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**DISTRICT 11 E1  
DECEMBER NEWSLETTER**

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR RON GIBSON'S MESSAGE**



My wife Barb and I enjoy watching holiday movies on the Hallmark Channel. Yes, they're often hokey and over exaggerated and we're amused at how someone can find true love and be warmly accepted into a new town in so short a time. But they also offer messages of hope and second chances. As Lions, that's what we do when we help people. We offer the hope of, and a second chance at, a better life. And because of what we do, lives are improved and communities made better. And we do it year round, not just during the holiday season.

Barb and I wish each of you, your loved ones, and those you hold close in your heart a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season.

DG Ron

**DRIVING TO A  
NEW CENTURY OF  
SERVICE**

## DISTRICT 11 E1 DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



### **DISTRICT 11 E1 2015-16 PEACE POSTER WINNER**



The winner of this year's spirited voting for best in our District goes to Sara Blumerich, age 11, from Harrison Middle School. The winning poster was submitted by the Harrison Lions Club. Thank you to all who participated! DG Ron

Get your club involved in Peace Posters – You can order your kits for 2017-18, starting January 15 – October 1, 2017.



## DISTRICT 11 E1 DECEMBER CALENDAR

### ***District Governor's December Schedule:***

Dec. 2-3, Council of Governors, Lansing  
Dec. 4, Region 1, Zone 2 Christmas Party, Mesick  
Dec. 5, Fremont Christmas Party  
Dec. 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  
Dec. 12, Big Rapids Christmas Party  
Dec. 13, Baldwin Christmas Party  
Dec. 14, District Convention Planning Meeting, Park Place Hotel, Traverse City  
Dec. 19, Stanwood Christmas Party  
Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS  
HANUKKAH  
Dec. 26 KWANZAA



### **VDG Peggy Walls Message**

It is difficult to believe just how quickly time goes by. This year is almost over and there is so much yet to be accomplished. I am in the midst of seeking Lions who are willing to serve in the District next year—so—if you are interested or know of someone who would be good in a district position I encourage you to call me. I have met a number of Lions who would serve us well so I am hoping they will say “yes” when asked to serve. Stepping up and out of a “comfort zone” can yield interesting and rewarding events.

VDG Peggy



**SEASONS GREETINGS  
DG Ron and Barbara**



### **Big Rapids Students Advance in Lions International Peace Poster Contest**

Once again this year, the Big Rapids Lions Club held a local International Peace Poster Contest. Students from two local schools – Big Rapids Middle School and St. Mary’s Catholic School participated. The winning posters were selected in judging that took place October 10<sup>th</sup> and was based on originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the theme. Addison Mossel and Alex Dubowski were the 2 local contest winners. Mossel, a sixth grader at Big Rapids Middle School and Dubowski, a seventh grader at St. Mary’s Catholic School, and their families were honored for their participation by the Big Rapids Lions Club on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Alex shared his idea for his poster stating “A Celebration of Peace” made me think of a giant party with individuals from each country holding their flag, then my teacher gave me the idea to have them holding balloons with flags printed on them”. Addison said, ”When I was making my project there were so many thoughts going through my head, but the most common thought was joy. I had so much fun making this poster, I did not care if I won or not. I just wanted to make it creative and to represent happiness. My poster represents coming together to be happy and peaceful, just to celebrate being friends and family.”

President Jim Chipman said, “It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. I’m so proud we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions. Our club is cheering for them as their posters advance in the competition, and we hope that their vision will ultimately be shared with others around the world,” Chipman said. Pictures: Mossel family – President Jim Chipman, Addison, Jeff and Jenny Mosse. Dubowski family – President Jim Chipman, Alex, Kelly and Kurt Dubowski

#### **NORTHPORT LIONS CLUB**

The Northport Lions Club hosted a talk at their November dinner meeting by Amy Trumbull, a teacher for the visually disabled students at the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District regarding their program there. She also is responsible for hosting the six- member silver medalist Goalball team who participated in Rio de Janiero Brazil at the Summer Paralympics there. Goalball is a game played by the blind using a ball like a hard basketball. There is a goal net at each end of the court . Court boundaries are determined by bumpy lines made of tape laid over strings. The players use their bodies (on the floor) to launch the ball or to prevent a goal from being scored. The team will come for several days in early March 2017 to the Leland Public School, to give gym teachers and students (grades 5 thru 12) from the 5 county TBAISD area instructions on how to play Goalball and to host some instructional games during this period. Teachers will receive 1 unit of instruction credit for this event. Other interested parties are invited to attend also. Amy is looking to garner \$3000 to defray transportation, housing and meal costs for the event. The Northport Lions club donated \$300 towards this event, which fits 100% with Lions Club's mission of “Vision Help”.



District 11 E1 Representatives at the Michigan Lions Leadership Institute at Higgins Lake

From bottom to top - left to right.

Karla Kasten - Kaleva, Peggy Walls- Stanwood  
Ann Roeseler- Coleman, Diane Flemming- Mt Pleasant

Ken Hisey- Mt Pleasant, Al Roeseler- Coleman  
Jack Pyle- Instructor, Jackie Glazier - Empire  
Roger Gilbert - Mt Pleasant , Nathan Blakemore - Harrison

Attending the Institute but not pictured - Steve Jenkins- Midland and Dennis Finney- Big Rapids

## **Help Eliminate Hunger in Your Community**

The future of Lions will be defined by service, just like our past. Over 800 million people around the world go to bed hungry. Your club can help eliminate hunger in your community by organizing a **Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger** project during **January 9–15**. Visit the [Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger](#) event page for more information on this special Centennial Service Challenge event, then start planning your club project



### **2<sup>ND</sup> VDG Albert Roeseler's MESSAGE**

Who doesn't like a weekend getaway? Especially one that allows you to interact with like-minded people, make new friends, split your gut laughing, and provides you with new skills that are useful to you in all aspects of your life. My guess is no one! If you think this sounds interesting, you should attend next fall's Lions Leadership Institute. My wife Ann and I just completed the first level of this amazing event. As a retired Superintendent I had put off going, believing "you can't teach an old dog new tricks." Well I was wrong. The skills taught at LLI are useful for anyone in Lions from a person only interested in serving their home club, to someone considering serving at a District, State, or International level. Besides being valuable for Lions activities, the skills learned have the potential to improve job performance, and enhance communications in the home. Similar trainings available in the "for profit" market would cost several times as much and would not cover lodging and outstanding meals. I plan to go back next year for level two. Hope to see you there.

VDG AL



## Coleman Lions News

At our regular meeting on November 7, three Coleman Students were honored for their Peace Posters. Sixth grader Brayden Servis and seventh grader Jaden Bovee, as runners up received \$25 each and sixth grader Savanah Doke, first place, received \$50. The students and their families joined us for a pot luck supper and learned much about Lions from guest speaker DG Ron Gibson. DG Lion Ron spoke about many of the projects we support, such as Paws With a Cause and Leader Dogs, and the importance of our work in our communities and around the world. He then handed out several awards. President Lion Ann Roeseler was presented with a Centennial banner patch for the club with four diamonds, one for each of the four service areas; youth, vision, hunger and environment. Several chevrons were presented, the most notable one to Esther Gordon for 30 years membership. DG Ron then inducted new member Sandy Coleman Lions, sponsored by Lion Ann.



## ELEMENTARY GET BOOKS FROM LIONS

October was a very busy month for the BALDWIN Lions Club. Early in the month, several members handed out 70 dictionaries to all the 3rd grade student in the BALDWIN Elementary school. Then on October 31st, the entire Kindergarten population each received an "early reader" book from the club. The teachers and students are very enthusiastic when we visit, and we use this opportunity to share with the kids what the Lions club does in the community.

## GMT MESSAGE PDG JIM WALLS

LCI recommends that you bring potential members to an activity rather than to a meeting. When they witness and share the experience positively, they are more likely to choose to join in membership. Be proud to wear your "Lions" shirt or pin (not just to Lions events)--you may be surprised at the interest and questions that can be generated by those who you meet. Remember that in order to become a Lion, one must be asked. Ask ! You may just find a new member.



Coleman Peace Poster Winners

# Celebrating Lions' 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Celebrating You!



## Plan Your Celebration

Lions Centennial happens only once! Be sure to mark this milestone with fun and memorable events that will engage your club and community. Visit the new [Ways to Celebrate](#) page on [Lions100.org](#) for ideas to make your club celebration a success.



## Build Your Lion Legacy

Looking for a great way to celebrate the Centennial? Plan a Legacy Project and give your community a lasting gift to remind everyone of your Lions service contributions. More than 6,000 legacy projects have been completed around the world, so build your Lion legacy by planning your [Legacy Project](#) today!



## REGION 2, ZONE 3

The Region 2, Zone 3 meeting was hosted by the Evert Lions Club In Evert. DG Ron Gibson had the opportunity to give out several awards. Cadillac King Lion Bill Bradfield received a banner patch for his club for a Centennial Service challenge in the 2015-2016 year. The DG installed 3 new members into the Evert Lions club. Zone Chair Laura Johnson was presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship from her home club, the Baldwin Lions. This makes her a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow! The program for the night was a Tail Twister training by District Tail Twister, Dave Hamelund from the Big Rapids Lions club.

Evert King Lion Ron Babb presented the Evert Lion of Year Award to Lion Jan Reske for her hard work and the many hours she has spent in the fair food booth. PDG Bill Simpson concluded the program with a presentation on the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

## DISTRICT OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Any Lion who wishes to run for a district office (Governor, 1st VDG, 2nd VDG or Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee) is reminded to send in his or her intent letter by Monday, January 30, 2017. The letter should come from the club's secretary, signed by the club president indicating the club's support and sent to the Nominations Committee Chair, Lion Steve Adsmond and the District Cabinet Secretary, Janalee McClure. If you have any questions, please contact the Nominations Chair Lion Steve Adsmond at (269) 532-0553 or email at [adsmond@comcast.net](mailto:adsmond@comcast.net)

## MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM

Saturday, February 18, 2017

The Causeway Bay Lansing Hotel & Conference Center

6820 South Cedar Street, Lansing, MI 48911

Telephone: 517-694-8123

Hotel Reservations Deadline January 30, 2017

Lions Room Rate is \$89.50

REGISTER: By January 30, 2017 to guarantee lunch reservations.

\*Attend four breakout sessions of your choice.

\*KEYNOTE LUNCHEON SPEAKER: John Drake is the founder of the Lingap Orphanage in the Philippines. He is known throughout the Philippines for his outstanding work with children. In a sense, he is a Mother Theresa of the Philippines. His purpose is to help abandon, abused and neglected children. He makes a difference in the lives of others and is considered a Catalyst for change in the Philippines.

\*Pick Up white Cane Supplies (please order in advance).

Large Group Service Project:

*Join the Forum Friday night, Feb. 17, as we work together on a large group service project!*

Creating student backpacks for your community or the Lansing community. (See details next Page of the newsletter)

This is your chance to enjoy Lionism at its best. **Register Now!!!**

## MIDLAND LIONS SERVE COMMUNITY

The Midland Lions have kept busy this Fall with numerous activities. They held their second White Cane Fundraising Drive, held a banquet for the five Cross Country Teams in the Midland County schools, and will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army on December 2. The bell ringers will be wearing new banners indicating that it is the Midland Lions collecting for the Salvation Army. On December 14, the Lions will be serving dinner and helping to pass out gifts to senior citizens at the Midland Senior Center. The Lions will wrap up the Holiday Season by hosting a Christmas Party for Children with disabilities from the Midland Public schools, grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>. The party will include dinner, a clown that performs magic tricks, and gifts presented by Santa Claus and his wife. In January, the Lions will purchase the food and work at a food distribution at Midland's Ice Skating Center. The food distribution will be part of celebrating the Lions 100th Anniversary, World –Wide Week to Fight Hunger.

**LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM  
CENTENNIAL SERVICE CHALLENGE:  
“PROJECT BACK-PACK”  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017**

Be a part of our history-making Centennial year by participating in the large group Centennial Service Challenge: *Project Back-Pack*, on Friday night before the Forum, February 17, starting at 7:30 p.m.

All clubs participating will be able to submit service hours to LCI. “Project Back-Pack” is an effort to supply food for needy kids on the weekend – a time when many may go hungry. You are encouraged to reach out to your local community for donations, where possible. Bring your supplies to the Michigan Forum on Friday, February 17, for packaging. Back-packs can be distributed to your local schools, or left at the Forum for donation to the Lansing area public schools.

Below is a list of items for back-packs that will be needed:

- Back packs
- Tuna
- Peanut Butter
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Fruit Juice (boxed)
- Pastas
- Oatmeal
- Fruit Bars
- Soup

With the help of Michigan Lions and our business partners, we can make a difference in the lives of so many of our hungry neighborhood children!

Lions Michigan Forum Committee

**Guatemala has Eliminated River Blindness**

Guatemala's minister of health recently announced that the World Health Organization (WHO) has officially verified the elimination of onchocerciasis from Guatemala. Guatemala is now the fourth country in the Americas to be verified free of this disease, after Colombia (2013), Ecuador (2014), and Mexico (2015). LCIF congratulates the people and government of Guatemala, The Carter Center's Onchocerciasis Elimination Program for the Americas (OEPA), and many devoted Lions on this monumental achievement!







**CHICAGO HERE WE COME!!**

**CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF LIONS**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 30 - TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2017  
INTERNATIONAL LIONS CONVENTION**

**Michigan Delegation Hotel, McCormack Place  
Site of Most Convention Activities**

**Early Registration through January 13, 2017- \$130;  
January 14 - March 31, \$180; After April 1, \$200**

**Free shuttle to all events from hotels.**

**Some accommodations for physical impairments,  
available.**

**Exhibit Hall, Seminars and Voting at McCormack Place**

**Parking -\$40 a day and up. If you drive to Michigan  
City, you can park your car and take the train  
([www.mysouthshoreline](http://www.mysouthshoreline)) into Chicago for \$9.50.  
(present price.)**

**Then take a cab to the hotel from the train station.**