

NEWSLETTER

**11 E1
SEPTEMBER 2015**



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S
MESSAGE**



Congratulations to IPDG Lion Pete, his party was well attended, and he joined the PDGs in his green jacket. It was a great party and we Thank Lion Pete again for a great job as District Governor.

Our Vice Governors are working on our Fall Conference, encourage your club to attend. The registration is in this newsletter. Be sure to support our projects at the Fall Conference during the Parade of Checks. No matter how small or large the club donation is, the projects greatly appreciate what you give.

USA Canada Forum is just around the corner. Give PDG Tim Anderson a call to see where you can help out. There are places you can volunteer for and not be registered. The forum has great seminars scheduled and the International President will be here. Join us for a great forum; it will not get any closer to home.

Leadership is a part of giving other people a chance to hold positions as District Committee chairs. When you are a chair, it gives you the chance to see the district at another angle. No one owns this position for ever, we need to let others have a chance to use their leadership skills.

I need to hear from the clubs to schedule their visitation, you get points for the governor's contest when it is scheduled before September 15, 2015.

Be sure to keep me informed of your new members and sponsors for the year end drawings. Information in the roster book.

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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DIETRICK 11 E1 NEWSLETTER



1ST VDG MESSAGE

A friend of mine recently sent me an article on humility. It started like this: "Humility is a funny thing. In fact, my grandfather used to tell us that he won a medal for his humility, but it was taken away when he began to wear it." That really got my attention and caused me to do a self-check. I have been honored by my club and our District with some awards. I wear the pins proudly on the lapel of my Lions jacket. But, should I? Now I consider myself a fairly humble person, but should I be drawing attention to myself by showing off these pins? The article goes on to state that humility helps others and promotes others (what we do as Lions). It finishes by stating that humility begins in our heart. As a result, it offers significant control over attitude, outlook, and actions. It has nothing to prove, but everything to offer. I still haven't resolved my pin dilemma but I do know that I will continue to find ways to serve my club, my community, and our District.



2ND VDG MESSAGE

Where did summer go? I think we all may be asking the same question as we start to prepare for Michigan winter.

Lions just never seem to rest but are always thinking about the next project or adventure occurring within their communities. I have been checking on these activities on the Lions Clubs International website and am amazed at the variety and extent of service that continues to be offered. However, there are a number of clubs that appear to be inactive on the website. I know that it is not a fact as I hear about the activities locally and see evidence in the papers. However, unless, these activities are included in the reports to Lions Clubs International they are not evident to those doing the statistics. Please help. Check your reports and do include activities and club meetings on the reports. The projects we take for granted need to be recorded monthly. If you have difficulty with the reports please contact a district officer for assistance. Thanks. Looking forward to visits!

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DISTRICT 11 E1'S PDG HARRY JOHNSON INDUCTED LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME

The Hall of fame is a project of the Michigan Lions Foundation. The goal of the Hall of Fame is to honor Lions and individuals that have had a significant impact on Lionism in Michigan. This was the 7TH annual induction ceremony. PDG Harry was chosen for this honor based on his service to his club, District, MD11 and involvement in International projects. District 11 E1 has the distinction of having two Lions in the Hall of Fame. PDG Jim Chipman from the Big Rapids Lions Club was inducted in 2012.



Picture left: Lion Kerry McGinley presenting Lion Harry with his certificate and medal, PDG Laura Johnson and MC PID Bill Hansen. Right picture: PDG Harry Johnson and his certificate to commemorate his induction into the Hall of Fame.



WEIDMAN LIONS A BUSY CLUB



Weidman Lions gave out four \$1,000 scholarships: Picture far left: Nicole Gross, Beal City, Weidman President Bob Thompson - making the presentations, Nichole Murphy, Beal City High School; Cassidy Johnson and absent from picture Logan St. John, Chippewa Hills High School. Picture right: St Joseph students receiving dictionaries from the Weidman Club. Lower right picture: Lions Mike Sprague and Bob Thompson use a brush hog to clean up a walking trail that the Weidman Club created behind the Library and Community Center



Weidman officers inducted by then DG Pete Conarty. Picture left to right: Jim McClain, Mike Sprague, Fernando Terrenos, Bernie Baldwin, Tom Gervin, Steve Chip, Butch Glass, Doug Middlesworth, Lorraine Greizis and IPDG Pete.

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1st Vice District Governors from Michigan plus Lions from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Arizona, Texas, and Canada visited Leader Dogs on August 8th. This is one of our District's state projects, which our clubs donate to. Pictured are Lion Len from Wisconsin, a Leader Dog client, and his dog Slyder, who was raised in the Leader Dog prison puppy raiser program. Lion Len showed how Slyder has been trained to respond to different commands and situations. Leader Dogs, in Rochester Hills, Michigan, welcomes visitors and donations. Several Lions in our District are available to come to your club or zone and share more information on Leader Dogs. Contact Lion Ron Sharp (rasharp@sbcglobal.net) or Lion Pam Blizzard (pamblizzard@cmsinter.net) for more information on a speaker.



HARRISON LIONS CLUB

The Harrison Lions hosted a KidSight at the County Fair and at the Street Fair in Harrison. The club borrowed Coleman's Food Wagon and also sold food items. Harrison's next big fundraiser is their Hunter's Raffle.



NORTHPORT LIONS CLUB
The Northport Lions Club held a very successful pancake breakfast, fly-in and car show at the local Woolsey airport on Sat. Aug. 1. They had about 40 cars of all types (sports cars, vintage cars, muscle cars and hot rods) plus 32 airplanes of all types. The local Northport band played for the entertainment of the attendees. They had between 1400 and 1500 people in attendance. The Coast Guard rescue helicopter from Traverse City did a couple of low altitude fly-overs. It was a perfect day, which was enjoyed by all. Approximately 95% of the net proceeds will be given to local charities.

GMT Report
PDG Jim Walls
To commemorate 100 years of service and celebrate the achievements of our members, Lions International is rewarding Lions and Clubs that invite new members and help organize new clubs. The special recognition for a new member and new club is in effect until 2018.

Newsletter Trivia
Congratulations to these happy Lions on their 50 TH Wedding Anniversary!
Who are the happy Lions?

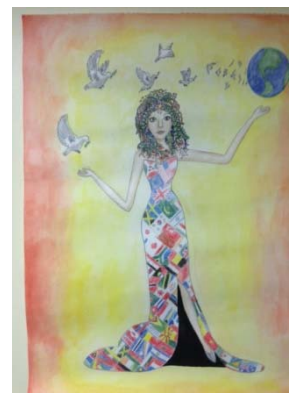


LIONS MI FOUNDATION CRUISE
Get the winter blahs? Chill out and join Michigan Lions on the Foundation's winter cruise – January 30-February 6, 2016. Balcony rooms are still available until October 30. Prices are \$1029 + taxes. Visit Nassau, Tortola and St. Thomas. Call Kim Creger at 517-887-6640 Ext. 13





PDG Bill Simpson speaks to Region 1 Zone 1 about the Lions of Michigan Foundation at their recent zone meeting. Lion Jackie Glazier is the new Zone Chair. Seven Clubs were in attendance for the meeting at the Cedar-Maple City Lion's Den.



With the Forum having a full day of programming on Thursday, September 17th, the question becomes, where to eat lunch? Well, why not do something great during the lunch break and take part in a Strides Walk to help fight diabetes? Forum attendees will have the opportunity to support Lions' fight against diabetes by participating in a fundraiser for the American Diabetes Association and the Canadian Diabetes Association. The Strides Walk will take place from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM on that day. Participants will receive a sack lunch and a T-shirt (pictured above). The 1 1/2 mile easy walking track will be along the beautiful Grand River in downtown Grand Rapids. You will pick up your T-shirt and lunch inside DeVos Place on that Thursday. Registration for the Strides Walk is still open but **you must register before September 9th to participate**. We will NOT be taking onsite registrations for this event. The cost of the event is \$25 per person. All proceeds will go directly to diabetes prevention activities in the US and Canada. Register at www.members.lionsforum.org today!

PEACE POSTERS

Last year's posters (above) were creative and colorful. This year's theme is "Share the Peace". Posters are due to the District Governor by Nov. 15. Buy a packet and get your schools involved. Have a club meeting to honor your participants or your club winners. Contact District Chair Jackie Glazier for more information. E-mail jackieglazier14@yohoo.com.

ZONE CHAIRS – 2015-16

- Lion Jackie Glazier – Region 1, Zone 1
- Lion Sheila Ferrel – Region 1, Zone 2
- Lion Albert Roeseler – Region 2, Zone 1
- Lion Karla Roebuck – Region 2, Zone 2
- PDG Tim Anderson – Region 2, Zone 3
- Lion Deborah Kreitner Region 3, Zone 1
- Lion Ray Williams – Region 3, Zone 2



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COLEMAN LIONS CLUB

On Saturday August 22, Coleman Lions participated with other non-profit groups in the Back-to-School event held at the Family Center. With the help of Midland Lion Sandy House we screened 17 pairs of eyes with the District's Kid Sight camera, with one referral. We gave each child a sticker and a free book to take home. We were also able to schedule a screening on September 16th for 3 & 4 year olds who attend school at the Family Center. Our thanks to Sandy for all of her help with Kid Sight screenings in Coleman!

Coleman Lions Club has many fundraisers planned for September. We will have our concession wagon at Yoder's Amish Auction in Clare on Friday, September 4th and Saturday, September 5th where we will be serving our popular Koegel hot dogs, polish dogs and chili dogs. We will also sell 911 address signs which we can make as you wait, for \$15.00 each. Stop out and see us there.

The Great Lakes Loons have asked us to help fill spots in the concession area at several play-off games. We will be helping out on August 30, September 5, 6, 7 & 9. We hope for good weather and big crowds!

On September 18 & 19 we will have our second yard sale of the year! Thanks to several members donations we have a large supply of craft and sewing items, Christmas decorations, and some furniture (dining chairs, bar stools and lamps) among other good items!

Preparations are underway for our 75th anniversary Annual Charter Night Dinner and Auctions on October 10. Tickets are \$17.50. Doors open at 5:30 at the Coleman VFW Hall. We have many great prizes, new as well as old games and fun times planned! Call Ann, 989-615-3959, to reserve tickets. Join us as we celebrate 75 years of service to the Coleman Community.

Big Rapids Lions Welcome Scott Barger

At the August 10 meeting of the Big Rapids Lions Club, Scott Barger, Executive Director of Cran-Hill Ranch shared information regarding the Ranch and its extensive programs for youth, families and others. The Club members were surprised to learn that Cran-Hill Ranch brings over 44,000 people to the area each year for one or more of the programs offered. Mr. Barger also provided information regarding the Leadership Mecosta program where he serves as the facilitator for the nine month program. He encouraged Club members to participate in the program.



Pictured: Scott Barger, left and President Bruce Fredrick



DISTRICT 11 E1 FALL CONFERENCE

Join the parade to the Fall Conference Saturday, September 26, at the White Cloud Lions Den in White Cloud, MI. See the new KidSight trailer. Learn how it will be used. Be trained in the use of the digital KidSight cameras. Learn about membership and leadership opportunities. Bring your trading pins and trade or buy pins at the pin trading table. Enjoy the company of our Lions from the District and gain new ideas for your club. A PARADE OF CHECKS will be held for our State Projects and LCIF. Bring your checks and save having to mail them out. Lunch is \$6.00 and will be prepared by the White Cloud Lions. Rolls and coffee will be served starting at 9:00 A.M. The program including lunch runs from 9:30 – 2:30 P.M. **A flyer with details and a registration form is in this issue.** Register today and get in on the fun.

Labor Day



DISTRICT 11 E1 SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 7 – Labor Day
4, 5 - Coleman Lions Food Sales at Yoder Amish Auction in Clare
5, 6, 7, 9 – Coleman Lions work Loons Concessions in Midland
3, 12, 18, 25 – Big Rapids Lions Food concession stand, Ferris State Stadium – High school and University games.
11-13 - Wheatland Music Festival
Lions' Food Wagons - Chippewa Lake-Mecosta, Barryton, and Weidman Lions Clubs.
17, 18, 19 - US/Canada Forum in Grand Rapids
18, 19 – Coleman Lions Yard Sale
25 – Vestaburg Lions Swiss Steak Dinner
26 - District 11 E1 Fall Conference at the White Cloud Lions Den, 9:30 - 2:30 p.m. (Parade of Checks, program, Lunch.)

COMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER:

- 10 – Coleman's 75 Anniversary Charter Night, 5:30 p.m.
17 – District 11 E1 Cabinet, Harrison Lions Den in Harrison

Corrections To Roster Book:

Zone Chair Sheila Ferrel, Phone Number 231-884-4451
LCI District Chair – PDG Jerry Brandt not PDG Dan Gibbons – info under Convention.

BUILDING LION LEADERS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Calling all club officers, District Chairs and officers, and Lions. This is a great opportunity for leadership development. If you want to be a club officer or work at the District level, the Michigan Institute is rated as one of the best in the country.

E-mail

lions@lionsofmi.com
or call (517)887-6640 for information and an application.



ARCADIA DAZE

The Arcadia Lions Club sponsored the 34th annual 3 day Arcadia Daze community event IN Arcadia, Michigan with food and beverage tents, craft beer tasting, the famous Lions Club Pancake Breakfasts, Pulled Pork Supper, and BBQ Chicken Dinner. The community was entertained with music, children's fishing, children's vision testing, street fair, family portraits, auto muster, 5K run, and gala parade featuring the Scottsville Clown Band and the Plymouth Drum and Bugle Corp. Community events included fireworks, Methodist pie sale, Lutheran ham and German potato salad luncheon, bloodmobile, and Pleasant Valley Community Center children's games.

Funds raised from this event are used to support Arcadia Lion's Club health, environment, vision, and youth projects throughout the year.

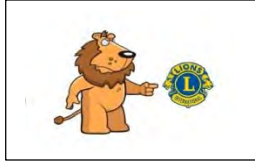


DINNER IN THE DARK

Enjoy a Dining experience like no other, Dinner blindfolded (optional), dancing, inspirational and friendship. All to support the new kennels for Leader Dogs For The Blind. This is a fundraiser for the new kennels sponsored by Lions. Tickets are \$50 for this fantastic evening.

The event will be held at the Midland Holiday Inn, 810 Cinema Drive, Midland, Michigan. Call Lion Laura for tickets at 248-766-7268 or use the registration form in your Lions Pride on page 9.

REGISTER TODAY



DISTRICT 11E1 LIONS FALL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

WHITE CLOUD LIONS DEN, 294 N. CHARLES (M-37)

White Cloud, MI

9a.m. - COFFEE AND ROLLS

9:30-2:30 - PROGRAM

DISTRICT 11 E1's NEW PROJECT KIDSIGHT TRAILER

HOW IT IS USED TO SCREEN CHILDREN.

**LEARN HOW TO USE THE CAMERA, BE INVOLVED IN THE VISION SCREENING
PROCESS**



"Parade of Checks"

State projects and LCIF

Membership, Leadership Information, Pin Trading Table

LUNCH \$6.00 Per Lion

DRESS IS CASUAL.

REGISTRATION FORM 11 E1 FALL CONFERENCE 2015

CLUB _____

NAMES OF ATTENDEES _____

CONTACT PERSON AND PHONE _____

LUNCH \$6.00 Each \$ _____

Mail to: Lion Ron Gibson, 16 E. Pine St., Fremont, MI 49412

Registration Deadline: September 19, 2015

LIONS CLUBS IN THE NEWS

STANWOOD LIONS CLUB – The club is selling raffle tickets for a 30.06 riffle. They are planning a Haunted Trail for Halloween. The club is looking for costumes and props, if you can help contact 2VDG Peg.

EMPIRE LIONS CLUB – Members have been selling Lucky 13 tickets since July 6. Sales go on for 8 weeks. There is a drawing every Monday for a three digit number. The winning number pays from \$100- \$300 to the winner.



STANTON LIONS CLUB

The Stanton Lions Club completed their summer activities serving the residents of the local senior citizen home with a chicken dinner, complete with potato salad and cold slaw on August 25. On August 15th they served a barbecue chicken dinner at the Stanton Old Fashion Days celebration and also organized a 5k race, a children’s 1k run and 250 meter fun run for kids which was also run on the same day.

Our next activity will be another dinner for the senior citizens in September.

LAKE ANN LIONS CLUB

The Lake Ann Lions will be holding their Labor Day Weekend Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 6, at the old township hall in beautiful downtown Lake Ann from 8:00 am until noon. Local Boy Scout Troop 105 always helps with serving the meals (still only \$6 for ages 12 and up). This year, the Boy Scout Troop will also be selling popcorn for their own fundraising, and they will be collecting storm-damaged American flags for proper retirement.



KINGSLEY LIONS CLUB - Pictures Above of Kingsley Events.

We have had an exciting summer so far with our activities. On July 19th, the Lions had several activities during the Kingsley Heritage Days Festival. Our 1st Annual Car Show was a big hit with local car enthusiasts. We had 19 entries on a very rainy morning. We also had a KidSight screening with the new mobile unit. We screened 36 children, and 2 children were given referrals for further vision screening with their doctor. A HUGH thank you to Dan Gibbons for all of his help at making this possible. The Kingsley Lions also had local author, Jake Smith, there for a book signing of his novel "Wish". Alongside Jake, was a representative from Be The Match Foundation to sign citizen up for bone marrow donation, which correlates with the contents of Jake’s book of a little boy dying of leukemia.

On August 27th, the Kingsley Lions will be hosting our 2nd Annual free Community Wide Picnic, with Pulled Pork, sides, desserts, and drinks. Musician Any Brown will be donating his talent for this free event.

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IPDG PETE AND First LADY MARY LOU APPRECIATION DINNER

IPDG Pete and First Lady Mary Lou at Appreciation Dinner at the Midland Country Club in Midland.



Governor Pam Schroeder presents IPDG Pete with his green PDG's coat.



APPRECIATION DINNER

Twelve District 11 E1 PDGs were present: Pictured left to right: PDGs Lynn Mast, Tim Anderson, Laura Johnson, Harry Johnson, Andy Watson, John Monahan, Dean Witter, Bill Simpson, Jerry Brandt, Janalee McClure, Dan Gibbons and Pete Conarty.



MICHIGAN LIONS ALL STATE BAND JAPAN – LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2016

Michigan Lions clubs are encouraged to involve band students in your area to participate in next summers All State Lions Band. Club members are encouraged to talk to band instructors at your local high school and to band students. Ask to post a flyer on the high school bulletin board (use the ad on page 2 of your August Lions Pride). Cost per student is \$4,995. This includes air fare, an eight day stay at hotels with meals, participation in the Lions International Convention Parade, other concert presentations and visits to sites in Japan. Lions Clubs are encouraged to help their local band students raise money for the trip. In person, student auditions are Sunday, October 25, at Ovid Elsie High School. Pre-registration is required.



The Baldwin Lions were once again part of the Family Health Care 6th Annual Health Fair on August 6th. There were over 350 parents and children that attended the 2 hour event. PDG Lion Dan Gibbons brought the new District Kid Sight Vision Screening trailer to the event. PDG's Laura and Harry Johnson and Lion Sue Jones from the Baldwin club assisted in the screening. We were able to screen 41 kids and there were 3 referrals.

Sponsored By:

White Cloud
Lion's Club &

Newaygo Lion's Club



Movie Night in The Park

When: Saturday, September 5, 2015

Time: 9:30pm

Where: Blanche Lake Park Amphitheater
200 Park Dr, Grant, MI 49327. Follow Park Dr
to the right, all the way to the end.

Hosts: City of Grant & Detail Painting



**FREE: Admission, Popcorn*,
Cotton Candy, Parking**

*Donations accepted to offset cost of popcorn

Please Remember to Bring:
Lawn Blanket or Lawn Chairs
Mosquito Repellant



September 2015
"Movie Night in
The Park"

