



Lions of Michigan – District 11-E-1 Newsletter July 2008



District Governor Lion Larry Morlock
First Lady Lion Gayle Morlock
Lion Larry Alman District Editor

Governor's Communiqué

As my year as District Governor for 11-E-1 is now here I realize that being governor for a sixteen county area will definitely put the miles on the Ford and more than likely wear out the tires. But the tin buggy, a Ford Freestar, will make the trips just fine.

My chauffer, First Lady Gayle, doesn't seem to mind the driving except if there is snow or ice on the road. We will be concentrating our travels for Lions in better weather.

The next month or so will see us attending information seminars with Michigan District Governors at the Michigan Eye Bank in Ann Arbor, Bear Lake Camp in Lapeer, and Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester. During September we will be attending the USA/CANADA Forum in Saskatoon.

Remember to reserve Saturday, September 27th for the District Fall Conference to be held at the Rankin Center, Ferris State University in Big Rapids.

The 11-E-1 mini cabinet will meet at the Morlock's residence on July 27th, commencing at 9:30. District 11-E-1 officers who are the region and zone chairpersons, cabinet secretary, cabinet treasurer, the vice district governor and the district governor will be in attendance. In addition, the Strategic Planning and Honorary Committees will be in attendance to work out the details of a district-wide membership growth plan. Hopefully, the talented past District Governors can devise a detailed growth plan for the district. The plan will be voted on by the Cabinet in the afternoon for implementation this coming year.

I hope that all the clubs are enjoying success with their summer projects and I look forward to hearing about your successes. When visiting your clubs we are restricted to meeting sites that are handicapped accessible with an Amigo scooter.

I look forward to meeting the clubs this coming year, but will concentrate on fulfilling my visitations to all region and zone meetings. I urge you to be in attendance when region or zone meetings are called for your club. At these meetings presidents, secretaries, and membership chairs should be in attendance along with any other club members who wish to attend.

We must concentrate on raising the district membership beyond 1,400 members. Lions Clubs International calls for redistricting at 1,250 members. We have about two years at the current depletion rate to reach that number. Every member needs to acquire an additional good citizen to be a Lion. Lion projects are right, the organization is right, and you as a member need to do the right thing by roaring the image of a Lion.

NEWS, NEWS, NEWS

Clubs are encouraged to report happenings in their community associated with your Lions clubs projects. Sometimes we try something new or different in providing fundraising activities or service club projects to our communities. Don't be timid and hesitate to communicate your event to the rest of us Lions by writing an article for this newsletter and sending it to District Editor Lion Larry Alman at 11e1editor@charter.net. Photos are encouraged, but are not necessary to communicate the information about your reported event. We encourage you to report persons within your club receiving awards or special recognition or interesting featured speakers that you may have had. The district newsletter publication deadline for news articles is the 10th of each month.



Vice District Governor Lion Wayne Kreitner

Fellowship, Unity in Numbers

My motto for this year and next will be “FUN.”

- **Fellowship:** A companion, a person sharing, a group of people with the same goals.
A person who supports the cause of the group.
- **Unity** To become, to make united, one of several parties together.
- **Numbers** A sum of persons or things, quality and superiority in numbers,
One of group and to be included in a group and very many.

As I look at why we are volunteers, I see that we are volunteering because we want to and we want to be involved with our fellow man. This is where we can get the greatest fellowship we have ever had as man or woman. We can grow and become united which shows how we can unify by being together with other Lions. We do this by increasing our membership into one group which is our club. We serve together to help our fellow man, no matter how hard we have to work to do this. For this reason I am saying that we need to treat each Lion with respect, fellowship and unity. We cannot be so demanding to our volunteers that we might drive them away.

Remember our motto: “It’s Together We Serve.”

Now let us look at why we are losing members. Is it because of our fellowship, our unity or what we expect out of our volunteers? There have to be reasons why we are losing more members that we are gaining. I implore you to talk to all of your members and find out how they feel about your club. Is there something that we are not doing to help them get involved with projects or do they not know or have not been properly orientated?

This is where their sponsoring member comes in to support and help them learn the ropes. If you need help with orientation for members, please feel free to contact me anytime. We will get a team together to sit down with your club and help in any way that we can.

Please, it is my goal to cut our drops by 50% this year and I will need your help to do this.

A quote from “Lions don’t need to Roar”

At the end of the day, most can recall at least one comment we wish that we had not made. By learning to keep quiet, we can cut down on self-recriminations and worry less about the damage our hasty or inappropriate comment may have caused. Instead, we will be able to recall the flip, poorly-timed or ill-advised remarks w

e did not make and gain in confidence of our ability to control our speech and silence.

As you practice “holding your tongue,” remember that sometimes as much can be said with silence as with words. Indeed, saying nothing can be the most efficient way of conveying something. When you’re silent

people really listen to you----- and they realize you're listening to them. The most important discipline that a person can acquire is the art of listening.

Yours in Vice,
VDG Lion Wayne Kreitner

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Michigan Eye Bank

Vice District Governors, Wives, District Governors, and First Ladies, Directors Lioness, and Husbands, along with Board of Directors of the Michigan Eye Bank had a meeting this weekend at the Michigan Eye Bank in Ann Arbor. Friday evening was a very nice dinner. After dinner the group met the Officers and staff of the Michigan Eye Bank. Saturday morning started out with a very good breakfast. Following the breakfast there was a meeting and a tour and explanation as to how the Eye Bank operates. It was a very interesting and helpful experience.

International Convention information

Al Brandel from New York was sworn in as International President. His motto "(everyday heros)" applies to every Lion who gives up their time to help those less fortunate. He is for more community involvement and getting the word out what Lionism is all about.

I know that this sounds old, but we need to ask people we know to join the Lions. All of the governors that I talk to from the U.S. are having the same problem with declining membership (Help to restore the roar).

The Michigan All State Band was the only All State Band that made it to Thailand. The Thai people gave them a very warm welcome. Each Club that supported the Band should be very proud.

"This report is from District 11-D-1 Newsletter, District Governor Frank Rivette. PDG Janalee McClure

Project of the month Bear Lake Camp

Greetings Lions of District 11-E-1 on behalf of Bear Lake Camp. Bear Lake Camp is located just outside of Lapeer, MI and provides camp opportunities for challenged young people. Camping opportunities provided are for Hearing Impaired, Visually Impaired, Juvenile Arthritis, Autism, Braille Music Camp, Grief camps, Family Camps, and the camp is also available for conferences. As with all such projects, funding is always a challenge, however if one visits during a camping session it is readily apparent that if is funding well spent.

There is also a need each year for camp counselors and I would urge you to encourage youth in your area to consider working at the camp.

If Bear Lake Camp isn't a permanent part of your budgeted spending each year I would encourage you to make it a part. If your club would like a presentation about Bear Lake Camp, please don't hesitate to contact me. PDG Bill Raymor wraymor@casair.net

PEACE POSTER

It will be great if every club sponsors a local contest this year! There are many talented youth who can gain by this experience. Order the contest kit (PPK-1) now from Club Supplies at 1-800-710-7822 or www.lionsclubs.org. Send your results to PDG Lion Stan Preshaw.

Quote of the month

Give love and unconditional acceptance to those you encounter, and notice what happens. Dr. Wayne W. Dyer

Lions 11-E-1 Club IT Contact Person:

Since the Web Initiative fell through and there are no active plans by the State IT Committee to pursue it any further, even though the District Governors requested followup, your District IT committee has made the following progress toward making the District website more user-friendly and more relevant.

In the course of developing the new **District Website**, you will notice that "Club Info" is now by a link to your Club's website. If your Club does not have it's own website, you have a free one on Lionwap.org. Most of the Club websites on

Lionwap have not been updated since 2005 so officers; meeting dates, times, and locations; and any other information is VERY outdated.

As the IT contact person, the District IT Committee requests that you or a designee go to your website and update the information with the 2008/09 Club information so when the new website is official, your Club information will be correct. This way the District website link will always be correct as long as you update your Club website periodically, at least once a year when you know who your new officers are. This leaves less probability of errors, typos, and broken links.

If you need help logging on to your Club website you may contact IT Committee Member [Randy Roebuck](#) or Webmaster [Tom Silverthorn](#). Once you get logged in, you can simply change the misinformation that is there, Scroll down to the bottom, and click SUBMIT. You can fill in as much or as little as you like or you can get creative. Just have fun and get it done!

To get started, go to www.lionwap.org and log in. Once again if you do not know your log-in information, contact Randy at 231-972-8885 or Tom at 231-859-4096 to help you.

If you have an email address for Hart, Lake Ann, Lakeview, Shepherd, or Stanwood please forward this email to them as I do not have current addresses for these clubs.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter. A website is only as good as the integrity of the data. Lion Karla Roebuck, District 11E1 Information Technology Committee Chair



Big Rapids Lions Club

The Big Rapids Lions Club presented scholarships to Kerri Cook and Carolyn Klarecki from the Richard C. Donley Scholarship Fund. Mr. Donley was Superintendent of the Big Rapids Public Schools and a dedicated Lion. Pictured: King Lion Jim Peek, Kerri Cook, Carolyn Klarecki, and Scholarship Chair Lion Wayne McKay.



Cedar/Maple City Lions Club

Our June 23, 2008 meeting program was on Leader Dog Puppy Training. Carol & Bruce Hutchins (raised 19 puppies), Kim Wattles (raised 12 puppies) & LauraGuerin (raised 11 puppies). They gave us some history of Leader Dogs and how they raised the puppies to qualify for the Leader Dog Program.



1. L to R (Dexter), Bruce Hutchins (Pearl) & Kim Wattles (Aberdeen).
2. L to R, top row, Lions Rob Serbin (1st VP) & Gordon Waldenmyer. 2nd row, Laura Guerin (Dexter), Bruce Hutchins (Pearl) & Kim Wattles (Aberdeen Thanks, Pat Hobbins, Secretary (Cedar/Maple City Lions).

Clare/Farwell Lions Clare/Farwell Lions meet on the first and third Wednesdays, so the December and May dates need to be changed. The revised dates are: October 8 No change, December 10 Revised date, February 11 No change, May 13 Revised date All the dates are second Wednesdays. If there is an additional problem with any of the dates, please let me know. Lion John

Fremont Lions Club

Well before there was an LCI Environmental Award, the Fremont Lions Club have been maintaining a one mile stretch of Daisy Brook that eventually empties into Fremont Lake. Twenty-nine year Fremont Lions member, Rich Osborn, is an avid fly fisherman. He has fished all the streams in Newaygo County and wanted the waters he fished to be environmentally healthy. It was his encouragement to get on board with the State of Michigan's Adopt-A-Stream Program. The Fremont Lions bought in to the idea of cooperatively working together and this has become one of the outstanding projects bringing their hands and hearts together for a better world for nearly two decades.

Now that the Fremont Packer Leo Club is beginning its third year, the aging Lions members are thrilled to have the youth working side-by-side. Donning long pants, sturdy shoes, comfy t-shirts and gloves on every pair of hands, the Fremont Lions and Leos work side-by-side in their Adopt-A-Stream Clean-up twice annually. Members of both clubs come together in April celebrating Earth Day and again in early October once the grasses have gone dormant.

This past Earth Day, Fremont Packer Leo advisor, Laurene Homsher, asked her Science colleague, Wally Ewing, to join the assembled crew of volunteers. Ewing's alternative education students were primarily performing water quality tests in different locations along the entire stream, but managed to fill a couple of garbage bags with debris.

The Leos ventured down into the stream with Lions assisting at their side extracting items including: two bales of wire fencing, 25 feet of barbed wire fence, eight car tires, a wading pool, 200 pieces of broken bricks and tiles and six garbage bags full of various bottles, cans, broken lumber and paper.

Immediately following the clean-up, members of the Fremont Lions hosted a hot dog roast for all volunteers. The Fremont Packer Leo Club was presented the Environmental Service Project Award by District Governor William Raymor at the District 11-E-1 Convention in April 2008.

The Fremont Lions and Leos hope to continue the tradition of Adopt-A-Stream Clean-up, but also encourage members of the community to be careful about disposing of trash in the streams. Our fish and other water wildlife depend on us to help keep their habitats clean and the Lions and Leos are doing just that. Laurene Homsher, Leo Advisor



Very nice job!

Greenville Lions Club



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The Greenville Lions Club for many years now have had a food trailer at the Montcalm County 4-H Fair.

1. This year our new King Lion is the co-chairman of the project and decided it would be a great idea to have our first July meeting at the fairgrounds. Lion Roger brought over a bunch of tables and chairs and he brought the bluegills and made fresh onion rings.

2. Pictured are King Lion Roger Wilson, and Lion Ron Blanding, a second generation Lion, worked real hard before the project even started to make it a big success. Moneys from this project go to community needs.

3. Two new members, Lions Rick and Ed deep fried the onion rings, and fish. Lion Rick was not in the photo. King Lion Roger deep fried the bluegills and it was fantanistic. **Now the rest of the story!** Lion Rick and King Lion Roger caught the bluegills this year, and there were plenty to go around.

Our new Lion Nicole is in Ireland as this is being written, learning the culture of Ireland in the Lions Youth Exchange Program. We look forward to her safe return.

Honor Lions Club

The Honor Lion's hosted their annual 4th of July Food Wagon and Kayak Raffle at the Beulah Park, doing a "bang up" job! The early morning set-up provided coffee and donuts to runners and friends, then got into full swing of serving up hot dogs, brats, nachos & cheese, pop, etc. to 4th of July celebrants. The big rush always comes just before the parade & then afterwards when folks gather 'round to watch the grease pole activities.

The annual kayak raffle drawing is held between 4 & 5 p.m. This year's winners of the kayak and cash prizes were all "local".....always a nice way to say Thanks For Your Support!.."Its always a long, busy & fun day for Club members and friends who help out. It's one of our best fund raisers when the weather is as beautiful as it was this 4th," states Connie McMorris, Honor Lions Treasurer, Zone & Regional Chair. Their next food wagon outing is set for Saturday, Aug. 23rd in Honor's Maley Park for the annual National Coho Salmon Festival. Honor Lions invite everyone to come check things out!

Lake Ann Lions Club

Our club is continuing to hold their pancake breakfast. We have one scheduled on July 6th at the Almira Township Hall. I also want you to know that I will be absent from our club until the end of August. I have been contracted by the Department of Defense to work as a Military Family Life Consultant. My work has placed me at the Naval Air Station in Patuxent River, Maryland. This is an incredible honor and very exciting. As a result, our Vice President, Kim Becker, will chair the next two meetings. We will then install new officers at our July annual picnic. I am planning to visit a couple Lion meetings in this area while I'm here. Our club hasn't been represented in the last couple of newsletters. i would like to change that. I'll keep you posted on anything else that is noteworthy. Lion Jodi Salamino, President



Lakeview Lions Club

Lakeview Lions Club—Bill Wales Memorial Golf Outing. July 24th, 9:00 A.M., Brookside Golf Course, 1518 Johnson Road, Gowen, MI. (North of Gowen)



Come join us for one of the absolute best golf outings of the summer. The day starts at 9:00 a.m. and includes the first nine holes of golf and a cart for each tow golfers, light lunch at the turn. The second nine holes are cart, then an absolutely unbeatable steak dinner and prizes and awards at the end of the tournament.

We have been told over and over that this tournament is the most fun and best value of any that you will play. The total cost is only \$50.00 per golfer for everything. "Call Lion Richard (989) 352-7058", (see map on last page.)



Manistee Lions Club

Manistee Lions Club, White Cane/Candy Day , August 8, 2008. In order to have a successful event, we need everyone's help in taking an hour or two to stand and collect at the various locations. The hours will be from 9 am to 5 pm, so the last shift will be from 4 to 5 pm. We plan on having at least 8 locations: Oleson's (both entrances), Glens Market, K Mart Main entrance (If we get enough workers, we can do the garden entrance and the gas station), Shell Station on Cypress at First St, Kellies Hallmark, Snyder Shoes, H & K Electric. So pick a time and location where you would like to be and call me, 723 9067 or 231 690 2065. If you can take a double shift or do an hour and then take a break and do another hour it would be appreciated. The more coverage we have, the more money we will collect for our mission of serving the community. Our visibility is good for promoting Lionism also. We need all the help we can get, so if your spouse or any friends would like to help they sure would be welcome. While you meet and greet the public be aware that we need more members and invite your friends to become Lions. Lion Lorraine Conway, Chair

Mesick Lions Club

Congratulations are in order for Lion Andy Wuotila of District 11-E-1. On June 27th. Lion Wuotila was presented with the prestigious Melvin Jones Award for his exemplary years of service and dedication to his Club and the Community.



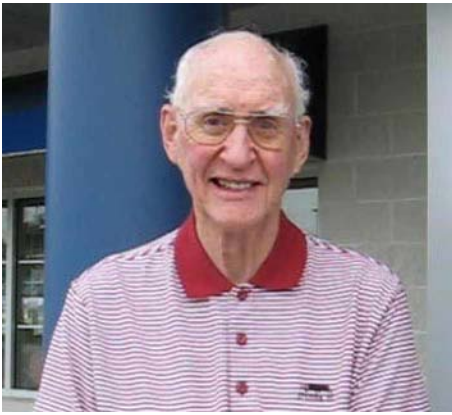
Midland Lions Club



LIONS CLUB GOLF OUTING The second annual Lions Club Golf Outing will be held on July 15 at noon. This will include a steak dinner and prizes for the players. We already have between 6-10 teams signed up. Please call some friends and get them out on the course. It is \$60 and is being played on Currie West. Let me know if I can be of any assistance. Hope to see you then. -Steve Poole



HOLE-IN-ONE The 11th annual Hole-in-One Contest is just about ready to go. The dates are July 16th thru the 25th. Members wishing to work at the site should contact Jim Dunlap and sign up for any of the open times. Like last year, letters will be sent to prior contestants reminding them of the dates in an effort to boost the number of shooters. The campaign last year was considered a success. We have prizes donated by 35 sponsors for the golfers and, as usual, prizes for the kids playing during the Family Days contest run by Al Ducham. Here's hoping for another successful year. Paul Talford / Kevin Kearney



**Mt. Pleasant Lions Club
Mt. Pleasant Lions Club Presents a
Melvin Jones Fellowship and a Ken
Lautzenheiser Award**

At its 70th Charter Night on June 2, 2008, the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club presented Lion Roy Gunderson a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Lion Roy has been a lion since 1983, and has been a leader in club activities, especially sight screening, eye glass collection and distribution, and Opening Eyes at Special Olympics as well as the annual chicken BBQ, our major



fund raiser. The club also presented Lion Ken Walker a Ken Lautzenheiser Award. Lion Ken has been a lion since 1985 and been very active in supporting public television, raising \$3-4,000 each year from members. The donations give the club advertisement on the station many times per week. Lion Ken is also a section leader for the Chicken BBQ. Lion John Scheide installed the new officers, including new King Lion Brad Fahr.

Sand Lake Lions Club Sand Lake Elementary raises \$2,500 for Lions

Sand Lake Elementary School pupils recently walked from Washington D.C. all the way to Los Angeles. The youngsters and their teachers walked 3,093 miles locally as a part of the Walk Across America community service project. Through their efforts the pupils raised more than \$2,500, For the Sand Lake Lions Club.

According to Jenette Birdsell, first-grade teacher and member of the Sand Lake Boosters, the children walked during lunch, with their classes during various times of day and durring physical education classes. The pupils and their teachers kept track of miles waled usingt a giant United States map in the gymnasium.

Phisical education instructor Rick Stoll said more than 80 percent of the pupils walked at least once during recess ans part of the program. The top walker was Adrianna Straub who walked 11 miles.

It was terrific to see so many kids enjoying there time spent walking, "he said. One unique benefit to the program was the friendship that was formed by those choosing to walk daily."

Stoll said the program was successful thanks to the efforts of the student council.

"Students in fourth and fifth grades helped set up each day and kept track of the laps walked by the students each day, "he said. "The student's self-esteem received a big boost as they were recognized for their accomplishments. Best of all the students have a better awareness of just one option to promote a healthier lifestyle while helping to raise money for a great cause."

Birdsell said the youngsters also learned though the Character Council program that citizenship matters.

"The moey raised will go toward helping others in our very own community," she said. "The Lions Club sends visually impaired children to summer camp, purchases glasses for the needy, provides fire relief for victims of house fires. They help fund Leader Dogs for the Blind, have free hearing labs, contribute to the Michigan Eye Bank, and sponsor special local events such as the Halloween party at the fire barn in Sand Lake." By Elisabeth Waldon, Greenville Daily News.

Shepherd Lions Club

Chicken BBQ on Saturday August 16th, 2008 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. For additional enjoyment there will be music provide by area blues bands. The cost of the chicken barbeque tickets are \$8.00 each to include 1/2 BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Roll, Cookie and Soft Drink. All Lions members, their family and friends are invited to attend this afternoon of fun. You may purchase your ticket in advance by contacting Kent Roth at the Shepherd Bar and Restaurant at 989-828-5434.

Sheridan Lions Club

The Sheridan Lions Club presented their 60th Annual Musical Variety Show. This major fundraiser is normally held in late April and features local area talent (including Lions talent.) A successful White Cane Drive was held in May.

The Club sponsors Boy Scout Troop 60, and supported all of the State Projects, Camp T, LCIF, Sight First II, and Project Kidsight. They also participated in the Adopt-A-Highway project.

PDG Richard Maguire

To Our Friends and Lions,

We would like to thank all of our Lions Friends for their attendance at our 50th Wedding Anniversary Party.

We enjoyed the opportunity of visiting with all of you and thank you for the gifts and cards we received.

Lion Dick and Diann Maguire

Calendar of events

July 27, 2008: Small Cabinet meeting in Ewart at District Governor Larry and Lion Gayle Morlock's home. This is just a reminder to you that need to be in attendance. If you are unable to attend, please let District Governor Larry know.

Bill Wales Golf Outing July 24th 9:00 A.M. Lakeview Lions Club Map to Brookside Golf Course.

