

Lions of Michigan

District 11 E-1 Newsletter



"Just Ask"

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From the Governor

Welcome to February – I'm envious of the snowbirds who have traveled south to avoid some of our cold weather.

Next year, the new Peace Poster theme is "Our World, Our Future." Kits are available for both the essay and artistic presentations from LCI on January 15, 2013.

Nice job on retaining our district membership! Your hard work has slowed drops in both November and December. Our two month membership drive has paid off with 12 Clubs qualifying for new member rebates from the district. Keep it up! You have until June 30 to get rebates for your new positive growth members. Congratulations to those 12 Clubs: Arcadia, Cadillac, Carson City, Cedar Maple City, Chippewa Lake, Ewart, Harrison, Lake Ann, Midland, Northport, Stanton and Weidman. Next month I'd also like to see your Club's name listed there.

The Forum is coming on February 16th at the Best Western Hotel in Lansing. We have a wonderful presentation scheduled by Dow Corning people that will just amaze. Plus, there will be many classes on current Lion's topics. Come join us for a great day.

Our upcoming District Convention is March 22, 23 and 24 at the Holiday Inn in Big Rapids. The theme this year is Mardi Gras, so bring your favorite costume or mask and bring some beads to throw to the admiring crowd. Room rates are reasonable at \$79.00 per night; the hotel is located just off 131, exit 139 east toward Big Rapids. Come join your friends at the Meet and Greet, the silent auction and candidates' hospitality rooms.

Leader Dog scores another remarkable year for graduating 205 Leader Dog teams. They trained 51 blind individuals to travel with white canes and GPS systems. They raised 450 puppies to be future Leader Dogs. On average, each Leader Dog provides 3,000 days of service to their visually impaired teammate. These accomplishments are wonderful, but they are only possible because of your Lions contributions to this state project.

DG Bill



Club Officers

As many of you know the new MyLCI site has been up and running for the past 6 months and as with anything new and technical it can make some Lions a little hesitant about trying it out.

LCI has come out with these two simple YouTube “How To” videos that you can watch at home that will show you how to register for the website and also for the club secretaries it will walk you through how to file your clubs MMR's (Monthly Membership Reports).

Good communication between clubs the district and International is very important and getting in the habit of submitting your MMR's monthly is the first step. I know many clubs may not have had any changes during the past month so nothing to report and that's fine there is a box to check on the MyLCI site just to let us know that and once down your club is up to date for that month.

Tracking our Membership affects our District as a whole. We get billed twice a year (July 1st & Jan 1st) and without the MMR's being up to date we “Your Club” may be charged for members that are no longer with your club, it also helps us keep an eye on the Health of our District and it allows us to know if certain areas or clubs are struggling. Giving us the District the chance to offer ideas and support if needed.

So Club Secretaries please remember to submit your Monthly Membership Reports regularly and by doing so you can save your club money and help keep our District moving towards the future!

Here are the two Links put out by LCI:

MyLCI Membership Reporting - Lions Club Videos

<http://youtu.be/ke-hpBNgods>

MyLCI Logon and Registration - Lions Club Video

<http://youtu.be/nc6H7tbZ6Ao>

Thanks and please also keep in mind that the PU-101's are just around the corner!

1st VDG Tim Anderson

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Message from – Lion Pete Conarty 2nd VDG

Lions are a rare breed of volunteers. While we encourage and want fun and interesting meetings, our main goal is our dedication to serve our community. Since last July, I have been featuring a club each month in the Celebrity Spotlight in our District Newsletter. It always amazes me, as I write these articles, at the variety of fundraisers that Lions use to raise money to perform a multitude of tasks for their communities. Despite the fact that our main goal is eye glasses and exams for individuals, Lions are builders, planters, and providers – ramps for the handicap, equipment for playgrounds, reroof a park pavilion, plant trees, distribute food for food pantries, provide scholarships, and the list goes on. Lions are HUMANITARIANS –first class! Share these opportunities to be “Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services” (LIONS) to our friends, relatives, neighbors, church members, fellow employees, retirees. Our Lions Leadership is outstanding around the world. We stand tall as Lions. Help others to stand with us.

CELEBRITY SPOTLIGHT

COLEMAN LIONS CLUB

Twenty nine Lions, seventy two years as a Lions Club and extremely busy carrying on Melvin Jones Legacy, “To Serve” that depicts the Coleman Lions Club. The club was sponsored by the Midland Lions Club in 1940. The Lions play an integral part in the Coleman community. They have joined other community sponsors to purchase playground equipment for the local park, build and reroof the park pavilion, build the local skate board rink, and put new fencing around the basketball court. The Lions have purchased braille signs for the Coleman Community Schools, large print books for the library and scholarships for high school seniors.

The Coleman Lions sponsor the Star Leo Club at the Coleman Jr. /Sen. High School which is one of the three Leo clubs in District 11 E1. Eye glasses and exams, KidSight screening, a tailgate Halloween Party for the community, sponsorship of a Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops, and Adopt a Highway participation round out just a few of the Coleman Lions activities.

All of these activities are funded by the ten fundraisers that the Coleman Lions participate in: Yoder’s Spring/Fall concession wagon, work concessions at the Loon’s Baseball games, Coleman June Fest concession wagon, sell 911 signs, yard sale, bake sales, raffle, Charter Night Dinner/ auction, and more. If you need ideas on fundraisers, you need go no farther than the Coleman Lions. They are an active group that works hard and invests in their community. Interesting programs, an active tail twister, the once a month pot luck, and the company of great Lions make the Coleman Lions Club exciting to be a part of.

Fremont Lions

Twenty eight Fremont Lions and guests shared the JOY of Christmas on Monday, Dec. 17th by bringing toys and socks to donate to True North at our annual Christmas Party. All were entertained with excellent Christmas music by Don Hult, from White Cloud, who played both guitar and banjo during his Christmas program.



Nicole Schwarz, Community Outreach and Housing Specialist, from the 211 Program was our guest speaker at our December 5th Membership meeting. If you'd like more information about this program, visit www.uwmasoncounty.org or email Nicole at Nicole@masoncountyuw.org.



Midland Lions

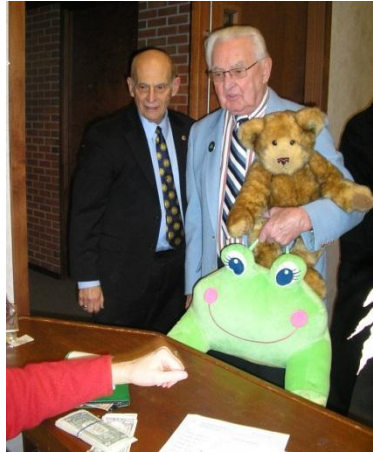
Kids Sight at the Midland Community Center



From left to right - Lion Tom Girvin from Weidman with the camera, Jayden Attenberg, Lion Doug Ward, Dawn Glesner and Landon Aguirre.



LIONS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY PICTURES!





Big Rapids Lions 75th Anniversary

January 22, 2013

Dear District 11E-1 Lions:

The Big Rapids Lions Club extends this invitation to you and your Lions Club members to attend the Big Rapids Lions Club 75th Anniversary Dinner. It will be held on March 9, 2013 at Falcon Head Golf Club, 13120 Northland Drive (old US 131), Big Rapids.

Social Time will begin at 6:00 P.M. The meeting and dinner will start at 7:00 P.M., followed by remarks, speeches, presentation of gifts, and introduction of Lions and guests. Past International Director Dr. Gary Anderson will be our keynote speaker.

The dinner will cost \$25.00 per person. Please make checks payable to the Big Rapids Lions Club and return payment with you RSVP. Reservations are required by February 23, 2013 and should be mailed to PDG Dick Perrin, 13948 Jet Drive, Big Rapids, MI 49307.

We look forward to a wonderful evening celebrating our 75th anniversary.

Sincerely

Rick Horst

Rick Horst, President, Big Rapids Lions Club

-----RESERVATION FORM-----

Club Name: _____

Number attending: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Leader Dogs for the Blind
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Leader Dogs for the Blind has been training dogs solely for the purpose of assisting the visually impaired since 1939. As one of the only centers in the country that specializes in training leader dogs, this non-profit organization helps offer new-found freedom to visually-impaired men and women in the United States, Canada and worldwide at absolutely no cost to them.

The Leader Dog campus is comprised of an administrative building that is connected to the residence hall, which houses the students who are enrolled in the 26-day training program that will teach them how to most effectively utilize their new guide dog. The large kennel next door houses the leader dogs, who are also in training.

Leader Dogs for the Blind is located on the southeast corner of Rochester and Avon roads, and its students (both two- and four-legged) can be spotted training nearly every day in downtown Rochester.