



District 11 E-1 Newsletter

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From the District

Time flies and this year have been faster than most. As governor you are always thinking about what's next, such as newsletters, meetings, travel reports and upcoming talks with clubs. The next things on most of our agendas are the Holidays and taking care of loved ones and those in need so they can enjoy the Christmas festivities with their families. We as Lions have a readymade circle of friends and from this circle we can produce amazing results for other people, such as making food baskets, providing warm clothing as well as books and toys for youngsters. The time until Christmas is short, but the need in this economy is great. Please do what you can either through your club or individually.

1st VDG Tim has started on his journey to become governor by attending advanced training at Higgins Lake Leadership Institute. Although he has a good idea of many who will be on his Cabinet, there are many jobs available. If you are interested in helping at the District level, please contact Lion Tim at vdgtim11e1@charter.net.

The theme for this year's District convention is "Mardi Gras" and The Blues Brothers have been scheduled to help us celebrate. At the conclusion of the convention we also honor those of us that have passed during this last year. To do this we'd like a picture (digital if possible) and a short biography of their service. This information can be sent to Lion Deb Kreitner at: debkreitner@charter.net.

The fickle finger of our Lady Lamp has reappeared in White Cloud! The current recipient is PDG Janalee McClure.

In the future, all donations for Camp T should be addressed to "Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind" and addressed to P.O. Box 312, Greenville, MI 48838.

**Wishing you a
Joyous
Christmas &
New Year!**



Season's Greetings Fellow Lions!

I have a quick announcement I would like to make: After careful consideration and reviewing how our District 11E1 has functioned the last few years without them I have decided we will **NOT** be using Region Chairs during my upcoming year in office 2013-2014.

I would like to also take a moment to say I have enjoyed my time and visits with all of you over the past few years, all the new friends I have made, how welcome each club has made me and my family feel. I look forward to following our current Governor Bill Simpson and next July doing my best to guide our District and the fine clubs within in their efforts to serve and grow!

From the Anderson family to all our Lions Family

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

1st VDG Tim Anderson & Family

Lion Pete Conarty 2nd VDG

Happy Holidays! May this holiday season fill you with good cheer and be a time to enjoy your families and friends and to relax. We have so much to celebrate in Lionism. International Lions has achieved, with your help, its financial goal for measles vaccinations and has been at the forefront to help local Lions after Hurricane Sandy and other catastrophes around the world, and put a new emphasis on literacy. Our District 11 E1 Lions have been outstanding in their use of the Pedia Cameras for KidSight, hosted a well-attended Fall Conference, had a large number of Lions attend the Leadership Institute at Houghton Lake, and is teaming up to increase our Lion membership. At the club level, we have an outstanding number of Lions Clubs serving their communities in a variety of ways and using interesting and exciting methods to raise the funds to perform their service.

I want to thank the clubs that responded to our call for a membership drive during our October Membership Initiative. We will soon know the final results from the drive but it looks promising. I want to thank all the clubs for your warm reception as I visited your club meetings, charter nights, anniversary celebrations, and Zone meetings. It was great!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Lion Pete

CELEBRITY SPOTLIGHT

The Cadillac Lions Club was recently the scene of an International film shoot. Lions Clubs International recently filmed youth in action at a Cadillac Lions Club meeting. In this situation approximately ten Cadillac Lions Cubs participated in club activities. This film when completed will be available on the International website.

Cadillac Lions were chartered in 1943, and has maintained as its mission and main purpose to provide eye exams and glasses for the Cadillac community. They have spent approximately \$13,000 on sight conservation. The club's main fund raiser is a once a month casino run. The club rents a bus and hires a driver to take approximately 47 people to play their favorite games at the casino. One of their unique fundraisers is the "Sink the Shack" on Lake Cadillac. This event runs about four to five months and people buy tickets to predict when the Shack will fall through the ice.

Special projects include a Diabetic Stride Walk with the children at Franklin Elementary School and A Lions Food Drive in conjunction with the Wexford County transit Authority. A bus is parked outside of Glenn's Grocery store and community members are encouraged to fill the bus with donated food for the needy. The Cadillac Lions are an enthusiastic hard working group.

Cedar/Maple City



Cedar/Maple City Lions judging the Peace Posters

Cedar/Maple City Lions have completed their Peace Poster Contest at Glen Lake School & Saint Mary's School. A total of 73 students participated.

Cedar/Maple City Lions



Lions PDG Lynn & Jan brought their Santa up to help the Cedar/Maple City Lions Christmas Tree sales on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012. In photo on the left with Santa up, is Lions Jan & PDG Lynn Mast. Cedar/Maple City, Lion Dan Hobbins and PDG Lynn Mast on the left. With Santa going down!

What a great thing for PDG Lynn and Lion Jan to do for Cedar/Maple City Lions!!!!

Fremont Lions



HOLIDAY NUT SALE

Our Holiday Nut Sale under way, with 9 locations for the retail side. We have started to get special orders; Lion Ron Gibson is leading the charge with 6 orders so far. The big seller at this time is the chocolate covered pecans. If you have any questions regarding special orders please contact: Lion Jim Powell 231- 924-6165 or Lion Jim Patterson 231- 924-3996.

Fremont Lions



2012 Club Peace Poster Contest Winner – Sadie Cheney. King Lion Laurene Homsher presenting her with a Certificate from the club good for \$50 worth of Art Supplies of her choosing!



FAMILIES NEEDED

Families are needed to sponsor Youth through our Lions Youth Exchange Program for the summer 2013. If this isn't something you are interested in doing, please think about which you know and contact me for more information. Thanks so much.

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Fremont Lions supports
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The money goes...
LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP



One of the STATE projects we support is
Lions Bear Lake Camp.

The mission of the Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp, Inc. is to provide premiere educational, outdoor recreational experiences for special needs youth.

Lions Bear Lake Camp is owned and operated by Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp, Inc. a 501C-3 Non Profit Corporation. The camp opened its doors in July, 2000. It is financially supported by Lions, Lioness and Leos throughout Michigan.

Some of the sessions available are:

Blind and visually impaired youth camp

Deaf and hard of hearing youth camp

Juvenile arthritis camp (Dakota)

Deaf and hearing family camp

One of the neat activities they do is Team Building Challenge Course. The youth have FUN while improving their group communication skills and problem solving abilities.



Midland Lions



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY The Lions Annual Christmas Party for special kids will be Tuesday, December 18. The kids start arriving at 5:45pm, eat at 6:00pm, Jewls will be performing at 7:00pm and Santa arrives at 7:30pm. Come on out for an evening of watching happy "Santa believers" enjoying lots of cookies, laughing with Jewls the clown and singing with Santa. If you want to experience one of the neatest things, we as Lions do for the community; you won't want to miss this event. The Country Club does a nice set up for the kids with decorations and a buffet of finger foods that they enjoy.



PEACE POSTER CONTEST

The International Lions Club sponsors a Peace Poster Contest each year. The Midland Lions Club invited the MPS Middle School students to participate through their art teachers under the direction of Central Principal Steve Poole, Lions Peace Poster Chair. The Midland Lions 2012 Peace Poster winner is Madelyn Schroeder an 8th grader from Northeast Middle School. Madelyn's Lions Peace Poster entry has also won the District 11E1 award and she will be recognized at the District Convention in March 2013! Her entry will be sent on to the state level competition. Pictured are Jeff Jaster, principal at Northeast, Madelyn and her mother Teresa Fries.

Coleman Lions



Coleman Lions Club and Coleman STAR Leo Club hosted the annual Halloween party in the park pavilion on Wednesday, October 31, 2012 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The party was attended by an estimated 300 children and parents. Children enjoyed many games, which included a cake walk and face painting and were manned by Coleman High School STAR Leo members. Another popular game was the Money Pit where kids dug for coins, keeping all that they found buried in the sawdust pit. Free popcorn, cider, hot chocolate and coffee were handed out by Coleman Lions Club members.

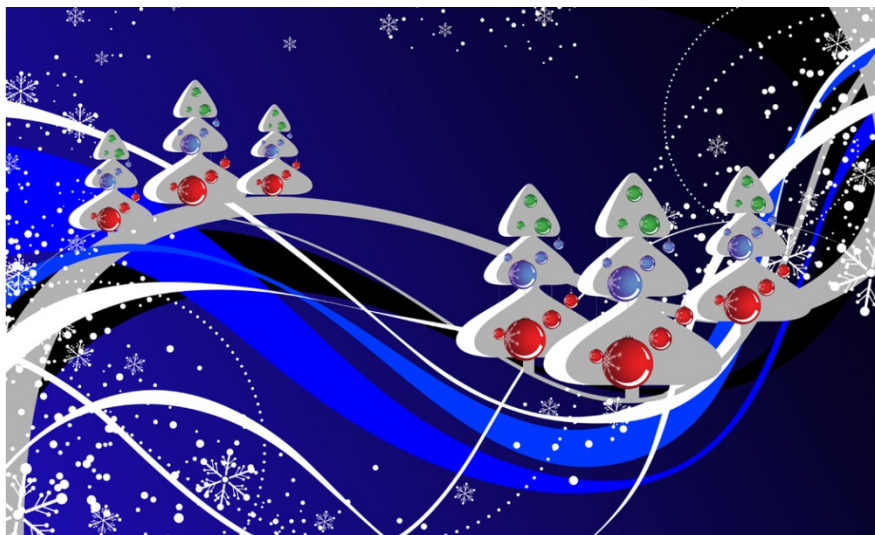
Over 80 children signed up for "Witch's Call." Congratulations to the 3 winners of \$5.00 for being home at 9 PM when called; Harrison Beyersdorf, Damian Buxton and Jayden Darby.

Six Lakes Lions



Two new members were installed at the regular meeting of the Six Lakes Lions. PDG Wayne Kreitner installed Lynn Herzog and Debbie Johnson; they are to the right of PDG Wayne.

The Six Lakes Lions just held their annual fruit sale; they do this sale every year to raise money for their club. They also hold fish fries once a month. Upcoming dates for the fish fries are: January 11, 2013, February 8, March 8, April 5, May 10, June 7 and July 5, hours are from 5 to 7 P.M. Stop by sometime and have great food.



Greenville Lions



The Greenville Lions club held its annual Toy Shopping and Toy Giveaway again this year and they purchased over \$10,000.00 worth of toys for children in the Greenville area. They have joined with Meijer's in purchasing the toys of which they have been a great help to the Greenville Lions club for many years. The community supports them by making donations, making hats and mittens also for the children.



“Wishes for you for a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year “