

DISTRICT 11 E1 JUNE NEWSLETTER

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**DRIVING TO A NEW
CENTURY OF
SERVICE**



DG RON GIBSON'S MESSAGE

As I serve my last month as your District Governor, I'm amazed at how quickly the year has passed. It seems that Barb and I just returned from the International Convention in Japan. It has been an honor for me to serve you and our District, and Barb and I thank you for the many kindnesses you have shown us during this year. We have seen and learned much and I'm reminded of how important and influential Lions are in the communities we serve. We must always remember the difference we make. At our recent state convention, held at The Great Wolf Lodge, in Traverse City, our weekend guest Judge Haynes Townsend, candidate for Lions International 3rd Vice President, offered a quote from John Wesley, one of the founders of Methodism. It certainly applies to our efforts as Lions: "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can". As we begin our second hundred years of Lionism, I encourage you to continue to find ways to improve the communities you live in. Thanks again! DG RON

P.S. At our District Convention in April, delegates from 11 E1 voted to explore merging with District 11 E2, subject to their approval. At their convention later in April, 11 E2 decided not to vote on the matter. Their District Governor indicated the District had not had enough discussion and chose to postpone any vote. I want to thank all of you from our District that held discussions prior to and during our convention. We'll see what the future holds.

DG Ron

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE – 2016-17 DISTRICT 11 E1 CABINET

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2016-17 DISTRICT CABINET: 2nd row left to right, Lions Sheila Farrell, Jackie Glazier, Bruce Fredrick, Ray Williams, DG Ron Gibson, 1st row: Kay Brandt, Janalee McClure, 2nd VDG Al Roeseler, 1st VDG Peggy Walls, Deb Kreitner, PDG Pam Schroeder, Diane Fleming, missing from picture Laura Johnson.



ONEKAMA LIONS 50TH ANNIVERSARY – PDG Dan Gibbons, President; PDG Pam Schroeder, PID Ester LaMothe and DG Dan Gibson

The Onekama Lions Club held their 50th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, May 13, 2017. Approximately, 70 guests attended the event held at the Onekama Lions Den at the Manistee County Fairgrounds. Guest speakers were Past International Director Esther LaMothe and District Governor Ron Gibson.

King Lion Dan Gibbons received the Lions International 50 year certificate from P.I.D. Esther LaMothe. Lions Leonard Lantz, Gerald Meister, Dale Miller and Don Miller were recognized as charter members with 50 years of service. Other award winners were Lion Dave Bowers as Lion of the Year, and Lions Barb Mitchell and Rudy Milasich.

PDG TIM ANDERSON RECOGNIZED THREE YEARS STATE GMT



On May 20, at the MD 11 State Convention, PDG Tim Anderson was recognized twice for his three years of service as the MD 11 Global Membership Team Leader. He received an MD 11 Certificate of Recognition from the Council of Governors and was awarded a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation from IP Chancellor Bob Corlew.

In May, DG Ron Gibson made two Ken Lautzenheiser presentations on behalf of the District:

May 1, Lion Mike Hurst, Greenville Lions
May 17, Lion Larry Beardslee, Stanton Lions Club

Congratulations and thank you for your hard work and commitment to Lionism!



MESSAGE
1st VDG
ELECT
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In most organizations the duties and responsibilities of each position are clearly spelled out. That is also true of Lions. The series of officer training our district holds in May is designed to acquaint incoming officers with those duties and responsibilities. There is however, another side of being a Lions officer and that is being a leader. As a leader in Lions things are a lot different. This fact was brought home to me recently by GLT – PDG John Monahan at an officer training in Onekama. As part of the training, he presented a sticky situation from his home club to the future club presidents, and engaged their thoughts as to how they would address the problem. There were no right or wrong answers, just an opportunity to reflect on how these future Lions leaders would handle this situation. As I listened to the responses it was clear that solutions empowering club members to solve problems were by far the best way to proceed. Lions officers should not be fenced in by their “job description.” As a leader you want to empower upcoming leaders in your club. Building the club for the future is your most important job. Every issue can become an opportunity for leadership development for your club members.

I recognize that there are differences between large and small clubs, but in every club we can develop blinders to the talents of some of our members, even if they have been Lions for many years. Often these quiet ones are not consulted or are overlooked. We need to work on drawing them out to better use their abilities. We cannot afford to ignore valuable resources that might exist right in our own club.

ATTENTION ALL DISTRICT LIONS:
 The next mission eyeglass recycling day will be Saturday, June 10th, 9:00 am until noon, at the Luther Lions building. All are welcome to join us and learn what happens to those glasses after they are dropped in a collection box!

CHICKEN AND CHILDREN
MT. PLEASANT LIONS



The Mt. Pleasant Chicken BBQ is on the first Sunday of May. It has become a spring tradition for our community. We prepare, cook, and serve 4,000+ chicken dinners in one day. This year was our 63rd year putting on this event and it is still growing. The profits from the Chicken BBQ event help our club donate back to the community in many ways. One of those ways is our 8th grade citizen of the month. Once a month we ask our local school to submit an 8th grader that has excelled in their; academics, volunteering, being a good role model for the other students, extracurricular, and any other way they are making a positive impact. We present them with a certificate of appreciation. At the end of the school year, a Lions Club representative presents a certificate to the 8th grade citizen of the year and \$500 to the school (this person is selected by our club members).



**MESSAGE
DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT
PEGGY WALLS**

It seems almost impossible that the last two years have gone by so quickly. It is almost time to go to Chicago for the final training for Governor. I will be most honored to be the Governor for District 11-E1, wherein reside some of the best Lions in the world. Your continued support and prayers are appreciated as we embark on this adventure together.

Those Lions that have volunteered to step into positions in the District— Thank You. Those Lions that have been contacted and could not do so this year, I encourage you to consider volunteering in the future.

As you know there will be region chairs this coming year. Each region chair will be responsible for two zones. This means that there is change, but without change, there can be no growth. I know that you will give these Lions your support. **There is a need for a zone chair Region 1, Zone 1. A number of Lions have been contacted but were unable to serve in this capacity this year. If you could serve, please contact me.**

Looking forward to a great year --- 100 years of service is worth celebrating!



REGION/ZONE CHAIR STRUCTURE 2017-18

REGION 1	REGION 2	REGION 3
Tom Petersen, Region Chair	Karla Roebuck, Region Chair	Ray Williams, Region Chair
Zone 1 <u>Need a Zone Chair?</u>	Zone 1 Bill Bradfield, Zone Chair	Zone 1 Matthew Niemi, Zone Chair
Northport Cedar-Maple City Empire Frankfort Traverse City Honor Lake Ann Kingsley	Cadillac Coleman Mt. Pleasant Harrison Luther Baldwin Ewart Midland	Vestaburg Carson City Edmore Greenville Stanton Shepherd Crystal Sheridan
Zone 2 Karla Kasten, Zone Chair	Zone 2 Judy Dowell, Zone Chair	Zone 2 Don Farmer, Zone Chair
Arcadia Bear Lake Kaleva Manistee Mesick Onekama	Big Rapids Chippewa Lake-Mecosta Remus Stanwood Weidman Lakeview Barryton	White Cloud Howard City Newaygo Fremont Hart Sand Lake

NEW MEMBER FEES WAIVED FOR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION JUNE 1ST THROUGH JUNE 10TH

Dear Fellow Lion Leaders,

In celebration of our 100th birthday on June 7th, 2017 we are **waving entrance fees for all new members added between June 1st and June 10th**. Not only will new members help us make an even bigger impact, they will belong to a distinguished group of "Centennial Lions," in recognition of this unique moment in our history.

So, how does it work? As you celebrate the founder's anniversary of Lions on June 7th and induct new members, as they're entered into MyLCI, subsequent billing will reflect this special promotion. This is a limited, one-time offer that does not apply to new members added prior to June 1st or after June 10th of this year. No exceptions will be approved. Charter and transfer charter fees do not qualify for this one-time waiver.

So invite family, friends and colleagues to make history with us. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our Accounts Receivable Department via email accountsreceivable@lionsclubs.org or via phone at 630-203-3810.



Very truly yours,
Chancellor Bob Corlew

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MICHIGAN LEGISLATION AFFECTS LIONS CLUBS COLLECTING FUNDRAISERS IN THE STREETS IN MICHIGAN

By now many of you have heard that efforts for getting legal collection of funds in the road and road right-a-ways has past the Michigan House and is on its way to the Michigan Senate. Many are anticipating that the trip to the Senate should be a short one and then either back to the House or the Governor's desk for a signature. The passage in the House was by a huge majority. If this all comes off as it should, this will be a huge victory. This is a victory for all the Lions Clubs and other benevolent organizations that fundraise in the streets. In the State of Michigan this amounts to more than a million dollars of aid to people in need from Lions alone. It should be noted that this success took a considerable amount of fortitude from the current Council of Governor's. At times, this was a very emotional topic. In the end the Council along with many of the people who were struggling with the street collection policies agreed that we did the right thing. The Council took the approach of working together with all of the organizations both for and against the proposal. The goal was to bring about a law that fairly meets the needs of everyone in the State. Our Michigan Lions Foundation contributed a grant to help expedite the cause.

P.S. This legislation came about because the Michigan Attorney General indicated that collecting money in the streets for fundraisers was not in compliance with the Michigan Vehicle Code. Many Lions Clubs and first responder have done this for years without a major accident occurring. This opinion cut off much needed revenue for many organizations.

CHIPPEWA LAKE-MECOSTA LIONS
FLOAT IN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



Lions Nancy Lepkowski with Leader Dog Gracie, Bob Roebuck, Lee Thomas, Karla Roebuck with her blind dog Archie, Judy Thomas and Lisa Gregory celebrate Lionism in the Parade to honor our deceased war heroes, families, and friends.



Welcome to Leader Dog Wilson –Pam Blizzard

Wilson is a seventeen month old Golden Retriever. We first met on the morning of April 26. For the next two weeks we trained together every day but Sunday. Wilson was very familiar with the curbs, sidewalks and streets around his training area in Rochester, Michigan. Now we are home in Carson City and he is applying his basic skills to our curbs, sidewalks and streets. We are busy learning the patterns of my old and his new neighborhood.

Wilson is a Leader dog through and through. He was part of their breeding program, raised for his first year by puppy raisers in Canton, Michigan and trained at the Leader dog facility by Alissa from Team One.

I would love to visit your Lions Club and talk about all of the exciting changes that have taken place at Leader Dogs for the blind. You can contact me to set up a date for a visit at pamblizzard@cmsinter.net or call me 989 640 4046.



DISTRICT 11 E1

CALENDAR

June 5, DG visits Fremont

June 6, DG visits Cadillac

June 12, DG visits Weidman

June 18 FATHER'S DAY

June 19, DG visits Arcadia

June 20, DG visits Muskegon Northside,
District 11 C1

June 21, DG visits Harrison

FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

June 27, DG visits Manistee

June 30, End of DG Ron Gibson's Year



Optometry Students Share Their Mission

The Big Rapids Lions had three Ferris State University Michigan School of Optometry students share their experiences on missions to other countries. As part of the mission experience, each student is given the opportunity to work with other health care professionals who travel with them as well as with those in the country they are visiting. The three students traveled to Dominica, Peru and Honduras respectively. Each had stories to tell of the "miracle of sight" that comes with assessing the client's current eye sight and then providing them with a pair of glasses that may not be a perfect fit but will provide them with the ability to see. The Lions Club has boxes all around town where they collect used glasses, turn them into the Optometry Department where they are cleaned and sorted. Pictured – Dr. Dan Wrubel, Faculty liaison to the SVOSH program; SVOSH students Derek Williams, Steve Herman, and Kristen Johnson



THREE NEW MEMBERS - FRANKFORT

Frankfort Lions Club grew by 3 members on Monday, May 15. 2nd Vice District Governor Al Roeseler perform the induction ceremonies. First for Carolyn Wallace, who had to leave early, and then for Bob Johnson and Gaylord Jowett (pictured). Lion Gene Lentz is their sponsor. Also, in attendance was PDG Lion Lynn Mast. Frankfort Lions are looking forward to their main fundraiser, the annual chicken barbecue held during Frankfort's 4th of July celebration. Congratulations Frankfort!!



Coleman Lions Club Centennial Project

Coleman Lions' Centennial project will be three-fold. Phase 1 has been installed in the form of three Pet Waste Stations located in Coleman and in Sanford parks. Midland County Parks Ranger Mike McDonald suggested the project for the Rail Trail and the Sanford Lake Park. Installations took place on May 12. A fourth waste station will also be installed in the Coleman City Park at a later date. Coleman Lions Club has also donated \$1,000 toward a new gazebo in downtown Coleman and has purchased a bench for the community garden.

In other news, DGE Lion Peggy Walls and PDG Lion Jim visited our May 1st meeting. Lion Peggy spoke to us about the importance of inviting others to share in the joy of service. We held our annual White Cane collection on May 6th. On May 9, we held an Informational Meeting, attended by six from the community who were amazed at all that Lions do. May 19-20 we were at Yoder's Amish Auction with our concession wagon. And on May 25th we are working at Loons Stadium serving hot dogs during Kid's Day!

Picture above: Lion Sandy Galgoci, Ranger Mike McDonald, Lion Al Roeseler, Lion Ann Roeseler, Lion Al Mueller

BARRYTON LIONS NEWS

Barryton Lions hosted a Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast on May 29th. This is an annual event and well received by the community. The club runs a Bingo Game every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.



Coleman Pet Waste Project

Delegates - MD 11 Convention



DG Ron Presenting an Award At Convention



Lion Bill Bradfield & PDG Pete Conarty



MEMBERSHIP
PDG NORM STUTESMAN
District B2

It doesn't matter what civic or community group you are a part of, membership is now and has always been an important issue. If you are a member of a church, you are constantly reminded how important it is to bring in new members. In Lions, membership has always been a huge problem and sharing ideas on how to increase membership has been a topic of many seminars and training sessions. Not as viable, but just as important, is retention. Lately, retention has been brought into the spotlight. Some clubs have successful membership drives, and this is great because their numbers go up, but only temporarily. We lose members every year through death, relocation, and lack of interest. No one has discovered a cure for death, because we are all mortal and we all have an expiration date. If a Lion receives a job offer, which requires him/her to relocate, your club loses a member. Hopefully, when that Lion settles down in their new community, they will seek out the nearest Lions club, so they will continue to serve their fellow man. Not much can be done about this either. However, when a club loses a member because that Lion lost interest, it's "Shame on the club." Like a doctor monitors his patient, resulting in keeping the patient healthy, so should a club monitor its members? It's important to seek a member's input, make each member feel needed and appreciated. If a member is absent from meetings or events, call on them and see if there might be a problem. By doing this, a member is more likely to stay involved and less likely to go somewhere else in order to feel needed and appreciated. The question might come up as to who is responsible for keeping a member interested. It could be the member's sponsor, or the Membership Chair. It should be everyone's responsibility to care for each other. Lions help those less fortunate throughout the world, but we should also take care of our own. There isn't one specified Lion who is in charge of retaining members. This is something that we all should have a valued interest in. There is strength in numbers, so it's important to keep those numbers balanced.



**DISTRICT 11 E1 CENTENNIAL GIFTS TO
THE LIONS OF MICHIGAN**

Lion Bill Bradfield, Cadillac's Lions President, on behalf of District 11 E1 as a Centennial Legacy Project presented the sculpture (pictured to the left of the page) and a copper time capsule to the Lions of Michigan at the MD 11 Convention. The sculpture is made of mirrored stainless steel. The circular top of the sculpture represents the world that "We Serve". The steep sides of the sculpture represent the "New Mountains to Climb" for Lions in the coming years. Lion Bill indicated that we will require some changes in our approach to solve new problems and the structure of the Lions is to promote change. Our new Centennial years will require New Ideas for a Better World. The copper time capsule will be filled with pertinent items by the Lions of Michigan personnel and then sealed. It is scheduled to be reopened 100 years from 2017. Lion Bill designed the sculpture and time capsule. The items were fabricated by the Sheet Metal Workers of Local 80 and their Training Center in Warren, Michigan. The sculpture will help us to reflect on the past 100 years as we cross the threshold of a new century of Lionism. Lion Bill Bradfield pictured to the left of this page.





LIONS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, August 19, 2017 ~ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Paws With A Cause National Headquarters
 4646 South Division, Wayland, MI 49348
 20 miles south of Grand Rapids

Come visit our campus, tour our facilities,
 learn about Assistance Dog training and meet
 some PAWS® clients!

Club presentations are available.
 Please call 800-253-7297.
 pawswithacause.org

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 the Michigan Lions for
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5 FUN FACTS ABOUT Lions Clubs Centennial Silver Dollar Coin

A lot of behind-the-scenes work went into creating and releasing our limited-edition Centennial Commemorative Silver Dollar Coin this year. Here are 5 fun facts about the coin!

1. The process of creating the coin from concept to finished product took nearly 6 years!
2. Sandy Spring Lions Club (Maryland, USA) proposed the idea.
3. The "Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act" was signed by former President Barack Obama on October 5, 2012.
4. The coin's design pays homage to LCI founder Melvin Jones and the association's international family of Lions.
5. Coin sales offer an opportunity to improve the lives of people around the world, with US\$10 authorized to be paid to LCIF for each coin sold – up to US\$4 million.

The Centennial Commemorative Coins may have taken 6 years to create, but they are only available for a limited time. Buy yours today and celebrate Lions' Centennial!



Kingsley Lions Club Annual Car Show



July 15, 2017

(in conjunction with the 2017 Kingsley Heritage Days Festival)

Downtown Kingsley, MI 49649

Parade at 11:00 a.m. Car Show 11:30 am to 3:00 pm

All Classics, Customs, and Rods are welcome!

Pre-register appreciated by Thursday, July 13th, 2017

Suggested Donation Fee of \$10.00 to the Kingsley Lions Club

1st & 2nd place Peoples Choice Awards will be presented at 3 PM

All Proceeds go to the Kingsley Lions Club to serve the needs of our community through sight programs, aid to our youth, humanitarian needs, community activities, and educational programs.

Music by Stephen D & the Keys @ 11:30 to 3:00

(made possible with a donation by the Kingsley Downtown Development Authority)

Contact Dawn Willman

(231) 313-1837

to register or more info.

