



District 11-E1, District Governor Lion John Monahan
“Together We Serve” **“January Newsletter 2012”**



District Governor John & Carolyn Monahan

Fellow Lions,

Yahoo had a story about seniors that said that they should give more to family and to others. Actually, seniors already give quite a lot. That's why so many seniors are Lions. It is certainly true that Lions Clubs need younger members for two main reasons: younger people have more energy and have some new ideas. So let's appreciate our older members and let them know that their present and past efforts are a lot of what makes Lionism special. My own club, and probably yours too, have lost some terrific Lions over the years; so let's celebrate them while we still have them.

I hope some clubs will be interested in participating in the Club Excellence Program, a way to improve the operation of your club. It's a program that Lions Clubs International designed to solve problems of retention of members and recruitment of new members. The basic idea is that a club that is welcoming and friendly, involved in community projects, and if the community knows about the club atmosphere and the club projects, that's what makes a healthy club. The Club Excellence Process should help your club become the best it can be.

But, of course, we need to recruit new members of any age. International President Tam suggests that we be sure to welcome new members:

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Long-term successful growth is dependent on keeping our members involved, instilling pride and treating them like family. Involvement + sense of worth + member care + family atmosphere = club success. Play your part in this equation by using the checklist below as you welcome new members into your Lions family:

_ HAVE I MADE THE NEW MEMBER FEEL WELCOME?

- Smile and say hello
- Provide effective orientation so they know how your club operates and feel comfortable participating

_ HAVE I GIVEN THEM RESPONSIBILITY?

- Involve them from day one
- Ask them to join a committee
- Get them started working on a service project

_ HAVE I VALUED THEIR INPUT, AND RESPECTED THEIR IDEAS?

- Ask them for their ideas, and listen to what they have to say
- Implement one of their ideas

_ HAVE I MADE THEM FEEL LIKE A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY?

- Treat them as you would any other member, with mutual respect
- Keep them involved on a regular basis

These ideas are a basic part of the Club Excellence Program.

I know that many of you are interested in having your club host a KidSight screening but that you need training, both on the procedure as well as on use of the new cameras. There is a training session in Harrison on January 17 (that will be our third), but you probably won't get the newsletter in time to register. Therefore we will need a few more training sessions. As soon as we can arrange them, we will email your club president or secretary letting them know where and when. Please let them know you are interested in attending.

Yours in Lionism,

John S. Monahan
DG



Lions of Michigan Forum

**Saturday, February 18, 2012,
Ramada Inn, 7501 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI 48917**

14 Informative Sessions to choose from!

Enjoy statewide fellowship with other Lions, Lioness and Leo's

"Mission Statement"

**To create and foster an environment of personal growth by
providing education and information to those who seek it.**

For further information go to the Lions of Michigan website



1st Vice District Governor Lion Bill & Vickie Simpson

Project Kid Sight 11- E1 Style

- The cameras are here
- The computers, routers & printers have been purchased - the printers twice
- We have light darkening tents
- We have operating directions both to set up and take down
- We have manuals filled with forms and trained people to operate the cameras, tents, and to fill out the forms
- We've held training sessions - and will travel to train if your club needs help

All we need is you to set up lots of screening sessions in your Home Town, Michigan. We need you to contact your school system - make contacts to set up screening of kids for Kindergarten round up.

Contact your day care businesses and interest them in participating.

Set up or join in community activities that are kid friendly and do screenings.

Find a point of interest in your community or county that will attract young families and do screenings.

We need everyone to be fired up and take the project to heart and make it a success. Add inspiration to your Lions Club existence. Put Kid Sight on the agenda and do it, help others do it, or contribute to it.

Hey, please e-mail me about your projects. I like to include one every month as part of my monthly newsletter. Let's start this off with an upcoming project sponsored by the Big Rapids Lions. It's called Blues, Brews & Barbecue. The project is a daylong Blues concert featuring several bands and a well-known singer. The project will be held at the Mecosta County fair grounds and will kick off the county fair in early July. The Club is seeking revenue from admission tickets, parking and fees from the beer and food concessions. The Club is heavily committed for a new project and they envision a lot of work ahead of time to help the project be successful.

Let me know about your next project!

Lion Bill

1st VDG



2nd Vice District Governor Lion Tim & Chris Anderson

Greeting Fellow Lions

I hope all of you have a wonderful safe Holiday! Serving is what Lions do best, whether it's our neighborhood, our community or beyond Lions step forward and help. Currently I've been busy helping with Project KidSight, both locally and within the district.

At a local level the Cadillac Lions have been invited into the Cadillac Area Public Schools to screen ALL the pre- kindergarten and kindergarten children at the 4 elementary schools here in town. This invitation came about thanks to our districts purchasing the new "Spot" cameras, we are hoping to screen between 200-300 kids over a 2 day session. (We're still collecting permission slips).

This will be the first real chance we as a district will have to see what and how these new cameras can perform. So look for a follow up story next month from the Cadillac club on how this all went.

On the district level well this is all new so we have been and are holding training sessions and coming up with the procedures and steps needed to perform these screenings. By the time you're reading this we will have had three training sessions that have already taken place, one in Luther, one in White Cloud and one in Harrison.

These new cameras will make a difference, open doors and call attention to Lions and what we do. Let's take advantage of having them and contact one of our project chairs about setting up a screening in your area.

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Thanks yours in Lionism,

Tim Anderson 2nd VDG

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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 30, 2012**. 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 30, 2012**) 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 By-Laws. 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 30, 2012**). 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
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Credentials Information

District convention is being planned. Credential forms will be mailed to all secretaries and should be turned in by February 29, 2012 to Lion Gayle Morlock, Chairperson.

The number of club delegates will be one (1) for every ten (10) members of major fraction thereof. The club membership number is determined by the count as of February 1, 2011.

Remind your delegates that they must register and be certified before lunch on Saturday, March 31, 2012.

If a delegate is not certified before lunch, that delegate will not be allowed to vote.

Any questions please contact Lion Gayle Morlock at 231-734-5200 (H) or email landg@netonecom.net

Lion Gayle Morlock, Chair
Credentials Committee

Cadillac Lions Cubs

11-E1 Cubs to breakout at Lions of Michigan Forum
February 18, 2012

The Cadillac Lions Club has been invited to hold a breakout session on their “Cub” program at the Lions of Michigan Forum next month February 18th at the Ramada Inn Lansing. White Cloud has also agreed to come and help recreating the session that the two clubs held at our joint District Convention last year.

The two clubs have slightly different approaches to the Cub Program and together present an informative comprehensive session. Cubs from both clubs will be present to share and help by answering any questions. So if you plan on attending the Forum put this on your list of sessions to attend!

Midland Lions Club



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY PICTURES



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 18, at the Midland Ice Arena. Lions from the Midland Club will be working with community volunteers in the distribution process. This food distribution event is being funded by the Midland Lions.

Are You Looking at Me?

Our state, districts, and clubs have many exceptional individuals who have shown themselves to be outstanding leaders, and yet for one reason or another, they have remained behind the scenes, and virtually unknown. We all need to help to bring these Lions to the forefront, and we need your help in identifying these exceptional individuals. But, how do we begin? Well, read on...

One of our first identification tools is a simple form, which will be a resource of each Zone chair, and District officer. All we ask is that as you make your visitations, you keep your eyes open for anyone who you feel would be a good future leader and who deserves being brought to our attention. We purposely have not asked for a great deal of information on the form – but only the basics. Once they have been completed, we would ask that you return them to your GLT District coordinator. Our intent is to then create a database of potential leaders for use by all levels of Lionism – from the, District, Zones, and Clubs. Included is a sample of the form below and they are available from your District GLT coordinator. Feel free to make as many copies as you wish. Please don't hesitate to call any of us with any questions.

Leadership Recommendation	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">4) Leadership potential for which areas?</div> Club? ___ Zone? ___ District ___ <hr/>	<p>4) Background and Contact Information Please include any information that would provide us any insights as to why the candidate should be included in the Global Leadership Program. Please return this form ASAP to your District Coordinator.</p>
2) Submitted By: Name: _____ Phone Number: _____ <hr/>	
3) Candidate: Name: _____ Club: _____ Current Office (if any) _____ Address: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email: _____ <hr/>	

Adapted from material from the GLT Committee of MD 13

Lion Dick Perrin, PDG PCC
 Global Leadership Team District Coordinator
 District 11 E1

Where Do Leaders Come From?

As you look around you at Lion's functions you probably recognize many leaders from your club, zone, or district. It shouldn't surprise you to recognize that you know many of the state and international leaders as well. You also probably realize that you know many of these fine Lions by name – and they know you. Maybe you've never realized just how many leaders you actually know. Did you ever stop to wonder just how they got started in becoming leaders? I'll bet it was because someone recognized their potential and actually asked them.

I have a suggestion for you...the next time you're at a Lions meeting, just turn your head slightly to the left and steal a look towards the person sitting next to you, and then do the same at the person on your right. If you do this for the next couple of meetings, I can almost certainly guarantee you that one of those people sitting next to you would probably make a pretty good leader.

Why not, during your meal time conversation, bring up the topic by saying something like ...” Hey Kris (or perhaps Mary), have you ever considered running for an office in either our club or in our zone or district?” The answer might surprise you. I'll bet you that the answer will be something along the line of...”I don't know, I've never really thought about it before.” I'm also willing to bet you that no one has ever asked the member that very question before. What an outstanding opportunity for you to tell him that you think he would be a great officer. Ideally, you might decide to submit a Potential Leader form to your district GLT Representative.

And, if you're looking for another place to look for a future leader...just take a look in your mirror. Did you ever consider that person staring back at you as a future leader? If you're reading this article, I suspect that you probably do have an interest in becoming a leader. Now, the question becomes, exactly how do you take the first steps. Your first step would be to contact your District Governor, or your District GLT representative. One of them would be honored to talk with you about what your next steps might be and, I guarantee you, they will be with you at each step along the way.

By PDG Barry Brandt. (December 2011). *MD 13 GLT Newsletter*, 1(1), 4. Retrieved from <http://www.ohiolions.org/gltnewsletter/GLTDecember2011.pdf>

Why should I become a Lion?

As a Lions Club member, you can:

- Make a difference every day in your community
- Provide support locally or reach out internationally
- Grow personally and professionally by participating in our programs, community service projects and events
- Have an impact on local and international humanitarian issues
- Develop relationships with both local and international community and business leaders
- Have access to membership discounts and services.

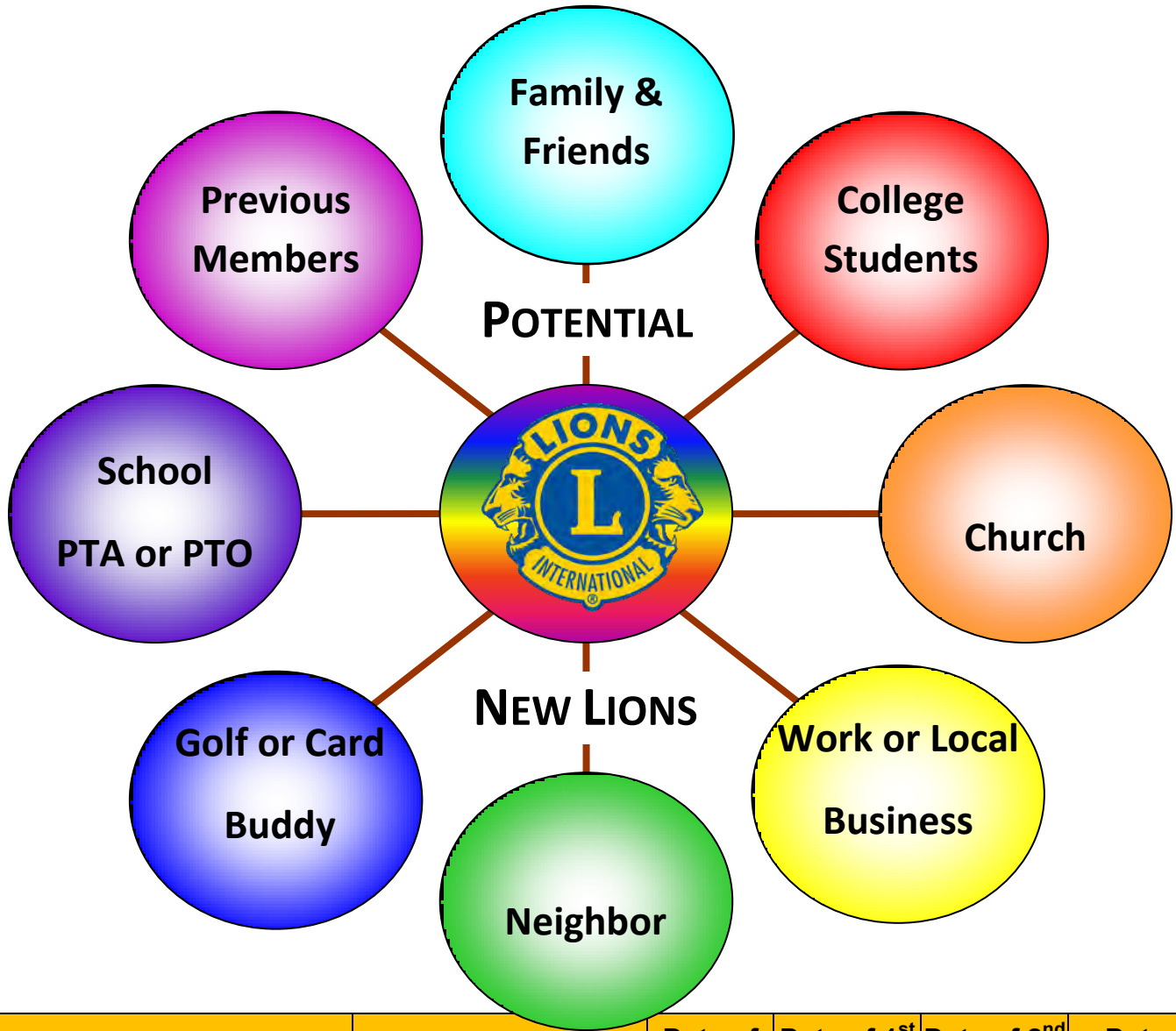


NOTES FROM LION PETE GMT DISTRICT 11- E1 COORDINATOR

We want to have vibrant (fun and interesting) club meetings. Make membership recruitment a fun activity and possibly a competition within your club. We have found that asking people to be Lions is the most effective way to get new members. People, who are asked to join, feel important or special. You picked them because they have something to offer your club and community. Set up a “JUST ASK DAY” for your club members. Every member (during a specified day or week) will pledge to ask a potential candidate to attend a Lions meeting. Make that meeting fun and interesting for your candidates. Give them some material on Lionism. Be sure that they meet all the Lions present and get to tell the club about themselves. Follow up their visit with a letter or phone call to invite them to another meeting to learn more about your club’s activities. Give the club members that bring in a candidate some sort of an incentive – a free meal, extra tickets for the drawing, or a little extra pat on the back in your newsletter. Below is a type of a potential candidate sheet that you can give to your members to get them started? Design your own “JUST ASK” sheet or use this one to get your Lions involved. The logo suggests people to start with and a handy form to keep notes on. More Lions means more hands to make the work load lighter and more fun.

Lion Pete Conarty, GMT District 11- E1 Coordinator

Lion Pete's Top 10 Most Wanted New Lions



Potential New Lion	Lion Contact	Date of Initial Contact	Date of 1 st Follow-up Contact	Date of 2 nd Follow-up Contact	Date of Invitation to Join Lions
1.					
2.					

List the Next 8 Potential New Lions on Reverse Side

Need Help??? Contact Lion Pete Conarty, 11-E1 GMT Coordinator, at mlpic@sbcglobal.net, (989) 835-8712 or cell (989) 835-5799

Potential New Lion	Lion Contact	Date of Initial Contact	Date of 1 st Follow-up Contact	Date of 2 nd Follow-up Contact	Date of Invitation to Join Lions
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4.					
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8.					
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10.					

Upcoming Lions Clubs International Webinar on Recruiting

Lions Clubs International Leadership Division thought this upcoming webinar on recruiting would support your clubs in your rebuilding efforts.

To ensure the Lions legacy remains, it is imperative that not only club officers and members of the membership committee, but all members are aware of the strategies and resources available to assist them in recruiting new members and marketing club activities. Register for the **How to Recruit Members** webinar to learn a three step approach to recruiting, how to combat invitation objections, and much more! Visit the [Leadership Development Webinars page](#) for dates/times and links to register.

Know a fellow Lion that would be interested? Feel free to pass this information along! We hope to have you, and a fellow Lion, participate in one of the three sessions being offered.

PDG Richard Perrin has been accepted to the Faculty Development Institute

Subject: FW: Confirmation – Faculty Development Institute – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada - March 9-12, 2012 Looks like I'll be traveling to Ottawa this March.

Lion Dick

From: Institutes@lionsclubs.org

To: Institutes@lionsclubs.org

Subject: Confirmation – Faculty Development Institute – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada - March 9-12, 2012

Date: Mon, 9 Jan 2012 22:19:07 +0000



FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE CONFIRMATION

To: Participant

From: Leadership Division, Institutes and Seminars

Lions Clubs International

Congratulations! You have been selected to participate in the 2011-2012 Faculty Development Institute for the Lions of Constitutional Areas I and II. Lions Clubs International will be presenting the Faculty Development Institute in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, on March 9-12, 2012. This intense four-day program is designed to expand the current pool of qualified Lions instructors. The attached Fact Sheet provides an overview of this program. Your participation will enable you to sharpen your training skills and increase your overall effectiveness as an instructor. As a Faculty Development Institute participant, you will be expected to make efforts to use your enhanced skills by serving as an instructor for local Lions training programs.

Participants are required to arrive in the evening of March 8. You may plan your departure from the hotel after 4 p.m. on March 12. If you cannot secure a flight after this time, please contact the Institutes & Seminars Department for further instruction. Attendance at all sessions throughout the four-day program is required.

This Faculty Development Institute will be conducted at: Travelodge Ottawa Hotel & Conference Centre, 1376 Carling Ave., Ottawa, ON K1Z 7L5, Canada

Phone: 613-722-7601 Fax: 613-722-7737

Lions Clubs International will cover the costs of your meals (commencing with breakfast on March 9 through lunch on March 12), and lodging (nights of March 8, 9, 10, & 11), as well as all training materials. It is your responsibility to provide transportation to and from the hotel, inclusive of ground transfers.

Traverse City Lions

King Lion Tom Thompson with the membership award presented by 2ndVDG Tim Anderson



Fremont Leo's

FREMONT PACKER LEOS HELP A FAMILY AT THANKSGIVING

Fremont Packer Leo Club went grocery shopping at Bill's Shop-n-Save to purchase a full Thanksgiving meal for a special family recommended by True North Community Services. The Leos were careful shoppers as they decided between the brand name and store-named canned and frozen foods. They kept within their budget and received additional assistance from store manager, Rick Van Sickle; on the purchase of the turkey (he gave the Leos the turkey at his cost!). The meal was delivered on Tuesday, Nov. 22 and the mother wept as the grocery bags were brought into her home. She hugged and kissed every Leo (and advisor) and thanked us over and over for the special help. (This family was also facing reality that their heat was being turned off on Friday, Nov. 25, so the meal assistance was especially appreciated at this holiday time.) The Leos felt humbled as they saw first-hand a family that was truly in need and so thankful for this special community service assistance.

PS...Subsequent to delivering the meal, the family sent the Leo Club a Christmas card thanking us for the meal. This is the very first family out of the eleven we have "adopted" over the past five years to have sent any kind of thanks. This family was special!

Fremont Lions



FREMONT LIONS HOLD CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE PARTY

At the annual Fremont Lions Club Christmas party, members and guests gathered a load of toys and socks to deliver to True North Community Services in Fremont. For the past several years instead of doing a nominal gift exchange among members and guests, the club decided to change the focus to others and collect toys for the True North's Children's Christmas Program. Each member and/or guest who attends is asked to not only bring one unwrapped toy but to also bring a pair of socks either for a child or an adult, any size. "We will continue to do this as long as the need is there", says Fremont Lions Club President Ron Gibson.

BIG RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

Blues, Brews and Barbecues

Blues, Brews & BBQ's will kick off Mecosta County Fair week on July 8. Event chairman Lion Jim Nostrant says "We are literally going to turn the fairgrounds into Beal Street."

As its name implies, the event will feature five blues bands, a beer tent and several different food vendors specializing in summer barbecue favorites. Two local blues groups — Key west Permafrost Blues Band and Third Power — will play alongside Ludington's Lou Thunder, Cleveland's Soul men, a Blues Brothers tribute band who will serve as emcees, and Sharrie Williams, a Saginaw-based "gospel princess" who was nominated in 2011 for Female Blues Artist Year by the Blues Music Awards.

District Convention Information

The information for this year's 2012 District Convention is being mailed on Monday, January 23. All forms will also be posted on the District website next week also, I am looking forward to another great convention with 11-C1 & 11-E1, don't forget you Silent Auction items, those items help the convention succeed. Remember the Theme for this year is "Western." If you have any questions, please call District Convention Chair Lion Debbie Kreitner at 616-754-8409 or e-mail: debkreitner@charter.net

Big Rapids Lions Club Fundraiser

A great cause
and some great food



All friends, family and supporters of the Big Rapids Lions Club
are invited to participate in their fundraising event on
Sunday, January 29, 2012

Everyone is invited to gather at Buffalo Wild Wings in Big Rapids (1264 West Perry St.) for
lunch, dinner, or a snack. On this day, 20% of purchases accompanied by the certificate below
will be donated to the

Big Rapids Lions Club.

Big Rapids Lions Club Fundraiser
Sunday, January 29, 2012

Present this certificate to your server at the
time of your order and 20% of your
purchases* will go to support the

Big Rapids Lions Club.



*Valid towards Dine-In and Carry-Out. Not valid towards gift card purchases.

Only valid at 1264 Perry Street, Big Rapids, MI (231) 796-9464

Empire Lions



Empire Lions Club treasurer Lion Larry Krawczak recently presented a \$500 check to Linda Pepler of the Leelanau County Zonta Club to help provide books for a beginning reading program in the Glen Lake Schools. A target of 100 children, ages 0 to 8, with their parents, are encouraged to read 15 minutes each day with the set of books provided to each child.

Greenville Lions



District Governor John Monahan installed 2 new members into the Greenville Lions Club on January 9, 2012 during his official visit to the club. Pictured on the left are DG John, New Lions Sheri & Steve Bursach and their sponsor Lion E. J. Paas.

Pictured on the right is DG John presenting Past President Lion John Moy with the Club Excellence Award during his year serving as President in 2010-2011.