

**JULY 2020 DISTRICT NEWSLETTER**



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL KOCH'S MESSAGE**

Roar Lions Roar!

Lions of 11E-1, July 1<sup>st</sup> begins our new Lion year. I will be the new Governor. The last year was a trying year for all of us! Each and every person has been affected in some way by this terrible epidemic. We are all struggling to get back to a normal situation. Some, if not a great part of our fundraisers, were postponed until next year. Some of our most needed services have been put on hold, such as KidSight. Now the good NEWS!!! We are Lions and We are going to do the best We can do!!! Because of you, hundreds of kids have glasses. Because of you, hundreds in local communities have food pantries that did not run out of food. Because of you, Midland and Sanford got help from Lions International Foundation (LCIF) and Lions of Midland. Because of you, we still have the diabetes program, but now it is online. Because of you, we are still utilizing Eversight's Gift of Sight. All the other things you do in your communities is still happening, albeit at a slower pace. We are Lions, 100 years old and we are still going to grow. Now is a good time to ask someone to be a Lion. Why??? because we serve our community with all things in many different ways. We all need help to continue going forward with our lives, in the next few months. What better way to help by giving service to our communities. We still need some club officer's phone numbers for our Roster Book. We are going to announce training and the Fall Conference as soon as we can. First VDG Bill and I will be visiting clubs as soon as possible. We are going to Grow and Prosper.

*Remember—Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services—LIONS!*

First Vice District Governor 11E-1 Bill Bradfield



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2020/2021***

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## ***LIONS OF THE MONTH***

During the 2019-20 Lions year, I featured Lions of the Month who were not only outstanding club members but involved in positions in District 11 E-1 over a period of several years. This Lions year, 2020-21, I will be featuring Lions, who have been outstanding and effective leaders in their clubs but not involved in a District level position. We have 40 clubs and over 1,000 Lions in District 11 E-1 and many have made outstanding contributions to their clubs and communities. I will be touching only the tip of the iceberg with the first 12 chosen for the 2020-21 Lion of the Month. I am depending on club presidents to recommend a Lion from their club for this position. E- mail me your nomination with a reason for your choice and a way to contact that Lion at [mlpic@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mlpic@sbcglobal.net).

Lion Pete Conarty, District GLT

### ***DISTRICT 11 E-1 JULY LION OF THE MONTH LYNDA STARK***



Lynda Stark joined the Midland Lions Club in 1999, (21 years) with her husband Dave. Her father-in law, John Swank, was her mentor and got her involved in almost every aspect of the club and its activities. Lynda attended the Lions Leadership training at Houghton Lake and became the first woman president for the Midland Lions in 2004. Over the years, she has brought in new members and participated in most of the Lions activities. She has been on the Midland Lions Board of Directors a number of times, program committee, participated in light bulb and chocolate bunny sales, Hole in One Golf Tournament, Memorial Day parades, is a certified KidSight volunteer and for the last ten years has been a chair of one of the Midland Lions biggest fundraiser, their Chicken Bar BQ. Recently, she spearheaded one of the Lions activities to help the West Midland Family Center with its programs and activities. The Center is instrumental in working with preschool children, providing

activities - recreational and educational for adults and runs a Food Giveaway program. The center is the hub for families that need an extra bit of help. Lynda was awarded the Midland Lion of the year Award in 2004 and the Midland Club presented her with a Melvin Jones Fellowship for her outstanding contributions to Lionism.

Lynda was born in Detroit, Michigan and moved to Midland in 1951, when her Dad was hired by Dow Chemical. She married her high school sweetheart, Dave Stark in 1965. Dave joined the Navy (Seabee) and they travelled around the country for four years. She lived and worked in Mississippi, California, and Michigan. When her husband retired from the Navy, they built a home in Greendale Township (Oil City) and she raised two daughters and a son. In 1991, Lynda's father-in-law retired and turned his appraisal business over to her. She worked as a licensed appraiser until she retired in 2008. Lynda has been an outstanding Lion, she truly Serves.

Congratulations to our July Lion of the Month - Lynda Stark!

Lion Pete Conarty, District GLT

### ***LEADERSHIP!***

Masks and distancing are the new norm. However, it is great to see our Lions eager to get back into the role of serving their communities while respecting the health of other members. Some clubs have had Zoom meetings, some have met outside at parks and a few clubs have meeting areas that can accommodate distancing with good acoustics. A few clubs have reported higher turnouts at their meetings than usual. Some clubs have not had the opportunity to meet. Early reports indicate that 29 of our clubs have retained last year's officers and only 11 have changed presidents. This gives last year's presidents the opportunity to make changes if needed and to rethink your strategies. Change doesn't come easy but this is a good time to recognize the need to infuse our clubs with new ideas, and make them more interesting and inviting. We are losing more members than we are inducting each year and we need to find the reason why they are leaving and develop good retention plans. New presidents have had the opportunity to see the positives of their clubs and can build on them. We are off to a different type of Lions year and we need to make the most of our resources.

Lion Pete Conarty, District GLT

**PLEASE NOTE: DISTRICT ROSTER BOOK IS STILL IN PRODUCTION!**

Please, if you have not yet submitted your club information for the 2020/21 Roster Book, send it to Lion Ron Gibson, District Secretary, as soon as possible. This delays the publication of the Roster Book. Contact Lion Ron Gibson at [ronald.gibson47@icloud.com](mailto:ronald.gibson47@icloud.com) or 231-924-0126 to provide needed information or ask questions.

**2020 HALL OF FAME**

District 11 E-1 has two inductees for the Hall of Fame.

**PDG Andy Watson** will be inducted as the deceased member to the Hall of Fame in August. Lion Andy was a member of the Midland Lions Club for 49 years and a very active member of our district and state. He was involved with the Michigan Eyebank for 15 years and involved with the Lions of Michigan Foundation for about 15 years. Lion Andy was dedicated to Lionism.



**PDG Pete Conarty** will also be inducted in the Hall of Fame. Lion Pete has been very active in his 37 years of Lionism on all levels. He was on the board of his club for 30 plus years, worked his way up the ranks and became Governor of our district. Lion Pete was also active on the state level as chairman for the Newsletter Editors. He has been a member of the Lions of Michigan Foundation and is currently the Fund Development chair now for three years. Pete is an all around Lion.

Please NOTE: The Hall of Fame was canceled due to COVID-19, but the 2020 inductees will be recognized in August of 2021 in Mt. Pleasant.

***Service Stories***

Each Lion and every club is changing lives in ways both great and small. Service is a personal journey that impacts the people serving and the people we serve. We make an effort to post club service stories under the District Club Happenings section of the Lion Pride. Has your story been shared? Contact ***District 11E-1 Newsletter Editors, Mike and Tina Hoy***—Please submit your club information in Word and pictures as an attachment. Please contact us if you have any questions or comments at [hoym@charter.net](mailto:hoym@charter.net) or 989-832-8354.

**Please submit materials for Aug. 2020 Newsletter by July 23, 2020.**

**Lions**

***FREE Space to put your Club's News!***  
***Please contact us to be included in the next issue of the District 11E-1 Newsletter.***

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# Club News

## Chippewa Lake-Mecosta Lions



Pictured are volunteers from Chippewa Lake Community Church, Chippewa Lake-Mecosta Lions Club, and Mecosta County Undersheriff James Taylor. Feed America West Michigan and Chippewa Lake Community Church Mobile Produce Program thanked Chippewa Lake-Mecosta Lions Club for sponsoring the first truck of five for 2020. Masks were worn and procedures followed in compliance of COVID-19 rules.

## Coleman Lions

Coleman Lions awarded scholarships to five Coleman graduates. With students learning from home, everything was done via email. Students applied and turned applications in to the counselor as they would an assignment. The applications were then emailed to our scholarship committee and from there selections were made and checks and letters mailed. Our only regret is not being able to meet the students and give them their scholarship in person.

All five of these students displayed not only strong academics but also epitomize the Lions motto "We Serve." They accumulated many hours of volunteering during High School and plan to continue giving back to their community in the future. Coleman Lions Club is proud to give these amazing students some financial support.

## Sanford Museum Grounds/Buildings Flood



Coleman Lions has had a special relationship with the Sanford Historical Society and Museum. We have held KidSight vision screenings twice a year at their major events in September and December the past several years. So, when the flood waters rose high enough to bring water and muck inside all of the buildings on the Museum grounds on May 19, several members pitched in to help with the clean-up. Individual member donations were used to purchase mops, buckets, disinfectant, a large floor squeegee and other items needed early on.

Coleman Lion Chuck Dinsmore, the Sanford Historical Society President this year, had planned many special events this spring and summer to celebrate



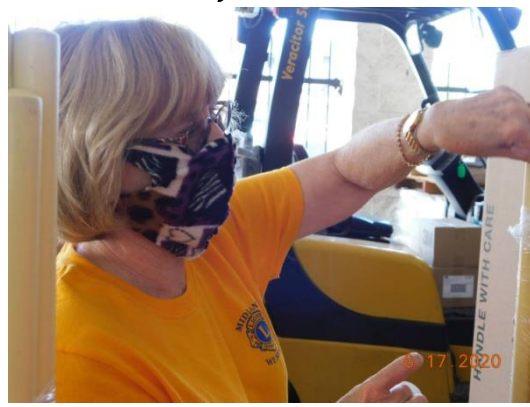
their sesquicentennial year. First the coronavirus postponed events, and then the flood occurred. Chuck and many others have worked tirelessly to restore the buildings and save as many artifacts as possible. Finally, on June 20-21 the museum opened! In the months to come as other needs come to light, Coleman Lions will look for more ways to help the Museum.



Pictures (l - r, starting on previous page): Lion Ann cleans cupboard in log cabin. Lion Chuck, Sanford Historical Society President, gives volunteer instructions. Lion Jason ready to volunteer. PDG Al mops museum floor. Mannequins drying out await repairs. Log cabin furniture removed for cleaning. Sanford Museum Church being cleaned while pews dry out.

## Midland Lions

Lions Supporting Our Midland Community



DG Jackie Glazier and the Midland Lions picked up supplies from Midland **ACE** Hardware and delivered the flood relief items to Meridian School in Sanford. Once again the comments were that we had provided much needed supplies that they were getting low on, including work gloves, cleaning disinfectants, brooms, rakes, shovels, trash bags, etc. Eleven Lions volunteered on June 17 to help move the supplies: DG Jackie Glazier, Lori Shelby Hall, Darren Hall, Bud Lawry, Lynda and Dave Stark, Al Ducham, Jim Dunlap, Dan Laabs, Mike and Tina Hoy. Thank you all for our help!

On June 27 we finished spending the grant money. DG Jackie came to Midland and, with Lions Mike and Tina Hoy's help, spent and paid for the flood relief supplies including more work gloves, masks, sponges, cleaning brushes, cleaning solutions, first aid kits, etc. There was only 1¢ left from the original \$10,000!

More pictures can be found on the Midland Lions facebook page: [facebook.com/midlandlions](https://facebook.com/midlandlions)



Lions Mike and Tina Hoy volunteered at Meridian School flood relief distribution site in Sanford on June 22. Our shift lasted for 4 hours. Pictures are of Lion Mike "shopping" for a person in need that had come to the distribution site. There is a check list for most of the items available and after they have indicated what they need, size of family, etc. A "shopper" goes around to the different "stations" to gather what they have requested. Often we offered and/or suggested other needed things as well. (Not everything that was available was on the check list.) One family had lost everything and are living in a tent. We were able to provide T-shirts, socks and things the kids would like in addition to the requested items. Another person needed work gloves, among other things, and we were able to find the correct size for him. (They happened to be the gloves the Midland Lions purchased with the LCIF grant and dropped off recently.) Everyone was very grateful for the assistance.

More pictures on the Midland Lions facebook page.



Midland Lions held their first meeting in 4 months outside on June 16. There were 22 people in attendance (20 Lions and 2 guests). New officers were installed by PDG Pete Conarty: President Lori Shelby Hall, Vice President Mike Hays, Secretary Darren Hall, Treasurer Dick Ivan, Lion Tamer Roger Frazer, and Tail Twister Mike Hoy. Other board members were not present.

The installation included the passing of the gavel from Past President Tina to new President Lori.

The club voted to press forward and have our Chicken BBQ fundraiser as scheduled on August 1, 2020, but it will be drive through pick-up only. Our other fundraisers were canceled.

See Midland Lions facebook page for more pictures.

## Stanwood Lions

Stanwood Lions Club met for the first time since the state shut down. On June 15 new officers for the coming year were inducted by PDG Jim Walls. President-Marie Grezsezak, Vice President-Roberta Hacker, Secretary-Delberta Troutman, and Treasurer-Steve Cole. A Key Award was presented to Lion Steve Cole and a Membership Award was given to Lion David Troutman.



**We Serve**  
***DISTRICT 11E-1 PROJECTS UPDATES***

### **District Eyeglass Mission Trip Update**

We are still working on the mission trip for 2021. We plan on going to Costa Rica and we are still looking for volunteers. We are going to resume our eyeglass workshops as soon as we can get a green light from the powers that be. I will keep you posted and please remember to get your used eyeglasses to us for processing. Thank You, Harry Johnson, PDG  
[His contact is [lionharry1947@gmail.com](mailto:lionharry1947@gmail.com) or 1-231-745-4524.]

### **Used Hearing Aid Donations**

Remember we accept used hearing aids of any age or condition. All used hearing aids are recycled with one of the hearing aid manufactures. Lions of Michigan Foundation is given credits to be used towards the purchase of new hearing aids. Most Clubs collect hearing aids with their glasses. If you have hearing aids for recycling give them to our Foundation Reps. Lions Pete or Pam, your zone or region chairs, or Lion Peggy Frank at 616 217-6840 for pick-up.



Please Note: There is currently a *pause* in presentations due to COVID-19. When you are ready for a **PAWS** presentation, please contact us at [hoym@charter.net](mailto:hoym@charter.net) or 989-832-8354.

Lions Mike & Tina Hoy, Co-Chairs, **PAWS With A Cause**.

***Welcome to the Month of July 2020***

**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!**





July is the Month of Picnics  
Baked Beans  
Hot Dogs  
Ice Cream  
Blueberries  
Peaches  
Grilling

July 7 Global Forgiveness Day  
July 14 National Simplicity Day