

Lions of Michigan

District 11-E1

“WE SERVE”



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Lions, Lioness & Leo's;

This is my last article as your governor of this great District; I would like to thank you for all of your support, prayers and hard work for this last year. This year has been a challenge in many ways. There have been low and high times, along with several very disappointing times. As you know, I try to speak my mind and tell you how it is, so today, I will do that. There are many Lions in this district who have given there all to support the organization and their communities, for this I commend you and you know who you are..... There are some Lions within this District who refuse to give up hard feelings and heal as fellow Lions and you also know who you are.....There have been many rumors put out in the District that try to destroy everything that the people who have worked so hard to accomplish their goals.

I will use one example because it was one of the latest rumors being spread because of childish feelings that they have. It has been told by these people, who I call people and not Lions that have said that the candidate for International Director whom I support whole hardly has been given a budget of \$ 25,000 for his campaign in Australia. This is a blatant lie and deception of the facts. Past Council Chair, PDG Gary Anderson has a budget, which was presented at the Lions of Michigan State Convention in May, for \$8,700. This was approved and supported by your council of Governors of the Lions of Michigan. Why can't we as Lions stop the hard feelings and precede forward and give the support that our District and Lions of Michigan and of the world need us to do. Lions Gary and Cheryl Anderson are very special and have many caring traits and there is no reason that some Lions should say hurtful things about one another. I would like to lend my full support and friendship to both of these great people for everything that they have done and will do for the Lions of this world. Good luck to both of you in the future.

Now that I have unloaded to all of you, I hope that we can draw together as a Lions family and achieve our goals that are being set by our new Governor Laura Johnson for our District. I have not achieved my goals this year as I set forth and promised the Lions of District 11-E1 that I would do. It is not because I have not tried, but due to my health issues for that six weeks and my recovery time at home. The achievements have fallen short; I will continue to work for this great District as a PDG and continue to try to draw us back together as one. I am asking Lions to forget the past and look to the future and give all of their support to the district and the Lions of Michigan. I would like to thank, all the PDG's, Vice District Governors, our Regions Chairs, Zone Chairs and all of the Lions who have supported me on my cabinet this year. I also need to thank my dear friend, love of my life, my wife and First Lady Debbie for all of her support, she is my rock. I also need to thank my son, Michael, his wife Julie and my grandson, Logan for also being there when I needed them. I could go on and on for all the friends that I have made this year and you know who you are and you will always be close to my heart. It would take many, many pages to name all of you individually, but you are all great Lions and I will also be there for you in the future. Again, all I can say again is Thank you to all who worked with me and supported me in our endeavors this year as Lions.

Your friend always,

District Governor Wayne

A Quote from District Governor Wayne Kreitner

Your call to purpose isn't necessarily about performing a specific task or being in a certain occupation. It's about sharing yourself in a creative, loving way using the skills and interests that are inherently part of you.

Dr. Wayne W. Dryer



1st VDG Laura Johnson, Husband PDG Harry Johnson
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SUMMERTIME GREETINGS!

It's hard to believe that my term as 1st Vice Governor is drawing to a close.

I would like to thank all of you that mentored, encouraged and supported me through the year. You know who you are; no need to mention names, the list would be much too long! I'm truly blessed to have a wonderful family of Lions in 11 E-1!

Although the past year had its challenges for both Governor Wayne and me, we both persevered. The challenges given to the clubs by our visits

I hope that has led them to membership growth and a better awareness of the BIG picture of Lionism in our District, the state and the world!

Now, let's talk a little about membership, the members within our clubs. Do you value each one's contribution, do you appreciate the skills and knowledge they bring to your projects? Do you acknowledge the sacrifice of time away from their families, their jobs or their other interests? We all have 24 hours in each day to work with, to use to serve others or serve ourselves.

Ask yourself if you take your fellow club members for granted. Do you compare the time you put into your club projects with those of your fellow members? I certainly hope not! Each of us has a variety of obligations that can keep us from attending meetings or working on projects. Please consider your fellow members' personal situations before becoming critical of them, or challenging their dedication as a Lion. Many a dedicated Lion has walked away from our midst due to criticism or negative comments. Let's all show our fellow members we value and appreciate the time and contributions they each give to our clubs. Send a note, give them a call or just let them know they are a valuable part of their club. In closing, I'm looking forward to working with new cabinet appointees as well as the "Eternal" Lions that never say "no" when asked to serve. It will be an exciting year as we provide our communities with the services that will strengthen and bond us all together as We Serve!

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Laura Johnson
District Governor Elect



2nd VDG John Monahan, Wife Carolyn

Mt Pleasant Lions Club

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Dear Fellow Lions,

Imagine if you were blind and could not read a newspaper or book. If you had enough money, you could buy a machine to read to you, in that awful computer voice, but many things which are not on computer, would be hard for you to get. If you did not have the money, you would have to wait for books on tape and other slow forms of transcription and reproduction of printed material, much too slow for newspaper articles and other timely information. There are many people in that condition, and if they live in the Lansing area, WKAR, MSU public broadcasting, has a radio reader service for them. WKAR has volunteers who read newspapers and books for the service. They also include the BBC world service in their programming. They broadcast 24 hours a day and reach over 2,000 listeners using the same airwaves as the other WKAR broadcasts. Through the magic of radio and single side band, their signal and information is different that the regular programming but is carried by the same airwaves. Listeners are loaned a special radio with which to listen. WKAR and its benefactors, including the Lions and Lioness Clubs of Mid-Michigan, contribute the money to purchase the special radios at about \$23 each. You can explore WKAR's Radio Reading Program at <http://wkar.org/radioreadingservice/>

I wonder whether we in District 11E-1 could piggy back on WKAR's excellent work and possibly persuade WCMU and other public broadcasting stations in our district to send the special signal over their airwaves so that people whose vision prevents them from reading can get the information that they want and need for everyday living. WKAR includes the Lansing State Journal as part of their service. Because everyone wants to know what is going on in their community, we could contribute directly, not only some of the necessary money, but also by volunteering time to read from local papers.

That seems to me to be an appropriate thing for "Knights of the Blind" to do. Further, those who always thought of themselves as having a voice for radio, rather than a face for radio like some of us, could try your talents reading on the radio.

This may be a difficult and possibly expensive program to implement. It may require large amounts of time for some Lions. Nevertheless, I think we should explore it, and I would ask anyone who is interested to contact me either at john.monahan@cmich.edu or 989-772-1852.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion John, 1st VDGE

Quote of the Month

**"Success has nothing to do with
what you gain in life or accomplish
for yourself. It's what you do for others."
*Danny Thomas***

Attention all Lions of 11-E1

Our District leadership is in the process of applying for matching funds Public Relations Grant from LCI. But we need your help! Do you have members in your Club that could help layout, design, or help build the float? We would like to put a life sized lion on it. Do you know anyone that could build a lion from plastic, paper Mache, or other such material? A large model of a world globe is another idea to place on the float. This could be a Club project to construct one of these. Our trailer is 8 1/2' X 27' with a flat surface.

This float would be available for all "Home Town Lions Clubs" in 11 E 1 to use in their local community festivals, parades, or large scale fund raising. Think of all the people that come out to watch a parade! What better ways to get the word out that Lions are serving in our local communities?

Send your replies and ideas to D.G.E. Laura at lionlaura@maxnet-usa.net or phone her at: 231-250-5357.

Looking forward to hearing from all our great Clubs in 11 E 1. Thank you all in advance,

DGE Lion Laura Johnson

Camp Tuhsmeheta

It is beginning to be a very busy season for Camp T. I have not written a whole lot about what is going on for a few months but I do want you to know we are very busy getting things around for another busy summer season. Jacalyn Paulding is our camp director this year and she has been at camp in this capacity before and does a very good job for Camp T.

Family Camp - June 11-13, 2010

Braille Camp - June 23-27, 2010

Blindness without barriers - July 5-17, 2010

Science Camp - July 18-22, 2010

Adventure Camp - July 28, to August 10, 2010

Culinary Camp - August 14-19, 2010

Prom - August 21, 2010

Music Camp - August 22-28, 2010

August 26 - Rockford Lions Club has their meeting at Camp T.

As you see, we do have a lot of things going on this summer and you can read more about it at <http://campt.org/>

May 14-16, was Gardening weekend and we have an above ground garden that is handicapped acceptable and we got everything was planted. The fresh vegetables help offset food costs at Camp T.

If there are clubs that have not made a donation this year donated to Camp T., we could use your donation. Remember that Camp T. is an 11-E1 District Project. We know times are rough, but if you have some extra funds in your treasury this year, please keep Camp T. in mind. Committee Chair: Lion Larry Alman

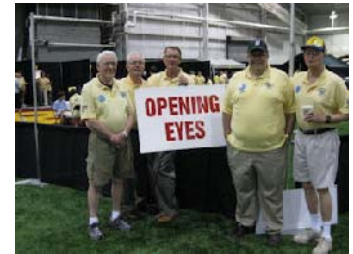


It is not too late for your Lions Club, Lioness Club to contact your Secretary of State and participate in Super Buddy Days. Contact your District Michigan Eye-Bank Chairman for more information. It is a very easy project and very rewarding. PDG Lynn Mast is Michigan Eye Bank Chairman for 11-E1 and has many sessions planned for this summer. If you have a festival and you would like a table to promote the Organ Donor Registry, please contact Lion PDG Lynn Mast.

Special Olympics in Mt Pleasant



The OPENING EYES Project was started by LCI in the spring of 1999. This test program was initiated at Mt. Pleasant, Michigan at the Summer Games for Special Olympics. Dr. Dennis Cobler from the Muskegon Northside Lions Club contacted a group of Eye Doctors from various parts of Michigan and after 2 days of complete examinations in a small crowded 10' X 20'



room, the Opening Eyes project was born. Briefly, the program begins with registration of the athlete and then a thorough 14 station eye examination much like the one you would receive at an eye doctor. The only difference is that if the Olympian requires eyewear, either sport or dress, it is made up on the spot and within just a few hours, the athlete is fitted and can continue on with their event. There have been many "Special Moments" that have been shared with the team and many a grateful and proud Lions Club member who has participated in this worthwhile event. Our team of volunteers has approximately 20-25 Lions members from across the State each year. To date, there has been approximately 12 Million dollars contributed by the LCI Foundation. The Opening Eyes project is now Worldwide and numerous athletes can now see better, thanks to the efforts of Lions members throughout the world like you and I. By the way, the pictures were taken just 2 weeks ago at the indoor football practice field at Central Michigan University. Wow, have we ever grown!! **Yes WE SERVE!**

PDG Harry Johnson

Lions of Michigan Service Foundation

24th Annual Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes Winners: Total tickets sales for this year's raffle exceeded \$90,000 of which nearly half will be awarded to participating Lion and Lioness Clubs for their local sight and hearing projects. The John S. Noel Fellowships for the most sales by a club and the most sales by a district will go to the Oscoda Lions Club who sold 657 tickets and the District 11-E2 Lions who sold 2,262 tickets. The AuGres Lions Club was 2nd in highest sales by a club with 233 tickets, and the District 11-E1 Lions was the 2nd highest selling district at 963 tickets. I want to thank all the clubs in District 11-E1 for making the 2010 Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes the best ever.

Appreciatively yours,
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Arcadia Lions Club

Madalyn Harvey, daughter of Kirk and Kristine Harvey of Arcadia, was presented a check for \$1,000 from the Arcadia Lions Club to help her participate in the trip of a lifetime experience as a flutist in the International Northern Winds tour of Germany and Denmark June 18-July 10. The money was earned through the efforts of Madalyn and some of her classmates from Onekama High School as they worked with members of the Arcadia Lions Club to prepare and serve a pancake breakfast for the community. The band is sponsored by the Blue Lake fine arts camp and conducted by renowned music educator Joseph Dobos.

Madalyn, a member of the Onekama High School Band has worked for the past year to raise the money to participate in the program. The check from the Arcadia Lions provided the final funds required.

June 11-18 will be a week of intensive rehearsals to prepare the repertoire for the concerts to be performed in two towns in Denmark and five villages in Germany. Students will be transported by bus and be housed with local families. They will have a memorable musical as well as social experience.



Arcadia King Lion, Rick Jones in presenting the check, expressed the pride that the Lions and the Arcadia community have in Madalyn and wished her Bon Voyage.

Big Rapids Lions Club

The Big Rapids Lions Club held our White Cane sale May 1 and 2. We operated the Ferris Concessions stand at the recent GLIAC conference track meet. We also held a successful spaghetti dinner.

We presented two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors from Big Rapids High School at the recent awards night.

Cadillac Lions Club

On June 1st the Cadillac Lions Club held it's significant other/institution of new officers night which coincided with the governors official visit to the Cadillac Club for the year, visitors in attendance were District Governor Wayne Kreitner, First Lady Lion Debbie Kreitner, 1st VDG Elect John Monahan and finishing up his year on the road 1st Zone Chair Lion "Lil" Pete Stevens.

After acting president Lion Matt Gibson concluded the opening ceremonies (Pledge & Prayer) ZC Lion Tim Anderson was asked to introduce the guests. ZC Lion Tim paused at this time to happily present Governor Wayne with a little surprise, his long-long overdue Certified Guiding Lions Certificate and letter of welcome into the program. The Governor completed the course with ZC Lion Tim several years ago but for some reason had never received his certification until tonight.

After dinner the meeting was turned over to the Governor and at that time he presented Immediate Past President Lion Dennis Hyzer with the President's Award for last year and congratulated Lion Dennis for being only 1 of 4 presidents that earn this honor.

Next 16 year old Grant Harper was recognized by the District Governor and was presented with a certificate declaring him an "Honorary Lion" for his work within the Cadillac Club and the community, Grant has voluntarily and gladly worked every fundraiser, marched in every parade, and attended every club event over the past 7 years. Grants parents are Lion's Christina & Tim Anderson and they are very proud of their son.

The Governor then swore in 1 new member new, Lion Jennifer Fredrick and ZC Lion Tim swore in 1 new "Cub" her daughter Tyler Fredrick, age 3 making a total of 5 cubs within the Cadillac club now. 1st VDG Elect John Monahan did an excellent job installing the new club officers by explaining each of their duties and responsibilities for the coming year.



Pictured at left: Grant Harper receiving his certificate for all his fine work from District Governor Wayne Kreitner.

The Governor then spoke about the state of the district and the direction its heading and thanked the Cadillac Lions for all they do in the name of Lionism. At that point the meeting was turned back over to newly installed "King Lion" Matt Gibson and the club preceded to honor 2 of its own with "Lion of the Year" Awards Lion Carl Daily for his work as Chairman on White Cane and Lion Bill Shier for his many years as Sight

Chairman.

Cedar/Maple City Lions Club



King Lion Rob Serbin awarded three scholarships (\$500.00 ea.) from the Cedar/Maple City Lions Club to three Glen Lake High School students. We do this every year. Photo left to right: King Lion Rob Serbin, Brent Garvin, and Marie Noonan & Kaley Pleva.

Coleman Lions Club

May was very busy for our members. We spent 2 days with our concession wagon at Yoder's Amish Auction. Unfortunately our profits were down compared with other years. But we had fun and sold a few cash raffle tickets! Several members also parked cars at a Loons game in Midland and then attended the game! A new fundraising opportunity for us is a Bennigan's day. We select a day, hand out coupons to friends and family and get 20% of sales from the coupons. June 14 will be our third time doing this. It doesn't bring in a lot of money, but every little bit helps and we have fun going to lunch together! Thanks to Lions in the Midland area who have helped us out by eating at Bennigan's on those days! We appreciate your support! Our club will be selling hot dogs, polish dogs, popcorn and strawberry shortcake on June 11 & 12 in Coleman at the annual car show. Come see us there and enjoy the good food! We will also be selling our cash raffle tickets, \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Crystal Lions Club

CRYSTAL LIONS CLUB BENEFIT RACES BEGIN WITH "KIDS FREE" NIGHT ON JUNE 2

Our annual Crystal Lions Club Benefit Races start in June (see schedule below) at the Crystal Motor Speedway. Starting our first race night with "Kids Night" (children ages 5-11 **FREE**, accompanied by an adult). The Lions Benefit races offer reduced prices (\$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 5-11) and an evening of family filled fun.

It is projects like these and our annual Fruit Sale in November that raise the funds necessary to allow us to assist those in need and be involved in the other projects aiding our community. Our gratitude and thanks goes to the area businesses and community members that are always there to support us.

**Gates Open- 5PM ...Time Trails- 6 PM...Races- 7 PM
Pro Stock-Pro Truck-IMCA Modified-Hobby Stock-4 Cylinders & Flinn Stock
(Flinn Stock – stock 4 cylinder front-wheel drive)
Adult \$5.00 - Children (ages 5-11) \$3.00 - Pit Pass \$25.00**

Our proceeds benefit the community through the many services provided by the Crystal Lions Club

WEDNESDAY'S

JUNE 2, 2010 Kids Night- 11 & under Free, accompanied by an Adult.

JUNE 9, 2010

JUNE 16, 2010

JUNE 23, 2010

JUNE 30, 2010

JULY 14, 2010

**Our thanks to the Community and to
Crystal Motor Speedway for your continued support.**

Fremont Lions Club



Fremont Lions 50th Anniversary Party was held at The Shack Country Inn on Monday, June 7th. Sponsored by the Hesperia Lions Club 50 years ago, it was nice to see 3 of their members as well as several other Lion Clubs represented. We had several guests including PID Lion Dennis Cobbler and his wife Kathleen, District Governor Wayne Kreitner & First Lady Lion Debbie, PDG Larry Morlock and his wife Lion Gayle, Fremont Lions Club Charter Member Max Hamilton and his wife Arletta. Lion Ron Gibson was our Master of Ceremonies and he also received a Lions of Michigan Service Foundation Ken Lautzenheiser Award.

Greenville Lions Club

April 18, the Greenville Lions Club worked at the Yellow Jacket Challenge which is a 5K run, 15k run and a walk and a kids run for elementary students was held on the track. King Lion Rodney Roy was one of the runners and our secretary Don Veitengruber walked the path. Many Lions from the club served treats and drinks after they came back from an exhausting walk or run. This is the third year for us to participate. The proceeds of this event support the Greenville Education Foundation of Greenville.

The picture on the left is District Governor Wayne & First Lady Debbie with the school mascot, Yellow Jacket.

The picture on the right is our King Lion Rod on the right and Secretary Lion Don on the left, after their participation.



Harrison Lions Club

Harrison Lions will be presenting a Harrison high school student with a \$1,000 scholarship. The Harrison Lionesses will present two high school seniors with \$500 scholarships. The Lions sold glow necklaces, water and ice cream at the Memorial Day Demo Derby. The members will be serving breakfast for the 4th of July and are planning to construct a float for the parade. The Harrison Lions have just taken on the responsibility of cleaning a two mile stretch of highway M61 and are continuing to offer Bingo games to the community every week.

Mecosta Lions Club



The Mecosta Lions Club took part in Mecosta's Memorial Day Parade. Displaying their Lion made by Lion Nancy Lepkowski, candy was passed out to the waiting children along the parade route.

President Lee Thomas of the Mecosta Lions Club delivered over 100 used pairs of glasses to the Ferris State University Optometry Department. Dean Michael T. Cron, O.D. was pleased to receive the donation. These glasses are processed by volunteers and delivered all over the world by FSU staff and volunteers each year.

Kaleva Lions Club

Greetings Fellow Lions; Kaleva Lions are having a steak dinner June 12th. At our Den from 5 to 7, free will offering will take place. Menu is Grilled steak, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Rolls and Home Made Ice Cream on Strawberry shortcake. Kaleva Lions Motorcycle Poker Run is on July 10th 12:00 P.M. Sign up; Run at 1pm. from Kaleva Roadside Park, 100 mile run of scenic countryside. The run ending at Shay's Chop House for food and drinks. First Place Prize is \$100.00 and lots of other prizes. Call Lion Brian at Acme Vintage Motorcycles, 231-477-5299 for more information. Everyone is always welcome for the Lions Pancake Breakfast each Sunday 8:00 A.M. until noon. Also, Fresh Pasties are made every Thursday 8:00A.M. To 12:00 noon.

Midland Lions Club

The club moved into the new Midland Country Club on May 18, for a Social/Awards Night. Club members just completed their White Cane project in May and are working on their Chicken BBQ to be held July 17, and their 10 day Hole in One contest, July 14-23. The club has a new member, who will be inducted in early July. The Midland Club is presenting \$1,000 scholarships to two students at Ferris State University. One of the requirements for the scholarship is that the student is enrolled in an eye care curriculum.

Mt Pleasant Lions Club

The club sold 4,700 tickets for their Chicken BBQ which was held in May. About 150 members, friends, Sea Cadets and Band members helped work the event. Their 71st Charter Night will be held on June 14. About a dozen Lions will work the Opening Eyes at Central Michigan University as part of the Michigan Special Olympics.

Sanford Lions Club

Club members have been busy helping to plan the Sanford Freedom festival to be held on June 25-27. The club will be selling hot dogs, ice cream, and strawberry shortcake. The Hearing Lab will be at the Festival on Saturday, June 26.