

DISTRICT 11 E1 FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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**DRIVING TO A NEW
CENTURY OF
SERVICE**



DG RON GIBSON'S MESSAGE

Every now and then a story touches you and makes you want to share it with others. This is one of those; it was sent from a friend who knows I'm a Lion and that I've suffered from vision loss. It's titled "Everyone has a Story in Life." A 24 year old boy seeing out from the train's window shouted "Dad, look, the trees are going behind!" Dad smiled and a young couple sitting nearby looked at the 24 year old's childish behavior with pity, when suddenly the boy again exclaimed "Dad, look the clouds are running with us!" The young couple couldn't resist and said to the father "Why don't you take your son to a good doctor?" The father smiled and said "I did and we are just coming from the hospital. My son was blind from birth and he just got his eyes today." Everyone has a story to tell. Don't judge people before you truly know them. The truth might surprise you! Lots of lessons to be learned from this story. My hope for each of us is that we'll look for the big picture, certainly in our Lions lives, but in our lives in general. Enjoy your February!

DG Ron





- Feb. 1, DG visits Remus (tentative)
- Feb. 2 Groundhog Day
- Feb. 7, E1/E2 merger meeting, Harrison
- Feb. 8, DG visits Ewart (rescheduled from Jan.)
- Feb. 9, DG visits Stanton
- Feb. 13, DG visits Big Rapids
- Feb. 14, VALENTINES DAY
- Feb. 17-18, Michigan Forum, Lansing
- Feb. 18-19, Council of Governors, Lansing
- Feb. 20, DG visits Vestaburg
PRESIDENTS DAY
- Feb. 28, DG visits Shepherd



EMPIRE LIONS

The Empire Lions recently donated \$1,000 to the Leelanau County Sheriff's K-9 unit. The money will help fund a replacement dog for the current and soon to retire Nico. Pictured are Dep. Greg Hornkohl, Nico's handler, Lion Bill Banish, Lion President Jackie Glazier, Sheriff Mike Borkovich, and Niko. Niko is a tracking/drug sniffing dog.



**MESSAGE
1ST VDG
PEGGY
WALLS**

When we hear about something being contagious we usually think of disease and shy away from the topic. But, do you realize that our emotions are also contagious? When we are depressed we tend to affect everyone around us. When we are happy, we do likewise. When we are joyous because of our accomplishments we send this message to others also.

This is our time, as Lions, to be especially filled with the Joy of Service. We are in a celebratory mood! We are having a milestone birthday! Our excitement is contagious! Take advantage of this feeling and ask another to join your Lions club!

VDG Peggy



PROJECT KIDSIGHT

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

The Lions Foundation is your Foundation to serve the people of Michigan with vision, hearing, military assistance, and grants. The Foundation is best known by Lions for providing hearing aids for the needy and our KidSight screenings. Last year, 2016, approximately 35 clients in District 11 E1 were supplied with hearing aids at a cost to the Foundation of \$13, 897, one military grant was awarded, and in the KidSight Program approximately 1270 children in our District were screened and 115 children referred. The Foundation can provide for clients if money is available. If your club is not making a yearly donation to the Foundation, it is needed to continue to serve our needy clients.



MESSAGE

2ND VDG AL ROESLER

There are some Lions who could be mistaken for the Energizer Bunny. Not so much for the way they look, but the way they act. They seem to have boundless energy, never slow down, and just keep going! For the rest of us, we need our batteries charged from time to time to maintain our energy and enthusiasm. Fortunately Lions offers many opportunities for battery charging. For me the best way to recharge is to get together with Lions from other clubs and exchange “war stories” about new approaches and club successes. When you throw in the opportunity for new learning about useful topics and a few laughs, what more do you need?

Fortunately there are a number of quality opportunities available to you in the next few months that are well worth your time. First is your Zone meeting, though Club Presidents and Secretaries are encouraged to attend all Lions are welcome. Next is the Lions of Michigan Forum on February 17 and 18. This event offers you some of the best support and information for your club activities that you can find close to home. Last but certainly not least is your District (March 31-April 1), State (May 19 – 20) and Lions International (June 30 – July 4) Conventions. Attending these get-togethers increases your knowledge of all the good being done by Lions in the community down the road and around the world, and gives you new skills to be a more effective Lion. For me it increases my pride in being a Lion and makes me want to do more. That sounds like a battery recharge to me. I hope to see you at one of the events.



DISTRICT CENTENNIAL BANNER

District Governor Ron Gibson visited his home club, Fremont, on Jan. 16th and inducted 4 new members. He also displayed the Centennial Banner, which District Governors worldwide are asking all club members in their District to sign. Each Governor will take their banner to the upcoming International Convention in Chicago to be displayed together as a sign of unity and peace. Club president Don Farmer is at the left in the picture.

BALDWIN LIONS NEW PROJECT

The Baldwin Lions took on a new project over the holiday season. The club contacted WISE (Women Information Service Empowerment Agency) which is a tri-county shelter for women and their children who are victims of domestic violence. The club was able to purchase household items needed by the mother of two young children to reestablish a safe household. In addition to providing a set of new dishes, cookware and food storage set, one of the club members donated a flat screen TV to the family! They all received new outfits and the young boy and girl were given numerous presents, as well as a full stocking of treats! Mom was also given several gas gift cards. The club also, made a \$200 donation to the Bread of Life food pantry sponsored by St. Ann's Catholic Church in Baldwin.



Lions Clubs International

Dear Club Officers and Lions,

We are writing to inform you that we are consolidating new member and charter fees into a single category called entrance fees. As part of this consolidation, **we will have a single entrance fee of \$35 for new members and chartered clubs as of July 1, 2017.**

This consolidation and fee increase, the first since 1993, will allow us to:
Increase member benefits\
Improve the member experience
Simplify the new member enrollment process by having a single entrance fee type

We will support the entrance fee change with the following LCI communications:
Announcement emails to club leaders and GMT leaders
A follow-up reminder reinforcing the above messages
A brief notification on club monthly statements

Please download the [entrance fee talking points](#) to help discuss the change with your clubs. It's an exciting time to be a Lion. We look forward to working on your behalf to make sure Lions remain stronger than ever, and we thank you for everything you do to make Lions Clubs International a world-class service organization.

Very truly yours,
Chancellor Bob Corlew
Your International President

DISTRICT 11 E1 EYEGLASS MISSION TRIP UPDATE

In keeping with our mission and the changing times, the District Cabinet has approved \$1,500.00 seed money from the Sight and Hearing Fund to get the District Eyeglass Mission Trip program off the ground. There is already a growing list of professional and lay Lions who have volunteered their time and services. We are tentatively scheduled to go to Acanceh Mexico in Mid-February of 2018. While we are in our infancy, we still need your assistance to make the project happen and be a success. The Luther Lions have consented to offer the backroom of their Clubhouse for eyeglass storage and grading facilities that will help make the Mission successful. We are currently looking for used eyeglasses from Clubs within the District. We are also in need of a lensometer to grade those glasses. There is a need for workers on a regular basis to sort, wash, sanitize, catalog, and package eyewear for the trip. Stay tuned to this media source for more information or you may call or E-mail PDG Harry Johnson at lionharry1947@gmail.com Thank You for your continued support.



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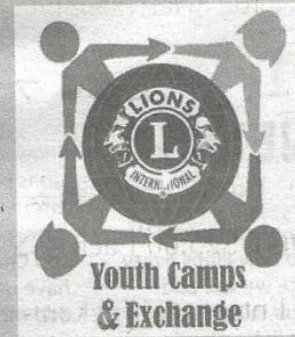
Big Rapids Lions Support SVOSH at Ferris State University

The Big Rapids Lions Club presented a check for \$2,000 to SVOSH, the student branch of Michigan Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity, at Ferris State University. As part of their optometry studies at Ferris, students have an opportunity to participate in mission trips to other countries and assist with eye care for the citizens of those countries. As in past years, students will be traveling to Peru, Dominica, Mexico and Honduras on these trips. In addition to students, the mission trips include Michigan College of Optometry faculty optometrists, alumni and other volunteers. Last year, well over 1,000 eye exams were performed and approximately 1,000 glasses were dispensed to needy individuals on each of the 5 trip. Used glasses are cleaned and sorted by SVOSH students for these trips. The public is encouraged to donate their used glasses at any of the Lions club donation boxes found at 16 locations throughout Big Rapids and Canadian Lakes or directly at the School of Optometry. In addition to their volunteer mission trips, students in the program assist the Lions with the operation of the concession stand at Top Taggart Field during the fall football season. The Lions are very grateful for their assistance.

Pictured – Dr. Dan Wrubel, Faculty liaison to the SVOSH program, Lion President Jim Chipman, Optometry students Jaclyn Tolles and Abigail Contreras and Lions Club member Bruce Fredrick.

SAND LAKE LIONS – UPDATE ON LEADER DOG, ROWDY. He just finished 10 weeks of antibiotics to kill the infection in his jaw bone.

Lions Youth Exchange HOST FAMILIES Needed In Michigan



I have gotten many e-mails wanting to know "how many of our students can we host this year". It would be great to say "as many as you can send us!" Last summer, we were able to host 12 foreign students and would like to see at least that many again - if not more - this

coming summer. Please consider becoming a Host Family this year. For more information, go to the Lions of Michigan website.

Lion Eileen Delaney,
Lions of Michigan
Youth Exchange Chair



SAND LAKE LIONS - Picture, Lion Karen Hayden presents a check from the Harrison Lions to Rev. Darryl Miller for Rowdy.

The Chili and Hot Dogs benefit for Rowdy, Leader Dog for Rev. Darryl Miller which was held on Jan. 14, at Sand Lake was an overwhelming success. Donations are still coming in. As of now the total is over \$2,800. This is from a pair of small-community churches, each having an average attendance of about 30, and a Lions Club with average attendance of 5 or 6!!!! The Lions Club provided a variety of desserts and helped serve and clean up.



Lions Centennial International Convention MICHIGAN NIGHT



Sunday, July 2, 2017
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Join your fellow Michigan Lions for an entertaining evening at

Limited to 100 reservations please register today!



Tommy Gun's is Chicago's longest running interactive dinner show, featuring gangsters, flappers and You!

Your evening will include your choice of the following:
(please make a selection)

Prime Rib, Lasagna (meat or meatless), Boneless Chicken Breast (lemon herb sauce or mushroom sauce), Soup or Salad, Vegetable, Potato, Dessert and Coffee, Tea or Soft Drink. Cash bar available.

The cost for show, dinner, tax and gratuity is \$57.00 per person.

Tommy Gun's is located at 2114 S. Wabash Ave., just one half mile walk or short taxi or bus ride from the Hyatt McCormick Place Hotel (Michigan delegation hotel).

Join us for a fun-filled Michigan night!

Please complete the registration form below and mail with check payable to
LIONS OF MICHIGAN to:
PDG Bill Simpson
706 River St.
Big Rapids, MI 49307

Names of Attendees _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

\$57.00 x _____ (# of registrants) = \$ _____

Entrée choice(s) _____

Reservation deadline is March 2, 2017



The Future of Peace



It's the 30th anniversary of our Peace Poster Contest! To celebrate, we redesigned our Peace Poster kits. Invite young artists in your communities to submit a poster design that expresses our theme, "The Future of Peace." The contest is a great way to connect with your community and encourage youth to express their vision of peace.

Children aged 11–13 are eligible to participate. All you need to do to unlock a child's creativity is purchase a Peace Poster kit from club supplies. Purchase your [Peace Poster kit](#) today!



SILENT AUCTION

Items are needed for the Silent Auction held each year at the District Convention. This auction helps to pay the costs of the convention. Check your closets, attic, and spare room or purchase an item. We need all we can get. Bring or send them to the Convention.

COLEMAN LIONS

Coleman's February project is working with the Knights of Columbus on their Fish Fry. The fish dinner will be held at St. Cecelia's Catholic Church in Clare on Friday, February 24, 2017. Tickets are \$10, Seniors \$9, time 4:00 - 7:00 pm. The menu is fried & baked fish, mac & cheese, baked beans, coleslaw, mashed redskins. corn, mixed vegies, rolls & butter, coffee, lemonade, desserts Coleman Lions will get a % of sales for helping!



DISTRICT CONVENTION SPECIAL PROJECT

The District Convention has normally had an activity between the Business Meeting and Banquet on Saturday such as a boat /car race or wagon parade. This year in keeping with the LCI Centennial Food Theme, the activity will be a speaker from one of the Traverse City Food Pantries. Lion delegates are being asked to donate non-perishable food items for the Traverse City area at this event. Stock up, bring your food items to the convention and serve needy citizens.



DISTRICT 11 E1 CONVENTION PROGRAM

(Hotel Reservations are due by March 15, to get the Lions discount)

FRIDAY, March 31 – 3:00 P.M. Registration

4:00 – Cabinet Meeting

5:00 - Silent Auction, Pin Trading, Exhibits

6:00 – Mix and Meet - Dinner, Zone Skits, Entertainment

9:00 p.m. Hospitality room

SATURDAY, April 1 – 800 A.M. Registration

8:00 – Breakfast

8:30 – District Memorial Service

10:00 A.M. & 2:00 P.M. Computer Training

9:30 – 12:15 – Breakout Sessions

12:30 – Luncheon - Peace Poster, Awards, induct new members

2:15 – Business Session and Voting

Special Project – Speaker, Food Donations

6:00 Centennial Banquet and Awards

9:30 – Hospitality Room

CONVENTION MEMORIAL SERVICE

The life and service of our departed Lions will be eulogized on Saturday morning at the breakfast meeting. Each club is asked to submit a glossy picture and a short resume of your deceased Lions since the last convention. Memorials should be e-mailed to Lion Karla Roebuck at kroebuck@greenridge.com or mailed to Karla at 12195 Arthur Rd. Rodney, MI 49342. If possible, please e-mail the material. Deadline to submit information is March 1, 2017.

TIDBITS is a booklet for Lions, about Lions and their thoughts, activities and favorite ideas. It can be found in your convention packet. It could be about your club's fundraiser (after April 1), a campaign item, your favorite poem or recipe, a wish for a Happy Birthday or Anniversary, a coupon for a partial payment for a club event. The booklet helps to defray convention costs. Suggest that your club advertise in this District booklet or send in your own message. The cost is \$25.00 for a full page (8 1/2" x 5 1/2") or \$15.00 for a half page ad. Make up your own ad, put in a picture or clip art and send the ad and check to: Lion Brenda Adsmond - 411 Maple Street, Fremont, MI 49412, E-mail: badsmoathome@comcast.com or PDG Janalee McClure – P.O. Box 177, Brohman, MI 49312, E-mail: janalee@riverview.net.

DISTRICT 11-EI DELEGATE CONVENTION CERTIFICATION FORM

CLUB NAME _____

NUMBER OF MEMBERS _____

ARTICLE VII SECTION 2 of the District 11-E1 Constitution and By-Laws states that: Each chartered Club in good standing in Lions International and the District shall be represented by one or more delegates at the District Convention and shall be entitled in each such Convention to one (1) voting delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, of said Club as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month last proceeding the month during which the Convention is held (February 1, 2016). The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Further, full delegate Status shall be accorded each Past District Governor who is a member of a Club in this District, independent of the Club delegate quotas herein above specified. Each certified delegate present in person may cast one (1) vote for each office to be filled and one (1) vote only on each issue to be voted on by the members of said Convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the Delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the Convention. All eligible delegates must be members in good standing of a club in good standing in this district. Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired up to fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification.

NAME of DELEGATE/ALTERNATE	DELEGATE (D) ALTERNATE (A)	SIGN AT CONVENTION
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I hereby certify that the delegates and alternates listed above are in good standing with Lions Club International and Lions of Michigan. _____
Club President/Secretary/or District Governor at Convention

Remember: All delegates must be registered and certified before 12 noon, Saturday, April 1, 2017, or they will not be allowed to vote.
PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY March 15, 2017, TO:
 LION GAYLE MORLOCK
 9357 95TH AVE.
 EVART, MI 49631

11-E1 Convention Registration Form
 March 31 & April 1, 2017
 Park Place Hotel
 300 East Street, Traverse City, MI 49684

For hotel reservations, call hotel direct at 231-946-5000
 Room Rate: \$ 79.95

Club Name: _____ District: _____ Zip _____
 Contact Name: _____ Contact Phone: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____

If you have special Needs (meals or hearing or sight impairment) please contact Lion Jerry Brandt, 989-578-7599 by March 27, 2017.

	Registration (s) Please Print Clearly please enter information for each person attending	Registration Fee \$10.00 per Person (after March 20 2017 \$15.00)	\$16.00 Friday Party	\$15.00 Sat. Breakfast	\$17.00 Sat. Lunch	\$20.00 Saturday Banquet Dinner Salmon, Or Prime Rib Salmon P. R.	Sunday Brunch On your own	Total Per Person
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Totals								
Grand Total								

Please Make Checks Payable to: District 11-E1 Convention
 Payment must be included with Registration Form
 Send registration forms to: Jerry Brandt, 3121 Dale St., Harrison, MI 48625 (?- email: jkbk@ispmtg.com)
 Registration Deadline: March 20th, 2017 -- Must pay late registration fee (\$15.00 / Person) after deadline.