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March



**DRIVING TO A NEW
 CENTURY OF
 SERVICE**



DG RON GIBSON'S MESSAGE

Our annual District Convention is March 31-April 1 at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City. This is our third year there and the hotel and community are wonderful hosts to us. I hope you will spend all or at least part of the convention with us. The schedule is about the same as last year with Friday night being casual and fun and bringing zones together in a challenge to teach us more about our first 100 years in Lionism. Saturday will have our memorial service, breakout learning session opportunities, luncheon with re-induction of new members, business meeting with election of officers plus an important ballot issue and, finally, our banquet and awards ceremony. The ballot issue is explained later in the newsletter but is a proposal to merge our District 11 E1, with District 11 E2. It has implications on our future as Lions in Michigan and we have the opportunity to decide how bold we want to be. Mergers create the opportunity for added growth and leadership. Each club has been sent a letter highlighting some of the pros and cons of such a merger. From those who have gone through it before, success depends in large part on the attitude of members being willing to change and adjust. Our vote on Saturday afternoon will be conveyed to District 11 E2, who holds their convention April 28-29. Please contact me this month with questions you may have. Club delegates will be voting on this. I look forward to seeing you at the Convention.
 DG RON



VDG
PEGGY WALLS
MESSAGE

Thought I would just remind all clubs to send in their new officers as soon as possible. Also, include a membership chairman. There is still time to do legacy projects, but remember the greatest legacy any of us could leave to our community is a strong and thriving club. A club can only thrive if new members are added. Make an extra effort this month to ask another to join your club. Looking forward to seeing as many as possible at the District convention.

1st VDG Peg

HOW DO CLUBS GAIN NEW MEMBERS?? (Your District Editor recently posed this question to all of our clubs. Below and to the right are responses from two clubs)

This is just a quick note on gaining new members. Believe it or not, what the Arcadia Lions Club has discovered is that simply asking someone to join is remarkably effective. I know that sounds rather obvious, but if you don't ask, they can't say "Yes". Also, invite folks, especially locals, to be involved in your various projects. That's another great way to reach out, and bring in new folks.

Jamie Rich, President
Arcadia Lions Club



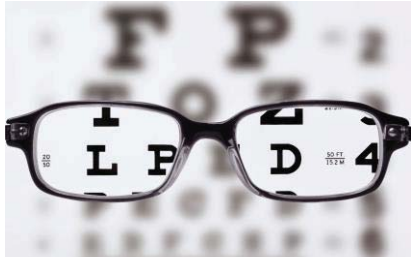
**MICHIGAN
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LIONS**



**MARCH
DISTRICT 11
E1CALENDAR**

- March 1, Ash Wednesday
- March 8, DG visits Lakeview
- March 12, Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 13, DG visits Barryton
- March 17, St. Patrick's Day
- March 20, DG visits Stanwood
- March 20, First Day of Spring
- March 25, University of Michigan Campus Club Charter Luncheon
- March 28, DG visits Mesick
- March 31-April 1, District Convention, Park Place, Traverse City**

We recently gained two new members because we talked about the "big picture". We talked about Helen Keller and the Knights of Darkness, our district projects as well as local projects. We have a board in our Den that shows how much we have contributed to District Projects and Local Projects. We showed that the Kaleva Lions are not just a group that makes the best Pasties in the world, and have a dinner meeting twice a month, we are a part of something much bigger, most people don't realize this. I think it is important not to overwhelm new members with too much to do and too many projects. New members are looking for social and service activities. Karla Kasten – Kaleva Lions



DISTRICT 11 E1 2018 EYE GLASS MISSION TRIP - UPDATE

We have acquired 2 lensometers from IPDG Dennis Cobler for grading eyeglasses. The Luther Lions have graciously let us use a portion of their Clubhouse to sort, clean, grade and pack eyeglasses for one day or evening a week. We are now asking Lions Clubs around the District to bring their donated eyeglasses to the District 11 E1 Convention in Traverse City. PDG Harry Johnson and or the Luther Lions will pick them up to start processing eyeglasses for the upcoming Lions Eyeglass Mission trip. Any Lions club member and or spouse can participate in this humanitarian project. There are a few more details to work out but it looks like we are on target for the winter of 2018 to go on our first mission trip. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (231) 745-4524 or lionharry1947@gmail.com. With your help, we can all make someone in another part of the world able to have the gift of sight.

Harry Johnson PDG



**District 11 E1
2017-18 Convention
Will be held in Midland,
Michigan at the H Hotel
April 6 & 7, 2018
Details available at 2017
Convention**

MIDLAND LION LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Midland's Leadership Midland Alumni Association presented Lion Karl leuter the Midland Leader of the Year Award. Lion Karl is the Chair of Camp Fishtails for handicapped Children in Pinconning and turned the camp from closing to an active camp for 100 children to participate at this last summer. The community has stepped forward to help the camp.



CADILLAC LIONS

The Cadillac Lions made a donation to the employees of a popular local restaurant that burned to the ground in January, the Frosty Cup. There were 15 employees without jobs instantly. The Cadillac Lions donated \$1500 to the devastated group of newly unemployed victims of the fire. The group came to our meeting on February 21 to thank the Cadillac Lions for helping them in their time of need. The Cadillac Lions also recently donated \$4,000.00 to Diabetes Research and Awareness and the local free clinic for supplies for needy people with Diabetes. The Cadillac Lions will celebrate their 75th anniversary in 2018.



BALDWIN LIONS ADD NEW MEMBERS

District Governor Ron Gibson had a busy night during his official visit to the BALDWIN Lions Club. He present Lion Deb Wilkinson with her 15 year membership chevron, and gave Lion Sue Jones a membership key award for her outstanding job recruiting new members!

The highlight was the installation of two new members Lions Dave and Heather McMullen, who recently retired in the area.

ONEKAMA LIONS TO CELEBRATE GOLDEN

The Onekama Lions will be celebrating 50 years as a Lions Club in May. We hope you will save the date and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. We still have five charter members with us. Mark your calendar - May 13th, 2017, Onekama Lions Den.



SILENT AUCTION

Convention is soon approaching. It is time to get your auction items together. The auction helps to keep the costs of the convention down. There will NOT be a Credit Card Machine this year so be sure to bring cash and checks.

Club Presidents be sure to bring your items collected from the club members to convention. If you are not going and have items to donate get them to PDG Pam Schroeder before March 27th, and she will get them to the convention for you.



Big Rapids Lions Conduct Eye Screenings

Big Rapids Lions Club members were joined by White Cloud Lion Bill Koch and Hart Lion Jim Evans to conduct eye screenings through Project KidSight at two locations in the Big Rapids area. Six local members participated, three of whom are recent new members. The screening of 42 pre-school children at Eastwood Early Childhood Center resulted in 5 children being referred for an eye exam by an eye care professional. At the Stanwood location which only houses pre-school and head start programs, 26 children were screened with 2 referred for an eye exam. The Big Rapids Lions Club is planning to continue providing eye screenings at the upcoming Community Expo in April and at other locations upon request.

Shown presenting results sheets to school personnel - Lion Kim Davila, Lion Club President Jim Chipman, Doug Beemer representing the schools, Lion Wendy Fowler and Lion Sam Ventocilla .



2nd VDG
AL ROESLER'S
MESSAGE

A wise person once said “laughter is the best medicine”. I believe most of us would agree with that statement based on just a gut feeling. That is what I believed until I had the opportunity to participate in a presentation by Lion Cheryl Schneider at the Lions of Michigan Forum this February. Cheryl has 47 years of experience as a nurse, and is a certified Therapeutic Laugh Leader and Health Coach. She pointed out that 80% of chronic illness is caused by stress. Laughing reduces four stress hormones in your body. And there is more! It boosts T-cells, strengthening your immune system. It releases natural endorphins, ounce for ounce more powerful than morphine in reducing pain. It slows cellular decay, thus slowing the aging process. It increases not only your blood’s oxygen level, but your HDL (good cholesterol) as well. In addition to the physical effects laughing relives depression, lowers anxiety and irritation, and improved relationships. What’s not to like? What would happen if at every Lions meeting we had a good laugh? Would it strengthen our organization? Would it make it easier to attract new members? Would we find more satisfaction in being a Lion? I believe that these just scratch the surface of the benefits to Lions clubs of promoting laughter at meetings. The responsibility cannot belong to the Tail Twister alone. It must be a group effort. When I visit clubs I can see some are skilled at having a good time and others are very serious in going about their business. I would encourage each club to look for ways to lighten up their meeting with more laughter, and see if it makes a difference.



Lions Club in Cornwall Ontario, great hospitality and a great breakfast! There were Lions from Cornwall Ontario, Quebec Ontario, Ingersoll Ontario, and Michigan plus riders from New York and Texas. Second picture is a trail stop in scenic Vermont.



**Lions of Michigan Centennial Celebration
Snowmobile ride for Diabetes Research**

In May of 2016, the Council of Governors voted to support and endorse two rides celebrating the Lions Centennial. A summer ride on motorcycles and an extreme snowmobile ride in the winter raising funds for the American Diabetes Association for research.

The motorcycle ride through Northern Michigan started in Cadillac on July 30, 2016 and went all the way to Munising, traveling 1200 miles and raising \$4,600.00 for Diabetes Research and Awareness.

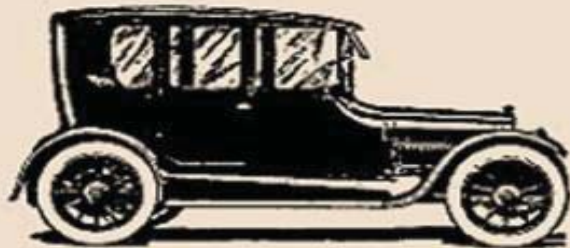
On February 11, 2017, the riders of the MichCanSka snowmobile club trailered their snowmobiles to Lincoln Maine (nearly 1,000 miles). They were greeted by a blizzard that was dropping snow at a rate of 4 inches per hour! The town was virtually closed down. The group was snowbound for 2 days. The ride took the group through Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York and up in to Ontario crossing at Cornwall where the local Lions Club treated them to a fantastic breakfast. Help us reach our goal for diabetes by donating on line at www.michcanska.com and enjoy the video.

**INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF SERVICE
MARCH 25 TO MARCH 31, 2017**

Lions Club International is encouraging Lions Clubs to join with another service group to organize a project to benefit your community. Create personal bonds and friendship with community members.

You are cordially invited to
attend the

97th Annual Lions
MD 11 State
Convention



FRIDAY & SATURDAY

MAY 18-19

2017



GREAT WOLF
LODGE
TRAVERSE CITY

COMPLETE DETAILS
COMING SOON!



THURSDAY PICNIC

LCI GUEST SPEAKER
PID HAYNES TOWNSEND

Welcome Reception
Awards Breakfast
Awards Dinner

RSVP

WE LOOK
FORWARD TO
CELEBRATING
WITH YOU



Lions Centennial International Convention MICHIGAN NIGHT



Sunday, July 2, 2017
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Join your fellow Michigan Lions for an entertaining evening at

Limited to 100 reservations please register today!



Tommy Gun's is Chicago's longest running interactive dinner show, featuring gangsters, flappers and You!

Your evening will include your choice of the following:
(please make a selection)

Prime Rib, Lasagna (meat or meatless), Boneless Chicken Breast (lemon herb sauce or mushroom sauce), Soup or Salad, Vegetable, Potato, Dessert and Coffee, Tea or Soft Drink. Cash bar available.

The cost for show, dinner, tax and gratuity is \$57.00 per person.

Tommy Gun's is located at 2114 S. Wabash Ave., just one half mile walk or short taxi or bus ride from the Hyatt McCormick Place Hotel (Michigan delegation hotel).

Join us for a fun-filled Michigan night!

Please complete the registration form below and mail with check payable to

LIONS OF MICHIGAN to:
PDG Bill Simpson
706 River St.
Big Rapids, MI 49307

Names of Attendees _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

\$57.00 x _____ (# of registrants) = \$ _____

Entrée choice(s) _____

Reservation deadline is March 2, 2017



M E M O

TO: All Clubs in District 11E1

FROM: District Governor Ron Gibson, ronald.gibson47@icloud.com,
16 E. Pine St., Fremont, MI 49412 (H-231-924-0126) (C-231-414-7581)

SUBJECT: District 11E1 Convention, March 31 & April 1, 2017, Traverse City Park Place

DATE: February 24, 2017

- ❖ The Cabinet meeting will be held at the Park Place at 4:00 p.m. Friday, March 31st. Everyone welcome to attend.
- ❖ The Parade of Club Banners will be at 7:00 p.m. Friday night for opening ceremony. Banners will be on display all weekend.
- ❖ Election of Region Chairs will be held by each Region after the Business Meeting & Delegate Voting.
 - To be elected Region Chair the Lion must be an active member in good standing in the region
 - must have served as President of a Lions Club
 - must have served as a member of the Board of Directors of a Club for no less than two (2) additional years
 - Short summary of responsibilities of the Region Chairperson:
 - the Region Chair is subject to the supervision and direction of the District Governor
 - shall be the chief administrative officer in the region
 - shall supervise the activities of the Zone Chairpersons
 - shall play an active role in strengthening clubs in coordination with District GMT and District GLT
 - expected to visit clubs
 - must attend all Cabinet Meetings
 - expected to attend the District Convention.

Region 1 Clubs: Lion members from Arcadia, Bear Lake, Cedar-Maple City, Empire, Frankfort, Honor, Kaleva, Kingsley, Lake Ann, Manistee, Mesick, Northport, Onekama and Traverse City will take nominations from the floor during the Region 1 Meeting then vote to elect their Region Chair.

Region 2 Clubs: Lion members from Baldwin, Barryton, Big Rapids, Cadillac, Chippewa Lake/Mecosta, Coleman, Ewart, Harrison, Lakeview, Luther, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, Remus, Shepherd, Stanwood, Vestaburg and Weidman will take nominations from the floor during the Region 2 Meeting then vote to elect their Region Chair.

Region 3 Clubs: Lion members from Carson City, Crystal, Edmore, Fremont, Hart, Howard City, Greenville, Newaygo, Sand Lake, Sheridan, Stanton and White Cloud will take nominations from the floor during the Region 3 meeting then vote to elect their Region Chair.

- ❖ Saturday afternoon Business Meeting on April 1st with Delegates voting to Elect 2017-2018 Governor, 1st Vice Governor, 2nd Vice Governor, Lions of Michigan Trustee plus voting on the proposed merger of District 11E1 with District 11E2
 - Pro – Advantages of Merging:
 - Because we would have the International requirement of over 1,250 members our Governor would have increased prestige and status at International level
 - Governor's spouse would be funded fully for the International Convention for the schooling and training of Governor-elect's
 - Increased opportunities for leadership development (Region Chairs)
 - Better pricing options for the District Conventions

- Financial savings for both the Lions of Michigan and the International level by funding one Governor instead of two Governors for the training meetings, the State Council meetings, International and State Conventions.
- We are attempting to choose our own path of correction for our membership. If we wait for the State to offer a plan to correct the low memberships our District would not even be able to vote because International does not allow districts under the required 1,250 members to vote on State redistricting. The District membership numbers for Jan. 1, 2017 are: 11A1 919 members, **11A2 1,460 members**, 11B1 976 members, 11B2 1,019 members, 11C1 958 members, 11C2 894 members, 11D1 1,229 members, **11D2 1,264 members**, 11E1 1,104 members, 11E2 985 members. As you can see, 11A2 and 11D2 would be deciding our fate.
- International charges a \$500 fee to redistrict but there is no fee (-0-) for mergers
- Con- Disadvantages of Merging
 - Added drive time for members to attend the Region Meetings, Zone Meetings, District Meetings and District Conventions

○ be shared with the Vice Governors.

- Additional travel for District Officers.

Governor would not automatically visit every club every year. That responsibility would

Ballot approved at January 14, 2017 Cabinet Meeting for Convention Vote April 1st:

**WHEREAS Districts 11E1 & 11E2 are both now under the required 1,250 members that is required by Lions International and are hovering on the edge of becoming 'transitional districts' and
 WHEREAS Districts 11E1 & 11 E2 have much in common as both have rural areas, a sense of community, excellent records at supporting Multiple District & International Projects, are top leaders in the sale of Lion mints and are strong supporters of the Michigan Foundation Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes**

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT Districts 11E1 & 11E2 merge and become District 11E

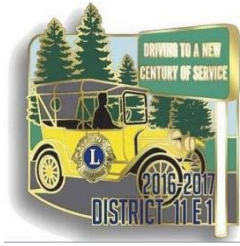
Should Proposed Merger be Approved by District 11E1? YES NO

NOTE: District E existed from 1951 -1976 then split into separate Districts 11E1 & 11E2 for the 1976-1977 year.



***DISTRICT 11 E1
 CONVENTION SPEAKER
 LCI ID N. Alan Lundgren***

DISTRICT 11 E1 CONVENTION UPDATE



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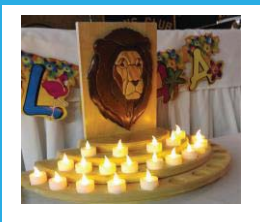
Convention : Please make you hotel reservations early (deadline for Lion rates March 15), and get your registration form into Jerry Brandt as soon as possible. Also send information about your deceased Lions to Karla Roebuck as soon as possible.

Friday night is going to be a FUN night. We will have our meal and some music by Jim Patterson, and then we have skits by each zone. The skits will give us information about dress styles and what has happened in Lionism and our nation over the last 100 years. Saturday morning we will have our breakfast and Memorial Service. Several informative Break Out sessions have been planned. At noon we will have our healthy lunch, induction of new members, and words of wisdom from the International Director. Following lunch will be our business meeting. This meeting is very important as we will elect our new Governor, Vice District Governors, Region Chair Persons, and representatives for Lions of Michigan Foundation. Also we will be voting on joining Districts 11 E-1 and District 11 E-2 as one single District E. A social hour and banquet will follow at 6:00 pm. And don't forget our hospitality room Friday & Saturday night. A place to meet friends, swap good stories, tell lies or what turns you on to talk about. NO Politics. "The more Lions and guest we have the more FUN we have!" Come one-come all for a great week end – Exhibits, Silent Auction, Tidbits, 50/50. Don't forget to bring you auction items, and canned goods for our food pantry session after the business meeting.

Convention Chair Jerry Brandt

CONVENTION MEMORIAL SERVICE

The life and service of our departed Lions will be eulogized on Saturday morning at the breakfast meeting. Each club is asked to submit a glossy picture and a short resume of your deceased Lions since the last convention. Memorials should be e-mailed to Lion Karla Roebuck at kroebuck@greenridge.com or mailed to Karla at 12195 Arthur Rd. Rodney, MI 49342. If possible, please e-mail the material. Deadline to submit information is March 1, 2017.



CLUB TIDBITS AT CONVENTION

TIDBITS is a booklet for Lions, about Lions and their thoughts, activities and favorite ideas. It can be found in your convention packet. It could be about your club's fundraiser (after April 1), a campaign item, your favorite poem or recipe, a wish for a Happy Birthday or Anniversary , a coupon for a partial payment for a club event. The booklet helps to defray convention costs. Suggest that your club advertise in this District booklet or send in your own message. The cost is \$25.00 for a full page (8 1/2" x 5 1/2") or \$15.00 for a half page ad. Make up your own ad, put in a picture or clip art and send the ad and check to:
Lion Brenda Adsmond - 411 Maple Street, Fremont, MI 49412, E-mail: badsmondathome@comcast.com or PDG Janalee McClure – P.O. Box 177, Brohman, MI 49312, E-mail: janalee@riverview.net.

DISTRICT 11-EI DELEGATE CONVENTION CERTIFICATION FORM

CLUB NAME _____

NUMBER OF MEMBERS _____

ARTICLE VII SECTION 2 of the District 11-E1 Constitution and By-Laws states that: Each chartered Club in good standing in Lions International and the District shall be represented by one or more delegates at the District Convention and shall be entitled in each such Convention to one (1) voting delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, of said Club as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month last proceeding the month during which the Convention is held (February 1, 2016). The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Further, full delegate Status shall be accorded each Past District Governor who is a member of a Club in this District, independent of the Club delegate quotas herein above specified. Each certified delegate present in person may cast one (1) vote for each office to be filled and one (1) vote only on each issue to be voted on by the members of said Convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the Delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the Convention. All eligible delegates must be members in good standing of a club in good standing in this district. Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired up to fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification.

NAME of DELEGATE/ALTERNATE	DELEGATE (D)	SIGN AT CONVENTION
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I hereby certify that the delegates and alternates listed above are in good standing with Lions Club International and Lions of Michigan. _____

Club President/Secretary/or District Governor at Convention

Remember: All delegates must be registered and certified before 12 noon, Saturday, April 1, 2017, or they will not be allowed to attend. **PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY March 15, 2017, TO:**

LION GAYLE MORLOCK
9357 95TH AVE.
EVART, MI 49631

11-E1 Convention Registration Form

March 31 & April 1, 2017

Park Place Hotel

300 East Street, Traverse City, MI 49684

For hotel reservations, call hotel direct at 231-946-5000

Room Rate: \$ 79.95

Club Name: _____ District: _____
 Contact Name: _____ Contact Phone: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ Zip _____

If you have special Needs (meals or hearing or sight impairment) please contact Lion Jerry Brandt, 989-578-7599 by March 27, 2017.

	Registration (s) Please Print Clearly please enter information for each person attending	Registration Fee \$10.00 per Person (after March 20 2017 \$15.00)	\$16.00 Friday Party	\$15.00 Sat. Breakfast	\$17.00 Sat. Lunch	\$20.00 Saturday Banquet Dinner Salmon, Or Prime Rib Salmon P. R.	Sunday Brunch On your own	Total Per Person
Lion								
Lioness								
Leo								
Campus Club								
Guest								
1st Timer								
Totals								
Grand Total								

Please Make Checks Payable to: District 11-E1 Convention

Payment must be included with Registration Form

Send registration forms to: Jerry Brandt, 3121 Dale St., Harrison, MI 48625 (?-email: jkb@ispmt.com)

Registration Deadline: March 20th, 2017 -- Must pay late registration fee (\$15.00 / Person) after deadline.