



District 11 E-1 Newsletter

"Just Ask"

January 2013

From the District

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I hope your Christmas and New Year's celebrations were safe, happy and spent with loved ones. Vickie and I have enjoyed attending many Christmas parties and visiting with many wonderful Lions.

It's hard to believe that 2012 is behind us and we are in the cold clutches of winter. So, let's think about the coming spring and the Lion's events that will lead us into warmer weather. Our countdown to spring:

- 1) January 13, 2013: District Cabinet Meeting (10:00 a.m.) at the Gate in Big Rapids. *NOTE THE TIME CHANGE FROM 9 TO 10 O'CLOCK!*
- 2) February 16, 2013: Michigan Lions Forum at the Best Western Hotel in Lansing. *See attached registration form.
- 3) March 22- 24, 2013: District Convention at the Holiday Inn in Big Rapids, 1005 Perry Ave., 231-796-4400.
- 4) May 17 7 18, 2013: Multiple District Convention at Shipshewana, IN, Amish Country Inn (with an indoor water park!); If you arrive on Tuesday or Wednesday, the famous Shipshewana Flea Market will be operating.
- 5) July 5-9, 2013: International Convention in Hamburg, Germany. Join the Michigan delegation for a fun time!
- 6) Every day is ASK A NEW MEMBER DAY!

Big News!! Lions of Michigan Foundation have agreed to buy project Kidsight. The time table for this to occur is early to mid, 2013. We will keep you informed as developments unfold. This should be a winning situation for the Clubs of MD 11.

PLEASE NOTE: January 23, 2013 is the final application date for those wishing to run for 2nd VDG or Foundation Trustee. Your letter of candidacy and club support should be sent to Elections Chair PCC Richard Perrin at 13948 Jet Dr., Big Rapids 49307 or to perrinr@hotmail.com. Region Chairpersons are not being offered for the 2013-2014 Lions year.

Please don't forget to forward your Clubs obituaries to Lion Deb Kreitner. We need this information on deceased Lions before 3-1-2013. This March date will be the last admission date for the 2012/2013 Lions year.

Finally, I would like to say how honored I am to lead this District of so many caring, compassionate Lions into the New Year. Let's continue our wonderful work of serving those in our communities and the world who are in need.

Happy 2013 fellow Lions!

The “New Year” truly represents the symbol of Lions, looking back and reflecting on our accomplishments of the past and looking towards the future on what we can and will accomplish in this new upcoming year ahead.

I personally feel FORWARD is where our focus should be today, towards tomorrow, next year and the steps needed to get our District and Organization where it should be to help us the Clubs help our communities and the people within them.

Part of that is Membership but another part is your activities, Fundraisers, and Public Relations letting your community know who you are and how we as Lions make a difference! In many of our towns the Lions Club is a vital part of the community helping and changing the lives of the people within it.

What we, what Lions do affects and matters, how something as simple as a pair of glasses can change a life or how a \$100 scholarship can mean the world to a young person heading off to college, there’s just too many things WE as Lions do to mention but we need to move towards tomorrow and to do that we need to grow.

Again growing doesn't just mean adding new members it also means adding new ideas, new direction to how we currently accomplish our goals, updating and using what is available today to aide us in shaping a better tomorrow!

Well I know in most cases our numbers are extra low during these winter months with all the “Snow Birds” down south enjoying the warm weather but plan ahead and even though 2012 has come and gone the Lions year is just half over and we have plenty of GOOD work ahead over the days to come and remember you all make a difference!

Yours in Lionism & Happy New Year!

Tim Anderson 1st VDG
231-920-9905



Dedication to the teachers & children from Newtown, CT

T'was' 11 days before Christmas, around 9:38 A.M.
when 20 beautiful children stormed through heaven's gate.
Their smiles were contagious, their laughter filled the air.
They could hardly believe all the beauty they saw there.
They were filled with such joy, they didn't know what to say.
They remembered nothing of what had happened earlier that day.
"where are we?" asked a little girl, as quiet as a mouse.
"This is heaven." declared a small boy. "We're spending Christmas at God's house."
When what to their wondering eyes did appear,
but Jesus, their savior, the children gathered near.
He looked at them and smiled, and they smiled just the same.
Then He opened His arms and He called them by name.
And in that moment was joy, that only heaven can bring
those children all flew into the arms of their King
and as they lingered in the warmth of His embrace,
one small girl turned and looked at Jesus' face.
And as if He could read all the questions she had
He gently whispered to her, "I'll take care of mom and dad."
then He looked down on earth, the world far below
He saw all of the hurt, the sorrow, and woe
then He closed His eyes and He outstretched His hand,
"Let My power and presence re-enter this land!"
"May this country be delivered from the hands of fools"
"I'm taking back my nation? I'm taking back my schools!"
Then He and the children stood up without a sound.
"Come now my children let me show you around."
Excitement filled the space, some skipped and some ran.
All displaying the enthusiasm that only a small child can.
And I heard Him proclaim as He walked out of sight,
"in the midst of this darkness, I AM STILL THE LIGHT."

Written by Cameo Smith, Mt. Wolf, PA

CLUB CELEBRITY SPOTLIGHT EDMORE LIONS CLUB

In 1996, through the efforts of an Edmore Lions Club member as the personal representative of the Helen Sack estate, the largest single contribution in the history of Campaign Sight First was presented at an International Lions Board meeting in Charleston, SC. The amount was \$400,000.

The Edmore Lions Club chartered in 1950, has provided District 11 E1 with three District Governors and has been very active in their community in eye and vision assistance and in other community projects. The club donated \$5,000 to the Montabella Sports Boosters to assist in improvements to the high school football field. The Lions have awarded from \$3,000 to \$10,000 in recent years in scholarships to Montabella High School seniors. They have helped distribute 10,000 pounds of food through the annual mobile food pantry from Feeding America and distributed Christmas food baskets. Lion Club members have also coordinated the planting of 100 trees through the 4th Grade Forester's Project promoted by the Arbor Day Foundation.

Edmore Lions fundraisers have included an Outdoor Expo with many vendors in a huge circus type tent held in conjunction with the Edmore Potato Festival; a Harlem Ambassadors basketball game; golf outings to commemorate Lions that have died; sale of Christmas hams; White Cane Drive; and golf cart and similar raffles which have raised thousands of dollars with which to serve the Edmore community. This 20 member Lions Club feels that their service makes Edmore a stronger community.

Dear Michigan Lions Club, The Harlem Ambassadors Show Basketball Team has performed special community events throughout the United States and 19 foreign countries. We have worked extensively with nonprofit organizations and would be happy to provide references. You can learn more about us on our website at www.harlemambassadors.com. The Harlem Ambassadors feature a "Harlem-style" Basketball Show, including ball handling tricks, slam dunks and hilarious comedy routines. The Harlem Ambassadors are the largest provider of entertainment services to the military having performed at over 100 bases worldwide. Our team consists of men professionals with major college and pro experience. All of our players are college educated, drug-free, and positive in appearance. In addition to their basketball skills, *they bring a message to the youth of the importance of staying in school and staying off drugs.* We will be touring through **Michigan** and wanted to see if your organization might be interested in a special fundraising event with the Harlem Ambassadors in **October 2013**. What makes us unique is that our featured comic performer is a woman player. She is a world class basketball player and a world class comedienne. She plays and competes against the men and represents a great role model for young girls. Our fundraising package is complete for you and your organization to present a successful community event. I would be happy to also forward to you a package of references. Please let me know if you are interested in learning more about our great fundraising plan.

Sincerely, Tim Fjestad, Account Executive, Harlem Ambassadors
3944 JFK Parkway C12
Fort Collins, CO 80525
Phone: 970-472-1000
Toll Free #: 888-386-4667
tim.fjestad@comcast.net

District 11-E1 Certification Form

Club Secretary—Remember to send your list of delegates, alternates and Past District Governors who will be attending the district convention in Big Rapids to Lion Gayle Morlock before February 28, 2013.

Past District Governors get a vote independent of the club delegates. List them at the end of your list of delegates/alternates.

The number of club delegates is based on your membership as of February 1, 2012. You get one (1) delegate for every ten (10) members or major fraction thereof.

All delegates must be certified before 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Saturday, March 23, 2013 or they will not be allowed to vote.

Send to: Lion Gayle Morlock

9357 95th Ave.

Evart, MI 49631

231-734-5200 (H)

[Email—landg@netonecom.net](mailto:landg@netonecom.net)

Thank you,

Lion Gayle Morlock, Chairperson

Certification Committee

DISTRICT 11-E1 DELEGATE CERTIFICATION FORM

CLUB NAME _____ **NUMBER OF MEMBERS** _____

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

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

_____ Club President/Secretary/ or District Governor at Convention

Remember: All delegates must be registered and certified before 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Saturday, March 23, 2013, or they will not be allowed to vote.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO: LION GAYLE MORLOCK
9357 95TH AVE.
EVART, MI 49631

ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 28, 2013

Nomination Procedures

Lions who wish to run for a district office (Governor, 1st VDG, 2nd VDG or Lions of Michigan Foundation

Trustee) are reminded to send in their intent letters by Monday, January 21, 2013. The letter should come from the club's secretary, signed by the club president indicating the club's support and sent to the persons indicated below. If you have any questions, please contact the Nominations Chair who is listed below.

Nomination Procedures:

Any qualified member of a club in the district seeking the office of District Governor, 1st Vice-District or 2nd Vice-District Governor shall file his/her intention to so run in writing with the (1) Nominating Committee at least sixty (60) days prior to the opening session (March 22, 2013) of the District Convention, with copies to the (2) Cabinet Secretary and (3) Multiple District Executive Secretary and furnish evidence of his/her compliance with the qualifications for said office set out in the International Constitution and Bylaws. The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination at the district convention the name(s) of all candidate(s) so qualified. If none are so received and/or so qualified, then, but then only, nominations for the office may be made from the floor. A candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech of no more than five (5) minutes duration, and one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes duration.

Nominations for the office of Trustee of the Foundation shall be written and shall be certified by the President or Secretary of the Nominee's Lions Club as being the act of a majority of the members of the Club, and shall be filed with the District Nominations Committee Chairperson not less than (60) days prior to the convening date of the District Convention (March 22, 2013). The procedure and rules for nominating and electing a trustee of the foundation shall be the same as for District officers, which are indicated in Article 1 of these By-Laws.

Lion Dick Perrin, PDG
Nominations Chair
13948 Jet Drive
Big Rapids, MI 49307
Phone: 231-796-5675
Email: perrinr@hotmail.com

Coleman Lions Club



Peace Poster Contest winners and their parents joined us for a potluck supper followed by the regular meeting on Monday, November 5. Coleman 7th grade art students participated in the contest. The top three selected received certificates and a check. 2nd and 3rd place winners Amy Biggs and Kenneth Jennings each received \$25 and 1st place winner Jayden Darby received a \$50 check. Also in attendance were exchange student Laura Ruger from Leipzig, Germany and her host mom Jami DeCatur. Members enjoyed hearing about 16 years old Laura's experiences thus far and many great questions were asked.

Greenville Lions Club



The Greenville Lions had help from the Greenville High School National Honor Society for their Christmas Toy Project. The NHS held a coin drive to raise money to help our project. They raised \$162.91 from the students at the school. Then the officers from the NHS donated \$110.00 from their dues to the Christmas Toy Project.

What a great group to want to help their community. The names in the photo starting from the right to left are Austin McNeal, Sage Wyckoff, Kaylee Case, Jennifer Spaans, Alex Wagner, and their advisor Joyce Zimmer.

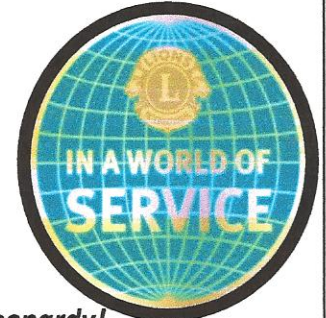
Thank you NHS for your help.



February 15th and 16th, 2013

MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM REGISTRATION FORM

BEST WESTERN PLUS LANSING, MI.
TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM 517-694-8123



○ FRIDAY EVENING *Early Bird Session 8:00 p.m. Lions Leadership Jeopardy!*

SATURDAY February 16, 2013 SESSIONS:

OPENING SESSION WITH IPID, DR. GARY ANDERSON 8:00 A.M.

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH SESSIONS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

SESSION 1 SELECTIONS

9:00 - 9:55a.m.

- Michigan Eye Bank
- White Cane
- Are you a Multiplier?
- Habitat for Humanity

SESSION 2 SELECTIONS

10:00- 10:55 a.m.

- Puppy Raising
- Protocol
- Eye Glass Missions
- Extension

SESSION 3 SELECTIONS

11:00 - 11:55 a.m.

- Bridging the Gap
- Public Speaking
- Disaster Relief
- Leadership

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2:00 p.m.

DOW CORNING

(Subject to Change)

CLUB NAME _____

Name of Registrants _____

Number of Registrants at \$35.00/Person _____ \$ _____

*Registration fee is \$35.00 for reservations received before February 5, 2013. After that date, the fee is \$45.00

Credit card Information:

★Visa

★Master Card

★Discover

Card No. _____

Exp. Date _____

3 Digit Security Code _____

Signature _____

SPECIAL NEEDS?

List food allergies or dietary requirements: _____

Check here for the Forum book on CD (For visually impaired only) _____

No walk-ins or phone reservations. Confirmations will NOT be sent. Your check is your receipt.

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(517) 887-6640 fax (517) 887-6642

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