1st VDG



2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Lion William (Bill)  
& Vickie Simpson

February newsletter:

Dear fellow Lions: Our declining numbers are a serious problem. That's why at every meeting you'll hear about Retention. Retention has become the new old hot topic! In District Multiple Eleven (that's all of the Lower Peninsula) we have lost 903 members from July thru Dec of 2010; that's 150 people per month-it's a large number. Everyone is searching around for the secret to solve this situation. What's the magic word or sign that gets people to continue their membership or join as a new member? I don't believe that there is one but maybe, we can discover a way to turn this around.

Membership seems to be a problem of our time in history, the economy, and the burden that modern families handle in their daily routines. All service groups are having the numbers crunch problem, we aren't alone, but it doesn't solve our problem of less Lions to work projects and having fewer contacts within our local community. It doesn't solve the problem of Clubs with less than 20 members which then throws the load of every project on the same people. After a while what was fun becomes work for those remaining Lions.

I know you've heard it before, but we must be innovative of when and where we meet. We must ask more people to be Lions! We need to ask more women to be Lions. We must get more kids to be Leo's so they can have a taste of that wonderful flavor of service.

Our mothers and fathers came back from World War Two and knew the value of service. Now, it is our turn to help introduce this concept to our own kids and grandchildren just as our parents did for us.

Lion Bill Simpson  
2VDG

# Wishes Do Come True!

**Story by: Lion Tim Anderson**

Lion Carl Daily from the Cadillac Lions had noticed a few months ago after a long day out and round town that "Kirby" his Leader dog of the past 8 months (yes Lion Carl is Blind) was limping. After several days with no improvement "Kirby" was sent down to Leader Dog School in Rochester to be checked out by their vets.

After a month of observation, tests and treatment it was determined that "Kirby" had pulled a tendon in his back leg and that he needed at least 2 more months of rest to heal properly and even then there would be no guarantee he would be back to 100%. So Lion Carl was given the choice to wait or he could get a new dog with no guarantee, he accepted the offer of a new dog.

Now a few weeks prior to all this my family had applied to Leader dog to try to get a career change dog, our dog "Casey" had passed away last year and we felt it was now time for a new dog in our home. Our daughter Lion Cub Rachael, age 7 was very excited about the idea of a new dog; she even asked Santa when she saw him at Christmas if he could please bring her a new dog.

Well Christmas came and went Santa didn't leave a new dog for Rachael under the tree, not a real dog anyway he left a toy dog for her instead. She was disappointed but happy with her new toy, she also received a "Wish Pearl" on Christmas from her Nana and the wish she made when she opened it was once again for a new dog.

Well, 2 days after Christmas on December 27<sup>th</sup>, we received a phone call early in the morning from Lion Kim Wattles our District Leader Dog North person, she knew we were looking for a dog and she had just heard of a dog down in Rochester that needed a new home. She began to tell me about the dog and I smiled thinking "I know this dog" when she said he name is "Kirby" then I was certain I knew this dog.

When I told her "I think I know this dog" she was blown away, she double checked and I was right it was Lion Carl's "Kirby" and we did know him. It all happened by chance we were getting our dog and "Kirby" could come back home to Cadillac. I told Lion Kim I needed to do something and I would call her right back, then I called Lion Carl and asked if he minded if we took "Kirby" in. He was also blown away that we of all people got the call about this; he said he was happy "Kirby" would be going to a good home and it was fine with him, he knew he would be happy with our family. I called Lion Kim back and my entire family jumped into the car and began the long drive down to Rochester to pick up "Kirby" OUR new dog.

I was told since "Kirby" was raised as a service dog and basically a Lion to take him with me whenever I can especially to Lions functions and meetings so he came with us to our last Lions meeting. "Kirby" was SO glad to see Lion Carl his head went down and he wagged his tail so hard you would have thought it was going to fall off. He got down and crawled under Carl's chair ears back and tail still after they hadn't seen each other in about 5 weeks.

Carl bent down and talked to "Kirby" rubbing his side telling him what a good boy he is then took his leash and lead him back over to me. At this time "Kirby" is still healing and Carl is set to get a new dog in May, if all goes well, he just had 3 cancerous tumors removed last week, if they got it all then he goes back for a new dog in May but if he needs chemo he will have to wait until he is strong enough.

Rachael got her Christmas wish just a few days late but that doesn't seem to matter to her the important thing is she got it and "Kirby" got his career change, he is now retired at 2 and being loved and spoiled rotten while my wife and I keep Lion Carl in our prayers and we're all WISHING he gets his new dog in May!

## **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION**

A different program for Lions to participate in to benefit Lions Clubs International Foundation – Contributing Membership.

100% of every donation to LCIF goes to help those in desperate need worldwide. Since only US\$6 is needed to save someone's sight, every dollar raised is precious. You do not need to be a major donor to be a hero. The Contributing Membership Program is a great way to acknowledge and thank almost any undesignated donation to LCIF.

Contributing Membership and the Melvin Jones Fellowship are both recognition programs for unrestricted donations to LCIF. The Contributing Member Program is for those donors making smaller, but not less significant, donations. If a donor is planning to give larger donations to LCIF (at least US\$1,000 over the next five years), the Lion donor should be acknowledged through the MJF program. To clarify, contributing member donations do not receive MJF credit and vice versa. If the donor is unsure of the level of funds they will donate, the recognition can be applied at a later date.

There are three types of Contributing Member donation pins:

Gold for a US\$100 donation

Silver for a US\$50 donation

Bronze for a US\$25 donation

In addition, clubs can receive banner patches if every member in the club is a Contributing Member. In 2009-2010, there were 581 100% Contributing Member clubs worldwide.

Are you interested in increasing the number of Lions and clubs that contribute to LCIF? If you want to increase participation, the Contributing Membership Program is the perfect way to introduce members to the impact of just US\$20.

For more information, contact IPDG Wayne Kreitner at [wkreitner@charter.net](mailto:wkreitner@charter.net)  
Please call IPDG Wayne to put on a program for LCIF at your meetings, 616-754-8409.



**Lions Clubs International**  
**FOUNDATION**

## **An Invitation to the Anchorage Lions Forum**

Dear Lion Leader,

As General Chairperson of the 2011 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, I want to personally invite you to this great learning event. Anchorage Alaska will be the site for this fall's top North American Lions educational experience. September 22-24, Lions from all across the United States and Canada will converge on the "Land of the Midnight Sun" to sharpen their leadership skills, renew old friendships and make new friends. And, as a leader in your area, this would be a great opportunity to learn more from accomplished presenters and visit with our International leaders.

Our 2011 Forum Theme **"I Believe in Lions Leadership"** will be the backdrop for dozens of seminars and workshops held over the three day event. In addition, four featured main speakers will grab your attention with their dynamic and motivational topics during each of the four meals. I promise you will not only learn something new, but you will also be moved, entertained, motivated, and will experience a renewed sense of pride in being a Lion!

You are encouraged to visit our website at [www.usacanadalionsforum.org](http://www.usacanadalionsforum.org) and check out the November Newsletter which is loaded with information on the speakers, seminars and hotels, along with articles on Alaska. Also on the home page is a printable registration form. You can also register online with the online registration form. Our January Newsletter will be added by mid-January.

Please accept my invitation to join me in Anchorage, September 22-24 this year for the most memorable Forum ever, our 35<sup>th</sup> Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. I look forward to welcoming you!

Sincerely,  
Bud Wahl  
PID Bud Wahl, General Chairperson  
2011 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum





**LIONS NEWSLETTER**  
**ZONE I, REGION II**

***Clare, Coleman, Harrison, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, Sanford***  
**FEBRUARY 2011**

Snow and cold blankets our Zone, fundraisers and activities have slowed down except for on-going Bingo games, Lions mint sales, and address sign sales. It's a time to enjoy some great local community speakers, the expertise of our District chairs, and speakers from District and state projects. Make your winter meetings fun and interesting.

**Congratulations to:**

- Harrison Lions on earning a membership growth award from Lions International. Also, for sponsoring a free soup luncheon for their community on January 23.
- Midland and Sanford Clubs for helping with the January Food Pantry food distribution in Midland on January 19, Midland Lions for paying for the food.
- Coleman Lions winning first place in the Coleman Holiday parade with their float

**DISTRICT CONVENTION**

Plans are underway for a great District Convention in Mt. Pleasant at the Comfort Inn on April 1-3. The Mt. Pleasant Lions Club is helping to host this event. At our last Zone meeting, each King Lion present was given registration and delegate forms. The clubs that were not present received theirs in the mail. It is time to start picking your delegates to the convention. One delegate for each 10 members or major fraction thereof (5 or more - example: a club of 35 members has four delegates.).

Fees for delegates are \$5.00 and after March 10 - \$10.00 per delegate. The theme is Irish – wear your green. Friday is the big welcoming reception with Irish dancers and candidate hospitality rooms. Saturday - seminars, a noon luncheon with program, followed by a cabinet meeting, and voting on next year's officers.

The evening is highlighted by a banquet and a program. Sunday morning after breakfast is the Memorial to District Lions that have died this past year. Delegates, who wish to vote on next year's officers, must register before 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.

We don't have the District Convention in our area very often, next year Grand Rapids. Take advantage of the location and attend!

There will be a silent auction at the convention to help defray expenses. Clubs are encouraged to donate an item for the auction.

**LIONS INTERNATIONAL GRANT**

A few months ago, each club received a survey about a District float using grant money from Lions International. The District doubled the grant and we had approximately \$3500 to utilize in constructing a float. The surveys that were returned reflected a positive attitude toward the float. A trailer 8'x18' has been purchased for the float. It will be housed in Luther, MI, where it will be decorated for parades and other uses. The Harrison Club has a Lion that they are looking into the possibility of donating for the float.

## **DISTRICT INCORPORATION**

The ownership of the trailer brought up the question of liability at District Cabinet meeting on January 16. The cabinet voted to incorporate as a protection for the officers and the District. There are other Districts in the state that are incorporated.

## **PEACE POSTERS / LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY**

Each year Lions International has a Peace Poster and Essay contest for students ages 11, 12, and 13. The essay contest is open to students who are visually impaired. Materials on these items were handed out at the Zone meeting. Coleman and Harrison Lions have participated in the Peace Poster Contest. Information is available on the Lions international web site or e-mails me. This is a good time to plan for next year and get your young students involved working through the schools.

## **EAR LAB**

The District has been supporting the Michigan Ear Lab as a District Project for approximately 25 years. In 2007-08, 147 people were screened. The District has been contributing \$4,000. Each club using the Ear Lab pays the individual cost of having them come to their community. Fewer people are being screened by the Lab and it is costly for the clubs utilizing their services. The District Cabinet terminated the Ear Lab as one of our District Projects as of January 16. Monies turned in for the Lab will be sent to them. Clubs that wish to continue to support the Ear Lab are encouraged to do it with direct communication to Munson.

Print off copies of your Zone Newsletter and put them on your tables for your membership to read at your next lions Club meeting!

Pete Conarty, Zone Chair  
Region II Zone I

## **Reports from PDG Lynnwood Mast**

**Membership:** District11-E1 as of January 31, 2011 year to date has 82 new members, 81 drops which leaves us at a net growth of 1, total membership of 1364 for the district. To schedule a membership program, please contact me at 231-689-6971 or [lmast@riverview.net](mailto:lmast@riverview.net)

**Michigan Eye Bank:** The Eye Bank has a new program for us to present to our clubs. It gives updated information on the Eye Bank and the "I Joined" Program. Our District was a leader in the state for participating in the "I Joined" Program and running the Donor Registry Stations at our local events. We have signed up well over a 1,000 people last year. **Good Job Lions!!!!**

**Donations:** Only 65% of our clubs have made a donation to the Eye Bank last year. The Eye Bank is a State Project that needs our support. Last year 68 people in our district received the "Gift of Sight." Please call or e-mail me to schedule a program for your club.

Thank you, PDG Lynnwood Mast

## **Region 3, Zone 3 Meeting      January 31, 2010**

Meeting was hosted by the White Cloud Lions who served a delicious dinner. All clubs were represented at our Zone meeting, which included 26 Lions. Thanks to District Governor Laura Johnson, 1stVDG John Monahan and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Bill Simpson for all attending. It is great to have our District Leadership team attending our zone meetings.

Following dinner, Lions had a chance to sign up at the "I Joined" donor station tent set up in the middle of the dining hall, to get a heart on their driver's license as they registered as a future organ donor. Lion Jan Mast showed them how easy it is to use the laptop to sign in a person with their driver's license number and name.

News from our zone is that Hart has added three new members! Congratulations Hart. White Cloud is inviting all Lions, friends and guests to their winter fest, Saturday Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. Winter fest includes the Swiss Steak Dinner, dance, Horse Drawn Sleigh rides, and Hot Cider and donuts. Please tell your clubs about this event. Adults: \$8.50, Kids age 6-12: \$6.00, and 5 and under are free.

District Pins are still available for \$3. Thanks to all who have purchased pins this year!

Lions Forum is coming February 19<sup>th</sup> at the Ramada Inn, in Lansing. Please send a representative from your club to this informative and fun event. Registration form is on page 3 of the Lions Pride magazine with the program featured on the front page. Cost is \$35 per person.

District Convention is April 1-3, in Mt. Pleasant along with District C-1. Come join the fun! The Multiple District convention is May 20-21 in Auburn Hills. The USA Canada Leadership forum is in Alaska this summer.

DG Laura Johnson told us the District Float has been purchased and a construction committee will begin work soon, with a goal of unveiling the completed float at the District Convention in Mt. Pleasant.

Lion Lynn Mast, Past District Governor serving as District Chair for the Michigan Eye Bank as well as Membership committee chair and Liaison committee chair; talked about how Lions clubs can make Organ Donor sign-up a great public service project as well as a way to promote their Lions club and meet prospective members. Events that work well are: community festivals, blood donor events, as well as other Lion public activities. Lynn stressed the importance of having a two person team: one to do the registration work and the other to mingle and engage people outside the tent, telling everyone what the service project "I Joined" is all about and inviting them to participate. Secondary is the goal to help create public awareness of the work quietly carried out by Lions Clubs and promote membership. Two short videos featuring twin 11 yr. old girls who are cornea transplant recipients captured the mission of the Michigan Eye Bank and the hope of the people who have signed up for a heart on their license.

Lynn stressed that the Lions state project Michigan Eye Bank is a local project. He told us that in 2010 five cornea transplant recipients live in Hesperia, Fremont, Mears, and White Cloud. He said that far less clubs currently donate to Michigan Eye Bank than were donating in years past and donation income has decreased substantially. He asked all clubs in attendance to reconsider donating to the Michigan Eye Bank.

The next zone meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> and will be hosted by the Hesperia Lions Club at their Lion's Den in Hesperia at 6:00pm. The program will be Leo Clubs that help teach and coach our youth in service. Lion Tim Anderson, from the Cadillac Lions Club will be our speaker. Lion Tim will also tell us about the Cub Program and Lions Youth Exchange program. Lion Tim has served as a Zone Chair, as well as Youth Program chair for our district and is a candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor.

The White Cloud Lions held a 50:50 drawing with proceeds to be donated to Project Kids Sight with Lion Bob Chapman holding the lucky ticket.

Thanks to Lion Don Heaven, Hesperia Lions Secretary, for keeping notes of the meeting. Thanks to all who attended.

May this meeting help guide our mission: We Serve!

Steve Adsmond  
Zone III chair  
Fremont Lions Club

### **District Convention Information**

1. Please remember to bring your banners for the Parade of Banners to be held on Saturday before lunch.
2. Please bring your items for the Silent Auction, this helps defray the costs of the District Convention for the district. This year we will be able to use Visa & Master Card credit cards on site for the auction items.
3. New members that have been installed by their club since the last District Convention can be reinstalled by the International Director during lunch. Lunch and registration will be covered by the district. This is a worldwide installation done during district conventions. Please send Lion Debbie Kreitner this information as soon as possible at [debkreitner@charter.net](mailto:debkreitner@charter.net) or mail to: 514 W. High St. Greenville, MI 48838
4. Please remember if you have had members pass on this year, the Memorial Service will be held before breakfast on Sunday Morning. There is a copy of the memorial information on the District Web site: [milions11e1.org](http://milions11e1.org)
5. Please remember to have your delegate form filled out and returned to Lion Gayle Morlock by March 15, 2011. Otherwise you will not be able to vote.
6. Please remember to wear green on Friday Night, it is an Irish Theme!!!!!!!

If you have any further questions, please contact me by e-mail or phone 616-754-8409. Hope to see everyone there.....