



# DISTRICT LIONS 11 E1

**JUNE 2015**

**NEW MEMBERS  
96**

## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

District Governor Pete and Lion  
Mary Lou



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Lions,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as District Governor this year. It has been a privilege to meet so many dedicated and inspiring Lions, "Who Serve", giving of so much of their time and talent. Thank you for the efforts that you have made to grow membership and create stronger clubs and Zones. New members are the life blood of Lionism. Your initiatives and actions will make your clubs more appealing to new members. We won't know the winner of the Governor's Challenge (bring in the most members by June 1<sup>st</sup>) for several days, yet. I will notify that club when the results are in. However, we still need about 34 new members to reach our goal of 130 by June 30.

We can do it! Just Ask! The Governor's Book Proposal, "that we give a book to every child that we screen in Sight First" has gotten off the ground and more clubs are getting involved or will in the future. Reports that I have received from clubs indicate that we have given out approximately 700 books this year. The children have loved them. We have gotten great feedback. Lions Clubs International Foundation is in need of your support. The crisis around the world (Nepal and the flooding in the U.S., etc.) have placed great demands on the Foundation. To date, 20 of our clubs have actively participated in donations to LCIF. If you can help with a small donation it would be appreciated by Lions all over the world.

Congratulations to Crossroads Lions Club. They were one of the top sellers of MI Lions Foundation raffle tickets.

A special THANK YOU to all of our District Officers, Zone Chairs, District Committee Chairs, and club officers. It takes a team to run a District. You made it happen.

**LIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

DG Pete

# DISTRICT 11 E1 NEWSLETTER



## AWARDS



### ONEKAMA LIONS CLUB

DGE Pam Schroeder assists DG Pete in pinning the Unsung Hero Award on Lion Shannon Shull. Lion John Martuch was awarded the Friendship Award.



### ARCADIA LIONS

Lions Sue and Gary Peterson were awarded the Unsung Hero award for outstanding contributions to their club. Lions Sue and Gary were married earlier this year during an Arcadia Lions Bridge Walk.

## DGE PAM SCHROEDER & PDG DAN GIBBONS



We are at the end of another great Lions year. Now that the officer trainings are about done, a big thank you to the clubs that came for training.

A huge Thank You goes out to our trainers, they worked hard for you, and were on the road once a week doing the trainings. I will send information to the clubs that were unable to attend a training. If your club needs help with anything do not hesitate to get in touch with one of the officers, we are willing to help in any way we can.

Everyone is invited to attend the first Cabinet meeting of the year, on July 18th at 9:30 a.m. It will be held at the Onekama Lions Den at the Manistee County Fair grounds. Lunch will be served, so it would be good to have a count of how many are coming. Give DGE Pam a call at 231/889-4870 with the number that will be attending.

I am ready to set my calendar up so call and let me know when you would like me to visit your club. I will be visiting all the clubs in the district.

I am really anxious to meet all of the great, hardworking members of District 11 E 1!  
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## 1<sup>ST</sup> VDGE RON & BARBARA GIBSON



My wife, Barb and I spent Memorial Day with friends in Sterling Heights. The parade route was lined with American Flags, which reminded me of Fremont, where I live. Our Lions Club has been putting up flags, over 100 now, all along Main Street for many years. It is a club project but also a way to remember and honor our service men and women. These people put country and others before themselves as they help to preserve the freedoms that we enjoy, Our Lions Code of Ethics also encourages us to put others first when we help meet needs in the communities, we call home. As Lions we need to remember so many in our clubs who are no longer with us but because of their commitment and dedication we carry on an almost 100 year tradition of service. Let me encourage you to make a positive impact where you live.  
Lion Ron

## MICHIGAN LIONS FOUNDATION

The Foundation thanks the Lions in District 11E1 for their support – donations, buying and selling raffle tickets, and supporting the trip program. The Foundation has been able to provide 29 eye operations, 335 hearing aids, 340 Sight First screenings -11,000 children have been screened, and 1200 eye problems were detected. District 11 E1 Board Members are 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Ron Gibson and PDG Bill Simpson. Contact them if you have questions.

**IPDG TIM ANDERSON  
2013-14  
OUTSTANDING  
MICHIGAN LIONS  
DISTRICT  
GOVERNOR OF THE  
YEAR**

At the MD 11 State Lions Convention on May 16, our IPDG Tim Anderson was awarded the 2013-14 Outstanding Governor of the Year Award. Lion Tim had a plus 66 new Lions during his term as District 11 E1 Governor.

CONGRATULATIONS  
IPDG Tim! We are proud!



**11 E1 DISTRICT JUNE CALENDAR  
AND MORE**

**Thursday, June 4, Club Officer Training Reg. 3,  
Zone 1 - Stanton, Brickyard Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, June 17, Zone Chairs Training**

Big Boy Restaurant in Cadillac – 6:00 p.m.

**June 26 – 30, International Lions Convention, Hawaii**

**July 18, District 11 E1 Cabinet Meeting,**

Onekama Lions Den – 9:30 a.m.

**August 1, 2015 - LMSF Hall of Fame Dinner (11 E1's PDG Harry  
Johnson will be installed) Causeway Bay Hotel, Lansing**

**August 22, DG Pete's Appreciation Dinner at the  
Midland Country Club, Midland, MI**

**September 17-19, US/CANADA Forum, Grand Rapids.**

**September 26, District 11 E1 Fall Conference, in White Cloud**

**November 13 -15, Michigan Lions Institute – Higgins Lake**

**February 27, 2016, Lions of Michigan Forum – Causeway Bay  
Hotel in Lansing**



**ARCADIA LIONS**  
Lion Andy Barbera receives  
the Friendship Award from  
DG Pete.



**PIN TRADERS**

Pin trading is a hobby but also an activity at all of our Lions events - conventions, fall conferences, etc. District 11 E1 is one of the leaders in the field. Three of the four officers hail from our area – Lions Bill Simpson, President; Peg Walls, secretary, Tim Anderson, Treas. Interested? Contact an officer.

**BIG RAPIDS LION  
PRESENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

Each year, the Big Rapids Lions Club awards two (2) Donley Scholarships to highly qualified candidates from the Big Rapids Schools. Richard C. Donley was a long time educator, a Superintendent of Big Rapids Public Schools, and a Charter Member of the Big Rapids Lions Club. This year, the selection process was challenging, with 10 applications from highly qualified students. The winners were Gina Weaver and Zachary Frederick, shown accepting their \$1,000 scholarship checks from Lions Bruce Fredrick and Rick Horst.



## Michigan's MD 11 and District 10 District Governors

Michigan's District Governor's pose at the MD 11 Convention with wall hangings that depict each Governor's District and their name as a gift from Gov. Barbara Durflinger from District E2



## ARCADIA LIONS WIN TOP FLOAT

Arcadia entered their float in the Mesick Mushroom Festival parade on May 9. They won the top float prize. Congratulations to the float workers, Ryan Mckenna, Dan Macek and Sue and Gary Peterson.



At a recent Arcadia meeting, District Governor Pete presented the Arcadia Lions a certificate for 45 years of service to their community. He also honored a number of Lions for their years of service and recruiting Lions.



## Lions Clubs International

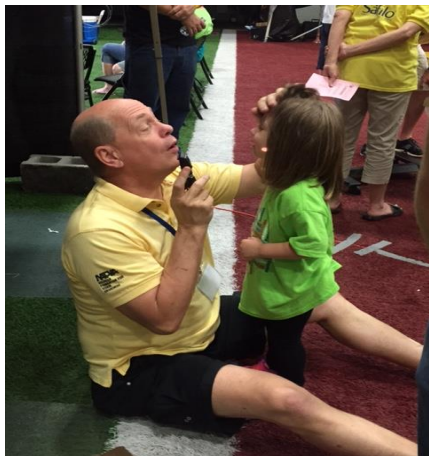
Did you know that since the ***Involve a U.S. Veteran*** pilot program began in 2013, over 90% of veterans who joined a Lions Club are still involved with their club? May is Military Appreciation Month. Show your support by inviting veterans to participate in your club activities, such as your next club meeting or next service project.

The ***Involve a U.S. Veteran*** program waives the charter or entrance fee for any qualifying veteran who joins a new or existing Lions club. Eligible veterans include retired U.S. military personnel or honorably-discharged members of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard Services, Marines, National Guard, Navy or Reserves. Those currently serving in the National Guard or Reserves are also eligible. This special pilot program is offered only in the United States.

Visit the [Involve a U.S. Veteran](#) Web page to learn more about this special program. You can download a fact sheet, promotional flyer, certification form and a sample press release to help promote your Lions club.

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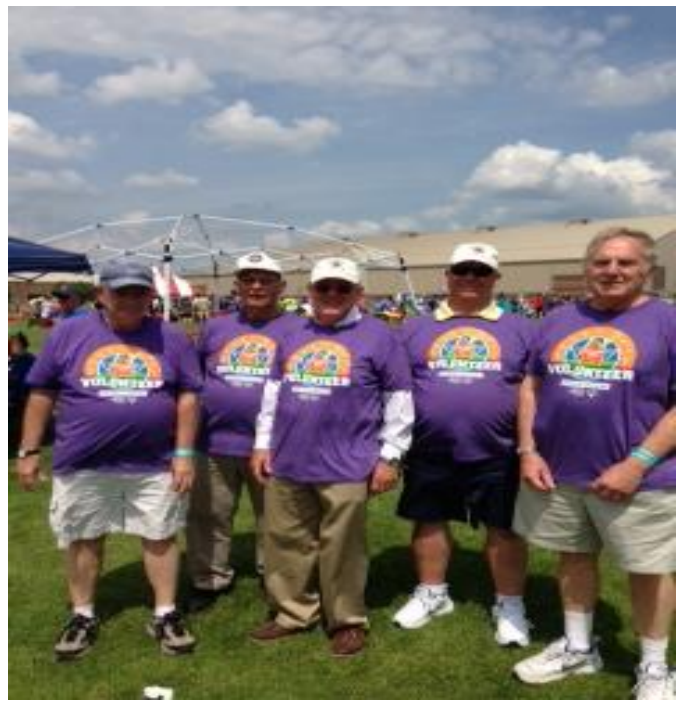
Open Eyes / Special Olympics  
CMU – MAY 28-30



Michigan's Past International Director, Gary Anderson, checks a young child's eyes at the Open Eyes Event.

## EVER SIGHT EYE BANK

The newly named Ever Sight eye Bank (formerly The Midwest Eye Bank) has had an outstanding year of helping those in need. In 2014, 200 clients donated the gift of sight. In Michigan, 1,013 clients received their sight back with transplants. This year Michigan Lions have donated \$98,000 to Ever Sight. The organization has performed 86,000 hours of service to clients and fitted 46,940 pair of glasses.



## District 11 E1 Lions Participate in Special Olympics/ Open Eyes

Lions from approximately seven District Clubs participated in the Special Olympics Program at Central Michigan University. The event is divided into two sections, Open Eyes to check the eye sight of participants and provide glasses, if needed, and the track and field events where the Olympians competed for awards. Approximately 35 of our District Lions participated in these two events representing Coleman, Empire, Luther, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, Onokama, and Sheridan Lions Clubs. Zone 1, Region 2 is working to make this an annual Zone event.



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## BALDWIN LIONS



Baldwin Lions Club recently held their biggest fundraiser at the Baldwin Blessing of the Bikes. Lion members sold water, key chains, bottle holders, kick stand pads and the official Blessing pin. The event netted the club just under \$5,000 in 6 hours. This has been a fundraiser for the club for 25 years. Picture on the right: Lion Barb Brown selling items (Barb is a transfer from Escanaba's Rock Lions Club) Picture on the left: Lion Cub Sam Wynn, Baldwin President Wava Thomas, and Lion Lexie Thomas (Wava's granddaughter) work the Baldwin White Cane Drive.



**LIONS PIN TRADING CLUB**  
The MI Lions Pin trading Club held a swap meet at the beginning of May. PDG Jim Walls worked very hard to auction pins. At the MD 11 Convention in Holland a check was given to the Pendrickton Center by Pin Trader President PDG Bill Simpson. The check was in the amount of \$2,390.

Pictured above left to right: DGE Jim Leach Jr.; Past Board President of Pendrickton, Dick Maxwell; and Pin Trader President PDG Bill Simpson.

**MIDLAND LIONS**  
Midland's Lion Mike Hoy, was in a motorcycle accident at 18 years old. It left him blind and with physical problems. Lion Mike has been an outstanding Leader in the Midland Club. He has been president, attends Zone meetings, and is involved in every activity of the Midland Club. He was awarded a Presidential Appreciation Award at the March District Convention for his Leadership. In the picture to the right, Lion Mike is making a presentation to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Carpenter Elementary School on leadership and coping with blindness. Traits that he needs as a leader to cope with blindness are a positive attitude, overcoming adversity, perseverance, commitment and excellence.



Thank You for Making A Difference – You all have been super to work with.  
DG Pete

