



Lions of Michigan – District 11-E-1



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Welcome to 2009. A Lion's work never ends. Each year our clubs meet new challenges in serving our communities. This year serving our communities will be more difficult in that many of our people are out of work (approximately 8%). The cost of supporting your family with the necessities of life keeps adding challenges to our wallet.

The feeling of being a caring and benevolent Lion is a characteristic of all good Lions wherever they are on the planet and what projects they are working on to help take care of those less fortunate. From eye glasses to

hearing aids, from disaster relief to health progress, from tissue transplantation to youth camps, from community needs to needs of our world family, Lions don't do it all, but Lions can be proud of their enthusiastic involvement in their communities.

A hearty thank you to all the Lions who supported their communities in 2008. I, as district governor, appreciate really being associated with a group such as you. Thank you, thank you, and thank you. Best wishes for a happy, healthy and successful 2009. D.G. Larry

Club Secretaries/Program Chairpersons

DG Larry is still setting up his club visitations for the rest of his year. If you haven't scheduled a club visit, please contact him to set a visitation to your club. Contact him by phone: 231-734-5200 or email: landg@netonecom.net. DG Larry and First Lady Gayle are looking forward to meeting with you and your club before the end of June. If your club is having a fundraiser, i.e. fish fry, pancake breakfast, chili supper, etc., please let DG Larry know as he would like to attend as many as possible. DG Larry would like to thank all clubs that have scheduled his visitation.

District Governor's Visits

- Jan. 14, 2009 Region 2 Zone 3 Meeting—Ewart
- Jan. 17 Convention Committee Meeting—Ludington
- Jan. 21 Harrison Lions Club—Official Visit
- Jan. 24 MERLOW Meeting at DG Morlock's house
- Feb. 11 Region 2 Zone 1 Meeting—Doherty Hotel in Clare
- Feb. 12 Stanton Lions Club—Official Visit
- Feb. 20-21 Michigan Forum—Lansing
- Feb. 22 Cabinet Meeting—Rankin Center, Ferris State University
- March 6-8 Council of Governors—Lansing

Michigan Forum

The Michigan Forum will be Saturday, February 21st at the Holiday Inn West in Lansing. The registration fee is \$30 per person which includes: forum pin, forum book containing information from all breakout sessions, morning refreshments and lunch, and luncheon keynote speaker, ID Doug Lozier from Indiana.

For those arriving on Friday there will be an evening session on How to Keep Meetings Fun and Exciting and a mixer and hospitality room. The registration form is on the website: lionsofmi.com.

White Cane supplies can be pre-ordered and picked up at the Forum saving the club shipping charges.

Breakout sessions include: New IRS Rules, Welcome Homes, Choosing a Pet That Is Right for You, Good Club Dynamics, Incorporation of Lions Clubs, Michigan Eye Bank, Protecting Your Hearing, Recruitment and Retention, Global Membership, White Cane, Tai Chi for Arthritis, Leadership Training Opportunities, Banner Talk, Leos, Quilting, and Pre-Induction Orientation. Let's see if District 11-E1 can have 100% participation by having all clubs

International Convention

The International Convention will be July 6-10, 2009, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Michigan delegation will be housed at the Ramada Mall of America in Bloomington at a room rate of \$119 per night, plus tax. The hotel is 10 miles from the convention center.

The hotel is 2 blocks from the Mall of America and 2 miles from the airport. It has 248 rooms, free parking, complimentary high speed wireless internet, indoor/outdoor pools and a fitness room. There is an on-site café/pub that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. The hotel provides complimentary 24 hour shuttle service. An online convention registration form is available at lionsclubs.org

Thought of the Month

***“Walking with a friend in the dark is better
than walking alone in the light.”***

Helen Keller

**Lion Vice District Governor and
Lioness Debbie Kreitner**



Unity and Friendship

One of the things that I have found about fellow Lions is “**LASTING FREINDSHIP.**” Fellow Lions will do for each other as well as other people. I know of a Lion that is having some health problems and some of his club members just kick in and do everything that this couple needs. They show up and clean his driveway, sidewalk, clean the snow off his roof. They do anything else that needs to be done without thinking about the time that they take away from their families.

Webster’s says

Fellowship – 1. Companionship. 2. A mutual sharing. 3. A group of people with the same interest.

I to this day believe in **Unity** and that is what fellow Lions are, a **group** of people who care about each other and share the same interests as fellow human beings. They also do projects and jobs for their club and the people in their community. I know that this Lion cares deeply about his family and about his fellow Lions. There are many ways that this Lion can say thanks to his fellow Lions for their support. But the best way is simple.

God bless you and God speed.

VDG Lion Wayne

Wayne & I would like to thank everyone for all the love, support and prayers that you gave us during Wayne’s recent open heart surgery. He is slowly recovering and is getting stronger each day. Please continue to keep him in your prayers. God has really listened to all of us.

Thank you again,

Debbie Kreitner



District Convention is coming up

DISTRICT CONVENTION



It is a New Year and time to be thinking about Lions convention. We will be having a joint convention with District C-1 and plans are going well. There are some changes for both districts, we promise a great convention. The theme is **KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE** and we hope many will dress for the theme on Friday night.

The Friday night mix and meet will feature a comedy show. District C-1 has hired a comedian to entertain us. We will have the cash bar and hors d' oeuvres.

We will again be having a silent auction, so be sure to bring your item to be auctioned off. This auction helps to keep our convention costs down so don't forget to bid on the items you can't live without.

Saturday morning we will have a breakfast honoring our Lioness and Leos. They will have a program and EVERYONE is encouraged to attend.

We have a full day planned with great forums, meetings, elections and FUN. We do have two people running for the position of Vice District Governor. They are both qualified women, so let your club be heard and come vote for the person you want to work with for the next two years. Sunday will be our Memorial Service and we have something new planned. We will be putting on a slide presentation featuring our deceased members. We need from you a picture of your deceased member and a short blog about them. Please get this information to Lion Pam Schroeder as soon as possible.

Hope to see you at convention. Come to see our leaders in their Knight gear. If you have any questions call Lion Pam Schroeder.



Lions of Michigan 11-E1 District Convention Registration Form



Holiday Inn 1005 Perry St. Big Rapids, MI.

April 17, 18, and 19, 2009

Please print information on form: Must be registered to Vote!

Lions/ Lioness/ Leo Club _____ Office _____
Lion/ Lioness/ Leo Member _____

Address _____ City & Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Guest / Spouse _____

Registration fee is \$5.00 for each attendee. Amount enclosed: \$ _____

\$10.00 if after the deadline (No charge for new members being re-inducted Saturday)

Friday Mix & Meet \$5.00 (cash bar, hors d' oeuvres, comedy show) \$ _____

Saturday Lioness and Leos Breakfast Buffet – ALL welcome \$12.00 \$ _____

Saturday Lunch (Beef Tip Stroganoff) \$15.00 each \$ _____

If new member being re-installed no charge Sponsor is _____

Saturday Governor`s Banquet \$22.00 each \$ _____

Pick One Pork Loin _____ OR Tilapia (fish) _____

Sunday Awards Buffet Breakfast \$12.00 each \$ _____

Make checks payable to District 11 E1 Convention Total enclosed \$ _____

Special Dietary Needs? _____

Mail Registration form with payment to: Lion Pam Schroeder

Registration deadline for meals is March 31, 2009 4829 Crescent Beach

Questions? Call Pam 231/889-4870 Onekama, Mi. 49675

Convention Room Rate \$75.00 per night. Call 231/796-4400 to reserve your room today!

Reminder – We are having our convention with District C-1, reserve room early,

There will be an alternate hotel

Merlow meeting

MERLOW Meeting, January 24, 2009, Governor Larry Morlock's home, Ewart, Michigan @ 10:00 a.m.
Call Governor for Reservations: 231-734-5200
All MERLOW members invited to attend this very important meeting.

All Region and Zone Chairperson's invited to attend too.

In fact this is an open meeting, everyone is welcome, just call Governor for reservation.

At the MERLOW meeting we will be planning the visit from the Lions International Team on March 22-24, 2009. We will be based in Harrison for that International Visit so this is a special invitation for all clubs that are willing to help us start the new club in the Marion and Lake City area. We need about 14 Lions to attend the Sunday, March 22nd training and at least 12 Lions to canvas the area for potential members. If you have 1, 2 or 3 days free during that time we need you to volunteer. Give MERLOW Chairperson, Janalee McClure a call at 689-1321 or email janalee@riverview.net if you have any questions.

Cedar/Maple City Lions Club

The Cedar/Maple City Lions held their last Bingo on December 18, 2008. After over 30 years the attendance was down along with income. Lions; Roy Romanowski, Doug Parkinson, Rob Serbin, Bill Courson and Pat Hobbins gave our supporters a great final game.



The Cedar/Maple City Lions are completing our Christmas Tree Sales for 2008. Lion Glen Noonan donates the trees and the club sells them (you cut or we cut). We raised over \$3000, 00 this year. 1st photo are Lions Carrlin Waldenmyer (left) and Dad, Gordon Waldenmyer, they braved blizzard conditions that day. 2nd photo, some children enjoying marshmallows with Lion Dan Hobbins (right) helping. 3rd photo, Lion Gail Westover (snowshoes) has just helped load a good size tree! Thanks, Larry. Pat Hobbins, Secretary, Cedar/Maple City Lions Club.





The Cedar/Maple City Lions presented a "Volunteer Award" (January 12) to Glen Lake School student Christy Kandel for her participation in volunteering at Glen Lake Schools, our Community and her Church. She was recommended by her school and Hunting Bank gave her a \$50.00 U. S. Savings Bond. Photo, King Lion Dave McNeil and Christy Kandel.

Coleman Lions Club

Coleman Lions Club had their first annual chili supper on Saturday December 13th. The supper was held on Main Street at the VFW hall before and during the annual Christmas parade. Around 200 dinners were served and a good time was had by all. In addition to chili, hot dogs, home made bread, Fazoli's breadsticks, and sheetcakes were served.



Coleman's Leo Club helped with the dinner by making posters and advertising on the street. They were also in charge of beverages and takeout. Leo Matt enjoyed wearing the Lion suit and greeting people! Two area clowns were present painting faces on anyone interested.



Empire Lions Club

On December 13, 2008, the Empire Lions Club celebrated Christmas and conducted its 55th Charter Dinner. The club's remaining 2 charter members, widows, and special guests were recognized. It has been a tradition to present the Lion of the Year Award during this dinner, but due to family circumstances the honoree was not able to attend.

It was during the club's first meeting in Jan 09 that the Lion of the Year- Lion John Spring was presented his award by a previous Lion of the Year and current club Vice President Lion William Freeman.

In addition to Lion John's award, a special award was presented to Lion Phil Deering by PDG Dick Daniel. This was another award that was scheduled to be presented during the Charter Dinner but could not be accomplished due to Lion Phil's busy schedule. A Melvin Jones Award that was presented to Lion Phil Deering to recognize his outstanding service not only the Empire Lions Club, but also his dedication to the Village of Empire. His service is, and has been, in the true spirit of Melvin Jones himself.



The Glen Lake Community Library recently received a donation of 10 books from the Empire Lions Club as a resource for diabetes information. These books were provided as a public service in the Lion' ongoing fight to reduce the burden of diabetes and its devastating complications. Photo identification, left to right: Richard Daniel, PDG; John Kilgore, Empire King Lion; Dave Diller, librarian, Glen Lake Community Library

Greenville Lions Club



We had our annual Christmas toy store distribution on December 13. We collected over \$8,000.00 from the community and we had toys for about 450 children from ages 1 month to 12 years old. The economy is very bad in Greenville as it is in many areas. We had a great time working with parents in picking out the toys they needed for their child. We had a great time supporting the community. Our Christmas toy distribution is a winner and our community knows we work real hard. We delivered over 50 poinsetias to shut-ins in the Greenville area. We get the names from local Churches.

1. Abate Motorcycle group had a ride for toys and they gave them to us for our toy give away.
2. Here is some of the crew that volunteered in the distribution of toys.
3. Part of the project is getting volunteers in our community to knit mittens, hats, and scarves.



December 15 was an open meeting with no program. Awards for years of service were handed out and the largest one was for 55 years of service to Lion PDG Norm Miller from 11B2 and a current member. Lion Harold Christiansen received a 63 year pin for perfect attendance and he says this is nothing. At our meeting Lion VDG Wayne Kreitner inducted 3 new members, pictured 2nd from left Jeff Verheek sponsored by Lion Larry Alman and Lion John Moy. Jeffery Miller sponsored by Lion Andy Hurst, a newer member in Greenville. Jeff Byington was sponsored by Lion Stanley Blumberg. New Lion Jeff Byington came to our Christmas toy project and volunteered and decided then that he would like to join Lions.

Midland Lions Club



Thirty-three kids and fourteen adults were hosted by our club at the Country Club for the Christmas party for kids with special needs. Lots of good food, a visit by Jewls the Clown and the jolly old elf, Santa and his Missus provided an evening they won't soon forget. The twenty-two Lions who attended were able to join the party this year, because the numbers were such that we were all able to sit in the ballroom. Thank you to all who assisted the kids in serving food, entertaining them while they waited for things to happen, and helping them with their coats. I don't know if it was just me, but Jewls seem to be especially good this year and the kids' responses to some of her questions were a riot.

Our numbers were down this year because we had a communication glitch. That, and three snow-days in the two weeks preceding the event, led to some conflicts. Those teachers that did come were our "regulars" and were anxiously awaiting the word. When they got it they were on the ball and got their kids to the party. We think we have isolated the problem and next year our numbers should be up again.

In case you've been wondering. Bud and Mary Lawry always prepare a minimum of 60 goodie bags which consist of a minimal amount of candy along with juice, healthy snacks and some small toys. Every year, because of the quantities we need to purchase to make 60, we have left overs. The Wednesday following the party, Bud loads the left overs into his truck and takes them to the Salvation Army building. This year they got a pretty good load. They were quite pleased and said they would use it in their after school program. This is quite appropriate, since one of the schools we usually have a good group from - but none this year - was Longview Elementary, which is probably a significant client of the SA's afterschool program.

Mt Pleasant Lions Club

After 70 years of meeting weekly, the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club will start in January meeting 2 times a month, the 2nd and 4th Mondays at the Comfort Inn in Mt. Pleasant. Hopefully change is good.



Newaygo Lions Club



The Newaygo Lions Club presents a \$1,000 check to “**VERA’S HOUSE**”, the Wellness and Education Center of St. Mark’s Church in Newaygo. Pictured from left to right: Max Purcell, Newaygo Lion’s Club member; Theresa Aller, Community Parish Nurse at ‘VERA’s HOUSE’; The Rev. Mary Frens, Rector of St. Mark’s and Dale Weaver, Newaygo Lion’s Club President.

Weidman Lions Club



Picture at the Weidman Elementary 4th graders getting their dictionaries. Lion Mike Riley also delivered dictionaries to the 4th graders at St Joseph the Worker and Beal City students. Word Books "Words I Use" were delivered to the first grade at all three schools.

White Cloud Lions Club

IPDG William Raymor inducted three new members into the White Cloud Lions Club this month. Pat and Ken Lowrance, sponsored by Lion Mary Allen and Nancy Aupperlee, sponsored by Lion Audrey Williams. Lions Pat & Ken have already been busy volunteering for our fish fry's and regular member meals. Lion Nancy has been a long time bingo player and is looking forward to our Monday night card nights.

Lion Vern and Lion Jean Brandt were honored with a letter from our Lions International President thanking them for the new members they sponsored last summer. In addition Immediate Past President Audrey Williams was presented with the 'Membership Excellence Year-Round Growth' patch for her very successful membership growth year. It is the first banner patch for membership that the White Cloud Lions has ever received. Congratulations Lion Audrey!

Immediate Past First Lady Jane Raymor received a beautiful double maroon poinsettia from the club.

The Club also voted to pay \$25.00, from the administration fund, of the \$30.00 fee for any members to attend the Michigan Forum on February 21st. If we can get 6 members to attend we will be able to report on all the sessions to the rest of the Club on Program Day in February. January 26th program will be a presentation by CEO of Welcome Homes, Brian Shepherd.

Editors Note

It appears to the Editor that when a person changes his E-mail address, I am the last person to know about it. Each month I have to go through my large list to figure out whose E-mail that I have to delete. If you know of anyone in your club that changed their address and sent you the change and not me, please forward it on to me. Please let me know the name and Club they belong to as well. Since July I have deleted about twenty addresses because I do not have a new address for them. If you can make an announcement at your club, please let them know why they are not receiving the District Newsletter, thank you.

