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**SEPTEMBER DISTRICT NEWSLETTER**



**DG AL ROESELER'S MESSAGE**

During August, Ann and I had the pleasure of attending an open house at Paws with a Cause in Wayland, Michigan. As you likely know, Paws with a Cause is one of our District Projects. I was glad we went because it made me even more enthusiastic about our support for this incredible program.

Unlike Leader Dog which trains dogs for one reason, Paws trains dogs for many different specialties. The majority of their dogs work with people who are mobility challenged, but dogs are also trained for the hearing impaired, autistic children, and people with seizure disorders. Each client is different, requiring a careful match with a compatible dog, and specialized training in the client's home.

We were able to visit with several of their clients and talk about the various things the dogs are able to do for them. Perhaps the most surprising was talking with the parents of an autistic child who credit the dog with restoring an almost normal family life. They can now go to movies and church without constant interruptions from their son. As Lions we support many worthwhile projects in our communities, around the state and the world. We can be proud of organizations like Paws with a Cause that impact the lives of so many. If I may be permitted an advertisement – don't forget our Fall Conference on September 15<sup>th</sup>, and particularly the "Parade of Checks". I hope your club can generously support all our District, Multi District, and International projects. They are at the heart of our saying "Where there is a need, there is a Lion".

**Project KidSight**

Our Project KidSight team of Screeners and District Lions Clubs have been busy this summer. We have made a difference in our communities by providing KidSight screenings at numerous local festivals and events, including Hart's Asparagus Festival, Onekama Days, Harrison Street Fair, Manistee Forest Festival, Holton Health Fair, and Back-to-School events in Baldwin, White Cloud, Sheridan, Fremont and Coleman. We also had teams at our two Sam's Clubs, Mt Pleasant and Traverse City in July. And then there are all the County Fairs! *Clare County Fair, Midland County Fair, Northwestern Michigan Fair and Oceana County Fair*. Let's try to up that number next year! I am looking for Lions who would like to volunteer to help during KidSight screening at a Fair next summer! Let me know if you could be a greeter, paper person or camera operator during a fair next summer and which Fair(s) you prefer!  
Lion Ann Roeseler, District KidSight Coordinator



## NORTHPORT LIONS SUMMER PROJECT

On Saturday Aug. 4th, the Northport Lions Club held their annual Pancake breakfast and Fly-in at Woolsey Airport near the town of Northport MI. About 1600 people attended and enjoyed a delicious breakfast of pancakes with cherry sauce, sausages, coffee and juice and looked at about 35 private planes that flew in. Also enjoyed was a car show featuring about 50 cars of all types. The Northport Community Band supplied music for all to enjoy. Fifty fifty raffles netted about \$3450. All proceeds will go to local charities.

### Does your Club

#### Sponsor a Peace Poster Contest?

Winning posters must be sent to DG Al Roeseler, 3972 W Harsh Dr., Coleman, MI 48618, **postmarked by November 15**. The winner will be announced in the December Newsletter and that poster will then be entered in the Multi District State contest. **A cash prize will be given to the district winner at the District Convention luncheon on Saturday, April 27, 2019.**

**Never sponsored a contest? Find a group of youth ages 11 - 13, i.e. Scouts, school art class, church youth group. Ask their leader about supporting/supervising the contest. Give them a deadline which allows your Lions time to judge the contest and send the winning poster to the DG. Peace Poster Kits must be ordered from LCI by September 30, 2018. The kit includes rules for the group leader and certificates for the winner and runner-up. Consider honoring them at a club meeting. Some clubs invite the winners' families to a dinner, some give a cash prize.**

**It's fun, it's easy – the key is finding a youth leader willing to participate! Check out LCI for more information and get started! Let's get our youth thinking about PEACE! This year's theme is "Kindness Matters."**

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/serve/other-ways-to-serve/contests/peace-poster->

### PEACE POSTERS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS



## FOUNDATION, HEARING CENTER MERGE

The Lions of Michigan Foundation has merged with the Lions Hearing Center of Michigan. We believe this merger will strengthen both organizations, and together, we will be able to help many more people in our state who suffer from hearing loss. Our new combined affordable hearing aid programs will be named in honor of the Lions Hearing Center's founder and renowned otolaryngologist and educator Dr. Robert H. Mathog (Dr. Robert H. Mathog Lions Hearing Centers). Some of the Lions Hearing Center's current leadership and staff will be staying on with us in other capacities, which will help us transition quickly and provide the same high level of service that our clients need. Our long term goal is to implement a standardized hearing healthcare program in Michigan, however, it will take time to make the necessary changes to past procedures and practices. Going forward, our plan is to work closely with our MD 11 and SD 10 Lions Hearing Committees to make program improvements, and as changes are recommended and/or implemented, we will forward updates and notifications.



## GREEVILLE LIONS

Greenville Lions Club used the District float again this year for our Danish Festival. We handed out close to \$400.00 worth of candy on the route and the candy was gone before we finished.

The float was towed by the Habitat for Humanity Restore pickup truck, helping to promote awareness of this charitable organization. On Friday evening, Greenville Lions gathered in the gazebo at Riverfront Tower Park to serve ice cream to participants in the Kiddy Parade.

## STANTON LIONS BUSY SCHEDULE

The Stanton Lions Club provided a Vision Screening program on Thursday August 9 at the Sheridan Community Hospital back-pack give away in conjunction with the Sheridan Lions Club. Approximately 50 screenings were given and 8 referrals made. On August 11, as both a community activity and a fund raiser, the club sponsored their annual 5k run as part of the Stanton Old Fashion Days celebration. We also had a 1k and 250 yard run for younger kids. At a September meeting, the club will host a speaker from an organization that makes bunk beds to be distributed to families who do not have enough beds for all their children, including the necessary other items needed (mattress, blankets, pillows) and anticipate providing a donation for that organization.



PDG Harry Johnson and Lion Nate Blakemore repair glasses.

## EYE GLASS MISSION TRIP

September eye glass cleaning for the Mission trip are scheduled for September 10, at the Lake Ann lions club and September 24. In Coleman.

## Reading should be fun – right?

Well Lion Katie Hanson, the Youth Services Librarian decided she wanted to make sure the children in our community would find reading lots of fun. She partnered the White Cloud Community Library with the White Cloud Lions Club to create a Storybook Trail for the children. White Cloud Library had some forested land in the city that hadn't been used productively for several years. White Cloud Lions Dawn Houghton, Katie Hanson, Jacklin Millis, Mark Frank, Marc Jonaitis and Ray Williams (pictured) plus Lester McClure, Tom Schaefer, Peggy Frank, Karl Hanson, Bill Koch, Chuck & Lori Scott cleaned up the property by removing truckloads of trash



Youth Services Librarian Lion Katie Hanson oversees and changes the story on the path. Children and adults walk from post to post reading the story and answering the questions about the story and about how the story fits into their lives. It's a learning tool. It's a reading tool. It gets children outside to enjoy the sun and have fun reading a story. Certainly a win-win project for the children in our community.

## District Governor's September Schedule

September 1 – Coleman Lions  
Concession Wagon at Yoder's Quilt  
Auction  
September 4 – Fremont Lions Club  
September 5 – Newaygo Lions  
September 8 – Founders' Days -  
KidSight screening in Sanford  
September 8 – IPDG Peggy Walls  
Appreciation Dinner  
September 10 – Eyeglass Workshop  
Harrison  
September 10 – Lake Ann Lions  
Club  
September 12 – Northport Lions  
Club  
September 13 – Kingsley Lions Club  
September 15 – Fall Conference  
Luther  
September 17 – Arcadia Lions Club  
September 19 – 23 – USA/Canada  
Forum Columbus OH  
September 24 – Eyeglass Workshop  
Coleman  
September 25 – Shepherd Lions

### Coleman Lions Happenings

Coleman Lions members and guests gathered at the Sanford Historical Museum grounds for a picnic on August 6. On the 17<sup>th</sup>, they worked at the Loon's ball game in the picnic area raising money for the club. This is much more fun than hot dog wrapping which they sometimes are asked to do, since they get to interact with game attendees! Coleman Lions held a KidSight vision screening on August 25, at the Coleman Family Center during the Family Center's Back to School event. And on August 27, Coleman hosted a used glasses workshop and entered glasses into the inventory for the eyeglass mission trip in February. At the Yoder's Amish Quilt Auction August 31 and September 1. The club sold Koegel Viennas and Polish Dogs from their concession wagon.

A MAP TO THE LUTHER CLUB HOUSE IS ON THE LAST PAGE OF THE NEWSLETTER



# 11-E1 Fall Conference & Parade of Checks

September 15th, 2018

1003 N. State Rd. Luther, MI 49656 - Luther Lions Hall

*(Our Theme This Year Is)*

## "A Shared Vision"

### Featuring DG Fran Grabowski

From 11-B2

We also have scheduled speakers from Bear Lake Camp, Director Dennis Tompkins, and our District GMT PDG Ron Gibson. We will be holding a "Parade of Checks" for each of the projects.

(NOTE: Your clubs full donation or just a token donation of say \$10 per project may be given at this time)

**Please mail the registration form with registration fee made out to the "Luther Lions Club" to:**

Lion Edge McCarty - 7607 E. 5 Mile Rd. Luther, MI 49656

If you have any questions please call: 1st VDG Jackie Glazier C: 231-534-4932

### Proposed Schedule

- 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM Coffee Social Time - 50/50 Sales Begin
- 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM "1st VDG Governor's Welcome" - Opening Ceremonies"
- 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM Bear Lake Camp - Director Dennis Tompkins
- 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM District GMT PDG Ron Gibson
- 11:30 AM - 12:05 PM Project Presentations & Parade of Checks
- 12:05 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch & Social Hour
- 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM DG Al Roeseler "Welcoming Lions to the Next Century"
- 1:45 PM - 2:15 PM DG Fran Grabowski "The Curse That Became a Blessing"
- 2:15 PM - 2:30 PM Report on the Parade of Checks - 50/50 - Closing



Dress will be casual

## Registration Form 11-E1 Fall Conference 2018 (Parade of Checks)

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Names of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_



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Cost is \$10.00 per attendee which includes lunch

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Lion Edge McCarty - 7607 E. 5 Mile Rd. Luther, MI 49656 by September 8<sup>st</sup> 2018**

A FULL list of projects will appear in the District News Letter!



DG Al Roeseler and IPDG Peggy Walls present the Stanwood Lions Citizen of the Year award to Lion Jayne Schmidt during the Stanwood Lions Club picnic.



## Hart Lions Club

The Hart Lions were hard at work during the Oceana County Fair. Lion Jim Evans worked on KidSight screenings while other Lions and friends worked in their food booth.

## MICHIGAN LIONS SERVICE FOUNDATION

In 2017-18, the Foundation purchased 10 new KidSight vision screeners and ordered 4 additional KidSight trailers that were to be completed in August. These items should help the foundation expand the KidSight program and help more children.



## APPRECIATION DINNER IPDG PEGGY WALLS

Saturday, September 8, 2018

Social Hour 6:00 P.M.      Dinner 6:30 P.M.

Tickets \$10.00

St. Mary's Parish Hall

1009 Marion Ave.

Big Rapids, MI

Reservations: Jim Walls - 231 796-2861 or 231-769-7911

Lion Judy Dowell - 907-654-9401

FIRST VDG  
JACKIE GLAZIER'S  
MESSAGE



September Snippets:

Attention Club Treasurers-Checks for the Fall Conference parade of checks going to KIDSIGHT, the check is written to Lions of Michigan Foundation (LMF) then on the memo line write KIDSIGHT. Checks going to DIABETES are written to District 11 E-1.

Fall Conference at the Luther Lion Club (Sep 15) is a great time to donate used glasses and hearing aids. Bring any of these items you or your club would like to donate.

The USA/Canada Forum in Columbus, Ohio is having a service project and are asking Lions for children's books. Assisting our youth is always a great thing. Helping a young child read is an awesome joy! You are welcome to bring books to the Fall Conference and I will take them down with me or let me know and we can set up a meeting place.

September is the month to get the ball rolling for October, have your club do something new and different to get members? Is this the month you take the path less traveled? Is this the month you have a meeting or two and just keep doing what you do then grumble about nobody wants to be a lion.....

New Ideas. Let others try things. Share. Go back and retry. Help another clubs, work together. Open your minds. SMILE! Have Fun! Remember-"We Serve ".

1<sup>ST</sup> VDG Jackie



SECOND VDG  
BILL KOCH'S  
MESSAGE

I would like to thank all the Lions for their efforts with Kidsight. Many Lions have been involved with Kidsight . We have screened children at fairs, backpack giveaways, Sam's club and other situations where the trailer and equipment have been used. Whenever we do a Kidsight, please have a membership packet available. The more clubs members I meet, the more I find out about their commitment to the Lions. Almost every Lion has a personal story about Lions. The reasons are many, but every story turns into a commitment to help others through the Lions. Please read the Lions Pride. The Lions were there to help in the Upper Peninsula. Many times we hear about help given in far away places. This help was in our state because of Lions. There was a need and our LIONS were there.. I will be seeing a lot of you this fall and look forward to it.

GO LIONS

2nd VDG Bill



MIDLAND LIONS  
GOLF AND COOK  
CHICKEN

Midland Lions stayed busy during August with their Shoot for Sight golf outing and their Chicken Bar BQ. The Golf Outing ran for 10 days and the Chicken sales were in conjunction with Midland's River Days

Coleman Lions Club  
**CHARTER NIGHT  
PARTY**

*Dinner & Auction*

Saturday, October 27, 2018

VFW Hall

204 Railway Street, Coleman, MI

Doors open and games begin at 5:30pm

Dinner at 7:00pm Tickets: \$15.00

WIN:

- Fabulous prizes yet to be determined!
- A beautiful quilt
- Cash

Dinner catered by  
Jenny's Diner



GAMES  
DRAWINGS  
FIFTY-FIFTY



Tickets may be purchased at CW Gordon Sales & Service or from any Coleman Lions Club member.

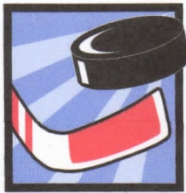
Reservations must be made  
by **October 15, 2018**

Call or email Chuck at,  
[cbdinsmore@charter.net](mailto:cbdinsmore@charter.net)

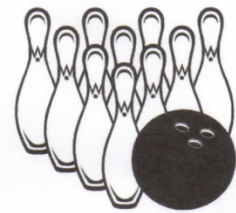
Checks can be mailed to: Coleman Lions Club,  
PO Box 163, Coleman, MI 48618



# You are Invited to the White Cloud Lions Club 48th Anniversary Party Sat. Oct. 20, 2018 6:00 pm TAILGATE PARTY



Games,  
games, games:  
corn hole, touchdown,  
ninth inning, strikes &  
spares plus heads &  
tails. Finish your  
Game Card to get  
another door prize ticket  
BYOB



**GO  
TEAM,  
GO!**

Great food. You don't want to miss anything!

## Silent Auction and LIVE AUCTION

Free door prize ticket for having sports paraphernalia  
and more tickets earned for bringing silent auction items.

**Cost \$10.00 in advance or \$12.00 at the door**

For reservations call or email: **President Wendy Strong**

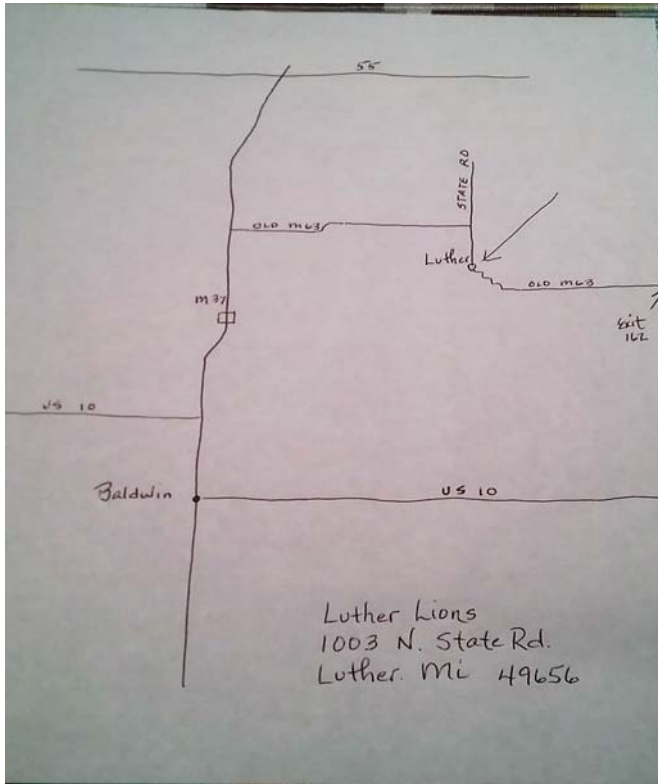
231-225-2468 [wendysue1013@gmail.com](mailto:wendysue1013@gmail.com) or

Janalee 231-689-1321 [janalee@riverview.net](mailto:janalee@riverview.net)



White Cloud Lions Club, 294 N. Charles (M-37) White Cloud, MI 49349

## MAP TO THE FALL CONFERENCE LUTHER LIONS CLUB



### FREMONT SCREENING

On Tuesday, August 7, several members of the Fremont Lions club, were doing a Kid Sight screening at the True North Backpack give away. Helping was Region Chair Bruce Frederick from Big Rapids, PDG Ron Gibson and 2nd VDG Bill Koch, who brought the trailer. The group screened over 60 students. In the photo above, a Baldwin Lions Club members son, Sam Wynn, is getting ready to have his eyes checked by Lion Bill Koch!



1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Jackie Glazier installed Larry Alman as the Zone 1 chair and Janalee McClure as the Region 3 chair at the zone meeting held July 31 at the American Legion Hall in Greenville. Future zone meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on **October 30** and **January 29** at the same location.

Club members are invited and encouraged to attend these zone meetings, led by Zone Chair Larry Alman, for an exchange of ideas as we connect with other clubs in the zone.

### Excerpt From DG Al's Article in the September Pride Magazine

Most Lions are aware that their club has lost members, but few see the big picture. Though Lions Clubs International's membership is at an all time high, North America is losing Lions at an alarming rate. In 1983 there were 566,565 Lions in the USA, this year we have 45% fewer 311,819. In Michigan things are even worse. From 20,546 in 1983 we have fallen to 10,322 Lions currently, a loss of 50%.

It does not take a crystal ball to see we cannot continue as we have and maintain our legacy of service to our communities. If the reason we joined Lions was to be of service, then part of our obligation is to see that our clubs survive to be of service to future generations as well.

I believe that service is the path to gaining new members. It is without a doubt the most "feel good" part of being a Lion. . It is better to invite prospective members to help the club with a service project. That way they get to see the good we do first hand, and hopefully experience the high we get from living the Lions motto. WE SERVE!