

**NEWSLETTER
DISTRICT 11 E1
JANUARY 2015**



**Happy
New Year!**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! A new year begins, time to refresh our projects, and make plans for new projects. Step out of our shell and be willing to do new things.

If you have new membership kits, be sure you get your new member posted on line so that the new member kits are accounted for. International is limiting the kits we get because clubs are not registering that many new members. If you have several new kits that you may not use we could use some to be available to other clubs. If you need new kits give me a call and I will locate some for you.

We will be doing a wagon float parade at the convention. Use a child's wagon and build your float on it. Clubs can use Lions as the theme, that gives you a wide range to come up with ideas. There will be prizes, so put your thinking caps on, and be ready for a fun parade.

I will not be able to visit clubs the month of January, due to my knee surgery. Hope to be in full swing again in February and really enjoy visiting with the Lions of District 11 E 1. If you have not scheduled my visit, give me a call so we can get it scheduled.

Have a Great 2016!

Let's have fun as we Serve!

DG Pam 231/889-4870

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I want to Thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, and prayers. The surgery went well they say. It is still painful, but Dan and my daughters are taking great care of me. Planning to see everyone at the cabinet meeting on January 16.

DG Pam

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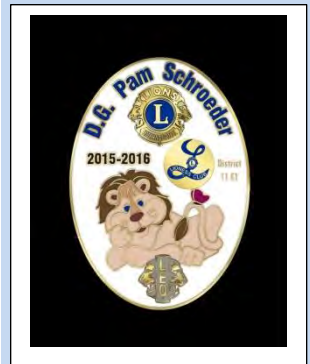
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GREENVILLE LIONS CLUB

The Greenville Lions Club recently made a \$2,700.00 donation to the Imagination Library, operated through Montcalm Intermediate School District. The donation, made in memory of recently passed Lion member John Hackett, will provide 100 pre-school age children in Montcalm County with one book per month until the age of 4. Prior to Lion John's passing, he was vital in organizing this significant donation to providing books to young children. Contributions to Lion John's memorial fund will be used to make donations to this program each year. Pictured above are Lion members EJ Paas, Andrew Hurst, Kyle Madole, and Deb Kreitner. Also pictured in center is Lion John's wife Caryl Hackett (center), presenting the check to Mindy Train.



FREMONT LIONS GET NEW FLAGS

When Samuels of Fremont burned down years ago, the Fremont Lions Club lost many items to the fire. One item was our international flag collection representing the countries where Lions Club International is located. This picture is of 1st Vice District Governor, and one of Fremont's own, Lion Ron Gibson presenting a new set of flags to Lion Fran Lensk, President of the Fremont Lions Club, to replace the flags lost.



December 5 the Chippewa Lake-Mecosta Lions held a community Christmas party for children in the area in cooperation with the Mecosta VFW. In addition to Santa, there were gifts for all children, music, Piñatas, candy, cookies, donuts, popcorn, drinks, and LOTS of fun!

[Chippewa Lake Mecosta Lions Club Christmas Party 2015](#)



[Weidman Lions Club - Lions e-Clubhouse](#)
e-clubhouse.org

The Weidman Lions

The 2016 Weidman Lions Club Raffle Calendar is now available for \$20.00 per calendar. There will be two \$50.00 drawings each month and eight \$100.00 holiday drawings throughout the 2016 calendar year. These calendars would make a great gift for those hard to buy for individuals. If you are interested in purchasing one stop by McArthur Insurance Agency, The Computer Shop Plus, or contact a Weidman Lions Club member or send an email message to WeidmanLions@GMail.com to make other arrangements. I have a few to sell if you're in the Big Rapids, Rodney, or Chippewa Lake area and would like one. Message me or reply to this share.



1st VDG Ron Gibson

Message

I came across a bookmark the other day with a quote from Helen Keller on it. The quote says: "Worse than being blind would be to be able to see but not have any vision". How true! I have had the pleasure of meeting and knowing a number of Lions who have a vision impairment. What has impressed me about each of them is how they have adjusted to their impairment. It doesn't prevent them from finding ways to reach out to others, to use their skills and gifts to make someone's life a little better, a little easier. They have "vision"! How about you? Happy New Year!

Lion Ron



Empire Lions Do Toys for Tots.

Empire Lions were asked to donate at least 2 toys during a 3 week period . The Lions ended up donating over 140 toys for local children. On January 30, the Empire Lions are going to be serving hot dogs and hot chocolate to the participants and watchers of the Roy Taghon annual snowmobile races to be held at the Empire Airport.



Stanton Lions

The Stanton Lions served Christmas dinner on December 15th, at a local Senior Citizen Center. In attendance were the residents, children (parents' of the children providing entertainment - see picture) from the Trinity Church in Stanton. There were approximately 55 in attendance. The Lions club also gave out thirty Christmas food packages on December 17th at the Central Montcalm elementary school. They, also, distributed stocking caps, gloves and gifts for the kids.

MEMBERSHIP -GMT JIM WALLS

When I received a 50 membership key award, I received a letter from another district. I was pleasantly surprised by this, but then realized that the letter was to all their members informing them of such an award and expressing the availability of such an award to each of us as lions. This district has won the multiple district membership award several years in a row. They make a "big deal" over every membership award thus causing membership to be important and in the fore-front. PDG Tim Anderson has said that the growth in our District is going well, but it is hard to determine exactly where we are at as a number of membership reports are "missing". If you are having difficulty getting this report done, please contact PDG Tim (231 920-9905) for assistance.



SANTA TRAIN & ELVES

The Midland Lions Club helped Santa at the Santa House. Lions Tina and Mike Hoy dressed as elves and ushered children to see Santa. Lion Carl VanderWoude poses by the Santa Train. A number of Lions acted as conductors for the train that travelled the main street of Midland carrying children/adults.

BALWIN LIONS INDUCT NEW LION



The newest member of the Baldwin Lions Club is Lion Donna Featherstone, alongside her sponsor Lion Sue Jones. 1st VDG Ron Gibson inducted Lion Donna.



Crystal Lions

Light up Crystal!

The Crystal Lions Club along with the help of volunteers put up the Crystal Lions Street Ornaments in town. Pictured hanging one of many Christmas street ornaments in Crystal (volunteers, Chris Johnston and Mike Roberts in bucket). Santa came to visit Crystal along with a free Christmas movie and snacks for children in the community.

At the Crystal Lions Club Christmas dinner, King Lion Theron Guild presents a donation to the Crystal Fire Department for the Santa Comes to Town event. The money goes toward providing snacks for children who come to see Santa and the Free Christmas movie held in town. Crystal Lions member Ron Flinn also makes a donation to the Fire Department, from the Crystal Motor Speedway (owner).

Side: Pictured L-R Crystal Firemen, Chris Johnston, Brandon Bogart (also a Crystal Lions member) and Roger Gooding, King Lion Theron Guild and Lion Ron Flynn.



2ND VDG PEG WALLS
MESSAGE

"I think I can"! Everyone remembers that line from the story of the " little engine that could". In this New Year, let us, as Lions, remember that we too can do it! We can accomplish our projects. We can get our reports done. We can get new members. It is the positive attitude that we all have that pushes us forward that give us hope for a great future. Together, we can share our joy of service. Best wishes for a wonderful year.



Leader Dogs for the Blind –
Mission Moment

"I'm really excited to go places much faster—having two heads thinking of traffic versus just one!"

~ Robert Gulledge and his first Leader Dog, Dakota (graduated June, 2015).



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

The next four pages contain information for the April Convention!

The Convention Registration and Hotel information, delegate letters, and credentials, etc. Please pay particular attention to the cut-off date for Lions Hotel rates is March 8, and the new rules on credentials. To have delegates at the convention, club dues must be paid in advance. You can no longer pay them at the convention to authorize delegates. Please note that hotel rates are \$69.95. (The form indicates \$79.95.)

DISTRICT 11 E1 JANUARY NEWSLETTER

DISTRICT CANDIDATE LETTERS OF ENDORSEMENT

Potential candidates for district offices are reminded that they need to get their club endorsement letters in prior to the cut-off date which is 60 days prior to the District Convention which is on Friday, April 8, 2016.

FROM THE DISTRICT 11-E1 BYLAWS:

Any qualified member of a club in the district seeking the office of district governor, 1stVDG, 2ndVDG or Lions of MI Foundation Trustee shall file his/her intention to so run in writing with the (1) Nominating Committee **at least sixty (60) days** prior to the opening session of the District Convention, with copies to (2) the Cabinet Secretary and (3) Multiple District Executive Secretary and furnish evidence of his/her compliance with the qualifications for said office set out in the International Constitution and By-Laws.



CONVENTION WAGON PARADE

It's new at this year's convention. At 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, District Clubs will have a parade of floats. Clubs will have the opportunity to parade their club float. Use a red wagon and decorate it with your club's theme. Prizes will be awarded. It's fun, creative and unique! Get your club involved in the District Convention Parade of floats. The club picks the theme.



SILENT AUCTION

We need items for the Silent Auction held each year at the District Convention. This auction helps to pay the costs of the convention. Check you, closets, attic, spare room or purchase an item. We need all we can get. Bring them to the Convention.

CONVENTION MEMORIAL SERVICE

There is a change in this year's Memorial Service. The life and service of our departed Lions will be eulogized on Saturday morning after breakfast. Each club is asked to submit a picture and a short resume of your deceased Lions since the last convention. Memorials should be e-mailed to Lion Karla Roebuck at kroebuck@greenridge.com or mailed to Karla at 12195 Arthur Rd. Rodney, MI 49342. If possible, please e-mail the material. Deadline to submit information is March 26, 2016.

DISTRICT 11 E1 CONVENTION
APRIL 8 AND 9, 2016
PARK PLACE HOTEL, TRAVERSE CITY, MI
PLAN NOW TO ATTEND

TIDBITS

TidBits is a booklet for Lions about Lions and their thoughts, activities and favorite ideas. It can be found in your convention packet. TidBits is something to share. It could be about your club's fundraiser (after April 9), a campaign item for a Lion running for a District office, your favorite poem or recipe, a wish for a Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary for a spouse, a coupon for a partial payment for a club event, and the list goes on. TidBits was started at the 2015 District Convention and was a popular item. The booklet helps to defray convention costs and reduce the cost to Lions attending the convention.

Suggest that your club advertise in this District booklet or send in your own message. The cost is \$25.00 for a full page (8 1/2" x 5 1/2") or \$15.00 for a half page ad. Make up your own ad, put in a picture or clip art and send the ad and check to:
Lion Brenda Adsmond - 411 Maple Street, Fremont, MI 49412, E-mail:
badsmondathome@comcast.com or PDG Janalee McClure – P.O. Box 177, Brohman, MI 49312, E-mail: janalee@riverview.net. Don't miss out on this opportunity. Send in your ad today!!!



DISTRICT CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Each Convention has its own flavor!

This year's theme is HAWAIIAN!

Friday nights District Governor's reception is your opportunity to dress in your favorite Hawaiian outfit. The meal will be picnic at the park featuring pulled pork.

Saturday morning, we will honor our deceased Lions with a Memorial Service.

Breakout Sessions:

Paws With A Cause – our newest District Project.

Fun at Meetings

Orientation

A new feature – Lions Club Wagon Parade Floats

District Elections

Saturday Evening Banquet

Hospitality Rooms Friday and Saturday Night

DISTRICT 11-E1 DELEGATE CERTIFICATION FORM

CLUB NAME _____ **NUMBER OF MEMBERS** _____

ARTICLE XI SECTION 7 of the District 11-E1 Constitution and By-Laws so states that: Each chartered Club in good standing in Lions International and the District shall be represented by one or more delegates at the District Convention and shall be entitled in each such Convention to one (1) voting delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, of said Club as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month last preceding the month during which the Convention is held (**March 1, 2015**). The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Further, full delegate Status shall be accorded each Past District Governor who is a member of a Club in this District, independent of the Club delegate quotas herein above specified. Each certified delegate present in person may cast one (1) vote for each office to be filled and one (1) vote only on each issue to be voted on by the members of said Convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the Convention.

NAME	DELEGATE (D), ALTERNATE (A)	SIGN AT CONVENTION
Delegate or Alternate		
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I hereby certify that the delegates and alternates listed above are in good standing with Lions Clubs International and The Lions of Michigan.

_____ Club President/Secretary/ or District Governor at
Convention

Remember: All delegates must be registered and certified before 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Saturday, April 9, 2016 or they will not be allowed to vote.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO: LION GAYLE MORLOCK
9357 95TH AVE.
EVART, MI 49631

ON OR BEFORE April 1, 2016

SAVE THE DATE



2016 LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM
Causeway Bay Hotel, Lansing, MI
TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM CALL
517-694-8123 (Code:LIONS216)

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2016 - 8:00 p.m. *Lions Leadership Fun Night!*
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2016 – *Educational Sessions*

REGISTRATION BEGINS:
FRIDAY AT 7:00 P.M. - SATURDAY AT 7:00 A.M.

MULTIPLE SESSION TOPICS TO CHOOSE FROM
WHITE CANE SUPPLY PICK-UP

FORUM LUNCHEON WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER
RECOGNITION OF SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Check our website for regular updates at: www.lionsofmi.com



MI FORUM KEYNOTE SPEAKER
JUSTICE RICHARD BERNSTEIN

Justice Richard Bernstein became the first blind justice, elected by voters statewide, to the Michigan Supreme Court in November 2014. With a commitment to justice and fairness, Bernstein began his 8-year term in January 2015. Prior to being elected to Michigan's highest court, Justice Bernstein was known as a tireless advocate for disabled rights as an attorney heading the public service division for The Sam Bernstein Law Firm in Farmington Hills, Michigan. Blind since birth, Justice Bernstein is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Michigan and earned his juris doctorate from Northwestern University School of Law.

LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM – FEBRUARY 26-27, 2016 LANSING, MI

Much like the snow that awaits us right around the corner, the Lions Michigan Forum will be upon us before we know it. The planning committee is excited to announce Justice Richard Bernstein as our Keynote speaker during the luncheon. Justice Bernstein has been blind since birth, but this certainly has not been a barrier to his success as an accomplished attorney, athlete, and now a judge in Michigan's highest court. His story will be powerful.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Sixteen (16) Breakout Sessions will be offered during four (4) sessions consisting of four (4) topics per session. It is helpful to attend the MI Forum with fellow club members in an effort to attend as many sessions as possible – DIVIDE AND CONQUER! A proceeding booklet will be available, as well as a DVD for the visually impaired, which includes an overview and biography of each presenter.

LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Are you a "new" Lion with membership of less than 5 years? As a Lion, have you ever attended a Lions Michigan Forum? If you fall into either category, you could be eligible for a scholarship for a 50% discount on registration fees. Watch for future notifications, and have your Club Secretary send in your application verifying your status. We hope to see you at the Forum!

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE FORUM

Exciting plans are in the works for those arriving to the Forum early. Watch for the "reveal" in future updates and mailings.

Last year, a record 313 Lions, Lioness, Leos and guest attended the Michigan Forum. Join us February 26-27, 2016, for exciting educational opportunities, fellowship and so much more!



JANUARY DISTRICT CALENDAR DISTRICT 11 E1

- 1. HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
- 16. DISTRICT 11 E1 CABINET – COLEMAN LIONS DEN, 9:30 A.M.**
- 18. MARTIN LUTHER KING REMEMBRANCE**
- 20. MIDLAND LIONS CLUB FOOD DISTRIBUTION – MIDLAND ICE ARENA**

**LOST – STANWOOD LIONS CLUB BELL –SEEKING RETURN OF LIONS BELL,
REWARD – 25 TRADING PINS (CONTACT PDG JIM WALLS AT
231-796-2861)**



Big Rapids Lions Club Donates to Local Food Pantries

Members of the Big Rapids Lions Club held their annual Christmas Dinner on December 14, 2015. Ron Gibson, 1st Vice District Governor, presented the Club with a Lions Club International Service Challenge Award. Members who organized the Club's concession stand at FSU were recognized for their hard work and commitment to the Club's project. Each Lion was asked to provide non-perishable food items which were then donated to Manna Pantry and Project Starburst. Picture: Front row Lions Bruce Fredrick, Dee Van Horn, Mary Clark. Back row: Lions Ron Gibson and Dave "Vanna White" Hamelund.

CEDAR/MAPLE CITY – FOX TREE



On November 19, 2015, the Cedar/Maple City Lions cut a 25' balsam fir tree, planted by Lion Gerry White in the 90's. The recipient was a Toys for Tots collection center at Fox Motors in Traverse City. Fox Motors generously contributes to the Lions Club each year for a tree at their collection location for the Toys for Tots campaign. Tree photo: Left to right, Lions Chris Griffith, Gordon Waldenmyer, Carrlin Niess, Jim Lyskawa, Bryan Niess, Dan Hobbins, Valerie Eimers & Stacey Wilcox.

KALEVA HOSTS ZONE PARTY
On Saturday, December 15, Kaleva Lions hosted their annual Region 1 Zone 2 Christmas Party. Approximately 60 Lions attended from the six clubs. Food, a silent auction, drawings and dancing were the highlights of the evening. Sheila Ferrel is the Zone Chair.



Cedar/Maple City Christmas Party

**DISTRICT 11 E1 LIONS CONVENTION – APRIL 8/9
CHECK OFF LIST**

- 1, Call in Hotel Reservation by March 8, 2016
2. Send in Credentials list by April 1, 2016
3. Send in Registration form and check.
4. Club Secretary – send in names for Memorial Service of deceased Lions since last convention (picture, write-up).



Howard City Lions Tree Lighting –The Lions provided hot chocolate and cookies at the Howard City Christmas tree lighting.

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LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM 2016 Tee Shirt Order Form

The NEW 2016 Lions Michigan Forum T- shirt is now available. These shirts come in a grey, long-sleeved men's style and sizes, and have MI Forum pin design on the back, "Lions of Michigan" imprinted down one sleeve, with Lions Michigan Forum on the front.

Order in advance for pick-up at the Forum, February 27, 2016.

Basic T-shirt price for S,M, L and XL is \$28.00; 2X and larger sizes cost \$31.00.

If you want your shirt(s) sent to you, the shipping charge is \$4.95 per shirt. If you plan to pick up your shirt at the Lions State Office, please note that shirts are not kept in stock. You will be notified when your shirt is available for pickup.

Please enter quantity desired

Size	Quantity	Price	Total
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