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**NOVEMBER DISTRICT NEWSLETTER**



**DG AL ROESLER'S NOVEMBER MESSAGE**

This month I don't have a central theme for my article, rather I want to share some random thoughts. When I retired one of my biggest joys was not having to put on a coat and tie every day. As District Governor it is part of the uniform, so once again they are a frequent fashion choice. There is a difference however, it is an honor to represent the dedicated Lions in my district and I believe it would be disrespectful for their Governor to not present a professional image. Visiting clubs as a representative of the District is truly a joy of the job! My only regret is that better progress has not been made on a tele transporter system.

In the current political climate, it is so refreshing to work with an organization that brings us together and emphasizes our similarities, not our differences.

Planning for the District convention has begun. It promises to be a fun weekend, and we are working hard to make it economical for attendees. Save the date April 26-27, 2019 in West Branch Mi.

I am pleased that we are going forward with the first ever District 11-E1 eyeglass mission trip to Medina Mexico. February 23 – March 1, 2019. If you know an Optometrist who might be willing to go, or if you have an interest, please contact PDG Harry Johnson 231.745.4524.

A huge shout out to Baldwin Lions!! Writing a disaster grant to aid the food banks and meal services in their Lake County community after tornadoes caused wide spread power outages, was a master stroke. When I went to Baldwin to present the checks, the Director of the Seventh Day Adventist Food Pantry told me "After the tornadoes we did not know what to do. We prayed for help, and here you are." Where there is a need there is a Lion!

Peace Poster entries are due to the Governor postmarked by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Club treasurers, please remember to file your 990s.

Ann and I wish each of you a blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends.



*Happy Thanksgiving!  
To You And Your Family*



## FREMONT LIONS COOK AND RACE

On the morning of Friday, September 28, members of the Fremont Lions cooked and served breakfast to the horde of volunteers for the annual United Way Day of Caring event. This is the fourth year the Lions have participated in this event. Volunteers from all over the county arrived at the Newaygo County Career Tech Center for an early breakfast before heading out to work on various projects in the county. It was our pleasure and our honor to prepare the volunteers for a day of work out in the damp cold weather. Our thanks to NCCTC Instructor Teresa Herman and her Culinary Arts students for their invaluable help.

### Fremont Lions First Ever Duck Race

On September 24, 2018 the first in what they hope will be an annual event, the club held a duck race to raise funds for the club and the local Boy Scout troop. The scout leaders, parents and club members sold tickets during Fremont's annual Harvest Festival Parade. The race was held in the creek running through the Fremont Lake Park at 1:00 p.m. This was both a learning experience and a lot of fun so everyone plans to do better next year. The club raised just over \$2,000 for the scouts.



Thanks to the clubs participating in the District Peace Poster contest. Remember to send your winning poster to DG AI, postmarked no later than November 15. Take pictures during the presentation to the winner. Send a picture and article to PDG Pete Conarty for the District Newsletter. Your area Newspapers would probably also welcome an article, especially if you call it a "community service announcement."



## Guests at the Cadillac Lions 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party



PDG Tim Anderson, Anniversary Chair; PID Dennis Cobler, Keynote Speaker; and Cadillac Lion President Dennis Hyzer. Lion Dennis is receiving a gift for his participation.

## Governor's November Schedule

NOVEMBER IS DIABETES MONTH

- November 5 – Empire Lions Club
- November 6 – Election Day – Remember to Vote!
- November 7 – Harrison Lions (Noon)
- November 7 – Luther Lions
- November 8 – Bear Lake Lions
- November 12 – Cedar/Maple City Lions
- November 14 – Sand Lake Lions
- November 15 – Peace Posters Due to Governor
- November 15 – Coleman Lions
- November 22 – Thanksgiving Day – Kaleva Lions
- November 30 – Council of Governors – Flint



Lion Donna, Lion Margaret, and Lion Cleo with the white scream face, ready to give out candy at the Village of Kingsley's Trunk-O-Treat on Halloween. An estimated 500 folks participated in the event.



### LIONS MISSION TRIP

The glasses have been shipped and have arrived in Nogales Arizona which is the half way point for our Mission. The round trip airfare is about \$375.00 per person. We will leave Grand Rapids on February 23rd and arrive later that day in Merida Mexico which is in the Yucatan Peninsula. We will set up the clinic area on that day and be ready to do examinations and fitting of glasses on the 24th. We will continue to work until the time we leave for home on the 1st of March. Room rates should be from about \$25 to \$30.00 per night depending on if a local Lions Club member owns the property. All participants will need a valid passport. If you like to shop, bring extra money. We anticipate about 300-400 patients per day. We will be using all or part of the 5,500 pair of glasses that have been shipped. I will have more information as I receive it. The area is very historic with deep roots to the Mayan Civilization. This experience will be life changing and will really open your eyes and heart to what the Lions Club Association is about around the world and how we live and work our Motto of: WE SERVE!! Please contact : PDG Harry Johnson at 1 (231) 745-4524 or [lionharry1947@gmail.com](mailto:lionharry1947@gmail.com).



## 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Happy November ~ Happy Thanksgiving! November is a month we take time to reflect on Giving Thanks and sharing what we are thankful for. As a Lion there are so many great things to be thankful for, our district and state projects, LCIF, LMSF, Leader Dog, EverSight, Bear Lake Camp, Lions of MI All State Band, PAWS With A Cause, Diabetes Projects, and KidSight. The Forums, conventions, and Zone Meetings where we meet and share information with neighboring clubs and Lions. I am Thankful for new projects and continued old and true ones. MI Lions have an outstanding Lions leadership institute you can attend and meet Lions from around the state as you learn key factors in becoming a better Lion and even a better person. Information on the LCI website will keep you up to date on all that is happening and is a treasure trove of information. Any chance you get check times and dates to schedule a visit to EverSight, Leader Dog, Paws with a Cause or Bear Lake Camp. These are just a few of the things I am Thankful for, this list is endless I'm thankful for all of it and welcome any new ideas. Myself, I am most Thankful for the Wonderful people I have met in Lions!

1<sup>st</sup> VD Gov. Jackie Glazier





### **Big Rapids Lions At Work!**

The Big Rapids Lions Club members are once again this year staffing the concession stand at Top Taggart Field at Ferris State University for home games for Ferris, Big Rapids High School, and some local rocket football games. It takes a lot of folks to make it happen and they are so lucky to have students from the College of Optometry to help. Those students along with help from fellow Lions like DG Al and Lion Ann Roeseler and Lion Harry Johnson, the concession stand proceeds will once again be used to support Lions and community projects and programs. Last year the Club was able to net about \$16,000 for their efforts.

### **LION IN SICK BAY**

We have received word that PDG Larry Morlock is not doing well. He has had a rough Year. He has had infections that require a permanent catheter. To complicate the situation, he has had ulcers on his toes and a bad infection on his left heel which has gone into the bone. This situation will require his right leg to be amputated to below the knee.

While checking for surgery, they found blocked arteries in his heart. Several weeks, ago, Larry had a quadruple-by- pass surgery. He is now in therapy and waiting for the leg amputation. He will then be fitted with a prosthesis. He would love to hear from you – cards or a phone call. Samaritas Senior Living Center, 460 Pearl St. Cadillac, MI 49601, Larry's Phone: 231-349-1637.



### **2<sup>ND</sup> VDG BILL KOCH'S NOVEMBER MESSAGE**

Fall has come and training continues. I'm getting to know all of our Governors, Vice Governors and others. We are getting training that will help us be the best we can be. I am still visiting clubs. All the clubs I have visited are fully engaged in service to their area. It is a great Joy to meet so many of our wonderful Lions. I think that most Lions need to visit a neighboring club. If a project that you might like to do is too big, maybe another club could help. A lot of clubs are having a Charter party this fall. Try going to one. You will have nothing but FUN. What a great way to spend an evening. Would you like to know more about Lions Clubs? Attend a zone meeting. I started attending zone meeting many years, ago. I was very nervous at first. The zone chairman call our club and ask for someone to attend. I got appointed. It was over 20 years ago. I started to learn about Lions. I never really new much aboutexcept Leader dogs and White cane. All the clubs report on their activities. Never knew how many things Lions do. Never knew about the District projects. Best of all met people I knew years before in another part of the district. Never knew they were Lions. A lot of the things you learn at zone and other club meeting you may want to incorporate into you club. One thing all meeting need to have is some fun time. We have some great tail twisters and laughter is part of the meetings. Remember the nicest people are LIONS.

## Lions Around the District

Weidman Lions Club provided dictionaries to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students at St. Joseph the Worker, Beal City. This program is one that the Weidman Lions Club does every year.

The Sand Lake Lions Club will be having their Annual Variety Sale Saturday, November 24, from 9AM to 3PM in the Education Building of the Sand Lake United Methodist Church located at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Maple Streets, Village of Sand Lake. It is about 1 mile east off exit 110 on US131.



The Kingsley Lions Club is now taking orders for our handmade Christmas Wreaths. The cost is \$25 each. Order these beautiful holiday decorations through November 14<sup>th</sup>. Call Margaret at 231-263-7736 or Donna at 231-263-4499 to place your order. These wreaths will be available for pickup around Thanksgiving time. They make a very warm and festive addition to your holiday decor. The Kingsley Lions Club has also donated wreaths to the Gold/Blue Star Mothers and the Grand Traverse Area Veterans Coalition to place on the graves of lost soldiers from the area.

October was a busy month for the Baldwin Lions Club. King Lion Sue Jones and two other Lions visited the Baldwin Elementary School. They presented all of the third graders with their own student dictionary! Also, the entire Pre-K enrollment, plus all three Kindergarten classes received a primary reader. The Baldwin Lions have been providing these books to the Baldwin Elementary students for the past 5 years, and the teachers are very appreciative!



Cadillac Lions enjoying a pop after doing highway cleanup. They cleaned 2 miles of M115. Those pictured L to R are Bill Taylor, Gary Williams, Pete Beuhler, Sam Parkhurst, Marcia Parkhurst and Dennis Hyzer. Lion Mike Holdship not pictured.



At the Coleman Lions meeting on October 1, President Lion Chuck Dinsmore presented a check to Billie Jo Parker for the Coleman Food Pantry.



DG Al Roeseler inducts Eve and Rick Gabbert into Lions at a Chippewa Lake/Mecosta meeting. Far right is their sponsor Deb Benson.



Empire  
Lions  
new flag  
pole  
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IN MEMORIAM

LION MARILYN J. SHAW

Lion Marilyn was an active member of the Kingsley Lions. Working with her husband, Jim, they were able to put in place the annual KidSight screening at the "Santa at the Rock" every December for children in the Kingsley community.



Everyone dreads tax season. It gets to be a complex process for some. You always wonder if you will be getting a refund or paying extra taxes.

We have good news concerning our Michigan Income Taxes and our Lions of Michigan Service Foundation.

It has been a long and difficult job but our Lions Foundation was able to get the legislature to approve the opportunity for the Service Foundation to be placed on the Michigan Income tax form as a recognized tax contributing organization. There are approximately four other state related groups on the form that MI residents can contribute to. Governor Snyder signed the legislation in June. This means that any MI resident filing an income tax form can check the Michigan Lions Service Foundation as a recipient of a portion or all their tax refund. If a resident is not receiving a refund, they can still indicate that they would like to give some money to the Foundation through their tax form.

In order to continue this process and keep the MI Lions Service Foundation on the tax form, the Foundation must continue to earn \$50,000 a year in contributions from other sources. **We need to get the word out and encourage our Lions and other residents of Michigan to consider the Foundation when doing their taxes.**

[KidSight Update – KidSight Team Leader, Sandy House](#)

On October 3rd and 4th, we screened 69 children with 8 referrals at Longview Early Childhood Center – Midland. On Saturday, October 6th, we screened 51 children with 4 referrals at the Home Depot Kids Day - Midland. On October 11, we screened 41 children with 5 referrals at West Midland Family Center. On Saturday, October 13, we screened 22 children with 2 referrals at the Mt. Pleasant Sam's Club. On October 17, we screened 20 children with 2 referrals at the Memorial Presbyterian Preschool - Midland. On October 22, we screened 87 children with 7 referrals at Vestaburg Elementary School. On October 23, we screened 33 children with 2 who didn't pass but they are already under a Doctor's care. That screening took place at the Greenville HS Expo. We had a heartwarming event at the Home Depot KidSight Screening. We met two families who each had a child who now had glasses due to a previous KidSight screening. They both said that they had no idea that their child had vision problems before they had our Lions screening.



## DEFENSE AGAINST DIABETES (DAD)

The State DEFENSE AGAINST DIABETES (DAD) grant application is moving along district and statewide. Statewide Michigan's 11 districts are competing for a \$250,000 to reduce/prevent diabetes and to teach residents to manage diabetes more effectively.

**VISION:** "Reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve the quality of life for those diagnosed"

**Goals:**

- Educate Lions and their communities about diabetes and prediabetes.
- Develop community environments that inspire and support healthy lifestyles.
- Increase access to diabetes care, medication and diagnostic equipment.
- Increase coordination and support in the implementation of national diabetes policies and plans.

The Lions grant that we are working to receive is a matching grant. If we receive it each Lions District (11) is responsible for a portion of the match. District 11 E1 had a similar grant that was administered by PDG Ron Gibson and Lion Bill Bradfield. The District 11 E1 grant was not a matching grant. However, it was so successful that the Council of Governors has applied for a grant to cover the entire state to fight diabetes.

# DISTRICT 11E-1 CONVENTION 2019 TIDBITS BOOKLET

## QUESTIONS FOR YOUR CLUB:

1. Does your Club have a special member you'd like to honor?
2. Has your Club adopted your new service project this year?
3. Has your Club added any new members this year?
4. Does your Club have a special activity scheduled?

IF YOU CAN ANSWER 'YES' PLEASE SEND YOUR AD TO:

PCC Janalee McClure, [janalee@riverview.net](mailto:janalee@riverview.net), 231-689-1321 or  
Lion Brenda Adsmond, [asmond@comcast.net](mailto:asmond@comcast.net), 231-924-2673

## Project KidSight

Our District KidSight screeners have been busy this fall with preschool screenings in Midland, Montcalm and Newaygo counties. There have also been screenings at the Mt. Pleasant and Traverse City Sam's Clubs, Midland Home Depot, Halloween parties in Crystal and Mt. Pleasant, and the Greenville High School Expo. Where could your club hold a screening? Think outside the box. Is there a local event where families will be gathering? Find a place or event, call me or one of our KidSight screeners to find out if a camera is available. Did I mention we have new partnerships with Home Depot and Kohls? Check with your local store and ask about their Kid's Days.

## FREMONT LIONS

On Monday, October 15, 2018. Lion Steve Adsmund welcomed Sarah Hinkley, Professor and Chief of Vision Rehabilitation Services, from Ferris State University to the October 15, Fremont Lions membership meeting. The Fremont Lions and Ferris have a special connection through the Students In Need of Eye care (SINE) project that Sarah has organized over the past few years. The purpose of SINE is to provide eye examinations and glasses to area children. In 2015 and 2017, over 100 students from the Fremont and Hesperia school systems have participated in this program thanks to generous grants obtained through the Gerber and Fremont Area Foundations. The Fremont Lions club is working on organizing a repeat of this program for 2019. Sarah explained that this program is designed for rural school systems to provide comprehensive eye examinations instead of simple eye screening normally given. There are several reasons that students often do not have adequate eye examinations including the lack of providers accepting state-run insurance, poor access to care and sometimes lack of parental motivation.

The Fremont Lions coordinate with the school systems for bus transportation for approximately 30 students per school and supervise the students during the trip and the eye exams. The students are identified by a program coordinator from each school. The eye exams are performed by third semester MCO students who are supervised by Ferris faculty members. 60% of the students examined are found to be in need of glasses, which are also provided at no cost to the student through this program. 37% of the students are found to have an eye disorder, requiring some form of follow-up care.



KidSight Team screens children at Sam's Club: Bob Thompson, Weidman; back row: Lynda Stark, Pat Dunlap, Clint House, and Roger Frazer – Midland Lions



Professor Sarah Hinkley and Fremont Lion Steve Adsmund. Below students in the Shine Program





## Lions Around the District - continued

### HARRISON LIONS

The Harrison Lions club is having a beer and wine tasting event Nov 3, 6-9:00 p.m. The owners from the Cadillac Winery will be there to speak about their wines. Card games, drawings and a mystery mail box gift will be part of the entertainment. Appetizers and door prizes will round out the evening.

On Nov 17, the Harrison Lions will host an Arts & Craft show open to the public from 9-4:00 p.m. Tables are still available for interested crafters. The show will be held at the Harrison Lions Den.



PCC Janalee McClure, with many others Lions, enjoyed the 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tailgate Party at the White Cloud Lions Den on October 20. The club will host their annual Toy Auction on November 10. Toys are donated to the Children's Christmas Fund at TrueNorth.

The Newaygo Lions Club is planning a PR booth at the Newaygo Community Christmas Walk to promote Lions Membership and Project kidSight.

The Hart Lions Club had several appreciation dinners in October for the non-Lions who assisted them with their food booth at the Oceana County Fair.



### DISTRICT FLOAT NEEDS A NEW HOME

For approximately eight years the Luther Lions Club has stored the District 11 E1 float. We thank them for their generosity. The float needs to be stored inside a facility to protect it. The District needs to find a new home for the float by next June. If a Lion or Lions Club has a storage facility that can house the float and is willing to take on this responsibility, contact 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Jackie Glazier. Phone -231-534-4932 or e-mail, jackieglazier14@yahoo.com



Midland Lions hosted a dinner to honor Midland County's Cross Country Runners. Teams from Meridian, Bullock Creek, Midland and Dow High Schools attended.



DG Al Roeseler inducted two new members at the Midland Lions. Pictured above: Lori Shelby, sponsor; Darren Hall, inductee; Cheryl Wade and her Leader Dog, inductee; Lynda Stark, sponsor and Midland Lions President Dick Ivan.

## LCIF GRANT CHECK



THE Lake County villages of Baldwin and Idlewild were struck by a tornado in October. Baldwin Lions Club applied for a LCIF Grant to replenish the food pantries in this low income area. LCIF granted the club \$10,000 to help the pantries and the people of the area. District 11 E1 has been the recipient of several LCIF grants in the past few years.

## Lions of Michigan SERVICE FOUNDATION, INC.

### 2019 Calendar Raffle

**\$20.00**



The calendar is a Fundraiser for the Foundation. Total cash prizes are \$5,650. Each month starting in January two raffles for a \$100 and a \$25 prize will be held. On May 18, the Grand Prize for \$2,500 will be drawn at the Lions State Convention. Lions Clubs will receive \$5.00 for each calendar sold by their Lions. Contact Foundation Trustee: Pete Conarty for a calendar – (989)835-8712.