



Lions of Michigan – District 11-E-1



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Newsletter February 2009

On March 23rd-25th District 11-E1 is hosting Lions Clubs International team on how to organize a new club. The training is over two days and the third day you actively practice what you have learned the previously two days. The Extension Team from Lions Clubs International has been highly successful with this model. District 11-E1 will be conducting the training on organizing new Lions clubs. We have identified a minimum of five communities in our district that could support a Lions club but currently have none. The Extension Team has been highly successful in establishing Lions clubs in other communities in Michigan.

District 11-E1 could use your help on March 23rd-24th-25th at our Extension Team Training session to be held at the Marion Public Library. The trainers are from Indiana and all reports from other Lions districts are all very favorable. If you can help with this, please call me at 231-724-5200 or email at landg@netonecom.net by February 25th.

Governor Larry

Club Secretaries/Program Chairpersons

DG Larry is still setting up his club visitations for the rest of his year. If you haven't scheduled a club visit, please contact him to set a visitation to your club. Contact him by phone: 231-734-5200 or email: landg@netonecom.net. DG Larry and First Lady Gayle are looking forward to meeting with you and your club before the end of June.

If your club is having a fundraiser, i.e. fish fry, pancake breakfast, chili supper, etc., please let DG Larry know as he would like to attend as many as possible.

DG Larry would like to thank all clubs that have scheduled his visitation.

MD11 Convention

MD11 Convention is coming up on May 15-16 at the Holiday Inn South in Lansing. Registration forms are on line on the Lions of Michigan website lionsofmi.com

Governor's Travels

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VISITATION/EVENT</u>
Feb. 11	Region 2 Zone 1 Meeting—Doherty Hotel in Clare
Feb. 12	Stanton Lions Club—Official Visit
Feb. 17	Six Lakes Lions Club—Official Visit
Feb. 20-21	Michigan Forum—Lansing
Feb. 22	Cabinet Meeting—Rankin Center, Ferris State University
March 6-8	Council of Governors—Lansing
March 10	Region 3 Zone 3 Meeting—White Cloud
March 17	Region 2 Zone 3 Meeting—Cadillac
March 23-25	LCI Extension Training—Marion Public Library
March 31	Region 3 Zone 1 Meeting—Edmore
April 14	Baldwin Lions Club—Official Visit
April 17-19	District C1/E1 Convention—Big Rapids
May 2	Onekama Lions Club—Official Visit
May 7	Sanford Lions Club—5 th Anniversary—Official Visit
May 13	Region 2 Zone 1 Meeting—Clare
May 15-16	MD11 Convention—Lansing
May 19	Midland Lions Club—75 th Anniversary
May 20	Region 2 Zone 3 Meeting—Luther
June 8	Weidman Lions Club—Official Visit

From the Cabinet Secretary

Secretaries and Treasurer's

Thanks to all who have paid there dues and the rest that will pay them soon.

I just want to remind everyone that the M -reports are to be filed in the month of your meetings. That is, if you hold meetings in February t he M-Report has to be filed before the 28th if you do it on line or if you mail it to International it has to reach them before the 28th. I know this is different than what it has been in the past but if you do February's report in March it will show as being a March report. The importance of this comes in June and December as District billing is taken off of these two reports. Please call me or contact me if you do not understand what I am trying to convey.

**Jim Chipman - Cabinet Secretary District 11 -E1
21240 Poplar
Paris, Michigan 49338**



***Lion Vice District Governor and
Lioness Debbie Kreitner***

Greetings Fellow Lions:

The first thing that I would like to do is to thank everyone who sent cards and called during my recent open heart surgery. It is great to know of the support that you have from fellow Lions and their families. I am feeling better now and hope to have the tube removed from my right lung this week and be back into full swing soon.

We would also like to thank everyone who has sent sympathy cards and called during the recent loss of Debbie's brother, Dennis, who was 52 years old and died of a very fast growing cancer. We know that he is a better place now and not suffering any more.

I have talked to Lions and my advisory committee about what we do to handle dwindling activity among several clubs in our district. I know that several of these clubs are very low in membership, under 15 members and are not growing or showing any activity. I believe that it will be the cabinets job and my job to see that these clubs get the help that they need to be stronger and get back on track. We cannot afford to be losing clubs in the district. I feel that it is important that this is one of the first items that we will be addressing now and into the 2009-2010 Lions year. I can count on my hand at least five clubs that need our help. It is time to step up to plate and get them the help that they need.

Now that I am back part way, I will be contacting many of you for committee assignments for the coming year. I had sent out a questionnaire asking for Lions for areas that they were interested in and got a very poor response. I will be looking for your help and will be contacting many of you personally. Please do not forget the up-coming Michigan Lions Forum in Lansing on February 20-21, 2009, at the Holiday Inn West Lansing. The registrations need to be into the State Office before the 15th of February.

Yours in Lionism,

VDG Lion Wayne Kreitner

Thought of the Month

Content makes poor men rich; discontentment makes rich men poor.

Benjamin Franklin

Michigan Forum

The Michigan Forum will be Saturday, February 21st at the Holiday Inn West in Lansing. The registration fee is \$30 per person which includes: forum pin, forum book containing information from all breakout sessions, morning refreshments and lunch, and luncheon keynote speaker, ID Doug Lozier from Indiana.

For those arriving on Friday there will be an evening session on How to Keep Meetings Fun and Exciting and a mixer and hospitality room. The registration form is on the website: lions ofmi.com.

White Cane supplies can be pre-ordered and picked up at the Forum saving the club shipping charges.

Breakout sessions include: New IRS Rules, Welcome Homes, Choosing a Pet That Is Right for You, Good Club Dynamics, Incorporation of Lions Clubs, Michigan Eye Bank, Protecting Your Hearing, Recruitment and Retention, Global Membership, White Cane, Tai Chi for Arthritis, Leadership Training Opportunities, Banner Talk, Leos, Quilting, and Pre-Induction Orientation.

Let's see if District 11-E1 can have 100% participation by having all clubs represented for a day of fellowship and learning.

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International Convention

The International Convention will be July 6-10, 2009, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Michigan delegation will be housed at the Ramada Mall of America in Bloomington at a room rate of \$119 per night, plus tax. The hotel is 10 miles from the convention center.

The hotel is 2 blocks from the Mall of America and 2 miles from the airport. It has 248 rooms, free parking, complimentary high speed wireless internet, indoor/outdoor pools and a fitness room. There is an on-site café/pub that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. The hotel provides complimentary 24 hour shuttle service.

An online convention registration form is available at lionsclubs.org.

Peace Poster

Get our youth involved

2009-2010 kits (PPK) are now available. Call the Club Supplies Department 1-800-710-7822 or order them online @ www.lionsclubs.org, item search peace poster kit. This is a great time to contact your art teacher at your community Schools and tell them about the Piece Poster award.

State Leos Conference February 28, 2009

Mark your Calendar February 28, 2009

Michigan Leo's Conference at Camp Tuhsmeheeta, 10500 Lincoln Lake Road, Greenville, MI 48838.

The Leos will spend the day at Camp Tuhsmeheeta, learning team building, leadership skills, and listen to and participate in presentations on understanding the challenges of persons who are blind and those with multiple disabilities. The food will be good, the games and workshops fun and you get to meet Leos from all over Michigan. Make new friends, and enjoy the beautiful 300 acre nature preserve called Camp T.

Camp Tuhsmeheeta was named for the four senses you have when you are blind. Touch, Smill, Hearing and Taste. This camp serves blind kids from all over the state and often some from other states and nations. Every summer there are many weeklong camp sessions just for kids with visual impairments. At the least 50% of the staff are blind too. They hold weekend programs throughout the year for teens and families. Camp T is an 11 E-1 District project.

**REGION 2 CHAIR SEEKING
1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR POSITION**

By now, most of our clubs are aware of the new positions created at the International Convention held last July in Bangkok, Thailand.

The new offices of 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor will serve as an opportunity for a qualified Lion to become more familiar with the challenges, duties and obligations required of a District Governor.

The Governor is key to the operation of the District. It is for that reason that two additional years of grooming and exposure to the position will only serve to enhance ones leadership skills prior to becoming your Governor.

With that being the case, I am actively seeking the position of 1st Vice District Governor of 11 E-1. Having been a member in our magnificent organization since 1977, and fulfilling all the necessary requirements to hold such position, I'm asking for your support. I feel that my dedication to the purpose of our great organization and a true love of "SERVING OTHERS" will only serve to further enhance and strengthen my ability to lead our district in the challenges that lay ahead. Having experienced both the time commitment and financial obligations of the position while my husband served as Governor in 1999-2000, I know what is required of me. I am "READY, ABLE, and WILLING" to serve the mighty Lions of District of 11 E -1 as your 1st Vice District Governor!

I humbly ask for your Club's support at our District Convention to be held in Big Rapids on April 17-19, 2009.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Laura M. Johnson
Region 2 Chairperson
Candidate for 1st Vice District Go

Youth Exchange Report February 2009

Hurray, we have an exchange student going overseas from our District!

Mariah Conklin is a student in Bullock Creek High School. She must list 3 choices on her application so she has requested Germany, Austria or England. She lives in Shepherd. My White Cloud Lions Club just approved sending a small donation to the State office for Youth Exchange Program for Mariah's trip. I hope 10 or 12 of your clubs will decide to help her achieve her goal of traveling.

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Dear Lions Club Members,

Hello, my name is Mariah Conklin. I'm a junior at Bullock Creek High School, and I'm interested in becoming an exchange student this summer. After I graduate I would like to attend a college of my choice and be employed at either a company or other type of job that revolves around different cultures, and eventually live in Europe. I'm fascinated in foreign countries.

This year I took a German class and became even more interested in Germany. If I get to go, when I return from my trip, I could put on a program or do a project of your choice and tell about my experiences, and share my knowledge and memories. I would also like to expand the project to my school, and do a presentation to help spread the knowledge that I will gain because I know that more people would be interested if they knew about Lions Club. I also would like to come to a meeting and meet you. Would you be willing to help fund me?

Sincerely,
Mariah Conklin

Baldwin Lions/Lioness Club/s

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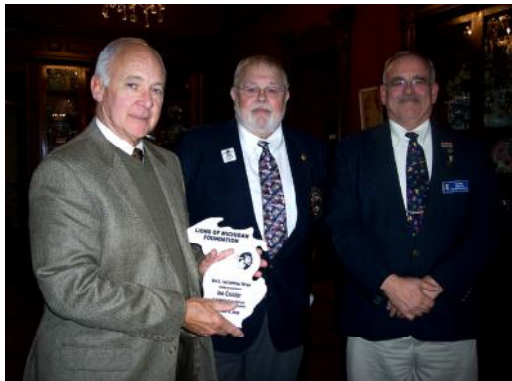
At a recent meeting, P.D.G. Lynwood Mast and wife, Lion Jan from the Fremont Lions club presented the Organ donor program to both clubs.

The program sponsored in combination by the Secretary of State and the Michigan Eye Bank is aimed at getting individuals to sign on as organ/tissue donors upon their death. P.D.G. Lynwood showed a very moving video of testimonies from surviving relatives of donors and how their lives have been impacted by meeting some of the recipients. Any club can earn a special banner patch, which will be presented at the district convention just by

presenting the idea of organ/tissue donation to its' entire membership. The Baldwin Lions and Lioness plan on receiving the patch just by informing the members who were absent at the meeting about the program. At the same meeting, the Baldwin Lions approved eyeglass purchases for two local residents and approved donations to two local students who will be touring with the Lions of Michigan All State Band this summer in Minneapolis. The Baldwin Lioness also gave a donation to the two band students.

Big Rapids Lions Club

Lion Joe Czinder, long time(37 years) member was presented the Lions of Michigan Foundation Ken Lautzenheiser Award from the Big Rapids Lions Club. Lion Joe is a local optometrist and has given countless eye exams and glasses for persons in need. Shown presenting the award is King Lion Doug Fitzgerald, far right, and VDG Wayne Kreitner, center.



The Lions International Foundation Melvin Jones Award was presented to

Lion Tony Rutledge for his dedication to Lions. Lion Tony has been a member since 2000, president 2003 -2004, Zone Chairman 2004-09. Pictured presenting Award is King Lion Doug Fitzgerald, far right, and VDG Wayne Kreitner, center.



Cadillac Lions Club

The "Shack" is Back

Recently as temperatures hovered in the single digits a sign that warmer weather will return appeared on Lake Cadillac. The Cadillac Lions have once again placed their bright yellow ice "Shack" out on the lake just off the pavilion in the park. With the park cameras turned the "Shack" will remain on the ice until Mother Nature warms things up enough for it to naturally fall through and into the waters of the lake.

This fundraiser was a huge success last year and will hopefully not only raise money to aid local sight and hearing assistance requests made to the Lions Club but also make 1 lucky person \$1000.00 richer. The Lions are offering a \$1000 Reward to the person that can most closely guess the correct date and time the



"Shack" sinks through the ice in the spring.

2nd closest guess gets \$200.00 and all ticket sales for this contest will end on February 28th 2009.

Tickets sell 2 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$10.00 and are available from any Lions Club member or at the following locations: Pilgrim's Village Fishing Shop, Burkes Waterfront Restaurant, Sun 'n Snow Ski Shop, Track 'N Trail Marine, The Frosty Cup Restaurant or at Shafer's Bait & Sporting Goods all located on Cadillac's West Side. For questions, tickets or information call Lion Gary Williams at 231 -775-4814

Coleman Lions Club

Coleman Lions learned much about All State Band this month when Lion Laurene Homsher visited our club. We listened to the beautiful sounds of the band and were encouraged to have band student's audition for this year's band. Even though auditions were held last November, there is still room for several instruments in this year's band. Coleman High School band director, Jim Burkhart was present at our meeting and took the information back to his students. We learned a lot and enjoyed the presentation.



Cedar/Maple City Lions Club



Cedar/Maple City Lions Rob Serbin & Gerry White selling 50/50 tickets. They are raising scholarship funds at a Glen Lake high School basketball game. Lion Rob (chairman) has been doing this for several years. We give three \$500.00 scholarships to three senior students each year. 1st photo, Lion Rob and Lion Gerry. 2nd photo, Lion Gerry selling a ticket to Tom Pleva (a parent and Lions supporter)

Fremont Lions Club

January 5: Our special guest was Marianne Boerigter, Director of both the Newaygo County Council for the Arts and the Dogwood Center



Lion Laurene receives Leo Club Advisor Service Award for the outstanding work she is doing with the Fremont Packer Leo Club

January 19: Our special guest was Lion Kerry McGinley, member of the Big Rapids Lions Club. Kerry is District Treasurer and District Director of the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

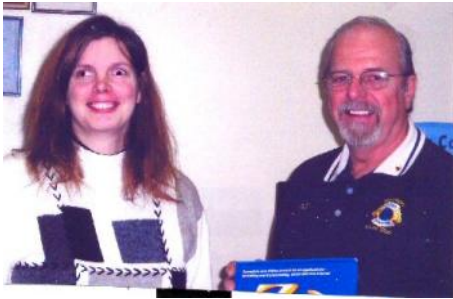


Greenville Lions Club

Greenville is having their 3rd spaghetti dinner at the American Legion Hall in Greenville on March 20, 2009 and it is our third spaghetti dinner. We have had wonderful support from local businesses to donate food. The money we raise is to help with community projects. One of the efforts goes toward the Education Foundation of Greenville on their annual Run-A-thon in April, it is the Sunday of the District Convention and our King Lion Roger runs in the race after working all night in the hospitality room but he is ready to go the next day and he does not drag himself in last place either. We buy glasses and have helped restored a handicapped ramp, too.

Harrison Lions Club

Harrison Lions Club president Ron Trzeciak, presenting Patricia Alexander of Harrison a computer reader. Patricia said that this device has opened up a whole new world for her. The computer reader gives Patricia complete low-vision access to all applications, including word processing, e-mail and the internet Patricia is sight impaired and is most appreciative to the Lions Club for their generosity.



Krisna Amin, taken with a photo of her winning Peace Poster entry. Lions Clubs International sponsors a Peace Poster contest worldwide and Krishna was the local winner. Her poster was forwarded to the District competition. Krishna is a student at the Harrison Middle School. The local contest is sponsored by the Harrison Lions Club. Pictured with Krishna are District Governor Larry Morlock and Harrison Lions Club President Ron Trzecik.



Hart Lions Club

Hoe Down raises \$3,792 for care fund



Mike Snell and Ruth Ann Eilers, top left, sing a duet Saturday afternoon, Jan. 31 during the Hart Hoe Down benefiting the Crystal Valley Care Fund. Also joining Snell and Eilers were Guy Clements and Larry Miller. The Hoe Down Cloggers, top right, show off some fancy foot work. Country fiddler's Jim Pikaart and friends, lower top right, play some bluegrass. Winnie Pearl (Barb Locke) and Bill Richards, middle left, perform a comedy music act. The Dog Chow Crew, middle right, does a dance routine. Hart Lions Club members Bob Chapman and Denny Hedinger, above, present Hart Hoe Down organizers Brenda Bont and Roger Simkins with a check for \$1,000. Young children in the Hay Bale Gang, far right, watch an act from the side of the stage.

Honor Lions Club



On Jan. 31, the Honor Lions were invited to attend the Blue and Gold Banquet for Cub Scouts and Weblo Scouts. Honor Lions have been a sponsor for Pack 67 for the last 48 years it is one of the 5 longest sponsorships in scouting in the State of Michigan. A plaque of appreciation was presented to Lions Betty Crammer, Norm Nelson, Leader Dog Trainer Kim Wattles, and her dog True. Two of the Cub Masters are also Honor Lions.

Lions Kevin and Tim King. Lions Kevin and his wife and fellow Lion JoAnn Ingelston joined their son Calvin as he crossed over from Weblo Scouts to Boy Scouts. Lion Tim King presented Lion Kevin with a plaque of appreciation for everything he does in scouting. All these great Lions have helped the Honor Club tremendously. It was a great time for all these young boys and future leaders as well as the Lions.



Onekama Lions Club

Last weekend, January 24th and 25th, the Onekama Lions and Troop 63 of Onekama hosted some 85 Webelo scouts and their leaders from all over western Michigan at the Manistee County Fairgrounds annual "Webelo's Lock-in". The scouts spent Saturday afternoon working toward earning badges. The evening spaghetti dinner was provided by the Lions club as the scouts performed skits and cheers. Later the scouts were treated to a movie with popcorn and snacks provided by the Lions. Several Lion members returned early in the morning to wake the Webelo's and their leaders with a wonderful breakfast.

Picture # 1 These scouts are ready for bed but NOT getting to sleep just yet.

Picture #2 Lion Jack Burchard accepts certificate of appreciation from Troop 63 of Onekama and the Scenic Trails Council. Lion Jack has been part of over a decade of hosting the "Lock-in".



Sheridan Lions Club

King Lion Lawrence Abbey (R0 presented Lion Ed McGrath (L) a Monarch award for 50 years of membership



Our January meeting was held in Grand Rapids attending a Griffins hockey game (Griffins won in a shootout).

Valentines Couples Night is scheduled for Friday February 13 at Maxfield's Restaurant in Wyman, Michigan.



White Cloud Lions Club

Exciting things are happening at White Cloud Lions Club this year.

This month we've made donations for Mariah Conklin our Youth Exchange applicant from Bullock High School, for the All State Band student from Fremont High School and for the Newaygo County Walk for Warmth fundraiser for 5-Cap. We also approved participating in the Family Services Expo for Newaygo County. We are working on doing a Project Kidsight screening for them.

PDG Jim Walls brought us a brand new project that we approved immediately too – a *national pin trader swap meet* here in White Cloud at our den! Wow! First one to be scheduled in Michigan since the 1970's, I think. Hope it's well received by all the Pin Traders. A new experience for many of us and we do have pins to trade!

We have scheduled a very unusual program for our February 23rd meeting. We found out last month that a member of our club is related to Joan of Arc! Can you imagine? She has written a book, *The Maiden Shawl*, and is already scheduling book signings in Michigan. Wow. The Maiden is, of course, Joan of Arc. Our member is the distant great granddaughter of Joan of Arc's older brother, Jacquemin, so Joan of Arc is her great grand aunt, 24 generations ago! Jane will be telling us all about her search for her heritage and the creation of the historical fiction book. All the facts before Joan's burning at the stake are historically correct and then we get to the mystery of the shawl. The book was so well written I simply couldn't put it down. Finished it the first 24 hours! And then I read everything I could find at my house about Joan of Arc.

Our regular meal is at 6:30 and you are welcome to attend if you are interested!

February 24th is also a special day for us. We are scheduling a monthly casino trip starting that date. Our bingo players have long requested us to try it so we're giving it a go this year. Nothing like having fun and raising money at the same time! Give us a call if you'd like to be included in one of our future trips.

We've taken in so many new members that we will be having another orientation meeting on the 5th Monday in March. Some of our new members have already started getting involved in our projects and are welcome additions to our community work!

Our Club always provides a special dinner for all the Sr. citizens in Newaygo County every spring. This year it is scheduled for March 31st. We provide the meal and entertainment for all the seniors that can get to our Den for lunch. We usually feed over 100. It's a really fun day. Something that we've been doing for almost 20 years now

DISTRICT CONVENTION

It is a New Year and time to be thinking about Lions convention. We will be having a joint convention with District C-1 and plans are going well. There are some changes for both districts, we promise a great convention. The theme is KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE and we hope many will dress for the theme on Friday night.

The Friday night mix and meet will feature a comedy show. District C-1 has hired a comedian to entertain us. We will have the cash bar and hors d'oeuvres.

We will again be having a silent auction, so be sure to bring your item to be auctioned off. This auction helps to keep our convention costs down so don't forget to bid on the items you can't live without.

Saturday morning we will have a breakfast honoring our Lioness and Leos. They will have a program and EVERYONE is encouraged to attend.

We have a full day planned with great forums, meetings, elections and FUN. We do have two people running for the position of Vice District Governor. They are both qualified women, so let your club be heard and come vote for the person you want to work with for the next two years.

Sunday will be our Memorial Service and we have something new planned. We will be putting together a slide presentation featuring our deceased members. We need from you a picture of your deceased member and a short blog about them. Please get this information to Lion Pam Schroeder as soon as possible.

Hope to see you at convention. Come to see our leaders in their Knight gear. If you have any questions call Lion Pam Schroeder 231-889-4870.

Lions of Michigan - 11-E1 District Convention Registration Form
Holiday Inn 1005 Perry St. Big Rapids, MI.

April 17, 18, and 19, 2009

Please print your information on this form: Must be registered to Vote!

Lions/ Lioness/ Leo Club _____ Office _____
Lion/ Lioness/ Leo Member _____
Address _____ City & Zip _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____
Guest / Spouse _____

Registration fee is \$5.00 for each attendee. Amount enclosed: \$ _____
\$10.00 if after the deadline
(No charge for new members being re-inducted Saturday)

Friday Mix & Meet \$5.00 (cash bar, hors d` oeuvres, comedy show) \$ _____

Saturday Lioness and Leos Breakfast Buffet – ALL welcome \$12.00 \$ _____

Saturday Lunch (Beef Tip Stroganoff \$15.00 each \$ _____
If new member being re-installed no charge Sponsor is _____

Saturday Governor`s Banquet \$22.00 each \$ _____
Pick One Pork Loin _____ or Tilapia (fish) _____

Sunday Awards Buffet Breakfast \$12.00 each \$ _____

Make checks payable to District 11 E1 Convention Total enclosed \$ _____

Special Dietary Needs? _____

Mail Registration form with payment to: Lion Pam Schroeder
Registration deadline for meals is March 31, 2008 4829 Crescent Beach
Questions? Call Pam 231-889-4870 Onkama, Mi. 49675

Convention Room Rate is \$75.00 per night
Call 231/796-4400 to reserve your room today!
Reminder – We are having our convention with District C -1, reserve room early,
There will be an alternate hotel.

