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**DISTRICT 11 E1  
NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER**



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR RON GIBSON'S MESSAGE**



**DRIVING TO A NEW  
CENTURY OF  
SERVICE**



In August, I was contacted by a Past District Governor from District 11 E2, the district north of ours that extends to the Mackinac Bridge. He wanted to know if we would consider merging the two districts into one, redistricting a portion of the lower peninsula. In early October, representatives from each district met to discuss issues that affect our two districts. Many issues were discussed that are being looked at before we hold a second meeting in January. Some of those include our respective constitutions, bylaws, policy manuals, committee make ups, finances, travel and visitation, orientation and training. Such a merger would require approval at our District Convention, and at this point we don't yet know if that will be proposed. This merger would combine approximately 2100 Lions from almost 80 clubs in 33 counties. It would become the largest District in Michigan. There are pros and cons to such a merger and I have already heard many of them. Whatever we do, we want it to be right for our District, our clubs, and our members. Our District officers and I welcome your input, so please contact any of us with your thoughts. I believe that constructive dialog will bring about the best decision. And always remember, WE SERVE! D.G. Ron



### LUTHER LIONS AT WORK

Luther Lions Club Lions are grilling hotdogs to give away at the summer music night in Luther. The Lions served the community free hot dogs, chips and drinks. Their next event is an auction on October 15.



Kaleva Lions Secretary John Makinen presented Kaleva's Lion of Year Award to Karla Kasten at the Kaleva Lions 55th Anniversary Party. PDG Lion Dennis Lautzenheiser assisted John in the presentation.



1<sup>st</sup> VDG Peg Wall”

### Message

**Wishing all Lions a Blessed Thanksgiving.**

As we look around us, we can always find someone who could use an extra hand or a smile. Let us, as Lions, take the lead and offer assistance as needed. Perhaps, one of your members might need your assistance. Sometimes we look too far away and neglect those who are close.

I would like to take time to thank those secretaries and treasurers who are completing reports and sending checks in on time to International. Reports to me to district officers from International. When there are no red marks on those reports, it is truly a Thanksgiving Day!

### IRS REQUIREMENT

Lions Clubs with annual gross receipts from fundraising less than \$50,000 do not have to file tax form 990 or 990- EZ. However, you must file the E-Post Card (992 – N). This is an IRS requirement.

### KIDSIGHT RECORD??

Lion Bill Koch reported that he has taken Kidsight Screening pictures of **500 children in the month of October!** Plus he has 175 children scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> week of November. He has done ALL the schools in Newaygo County. That has to be a DISTRICT 11 E1 record. Great job Lion Bill Koch from the White Cloud Lions Club!

### MT. PLEASANT LIONS CHILI DINNER

Mt. Pleasant Lions will host their 11th annual Chili Dinner November 5 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. As a point of history, this fundraiser replaced their famous light bulb sale and serves to increase their physical presence in the community. The Lions host this dinner the first Saturday of November at the Mt. Pleasant High School. While not their largest fundraiser, the funds raised by the Chili Dinner help towards the goal to help those less fortunate in the areas of vision,





LCI President Bob Corlew Presents a Glass Etching to CEO Sue Daniels

**LCI President Corlew Tours Leader Dogs**

On September 30, International President Bob Corlew, First Lady Dianne, PID Esther LaMothe and ID Jenny Ware stopped by Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills, Michigan on a tour that began in Omaha at the USA-Canada Forum and will wrap up in Wisconsin.

"We are thrilled to have been included on their tour. Leader Dog and LCI have a special partnership and it's an honor to be a part of Lions' 100 year celebration," said Leader Dog CEO Lion Sue Daniels.

The group toured the recently renovated Canine Development Center which houses the Leader Dog's veterinary clinic, canine villages, breeding center and more. The \$14.5 million project hit its fundraising goal the end of last fiscal year thanks in large part to the support of Lions Clubs across the country and matching grants from LCIF. For more information on the Canine Center project, visit [www.LeaderDog.org](http://www.LeaderDog.org).



**Big Rapids Lions Work FSU Concession Stand**

The Big Rapids Lions Club has partnered with Ferris State University to run the concession stand at all Ferris home football games, all Big Rapids High School football games and rocket football games. It takes a lot of "manpower" to keep this effort going, but the financial reward is worth it. For the 2015 football season, the Club netted over \$15,000 to be used for support of local organizations as well as Lions Foundation and Lions International efforts. DG Ron Gibson and PDG's Harry and Laura Johnson have worked the concessions. Club member Brian Miller is teaching his young sons, Cameron and Cooper that volunteering and helping others is a good thing to do!! Picture – Cameron, Brian and Cooper Miller



**Coleman Lions News**

October has been a busy month for Coleman Lions Club. We set up a Cornhole booth during Coleman's newest festival, A Walk Through Town on October 7.

Though our scarecrow did not win the scarecrow contest, it will proudly wear the Lions vest in downtown Coleman until after Halloween!

October 15, found us out on U.S 10 for our semi-annual Adopt-A-Highway clean up with STAR Leos. Eighteen bags of trash were collected and we ended with pizza at the Lions Hall.

Our 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Charter Night Dinner and Auction fundraiser was held on Saturday, October 22. Businesses and friends provided many fabulous prizes and over 100 guests came to enjoy the fun. A Heart of the Lion award was given to Coleman resident Sandy Galgoci for the volunteering she has done over the years.

Our last event of the month was our annual Halloween party, which this year was held at the Coleman Family Center. Community members were invited to decorate a table and provide goodies so kids could safely trick-or-treat up and down the hallways. The Methodist Church provided free hotdogs and chips in the lunchroom.



2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Al Roeseler's Message

I voted in my first Presidential election in 1968. Richard Nixon against Hubert Humphrey and George Wallace. I remember the riots in Chicago (my home town) during the Democrat's National Convention. All the anger and hostility. Since then I believe this year's election is the first that has exposed a similar deep divide among the American people. As sad as that is, oddly it is one of the reasons that I am proud to be a Lion. When we are Lions, we leave our differences at the door and concentrate on serving our neighbors, and making our communities stronger. Sure from time to time we may have disagreements, sometime serious, about how to do things in our clubs or our district, but overall we function very harmoniously. In addition to our local experience, worldwide there are over 1.3 million Lions in 210 countries and geographical areas that are doing similar things. Truly, Lions are working to make this world a better place. This opportunity to come together with people of all different politics, religions, and countless other differences and work in harmony to serve, is what makes an important expression of our humanity.

Be proud to be a Lion!



**DISTRICT 11 E1  
NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

- Nov. 1- DG attends information night for potential new members in Newaygo.
- Nov. 2- Noon, DG visits Harrison  
Evening, DG visits Carson City
- Nov. 5- DG attends Lions of Michigan Foundation meeting, Lansing
- Nov. 6-Day Light Savings Ends
- Nov. 7- DG visits Coleman
- Nov. 8- DG visits Manistee; **Election Day**
- Nov. 9- DG attends Reg. 2, Zone1 meeting, Clare
- Nov. 10- Columbus Day
- Nov. 11- Veterans Day
- Nov. 14- DG visits Mt. Pleasant
- Nov. 15 – Peace Posters due to District Gov.
- Nov. 16- DG visits Luther
- Nov. 21- DG visits Empire
- Nov. 24- Thanksgiving
- Nov. 28- DG visits Crystal



**USE IT – DISTRICT 11 E1 FLOAT**

**As we see our colors changing in our surroundings, many clubs are refocusing their activities to reflect the change in the seasons. Several of our Lions Clubs have utilized the District Float in their summer events and parades. There are still a couple months where this beautiful public relations tool can be used to promote your club to the community you serve! Local fall festivals, homecoming celebrations and of course, Thanksgiving and SANTA parades would be a perfect time for you to showcase your club! Please contact me as to availability, as I do have a reservation for November 19th. Also, reservations are coming in for next year. July is a busy month, the 4th, 16th and the 22nd have already been committed to clubs. I look forward to more Clubs making use of this spectacular Float. District Float Chair PDG Laura Johnson**

## PAWS With A Cause®

By Lions Tina and Mike Hoy – District 11 E1 Co-chairs for Paws With A Cause  
Paws With A Cause is a new District 11E-1 Project. As the District Co-chairs for PAWS®, we recently had the privilege of visiting their headquarters in Wayland, MI. We sat down with their Community Outreach Manager, Deb Davis, to learn about their mission and the services



they offer. We also toured their training facilities. Lion Mike has a special interest in this project because he received a PAWS dog named Taffy more than 25 years ago. Back then PAWS was transitioning from Ears for the Deaf to Paws With A Cause. Ears for the Deaf started in 1979 and as the name implies, the dogs were trained to help those who are deaf or hard of hearing. The name and focus evolved as a broader need for assistance dogs became apparent. During the 1980s their name changed to Paws With a Cause. Their Mission statement reads:

**Paws With A Cause enhances the independence and quality of life for people with disabilities nationally through custom-trained Assistance Dogs. PAWS increases awareness of the rights and roles of Assistance Dog Teams through education and advocacy.**

**PAWS offers 5 types of Assistance Dogs: Service Dogs, Hearing Dogs, Seizure Response Dogs, Service Dogs for Children with Autism and Combination Dogs. They now have a breeding program and a team of Foster Puppy Raisers who work with the dogs on basic obedience and socialization from 8 weeks to age 12 months. From 12 to 16 months the dog is placed with an inmate (in 1 of 6 prisons in Michigan) for advanced training. The dog is then returned to PAWS Headquarters for custom training to meet the needs of the individual client. Each dog is monitored by a Vet Team from birth until placement.**

**The process for getting an Assistance Dog can be as long as 3 -5 years. It begins with completing a questionnaire and if basic qualifications are met, then a full application is mailed. Of the more than 1200 applications mailed within a year, perhaps only 400 or so will be returned completed, which includes personal information, medical background and references. PAWS is currently moving to an Open Enrollment process for new applicants so that they can focus their resources on the 550 active PAWS teams around the country. PAWS keeps in touch with the applicant during the waiting period and a Field Rep will do a home visit to determine how an Assistance Dog will help. The applicant will also complete a Needs Assessment and there are quarterly updates until there is a match. Once the match happens then the Field Rep will help the client and dog to work together and become a certified Team! The ownership of the dog transfers to the client at that time. Paws With A Cause will continue to provide the Team with ongoing support and training for the working life of the dog. The goal for 2016 is to place 70 Assistance Dog teams (last year they had 51). In 2015, 446 PAWS Teams in 27 states were served; 18 PAWS Dogs were placed into other working careers such as arson detection, narcotics detection, etc.; nearly 300 volunteers raised and trained the dogs; 84% of their income is from individual donations and 82% of every dollar supported their mission.**

**For more information contact [www.pawswithacause.org](http://www.pawswithacause.org) OR contact Lions Mike and Tina Hoy, Midland Lions Club, District co-chairs for PAWS at [hoym@charter.net](mailto:hoym@charter.net) or 989-832-8354 if you would like a presentation. Contributions may be sent directly to Paws.**

# IPDG PAM SCHROEDER'S APPRECIATION DINNER OCTOBER 1, ONEKAMA LIONS DEN





Pictures above US /Canada Forum Service Project – Hunger! Left picture – PDG Harry Johnson measuring out the correct amount of macaroni for each bag. Final results over 100,000 bags of high protein meals that require no refrigeration. Each package serves six.

**US CANADA FORUM**  
This year's USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum was held in Omaha, Nebraska the week of September 14th to the 19th. Two Lions from our District 11 E-1 were in attendance, PDG's Lions Harry and Laura Johnson made the trip and felt the most impressive part was the new event on Saturday. There were 4 separate Service activities going on at the same time, that involved over 550 Lions. The service projects were in the areas of Youth, Vision, Hunger and Environment.



Lion Pam Blizzard and Leader Dog Nickolas sell candy for the Carson City Lions Club during their Candy Day Sales.



**NORTHPORT LIONS  
HELP STUDENT**  
At the Northport Lions October dinner meeting, an I-Pad was presented by Lion Sherry Koenig to Sarah Sleder, a Northport high school senior. Sarah has serious vision problems. She will attend Northern Michigan College in Traverse City next Fall. The I-Pad will help her a lot with her studies.

*District 11 E1 Eyeglass Mission Team*

**On October 16, 2016 the 11 E1 District Cabinet Members unanimously voted to approve a District Eyeglass Mission Team. The purpose of an Eyeglass Mission Team is to help fulfill our Lions International goal of bringing vision to those who cannot afford it. Having had the experience of being a participant in some 14 mission trips to Central and South America, I would like to see that members of our District are given the opportunity to experience this once in a lifetime project. Whether you help with the initial process of handling and inventorying the glasses, or the much coveted and revered job of dispensing the eyewear to those needy citizens and children in other countries, your help, no matter how trivial can help to make the Mission a success. Information on how to become involved will be in future articles of the newsletter. Harry Johnson, PDG-District 11E1 Eyeglass Mission Team Chairperson ( Contact PDG Harry for more information – lionharry1947@gmail.com)**

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU...**

Eileen Delaney, Lions State Youth Exchange (LYE) Coordinator, requested I write an article about the Lions Youth Exchange with the purpose of “getting the word out” about this wonderful program.

The duration of the LYE is 2-4 weeks. Countries with agreements with the US decide who is eligible. The kids' ages are from 15 to 21. Both the student and the host family experience the joy of sharing cultures and daily customs and make new friends. An acceptance letter written by Eileen as well a criminal background check of anyone over age 16 in the host family is all that is needed. The student is insured by LCI for \$1,000,000 upon arrival simply by the Host Lions Club including him/her in its roster and minutes upon arrival. The host family is responsible for housing and meals. Planned excursions are the family's responsibility. Host clubs help in socializing with picnics, activities, meetings, etc. Host families do not need to be Lions, but should be affiliated with Lions in some way. Students love to shop – they have their own money! Activities might include garage sales, county fairs, the zoo, family activities, baking cookies, fixing a meal for the host family, and attend school for a few days (needs school board approval) with a host family student. LYE students can be Leos or Omega Leos!

Japanese students are often very quiet as they feel they must speak perfect English! Students from everywhere are eager to participate in American culture and share theirs. Some have Lion parents. Some are in high school.

Others are in college! Some are Leos and Omega Leos! They visit during their country's school vacations.

As I mentioned, students visit any time of the year. This year in December, we have the honor of hosting 6 students from Australia. Listed below is their information. If you are a District LYE Chairperson, need more information or are interested in a program, please contact Lion Eileen Delaney at 517-882-6941 or at [breederbrandi@yahoo.com](mailto:breederbrandi@yahoo.com).

One of the Lions Exchange student's words says it best:

“The opportunity of being in an exchange program goes beyond just sharing your culture and learning about a new one. It is an entire new world. You are by yourself, where you need to learn responsibility, how to express yourself and make the relationship with your host family. A constant change of life experiences. I am glad to say that for me things were a lot easier, since my host family and also the Holt Lions Club, my sponsor club, here in Michigan, made me feel like home.”

Lion Noreen Boes  
District Editor 11-C2



Lion Exchange students,  
Aio and Arissa.



Picture-Left: Council Chair Justin Farber, Cadillac President Bill Bradfield, DG Ron Gibson and ID Jenny Ware display the 100<sup>th</sup> LCI Anniversary Sculpture Model. The sculpture idea originated with Lion Bill and was approved by the Council of Governors. The proposal now goes to LCI for approval.



**LIONS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION SNOWMOBILE RIDE 2017  
FUNDRAISER FOR THE AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION**

The American Diabetes Association is partnering with the Lions Clubs International in organizing an Epic Snowmobile Adventure celebrating its Centennial in 2017 that will be a fundraiser for the American Diabetes Association. The Lions have recently completed a 1200 mile Motorcycle tour of Michigan that raised over \$4,000.00 for the Association.

This coming winter on January 21, 2017 they will be doing an extreme and exciting snowmobile ride that starts in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in Sault Ste. Marie that will last 6 days. The ride will then move to the East Coast and ride through Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Ontario Canada and back to Michigan.

The Lions will be partnering with the world famous MichCanSka Snowmobile Club, the experts in Epic Adventures on snowmobiles all across North America in the USA and Canada and worldwide in Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia.

The organizer of this event is Bill Bradfield President of the Cadillac Lions and Co-Chair of the Diabetes Committee in District 11E1 which covers Northwest Michigan. Bill is a Vietnam Veteran who suffers daily with type-2 diabetes due to exposure to Agent Orange while serving his country in the United States Marine Corps in 1967 and 1968. He has organized extreme Motorcycle and Snowmobile rides since 2009 that have traveled over 550,000 miles collectively with over 140 riders through 12 Time Zones raising more than \$250,000.00 for the American and Canadian Diabetes Associations.

The American Diabetes Association, the Canadian Diabetes Association and the Lions of Michigan have endorsed this Adventure for a worthy cause. We are asking you to become a very important part of this event as a donor or sponsor. Donations can be made online at [www.diabetes.org/lionscentennialcelebration](http://www.diabetes.org/lionscentennialcelebration), or checks can be mailed to: American Diabetes Association, 1550 Beltline Ave.

SE, Suite 250, Grand Rapids MI 49506. WANT TO DRIVE A SNOWMOBILE ON THIS TRIP? Contact Lion Bill Bradfield – Cadillac Lions Club



Dear Lions,

Sometimes, as Lions, we can get caught up in the moment. Sometimes it can be hard to imagine beyond today. Sometimes we might even get discouraged by the staggering amount of need and despair in the world.



As a medical doctor for more than 30 years, I have witnessed the heartbreak of families who have lost a loved one. The grief of family member is magnified when the individual is a child – their child. It happens every day around the world, regardless of wealth, gender or race. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is stepping forward to find a breakthrough that will help secure a brighter tomorrow for all of us.

Recently I visited the Garvan Institute of Medical Research in Sydney, Australia. Our Foundation has awarded a US\$2 million [grant to support the Lions Kids Cancer Genome Project](#). Together with the Garvan Institute, the Australian Lions Children's Cancer Research Foundation and other partners, this pilot initiative will improve outcomes for hundreds of children with high-risk cancer through whole genome sequencing. This could eventually serve as model for the development of personalized cancer prevention and treatment.

The Lions Kids Cancer Genome Project is another way that LCIF is demonstrating its commitment to global health. Perhaps one day, we will eliminate deaths from childhood cancer. In order to realize that dream, we need everyone to [support our Foundation](#). No need is too large, and no gift is too small.

Thank you for your generous support of a brighter tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

### **Take a Walk to Support Sight for Kids**

LCIF is proud to partner with Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Companies to provide [Sight for Kids](#). Since our International Convention in June, Lions have been walking, running and cycling to raise money for Sight for Kids with the [Charity Miles](#) app. So far, you Lions have walked an astonishing 9,096 miles. That's equal to the distance from Fukuoka to Amsterdam. Way to go, Lions! Keep walking to show your support of Sight for Kids, and stay tuned for more updates on our progress.

