

District 11-E1 Newsletter



FIRST LADY LION MARY LOU AND DG PETE CONARTY

OCTOBER 2014

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Fall! We need 117 new members to meet our goal. October is Lions Membership Month. I encourage all clubs to participate in a Membership Initiative. If you don't have a Membership Chair appoint an enthusiastic Lion to head up that committee for Your Drive. Be Bold! Ask 1! We have just completed our first round of Zone Meetings. Club Presidents should have distributed your purple membership ribbons. Let's all work to change those ribbons to gold and possibly free you from Tail Twister fines. Congratulations to VDG Pam Schroeder for the creative and Informative District 11 E1 Fall Conference that she organized. Thank you to all the participants, attendees, and the Harrison Lions Club for hosting us and preparing lunch. The Dramatic presentation of the Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller story was very professional and well done. Six of our District 11 E1 Lions attended the US/Canada Forum in Puerto Rico. There was a great line up of Leadership seminars. Mark your Calendars - September 17, 18 and 19, 2015 the US/Canada Forum will be in Grand Rapids, MI. There will be 120 Break-Out sessions and the Forum will begin Thursday morning. Several other innovative changes are planned. The Governor's Book Program is under way. I am suggesting that every club use this program as a special project. When you host a KidSight event, present every child with a book to keep. On the inside cover, indicated the Lions Club that gave the child this book. Scholastic Books are a good source for books that can be obtained for \$2-3 each. If your club's budget is tight consider the project for next year. Our next District 11 E1 cabinet meeting is October 11, at the Mesick Lions – Ellen's Corners Community Building – M115 & M37. Every Lion is welcome to attend this meeting. The meeting starts at 9:30 A.M. Be Bold! Ask someone to be a Lion! Be Bold! Seek out a Leadership position. District Governor Pete

Message from 1st Vice District Governor Lion Pam



1st VDG Pam Schroeder & PDG Dan Gibbons

Wow! The months are flying by quickly. It seems like I just did last month's newsletter.

We had a great Fall Conference. If you missed it, talk with those that attended and find out about ways to have fun meetings. Several ideas were suggested and I hope those that attended help to get their clubs to try some new ideas. The Ann Sullivan skit was fabulous; it gave a lot of insight to Helen Keller and Ann Sullivan. It was well worth our time.

October is Membership month. I hope every club has a membership promotion planned. There are many ways to promote Lions, every member invite someone to come to the meeting with them, make bookmarks for the Library with your club info and invite them to stop by a meeting, pass out coupons for prospective members to join you for supper, and you could JUST ASK. If you have ways that work for your club, let me know so we can get it out to the other clubs. Let's work together to increase our great District 11- E1.

Have a great month, and help your club grow!

Lion Pam
1st Vice District Governor



OCTOBER – LIONS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND RUN WITH IT!!

What is your club doing for the October-November Membership Drive? Our membership Goals is 130. We have 13 new members to date. New members make Lion burnout non-existent. Our communities thrive with our SERVICE.

Ideas for membership Initiatives for October:

1. Every member wears their Lions pins and hats around the community. Wear you're "Be Bold! Be A Lion!" pin.
2. Have a special project or fundraiser – put out a "Lions At Work" sign. Hand out brochures about your club. Invite a friend to help out at the fundraiser.
3. Articles about your activities on social media, newspaper, radio.
4. Placemats in your local restaurants.
5. Gather your Lions Magazines from members. Put your Club name and a phone number on them. Distribute to doctor's offices, etc.
6. Hand out an invitation cards (print them up) to a meeting to a friend or colleague. Incentive - bring a potential member to a meeting and get a free dinner.
7. Members bring in names - send out letters, inviting potential Members to a meeting.
8. Halloween stop for children – candy for them, Lions brochure for the parent.
9. Host a KidSight and donor station at a mall, etc.
10. "We Need You" signs posted at your local bakery, grocery store, Barber shop and hair stylists, etc.
11. Take part in a community event and wear your Lions shirts and Vests.
12. Have an ice cream social and invite families to attend. Post items around the room and on the tables about your club.

BE CREATIVE – BRAINSTORM YOU CLUB FOR IDEAS!!!



IN MEMORY

Lion Glen Noonan – Charter Member and Lion Wayne Bright SR – Cedar Maple City Lions Club. We extend our sympathy to their families and the Cedar-Maple City Lions.



OCTOBER LIONS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LIONS MEMBERSHIP MONTH – Wear Lions Pins and hats!

October 5, Hillbilly Breakfast 8-12 a.m., Honor Lions Club

October 9, World Sight Day

October 5-11, Legislative Proclamation – Lions Week in MI

October 11, District 11 E1 Cabinet Meeting –Mesick Lions, 9:30 a.m.

October 11, Coleman Lions Charter Night – 5:30 p.m.

October 13, Cedar Maple City 50th Anniversary – Little Traverse Inn, Maple City, 6:00 p.m.

October 16, Reg. 2, Zone 2 Meeting (Lion Peg Walls) – Autumn's Restaurant, Chippewa Lake

October 18, White Cloud Lions 44 Anniversary Party - White Cloud

October 22, Reg. 1 Zone 2 Meeting (Lion Sheila Ferrell) – Bear Lake Lions

October 28, Reg. 3 Zone 2 Meeting (Lion Janalee McClure) White Cloud Lion's Den

October 30, Reg. 1 Zone 1 Meeting (Lion Connie McMorris) Red Lobster, Traverse City

**DG Pete's Goal for membership in the District is 130.
We have 117 new members to go. Keep up the good work**



Arcadia Lions Bridge walk Lions Wedding

Threatening rains did not dampen the enthusiasm of the citizens of Arcadia as they gathered for the Annual "Other Bridge Walk" hosted by the Arcadia Lions Club. Participants found an opportune break from the wind and rain to don their crazy hats and make the half mile trek to the M22 Bridge for this Labor Day tradition.

"It's our way of saying this (community) is important to us," said Past King Lion Milt Whitmore. "There is the bridge between St. Ignace and Mackinaw City. OK, a few more people go there, but the important people are here."

Fellow Lion Gary Peterson and Lion Sue LaBudde took the opportunity to exchange wedding vows with family and friends in attendance who then celebrated with a community dinner. Lion Sue (who sponsored Lion Gary when he joined the Arcadia Lions Club) is the club treasurer and Lion Gary is the club's Quartermaster. They now have seven cubs in their family pride. It was an enjoyable way to commemorate the ending of summer in Arcadia and the beginning of a new adventure for Lions Gary and Sue. Best Wishes to them.



Big Rapids Lions



Big Rapids Lions Club Works with the Community

The Big Rapids Lions Club continues its 77 year history by working in the community. Most recently, they could be seen preparing hotdogs at the South end Block Party celebrating the grand opening of the new store, Label Shopper, and then taking part in the Habitat for Humanity Community Appreciation Day marking the one year anniversary of the Resale Store. If you are one of those people who want to give back to your community, consider joining the Lions Club of Big Rapids. For more information, call 231.660.2901.

Picture from Community Appreciation Day – left to right: Mary Clark, Bob Clark and Rick Horst

Soon our club will begin distributing dictionaries to all of the third graders in the Big Rapids area.

During the month of October and the first two weeks of November, Big Rapids Lions will be operating their concessions stand for the Big Rapids High School, Ferris State and Rocket Football games. This is our biggest fund-raiser of the year.

District 11 E1 Newsletter wants your club news. Deadline is the 20th of the month. Send your pictures and a short story to News Editor Deb Kreitner debkreitner@charter.net

Coleman Lions



Coleman Lions Club hosted an open meeting on September 8th. Our guest speaker was the Superintendent of Coleman Community Schools, Mary Pitchford, who spoke about the bond issue on the November ballot. Ms. Pitchford explained needed renovations for safety of students and answered questions from the attendees.

On Friday, September 26 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm, Coleman Lions will have a booth at the new community event, A Walk Through Town. We will have a game for kids and offer Charter Night tickets and 911 emergency signs for sale. The event will offer many fun activities for families, including music & vendors Friday, pancake breakfast, volleyball tournament, craft show and 5k race/walk on Saturday. We are happy to again participate in this event promoting our community.

We are working hard to be ready for another great Coleman Lions Charter Night Dinner & Auction fundraiser on October 11. We hope you're able to join us!

DISTRICT CONVENTION

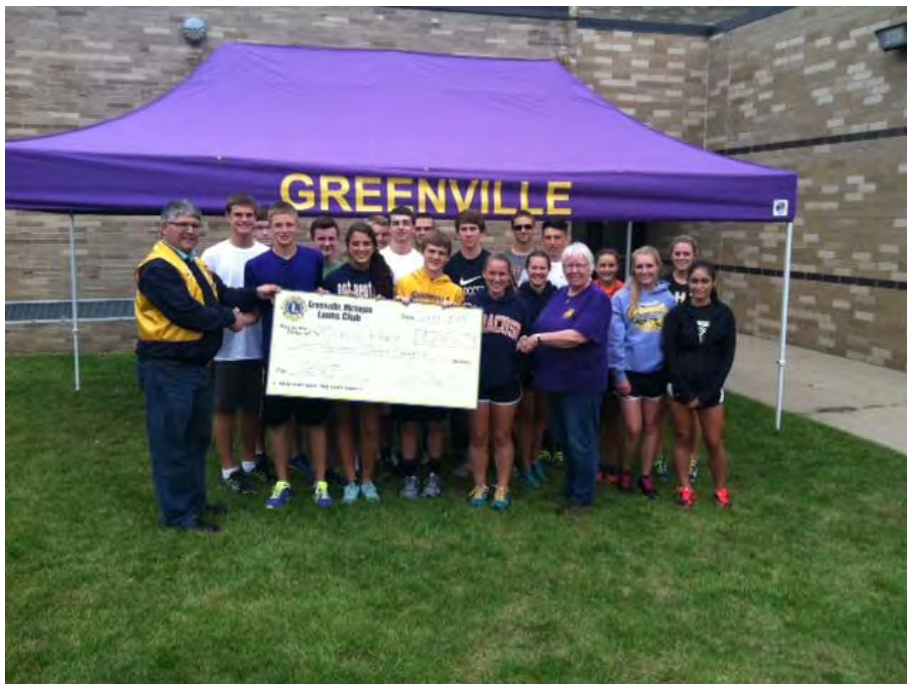
Mark your calendar, March 27,28, and 29, 2015

Park Place Hotel, Traverse City

Greenville Lions



Greenville Lions have partnered with 5 Montcalm area Motorcycle clubs to help the community with the Greenville Lions Christmas Program. The Motorcycle clubs left Barryton at 7:00 A.M. to collect toys from Montcalm County area; they arrived back in Greenville at 4:30 P.M. It was really great to see all the motorcycles pull into the local club house in Greenville. The enthusiasm between the riders and our group that was waiting for them was wonderful. They also have a competition between each of the groups to see who gets the most toys. We really appreciate all the motorcycle clubs that help with this project. They help make our Christmas Project even more special with all the toys that were donated. Lion Dan Eagles is the chair on this project. He is pictured in both pictures with his Lions vest on.



The Greenville Lions club recently donated a pop up tent to the Greenville High School Cross Country and Track Teams. Presenting the \$2,300 check are Lions Members John Moy and Debbie Kreitner with the boys and girls cross country team.

You are Invited to White Cloud Lions Den

for our 44th Anniversary Mardi Gras Party

Saturday--
October 18, 2014
6:00 P.M.



**LOTS OF GAMES
FOOD & FUN
JOIN US!**



Special Music by Lion Ted Bailey

Silent Auction to support our club projects

Earn door prize tickets for donating items for silent auction

\$10.00 12 years & older. (No charge for under 12)

For reservations call President Ray Williams 231-689-1732

Secretary Janalee 231-689-1321 or email janalee@riverview.net,

Cedar/Maple City Lions Club

Maple City, Michigan



50Th Anniversary Charter Night

October 13, 2014

Toastmaster 11-E1 Governor Pete Conarty

Little Traverse Inn

Maple City, Michigan

(3 miles North of Maple City, right on M-22, 1000')

Cash Bar 6:00 P. M. ----- 7:00 P.M.

Order off the menu, R.S.V.P. by September 29, 2014 @ 231-228-5257



Canine Development Center Moves Forward

The big work has begun! Demolition has started and the veterinary office, puppy development offices, part of the lobby and the puppy/breeding areas are now a part of our history. Though it was a bit sad to see these parts of the building get demolished, the excitement for the new and vastly improved building quickly takes over.



In regard to fundraising for the campaign, we are still meeting with individual, corporate and foundation donors with personal asks to contribute to the project, primarily in the form of multi-year pledges which allow them to spread their donation over the course of up to five years. The Lions phase of the campaign will be ongoing through September of 2015. Individual Lions Clubs continue to support the project with several pledging significant gifts of \$50,000 or more. We will continue to do solicitation presentations to clubs throughout the fundraising campaign.

The Capital Campaign Executive Committee, comprised of the chairs of each of the five fundraising phases, will meet again in September.

If you'd like to view the video we produced in support of the Canine Development Center project, go to <http://youtu.be/7am9nZuGtl8>.

For more information about Leader Dogs for the Blind contact:

Pam Blizzard

Ron Sharp



Friendship Awards



Unsung Hero's Awards

Unsung Heroes Award



Lion Dick Tooley
Lake Ann Lions Club



Dawn Willman
Kingsley Lions Club



Lion Jim Patterson
Fremont Lions Club

Friendship Awards



Lion Jim Morse, Lake Ann Lions



Lion Donna Martin, Kingsley Lions

ZONES AT WORK



Region 2, Zone 3

Baldwin, Cadillac, Ewart, Luther



Region 3, Zone 1

Carson City, Edmore, Greenville,
Six Lakes , Sheridan, Stanton



Region 1, Zone 2

Kaleva, Manistee, Mesick, Onkama

Fall Conference Photos

September 20, Harrison Lions Den



Lion Pam Blizzard doing a presentation on being a Leader Dog client.



Group planning session.



Brainstroming – Fun and Interesting meetings.



Parade of Checks for State, District and LCIF

USA/Canadian Forum in Puerto Rico



First Lady Mary Lou with Puerto Rican Dancer

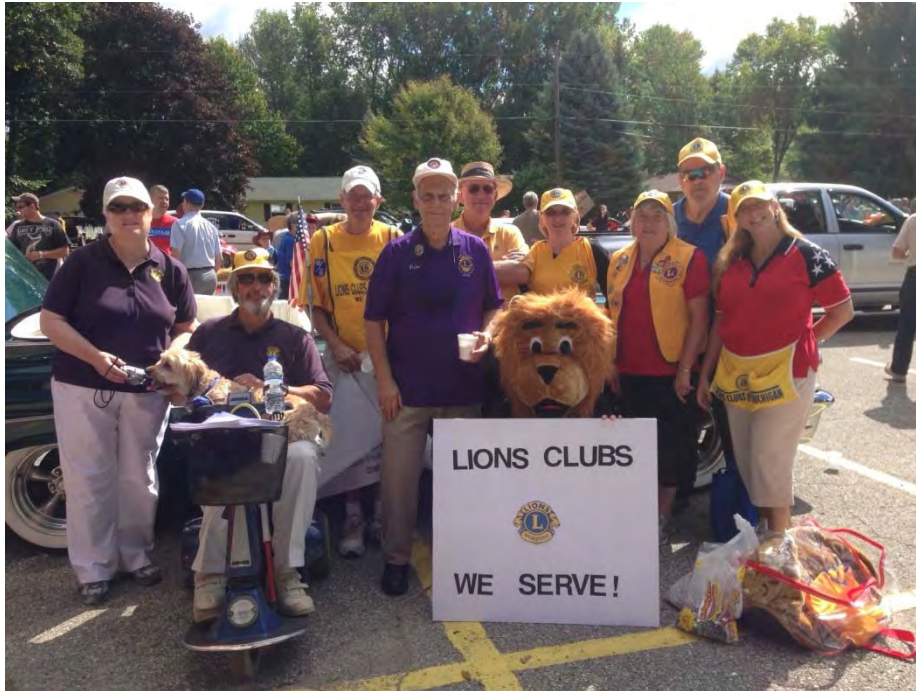


DG Pete with ID Kembra Smith from Georgia, District 11 E1 March Convention Speaker



Zone Chair Peg Walls receives an Outstanding Zone Chair pin from International President Joe Preston at the Forum.

Sanford Parade, Lions March for New Members



Lions Tina, Mike, Al, Dave, Lynda, Peg, Jim, Maria, Justin, and DG Pete
Fremont Lions years of Service awards



Fremont Lions received certificates representing 175 years of service.

Back Row: Lions Jim Powell, Carl Homsher, Max Gardenour

Front Row: King Lion Steve Adsmond and DG Pete