

Lions of Michigan District 11-E1 “WE SERVE”



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A WORD FROM GOVERNOR WAYNE

In today's world there is more information available on line than any set of encyclopedias would ever think of having. There isn't a warehouse big enough to hold all the volumes. This week I had to go to Lions International website to find some information that I was looking for. While I was there I decided it was time to just set at the computer and scope out the information that was available to our Lions. Even I was awestruck at everything that is there for our use. There is not one question about Lions that you could not read about or have answered on the website. For that reason I encourage you to please look and see what is available to help your club prosper through any type of situation that you might have. All you have to do is go to www.lionsclubs.org If you have trouble with your M-Reports or PU-101's, it is not only at Lions International but it is also at the District website: www.MiLions11e1.org and you can see also what is going on in the District. I encourage you to post your clubs activities on the website so that the Lions of the District can see what is going on in other clubs.

You must also remember that this Newsletter is sent too many Lions outside of our District. So it is a great way for you to get the word out for your club. Please do not be afraid to contact our District Editor at 11e1editor@charter.net to put materials in the District newsletter. That is the advantage of the technology of today, no charge for the stamp and it is there now.

I would also like to advise you of the current MERLOW Team meeting that is coming up on October 4, 2009 at Webber Township Hall in Baldwin at 1:00 P.M., north on M-37, out of Baldwin to the Mobile station on your right. Just before the Mobile Station on M-37, turn right to the east, go down ½ mile on the left.

The Lions that are on this committee are good hard working Lions of the District and are available to you for programs or help at any time. Please utilize them for your club and members. They are as follows: **Team coordinator**, PDG Lion William Raymor, **Membership**, PDG Lion Lynnwood Mast, **Extension**, PDG Lion Harry Johnson, **Retention**, 2nd VDG Lion John Monahan, **Leadership**, PDG Dan Gibbons, **Orientation**, Lion David Rowe and **Women**, Lion Gayle Morlock.

Please remember that with these people we can increase membership, expand our clubs, keep our members, show them how to be leaders, show them what Lions is all about and most important and support Women in growth.

I hope that all of you continue to succeed with your clubs in supporting your communities and projects. Remember, we as a District are here to help you any time. Most of all, **"HAVE FUN."**

**Yours in Lionism,
Governor Wayne**

"Life is what we make it; it always has been and always will be."

G. Moses

Governors' Calendar:

September:

Sept. 14 – Greenville Lions Meeting, 6 P.M.

Sept. 18 – Greenville Lions Spaghetti Dinner 5 P.M. to 7 P.M.

Sept. 19 – Youth Exchange State Meeting, Lansing State Office, 1 P.M.

Sept. 19 – Coleman Charter Night Anniversary, 6 P.M.

Sept. 20 – Leave for USA/Canadian Forum, Memphis, Tennessee

Sept. 23 – 26: USA/Canadian Forum, Memphis, Tennessee

October:

Oct. 4 – Merlow Meeting, Webber Township Hall, Baldwin, 1 P.M.

Oct. 5 – Arcadia Official visit, 6:30 P.M.

Oct. 6 – Midland Official visit, 6 P.M.

Oct. 9 – 11, Council of Governors Meeting, St. Ignace

Oct. 17 – PDG Connie Shelton Appreciation Dinner

Oct. 19 – 20: Lions International Office visit, Oakbrook, IL

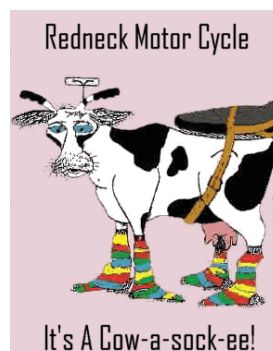
Oct. 28 – Lakeview Lions 50th Anniversary, 6 P.M.

Reminder for the Cabinet Meeting

Directions to Maxfields for District Cabinet Meeting on September 13, 2009

Time: Coffee and rolls at 9:00 A.M. Meeting to start at 9:30 A.M. SHARP

Driving Directions From Grand Rapids: Take 131 north to Exit 120 (M-46 east). Head east 25 miles to Edmore. As you come into Downtown Edmore, you will see a blinker light on the corner of Wyman Rd or First Street. Turn North or Left onto Wyman Road. We are three miles north of M-46 on the east or right hand side. From Big Rapids: Take M-20 East to Remus. Turn south on M-66. Go approx. 11 miles to County Line or Eisenhower Road (look for the very large silver grain silos on the east side of the road right before the corner. There is also a blue sign noting the turn is ahead). Head east for 5 miles until you come to the stop sign on Wyman Road. Turn south, we are less than a mile on the east or left side of the road. From Mt. Pleasant: Take M-20 West towards Remus. Approximately 11 miles west of Mt. Pleasant is Rolland Road. (There is a blue sign noting your turn is ahead right before the corner). Turn south on Rolland Road. We are a total of 11 miles south of M-20. On Rolland, you will come to a stop sign at Blanchard Road. Continue south on Rolland - you will encounter two large curves - just stay on the pavement and you will come to Maxfields. We are located on the east or left hand side. From Alma: Take M-46 west to Edmore. Go through the Downtown area. As you are coming out of the downtown area, you will see a blinking light. Turn north or right at the blinker on Wyman Road or First St. We are three miles north of M-46 on the east or right hand side. From Lansing: You may take US 27 north to Alma, then follow the Alma directions. If taking 96 is more convenient, then take it west to Ionia (Exit 67). Follow M-66 north till it intersects with M-46 (about 35 miles). Turn right, go two miles to Edmore. At the blinker light just as you enter town, turn north on Wyman Road or First Street. We are three miles north of M-46 on the east or right hand side.





1st Vice District Governor Laura Johnson
Baldwin Lions Club
lionharry@maxnet-use.net
GREETINGS FROM V.D.G. LION LAURA!

I can't believe we're already in the third month of the new Lions' year!

First of all, I'd like to express a huge thank you to those of you who kept me in your thoughts and prayers as I underwent a total revision of the knee replacement I had in February. The results from the current surgery have been amazingly different! I can honestly say that after just three weeks, I'm totally pain free for the first time in six months! What a difference a new doctor has made!

So, how is YOUR club doing on achieving the goals set forth for our District by Governor Wayne? I'd like to address his 5th goal. Which is to be 100% for all State and District projects in 2009-2010?

Does your club know what the District projects are? Can you identify the State projects? Does your club support them? Let us start with the District projects; Camp Tushmeheta and the Ear Lab.

Camp T is a wonderful camp where the visually impaired youth can go and experience camping, while learning valuable life skills that will enable them to live independently. The donations received from our clubs covers the cost of sending these kids to camp. This is our newest District project, so many of you probably haven't had the opportunity to visit the camp. I would encourage you to call and speak to Shawn, the camp director. Find out if they need work done that could be service project for your club members. Maybe just set up a tour. I can guarantee that after you have visited; your club will want to add it to their list of donations if not already doing so.

Then we have the mobile Ear Lab, through Munson Medical Center located in Traverse City. This has been a District project for over 20 years. Unfortunately, the \$6,000 pledged annually to fund the lab has been coming up short the last several years. If your club hasn't scheduled the Ear Lab to come to your town for a service project, you are missing out of a great way to promote Lions and the services we provide to your community. There is a fee, unfortunately as the economy has forced them to charge a gas stipend. This would be great to bring into your communities during the many festivals and celebrations our towns have during the summer and fall months. I know from reviewing the reports, there are many clubs not supporting this project. Let's all get on board! A donation in any amount will show Governor Wayne you believe in this important District project!

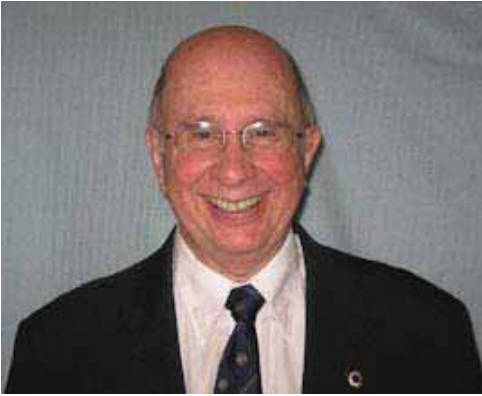
Now for the State projects; we all know about Leader Dog, Welcome Homes for the Blind, Lions of Michigan Service Foundation and the Mid West Eye-Bank. . Is your club overlooking the Lions of Michigan All State Band members or the Bear Lake Camp? Bear Lake Camp is the newest State project, approved a few years ago at the multiple District convention. This is a camp where the visually impaired can enjoy the outdoors in a safe environment, with the cost to the camper being totally funded by the donations of clubs all around the state.

Let's not overlook those talented youth in our local areas that've been selected to be part of the Lions of Michigan All State Band. .When your club receives a letter asking for support, please don't toss it aside because they might not be from your local community. Those students have to raise their support to attend the International Convention, wherever it may be. A donation in any amount will show your support for what very well could be our future Lions, even our future Governors!

If your club has not been supporting any of these projects, I would encourage you to set up a visit. Check them out. See for yourselves the value they contribute to our District and State.

In closing, I've began to schedule my club visits. If I don't contact your club this month, don't worry. My goal is visit the clubs to the farthest north and south first, while I'm still on R&R. Those clubs closer to my home will be visited later in the year.

Remember, Let's all MOVE TO GROW!
1st V.D.G. Lion Laura Johnson



2nd Vice District Governor John Monahan

Mt Pleasant Lions club
John.monahan@emich.edu

Fellow Lions,

It's nice to see summer return, even if it is September. And for many of us, September is when our club revs up for the rest of the year. So it's a good time to look at the way our clubs function. Lions Clubs International has produced a set of retention clinics to help us make sure our clubs are running well. They say that there are three main causes of members dropping out: meetings that are too long or not interesting, cliques and politics within the club, and lack of real involvement by members. There is a clinic for each of these problems. They can be found on the LCI web site at <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/membership-award-programs/programs-mem-retention.php> or by looking for the President's Retention Campaign.

The campaign has a lot of good ideas about these problems, and I hope you will take a look. One of the areas that seem to cause problems for many clubs is cliques and the politics they can cause. Most large groups have cliques, and they are not always bad. The main problems occur when some members feel left out or if the cliques are affecting club operation in a bad way. LCI recommends that we try to keep all members focused on the role of all Lions Clubs, serving others and by keeping each member aware of the importance of his or her own role in the club. Of course, that means that each member needs to fulfill an important role in club activities. LCI thinks that club atmosphere can determine the way the club operates. If the club has a welcoming atmosphere for all, including new members, it has a foundation for overcoming the detrimental effects of cliques. The club president is in the best position to determine the club atmosphere by letting the members know what kind of club the president would like and how the members can achieve it.

LCI thinks that the club president should be a coach and a cheerleader for members of the club, urging them on, showing them the way if necessary, and praising jobs done and jobs well done. LCI also strongly suggests that club committees change some members each year, keeping some old members to assure that things can continue, but also bringing in new members who, with time, can contribute fresh ideas.

All new and some old members benefit from orientation to Lions and to the club. Periodic orientation meetings, every year or two, lets new members know what Lions is all about and can reenergize old members.

An interesting idea from LCI is to make new members greeters so that they get to know the members quickly and the members get to know them. Finally, retention is for all members. If you want your club to function well, make sure all members feel welcome and let all members, old and new, know that their membership and contribution is important to the club. Older members who cannot do as much as they used to do should be aware that they function as inspirations to all of us; they have served your club as hard workers and developed the club and its traditions. Let them know that they are appreciated.

Let's have a great year in Lionism and retain all our current members and recruit new ones for the future. The people you serve are counting on it.

Yours in Lionism,
John Monahan, 2nd VG 11-E1

Appeal for donations for State Offices

Dear Fellow Lions of 11E1

The 2009-2010 Council of Governors is making a second appeal in regards to the State Office renovation project. This project and the lease that was signed recognize the partnership that was created by the Lions of Michigan and Lions of Michigan Foundation in the 80s and reaffirms their mutually beneficial commitment to remain together in the building located at 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, Michigan. At the August 2009 Council of Governors meeting the contract was approved to 2 licensed Lion contractors who have agreed to do the job at their cost, and the Council of Governors voted to request a second appeal to raise the balance of the funds still needed for this project.

As you will recall from last year's appeal, the building committee's remodeling plans were approved by the 2008-09 Council of Governors and the Executive Board of the Foundation. Interested parties are able to obtain a copy of the remodeling plans from PDG Mike Johnson, 11-C1, chairperson of the building oversight committee for the COG.

This project addresses desperately needed renovations regarding office and storage space concerns for the State Office. The committee determined the feasibility of making affordable building renovations that created more storage space and improved building accessibility that is ADA compliant. The remodeled work areas will have built-in units, new furnishings, and new floor coverings and provide higher visibility for the Lions of Michigan.

To make these changes to our building a reality, we still need your help as we have only received a little over \$7,000 of the \$16,000 needed for this project. However, we hope that the Lions and Lioness Clubs who were unable previously will now consider making a contribution of \$100. If you have previously made a donation we are asking your club to consider making an additional donation from your Administrative Fund. (If \$100 is too much for you to donate at one time, please consider making the pledge in two or three installment payments.)

Please send your check, earmarked "building renovation fund," to: Lions of Michigan, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911

Yours in Lionism,
Governor Wayne

Governors Quote of the Month

**The finest gift you can give anyone is encouragement.
Almost no one gets the encouragement
they need to grow to their full potential.
If everyone received the encouragement
they needed to grow, the genius in
most everyone would blossom and
the world would prosper beyond
its wildest dreams.**

Half a Million Nonprofits Could Lose Their Tax Exemptions

Did you know that in May 2010, half a million nonprofits could find themselves stripped of their exempt status? The IRS estimates that that's the number of smaller organizations that have failed to file a Form 990-N.

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 requires exempt organizations that don't meet the income thresholds for Form 990 or 990-E-Z to file a new return with the IRS. The IRS created Form 990-N for this purpose, and smaller nonprofits began using it last year to report on tax years ending on or after December 31, 2007.

The Pension Protection Act also mandates that the IRS revoke the tax-exempt status of any organization that fails to file a Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF, or 990-N for three consecutive years. Revocations will happen automatically beginning in May 2010. A nonprofit that loses its exemption because of failure to file will have to reapply to the IRS for exemption.

Experts have longed believed that numerous defunct nonprofits are listed as active in the IRS files. (Exempt organizations are required to inform the IRS when they go out of business, but many fail to do so.) It is unlikely, however, that these organizations add up to half a million.

That means that 18 months from now, hundreds of thousands of charitable nonprofits, many operating on a shoestring, may no longer be able to accept tax-deductible contributions. It means that half a million charitable and non-charitable organizations could suddenly find themselves required to pay federal income taxes—and subject to financial penalties if they fail to do so.

The IRS has made a concerted effort to inform smaller nonprofits about the 990-N, including mailings to every organization that their records indicate is required to file the new return. It's not surprising, though, that some nonprofits haven't heard yet—think of how many of your holiday cards or business mailings come back as undeliverable.

Smaller nonprofits make up as much as three-quarters of the nonprofit sector. Collectively they have a tremendous impact. At GuideStar, we believe the sector—and society—will be the poorer if these organizations lose their exemptions. But we also believe that tax exemption is a privilege, and that this privilege carries significant responsibilities. One of the most important is to report to the public (via the IRS) on our activities

There's something we all can do to improve the situation: spread the word. If you volunteer with, work for, or give to a smaller nonprofit, make sure the organization's leadership knows about the 990-N. Encourage acquaintances associated with other small nonprofits to do the same.

By not filing the 990 forms, whichever pertains to your club, your officers can be held responsible for any fines also. Lions clubs and 501c-3's have to file separate forms also. Get the word out to all lions clubs so we don't lose them.

Thought of the month

“Organization doesn't really accomplish anything. Plans don't accomplish anything, either. Theories of management don't much matter. Endeavors succeed or fail because of the people involved. Only by attracting the best people will you accomplish great deeds.”
Colin Powell

My great-nephew Aaron is a Marine and was just sent to Afghanistan this weekend for some scary sounding ground mission. Please keep him in your prayers.

Karla Roebuck

, Lion Karla is our webmaster for our district website.

UPDATES FOR ROSTER BOOK

From our Cabinet Secretary!

My new e-mail address is jchipman6062@yahoo.com Thanks Jim and Carolyn Chipman.

Sheridan President: Don Nassif E-mail address is: dmnassif@charter.net

Peace Poster

Get youth in your community involved. Order a Contest Kit (PPK-1) from the Clubs Supplies Department or call 1-800- 710-7822 online www.lionsclubs.org . Contact your School's Art Teachers so kids can start as soon as school begins. Take a Peace Poster kit and explain that the Lions are going to have a contest around the world and their students have an opportunity to participate. If you or your club has any questions, please call PDG Lion Stan Preshaw, District Peace Poster chairman at 989-291-3344.

Region II, Zone 3 meetings

Fellow Lions:

Our 2nd Region II Zone 3 meeting is scheduled to be in Baldwin on Tuesday November 10th: 6:30pm, at the Baldwin Senior Center in Baldwin, MI.

The club President and Secretary are asked to attend the zone meetings along with any and all other interested club members. Please RSVP to me by 11/7/09 so dinner arrangements can be made.

There are 3 zone meetings total left for the coming year:

2nd will be in Baldwin on Tuesday November 10th @ 6:30pm - \$8.00 for meal

3rd will be in Cadillac on Tuesday March 16th @ 6:30pm - \$13.00 for meal

4th will be in Luther on Wednesday May 19th @ 6: 30pm - \$7.00 for meal

To all clubs if there is any change to meal price or starting times please

let me know, I'm just going off what I was given last year.

If you have any questions or need directions please feel free to contact me.

Zone Chair Lion Tim Anderson at 231-775-2939 or e-mail to scantek@scantek.com

Region II, Zone 1 Meetings

Fellow Lions

Five of our six clubs were present at that meeting (good attendance).

Here is a follow-up to that survey:

1) The members present indicated that they wanted to continue to meet on the second Wednesday of the month that we will be meeting. Looking over your meeting dates in the new District Directory this should work.

2) Members wanted to continue to meet at the Doherty Hotel in Clare (Centrally located).

I have set-up three dates for the 2009-10 Lions year:

First Meeting - Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at the Doherty -Time 6:15 p.m.

Second Meeting - Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at the Doherty -6:15 p.m. (Our snowbird club will miss this meeting)

Third Meeting - Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at the Doherty - 6:15 p.m.

If we decide that we want a fourth meeting, it will be inserted.

If you have any questions, please contact Zone Chair Lion Pete Conarty at 989-835-8712

or e-mail to mlpjc@sbcglobal.net

**Lions of Michigan
Leadership Institute**

APPLICATION FORM

**DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 30, 2009
ENCLOSE CHECK FOR \$170.00 WITH
APPLICATION FORM**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT, FEEL FREE TO DUPLICATE.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Resident Phone _____ Business Phone _____

Fax Number _____ e-mail address _____

Club Name _____ #yrs. as a member _____ District _____

(circle one) Lion Lioness Leo

Have you previously attended a Michigan Lions Leadership Institute? Yes _____ No _____

Offices you have held:

Club Level: Position _____ Year _____

Position _____ Year _____

District Level: Position _____ Year _____

Position _____ Year _____

Multiple District Position _____ Year _____

Level: Position _____ Year _____

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
5730 EXECUTIVE DRIVE LANSING, MI 48911
LIONS OF MICHIGAN STATE OFFICE**

**PLEASE ATTEND THE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE,
IT IS NOTED AS ONE OF THE BEST IN THE UNITED STATES.**

REGISTRATION FORM
27TH ANNUAL MICHIGAN LIONESSE CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 6th & 7th, 2009
RAMADA INN - GRAYLING
2650 S175 BUSINESS LOOP
RESERVATIONS: (989) 348-7611

Registration Includes Conference Pin, Friday Night Hospitality, Saturday Breakfast and Saturday Luncheon (Craft Extra)
(NOTE: One Person only on each Registration Form)
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE - Thank you)

LIONESSE/LIONS CLUB _____ DISTRICT NO. _____

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ Title/or Ofc. held _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE (____) _____

* PLEASE NOTE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES, DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: _____
*SPECIAL NEEDS - Wheelchair, Hearing & Sight impaired etc. _____

SATURDAY LUNCHEON CHOICE: Please mark your choice below:

Baked Alaskan Pollock _____
Special Meal Request _____

Petite Sirloin Steak _____
Rare _____ Medium _____ Med. Well _____ Well _____

REGISTRATION PRIOR TO OCTOBER 17, 2009
Registration @ \$50.00 per person _____
Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Ck. # _____

LATE Registration after October 17, 2009
Registration @ \$55.00 per person _____
Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Ck. # _____

Make checks payable to: Michigan Lioness Conference

Mail to: Lioness Karan Burke
1322 Iroquois
Prudenville, MI 48651

No Refunds after October 26, 2009
Questions? Call the Lioness Representative
from your District on the back of this form.

Big Rapids Lions Club

Starting in September, the Big Rapids Lions Club will be meeting at the "Gate" (a bowling alley and restaurant) at 706 Perry Avenue next to Staples. Hopefully this will be the last change for a while. It's hard to keep everything up-to-date.



The Big Rapids Lions Club has started their fall fundraising projects. We are running the Ferris State University concessions stand again for the Rocket Football, Big Rapids High School and Ferris football games. Lions Jerry Nickles and Jackie Perrin also ran a stand at the local farmers market where we sold light bulbs, brooms and oven mitts.

Our club continues to grow. In July we welcomed new Lions Mary and Bob Clark into our club.

Dictionaries will again be given to all third grade students in the Big Rapids area in October. This year we will distribute approximately 213 dictionaries.

We have set up our club web page using the new e-Clubhouse program available from Lions International. You can check it out at Big Rapids Lions Club - <http://lionwap.org/eclub/sites/bigrapidsmi/index.php>

Attachments:

- 1- King Lion Lynn welcomes new Lions Mary and Bob Clark
- 2- Interior shot of Lions Concession Stand
- 3- Wrapping hamburgers and hot dogs
- 4- Exterior shot of Lions Concession Stand

Cedar/Maple City Lions Club



The Cedar/Maple City Lions Tree project. Each week they water 100 trees for Kasson Township. 1000 gallons are used, the trees could reach 60-75' tall and 40" wide in 30 years! Pictured are: Chairman Lion Gordon Waldenmyer and on the right is Lion Dave McNeil. Thanks, Pat Hobbins.

Cadillac Lions Club



On Saturday August 22nd the Cadillac Lions Club held its 3rd "Sight for Life" Shotgun Golf Scramble over at the Missaukee Golf Club, besides the change in location from last year we increased from 9 to 18 holes of golf for the outing. Tee-off started at 9:00 am rain was forecasted for the day and rain is what we got varying from a mist to steady shower off and on all day, but the 11 teams playing all swung ahead to complete the event. The scramble featured 5 challenge holes which included an opposite-handed tee-off and a blind folded tee-off. Prizes were given for the 1st three teams and drawings were held throughout the luncheon afterwards by the end of the afternoon 109 prizes in total were given out not to mention \$109 to one lucky 50/50 winner.

The Cadillac Lions held their second summer open community meeting at the city park in Cadillac. The rain even stopped a few hours before and the sun kept peeking out from behind the clouds drying things up nicely. Attendance was down compared to the meeting held last month but the weather was definitely a contributing factor.



With two grills going one cooking up hotdogs for the visiting members of the community while the other was grilling up brats for the club member's good food and fellowship was once again enjoyed by all that attended. Music soon filled the air when the free jazz concert being held across the street at the Rotary Pavilion started and some of the club members went across to enjoy the band and pass out free hotdogs to those in attendance.

The summer open meetings worked very well, even though it didn't bring in any new members this time it was just nice to have the club get together and socialize with our families and to let the public see the Lions Club and its members out having some fun.



Coleman Lions Club



Club held a booth at the Midland County Fair to sell raffle and Charter Night tickets. Coleman Lions Charter Night to be held on Sept. 19th at the Coleman VFW. There are games and fun for all! A cash raffle, door prizes, auction and full catered dinner included for only \$15.00. Please contact Lion Ann Roeseler 989-465-6482 for details or to purchase tickets. We would love to have other members in the District join us to celebrate our 69th year as a club!

Club has had the opportunity for fundraising by parking cars at McKay press near the Dow Diamond for Great Lakes Loons games. Mackay press generously allows local non-profits to park cars and keep proceeds for which we are very grateful. The Coleman Jr. Leo club held a car wash on Aug22nd. They were able to raise \$248.00 in one afternoon of hard work and lots of fun! We plan to make the car wash an annual event! If any other Leo clubs would like to partner with us to do a "Super Car Wash" we are always looking for opportunities to partner with other clubs. Please contact Lion Jami DeCatur at 989-465-1114 j.m.decaturn@gmail.com for details.

The next highway road cleanup project is scheduled for October 3rd. The Lions and Leos work together to make this project a success. It seems to be a club favorite for working side by side with the Leo club members.



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Empire Lions Club



The Empire Lions Club held its 43rd annual Auction and Yard Sale on Sunday, Aug. 9. Proceeds from the big event help support local Lions club projects as well as state and national Lions club efforts.

Picture 1: Lots of traffic at the Empire Lions Club pavilion at Johnson Park.

Picture 2: Auctioneer Lion Dave Taghon gives the best deals and raises the most money.

Fremont Lions Club



A few members from the Fremont Lions Club began their official National Baby Food Festival parade duties with a hearty pancake breakfast (put on by a local Fremont church). Fifteen Fremont Lions members, 2 Lions from neighboring White Cloud and 1 potential “new” member joined forces to be the Parade Wranglers at the annual National Baby Food Festival in Fremont. The Lions spread along the 1.5 mile parade route keeping proper spacing between parade entries. The Lions were requested by the Fremont Chamber of Commerce and did so well this year they have been asked back to make their presence an annual event.

Greenville Lions Club

Greenville Lions Club participated in the 45th annual Danish Festival by having a food trailer down town in the food court of the Arts & Crafts area and it was a very good year even though we were rained on several times throughout the 2 days we were there. The fund that we raise on this project will go back to community efforts. We had a very good turnout of our members this year. There were times that we had a very long line but people were very patient and we served as many as came to see us.



Lions Mike Blanding & Dan Eagles



Look at the large lines



Lion tail twister at the grill

Lions Larry Alman was asked by District Governor Wayne to volunteer for the Michigan Eye Bank at the Greenville Danish Festival. He set up a table and an umbrella and had electricity. Lion Larry, Queen Lion Lisa Langley from the Michigan Eye-Bank showed up at 10:30 on Friday morning. She was not expecting a whole lot from this little town but she told us that one other group worked the Phase 2 of the ***I Joined campaign***, and got 185 people to sign up for the cause. We were able to sign up 200 in less than 2 days and that was pretty good. We might have done better but it rained off and one and it was hard to stay dry. Lion Roger Wilson's wife "Alison" helped him on Friday afternoon for about 5 hours and on Saturday his daughter Theresa helped for about 2 hours. It was so much fun talking to the public with this special project.



Lion Larry & Roberta Alman



Lion Mark at the grill & Lion Larry



Governor Wayne, Lisa & Larry

Honor Lions Club

This picture of our King Lion Jim Mallison, PDG Lion Ken Burrows and our mascot fishing for the elusive Coho Salmon !



The event was the Annual National Coho Festival Parade in Honor on Sat. August 22, 2009.

Our club had its food wagon there in Maley Park and though it was an overcast and sometimes drippy day, fun was had by all!!

We're doing a White Cane day on Sat. August 29 and our annual Rifle Raffle is in full swing....winner drawing will be held November 14th!

Kaleva Lions Club

KALEVA LIONS CLUB WORKS FOR RELAY OF LIFE In July the Kaleva Lions Club lent their food wagon and handed out breakfast muffins for the fight against breast cancer in Manistee County. This is a cause we can all stand behind. King Lion Ken Katula took the time out of his day to help prepare and hand out the breakfast muffins. The walk for life group said they had a great response and they hope next year will be even bigger. GOOD JOB KALEVA LIONS!!!



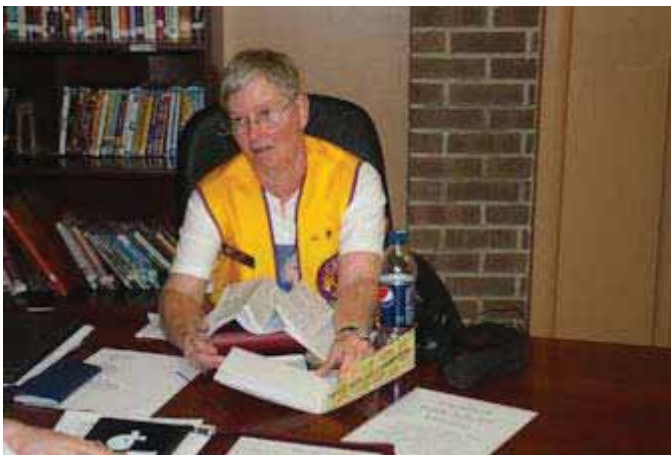
KALEVA DAYS LIONS CLUB A GREAT SUCCESS!!!! With the addition of a new food wagon, the Lions steak dinner, silent auction and the sale of 50/50 raffle tickets made the month of July very profitable. Along with our regular pancake breakfasts and pasties sales put smiles on all of the Kaleva Lions this month. When interviewing the First Vice President, Lion Robert Antosik, he said, "This was one of the best Kaleva Days on record, and it was a very good year for all of our Lions members. We are one of the few clubs that hold 2 fundraisers a week. They include Finnish pasties every Thursday and an all you can eat pancake breakfast on Sunday. It is all about LIONS PRIDE/WE SERVE." Picture from left to right: Carole Antosik, First V.P. Lion Robert Antosik and Lion Fred Bingman.

Luther Lions Club



Luther Lion's have a very busy Labor Day week-end. On Saturday we hosted a Horse Pull and also ran a concession. That evening we held a dance at the club. Sunday We held our Full Menu Breakfast and served 118 people. That same day he hosted a Horse Shoe Tournament and held another concession. Luther Lion's have been working very hard raising money for the Lions charities. At the Luther Lions September 2nd meeting Lion Beverly Armstrong was recognized by both her club and LCIF for all her years of outstanding service to the Luther Lions Club when she was awarded a 25 year membership pin by her club president. The award was greeted with applause and congratulations from her fellow lions.

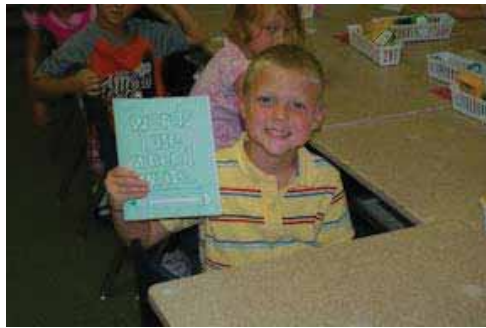
Mecosta Lions Club



Lion Nancy Lepkowski gave a presentation to fellow members of the Mecosta Lions about her training sessions at the Rochester Leader Dog Facility. Her former dog, Amber, developed cataracts. Lion Nancy's new leader dog is a golden retriever named Usher. Nancy will keep Amber.



Lions Judy and Lee Thomas from the Mecosta Lions Club visited the FSU Optometric Department of FSU. They were given a tour by Dean Mike Cron and Faculty Advisor Dr. Dan Wrubel. The purpose of the trip was to drop off 93 pairs of used glasses to the SVOSH unit. (Student Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity) This unit collects over a half million used pairs of glasses a year which are processed and are sent on mission trips with students and staff to other countries. The 09/10 calendar includes trips to Peru, Dominica, Mexico, Grenada, Honduras, Guyana (FCO), Haiti (FCO), and Honduras (FCO) Other clubs interested in contributing glasses or financial support should contact MI-VOSH/SVOSH) BY CALLING 231-591-2193 You can also check out SVOSH through the FSU Home site.



Every year the Mecosta Lions Club presents the 2-4 graders with books to enhance their education. The 2nd graders receive a workbook called Words I Use When I Write. The 3rd graders receive books titled more words I Use When I Write. Fourth graders receive dictionaries. Passing out the books were King Lion Lee Thomas and member Jim Boyd.

Midland Lions Club

The club was honored by receiving a Special Tribute to Midland Lions Club for 75 years of dedicated service. This handsome 11 x 17 plaque was signed by Governor Granholm and presented by State Representative Jim Stamas at the August 18th meeting.

The Midland Lions Club's next fundraiser is the Lions Golf Outing scheduled for September 12th at the Sandy Ridge Golf Course. This fundraiser replaces the Annual Light Bulb Sale from years past. We plan a four person scramble, starting at 11:00am, with soft drinks and hot dogs at the turn, with prizes and a great grilled sandwich dinner for just \$75 per player. We are offering \$250 business and \$100 personal sponsorship locations around the course. There will be markers around the course showing the names of our sponsors.

We have started planning early, so you can make plans to join us on the course if you're a golfer. Come enjoy a good time with local friends. Also, we hope that you will talk to friends, family and neighbors about being sponsors for this Lions Charities Fundraiser.

If you have questions about how you can help, please contact any member of the Golf Outing Committee listed below:



Al Duchman, Roger Karr, Dave Stark, Jim Ostler, Jim Mitchell, and Jim Dunlap.
Thank you and we hope to see you there!!

Vestaburg Lions Club



District Governor Wayne Kreitner made a visit to Vestaburg Lions Club on September 8, 2009. The picture shows Governor Wayne presenting President Jim Hodges with his personal banner. The meeting was great fun with everyone reminiscing about old time sports with Carl Mapes and George Showers talking about Michigan High School Basketball. Carl Mapes was reminiscing about his time in professional baseball with the Cincinnati Farm Club. Pictured above from left to right are Lions George Showers, Kathy Palmer, Ivan Palmer, Carl Mapes, President Jim Hodges, Governor Wayne and 90 year old George Douglass, who walked to and from the meeting. The Governor talked about Growth for the Club and called them "The Little Club with the Big Heart."

On Friday, October 9th, the Vestaburg Lions will be holding a Swiss Steak Dinner at the High School Cafeteria, between 4 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. The menu includes Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, salad, vegetable, homemade desserts and beverage. All of this great food can be yours for the small donation of \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 5-10 and ages 4 and under are free. Take outs are available. Please go and support "The Little Club with the Big Heart."

