

***DISTRICT 11 E1 CONVENTION***



***APRIL 6-7, 2018 H HOTEL***

***111 MAIN STREET, MIDLAND, MI***

***CONVENTION THEME 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY  
PARTY***

**DISTRICT  
GOVERNOR  
PEGGY WALLS**



**"Celebrate the Joy of Service  
Centennial Year**



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**HAPPY  
VALENTINES  
DAY**

**DISTRICT 11 E1 NEWSLETTER**

**FEBRUARY 2018**

**DG PEGGY WALLS' MESSAGE**

CELEBRATION TIME is fast approaching. The District Convention is being planned for you as a time to come together with fellow Lions to learn, to meet, to share, and to celebrate. Friday night we are planning a 100 year birthday party. You must be registered to attend, but there will be no cost for the food. There will be games, some surprises, some awards, and, of course, the long awaited fashion show. Saturday will be filled with sessions and voting and evening banquet.

Currently, we have twelve clubs that qualify to participate in the beauty contest. There are more clubs that have not yet entered their new members who can qualify. Remember a club must be one plus member. One of the presidents of the clubs that qualify will win a pin-filled vest. The first "official" pin from Michigan is on the vest. Our guest for the week-end will be PID Rod Wright from New Brunswick, Canada. Checking the map, he is not too far from Oak Island. Perhaps he will have some "stories" to share. Perhaps we can share some stories of the brothers from Traverse City. He was recommended by our ID Jenny Ware.

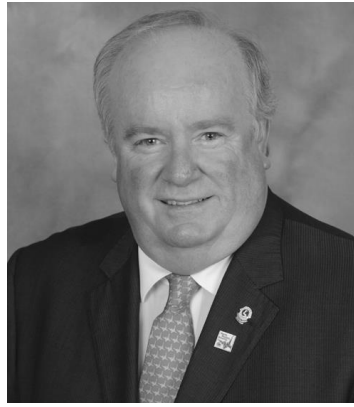
The convention will be held at the H Hotel in Midland. Meeting rooms are accessible and on one level. Elevators are roomy and efficient. This is a beautiful hotel that has hosted other district's conventions. Midland is home of the "tridge", Dow Gardens, Chippewa Nature Center, Center for the Arts, Alden B. Dow Home and Studio, and the Great Lake Loons. Lots to do and see.

At this point we have two announced candidates for 2nd Vice District Governor. They are in alphabetical order: Bill Bradfield from the Cadillac Club and Bill Koch from the White Cloud Club. Invite them to your clubs to become informed voters.

Early registration is encouraged for planning. Looking forward to "Celebrating the Joy" of service with you.

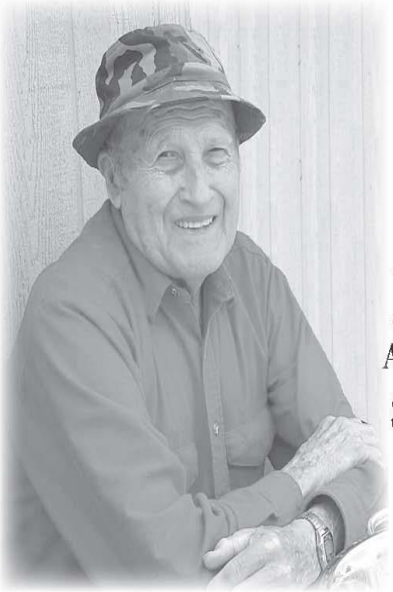
DG Peggy Walls

**11E1 CONVENTION**  
**GUEST SPEAKER**



**PID RODERICK  
WRIGHT**  
**NEW BRUNSWICK,  
CANADA**

*PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR Roderick Wright from New Brunswick, Canada, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 98th International Convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii, June 26 through 30, 2015. Director Wright is the director of education for the New Brunswick Real Estate Association. A member of the Barkers Point Northside Lions Club since 2006, and a Lion since 1984, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, club membership chairperson, club director, district governor and district international relations chairperson. He has also presented at the 2009 International Convention leadership exchange and was moderator at the USA/Canada Forum in Alaska. In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including the Membership Key Award, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation and an International President's Award. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition to his Lions activities, Director Wright is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including Portage Atlantic and REvia. He was previously active in the Maine Principals Association, the Mountain Valley Principals Association, Maine Support Network of Rural Special Educators and the Franklin County Children's Task Force. Director Wright has one son, two daughters and two granddaughters.*



**YOU ARE INVITED  
TO ATTEND**  
**LESTER McCLURE'S**  
**90TH**  
**BIRTHDAY PARTY**  
**AT THE WHITE CLOUD LIONS DEN**  
**SUNDAY, FEB. 4TH 3-5 PM**  
Questions? Call Janalee 689-1321  
No gifts, just music, food  
& conversation!



**District Governor's Travel  
Schedule**

- Feb. 5 -- Fremont Lions Club
- Feb. 12 -- Mt. Pleasant Lions Club
- Feb. 15-- Stanton Lions Club
- Feb. 16 --Michigan Forum
- Feb. 17-18 Council of Governors Mtg.
- Feb. 22-23 Nashville, International  
Pin Traders
- Feb. 26 --Big Rapids Lions Club



## LCIF Celebrates 50 Years

In 2018, LCIF will turn 50 years old! To celebrate 50 years of local and global humanitarian service, visit our brand-new anniversary website, [LCIF50.org](http://LCIF50.org). There, you can learn more about the causes LCIF supports and the work Lions are doing all around the world. In addition, you can enter an exciting contest to win a special prize. New stories, videos, and contests launch each month, so visit today and come back often!



### 2<sup>ND</sup> VDG JACKIE GLAZIER'S

#### MESSAGE

*My first year as 2nd VDG has been a real learning experience. You always think that you know a lot about Lions. However, going to workshops, DG trainings, and visiting your Lions clubs quickly convinces you that Lions is an exciting and complex experience that keeps you busy and on your toes every second. There is so much to learn and share. Every one of our clubs is unique. They have their own set of experiences and ways of doing things that make them accessible and helpful to their communities. They all have that Spirit of Adventure! Where else do you find a group of people that come together to work long hours in fundraisers and then use the earned monies and their time to enhance their communities.*

*The key to our clubs is Teamwork – listening, sharing and working together. Examples are our LCI Centennial Legacy Projects, monies that we raised and sent to help the storm victims in our southern states, at home food banks, shelters in parks, ramps for handicap members of our communities and the list goes on. I am very excited to be a Lion and I look forward to working with more clubs next year as 1<sup>st</sup> VDG to enhance our communities and Lions.*

### **Convention Silent Auction**

There will be two types of Silent Auction offerings at the convention. Large theme basket gifts assembled by the Zones and clubs and our usual single auction items brought in by Lions to help finance the convention. All items should be in good condition.



#### SILENT AUCTION

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

## **TIDBITS A CONVENTION BOOKLET**

TidBits is a booklet for Lions about Lions and their thoughts, activities and favorite ideas. It can be found in your convention packet. TidBits is something to share. It could be about your club's fundraiser (after April 1), a campaign item for a Lion running for a District office, your favorite poem or recipe, a wish for a Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary for a spouse, a coupon for a partial payment for a club event, and the list goes on. TidBits was started at the 2015 District Convention and was a popular item.

The booklet helps to defray convention costs and reduce the cost to Lions attending the convention.

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:

[badsmondathome@comcast.com](mailto:badsmondathome@comcast.com) or PDG Janalee McClure – P.O. Box 177, Brohman, MI 49312, E-mail: [janalee@riverview.net](mailto:janalee@riverview.net).

Don't miss out on this opportunity. Send in your ad today!!! Deadline for ads is March 15.

## **HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS**

Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Nominations from District 11-E1 must be turned into the District Cabinet Secretary, Tim Anderson (10797 Pine Shores Dr., Cadillac, Michigan 49601, email: [dgtim11e1@charter.net](mailto:dgtim11e1@charter.net)) by February 15, 2018 in order for submission to Michigan Foundation by due date of March 1. Any Lion may submit a candidate. This candidate can be any Lion throughout the State. The District can submit one candidate in each category (alive or deceased). Applications must be submitted on the proper form (revised 8-6-16). Forms can be obtained on Foundation website.

### **K of C Fish Fry**

St. Cecelia Church  
106 E Wheaton, Clare  
February 23, 2018, 4-7pm  
\$10 Adults, \$9 Seniors & Vets  
\$5 Children, under 5 free

**This is a fundraiser for  
Coleman Lions  
who will provide table service.**



Empire Lion of the Year, Bill Banish (right) with Empire King Lion Doug Slessman and the club mascot.



## **1<sup>st</sup> VDG Al Roeseler**

*It would be a mistake to believe that Lions Clubs are immune to the “Me Too” movement. I am not suggesting that criminal behavior on the part of Lions members is an issue, but the elephant in the room is the “boys club” attitude that exists in some clubs. I have heard reports, thankfully from other districts, of hazing of women members that have caused them to drop out of Lions. Telling off color jokes that may be offensive to other members happens regularly in some clubs. A couple of years ago I recall a presenter (not from our district) at our fall conference sharing how much fun his club had decorating the club Christmas tree with their wife’s bras. Theirs’ was an all-male club, and obviously tone deaf to gender issues. In this day and age all male clubs really are not compatible with our mission as Lions. Our work is too important to exclude half of the population from our workforce. I do believe that clubs in District 11-E1 are ahead of curve in regard to the treatment of women but we still can improve.*

*DG Peggy has as one of her goals to increase female membership by several percentage points to 31%. (I understand that this goal has already been surpassed) This is a wise and important goal. If we are to grow our membership we need to attract members from all sectors of society and make them feel welcome and valued as partners in our service. We cannot allow ourselves to be perceived merely as a group of “old guys” sitting around having drinks and telling stories. The truth of what I have observed in visiting our district’s clubs, is just the opposite, Lions committed to serving their communities and making the world a better place. We need to make sure that our communities know that our welcome mat is out to all potential members.*

*My intent in writing this article is not to point the finger at any of our clubs, but rather to suggest that we raise our awareness of how we are perceived in our communities and by our fellow Lions. I also would be sad to see the “fun” of being a Lion compromised in any way, but if we are aware of problems in our clubs we need to address them and not sweep them under the carpet. As Lions we need to make sure our house is in order. Our code of ethics demands nothing less.*

## **11 E1 CONVENTION MEMORIAL SERVICE**

The life and service of our departed Lions will be eulogized at the convention at the Saturday morning breakfast on April 7. Each club is asked to submit a short resume and glossy picture of your deceased Lion(s) since the last convention. Memorial material should be e-mailed to Lion Karla Roebuck at [kroebuck@greenridge.com](mailto:kroebuck@greenridge.com) or mailed to Lion Karla at 12195 Arthur Rd., Rodney, MI 49342. If possible e-mail the information. DEADLINE to submit the information is March 10, 2018. Cut off for deceased Lions – Lions who passed before March 1, 2018.

## District 11 E-1 Certification Form

Club Secretary – Remember to send your list of delegates, alternates and Past District Governors who will be attending the District Convention in Midland to Lion Richard Ferrel before March 5, 2018.

Past District Governors get a vote independent of the club delegates. List them at the end of your list of delegates/alternates.

The number of club delegates is based on your membership as of February 1, 2017, You get one (1) delegate for every ten (10) members or major fraction thereof.

All delegates must be certified before 12:00 (noon) on Saturday, April 7, 2018 or they will not be allowed to vote.

Send To: Lion Richard Ferrel

8771 North 1 Road

Copemish, MI 49625

If you have any questions, please call 231.884.4451  
or email: [arsferrel@yahoo.com](mailto:arsferrel@yahoo.com)

Hope to you see at the convention!!

Thank-you,

Lion Richard Ferrel  
Certification Committee

**SEE NEXT PAGE FOR CERTIFICATION FORM**



*Empire Lion Joan Sielaff received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. Pictured are Lion Joan and Empire King Lion Doug Slessman*



Harrison Lions had a dinner for all the students that entered the Peace Poster Contest. The Peace Poster winners were Barbara Dupuis and Austin Harris. Pictured above is Barbara Dupuis with Lion PDG Jerry Brandt.

## LIONS IMPACT ON LEADER DOG

CLIENTS REFERRED BY LIONS in 2017

- 55** Guide Dog clients
- 6** O&M clients
- 1** Summer Experience camper

If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about our programs, please contact our client services department at 888.777.5332

## 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, 2017). 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<br>DELEGATE/ALTERNATE | DELEGATE<br>(D)  | SIGN AT CONVENTION |
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| <b>Please Print</b>           | <b>ALTERNATE</b> |                    |
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| <b>PDG</b>                    |                  |                    |
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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 & certified before 12 noon, Saturday, April 7, 2018, or they will not be allowed to vote

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY March 21, 2018, TO:**

LION RICH FERREL  
8771 NORTH 1 ROAD  
COPEMISH, MI 49625



**Registration List**



| Lions Club Name | Last Name | First Name | Lion Member?<br>Y/N | Registration Amount Due<br>\$15.00 until March 1,<br>\$20.00 | Friday night Fun Night<br>Free | Breakfast Ticket<br>\$20.00 | Lunch Ticket<br>\$20.00 | Dinner Ticket<br>\$30.00 | Phone | e-mail |
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**District 11 E 1 Convention Registration  
April 6th & 7th, 2018**

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| <b>The H Hotel</b>                                       | <b>Mail Registration to:</b> | Special Need Call or email Convention Chair Lion Karla Kasten |
| <b>111 West Main Street</b>                              | PDG Tim Anderson             | phone: 630.816.9443 email: kjkas10@gail.com                   |
| <b>Midland, Michigan, 48640</b>                          | 10797 Pine Shore Drive       | Comments:   |
| <b>Registration 800.282.7778</b>                         | Cadillac, Mi 49601           |   |
| <b>District 11 E 1 Convention for Special Rates</b>      |                              |   |
| <a href="http://www.theHHotel.com">www.theHHotel.com</a> |                              |   |

## **MT. PLEASANT LIONS HONOR STUDENTS**



These are the Mt. Pleasant 8th Grade Lions Club Citizens of the Months of December 2017 and January 2018.

The students were honored at the Monday January 22, 2018 Lions Club meeting.

To receive this award the student has to have exceptional work academically and in their extracurricular. It is also important that the student participate in the betterment of our community, through community involvement. These students best represent the motto of the Lions Club "We Serve". Left to Right: Nick Papenfus - Renaissance Academy, Delaney Scully - Sacred Heart Academy, Riley Jaessing - Beal City, Haiden Onstott - Beal City, Ryan McIntyre - Mt Pleasant Middle School, Kyle Sytsema - Mt Pleasant Middle, Casey Sexton - Renaissance Academy, Hannah Bloomfield - Mt Pleasant Middle School, Natalie Vogel - Mt Pleasant Middle School



Two new members, Irene Knoth and Rex Lambert, were inducted into the Hart Lions Club by Lion Joe Merten ,left, and sponsor Lion Vince Golberg, right.



The Midland Lions sponsored and worked the Midland Food Distribution in January at the Midland Ice Arena. Two hundred twenty five families received food.



*District Eye Glass Mission Trip  
1700 pairs of eye glasses and counting!!*

*Work Sessions: Feb. 3 – Kaleva, Feb12 –  
Harrison, Feb. 19 – Coleman. All Lions are  
welcome!*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**THE DISTRICT TRIP TO LEADER DOG  
SCHOOL IS PLANNED FOR APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>.  
QUESTIONS: LION KAREN HAYDEN.  
COST - \$50.00**

*Weidman Lions have been working on a handicap ramp.*

Kingsley Lions are helping to put on a community dinner the third Wednesday of each month. The club contributed money to the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation to send mints to our military personnel.

Hart Lions have been active screening children in the Kidsight program. The club is planning a membership dinner to interest potential members in Lions.

Fremont Lions built a Lakeside Pavilion and picnic tables for the City of Fremont. The club is working to start a Branch Lions Club in Hesperia

Howard City Lions are planning a Harvest Fest for this Fall. The club built two benches for their Centennial Legacy Project. The benches were placed in cement between M-82 and downtown Howard City.



The Michigan Forum is Feb. 16-17, in Grand Rapids at the Crown Plaza Hotel. The first night delegates will be participating in a project for Special Olympics.

Multiple District M 11 Convention date is May 18-19, in Grand Blanc at the Holiday Inn Gateway. Our first International Vice President from Iceland is the speaker.

### *International Convention*

*June 29-July 1, 2018*

*Las Vegas*

*The Michigan delegation will be sporting new shirts for the parade this year.*

*Approximately 96 Michigan Lions have signed to attend so far.*

## **AROUND THE DISTRICT**

Sand Lake Lions donated 561 pairs of eye glasses. The club is working on a membership drive.

White Cloud Lions received a gift of a new commercial double door refrigerator for their club house kitchen. The gift was from member donations and a Peoples Fund Grant from Great lakes Energy.

Project Kidsight – the new cameras need only 3 seconds to take a picture of the eye. So it is possible to work with autistic children now.

Lions of Michigan Service Foundation is selling Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes tickets at \$10.00 each. If a club sells 30-99 tickets, the Foundation sends \$3.50 per ticket back to the club.