

District 11-E1 Newsletter



FIRST LADY LION MARY LOU AND DG PETE CONARTY

November 2014

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Membership Goal – 130, New Lions – 32! Keep up your positive efforts to increase membership. October/November are our membership months, keep your initiatives in place. Congratulations to the Coleman Lions Club, 4 new members. They are headed for the Governor's Challenge - a home cooked meal by the Governor. Do you have members that are not active or members leaving? Find out why and how you can correct the situation. It pays to be informed. Let's keep our Lions in the communications loop.

WE NEED YOU! We need Lions with a positive Lion's attitude who want to work to improve clubs in our District. The first phase of our Leadership program is Saturday, December 6. We will have a Guiding Lion Training at 10:00 a.m. at the Mesick Lion's Den. GLT John Monahan will do the training and our goal is that you will leave the training with all the work, application, and test completed to be a Guiding Lion. We need Guiding Lions to work with new clubs and to work with clubs needing help to increase their membership. Contact Lion GLT John at john.monahan@cmich.edu. Or District Governor Pete at mlpjc@sbcglobal.net to register. You do not have to have been president of a club to apply.

Do you know a visually impaired student that could use some financial help for college? In the October/November issue of the Lions Pride on page 7, is an application and the criteria to apply for a scholarship. We have not had a visually impaired student from our District apply in a while. Call your club's attention to the scholarship. We might have visually impaired students in our District that could use a \$3,000 scholarship for college.

I am sure that you are all aware that the US/Canada Forum will be held in Grand Rapids on September 17-19, 2015. This event gives us an opportunity to promote our state to the North American Lions. We expect a large turnout. However, we need volunteers to accomplish the success of the forum. Read the details on how you can volunteer on page 15, of your Lions Pride magazine.

Are you nostalgic? Do you remember making and running a pine wood derby car as a youth or helping your child with an entry. Relive the experience! We will be running the cars at the March District Convention. Cars can be purchased for \$5.00 and run as a Lions Club's car or an individual Lion's car. The first prize is \$50, second \$25. Cars can be purchased from your District officers (Zone Chairs, etc.). Join in the fun!

First Lady Mary Lou and I wish you a most wonderful and Blessed Holiday.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! DG PETE

Message from 1st Vice District Governor Lion Pam



1st VDG Pam Schroeder & PDG Dan Gibbons

Are we having FUN yet? We need to have fun while working in our communities. We need to do fun things at the meetings and have social events so members get to know each other.

Here are a few ideas that were suggested at the Fall Conference. Let members tell facts about themselves that the club does not know.

Theme nights, Hat night, a pound auction, Game night, Trivia, White elephants, Belly dancing, Dress as 12 days of Christmas, 2 Truths 1 lie.

You can call any of the District Chairs for a program. They are all willing to visit the clubs. Have speakers from your town to tell what their function is in your town. There are exchange students around the district that will come and talk of their experiences or tell you what it is like where they are from.

Have more for the members than just coming for dinner; you will keep the interest of members when you have events at the meetings. Club visitations are fun too. You can meet other Lions and see how they operate. Let's keep our members excited and looking forward to our next meeting.

Enjoy your month and HAPPY THANKSGIVING to all.

I have decided not to have Region Chairs again next year. If you were interested in that position, think about running for 2nd Vice Governor.

Lion Pam
1st Vice District Governor



NOVEMBER LIONS CALENDAR OF EVENTS LIONS DISTRICT 11 E1



MEMBERSHIP MONTH CONTINUES INTO NOVEMBER – KEEP YOUR INITIATIVES IN PLACE. Follow up with last month's candidates.

November 1 – Mt. Pleasant Chili Supper; Region 1 Zone 2 – Dinner Dance, benefit Leader Dog at the Onekama Lion's Den

November 7-9, Michigan Lions Institute at Higgins Lake

November 10 – Region 2 Zone 2 (Lion Dan Gibbons) Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at the Big Boy in Cadillac.

November 12 – Region 2 Zone 1 (Lion Diane Fleming) Meeting 6:00 p.m., Doherty Hotel in Clare.

November 21 – 22, Council of Governors Meeting at the Quality Inn, West Branch

November 27, Happy Thanksgiving!

**DG Pete's Goal for membership in the District is 130.
We have 98 new members to go. Keep up the good work**



District 11 E1 Newsletter wants your club news.

Deadline is the 20th of the month. Send your pictures and a short story to District Governor Pete Conarty: mlpic@sbcglobal.net

Unsung Hero awards, Friendship Awards



Empire Lion's –PDG Richard Daniels, Unsung Hero



Harrison Lions - Penny McGlaughlin



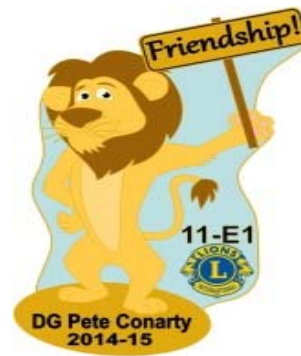
Howard City Lions - Mike Scott



Howard City Lions - Mary Morden



Honor Lions - Jim Malison, John Brazaski



Harrison Lions – PDG Jerry Brandt



Frankfort Lions – Brady Olsen, Gene Lentz



Sand Lake Lions - Karen Hayden



Mesick Lions - Louie Hughes



Mesick Lions – Les Barnes



Midland Lions – Al Ducham



Midland Lions - Carl VanderWoude

Baldwin Lions Club



On a very cool and crisp October morning last Saturday, several members of the Baldwin Lions Club gathered to organize the cleanup of a two mile section of Highway M-37, going north from the Village border.

A total of 6 bags was collected and several larger items like tires, cardboard and even a road sign post were gathered up. One member commented "I wish we had a dime for every cigarette butt that lay on the ground. We could pay for the entire July 4th fireworks display!"

Members participating in the road side clean up included King Lion Wava Thomas and her grandson, Kendall, Lions Chuck and Debbie Vayda and PDG's Harry and Laura Johnson.



DG Pete presents years of Service certificates to Midland Lions

Jim Warheidt, Paul Larsen, David Stark, Eldon Dean and Carl VanderWoude

Big Rapids Lions

Beginning in January 2015, the second meeting of the month will be held at 12:00 noon, for at least the first quarter (January - March) of next year. We will still be meeting at the Falcon Head Golf Course. This will be an excellent opportunity to expand the opportunities to attract new members.

January 26, 2015, February 23, 2015, March 23, 2015

Big Rapids Lions Club – Serving the Community

As a part of its continued service to the community, the Big Rapids Lions Club participates in a venture that brings Lions Club members to Top Taggart Field for all Ferris University and Big Rapids High School home football games. Most recently, during the Ferris State University Homecoming game against Findley, instead of being in the stands cheering FSU to a 5-0 season, members were busy in the concession stand feeding the hungry and cold spectators. This time the Lions were fortunate to have the Lion District Governor, Pete Conarty, and FSU students from SVOSH – Student Volunteers Optometric, in Service to Humanity join them. The Lions Club shares in the proceeds from the concession stand and uses those funds to assist various groups and organizations in the community. The Club always welcomes new members. For more information, call 231-796-5675.



Picture – left to right: Ashley Tessier, SVOSH student, District Governor Pete Conarty and Leanna Pender, SVOSH student

Cedar/Maple City Lions

Congratulations Cedar-Maple City Lions - 50 Years of Service



Cedar-Maple City Lions celebrated the 50TH anniversary, with the DG Pete Conarty as the Toastmaster for the evening. A fun time was had by all, a most enjoyable evening.

1. Lion Pat Hobbins receives the Unsung Hero Award
2. Lion Rob Serbin receives the Friendship Award
3. Lion President Christine Griffith receiving the Lions International Banner for their 50TH from DG Pete.



Lion Rob Serbin inducted our newest member, Sandy Galla. Photo left to right. Sponsor Lion Dan Hobbins, Lion Sandy Galla & Lion Rob Serbin.

Coleman Lions Club

Coleman Lions Club Fundraiser A Success

Coleman Lions Club celebrated 74 years of service on October 11 with their annual dinner, auction and game night. *Jenny's Diner in Shepherd* catered the meal. We were especially pleased to have several dignitaries in attendance; DG Lion Pete and Lion Mary Lou Conarty, VDG Lion Pam Schroeder, PDG Lion Dan Gibbons, PDG Lion Laura & PDG Lion Harry Johnson and PDG Lion Lynwood and Jan Mast. We especially want to thank Lions Laura Johnson and Dan Gibbons for bringing items they crafted to donate to our auction! A special thanks as well to Lion Sandy House from the Midland Lions Club for bringing the KidSight camera and providing screenings for any guest interested. Five STAR Leo Club members served baskets of popcorn before dinner and sold pop during the party. Coleman Lions Club thanks our many sponsors and donors, as well as those who attended our event. Because of everyone's generosity, we raised over \$3,500.



Coleman Lions ready for their annual charter night.



DG Pete & Lion Mary Lou, 1st Vice Pam Schroeder and PDG Dan Gibbons, PDG Lynnwood & Lion Jan Mast, PDG Harry & PDG Laura Johnson.



Lion Sandy House used the Kidsight camera to screen Riley's vision.

The Coleman Lions Club selected the Michigan Reads, program as one of their priorities for the second year. The featured book for 2014 is Acoustic Rooster and His Barnyard Band, written by Kwame Alexander and illustrated by Tim Bowers.

Acoustic Rooster learns about music, teamwork and sportsmanship. After learning he can't win the barnyard talent act as a solo act, a rooster with a love of jazz looks for help from some other animals. A quartet with an unbelievable sound is created. Their ability to work together is cleverly captured in this book with rhyming text, vivid illustrations and references to key American musicians.

On October 14, Coleman Lion Mary Lewis read the book to some preschool children at the Coleman Area Library during Tuesday Story Time. Afterwards, the children made guitars from tissue boxes and rubber bands, colored pictures of the barnyard animals and made finger puppets of the barnyard animals. To complete the activities they enjoyed snacks.



Lions Linda, Mary, Jeanne, Pam & Ann



Lions Al, Wendy, Pam & Ann

Crystal Lions Club



Picture Caption: (L to R) King Lion Brian Puffpaff, Lion Lynda Crites (sponsor), New Member Lion Marsha Nemeth, New Member Lion Todd Nemeth and Lion Tom Crites (sponsor)

CRYSTAL LIONS CLUB WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

At its October 6, 2014 meeting, the Crystal Lions Club welcomed two new members. Todd & Marsha Nemeth live in Crystal and would like to be active in the community. Lions Tom and Lynda encouraged them to join the Crystal Lions Club. We, as a Club, provide a variety of services to our community. We also host various fundraisers throughout the year to support these services. The Crystal Lions Club is looking forward to their participation in our activities. If you would like information about the Crystal Lions Club or would like to join, please contact Tom or Lynda Crites at 989-235-5499.

Stanton Lions Club



The Stanton Lions Club initiated a project with the Central Montcalm High School to have safety handrails installed on the steps of the football stadium. The handrails were installed prior to the football game played on October 10, 2014 and the club presented a check in the amount of \$1000 to the school for the project. They also presented a check in the amount \$500 to the school to be used to purchase band uniforms and other needed items for the band. Prior to the game the club set up a table to take additional public donations for the handrail project.

Pictured from the right are Lion Tom Reese and Lion Mike Monroe who helped man the booth.

LEADER DOGS

October Canine Development Center Update

Demolition of the veterinary office, puppy development offices, breeding area and a portion of the lobby is now complete. The relocation of the underground utilities and the main water lines were time consuming and challenging but have been accomplished. In the coming weeks we will continue to demolish inside areas around the old veterinary clinic. We have secured 90% of our subcontractors with a contract or letter of intent received from each. Site work will continue including relocating the Avon Road sidewalk. New foundation and masonry work will begin very soon.

A temporary parking lot has been installed on the north side of the kennel to alleviate our parking problems. Both staff and volunteers continue to adjust their daily process and procedures to meet the challenges presented by the construction.

Fundraising continues with solicitations being made across the country in the major gifts, corporate and foundation, and Lions phases of the campaign. Lead gifts in these phases have demonstrated tremendous support and excitement for the Canine Development Center project

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