



District 11 E-1 Newsletter

"Just Ask"

May 2013

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From the Governor

Finally spring has peeked from behind the cold grip of winter. I can see that PU101 flower growing in the yard just waiting to carry the information of your newly elected officers to LCI and your governor elect. Even if you haven't had your election but know who your officers will be, please have your secretary fill out and forward the PU101. Please use the attached form or find it on the LCI website.

Officially the state of Michigan has declared April 26 through May 5, 2013 as "White Cane Week." Please use this opportunity to educate your community on the rights and protections provided to the visually impaired by the White Cane laws in Michigan. Be visible and safe when you're out collecting for White Cane donations.

Your Lions of Michigan Foundation is sponsoring a new event called "Eyecare – do you? charity run and walk event on June 29th at Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda, MI. There will be several walk and run events. Please see the attached flyer and spread the word about this event. It is set up to have teams or sponsors and you can be creative about how you participate.

Officer training has started. Make sure your club sends new and current officers. This is the first year that "My LCI" will function for all club officers. The current training sessions will give you the opportunity to ask questions and see the new website in operation.

As we approach the final quarter of our Lions year, it's important to finish the objectives we've set for the year. Did you meet your membership goals? Have you accomplished a project to meet each of International President Madden's initiatives. Are your new officers scheduled to attend training sessions? Complete your year with the same enthusiasm that you started with. Have a coordinated game plan for transition of leadership within your club. Make sure your new club president has done the planning that will make your club a survivor and a welcoming place for new members. Club Presidents, please check your club's accomplishments toward Club Excellence requirements – has your club qualified for the award - positive membership growth, held three activities and contributed to LCIF. If you've done these, you qualify for the Club Excellence Award.

DG Bill



News from DGE Tim Anderson

Greetings Fellow Lions;

By now most of our snow birds should have returned to the nest, spring in most cases to quit messing with us and just bring on the warmth and sunshine!

Spring is a good time to get out be seen, we have clubs doing highway cleanups, getting ready for their yearly chicken barbeques, and of course our upcoming White Cane drives. White Cane is probably the biggest simultaneous invasion of yellow vests on to our communities that takes place throughout the state each year.

While you are out working your project or fundraiser this is a perfect opportunity to let the public know who we are and what we do. It's also a perfect opportunity to invite others to help or to attend a meeting. Create a sign listing your clubs contributions and work with in your community going back 3-5 years and post it while you're working.

You never know what might catch someone's interest or attention, you all do good work and by letting your community know what you do some of them might just want to join your efforts and help!

I do want to take a moment and thank all the clubs that have already submitted their PU101 forms for next year and urge the clubs that haven't to please do so soon. It is with this information we put our district roster book together for the quickly approaching year.

We still have a few clubs that need to get caught up on the MMR reports, we need to get these current so you we can end and start our years with the correct membership numbers and to make sure your club doesn't get billed for members that are no longer around.

Thanks again for all your efforts and hard work, you make a difference and by doing so make your community a better place! GO LIONS!

If you would like me to visit your club or event next year please call or email so I can get it on the schedule!

DGE Tim Anderson
231-920-9905

Cadillac Lions Shack Sinks!!!!

4/11/13 1:46:09 PM

On Thursday April 11th at 1:38:14 PM the Cadillac Lions Shack shifted and slowly began sinking through the ice until 1:46:09 PM when it reach the center of the cross painted on its side and was declared officially SANK!! (The sinking was verified by viewing the video tape)

This year for the first time we had a 2 way tie for 1st Mark Armstrong of Cadillac (It was Marks Birthday) & John Witte of Jackson MI both had the closest guess to the actual time each choosing 2pm on April 11th. Because of the 2 winners we combined 1st and 2nd place and split the pot giving each winner \$600.

A check was mailed out to John Witte for his half of the winnings but Mark Armstrong was a guest at our last meeting where he was presented his check for \$600 by our Shack Project Chairman Lion Harry Engels.

Upon receiving the check Mark complimented the Lions on all of the GREAT work we do for our community and proceeded to write us a check back for \$300 stating we could probably put this money to better use then he could.

The Shack has been retrieved and is currently in storage waiting to return to the ice again next year.

CELEBRITY SPOTLIGHT

Greenville Lions Club

What do these seven Lions have in common – Ed Fluegge, Bernie Jardot, Wayne Kreitner, Owen Mumaw, Bob Rice, Stuart Anderson and Earl Faber? They were all members of the Greenville Lions Club and were Lions District Governors. Throughout their 77 years of service to their community, the Greenville Lions have had a large number of members active and involved in local, district and state Lions activities. The Lions sponsored the Big Rapids Lions Club, the Edmore Lions and the Rockford Lions. In November of 2010, they sponsored a Greenville Leos club.

One of the highlights of the Greenville Lions Club is their annual Toy Drive. The club, partnering with the local school district, has over the years donated thousands of toys, mittens and hats to children in the community. Each year the club has given a \$500 scholarship to a Greenville High School graduating senior. Other projects include the Adopt A Highway clean-up program and giving numerous poinsettias to elderly citizens during the Christmas season. The club, also, assists community residents with eye glasses, hearing aids, handicap ramps, food drive and other request during the year.

Fundraising activities include a charity golf classic outing, a food booth at the annual Greenville Danish Festival and twice a year spaghetti dinners.

The Greenville Lions have had a rich 77 year history of service and are looking forward to serving their community for another 77 years.



MOTORCYCLING FOR LEADER DOG MEET & GREET PICNIC FUNDRAISER

Hosted by Lions of District 11 D1

SUNDAY, JUNE 23 4:00 – 7:30

EAST FLINT LIONS CLUBHOUSE

4352 Crosby Road - Flint, MI

RAIN OR SHINE; Plenty of covered and indoor space available!

Meet Lions Mark and Debbie Mansell who are motorcycling thru 48 States in just 24 Days to raise awareness and funds for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Featuring the Fabulous Acoustic Duo

Sharon Tse and John Finan

<http://stse74.wix.com/johnandsharon>

Enjoy live entertainment, picnic food, Leader Dog puppies, raffles, auctions, and more!

Questions? Want to donate raffle items?

Call Lion Laura Hunt at 248-766-7268

'A TYPICAL LITTLE BOY'



Daily News/Mike Taylor

Three-year-old Zade Kooistra of Stanton is rolling farther and faster lately thanks to a cooperative effort between seven area Lions Clubs. The clubs, led by the Stanton Lions, purchased a new Zipzac scooter for the boy, who was born with myelomeningocele spina bifida.

Area Lions Clubs work together to make dream come true for wheelchair-bound 3-year-old

BY MIKE TAYLOR
DAILY NEWS FEATURES WRITER

STANTON — Shannan Kooistra and her husband, Josh, can't help thinking of their 3-year-old son, Zade, as their "miracle" child. The rambunctious tyke, paralyzed from the hips down as a result of being born with myelomeningocele spina bifida, had undergone eight major surgeries before his second birthday.

A shunt embedded in his brain carries excess spinal fluid from his head to his abdomen. And of course, he cannot walk.

But these days, thanks to a coordinated effort by several area Lions Clubs, Zade zips around the Kooistra home with an ease he never could manage in a traditional wheelchair.

Zade's new "ride" is a Zipzac, a low-slung, wheelchair-type device designed specifically for young children with mobility issues. The chair's low center of gravity allows Zade to pick up and play with his toys without crawling in and out of his traditional wheelchair.

None of this would have happened, however, without the help of the Lions.

In January, Shannan sent a letter to Lions International



Zade Kooistra is pictured with, from left, Lions Club member Larry Beardslee — who spearheaded the campaign to purchase the scooter — and Zade's parents, Shannan and Josh Kooistra.



Like all boys who are into "wheels," Zade Kooistra is proud of his (temporary) tattoos and shows them off at every opportunity.

Boy

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explaining Zade's story and mentioning the Zipzac, which Shannan's father had seen on television during a segment of "Good Morning America." The device, like most medical equipment, wasn't cheap. At just over \$1,000, it was a luxury the Kooistras — who have two other children — could not afford.

In her letter, Shannan wrote, "(Zade) is a typical little boy who wants to be independent everywhere, including home." She went on to enumerate Zade's other medical problems and explain the differences the Zipzac could make in his young life.

Lions International forwarded the letter to Larry Beardslee of the Stanton Lions Club.

"(The Zipzac) was more expensive than we could manage," Beardslee said. "So I contacted six other area Lions Clubs to see if they would participate. We all went in together, got the pledges and ordered it. Now the little boy has the cart that gives him his freedom.

"I was so pleased that all the area clubs participated," he said. "The little boy is a delight to be around. It's great to help a little guy like that have some of the things he couldn't have otherwise."

Shannan said she was amazed at the speed in which the Lions Clubs took care of purchasing the cart. She initially was pointed in their direction by the manufacturers of the Zipzac.

Since the device is so new, it is not covered by most insurance carriers, Zade's included. Without the help of the Lions, Shannan added, it is unlikely her son would ever have gotten the chair.

Myelomeningocele like



Thanks to his new Zipzac scooter, Zade Kooistra is able to reach his toys on the floor without forgoing his mobility.

Zade's is not a particularly uncommon condition, afflicting about one in 800 children; fewer than one in 1,000 in its most severe form.

"It's the No. 1 permanently disabling diagnosis in the country," Shannan said. "What happens is that the spine grows outside of the body."

Some cases of myelomeningocele can be operated on in utero, prior to birth. Zade's case didn't allow for this, however, and he received his first surgery shortly after being born.

His second surgery followed nine weeks later, then another at 15 months.

"He's had about a bazillion surgeries so far," Shannan said. "Every month that goes by we wonder what we're going to encounter next. We've always seen Zade as a miracle and have stuck by our faith. For Zade, what will be will be. We never talk about his long-term prognosis; he's going to live a long life and we do everything we can to prevent anything from going wrong, health-wise."

As for Zade, he's happy just to be able to get around and reach his toys.

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LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

INAUGURAL

1K - 5K

NON-COMPETITIVE WALK

Wurtsmith Air Force Base - Oscoda, MI
June 29, 2013 - 1:00 PM

Onsite Registration

Friday, June 28 - 1:00-6:00 PM

Saturday, June 29 - 11:30 AM-12:45 PM



Eye care - do you?

5K, 8K & HALF MARATHON

TIMED RUN/WALK

Wurtsmith Air Force Base - Oscoda, MI
June 29, 2013 - 8:30 AM

Onsite Registration

Friday, June 28 - 1:00-6:00 PM

Saturday, June 29 - 7:00-9:00 AM

SPONSORSHIPS

Name/Logo - Shirt & Website * One Event
Display * Free Event Registration(s)

General Sponsor: \$250+

Major Sponsor: \$1,000+

Elite Sponsor: \$2,500+

Corporate Sponsor: \$5,000+

PARTNERSHIPS

Revenue Sharing: 50% - 50%

Teams - Businesses - Non-profits

2013 EYE CARE, DO YOU - CHARITY RUNS & WALKS

- I am interested in participating in the Timed Runs/Walks. Please send me a registration form and information.
- I am interested in participating in the Non-Competitive Walk. Please send me a registration and pledge form.
- I am interested in sponsoring the event. Please send me more information.
- My organization is interested in fundraising partnership opportunities. Please send me more information.
- I cannot participate, but I have attached a donation in the amount of _____ to be used for:
 - KidSight
 - Emergency Eye Care

Organization: _____ Contact: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

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EYE CARE, DO YOU? Charity Runs & Walk Pledge Form

June 29, 2013 – Wurtsmith Air Force Base – Oscoda, Michigan

The charity I am running/walking for is _____. I understand that the donations I receive will be split equally (50% & 50%) between the Lions of Michigan Foundation and my designated charity, and if I do not designate a charity, all donations I receive will be retained by the Lions of Michigan Foundation for Sight Restoration Programs in Michigan.

Donor's Name	Mailing Address	Email Address	Donation Amount

Total donations received: \$ _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Team Name (If Applicable)

Signature

Date



LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

EYE CARE, DO YOU?
5k - 8k & 1/2 Marathon Runs
Saturday, June 29, 2013

REGISTRATION FORM

Event Information	3 Ways To Register
<p>Questions? Email us at info@lmsf.net.</p> <p>The event will be held at Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda, Michigan on June 29, 2013. Pre-race registration will begin at 7:00 AM. There are three scheduled events, a 5k, 8k and Half Marathon.</p> <p>Additional registration forms and information are online at:</p> <p>http://lmsf.net/RunWalk/RunWalk.htm</p> <p>All courses will be USATF certified, and all races will be timed events. The Half Marathon will start at 8:30 AM, and the 5k and 8k runs will begin at 9:30 AM. There will be water stations throughout course as well as refreshments before and after the race.</p> <p>You can pick up your bib number and T-shirt on the day of the event or on Friday, July 28 between the hours of 1:00 to 6:00 PM at Wurtsmith Air Force Base.</p> <p>Parking will be available on site.</p>	<p>1. Hand deliver or mail this registration form and your entry fee by 6/15/2013 to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION Kimberly Creger, Executive Assistant 5730 Executive Drive Lansing, MI 48911</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>2. Register online at:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">http://lmsf.net/RunWalk/RunWalk.htm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>3. Register on race day - CASH or CHECK only!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Registration Fee - Before 6/15/13: \$25.00 Registration Fee - After 6/15/13: \$30.00</p>

(CUT HERE)

****ALL PARTS OF THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND PAYMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO BE PROPERLY REGISTERED FOR THIS EVENT.** Incomplete forms will be returned, and no refunds will be considered!!!

Date: _____ Event: I will run/walk the 5k I will run/walk the 8k I will run the 1/2 Marathon

Name: _____ Gender: Male Female

Street Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Daytime Telephone: _____

_____ See from the sidelines--- I can't make it, but I want a T-shirt, please accept my cash/check as a donation.

Age (Circle One): 14-19 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60+ T-Shirt Size (Circle One): S M L XL XXL XXXL

I have completed all parts of this form and attached my \$25.00 registration fee. I know that this event is a potentially hazardous activity. I waive all volunteers, sponsors and the Lions of Michigan Foundation from any liability that may arise during my participation at this event.

Signature _____

Team Name _____

Date _____



2012-2013 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

To qualify the club must be chartered for 6 or more months prior to the end of the fiscal year, further the objectives of the association, adhere to the association's constitution and by-laws and policies, and meet each requirements noted below during the fiscal year.

Club Number _____ Club Name _____ Date _____

2012-2013 Club Presidents' Name _____ Member Number _____

[] CLUB IN GOOD STANDING – International per capita taxes and new member entrance fees are paid in full and there is no outstanding balance of US\$50 or more that is ninety (90) days or more past due.

[] SERVICE – The club has conducted at least three service projects. Please briefly describe the service activities that were conducted:

Date: _____ Activity: _____

Date: _____ Activity: _____

Date: _____ Activity: _____

[] CONTRIBUTION – The club has made a contribution to LCIF.

[] MEMBERSHIP – The club achieved a net growth in membership (including branch club members when applicable) or sponsored a new club. The new members attended an orientation and were properly inducted into the Lions club.

[] Net Growth in Members: _____ [] Name of sponsored club or Branch: _____

[] COMMUNICATION – The club has publicized the club's service activities to the public through local media and effectively communicated activities to club members.

Please explain briefly how the club service activities were publicized.

[] LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT – All officer positions were filled in accordance with the constitution and by-laws by qualified Lions, a majority of the club officers participated in a leadership training program at the zone, district, multiple district or international level and the club was represented at zone meetings.

[] CLUB DEVELOPMENT – The club has hosted regular and meaningful club meetings and submitted the Monthly Membership Report, the Service Activity Report, and the Club Officer Report (PU-101) in a timely manner.

Date _____ 2012-2013 District Governor's Signature* _____ District _____

* In undistricted areas the Coordinating Lion or Provisional Zone or Region Chairpersons should sign the completed form.

The completed form must be mailed to the English Language Department at International Headquarters, or faxed to (630) 706-9130, to arrive by September 30, 2013. Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club shall be considered only if received at International Headquarters within 12 months after completion of the fiscal year, provided that the original application form is already filed at International Headquarters. The award will be mailed to the 2013-2014 district governor for presentation. In undistricted areas the award will be mailed to the Coordinating Lions or directly to the 2013-2014 club president.

URGENT! THIS IS YOUR 2013-2014 LIONS CLUB'S OFFICER REPORTING FORM

Lion Secretary: Reporting newly elected club officers is extremely important to ensure that the new officers receive the information and material they will need for the coming year. You may report the new officers using the MyLCI Web site or by mailing this printed form to International Headquarters and your District Governor (deadline May 15). Mailing instructions follow.

Changes in club officers during the fiscal year should be entered in MyLCI or sent to International Headquarters and your District Governor.

IDENT.	CLUB NO.	DISTRICT	NAME OF CLUB	INTL. OFFICE USE ONLY
				LANG. COUNTRY

Your meeting place and time are printed on the left. If there are changes in your meeting information, indicate the changes below.

	SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
EACH WEEK							
1ST WEEK							
2ND WEEK							
3RD WEEK							
4TH WEEK							
ALTERNATE WEEKS							
HOUR							

MEETING PLACE _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

POSTAL CODE _____

STATE OR PROVINCE _____

Club Web site URL _____

* Member numbers are found on the Semi-Annual Membership Dues Invoice.
 # Provide updated home address information in the local mailing format.
 Lions mail will be sent to the home address unless SEND MAIL TO CLUB ADDRESS is checked.

CLUB MAILING ADDRESS:

PRESIDENT: NAME	MEMBER NUMBER*	PREFERRED CONTACT NUMBER:
#		PHONE TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> CELL <input type="checkbox"/> HOME <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS SEND MAIL TO CLUB ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/>
#		
E-MAIL ADDRESS	SPOUSE/ADULT COMPANION NAME	
SECRETARY: NAME	MEMBER NUMBER*	PREFERRED CONTACT NUMBER:
#		PHONE TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> CELL <input type="checkbox"/> HOME <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS SEND MAIL TO CLUB ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/>
#		
E-MAIL ADDRESS	SPOUSE/ADULT COMPANION NAME	
TREASURER: NAME	MEMBER NUMBER*	PREFERRED CONTACT NUMBER:
#		PHONE TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> CELL <input type="checkbox"/> HOME <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS SEND MAIL TO CLUB ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/>
#		
E-MAIL ADDRESS	SPOUSE/ADULT COMPANION NAME	

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FIRST CLUB VICE PRESIDENT: NAME	MEMBER NUMBER*	PREFERRED CONTACT NUMBER:
#		
#		PHONE TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> CELL <input type="checkbox"/> HOME <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS
E-MAIL ADDRESS	SPOUSE/ADULT COMPANION NAME	SEND MAIL TO CLUB ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/>
SECOND CLUB VICE PRESIDENT: NAME	MEMBER NUMBER*	PREFERRED CONTACT NUMBER:
#		
#		PHONE TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> CELL <input type="checkbox"/> HOME <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS
E-MAIL ADDRESS	SPOUSE/ADULT COMPANION NAME	SEND MAIL TO CLUB ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/>
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON: NAME	MEMBER NUMBER*	PREFERRED CONTACT NUMBER:
#		
#		PHONE TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> CELL <input type="checkbox"/> HOME <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS
E-MAIL ADDRESS	SPOUSE/ADULT COMPANION NAME	SEND MAIL TO CLUB ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/>

Mailing instructions:

- a. Send one copy to International Headquarters using the enclosed envelope or using the following address:
 LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
 300 WEST 22ND STREET
 OAK BROOK, IL 60523-8842 USA

 E-mail: stats@lionsclubs.org
 Fax: 630-706-9295
 Phone: 630-468-3830
- b. Send one copy to your District Governor.
- c. Alternatively, next year officers can be submitted via the MyLCI Web site.
<http://mylci.lionsclubs.org>