



District 11-E1 Newsletter 2010 - 2011

“Together We Serve”

January 2011



District Governor Lion Laura & PDG Lion Harry Johnson

Happy New Year to All!

I hope all of you enjoyed the holidays and have had a great start on the New Year! PDG Harry and I had an exciting holiday season. We welcomed a new daughter-in-law, Katelynn Johnson into our family, all the way from Anchorage, Alaska!

On to our Lions business; all the District Governors in Michigan have been challenged by the Council Chair PDG Lion Frank Cunningham to make our MD – 11 100% in donations to our state projects. If all the clubs in the District donate during the fiscal year at some point, we would qualify as a 100% District. Just in case you don't remember them all, they are as follows; Leader Dogs for the Blind, Welcome Homes Residential Services, Bear Lake Visually Impaired Camp, Michigan Eye Bank and the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation. Please support your local charities first, as our monies come from our home town residents. I just ask all of you to remember we have people in our own communities that at some point in time could benefit from any one of these services. So please try to Contribute.

In my travels throughout the district I have noticed that many clubs recycle their officers over and over for many years. This is not a good practice, by doing so we are not giving the opportunity to our other members to develop their leadership skills. With nominations of officers approaching in March, I ask that you consider nominating a new member to your board of directors. This will give them a change to gain experience in the operations of the club. International officers are elected annually, for a two year term. This is so our organization does not become stagnate. Our clubs need fresh faces with new ideas. Let's get those new members trained and active.

In closing, remember the Michigan Forum is coming up February 18 and 19th in Lansing. We will have several District Officers that will be presenters. Let's try and promote attendance to our club members. This is a great way to get new members exposed to some of our projects. Registration forms are available on the Lions of Michigan state website.

Yours in Lionism,
DG Laura



1st Vice District Governor Lion John & Carolyn Monahan

Dear Fellow Lions,

A new year offers new opportunities. One of those opportunities is for much improved sight screening for Kid Sight. A new device called PediaVision Automated Screening System. It can screen not only whether the eyes work together, but also for other vision problems, such as near sightedness and far sightedness. The screening per individual is fast and easy to do. It involves very little learning by the operator, because the device indicates when the child and machine are lined up correctly. And it does the screening without requiring the club to send off film to be interpreted. If the child has a vision problem, the machine prints out a report which tells the parent to take the child to an eye care professional. The report indicates the child's vision problem for the professional. PediaVision is a screening device, not an eye exam. If there is a problem, an eye care professional needs to examine the child to determine exactly what the problem is and how it should be treated. The machine, however, eliminates the middle step and gives the parent immediate feedback. That immediate feedback should be very satisfying to the Lions doing the screening. In the past, we only knew that some number of children who were screened had problems referred to professionals. With the PediaVision system, Lions will know immediately that a child is being referred. We will be able to see right away that our service is helping someone.

Of course, the system is not free; it costs about \$10,000 per machine. PDG Linda Bosma is putting together a grant application to attempt to get a machine for each of the 10 sub-districts in Multiple District 11. In addition, I am wondering whether some of our Zones might get together to purchase a PediaVision machine for the Zones. Although we might not be able to do it in one year, over a few years two or three zones might be able to put together the money. It seems worth considering.

Another opportunity for Lions is leadership. Elections are coming up in the spring. If you have not taken an active leadership role in your Lions club, this might be a good year to do so. Clubs are always looking for leaders so that the burden of leadership can be spread over many members, just as one of the reasons for Lions Clubs is that we can do much more together than we can as individuals. One leadership job in Lions that is very satisfying is Tail Twister. It requires you to put yourself forward a little, but in a way that is endorsed by the club. Just as any parent do, you will hear some moaning and groaning, but like any parent, you can ignore it and even fine it. Further by judiciously requiring a few people to pay small fines, you can enliven your club's meetings. You can also hold various contests. I was required to participate in a bald headiness contest, which I won. My prize was to pay a fine. It was pretty funny, but I might remember who fined me when I become Governor next year.

Yours in Lionism,
John Monahan
1st VDG



2nd Vice District Governor Lion William (Bill)
& Vickie Simpson

As we approach our District Convention it's time to stop and evaluate our individual participation in District Lionism. We are fortunate to have a strong district organization that represents the 47 clubs that make up our part of Multiple District 11. This strong representation is made up of Lions who stepped up to club management and looked beyond to zone and district involvement. We need many Lions to consider expanding their involvement. These Lions, and hopefully you, were asked or saw the need for their help and realized they could contribute beyond the club level. They saw the larger picture of Lionism; that we have 47 clubs in our district broken down into three regions with three zones per region. Each of these nine zones needs a zone chairman who reports to the first and second vice district governors. Both of the vice district governor's work under the direction of the governor. The Governor oversees the district which needs a recording Secretary, a district Treasurer, a district Tail Twister, a Chaplin, Webmaster, Sergeant At Arms, plus another 35 committee positions that all need Lions to fill.

So as we approach our April Convention in Mt. Pleasant, consider what you can do for your District. You don't need to be Governor, or maybe you do, but there are gobs of jobs that need you. The important thing is that we need you to help run your District. If I've sparked an interest in you, please don't hesitate to contact Governor Laura or the Vice District Governors and throw your name in the hat.

Yours in Lionism,
2nd VDG Bill

District Governors Travels

January 31 – Zone Meeting, Region III, Zone 3
February 5 – 12 – Eye Glass Mission Trip to Aquacaliente, Mexico
February 28 – Official Visit to Big Rapids

Memorial Service Information for District Convention

Dear Club Secretary,

As you know, each year, at the District Convention, we remember and honor those Lions who have gone to serve in the Kingdom beyond. The District Convention in 2011 will be a joint convention of District 11-C1 and 11-E1. It will be held in Comfort Inn in Mt. Pleasant on April 1, 2 & 3.

To prepare for the Sunday Morning Memorial Service takes a lot of time and the cooperation of all Lions Clubs in the District.

If your club has lost a member to death since the 2011 District Convention, I would like to receive the information now so that we can begin to put the memorial together. You will find attached to this letter an information sheet. Please fill out the form and send it to me, along with a picture of the deceased member.

As the convention nears, we will contact you with final arrangements. We would suggest that your club pay the registration for a family member to be present at the Memorial Service to place a red rose on the altar table in memory of their loved one. They will then be presented with the rose to take home with them.

If your club loses any members to death prior to March 1, 2011, please forward the same information for that member at the earliest convenience. This will make the final preparations for the Memorial Service go much smoother.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours in Lionism,

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MEMORIAL INFORMATION

Lions Club of

Deceased Lions Name

Age

Date of Death

Inducted into Lions Club

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OFFICES HELD BY THIS LION IN THE:

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DISTRICT:

INTERNATIONAL:

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MILITARY SERVICE

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Medals/Commendations earned

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR COMMUNITY SERVICES & INTERESTS:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OF INTEREST AND/OR IMPORTANCE

Kaleva Lions

Kaleva Lions will be hosting Manistee County Lions Zone meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 6:00 P.M., at the Kaleva Lion's Den on Nine Mile Road, Kaleva. Topic of this meeting is advertising July Lions events in Manistee County. Getting the word out about Lions and what we do. Please bring your ideas and what works best for your club. If you have contacts with papers, radios, TV please bring them too. All Lions are welcome. Please call or email if you can come, dinner is Breaded Pork Steak for \$5.00. See you there.

Carl_hawkins12@yahoo.com or 231- 864-2396

Midland Lions

LIONS COMMUNITY FOODS DISTRIBUTION PROJECT

The Lions working in conjunction with the Midland Community Food Pantry will be helping to distribute food to needy residents on Wednesday, January 19, at the Midland Ice Arena. Twenty one Lions, Lioness, and spouses from the Midland Club and two from the Sanford Lions will be working with approximately 50 community volunteers in the distribution process. This food distribution event is being funded by the Midland Lions.

SENIOR CENTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

A total of eight Lions and spouses served lunch and distributed gifts at the Trailside Senior Center Christmas Party in December. In addition to our attendance, our club makes a contribution towards the expense of the luncheon. A thank you card was received from the Midland Foundation and distributed at the December board meeting.

New E-mail Address for District Cabinet Treasurer

Lion Kerry McGinley is: knkm51@gmail.com


MIDLAND CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

'Twas four nights before Christmas and all that you could see were smiles and happy faces in the Country Club's grand ballroom. The curly fries and chicken strips were just what kids like, and cookies of all kinds were on every plate. Jewls was silly, did magic and juggling and had the kids all in giggles. When Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived, their eyes and expressions were a sight to behold. The kids who were K-3 in the special services classes of the schools in Midland were all believers and their requests and responses to Santa were fun to see.

It was a grand evening and all in attendance went home with a warm feeling that Lionism is alive and well in Midland. A special thanks to the Lions who attended and helped out in so many ways. The country club went the extra mile this year providing not only everything we asked for, but additionally provided a stuffed animal (A Scottish Penguin) for every child in attendance. We had forty-two kids and twenty-one adult guests: significantly more than last year's attendance. Each child was given a bag of goodies provided by the Lions which included several toys and good things to eat. We always try to include a noise-maker, because that's what the kids go for first -- and they did that night! Other gifts this year included a pom-pom puffer ball, a Christmas pencil, a small stuffed animal, a ruler and an assortment of toys that Santa had left over from last year!

[Jewls told me that this is her favorite party of the year. Mrs. Claus said she had family coming in last night, but she wanted to make sure she didn't miss this party, either. And Santa? He said this was his last engagement before returning to the North Pole!]



Santa with Marissa



Jewls with Santa



LIONS NEWSLETTER

ZONE I, REGION II

Clare, Coleman, Harrison, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, Sanford

JANUARY 2011

HAPPY NEW YEAR! The year, 2011, brings another exciting year of Lions events and activities to our Zone. Along with our usual fundraisers many of the clubs are involved in more service projects with their community.

On January 19, the Midland Lions Club are going to be purchasing the food for the Midland County Food Pantry's January distribution. Midland Lions, Lioness, some of their spouses, and a number of Sanford Lions will participate in the distribution process at the Midland Ice Arena.

The Harrison Lions are sponsoring a first time FREE soup lunch at the Lion's Den in Harrison. The lunch will consist of a variety of soups and bread and will be served from noon to 6:00 P.M., or until the soup runs out.

The Lions will also be running their usual fundraising dinner for the Fair Boards Reverse Raffle Drawing on January 28.

The Coleman Lions are still involved in their December fundraiser of selling address signs. The green signs with white reflective numbers are used by emergency vehicles to find houses. Signs can be mailed, delivered (in the area) and even installed for a small fee. Order forms will be available at our Zone meeting on January 12.

Many of the clubs such as Mt. Pleasant have just concluded the holidays by sponsoring two Christmas parties and Clare Lions completed their Hunter's Raffle before Christmas. The Sanford Lions are meeting once a month this winter and working on winter activities.

CONVENTION NEWS: The District 11 E-1 Lions Convention will be held in Mt. Pleasant on April 1-3 at the Comfort Inn. The Mt. Pleasant Lions will be helping host this event. All Zone clubs should make an effort to attend. It is not often that the convention is so close to us. Materials for the convention will be available within a couple of weeks.

Lion Pete Conarty, Zone Chair
Region II Zone I

Cadillac Lions



The Shack is Back! The Cadillac Lions big winter fundraiser is now fully underway as their bright yellow shack has once again been placed out on Lake Cadillac shining a beacon of hope for warmer weather. The shack will remain on the lake until it naturally falls through this spring and you could walk away \$1000 richer if you're the one that most closely guesses the time and day it will fall through and into the water. All money raised from this fundraiser goes back out into the community in the form of sight assistance to those who for whatever reason can't help themselves right now. Tickets are available from Lion Tim Anderson or any other Cadillac Lion. 2 for \$5 or 5 for \$10, the cameras in the city park have been turned and will record the exact minute the shack goes though. Good Luck!

Stanwood Lions



The Stanwood Lions recently enjoyed their annual Christmas party complete with a random White Elephant gift exchange and topped off with a mystery bottle auction. The evening was enjoyed by all including a few guests! Governor Laura and PDG Harry Johnson, ZC Lion Tim Anderson and Lion Bill Taylor from the Cadillac Lions Club shared this festive holiday gathering with their fellow lions!

Mecosta Lions



On December 16th, the Mecosta Lions Club held their annual Christmas party with Santa at the Mecosta Elementary School. With the cooperation of the Mecosta VFW and the Mecosta Fire Department which delivered Santa it was a very successful party. The bleachers on the stage were filled with gifts which each child through the 6th grade could make a choice of when their number was called. During this time Santa talked to all interested and a picture was taken. The pictures were later downloaded on the clubs yahoo group site: mecostalionsclub-parties

The children also had fun breaking piñatas' and getting the candy that was inside. Lion Nancy and her leader dog Usher assisted Santa with bags of candy for each child. One hundred three children took part.



Picture above is; Lion Nancy Lepkowski and her former leader dog Amber and her current leader dog Usher. Last year Nancy had to retire Amber due to her developing cataracts. Her health recently deteriorated to the point that Nancy had to have her put her down. Amber was a sworn in member of our club and did a great job representing leader dogs at many of our functions including being at the Wheatland Music Festival. There Nancy and Amber spent many hours promoting Lion Clubs and Leader dogs with the patrons at our food wagon. Amber was a great leader dog and our club will miss her.

Fellow Lions;

The next Region II Zone 3 meeting is being held in Cadillac Tuesday February 15th 2011 @ 6:30pm - \$13.00 for meal at McGuire's Resort in Cadillac, Michigan.

The club President and or Secretary are asked to attend the zone meetings along with any and all other interested club members. Please RSVP to me by 2/8/11 so dinner arrangements can be made.

Special Note: Club Membership Chairs are being asked to attend this particular meeting as well.

There are 2 zone meetings left in the coming year:

3rd Region II Zone 3 meeting is in Cadillac on Tuesday February 15th 2011 @ 6:30pm - \$13.00 for meal at McGuire's Resort in Cadillac, Michigan.

4th Region II Zone 3 meeting is being held in Luther on Wednesday April 6th 2011 @ 6:30pm - \$7.00 for meal at the Luther Lion's Den in Luther, Michigan.

Notice:

Our guest speaker will be PDG Lion Lynnwood Mast.

Thanks

ZC Lion Timothy Anderson
Region II Zone 3
Cadillac Lions Club
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District Convention News

Our District Convention with 11-C1 & 11-E1 will be held on April 1- 3, 2011 at the Comfort Inn, Mt. Pleasant.

It is going to be a great convention with lots of things planned for the weekend. I am in the process of mailing out the convention materials to all Presidents and Secretaries, so please make sure that they bring the information about the convention to your club meetings. That way everyone can see what is happening over the weekend. Once you received the materials and you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 616-754-8409. It is a great way to meet new Lions and make new friendships and also hear how other Lions clubs are doing in our area or another district.

District Convention 11-E1 Chair Lion Debbie Kreitner

Cedar-Maple City Lions



Here are some photos of the Cedar/Maple City Lions Christmas Tree sales this year. We have trees from Lion Glen Noonan's tree lots and sell them on four weekends. The large tree we cut and installed at Traverse Fox Car Sales in Traverse City. # 1, Lions Pete Bright, Lee Winfrey, Glen Noonan & Gordon Waldenmyer. # 2, Kristen Weber, Brandt Waldenmyer, Lions Gordon Waldenmyer, Dan Hobbins & Jim Lyskawa. # 3, Lions Dave McNeil, Dean Lillie (President), Kary Tosch & Lee Winfrey.

Greenville Lions



District Governor Lion Laura Johnson installs 3 new members to the Greenville Lions Club on January 3. PDG Lion Wayne Kreitner brought in new members Lion Bob & Lion Tammy Clingenpeel. Lion Larry Alman brought in new member Lion Michael Bryan. The clubs membership is up to 52 members.

**Please Save the Date for Greenville Lions 75th Anniversary
June 24, 2011, Friday at the Candlestone in Belding at 6:00 P.M.
for social & memories & 7:00 P.M. for dinner**

A Note from Your District Editor

The following article was in the Family & Women's Magazine that is published on line at Lions Clubs International by our own Zone Chair Tim Anderson from Cadillac

A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF THE CADILLAC LIONS CUBS

At the first district cabinet meeting last year in July 2009, the district family and women's membership development chairperson handed me the [Family Lions Cub Program Activity Guide](#). She knew I had a five-year old daughter and may be interested in starting a Cub club. After looking over the information and discussing the idea with my wife and daughter, we brought the Cub club concept before our Lions club. The Cadillac Lions Club gave us the green light.

I knew if this was going to work, it had to be more than just an idea. It had to be tangible, real, something that could be seen and touched. So the first thing I did was design an official Cub t-shirt. Next, I wrote a simple instillation script for the Cubs to recite to show they are serious about becoming a Cub.

Once all that was in place, I spoke with our club president and arranged to have my daughter, Rachael, sworn in at our next meeting. The ceremony was a success. Rachael was beaming as she was met with a round of applause and handshakes from the members of our club.

After the meeting, I was approached by a couple of our other members asking if their kids could become Cadillac Lions Cubs as well. By December 2009, our Cadillac Cub membership reached five.

At each meeting, Cubs start the pledge of allegiance, collect fines with the tail twister, draw the winning 50/50 ticket and help with other small jobs. During the rest of the meeting, they color and draw or participate in an activity in a separate area.

The Cadillac Cubs also help with our fundraisers and projects, such as by helping sell our "Sink the Shack" tickets, working shifts during White Cane and riding in the 4th of July parade.

Most recently, the Cubs helped out at a "Project KidSight" event, held during the Child Safety Expo at the Cadillac Fire Station on 9/11. It was great to watch the Cubs help other kids.

Our Cub Program has helped grow membership. I was contacted by a young woman with interest in joining our club. When I told her our meeting time and location, she expressed 6:30 p.m. was an improbable time to get a babysitter for her daughter and make the meeting. I told her not to worry and invited her daughter to become a Cub. The mother started to cry when she realized they could be Lions together.

As a result of our Cub club, I helped start the White Cloud Cub Club. Three Cubs have been sworn in and a new friendship between the Cadillac Cubs and White Cloud Cubs began. Two other clubs have expressed interest in setting up a Cub Program like ours.

As the first year of our Cub Program ended and the second has begun, we have two new kids joining the Cadillac Cub Club and have ordered four more t-shirts for the White Cloud Cub Club.

Lion Tim Anderson
Cadillac Lions Club, 11-E1, Michigan