



District 11-E1, District Governor Lion John Monahan
“Together We Serve” **“May Newsletter 2012”**



District Governor John & Carolyn Monahan

Fellow Lions,

Now that spring is here, it's time to begin thinking about and preparing for our next Lions year. Your new leader is, of course, DG Elect Lion Bill Simpson. He will need the help and dedication of all of us to have a successful year, as talented and hard working as he is. One thing we need to do as soon as possible is to train all incoming club presidents, secretaries, and treasurers, as well as membership chairpersons. In order for us to do our best work, our club leaders must be ready to lead us in the right direction. Their training will help insure that they are equipped for the job.

This year, our KidSight Leaders, Lions Janalee McClure, Dan Gibbons, and Bob Thompson, have managed to setup methods to screen children at a fast pace while maintaining the necessary record keeping. Thus, I hope that every club will screen children for vision problems this coming year. Apparently about 10% of children screened seem to have correctable vision problems. With the many children in our district who need screening to avoid future vision problems, KidSight screening offers a great way to serve our communities and advertise Lionism.

Every district governor is charged with increasing membership, something our district has not done in some time, although we sometimes come close. For this coming year, let us dedicate ourselves to getting members. In fact, let us each agree to ask three or more persons to become members, invite them to a meeting or two, and see whether we can close the deal. Sometimes, it takes more than a few times of asking and bringing for a club visit to bring in a new member. Our club has done that, and our new member has done an outstanding job with service projects.

Let's be sure to welcome them, give them assignments, and integrate them into our clubs. After we get them, we want to keep them. I also urge you to talk to Lions who have dropped out in the past. They may be ready to return. Lionism is rewarding, so people who have dropped out may find that life outside of Lionism is less fulfilling. We should welcome them back with open arms.

We are almost finished with my year as governor. I have enjoyed meeting old friends at club meetings and making new friends. If you want me to visit your club in the tie I have left, please let me know. Also, if you want me to visit after July 1, I will be happy to do that also.

Yours in Lionism
DG Lion John Monahan



1st Vice District Governor Lion Bill & Vickie Simpson

Greetings Fellow Lions,

Our Lion's year is coming to a close; there is only a month and a half left to accomplish our projects and goals for this year. But what about planning for next year? If we start our planning now, we can make enough time to hold that new membership party, organize several club visitations, or contact your community leaders and develop a cooperative Lions project. This is your time to get ahead, to be organized and lead your club in a positive way. The organizing you do now will make next year a lot easier and more productive for your club.

This past weekend Vickie and I had a great experience when we attended our first Pin Traders meeting at the Lion's Den in Paw Paw. The atmosphere was so welcoming that we felt immediately at ease. Our district's master pin trader Lion John Hunt was quick to give advice on how to show and value our pins. I was really amazed at the quantity and quality of pins available. Put pin trader on your activity schedule for next May! Dues are only \$10.00 per year and it's a great opportunity to meet some new Lions, share stories and some great food.

Lion Tony Rutledge from the Big Rapids Lions is taking on the role of "District Used Eyeglass Coordinator." He has been working with the Ferris State University Optometry department in coordinating eye glass collection. Just recently, Lion Tony has established a Lion's eyeglass evaluation room with hopes to train Lions on the screening of used glasses. If you'd like to send in your used glasses, Lion Tony's address is: 18050 McKinley Rd., Big Rapids, MI 49307 or give them to any District Officer and they will be passed along.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Bill Simpson DGE

Club Officers and Project Chairpersons:

Please let us know about all your Club's projects. We want everyone in the District to know about them and attend your events. This is especially good information for us Lions and our friends when we travel for vacations. Don't keep your fly-in, pancake breakfast or festival a secret. Please send me the information below and we will publish a monthly calendar in the newsletter to advertise your events.

Information needed: Club name, Event name and what happens, Event time, date & location. Please mail (706 River St., Big Rapids, MI 49307) or e-mail dgbill2012@charter.net) Lion Bill DGE



2nd Vice District Governor Lion Tim & Chris Anderson

Greetings Fellow Lions of 11E1! We all know how excited Lions can get about change well have you heard the news? WMMR and LeoMMR, the online membership and service activity reporting systems, are being updated to better serve you. The new Web site is called "MyLCI". The updates will be phased in gradually. In June 2012, club officers will see:

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- **Officer mailing address** - update the mailing address used for your officer correspondence.
- **Club Statements going "green"** - option to suppress the printing of monthly club statements.

[Click here to learn more..](#)

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Training

Club presidents and secretaries can register to attend one of five web-based training sessions (English - Apr. 24, Apr. 27, May 2) (Spanish - Jul. 19, Jul. 26). Club treasurers can register to attend one of five web-based training sessions (English - May 2, May 15, May 18) (Spanish - Aug. 2, Aug. 9). [Click here to learn more](#) and to register for the training sessions.

I'm asking that any of our club officers for the coming year that can; to please take part in one of these online training sessions, doing so will be very helpful and give you a leg up on the changes taking affect over the next few months.

Our future district training will be modified to match this new website.

Thanks yours in Lionism

Tim Anderson 2nd VDG

231-920-9905

Cadillac Lions



The Cadillac Lions in partnership with the sixty "Lions Green Team" 3rd grade students from Franklin Elementary school of Cadillac recently planted 250 red pine trees as part of the Million Trees project.

The Muskegon River Watershed Assembly supplied the trees and a member of that group from Ferris State accompanied Lion Pete Buehler (local tree farmer) and Lion VDG Tim Anderson into the school a week ahead of the planting to educate and inform the kids on Lions and the importance of trees and conservation.

The trees were planted at the new Cadillac/Wexford Transit Authority building site on 13th street and the CWTA as a thank you supplied the buses needed to transport the kids from the school to the planting site and back.

Before the planting VDG Tim Anderson took a moment to speak about Lions and why we were planting 1 million plus trees this year around the world he also presented Lion Green Team T-Shirts and Certificates of Appreciation to the 12 community sponsors that were in attendance to help with the event.

In less than 16 minutes the students had all the trees planted and were cheering for more! Once back at school the Cadillac Lions treated the kids to a pizza party and besides the t-shirts they all received earlier each of the sixty children was given a tree to take home and plant for themselves. Lion Pete Buehler pledged to plant another 200 trees towards this project on his property in the next few weeks so making the total count from these event 450 new trees planted.

Shack Has Sunk

The Cadillac Lions Shack was officially declared sunk at 1:46pm March 16th; Robert Pecic of Williamston, MI was the 1st Place \$1000 winner with the time of 2:00pm March 16th. This year's 2nd place \$200 winner was ex-Cadillac Lion Steve Kelley now living in Rockford, MI with a guess of 2:15pm March 16th.

Congratulations to both our winners and THANK YOU to all of you that purchased tickets for helping to make this fundraiser a success! The "Shacks" been retrieved from the lake and stored away waiting for next winter so it can be placed on the ice once again. THANKS!

Midland Lions

MIDLAND LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT-

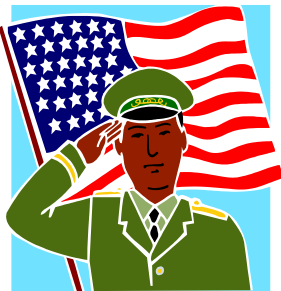
DONOR REGISTRATION BUDDY DAY

Lions Andy Watson, Oliver Juengel, Paul Larson and Mike Hoy were at the Secretary of State's office the afternoon of April 11 passing out information for Donor Registration Buddy Day. The goal of Buddy Day was to increase awareness of organ donation. We handed out the Michigan Organ Donor Registry brochure to individuals who were coming through the Secretary of State's office. We made sure people knew that they could sign up and change their driver's license or state ID card to reflect that.



Pictured are Lions Paul Larson and Mike Hoy

2012 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



Monday, May 28 is the parade this year, so grab your Lions Shirt, sunscreen, and walking shoes and meet at Auburn and Main St. at 9:30 am. Candy and aprons will be waiting for you. Do you have a convertible or jazzy car you would like to drive in the parade?? We would like them to cart the candy and also to transport any Lion members who may prefer to ride, especially if the weather doesn't cooperate.

Lake Ann Lions



Music in Their Hearts

Do you know anyone who has had to overcome obstacles in life? Sometimes obstacles just go away; and sometimes those obstacles remain with us forever. It is **how** we decide to deal with those obstacles that matters.

Elliott and Brandon Tyson of Buckley are 14 year old twin brothers who have learned to treat their obstacles as stepping stones. Their obstacles started when they were born 4 months premature and were blind and visually impaired. It was doubtful that they would survive; and then doubtful that they would achieve many milestones that we take for granted...walking, talking, reading.

Nothing came easy for them, except for music. Music calmed them through many eye surgeries; motivated them through difficult times; and it made them happy when they played. They learned quickly that not only did music make them happy; it made others happy, too. They have shared their music with many people, for many causes, and for their own pure enjoyment.

Elliott and Brandon are in middle school and plan to go to college, and then pursue careers in the music and computer industries. They are musically talented and are extremely proficient with various computer technologies for the sighted and blind. They are on the school honor roll, take private piano lessons, and participate in the NMC Children's Choir.

These brothers are inspirational to watch. At four years old, they started playing piano and singing...and they haven't stopped. They have performed for the Governor, educational and senior citizen organizations, Lake Ann Lions Club, and many other causes. They play a variety of music from jazz to Bach, Mozart, Chopin to Journey, Beatles, and Billy Joel's Piano Man (where Elliott plays the piano, sings and plays the harmonica all in one song). Brandon, who is totally blind, has perfect pitch and has always learned music by ear, and he is also learning to read Braille music. Elliott, who is visually impaired, learns by ear and enlarges his music. They are happy, energetic and enthusiastic boys on a musical journey.

Elliott and Brandon's short-term goals are to attend summer music camps. Elliott has been accepted into the summer piano program at Interlochen Arts Academy, and Brandon has been accepted to the Braille Beats Music Camp in Lapeer. The Lake Ann Lions Club is sponsoring them.

The Lake Ann Lions Club Pancake Breakfast May 27 is a benefit for Elliott and Brandon, which will be from 8 a.m. until noon at the Township Hall in downtown Lake Ann. Brandon and Elliott will be performing starting at 9 a.m. The public is welcome to come see and hear the music in their hearts when they play piano and sing.



NOTES FROM LION PETE

GMT DISTRICT COORDINATOR

“JUST ASK” – IT IS THE BEST METHOD TO RECRUIT NEW LIONS! Congratulations to the 30 District Lions Clubs that have added one or more new Lions to their club this year and to the 11 clubs that have not lost a Lion. After 41 years of servicing their community, the Clare Lions Club is disbanding. The four remaining members hope to transfer to other Lions Clubs. Unfortunately for the first time our District membership has slipped to under 1300 (1,293). Our total District growth since July has been 69 new members. However, through death, illness, job loss, family complications and lack of interest, we have lost 115 Lions. We still have two months until the end of this Lions year to add new members, strengthen your club’s work power and bring our District numbers back to 1300 Lions. Schedule a special “Just Ask” night for your club. Encourage your Lions to ask a potential candidate to a meeting, work with you on a fundraiser or attend a Lions Social Night. People feel special to be singled out – “Just Ask”. I am including the logo with suggestions of who to ask that I put in the newsletter several months, ago. Ask your Membership Chair to print it off and share it with his/her Lions.

Lion Pete Conarty, GMT District 11 E-1 Coordinator

POTENTIAL CANDIDATES TO CONTACT

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____



A Message from PDG Richard Perrin

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The new MyLCI training site, is password-protected, and is scheduled to be available on June 15, to the 2012-2013 club officers, that have registered for a user name and password.

Club officer training materials will be available via the website mylci.lionsclubs.org/whatsnew/ after 4/24.

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<http://mylci.lionsclubs.org/whatsnew/>

Cedar/ Maple City Lions



The Cedar/Maple City Lions completed their 3 mile Highway pick-up this morning (4-28-12).

Last week Lion Glen Noonan and his crew did the first half (not pictured).

Left to right: Lions, Dean Lillie, Bob Stachnik (chairman), Tom Triebes, Roy Romanowski and Gordon Waldenmyer.

Greenville Lions



Together the Greenville Lions, Greenville Optimist and the Rotarians hosted the Senior Boys luncheon. The picture above shows some of senior boys along with their fathers at the luncheon. The group was supplied with hot pizza, snacks, cookies and pop or water. The different organizations have been doing this for about seven years now. The speaker was Bob Ferritino, Montcalm County Community College President.

Awards Presented



During a recent Greenville Lions meeting, two awards were presented to some well deserved Lion's members. On the left is PDG Wayne Kreitner shown presenting the Melvin Jones to Lion Kyle Madole and just before Lion Kyle received the Melvin Jones, he presented the Lion of the Year award to Lion John Hackett. Lion Kyle has been a member for 22 years and served on many committees and has been a tail twister for many years. Lion John has just been a member for 2 years and has really stepped up and is chair of our Sight and Hearing Committee. Congratulations to both of them on their hard work.

Cedar/ Maple City Lions



The Cedar / Maple City Lions had a good 11-E1 Zone meeting put on by Zone Chair, Connie McMorris on April 18, 2012 at the Cedar/maple City Lions Club. We also had a visit from our new Governor William Simpson, from Big Rapids.

Please Note

New E-mail Address for IPDG Laura Johnson

lionlaura1953@gmail.com

TOUCH DOWN – DISTRICT 11 E1 FALL CONFERENCE

MARK YOUR 2012-13 LIONS CLUB CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2012

Newaygo County Commission on Aging Building

93 S. Gibbs St., WHITE CLOUD, MI 49349

10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

Parade of checks, State and District projects, District Float Trailer

Registration \$7.50 per Lion – includes Lunch and Snacks

provided by the White Cloud Lions Club



Lions of Michigan



HALL OF FAME

The Lions of Michigan Foundation officially opened the **LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME** on July 25, 2009 to begin celebrating the rich history that Michigan Lions have at all levels of our association - local, state, district and international. The goal of the Hall of Fame is to keep alive the memory of our great leaders and to document their service so that Lions in the present and future can share a sense of the service that our great state has given to our association. Nominations for the Hall of Fame must be submitted to the Lions of Michigan State Office no later than March 1 of each year.

The 2012 Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, the 4th Annual, will be held on July 21, 2012 at 5:30 PM at the Quality Inn Forward Conference Center located at 2980 Cook Road, West Branch. Lodging is \$87 plus tax per night for a standard room. Lodging reservations can be made by contacting the Lions of Michigan State Office at 517-887-6640 - info@lmsf.net or by calling the Quality Inn at 800-228-5151 and requesting the Lions of Michigan Foundation group rate.

CONGRATULATIONS 2012 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

PDG CHARLES CONE

Plymouth Lions Club - District 11-A1

PDG JAMES CHIPMAN

Big Rapids Lions Club - District 11-E1

PCC FRANK CUNNINGHAM

Fraser Lions Club - District 11-A2

PDG WAYNE SCHULTZ

Oscoda Lions Club - District 11-E2

Dr. GARY ANDERSON, ID

Grand Rapids Lions Club - District 11-C1

PDG STUART LOZON

Alpena Host Lions Club - District 11-E2

PSS BUDD R. GOODWIN

Lansing Host Lions Club - District 11-C2

REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s): _____

Registrant(s): 1 for \$25 or 2 for \$40 (Circle One) = \$ _____

Choice of Entrée: Ribeye Steak or Champagne Chicken (Circle One)

Lions or Lioness Club: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

18th Annual Lake Ann Lions

Golf Outing

Saturday, May 19, 2012 - 9:00 AM



**18 Hole Four Person Scramble • Shotgun Start at 9:30 AM Rain or Shine
at Mistwood Golf Club - 75689 Ole White Drive, Lake Ann, MI**

Win a 2012 Chrysler 200

for a "**Hole-in-One**" on designated hole!

Other prizes given:

for Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin
& Door prizes

Also available:

Mulligans, Strings,
50/50 drawing

\$65 per golfer includes:

18 Holes of Golf, Cart, and Food

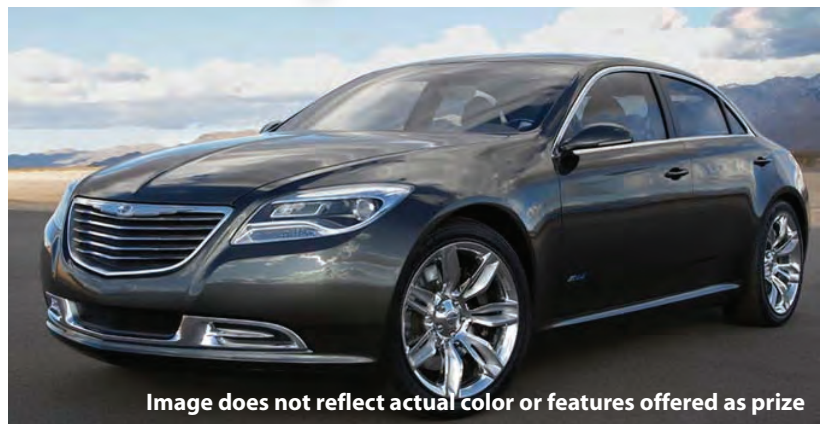


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Golf Outing Sponsored by:

Lake Ann Lions

P.O. Box 313, Lake Ann, MI 49650
and Mistwood Golf Club

Funds raised support
Lake Ann Lions Projects



Contact Pete Lewis (231) 883-3604

Please have entries in by May 16th

*Entries received by May 16th are only \$60 per golfer
Include names of golfers & payment amount on your entry*

Please make your check payable to:

Lake Ann Lions Club

Mail entry fee with name & address to:

Pete Lewis

6926 Windwood Dr., Lake Ann, MI 49650

Mission Statement of the Lake Ann Lions Club:

To serve the needs of our community through sight programs, aid to our youth, humanitarian needs, community activities and educational programs.



Greenville Lions Club Charity Golf Classic

1st Annual

DATE: May, 19th 2012
TIME: Registration at 8:00 am. Shotgun start at 9:00 am.
PLACE: Brookside Golf Course and Grill
1518 S. Johnson Rd
Gowen, Michigan 49326

Tournament Committee

Marketing/Sales/Promotions:

Steve Bursach
Andy Hurst
John Moy

Events Committee:

Sheri Bursach
John Hackett
Kyle Madole
E.J. Paas
Roger Wilson

ENTRY FEE: \$50.00 per golfer. (includes green fees, cart & catered lunch)

Format: Tournament will be played in Scramble with 4-person teams. If you enter a team list, you will be placed with others.

Procedure:

Cancelation Policy:

1. If the golf tournament is canceled due to weather or other events, player will receive a full refund.
2. If a player cancels, 48-hour notice is required to receive 50% of entry fee.
3. If a player is a n"no-show" entry fee is non-refundable.

ENTRY FORM:

Name: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____
email: _____
Score for 18 holes: _____

Each Player will receive a "Goodie Bag"

Club Rental (\$25.00) No Yes Left Right (Circle your choices)

Team Members:

Player 1 Name: _____
Player 2 Name: _____
Player 3 Name: _____
Player 4 Name: _____

*** Please have each team member fill out an entry form***



Benefit Golf Outing

Sponsored by
Laingsburg Lions Club



Held at:
Pine Hills Golf Course
6603 N. Woodbury Rd.
Laingsburg, MI 48848

Saturday

June 23, 2012

\$50 per person

**includes 18 holes, half cart &
Lions "Famous" Steak Dinner**

Don't have a full team?
That's ok, we can pair up!

Trophies - Raffle Prizes
Longest Drive
Closest to Pin
\$5,000 for Hole in One

Proceeds Benefit



For more information contact:
John Carroll at 517-651-6254
Jack Epple at 517-449-1375
Terry Fraidenburg at 517-881-6315

DEADLINE FOR ENTERING IS JUNE 10, 2012

Makes checks payable to: Laingsburg Lions Club

Send completed registration to PO Box 12, Laingsburg, MI 48848

Name

Address

City

Zip

Phone
