

# Lions of Michigan, District 11-E1

## “WE SERVE”



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## Greetings to One and All of this wonderful District of 11-E1

We have returned from one of the greatest experiences that Deb & I have ever had. In Minneapolis at the International Convention, we saw how great it is to be members of Lions Club International. No matter where you went or who you saw they immediately became your friends. We were with people from all over the world, China, New Zealand, Australia, South American countries, European countries, countries of the Pacific rim and of course the United States. You would shake hands, embrace and talk of the common goal of the Lions of the world. You could see that we are one family, striving to work together and **“there is no conflict among any of us.”** It makes you wonder as many of us have talked why others can't live side by side as we do as Lions. We are a team of one, working for the good of the world.

The learning experience in District Governors Elect School was hands on with the table dynamics. We learned how other states and districts achieved their goals working together. We worked in our group with District Governors Elect from Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan and Nebraska. We learned team work, building relationships, delegation, challenges and opportunities, growth in membership, constitution and by-laws, personal image as a Lion, succession planning and the theme of our new International President **“Move to Grow.”** The move to grow symbol is the leaf of one of the oldest trees known to survive and it is called the Ginkgo Tree. We must stretch our dreams, our plans and our goals as we, as a District **“Move to Grow.”** I will be talking to all of you as I visit your clubs about the things that we need to achieve in order to survive as the world's greatest organization. Our goals for this year are not that hard to achieve, we need to be at a plus one in membership, need to reduce our drops by 33% and we need to strive very hard on our orientation. We need to add 1 club and 2 Leo's by the end of the year. If we achieve the above goals by the end of the year, we will have a growth in our district of approximately 28 members. Stop and think, there are many people, friends, business acquaintances, church family and the everyday person that you meet on the street, who would make great Lions. I am asking for your help to achieve our goals and want you to know that **“We are a Team of 1.”**

This year we have a very strong Council of Governors, who will be working together to insure that the State of Michigan Lions will grow, learn, enjoy fellowship and work together as a team of 1. If at any time this year you need any help or have any questions that I can answer, please call. We have assembled, what I believe is a very sound and hard working cabinet, please depend on them, as they will work to the same common goal of Lions

As clubs, if you have a special date that you would like for your official visit, please call as soon as possible, so that we can get you scheduled on our calendar. I will also be calling clubs to set up official visits.

Again, thank you for all your support and I look forward to working with you this coming year.  
**Remember “Move to Grow with FUN, fellowship, unity in numbers.”**

District Governor Lion Wayne & First Lady Lion Debbie

### Governor's Quote of the Month

**“From what we get we can make a living;  
From what we give, however,  
makes a life.”**

A. Ashe



**1st Vice District Governor Laura Johnson  
Baldwin Lions Club**

**Greetings to all Lions of 11-E1**

I would like to welcome the Lions in our GREAT DISTRICT to a new year of fellowship and fun. DG Wayne has set some very realistic goals for our District. But in order to accomplish them, each Lion should strive to make our accomplishments known to those around us. We all have to be the P.R. person in our neighborhoods, places of employment and our circle of friends. By promoting our organization and the services we have been providing since its beginning in 1917, others will learn who we are and what can be accomplished as we join together to serve!

Having just returned from another memorable International Convention in Minneapolis, I've been reflecting back on the week's events. It was most encouraging for me to see some of our new Leadership in the District there, Region 2 Chair, Lion Tony Rutledge and Region 2, Zone 2 Chair Lion Bill Simpson were in attendance. They had many forums to attend, as well as an opportunity to meet new Lions from all around the state, country and the world! Lions are a family. By going to the conventions, USA/Canada Forums and other events beyond the boundaries of our own towns, we have so much to gain. The opportunity to see and meet Lions from around the world, learn how they serve, exchange ideas, hear about their excitement in being Lions. Most of all, you have expanded and strengthened your bonds in our family of Lionism!

While I'll be attending all the Region and Zone meetings, I'm also looking forward to visiting all the clubs over the next twelve months. My personal goal is to attend and work with each club while they are conducting a service project or fundraiser. I want to get a feeling where each club's heart is. I would ask each club to send me their calendar of events for the coming year, both fundraisers and service projects, so I can start to schedule them in on my calendar. There's bound to be conflicts on dates with more than one club holding an activity, but I'll do my best to get to all the clubs.

Let's all "MOVE TO GROW" in our communities we serve!

1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor,

Lion Laura Johnson



**Second Vice District Governor John Monahan  
Mt Pleasant Lions club**

**Why Not Become a Lions Leader**

As Lions, we have the opportunity and the duty to serve people in need in our own communities and throughout the world. And we have a special charge from Helen Keller to be Knights of the Blind. But in order to achieve these objectives, we need leadership. Fortunately for us, leadership training and leadership opportunities are available to all Lions. But you might think that you don't know how to lead or that you don't know enough about Lions to be able to lead because you are a new Lion or have been a Lion for a while but have not been involved in leadership. Our state organization's purpose statement is that it is a volunteer organization dedicated to leadership development through community service.

For new Lions: How can you go from being a new Lion to being a successful club president in just four years? Past President Doug Fitzgerald and President Lynn Nostrandt of the Big Rapids Lions Club can tell you: attend the Michigan Lions Leadership Institute at the MacMullan Center at Higgins Lake. For experienced Lions: even if you have taken a few more years to get there, the Leadership Institute is still an excellent way to develop your leadership skills, learn more about Lions, and meet a lot of excellent Lions from across the state, and make friends for life. You will also enjoy some very good food.

The program begins on Friday, November 13, at mid-day and runs through Sunday, November 15 until noon. It runs through the day and until 8:15 in the evening, so you are busy most of the time, but there is time to socialize at meals and after evening classes. You will learn about dealing with people, how to think about people, speaking and listening skills, and how to resolve conflicts. Other topics include team building, managing change, mentoring, and personal effectiveness. Finally, you will develop an action plan so you will know what you are going to do with your new knowledge.

The Leadership Institute lets you develop your leadership skills as a Lion and as a person. Although Lion's leadership is a little different because we are a volunteer organization, the ideas presented can be applied to almost any leadership situation.

How do you sign up for this excellent opportunity? See your club secretary or contact District Governor Wayne Kreitner [at wkreitner@charter.net](mailto:wkreitner@charter.net). You can also go on line at <http://www.lionsofmi.com/pages/upcomingevents>. To learn more about the Institute, talk to members of your club who have been to it, or contact me so that I can come and give your club a program on the Institute.

Yours in Lionism, 2ndVDG  
John Monahan

### **Quote of the Month**

“We spend July 1 walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives... not looking for flaws, but for potential.”

**Ellen Goodman**

### **Cadillac Lions Club**

The Cadillac Lions Club sold cotton candy, bottled water and sno-cones for Cadillac's 4th of July Celebration fund raiser and was a great publicity project Harry Engels, Secretary.

#### **“Sight for Life” Shotgun Golf Scramble**



On **Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup>** the Cadillac Lions Club will be holding its third

“Sight for Life” Shotgun Golf Scramble at Missaukee Golf Club, teeing -off starting at 9:00 A.M. registration beginning 1 hour before.

This event is open to the general public, all are welcome both male and female of any age are invited to play. Come on out to hit a few balls, and have some fun, while helping the Cadillac Lions Club to raise money to benefit those in our area with vision related problems.

Grand Prize:

**Free** 18 holes of Golf at Missaukee Golf Club (Foursome) Many other miscellaneous prizes awarded per hole

Worst over all Foursome will be awarded a booby prize

There will be a luncheon afterwards that will be open to all golfers and all

Guests/Spouses that are not taking part in the golf scramble. Guest cost is \$12.00. The prizes will be awarded at and a 50/50 drawing will be held during the dinner.

Cost: \$50.00 per person

(Covers 18 holes of Golf w/ Cart and Dinner)(Prepay)Sign-Up Deadline is August 19<sup>th</sup>

**Mulligan Madness** – Purchase up to 5 Mulligan’s at the start of the scramble A full list of Rules and Prizes will be available on the morning of the event.

For more information or to sign -up to play contact:  
Lion Tim [Andersonliontim@scantek.com](mailto:Andersonliontim@scantek.com) 231-775-2939

## ***Cedar/Maple City Lions Club***



The 3 Charter members of the Cedar/Maple City Lions received their 45 year chevrons on June 23, 2009. Left to right: Lions Robert Stachnik, Glen Noonan, Charles Flaska & King Lion Dave McNeil.



## ***Coleman Jr. Leo Club***

Coleman VFW makes it possible to send every Local Troop a Package with their generous Support.

Coleman VFW made a generous donation of \$137.00 to Coleman Jr. Leo Club. The money is for postage for local troop care packages. The Jr. Leo Club is part of the Lions organization and is made up of youth from the ages of 12 -18 that have decided to make a positive difference in their community. This group of outstanding young women and men are our future community leaders. They have taken on the task of sending every local troop a package made especially for them, depending on their needs and where they are stationed. With the help of organizations like the Coleman VFW and people wanting to take part in this project they are making it happen. The Jr. Leos meet at the Coleman Lions Hall, guests are always welcome. For more information on the club, and how

you can make a positive difference in our community please email me at [j.m.decatgur@gmail.com](mailto:j.m.decatgur@gmail.com) Lion Jami DeCatur

### ***Edmore Lions Club***

The Edmore Lions Club is currently planning two big events for the summer months! The first is the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Dale McCullough Memorial Golf Outing scheduled for Friday, July 31 at the Links of Edmore. Dale was a long time Lion member in Edmore and we have held this event each year since his passing 10 years ago. The entry fee for the event is \$200 per team, which will include a luncheon and snacks after the event. Any interested Lions may contact President Erv Moore of the Edmore Lions Club at 989 -560-1101.



The second event is a basketball game featuring the Harlem Ambassadors against a local team of celebrities and basketball players. The game is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at the Montabella Elementary School Gym; 7:00 pm start time. This has already proven to be a huge fund raiser for the Lions Club and Montabella Schools. Additional details will become available as the game date nears, but tickets are priced at \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door.

### ***Greenville Lions Club***

Greenville Lions presented the” **Lion of the year**” award to King Lion Roger Wilson. Not only was he King Lion, he was on top of every project and served on many committees as well. Lion Ron Blanding a long time Lion presented the award to King Lion Roger. Both of these guys serve on the 4-H Food trailer project



every year. Picture 2 Lion DGE Wayne Kreitner inducted 4 new members into the Greenville Lions Club. Part of the induction is to demonstrate that we do serve the blind and gave them a very short feeling as to how it is to be blind. New members are Lion First Lady Debbie Kreitner, Lion Pete Frye, Lion Heather Grice and her husband Lion Daren Grice.



## Hart Lions Club



Hart Lions celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> year as a club.

Picture 1. Charter members for 30 years  
Lion Donald Hansen, Lion Robert Chapman,  
Lion Joe Herten, Lion Dennis Hedinger

Picture 2. Lion of the year is Lion Craig Mycamp  
holding the lion that was presented to him by Lion  
Vince Goldberg.

## Manistee Lions Club



Manistee Lions Club has a lot of news: Lion of the Year, new King Lion, record breaking attendance at annual Fish Boil and also a successful Pig Roast on July 5th. We broke our attendance at our Fish Boil, serving 1238 meals.



## ***Mecosta Lions Club***



The Mecosta Lions Club marched in the Mecosta July 4th parade. Lions Judy, Lisa and Karen passed out candy as the Lion car, driven by Lion Lee presented the Club Lion and the American Flag. The lion was made by our Lion Nancy. Nancy just finished her training for a new leader dog in Rochester.

## ***Midland Lions Club***

The 12th annual Hole-in-One Contest is just about ready to go. The dates are July 15th thru the 24th. Members wishing to work at the site should contact Jim Dunlap and sign up for any of the open times. Like last year, letters will be sent to prior contestants reminding them of the dates in an effort to boost the number of shooters. The campaign last year was considered a success. We have prizes donated by many sponsors for the golfers and, as usual, prizes for the kids playing during the Family Days contest run by Al Ducham. Here's hoping for another successful year.

All Lions please sell your tickets and return money and unsold tickets to Roger Karr (4915 Grandview, 631-6967). Also, let Ed Schendel (687-9756) know if you are able to work and have not yet signed up to work at the Chicken BBQ Dinner on 7/18.

The tickets are \$8.00. Attached to each ticket is a coupon for \$10 off, with \$75 purchase, from Meijer's. New this year is the opportunity for meals to be picked up from the parking lot behind the First United Methodist Church from 5 P.M. to 6 P.M. There is a concert put on by the "Diamonds" at 8 P.M. We appreciate all of you that have volunteered your time, many hands make light work. We pray for good weather and lots of hungry people. Lynda Stark

## **Mt Pleasant Lions Club**



The Mount Pleasant Lions Club was chartered 70 years ago in May, 1939. It was sponsored by the Midland Lions Club. The charter members immediately started fund raising to fund eye glasses and exams for the needy.

Today the Mount Pleasant Lions Club has 61 members that are involved in various fund raisers including Chicken BBQ, Chili supper, and mint sales.

The club celebrated their 70th anniversary on June 8, 2009 at Buck's Run Golf Club in Mount Pleasant with a dinner and installation of new officers and with awarding another Melvin Jones fellowship to Norman Tuma.

## **Stanton Lions Club**



Stanton Lions Club ... in June built a Handicap Ramp for a couple in Stanton. Both are in a health state where they need, or soon will, wheel chair access to their home. The happy recipients are Steve and Janette King.

## **Kaleva Lions Club**

Kaleva Days weekend, July 17-19, 2009. Many activities were held on this weekend, to numerous to mention all of them, fun was had by all. Go to Kaleva.com for more information. Way to go Kaleva Lions.

### **Editors note**

**Members with dial-up:** you do not have to download the District Newsletter from the website <http://MiLions11E1.org>. You can print it from the website if you like. I know some of the Newsletters have been large and it has been difficult for those using dial-up. It is my mission to spread news from every club that sends me information. There are many clubs that have never sent me anything and I would be very happy to spread the good news about their club as well. If you print the file, it will save you a whole lot of time. Please take a copy to your club meeting's and let others in your club see what other clubs are doing. Who knows, you might find something that is fun and great to try. Best wishes for a new year. Lion Larry, District Editor

## **THOUGHTS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Following Lions from our District Attended.

IPDG Larry Morlock and Lion Gayle Evert  
PDG Janalee and Lion Lester McClure White Cloud  
1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Laura Johnson and PDG Harry Baldwin  
Lion Bill Simpson and Vicki Big Rapids  
PDG Richard Perrin and Lion Jackie Big Rapids  
Lion Region Chair Tony Rutledge Big Rapids  
PDG Jim Chipman and Carolyn Big Rapids  
District Governor Wayne Kreitner and 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Deb.

New Elected Officers of Lions International

International President Eberhard J. Wirfs and Lion Margit from Germany. He is the first International President from Germany .

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Sid L. Scruggs III North Carolina

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Dr. W.K. Tam from Hong Kong

The International Directors elected from the United States;

Ron Johnson Maine

Richard Sawyer Arizona-Needles, Calif.

Haynes Townsend Georgia

Anne Smarsh Kansas

Gary Smith Ohio

Dan O'Riley Illinois

Gary ??? Idaho

The two resolutions passed and they both had to do with size of Districts and number of Lions.

We had 3857 delegates certified and 211 alternates for a total of 4068.

At Convention time 1,318,908 members in 205 Countries and 45,000 Clubs. We had an increase of 13,000 Lions last year.

LCIF was voted the #1 non-governmental organization in the world by their peers.

Humanitarian Award went to Father Charles Wright which includes a check for \$200,000.

Out going President Al Brandel received a check for \$40,000.00 from the Lions of MD- 20 for a Foundation to help children of MD-20. NO NEW CAR

Campaign Sight First II raised Over 200 Million Dollars and will help over 34 Million people.

These are the highlight I thought the District might be interested in. These are my thoughts and mine only.

Lion PDG Jim Chipman

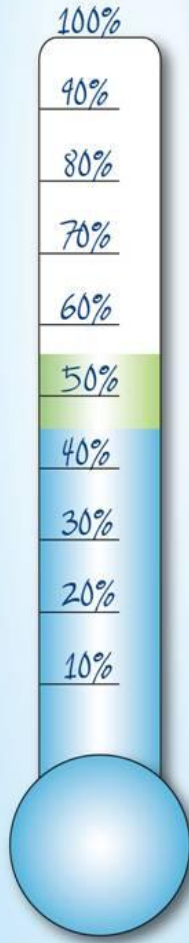
## Michigan Eye-Bank

If your Club has not had the "I Joined" program yet, please call PDG Lynn Mast Michigan Eye-Bank Chairman (231 689-6971 or Lion Larry Alman (616) 754-9213 to arrange a program.



### I JOINED! PROGRAMS GIVEN AND SCHEDULED TO DATE

Way to go Team! You have done a fantastic job of spreading the word about the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. All of us at the Michigan Eye-Bank thank you for your tremendous support of this statewide initiative. It has been 10 months since the initial *I Joined!* training and we're 55% of the way through the 577 Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs across the state. Fifty-three Lions Clubs across the state have scheduled their programs and 264 Clubs have already received the program!



### I Joined! status by Lions District

DISTRICT	NUMBER OF CLUBS	PROGRAMS SCHEDULED	PROGRAMS GIVEN	%
10	63	17	36	84
A1	42	3	17	48
A2	64	7	20	42
B1	44	2	23	57
B2	56	7	15	39
C1	50	1	25	52
C2	55	0	30	55
D1	47	5	28	70
D2	47	4	22	55
E1	55	4	30	62
E2	54	3	18	39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>55</b>

### Pride Patches

The Bedford Township Lions are so proud of being an *I Joined!* 100% Club that they want to do more than just show off a 100% patch on their banner. The Club has requested patches for each member to wear on his or her vest.

By wearing the patches on their vests, Club members feel they can give more exposure to the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. Midwest Eye-Banks President and CEO Kevin Ross will be presenting the patches to the Club in the near future.

We applaud the Bedford Township Lions for their initiative. Keep up the great work!



### Meet the I Joined! Team

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|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Jan Ableson      | Gayle Geider     | Ray Llorens      | Jerry Stone      |
| Jessica Alamdari | Glen Grosteffon  | Mary Love        | Kevin Storberg   |
| Larry Alman      | John Johnson     | Lynnwood Mast    | Roger Stuart     |
| Woody Austin     | Lauren Johnson   | Kyle Mavin       | Bob Sturgis      |
| Gary Babcock     | Ben Kelley       | Carolynn Miller  | Joe Thering      |
| Doc Barr         | Al Kelpinski     | Lewis Moeller    | Rose Marie       |
| Patti Barr       | Flo Kelpinski    | Kay Olson        | Thering          |
| Jeanene Bird     | Eddie Kleinfeld  | Richard Pfeiffer | Michael Titus    |
| Susan Bresler    | Jim Kraft        | Gary Rehberg     | Stephanie Tossey |
| Wailana Bunker   | Karen Kraft      | Dan Reynolds     | Kim Traczyk      |
| Robb Chabie      | Wayne Kreitner   | John Rorabeck    | Dale Wiersma     |
| Alison Claerhout | John Krienke     | Collin Ross      | Celeste Williams |
| James Dunn       | Judy Kukuk       | Kevin Ross       | Carrie Wolverton |
| Bill Erickson    | Larry Kukuk      | Chad Santos      | Jim Zessin       |
| Marilyn Ferweda  | Lisa Langley     | Amy Skimin       |                  |
| Joanne Ford      | Pete Lapka       | Wilma Socia      |                  |
| Terry Gebhardt   | Beverly Launiere | Lorraine Sparks  |                  |