

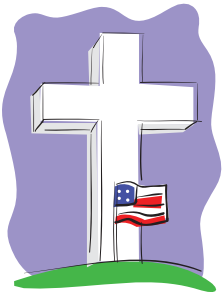


Lions of Michigan – District 11-E-1



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Governor's Notes

Convention 2009 for District 11 -E1 is history. Did we have a grand time? As your District Governor I want to thank each Lion in attendance for your support. Special thanks to our 11 -E1 convention chairperson Lion Pam Schroeder from the On ekama Lions Club. Also, Lion Sharon Thomas, Lion Pam's sister, for her help in making the convention a success.

The partnership of C1 and E1 Lions Districts gave both districts a chance to swap information and ideas that may be unique to clubs. This partnership between the two districts will continue for two additional years.

The forums were well attended and I received positive comments regarding the information dispersed. Governor Mike Johnson and I wanted a convention with meaningful information to our Lions as well as fun.

The Munson Ear-Lab, a District 11-E1 project, was well used by Lions from the two districts. A total of 41 Lions had their hearing evaluated.

Our two districts are looking forward to next year's convention which will be held in Muskegon at the Holiday Inn on April 9, 10, 11, 2010.

Governor's Travels

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VISITATION/EVENT</u>
May 13	Region 2 Zone 1 Meeting—Clare
May 15-16	MD11 Convention—Lansing
May 18	Honor Lions Club—Official visit
May 19	Midland Lions Club 75 th Anniversary
May 20	Region 2 Zone 3 Meeting—Luther
June 1	Fremont Lions Club Steak Fry
June 2	Cadillac Lions Club—Official Visit
June 8	Weidman Lions Club—Official Visit
June 9	Mesick Lions Club—Official Visit
June 17	Luther Lions Club—Official Visit
June 18	Hart Lions Club—30 th Anniversary
June 24	Evart Lions Club—Official—Installation of officers
June 29	White Cloud Lions Club—Installation of officers



Clubs that haven't scheduled visits by the governor, please contact him as soon as possible as our calendar is filling up fast. You can call him at 231-734-5200, or email at landg@netonecom.net



***Lion District Governor Elect Wayne and
Lion Debbie Kreitner First Lady to be***

Fellow Lions,

For those of you who did not make the District Convention you missed a tremendous time. The fellowship with Lions from our district and the Lions of District 11 -C-1 was rewarding. No matter where you turned there was a fellow Lion with the same goal in mind that everyone had and that is taking care of our fellow man. It was great to see the projects represented and the seminars that were presented. Again congratulations to the IT Committee for putting on another great computer class.

There are many things that we need to do to help our fellow Lions and that is more extensive training for all offices. At times I feel like certain areas of our district are running blind due to the lack of training. At the current time we are at a minus 13 in membership for our district, with 120 new members and 133 dropped members. At the beginning of the year I stated that I wanted to reduce the number of dropped members by 50 percent. I have come nowhere near the goal that I set out to do, I started with a goal that the maximum we were to have would have been 87 drops. I guess what I need is to ask for your help in figuring out how we can reduce those drops? Starting July 1, 2009, I have set a goal with International to reduce our drops by 25 percent, which is a lot more achievable than I set in the previous year. Again it depends on our clubs, our training and ability to keep our fellow Lions interested in what we are trying to achieve. At this time it is even hard to make clubs understand how important paperwork is that needs to be filed with International. We will try ways to make it easier to file that paperwork for those of you who are having problems with the International website. I know for a fact that Lion Karla Roebuck, our IT chairman has set up many of these forms on our website (www.millions11E1.org), so that all you have to do is fill them out and submit them to International which saves you time.

With our current membership being at a minus 13, I am asking clubs to concentrate very hard on getting new members and maintaining their membership. We are a currently 1384 members strong for our district that is a very small percentage of growth to have us come out with a plus number. Let's stand up, pull together and send our current Governor Larry out with a bang for the hard work that he has achieved.

Yours in Lionism,

VDG Lion Wayne

Thought of the month

If your actions inspire others to dream more,
learn more, do more and become more,
you are a leader.

John Quincy Adams

District Convention next April, put it on your calendar

**Holliday Inn Muskegon
April 9-11, 2010**

Region 2 Zone 3 Meeting

The last Region II, Zone 3 zone meeting for 2008 -2009 is being held in Luther on Wednesday May 20th @ 6:30pm at the Luther Lion's Den in Luther, Michigan. The Club President and or Secretary are asked to attend the zone meeting along with any other interested club members. Please RSVP to me no later than 5/15/2009 so dinner arrangements can be made. This will be the last zone meeting for the 2008 - 2009 year: **Luther on Wednesday May 20th @ 6:30pm - \$7.00 for meal.** If you have any questions or need directions please feel free to contact me. ZC Lion Timothy Anderson Cadillac Lions Club 231-775-2939

MANISTEE COUNTY LIONS REGION 1 ZONE 3

I have scheduled our final zone meeting for this year at Kaleva Lions Den on May 26th at 6:30 pm. There is a pasty dinner for \$6.00 and meeting at 7:00 for any one that does not care for pasties. Please bring schedule of your summer events so all of us will know and be able to share them with you. I would also like to discuss a joint effort doing Texas Holdem Tournaments. If you have needs or concern about Lions this is the place to start. Thanks for the great year, we're doing a Great job here in Manistee County I am Proud to Brag about our good Deeds. See you all there on the 26th. Please call or email me with a count of Lions able to come.

Lion Carl Hawkins - Zone Chair - carl_hawkins12@yahoo.com (231) 864 -2396

Big Rapids Lions

Our motto in the lions is "WE SERVE"



Those of us in the Lions find time and serve in many different ways. King Lion Lee and his wife Judy Thomas have just returned from Pearlinton MS on their 6th mission trip to do reconstruction work.

Pearlington MS is a rural town of 1800 residents who were directly in the path of the eye of hurricane Katrina. Located along the Pearl River system 40 miles east of New Orleans and 20 miles inland from the gulf, it sustained strong winds and flood waters over 16 feet high. Only three houses were left without damage. Today there are a little over 1000 residents back in their homes.

After their first trip to Pearlinton Lion Lee has taken the leadership role in organizing the work force going to this town.

Through the PDA, a seven year commitment has been given to work with the residents to rebuild. On their last trip in March, 19 volunteers including six Ferris State University students worked on three separate sites. Lee and Judy along with four others rebuilt and extended a deck. Another crew completed the rough in of electrical and plumbing. Others scraped, cleaned and painted at another site.

Lion Jim Chipman from the Big Rapids club has attended two of the trips using his electrical expertise to good use.

Lion Lee is exploring the possibility of providing eye exams and glasses for those in need in the Pearlinton area. At present, there are no commercial businesses, schools or medical facilities in Pearlinton. This leaves the residents a 20 plus mile drive to facilitate any of their needs and many of the residents are either low income or retirees.

Lion Lee is presently organizing the next trip to Pearlinton on October 18th. These working trips leave on a Saturday and return on the following Saturday. Skilled or basic workers all can contribute. To experience this opportunity to serve contact Lion Lee at 888-972-7214.

Baldwin Lions Club

The weather held for the Baldwin Lions Clubs 30th Annual White Cane drive this past weekend. The efforts of the Club members and the generosity of the public allowed the Club to take in an excess of just over \$1100.00 in two days. The club works with local optometrists to provide eyeglasses to those residents who are unable to afford quality eye care. The Club has also been able to provide hearing aids to local individuals with assistance grants from the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation in Lansing. The Club is always looking for service minded individuals to aid us in our work with the visually and hearing impaired. We meet at the Hollister Senior Center on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.



District Governor Lion Larry and First Lady Gayle Morlock visited the Baldwin Lions and Lioness clubs on April 14th. He spoke to the members about the importance of donating to the district and state projects. The highlight of the evening was the antics of the tail twister, Lion Marge Downey (with red hat on). She had lots of April fools trivia, and successfully collected many fines from all!



BUDDY DAY IN BALDWIN Two lions from the Baldwin Lions club were able to help sign up more than 1,100 new organ donors (State Wide) at the Secretary of State office in Baldwin on April 8th. Lions Bill Downey and Harry Johnson have volunteered for this project since it's beginning. For the entire month of April, over 5,000 new organ donors were signed up for the "Have a Heart" sticker program with the help of local Lions clubs and the Secretary of State offices.



Thanks to all the many Loyal Lions in District 11 -E1, who supported me in my run for First Vice District Governor. I am looking forward to meeting with all of you in the coming year. I am excited to be serving beside our DG Elect, Lion Wayne Kreitner and 2nd Vice District Elect John Monohan. We will all be working towards strengthening our existing clubs, while growing in numbers. I will be calling all the clubs next month to set up my visitations. First Vice District Governor Elect Lion Laura Johnson

Baldwin Lioness Club

BALDWIN LIONESSE ATTEND DISTRICT CONVENTION Five members of the Baldwin Lioness club attended the Lioness Awards breakfast held at the District convention in Big Rapids last month. Lioness President, Laura Johnson, along with the District Lioness Liaison, P.D.G, Jack Burchard from the Onkama club presented charter member, Lioness Ilah Johnson with the Lioness of the year award. Lioness Ilah has served as club secretary for the last 20 years and served as chair of the club's main fundraiser at the Blessing of the Bikes for the last 25 years.

Along with her Lioness duties, she finds time to volunteer at the local thrift shop twice a week, has served on the Board of Hollister Senior Center, helps with the Holiday Helpers and several other local charities.

Cedar/Maple City Lions Club



The Cedar/Maple City Lions completed their 3 mile Adopt -A-Highway Pickup on Saturday April 18, 2009. Photo left to right; Dean and daughter, Haley Lillie, Bob Stachnik (chairman), Pete Bright and Roy Romanowski. Haley was doing a community service project for a class at Glen Lake School. 2nd photo, Daughter, Haley and Father, Dean Lillie again working the Lions Pancake Breakfast on Sunday April 19, 2009.

Coleman Lions Club

On May 2nd and 3rd eight members of Coleman Lions Club and sixteen Coleman STAR Leo Club members worked together on the Adopt -A-Highway project cleaning a 4 mile stretch of US 10. Thirty-seven bags of trash were collected! The group enjoyed pizza together after the clean up.

Our new cash raffle is being kicked off May 15th and 16th at Yoder's Amish Auction, where we will be selling hot dogs and polish dogs from the concession wagon. Our new cash raffle has five prizes from \$500 down to \$100. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held on September 19th at our new Charter Night Banquet. Come see us at Yoder's.

We are also looking forward to our pancake breakfast on Saturday, June 13th from 7:00 am to 10:00 am at the Coleman VFW hall. This will take place during the Rod Benders Auto Show in Coleman. Raffle tickets will be sold then too. Hope to see you then!

Edmore Lions Club



Edmore Lion's hosted their annual Easter Egg Hunt for the community of Edmore on April 11th. This is an annual event, Lion Mark Sopal chairs and has done a wonderful job pulling this off with the assistance of local businesses and their donations. We had about 200 kids show up for the annual event. Kids had the chance to hunt for prizes included in the eggs. Prizes varied from candy to toys.

The Edmore Lions Club raised \$585.00 during their White Cane Drive on April 25th at local businesses in the Village of Edmore.

April 24th some Edmore Lion's members had a booth at the 3rd Annual Edmore Business Expo. Over 150 residents attended. Lion Chuck Miller was successful in recruiting a New Lion. Great Job, Lion Chuck.

Lion President Rich Adgate inducted 4 New Lions Members at their monthly meeting held at Maxfield Restaurant of Wyman. Dave Jensen (Postmaster of the Edmore Post Office) Tom Maier (Brigham Funeral Home) and Glen and Julie Maxfield (The Depot). Welcome New Members.

Empire Lions Club



On April 26, The Empire Lions Club held their annual Pancake Feast as a fund raiser for Lions Club community projects. Over 350 enjoyed a hearty meal.

Photo 1 - Lion Roger Merillat (rear) and Lion Hal Pendleton prepare eggs and sausages hot off the griddle. Photo 2 - Lion Bob Zimmerman gives fresh pancakes to Lion Clarence Davis. Photo 3 - part of the big crowd.



Lion Laura Johnson visited the Empire Lions club on April 20th. She presented a very informative program on the Vision Mission trip to Central America she and P.D.G. Lion Harry went on. Her program also showed in detail how the used eye glasses are recycled for use on the mission trip. The Empire club secretary, P.D.G. Lion Dick Daniels presented Lion Laura with their club banner.

Fremont Lions Club

District Governor Elect Wayne Kreitner and his lovely wife Debbie were guests tonight May 4th at Fremont Lions Club meeting where he was surprised by a birthday cake. Lion Wayne is celebrating his 65th birthday Thursday, May 7th.



Greenville Lions Club

Greenville Lions Club participated in Buddy Day at the Montcalm County office of the Secretary of State. Connie Teesdale was very proud of our attendance and work while we were there. She thought it would be nice if we could be there once a month for a Greenville Lions Club project. Lion Debbie Kreitner was there but took the picture. District Governor Elect Wayne Kreitner and soon to be Lion First Lady Debbie Kreitner and Lion Larry Alman were present greeting people as they walked in the door. At last count we had 32 people signed up and supported the "I Joined Campaign".



Lion Larry Alman presented a program to the Greenville Lions Club on the "I Joined Campaign", representing the Michigan Eye-Bank and Greenville will be one of the new 100% participants and will receive a new patch for their banner. At the same meeting Lion Sharon Burton was present, Executive Director of Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind. Sharon received a \$15,000.00 check from the Stanley & Blanche Ash Foundation. Pictured is Lion Ted Kortez Treasurer of the Ash Foundation, Sharon Burton, Lion Larry Alman a member of the Board of Directors of OUB and District Chairman, and Lion District Governor Elect Wayne Kreitner.



Honor Lions Club



Honor & Empire Lions' Club members covered the Beulah Secretary of State office on April 8th for the Annual Buddy Day, promoting organ and tissue donor registration. Recognition given was the "Outstanding Friend of 4-H Award" for Manistee 4-H 2007-2008 Program year. Presented by Deb Laws, Manistee County 4-H MSU Extension Leader/coordinator for Manistee/Benzie Counties Presented Mon. 4/20/09 Kim was accompanied by FLD Emmet who will be returned to Leader Dog on 4/24 for further training.an exciting time at the Wattles household!

Lake City

The local newspaper was at our last informational meeting in Lake City. Governor Larry, First Lady Lion Gayle, VDG Wayne and Debbie, PDG Lynnwood Mast and Lion Jan, PDG Bill Raymor and Lion Jane, and many other hardworking Lions are putting our best feet forward to make this happen. Headline read **Lions continue to Prowl Missaukee Members**

Kaleva Lions Club

Lion Art Hulkonen our last charter member has retired from our pasty crew after forty years of setting up at 3:30 in the morning. Lion Art is a Life Member, Melvin Jones Fellow, Past King Lion, and Board Member for Thirty years. Lion Art has done it all here at Kaleva Lions from selling broom and light bulbs door to door, White Cane Drives, washing dishes for our breakfast for thirty years. Kept us on the straight path. Lion Art is a man of few words, but he is proud of Lions International, District 11 -E1, and Kaleva Lions Club and Fellow Lion Members. Lion Art is not retiring from Lions just the pasty crew. We thank you Lion Art Hulkonen. Lions like you are what Lions are all about.

Kaleva Lions want to thank Lion Pam Schroeder and crew for the wonderful combined convention. It takes many people to pull off a great convention and a beautiful leader helps GREAT JOB to ALL.

Lake Ann Lions Club

April 18th, 2009 the Lake Ann Lions Club had a very successful road clean up for the MDOT Adopt-A-Highway program. The Lake Ann Lions Club members along with 32,000 volunteers are participating in the 2009 season program. One way of keeping our community clean and safe!



Midland Lions Club – 75 Years



CONGRATULATIONS MIDLAND LIONS! Seventy five years of serving the Midland community. Hundreds of Lions have worked diligently “To Serve” thousands in the Midland Community over the last 75 years. On May 19, 2009 at Apple Mountain Resort, we will celebrate those wonderful years of service with a night of congeniality, tributes, and entertainment. We will recognize our Midland Lioness for their 25 years of service to the community and to the Lions Club.

Invitations have been sent to all Lions, Lioness and friends. If you did not receive an invitation, contact Lion Pete Conarty. Reservations are due by May 10. We are still planning to take a Midland Lions Club photograph at 6:05 p.m. that evening outside the building. The social hour begins at 5:30 p.m.; all Lions should be present for the photograph no later than 6:00 p.m. This photo has to be a first for our Lions Club. 75 Years, it has been a time “To Serve”; Come and celebrate our heritage and service.

Northport Lions Club

Captioning for the photo: Elected to serve the Northport Lions Club for 2009-10 are pictured. Left to right, front row: Richard Koenig, 2-year Director; Richard Hufford (outstanding Lion, not an officer); Pauline McClure, 1st. V.P.; John Sparling, King Lion; Vera Harper, 2nd. V.P. Back row: Bob Zwemer, 3rd. V.P.; Hank DeYoung, Treasurer; Jim Landes, Sec.; Dorothy Young, 1-year Director. Not pictured: Grafton (Mac) Thomas, 1-year Director; 2-year Director, Basil Antenucci; Tail Twister, Jim Rogers; Lion Tamer, Patty DeYoung. Hank DeYoung has been acting Treasurer due to the recent death of the Club's long time Treasurer, Lion Paul Rothaug who is greatly missed.



Onekama Lions Club



The Onekama Lions celebrated their 42nd Anniversary on May 2, 2009 with a dinner and program at the Lion's Den at the fairgrounds in Onekama. The event marked 42 years of service to Onekama, the county, the U.S. and countries across the globe. During those years, the clubs activities have included supporting Onekama High School sports and academic programs, sponsoring and organizing Onekama Days, support of area boy scouts and girl scouts and the county 4H program. They have also sponsored the senior class dinner at OHS, provided holiday programs for the medical care facility, food baskets to the needy and supported the local food bank. They annually sponsor a senior pancake

supper for area senior citizens and their Sunday breakfasts have resulted in funds for activities such as Leader Dogs for the Blind, DARE, fair grounds pavilion fund, Manistee Humane Society, wetland preservation fund, Onkama Sports Boosters and on numerous occasions, families that have experienced personal crises. The club's funds have also supported the Michigan All State Band, the Mid-West Eye Bank, the Bear Lake Lions Camp which serves all of Michigan, Kidsight project and the Michigan Ear Lab. In addition to supporting these activities members of the club will participate in the implementation of these programs. Internationally the club works through the Lions International Foundation which is committed to providing sight to people around the world and eliminating river blindness through good screening, medical attention and the provision of glasses or other technologies to compensate for vision problems.

Pictured here are Lions that were in attendance. Five of the seven original charter members of the club were also present at the event where District Governor Larry Morlock complimented the club for their years of service which demonstrated the true meaning of the motto of Lions which is "We Serve." At the meeting the president of the Onkama Lions club, Duane Anderson, announced the recipient of the Lion of the Year Award, which this year was presented to Barb Mackey for her service to the club and community.

Sanford Lions Club



The Sanford Lions Club has placed a new sign for the Sanford Area Chamber of Commerce. The Lions Club, who is a member of the Chamber, holds their meetings at the building offered to replace the old sign which was very much in need of repair.

The club decided that because of the condition of the old sign they would replace the sign. The base of the sign was constructed during the winter months by Lions Dennis and Joann Burghardt. The letters were completed by member work

activity this spring with Lions Dale Green, Bob & Charlene Burnison, Al & Karen Miglio, and Dennis & Joann Burghardt participating. The sign was presented to Pat Wortley, Sanford Area Chamber of Commerce President, by Lions Club president Al Miglio.

Weidman Lions Club



Weidman Lions Club donated \$600.00 to help two Chippewa Hills student's to attend "Close Up" in Washington, D.C. starting Friday, April, 17, 2009. Pictured left to right, Mariah Fiorillo, student; Aaron Dore, Student Advisor, Alaina Dague, student, and Shirley Bailey, President, Weidman Lions Club. "Close Up" is a non-partisan non-profit organization who brings students from across the country to Washington, D.C. for a week-long study visit of our nation's government. Students have an opportunity to visit with representatives and learn their role in civic participation. This will be the 7th year students from Chippewa Hills have had this

opportunity.

Weidman Lions Club President, Shirley Bailey presented a \$500.00 check to Area 7 Special Olympics Director Gail Huber, for the State Games at Central Michigan University. Practice takes place at Bennett track at Central Michigan University. Pictured from Left to



right:

Row 1: Danny McGinnis, Julie, Mellisa Lackie, Skylar Jones. Row 2: Mike, John Sura, Megan Bindschatel, Julie Fortino, Jessica Steiner, Shirley Bailey, Gail Huber, Walter Hoffman, Heather Naessen, Carly Herrshoff, Row 3: Dennis Fox, and Mike Ackerman, Coach.

White Cloud Lions Club

It's been a great year for the White Cloud Lions Club.

Not only have we increased our membership by 16 members we have added two new projects to our list. We've added a monthly casino trip for community good will and earned some profit for projects and we participated in Project Hope, in cooperation with another service organization, for Newaygo County. We have helped some young girls to get back on track after being sexually abused. It's a long range plan but if we help save one girl every year, it's all worth it! We also are holding the first Michigan Pin Swap since the 70's at our Den on June 4th & 5th. We've received table reservations from 3 other states so far! Really exciting.

We have earned more banner patches this year than ever before too. We earned a 'Graduate



Sponsor Patch', picture included, from Leader Dog, we just made the required donation to Leader Dog to earn a 75th Banner Patch and a pin for all our members, we had a Lion Diabetes program so earned the Diabetes Awareness Banner Patch,

we have contacted all our members to be part of the 'heart' program for choosing the gift of life from Michigan Eye Bank and we had started out our year on a very high note by receiving the Membership Excellence Year-Round Growth Banner Patch for 2007-2008.

We just made our donation to LCIF so our President Ray Williams has earned the 2008-2009 President Excellence Award too. It's not too late for all the Clubs in our District to check the award application for their President. It's very possible that we could get every club president that attended the zone meetings the President Excellence Award. Wouldn't that be wonderful?



It's been a great year for the White Cloud Community and our Lions Club!

Lion Jane Jibson & Leader Dog "Juki" March 2009

District 11-C-1 and 11-E-1 Convention

Here are a few pictures of the convention. It is with deep regret that the pictures of Friday night activities did not turn out. That was of the Knights of The Round Table party and the costumes. There were some very neat ones there.

Friday night photos

Lion Laurene Homsher and Lion PDG Harry Johnson provided them.



Friday night after costume party

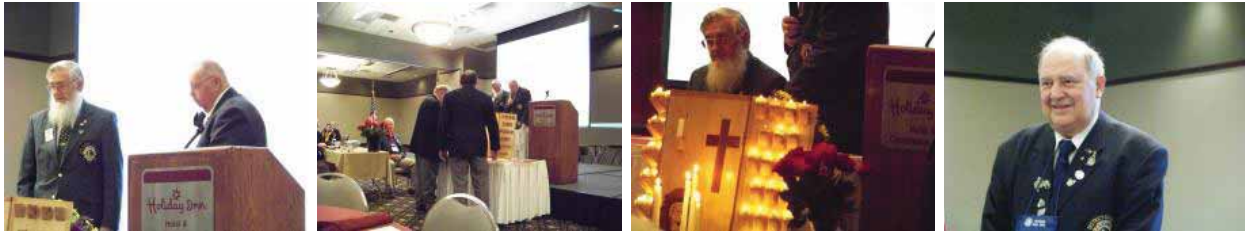


Saturday April 18, 2009





Sunday April 19, 2009
Memorial Service



I am very sorry that it is so large this month but I was told I didn't send out pictures from last year's District Convention. I would like to thank Lion Laurene and PDG Harry for the Friday night pictures. It was a very nice evening that 11-C-1 put on and because you didn't attend this year you missed a very good evening. Just remember there is next year.

FRUITPORT OLD FASHIONED DAYS

Pemona Park – Fruitport, Michigan

May 19-25, 2009

All Week: Carnival Rides; Lions Club Ox Roast; River Boat Rides and Musical Entertainment

Friday-Monday: Free Petting Zoo, Sensory Safari.

Saturday: 5K 10K Road Race Children's Parade Children's Games

Friday & Sunday: Fireworks at dusk (weather permitting – no rain dates)

Sunday: Community Marketplace & Garage sale; Corvette Car Rally, Community Pig Roast.

Monday: Largest Memorial Parade in West Michigan, starts at noon featuring The Scottville Clown Band.

Sponsored by the Fruitport Lions Club

Charities Inc. of Fruitport, Michigan for
More information on dates and times visit
www.fruitportlions.com

Lions of Michigan Service Foundation

Ladies & Gentlemen,

Attached is information relative to the 1st Annual Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Banquet which will be held in conjunction with the Lions of Michigan Foundation's 25th Annual Meeting at the Causeway Bay Hotel in Lansing on July 25, 2009. Please include this information in your next District Newsletter, and if possible, include the information on your District website. Also, please notify your Clubs that they may access the member's only section of the Lions of Michigan Foundation website (www.lmsf.net) with the following case sensitive user name and password.

User Name: lmsfnet-1

Password: WeServe1

We are very excited about starting the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame, and we are looking forward to it growing each and every year.

Thanks!

*Chad A. McCann, Director
Lions of Michigan Foundation*