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PEGGY WALLS**



**"Celebrate the Joy of Service  
Centennial Year**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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**DISTRICT 11 E1 NEWSLETTER**

**JANUARY 2018**

**DG PEGGY WALLS MESSAGE**

Amazing! A New Year begins. This means lots of resolutions. I would like to encourage all who make them to take the time to celebrate the small steps that make them habits. Recently I was reading that people tend to get discouraged because they think of the final goal without taking the time to celebrate the many small steps gained. For example when making a resolution to lose 20 pounds, and one realizes that only two pounds were lost, we tend to give up rather than celebrate that those two pounds are gone! And then we work on two more pounds! Making resolutions part of our lives need to be encouraged. We need to celebrate the small steps. We need to remember the joy we felt when our children took one step, then two, then many. Remember how we clapped and encouraged them in their efforts?

As Lions we can celebrate these small steps also. We, as a District, have more secretaries reporting the service activities. Thank you to those dedicated Lions! I would expect in this New Year to have more service activities reported. Remember help is available if questions as to "how". We have a total of ten clubs that are positive for membership at the end of November! This is exciting! I know there are more that have not yet entered the new members on their reports. This will happen, one club at a time!

As a District, we have completed a major grant with International. Successfully! Thanks to all who participated and to those who offered encouragement. Because of this exposure, the world will know more about 11-E1 and the Lions who live and serve here. Let us all resolve to continue in our efforts to grow and serve. Remember it is but one member at a time, and one project at a time. Let us celebrate the small steps together.

DG PEGGY



**LIONS FROM ARCADIA, BEAR LAKE, KALEVA, MANISTEE, MESICK AND ONEKAMA ENJOY A JOINT ZONE CHRISTMAS PARTY. ONEKAMA LIONS HOSTED THE PARTY AT THE ONEKAMA LIONS DEN. PDG PAM SCHROEDER CHAIRED THE EVENT.**



*2<sup>ND</sup> VDG JACKIE  
GLAZIER'S MESSAGE*

Happy 2018 Fellow Lions  
I sit looking out into a magical winter wonderland, reflecting on all the great things our Lions do for their clubs, communities, and the district. Clubs reach out further by contributing through LCI. Thank You!  
Even with several club members enjoying the warmth of a sunny state during the winter months, the Lions at home clubs are bonding together continuing the updates and preparing for spring and summer events. Snowbird Lions remember, try to visit a Lion club in the area you're visiting, how exciting seeing a different club in action. Maybe you will bring back a new idea for your home club.  
All Lions receive the Lions Pride paper in the mail~Please Read! It keeps us informed of all upcoming events. Lots coming up soon.  
Clubs I hope you are e-mailing, printing and sharing the district newsletter with fellow Lions. Make sure all club members are receiving or seeing the newsletter, you may be surprised at some that don't. (ask)  
Clubs are you having fun shopping or asking for donations for your zone basket? Keep working on them but, have fun! Work together. Keep up the great work fellow Lions~Please call , e-mail, or text if you would like me to visit your club.



**COLEMAN LIONS CLUB**



Coleman Lions members had a social evening on December 4, with dinner at the Doherty in Clare and our traditional gift exchange. We also adopted a family to shower with gifts at the Elementary. Besides new coats, boots and snow pants, each received books and gifts purchased by individual members, as well as a turkey. On December 12, 13 and 14, we held a KidSight vision screening during Santa Express in Sanford. 145 children were screened and given a book to take home. Midland Lions helped with the screening on the first day. There were 8 referrals total.



The Fremont Lions, in partnership with the Fremont and Hesperia Public Schools, and the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University held a Students In Need of Eye Care (SINE for short) project this month. The project was funded by a generous grant from the Gerber Foundation, following the grant application submitted by Fremont Lion John Korstange. Sixty five students from Kindergarten to High School were bused to Ferris State University where they each received a complete eye exam by a 3rd or 4th year Optometry college student. These Ferris students are in the middle of a semester study of pediatric eye care. Following their eye exam, each Hesperia and Fremont student who needed glasses chose glasses frames and were properly fitted. All the eyeglasses were made right in the lens shop at the Michigan College of Optometry so each student received their new eye glasses by the end of November.

Each Optometry Student had to write up an evaluation of their patient, so here is an excerpt from one exam: "My experience was really memorable to me so I would like to personally share with you why! I am sure there have been many cases similar to this but I had an 8 year old girl with a very obvious and large constant right exotropia and around a -2.50D refractive error OU, both uncorrected for. Although this patient's parents reported they've noticed an eye turn in the past she has never had an eye exam. This patient was seeing around 20/150. It truly broke my heart to think that this young girl has been living with this when a routine eye exam could have helped her so long ago. Thanks to the SINE program we were able to get her new glasses which helped her to see 20/25. I keep thinking about how much longer she may have stayed uncorrected if this program wasn't initiated. I think this program is amazing and truly makes a difference in children's lives!"

Photo caption: Hesperia Public Schools Superintendent Vaughn White poses with some of the students with their new eye glasses from the SINE program. (Center picture)

Photos one and three: Michigan College of Optometry 3rd or 4th year Optometry students provide a complete eye exam for students. Fremont Lions – Steve Adsmond

### LAKE ANN LIONS COME OUT OF SOUTHERN EXPOSURE

The Lake Ann Lions Club usually goes dormant this time of year because of all the snowbirds that head to warmer climes. However, a local artists' group asked if the Lake Ann Lions would provide lunches during a holiday sale. The Lions worked a small sandwich-and-baked-goods lunch on Saturday, December 2, and we earned a few dollars for the club. We had participation from practically every Lake Ann Lion who hadn't already fled the area. All in all, we had a great time, even if we didn't get rich. Maybe next year ... WE SERVE!!!!





## DISTRICT 11 E1 EYE GLASS MISSION TRIP

*As another year comes to an end and a new year begins, the District 11 E 1 Eyeglass Mission Project would like to thank all of the Lions Clubs and dedicated Lions volunteers who have given freely of their time and eyeglasses to our project. We now have over 1600 pair of glasses that are washed, sorted, read, and entered into the computer data base, and we are ready to go to one of 5 different countries. We are currently looking for more additional volunteers as this project gathers steam. If your Club would like to see just what exactly takes place and what we do, I would be happy to make a presentation to your Club. Our trips are usually 4 days in mid-February or early March and the ambient temperature is somewhere in the mid-70's or low 80's. If you would like to be a part of our Mission Team, please contact me, (Harry Johnson). Upcoming eye glass work bees are January 6, 9-12 at Cedar Maple City; Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, Harrison 9-12; Jan 13, Kaleva 9-12; Jan. 15, Coleman, 9-12; and Jan. 20, Luther 9-12. We would be more than happy to train you for this once in a lifetime opportunity!*

WELCOME NEW  
STANWOOD LIONS

Angela LaPalm

Jayne Schmidt

Sponsor – Lion Steve  
Cole



**Midland Lions Holiday activities: Picture one – Hosted a Children’s Christmas Party for Grades 1-3, Midland Public Schools; Lions collecting money for the Salvation Army; Lions donated “Coates For Kids and Toys For Tots” at their annual Christmas Party.**

## JANUARY DISTRICT CALENDAR

- January 1 – Happy New Year
- January 8 --Greenville Lions Club, DG VISIT
- January 8 – 14 – World Wide Week of service to fight hunger.
- January 15-- tentative meeting with Ludington Jaycees
- January 20 -- Cabinet Meeting, Big Rapids
- January 22 -- White Cloud Lions Club
- February 5 -- Fremont Lions Club
- February 12 -- Mt. Pleasant Lions Club
- February 16-17-18 --Michigan Forum, Council of Governors Meeting
- February 26 --Big Rapids Lions Club



*Lion John Makinen won the honor of being Kaleva Lions, keeper of Santa for the next year!*

## **NEW YEAR, NEW TIME!**

### **MESSAGE 1<sup>ST</sup> VDG AL ROESLER**



It's a new year, a time that we can give ourselves a fresh start. It is a good time to take stock of where you are and where you want to go. For me this will be an exciting year. At the Lions International Convention in Las Vegas this July, I will be sworn in as the I I-EI District Governor. I have been preparing for this event for the last year and a half, and still have much training ahead of me. This is a **good** thing, Lions does a great job of giving their Governors the training they need to be effective in their responsibilities.

As I start to plan for my year as Governor one of my major tasks is to appoint people to positions in the district. A lot of people are currently doing an outstanding job serving our district and hopefully many of them are willing to continue. Finding fresh people with new ideas and mixing them with experienced veterans is my goal. Zone Chairs are vital to the effective running of the district and I need to appoint or reappoint people who are willing to put in the time to be effective in that position. If you have an interest in serving on a district committee or chairing one, please let me know.

We have had about six months experience with reinstating region chairs. I believe it is too soon to draw conclusions as to their effectiveness, so I will be keeping them during my year as Governor. Most importantly we have an opening for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. Persons interested in running for that position need to file their paperwork in January.

Getting involved with Lions at the district level has been perhaps the most rewarding thing I have done in Lions. Meeting so many dedicated people and making new friends around the district and state is highly motivating. So as you take stock this new year, consider upping your involvement in Lions. It is a feel good activity and it will have a positive impact on the people we serve.

*Al Roesler 1<sup>st</sup> VDG*

### **EMPIRE LIONS SERVE FOR CHRISTMAS**

The Empire Lions donated \$2,000.00 in gift cards to Glen Lake School to be distributed to some needy families in the school district. Another \$1,000.00 was used to buy gifts for a local family in Empire that has fallen on hard times this year. They have 2 children, 11 & 3years old. The Lions bought gas cards for the parents and gave them money to get their brakes fixed on their car. The money that was left was used to buy 3 bicycles that were dropped off at Bill Marsh in Traverse City for "Bikes for Tykes".

After all that shopping, the Empire Lions enjoyed a Christmas party, catered by Riverfront Deli. It was well attended by our Lions and significant others and guests. Congratulations to Bill Banish our "Lion of the Year".

## *Big Rapids Lions Share Christmas With Local Students*

*The Big Rapids Lions Club has worked with the Big Rapids High School for the past few years through a program called "Helping Hands". The purpose of the program is to assure that students who might not have such a "Merry Christmas" receive gifts. For 2017, 10 students were selected to receive gifts and "goodies" along with 9 other students who will receive gift cards. An add on this year – with funds left over, our school "angel" was able to use funds to assist an additional student. Her message to us:*

**"Last Friday a student was found sleeping in the doorway of Crankers. Crankers staff took him in and got him food and gift cards to eat there. He made it to school. We have a family who took him in for the weekend. His mom dropped him off and left to go back to Muskegon with her boyfriend. He literally has nothing. With the money we were able to get him a coat, hat and gloves. I gave him a \$10 Jimmy Johns card and a \$50 Meijer card. He became emotional. Another donor also got him a bag (like the ones we got for those 10 kids) and filled it with socks, underwear, and shirts. Thank you for letting me promote what the Lions do, what they stand for and for creating a ripple effect for other to donate to the lost teenagers." So when we wonder sometimes if our efforts help, all we have to do is hear a story like this one and thank God we are able to help when and where we can. We Serve. Big Rapids Lions hosted 12 students and staff from Eagle Village with gifts and gifts for the Residence Houses. DG Peg Walls inducted new Lion, Abbi Wiersma. Pictured below: Jim Hamelund, Bruce Frederick and Dee Horn with students.**



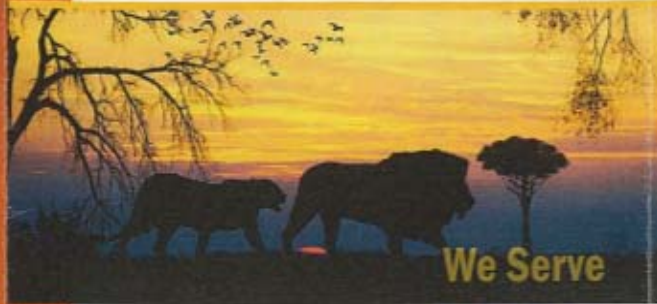
*New Lion Abbi and DG Peggy!*



*The Michigan All State Band officers are requesting recognition for the Band as a State Project. The Council of Governors has received a resolution to place the Michigan All State Band as a 2018 proposed amendment on the ballot as a recognized project of the Lions of Michigan. The vote on the ballot will happen at the May 17-19 MD 11 Convention at the Holiday Inn in Grand Blanc.*



# 100 MICHIGAN LIONS



## FORUM FEBRUARY 17, 2018

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club members

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## Schedule of *Events*

### Friday, February 16, 2018

Registration .....	7:00 p.m.
Large Group Service Project .....	7:30 -9:00 p.m.
Hospitality Suite - Room 472 .....	9:30 p.m.

### Saturday, February 17, 2018

Registration .....	7:00 a.m.
White Cane Supplies, Exhibit Tables .....	8:00 a.m.
Opening Remarks/Welcoming .....	8:00 a.m.
Session 1 Breakout Sessions .....	8:30 a.m.
<i>(choose one of four)</i>	
Session 2 Breakout Session .....	9:30 a.m.
<i>(choose one of four)</i>	
Session 3 Breakout Session .....	10:30 a.m.
<i>(choose one of four)</i>	
Session 4 Breakout Session .....	11:30 a.m.
<i>(choose one of four)</i>	
Lunch, White Cane Scholarships, Keynote Presentation, Closing Remarks & Door Prize .....	12:30 p.m.
Prize Drawings.....	2:45 p.m.



# MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS!

15 informative SESSIONS to choose from!

### FRIDAY February 16, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

*(optional session for early arrivals)*

- Large Group Service Project
- Hospitality Suite - Room 472 open to all 9:30 p.m.
- Exhibitors - open at 8:00 a.m.

### SATURDAY February 17

#### Session 1 Selections: 8:30 a.m.-9:20 a.m.

- The Art of Recognition: Understanding Awards  
PCC Paul Hemeryck
- Understanding Lions Protocol  
PID Esther LaMothe
- Bridging the Generation Gap  
PDG Jeff Mayuiers
- A Laymen's Guide to Diabetes  
PDG Barry Allen

### SATURDAY February 17

#### Session 2 Selections: 9:30 a.m.-10:20 a.m.

- Lions As Leaders: Moving up the Ranks  
ID Jenny Ware
- Leader Dogs for the Blind  
Speaker
- The Cost of Moving Up  
DG Terry Treppa
- Time Management  
PDG Karen Routson

### Keynote *Speaker*



#### ANN GUZDIAL

Chief Program Officer  
Special Olympics  
Michigan

Ann will share the history of Special Olympics as this organization celebrates their 50th Anniversary! Ann will share the many opportunities for people

with intellectual disabilities. Ann has been employed by Special Olympics for 25 years and during that time the growth and the power of the movement continues to inspire and motivate her to offer athletes opportunities that will change their lives.

The healthy athlete program is an opportunity that offers free medical exams, dental exams,

and the Opening Eyes Program. Ann will share how the Lions Club International has so graciously funded the Opening Eyes Program and has offered athletes the opportunity to receive free vision care and glasses since 2000!

We are a movement for inclusion and with the support of our generous donors we are Changing Lives!

### SATURDAY February 17

#### Session 3 Selections: 10:30 a.m.-11:20 a.m.

- Global Action Team: GAT  
PDG Jeff Mayuiers, Lion Lula Gardfrey, IPCC Justin Faber
- Creative Leaders! Water Color Art Class  
PDG Craig Bishop (limited to 30)
- Learning Opportunities for Lions  
PDG Karen Routson
- The Art of Recognition: Understanding Awards (2nd Offering) PCC Paul Hemeryck



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### SATURDAY February 17

#### Session 4 Selections: 11:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.

- Leo's As Leaders  
Speaker
- Lions Orientation  
PDGs Fred Simpson & Bill Van Winkle
- Special Olympics - Ann Guzdial, Chief Program Officer at Special Olympics Michigan
- Eversight  
Diana Kern, Vice President of Philanthropy at Eversight

### SATURDAY February 17

#### Lunch 12:30 p.m.

#### White Cane Scholarship Presentations

#### Keynote Address

Ann Guzdial, Chief Program Officer  
Special Olympics Michigan

Door Prize Drawings - 2:45 p.m.



# 100 MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM

## Registration *Form*

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\*Registration fee is \$40.00 and includes lunch, forum and proceeding booklet. \$40.00 price is for reservations received before January 30, 2018.

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## Large Group *Service Project*

Join us Friday night, **February 16** as we work together on a large group service project! Club members attending may report service hours to LCI.

