

# Lions of Michigan District 11-E1 July Newsletter



District Governor Pete & Lion Mary Lou Conarty

## District Governor's Message

Lions,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in the 2014-15 year. I see the promise of growth and more visibility for our Lions Clubs in the years to come. PDG Tim helped us to open the door to more membership this past year and now we have an opportunity to march through that door and create stronger more viable Lions Clubs.

I want to congratulate all of our clubs on the tremendous effort that you have made to grow membership and strengthen your clubs in the area of service to our communities. As I have travelled to clubs for visitations, I have noticed the initiatives and actions taken to make our clubs more appealing to new members. We all realize that new members are the future of our clubs. Thank you for the great work that you are doing!

I have already been asked what our membership goal for this year is and is there an initiative involved? Our goal is 130 new members. The initiative is that District Governor Pete will buy and make dinner for the club that brings in the most members through June 1, 2015.

As we begin the year, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Mike Howard has not recovered from his fall. Second Vice District Governor Pam Schroeder has been elevated to 1<sup>st</sup> VDG. The 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG position will remain vacant until the January 2015, cabinet meeting. At that time, Lion Mike's condition will be reevaluated and a decision will be made regarding who will fill the 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG position. In the meantime, we wish Lion Mike and his family the best recovery possible.

Our first cabinet meeting will be Friday, July 25, 6:00 P.M. at the Harrison Lion's Den at the Clare County Fairgrounds in Harrison, MI. All Lions are invited to attend cabinet meetings. We need to know that you plan to attend as this will be a dinner meeting – cost \$8.00. Contact Lion Kay Brandt in Harrison if you are not a cabinet member and plan to attend [jbkb@ispmgt.com](mailto:jbkb@ispmgt.com) .

We have five new Zone Chairs this year and hope to reformat Zone meetings. Each meeting should offer you some valuable information to take back to your clubs. Club officers and all

Lions are invited to attend. We will focus on retention this year and ways to keep all of our Lions active.

We are off to a great start. I am setting up my schedule to visit clubs. Please let me know if you have a particular date that you would like me to be in attendance, particularly Club Anniversaries or Charter Night.

Lion Pete “LIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE”



### District Governor Pete Conarty



DG Pete getting his ribbon pulled by IPDG Tim making it official  
DG Pete is our new District Governor for District 11-E1.

## District Lions attending the International Convention



PDG Harry & PDG Laura Johnson, Lion Chris & IPDG Tim Anderson and District Governor Pete & Lion Mary Lou Conarty.



## In Memory of Lions that passed this month

Kingsley Lions lost Charter member Lion Dick Wooters,  
He will be missed by his club and his family.

Lake Ann Lions lost Lion Jim Slis a long time member.  
He will be missed by his club and his family.

**Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Lions clubs and their families.**

## 1st Vice District Governor



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Fellow Lions;

I want to thank the District for having confidence in me to be your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor. I am looking forward to working with all of you in Lionism.

July brings many challenges. The challenge is to learn as much as I can to help the Lions of our District. We want to still work on membership, and PDG Tim will be there with us as State Membership Chair.

I am looking forward to visiting your clubs. If you have a project you would like help with, PDG Dan and I would be glad to help and see your club in action.

One policy I will try to stick to is, what is on the calendar first is where I go, so please get on my calendar early.

I am working on Fall Conference. Mark the date on your calendar; it is September 20, 2014, in Harrison. There will be more on this in the next newsletter. It is a great time to give your checks to the state and district projects.

If there is anything I can help your club with, give me a call. I am in this position to Serve You.

Lion Pam  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor

## Coleman Lions



## Coleman Lions Club Gives Scholarships

Coleman Lions Club was pleased to award six Coleman High School seniors scholarships this year. Nancy Robison presented the scholarships at Senior Awards Night on May 28. Kapre Filhart was given this year's CW Gordon Scholarship, awarded by the Gordon family in memory of long-time Coleman Lions Club member and businessman Charlie Gordon. The other recipients were Brittney Beier, Micca Crampton, Kylie Kleinhardt, Sam Robison and Emily Spencer. All six recipients had impressive volunteer experience as well as excellent GPA's and are headed to college in the fall. We wish all of them continued success.

## Lake Ann Lions



**Lake Ann Lions awarded 4-\$1000 Scholarships to local graduating seniors.** Award winners were: Scott Lautner from Traverse City West High School. He is going to attend University of Michigan for Chemical or Nuclear Engineering. Andrew Wolowlee is from Benzie Central High School. Rachael Peabody from Benzie Central High School, he is going to attend Lake Superior State University for Social Work or Childhood Development. Marissa Roeske from Benzie Central High School, she is going to attend Oakland University for Pre-Med, Cardiologist. \*Pictured are graduates: Marissa Roeske, Scott Lautner, and Rachael Peabody.



Lion Christina & IPDG Tim Anderson

Lions of Michigan District 11E1

# Governors Appreciation Dinner

## Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:30 PM

McGuire's Resort  
7880 Mackinaw Trail  
Cadillac, MI 49601

RSVP by August 10<sup>th</sup> to:  
Bill Taylor (231) 775-1487 or  
[billyt13@charter.net](mailto:billyt13@charter.net)

**Cost \$13 per person**

(Cash Bar)

Make Checks payable to:  
Cadillac Lions Club and mail to  
Bill Taylor  
115 Cochrane Drive  
Cadillac, MI 49601



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Join Us!

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Join 11E1 for IPDG Tim's Appreciation Dinner RSVP

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$13.00 each Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Steak \_\_\_\_\_



Gluten Free \_\_\_\_\_

## IPDG Tim Anderson & 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Pam Schroeder



On June 18<sup>th</sup> a special meeting was held in Harrison to fill our now vacant 1st VDG position for the upcoming Lions year 2014-2015. Since our 1st VDGE Mike Howard had to step back due to health reasons this meeting was to officially vote to move 2nd VDGE Pam Schroeder up to 1st VDG and the vote passed unanimously! Congratulations 1st VDGE Pam Schroeder.

## Chippewa Lake/Mecosta Lions



Congratulations District 11E1 on June 12<sup>th</sup> we reached our 209 membership goal setting a new 25 year high for bringing in new members!

During the Chippewa Lake Mecosta Lions Club meeting held at Autumn's Restaurant in Chippewa Lake the club brought in two new members. #208 Lion Maureen Belcher Sponsor Lion Ruby Eldridge; #209 Lion Thomas Brink Sponsor Lion Paula Hunter. Welcome "New" Lions and again Congratulations E1 for your efforts towards growth and service this past year!

## Fremont Lions



On June 2nd DG Tim Anderson had the privilege of honoring the second 1st time Club President for the work he accomplished and the change that moved his club forward this last year. During the Steak Cookout with the Fremont Lions Club DG Tim asked King Lion Jim Patterson to come forward, he had just finished recognizing several members of his own club for what they have done and now it was time Jim himself was recognized for the change and difference he made this year. DG Tim asked Lion Laurene Homsher also of the Fremont Club to join them up front to help present because he could think of no one more appropriate to help him give this award then the daughter of the man it is named in honor of Lion Laurene stood her eyes tearing slightly as DG Tim handed her Lion Jim's plaque a Ken E. Lautzenheiser Fellow and asked her to present it on behalf of the district. Once the award was presented DG Tim then presented King Lion Jim with the ruby pin that goes along with the plaque. Special thanks to Lion Laurene for her help with this presentation. Congratulations King Lion Jim on making a difference this year making change and moving your club forward.

## Mt. Pleasant Lions



June 9<sup>th</sup>, Congratulations Mt Pleasant Lions on 75 years of serving your community! Keep up the good work and never let what you do stop being FUN!  
Go Lions! - DG Tim Anderson with new King Lion Gary Conant.



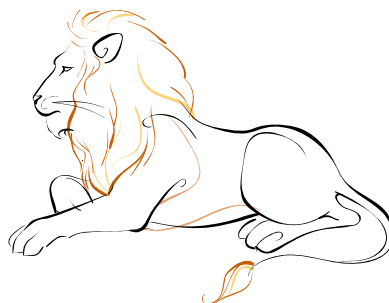
## Newaygo Lions



On June 4th during the Newaygo Lions end of year Steak Cook Out DG Tim Anderson spoke about community service and the difference Lions make to those in need and he spoke about his travels over the last 4 years and all the great Lions he has met and hardworking Lions he has seen at each and every club.

Now either he was speaking VERY well or several people knew what was about to happen because suddenly big smiles and searching eyes were popping up everywhere. DG Tim spoke about "Unsung Heroes" and how they can be found in every club and how he was honoring them one at each club this year. At this point King Lion Frank Janusz just couldn't wait any longer; he was ready to pop so he shouted out Max Lion Max get up here! As Lion Max Purcell the oldest member of their club came forward DG Tim said 'Well I guess since Max is headed up here already I might as well go ahead and name him the "Unsung Hero" of the Newaygo Lions Club. His fellow club members and spouses all began to clap and congratulate him. Lion Max has been a Lion since 1958 he is hard working well as he told DG Tim "not so much on the hard work anymore you know I'm getting a little older"...but he is still there to help wherever and whenever he can. Lion Max turned to DG Tim and said "you know young man I'm sure glad you came tonight anytime you want to give me an award you're always welcome" and then he laughed.

DG Tim shook his hand and told him "well Lion Max I'm glad you came tonight also or I would be standing up here with no one to give an award too" then we both began to laugh as we shook hands again. At this point DG Tim pulled out his pin showing him first then everyone else as he read it aloud and handed it to Lion Max as he explained how rare it was and what it meant to receive one of them this year. Lion Max looked at the pin and said to him "you're not only a wise man but you're an artist too that pin is beautiful". DG Tim then held up his matching certificate reading it aloud for all to hear then presented it to Lion Max as well. Max told DG Tim he was to kind and he appreciated this honor. As cameras came out Lion Max shared a story or two with us about his life.



## Sand Lake Lions



On the morning June 21<sup>st</sup> District Governor Tim Anderson visited with the **Sand Lake Lions Club** and after reports and upcoming club business was taken care of he given a chance to speak. He offered the support of the district with their efforts to gain new members and talked about the successes we've had this year.

He shared with them about the special Lions he has met and those hard working members that give of their time and talents without thought of anything in return. He spoke about how he was honoring one of these Lions at each club and today I would be honoring his 47th "Unsung Hero" here with the Sand lake Lions.

He asked **Lion Kandy Roemer** to come forward and held out his hand as her fellow Lions stood and clapped for her. Then shaking hands he named her the "Unsung Hero" of the Sand Lake Lions Club. DG Tim held out her pin and read it aloud then showed her and the other lions as he gave it to her.

Then he held out her certificate holding it high and read it aloud to let everyone hear why she was being honored. As he presented her with the certificate pictures were taken and DG Tim patted Kandy on the back shook her hand once more and "Thanked" her loud and clear so all could hear. **Congratulations** Lion Kandy Roemer on being named the "Unsung Hero" of the Sand Lake Lions Club!



## Baldwin Lions



On June 28th during the Baldwin Lions Clubs end of year Backyard Boil we enjoyed good food and company, after dinner just as the skies began to rumble, swell and pour down rain we headed inside to conduct the business at hand installing their officers and officially inducting one of their new members.

Once I was given the floor I spoke for a few minutes about the year we have had and about service to our communities. I shared with them news of my travels and what I found and have been doing so far 47 times and now today will be doing for the 48th and final time this year. Smiles began breaking out on the faces of the members they knew what was about to happen.

I spoke about hard working dedicated Lions and I asked Lion Scott Johnson to come up to me and I named him the "Unsung Hero" of the Baldwin Lions Club. As Lion Scott came around his mother Lion Laura Johnson being a mom told him to remove his hat so everyone could get a better look at him and Scott being a son decided to leave it on.

I extended my hand and greeted Lion Scott with a "Thank You" for all you do, I then held out his pin holding it up and reading it aloud as I explained this was the last one I was giving out and how rare they are only 1 per club so I told him to wear it with pride.

I then held out and up his certificate reading it aloud for all in the room to hear before presenting it to him as several cameras come out we stopped for a picture or two. Finally I patted Lion Scott on the back shook his hand once more than clearly and loudly "Thanked" him for all he does.

Congratulations Lion Scott Johnson on being the Baldwin Lions Clubs "Unsung Hero"!

(48th and final award)