

# NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER 2015



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



Fall is here and the leaves will soon be changing. Summer festivals have come to an end, and clubs are getting reenergized.

- ASK 1 - President Yamada says to start asking family members to join Lions Clubs. Families work together for the same cause of helping those less fortunate.
- I am scheduled to visit many clubs this month and I am looking forward to meeting your members.
- October 4 - 10th is known as the World Wide Week of Service in Sight. President Yamada invites us to do a service event to raise awareness about eye health, blindness and vision impairment.
- A reminder to all clubs to do their 990
- To be able to receive a Centennial Patch for your banner the activity reports must be done on the website. It would be great if all our clubs could get the patch, but too many clubs do not do the report. If your secretary needs help have them give Karla Roebuck a call and she can help you get the report sent into LCI. The areas that need to have a project for the patch is Youth, Vision, Hunger and Environment.

If there is anything I can do to help your club, I am a phone call away.

Let`s have fun as we Serve!

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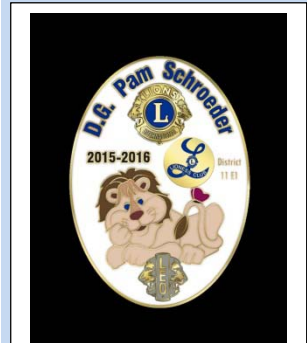
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1<sup>st</sup> VDG Ron Gibson's Message

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Peggy Walls' Message



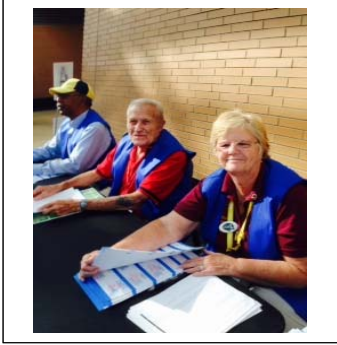
One of my all-time favorite baseball greats, Yogi Berra, recently passed away at the age of 90. He was a great ambassador for the game but may be better remembered for his creative use of the English language. In reading through his Yogi-isms, I came across this one: "If you don't know where you're going, you might not get there." Isn't that true for us as Lions? Are we helping to meet the needs of our community? Do we have a game plan that will help others? Do we find ways to promote Lions? Self-examination is sometimes hard but always necessary. We must be the solution, not the problem. And, as Yogi said, and I believe this applies to us as Lions: "It ain't over til it's over." Thank you Yogi, and thank you Lions for all you do.

Having just completed The USA/Canada Forum and the Fall Conference, it is evident that when Lions come together good things happen. Friendships, ideas, and deeds are shared with like-minded individuals. There is laughter, smiles and, yes, even some shared tears. There is an enthusiasm fostered for tasks ahead, and a determination realized anew to make each of our communities better. With the visit of Pope Francis to our shores, we were reminded to treat each other as we would like to be treated. Let this be our manner as we serve as Lions.

**Worldwide Week of Service in Sight** This October 4-10, is the Lions Worldwide week of service in sight an international service event designed to raise awareness of preventable blindness. This is a great opportunity to reflect on the amazing accomplishments that Lions and LCIF have been able to achieve together, but also to think about what is yet to be done. Your club can help eliminate preventable blindness and improve sight in your community, by hosting a service project on World Sight Day on October 8. From vision screenings and awareness campaigns, to helping friends and neighbors with visual impairments, there are countless ways to make a difference. No matter how you choose to serve, be sure to join us for this Centennial service event!

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Governor Pam and Lion Lester McClure registering USA/Canada Forum guests.

Lion Jackie Glazier and PDG Laura Johnson participate in a Forum Seminar.



PCC Janalee and Lion Lester McClure Pin Trading.



PDG Tim and Lion Christina Anderson enjoy Carnival Night.



PDG Bill Simpson enjoying the Grand Rapids Forum. IPDG Pete Conarty working as Sgt. at Arms to line up Lions for Dinner.



PDGs Laura and Harry Johnson shop at the exhibits.



Fremont Lion Steve Adsmund, LCI President Dr. Yamada, Lion Dan Perkins, Ishpeming Lions President

PDG Jim and VDG Peg Walls Pin trade with admiring Lions.





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### COLEMAN LIONS

On Tuesday, September 22, Coleman Lions Mary Lewis and Ann Roeseler presented the Michigan Reads book, Do Unto Otters to 8 preschoolers at Coleman Area Library Story Time. Crafts and snacks followed. This is the third year Coleman Lions Club has participated in Michigan



Lions Sandy House screens a child in Coleman. Below children are entertained as they wait to be screened.

### KidSight in Coleman

Lion Sandy House a KidSight screener from the Midland Lions recently screened 28 children at two Coleman sites. One child was referred of the 28 and every child received a book to take home.



### EDMORE LIONS CLUB

The Edmore Lions Club's current fundraiser is Custom Stadium Seats with the local schools logo on one side and the Lions Logo on other. They cost \$40 each. The club hopes to profit \$900 total for their project fund. Attached is a picture of the club's recent display for their fundraiser.



District Governor Pam presents Lion Lisa Gregory her 10 year service chevron and certificate during her visit at the Chippewa Lake-Mecosta Lions Club.

The Centennial Celebration is bringing Lions around the world together to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Here are three great ways that you and your club can join the celebration this year and throughout the Centennial Celebration

- **Invite for Impact** by setting a club goal of inviting at least 3 new members to join your club. You and your club can earn limited-edition awards in the Centennial Celebration Membership Awards for inviting new members and helping to sponsor a new club.

Jim Walls, District GMT



### CEDAR-MAPLE CITY LIONS

Cedar-Maple City Lions are participating in the Michigan Highway Clean Up Program. They have a three mile area that they clean up three times a year. Pictured above are Lions Jean Petersen, Dan Hobbins, Tom Petersen and future Lions Mary Ann and Adam Danklow.

**MINTS FOR THE MILITARY**  
The Lions Clubs of Michigan and the Lions of Michigan Foundation encourage Lions Clubs to provide funding for the Lions Mints Care Packages. Your donation will help send mints to men and women serving our country. \$130 for a case of mints and

shipping or mail a large military flat rate box full of mints to a serviceman or woman for \$75. For an application call The Michigan Lions Foundation at 517-887-6640.

## LIONS CLUBS FUNDRAISERS AT WHEATLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL



Three of District 11 E1's Lions Clubs had food concessions at the Wheatland Music festival, September 11-13. The Festival was sold out with 15,000 people in attendance. Above pictures: Chippewa Lake-Mecosta in the white trailer, Barryton Lions the Yellow trailer and Weidman Lions in the brown building. It was a successful event for Lions.



Dr. Jan Pol featured on Nat Geo Wild is also a member of the Weidman Lions Club. He is pictured with Lion Ted Bailey working in the food wagon at the Wheatland Music Festival. This is a profitable fund raiser for the Weidman Lions Club.



Above: Chippewa Lake-Mecosta Lion Nancy Lepkowski (with her Leader dog Bobbi) chats with visitors at Wheatland. Lion Karla Roebuck put on her favorite work apron (right picture).

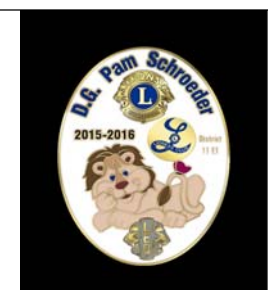


Picture left: Lion Karla Roebuck serves Joshua Davis (3<sup>rd</sup> place winner on the TV production of The Voice) at the Wheatland Music Festival, Karla's favorite on the program.



### NORTHPORT LIONS CLUB

The Northport Lions entered a float and their mascot Lion (pictured below) in the Celebratory Parade, honoring the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Leelanau Township Foundation. The Foundation provides funding to organizations.





## DISTRICT 11 E1 SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



### Big Rapids Lions Welcomes Fellow Lion To Football Concession Stand

The Big Rapids Lions Club has an agreement with the Ferris State University Athletic Department to run the concession stand at Top Taggart Field for all Ferris and Big Rapids High School home football games. Proceeds from this effort help fund the giving projects of the Club. It takes many hands to keep the food and drinks flowing. Big Rapids welcomed PDG Harry Johnson of the Baldwin Club to the stand - his help was greatly appreciated. Harry is one of many District Lions to work with the Big Rapids Club in this effort. Any and all are welcome to join us for Ferris State University and Big Rapids High School home football games.

### Big Rapids Lions Club

#### Celebrates Children's Dignity Week

Children's Dignity Week brings Lions around the world together to share in service activities that promote the dignity of the most vulnerable members of society - children. All children want to be accepted by their peers and one of the areas of dignity for a child is to be able to maintain a clean appearance when they come to school. This week the Big Rapids Lions Club is providing hygiene supplies for 50 homeless children in the Big Rapids area through the counselors at Big Rapids Public Schools and the Youth Attention Center. Included in the supplies are shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion for girls, razors, shaving cream, brushes and combs, hair bands, lip balm, toothbrush, toothpaste, tissues, hand sanitizer, and pencils and paper to assist with school needs. Pictured to the left accepting Big Rapids Lions supplies: Secretary Trina Hooker and Dean of Students Martin Aldrich.

## DISTRICT 11 E1 OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 3 – Dinner In The Dark, Holiday Inn – Midland, 5:00 P.M
- 5 – Governor's visit Coleman
- 6 – Governor's visit – Midland Lions Club
- 10 – Coleman's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Charter Night 5:30 P.M., Coleman VFW Hall (Dinner 7:00 P.M.)
- 9-10 – Fremont Lions Club Candy Days
- 9-10 Council of Governors – Big Rapids
- 10 – Sheridan Lions Club Presents "The David Yonkers Band" 7-9 P.M., Sheridan Community Center
- 12 – Governor's visit Crystal Lions Club
- 13 – Governor's visit Six Lakes
- 14 – Governor's visit Lakeview Lions Club
- 17 – District 11 E1 Cabinet, 9:30 A.M. Harrison Lions Den
- 19 – Governor's visit Arcadia Lions – 2014-15 Dinner Winner
- 21 – Region 1, Zone 2 Meeting -Zone Chair Sheila Ferrel
- 23 - White Cloud Lions Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-7:00 P.M. Lions Den
- 24 – Governor works concessions – Big Rapids Lions, Ferris U.
- 26 – Governor's visit Cedar Maple City Lions
- 27 – Governor's visit Mesick Lions
- 28 – Region 2, Zone 1 Meeting Dougherty Hotel, Clare 6:00 P.M. – Zone Chair Al Roeseler
- 29 – Greenville Lions Booth at the Greenville Chamber of Commerce Expo – KidSight Screening
- Nov. 1 – Deadline reservations MI Lions Foundation Cruise

### USA/CANADA FORUM 2016

The 40<sup>th</sup> annual forum will be held in Omaha Nebraska on Sept. 15-17. The emphasis on next year's forum will be on service projects. A number of projects like the largest ever KidSight screening and an eye glasses recycling service project will be part of the forum. Early registration forms are available.

### BOOKS FOR KIDSIGHT

IPDG Pete Conarty introduced the idea of giving every child screened a book to take home. The club's name is on the inside of the book. A number of clubs have picked up on this activity and the children have been very excited about their new books. Looking for an activity think about Books for Kids!

## REALIZING A DREAM

Feature Article submitted by PDG Jerry Brandt

Hanna Elshoff from Chatfield Minnesota is pedaling a solar-powered bike around the United States, thanking American veterans and encouraging people to get involved with the Lions Clubs. Hanna was a guest at the home of Lions Jerry & Kay Brandt, Harrison, on Sept. 9th, 2015. It was interesting to listen her talk about her life and her dream.

The German immigrant moved to the United States in 1961. Over the years, she began to plan a trip around the United States. Last fall Elshoff, age 72, saw a motorized bike and decided to do an internet search for a solar-powered bike, because she still wanted to pedal her ride with some assistance. She found her dream solar-powered tricycle, which was manufactured in Durham, N.C. Elshoff visited the community and purchased the egg-shaped looking tricycle. On May 1, 2015 Hanna departed from Chatfield and has traveled throughout Minnesota, Iowa Illinois, and Michigan. One of her stops was Lions Clubs International headquarters in Oakbrook, Illinois.

Hanna came to Harrison after first stopping in Rochester (Leader Dog) and other small communities along her route to West Branch, Mio, and Grayling where she spent her Labor Day week-end. After leaving Harrison, Hanna traveled to Mt. Pleasant. She plans on attending USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Midland- Dinner in the Dark.

Elshoff has three missions for her trip around the country. First is to thank World War II veterans, and all veterans, for saving her life and her family's lives. 2nd mission is to promote Toastmasters, a group that teaches people to communicate. "It's one of the best things I have ever done for myself." 3rd mission is to encourage the younger generation to become involved with Lions Clubs in their communities.

Hanna strives to travel up to 40 miles per day, but gets stopped often by people because of the unique looking solar-powered bike.



## DISTRICT 11 E1 FALL CONFERENCE

On Saturday, September 26, nineteen of the District's Lions Clubs met at the White Cloud Lions Den for our annual Fall conference. PDG Tim Anderson presented a program on Project Kidsight. PDG Dan Gibbons brought the new KidSight trailer to the conference for Lions to view. GLT PDG John Monahan updated the members on the CEP program and GMT PDG Jim Walls gave a presentation on membership. A Parade of Checks for our District and State projects was held and some fun and creative activities were conducted with member participation. The White Cloud cooks out did themselves in a feast for lunch (Thank You!) PDG Bill Simpson brought the new Helen Keller Leadership Medal from EverSight which was presented to PDG Dan Gibbons for Outstanding Leadership.

