

Lions of Michigan

District 11 E-1 Newsletter



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From the Governor

Welcome spring! The grass and trees are green, the tulips, forsythia and lilacs are blooming and our Lion's year end is drawing near.

I've had a wonderful time as Governor – our clubs have been very welcoming and it's been a great year. I'm extremely proud of what you do within your respective communities. Keep up the good work and continue to grow our Lions family. This governor may only have one month left, but there's plenty of time for you to accomplish your objectives for this year and into the future. Have you held an environmental project? Have your new officers been elected and your PU101 filed with LCI? Does your new President have goals and an agenda for the coming year? Plan early for a productive year!

The Lions of MD11 and SD10 have endorsed PCC Esther LaMothe for International Director. Lion Esther is from Jackson, MI and you may know her as a presenter at Higgins Lake and the Michigan Forum.. PCC LaMothe will run for election in Hamburg, Germany. Your Governors, both current and incoming, will be there campaigning for her election. Good luck, Lion Esther!

At our recent MD Convention, PDG Jim Chipman was awarded Lion's highest Michigan honor. Lion Jim earned the coveted SA Dodge award for his years of service to Lionism at all levels from district to international and serving mankind for the betterment of our society. We are very proud to have Lion Chipman as a member of our 11-E1 Lions.

Join fellow Lions for a fun time in January, 2014 on the Midwest Eye-Bank/Lions of Michigan Foundation Fundraising Cruise. Cruise dates are 1-26-14 thru 2-1-14, departing from Fort Lauderdale for six nights in the Western Caribbean, with stops in Grand Cayman, Jamaica, and Haiti. Contact www.lmsf.net or Lion John Marshall at 1-800-874-6470 or at huggybear@travelladersply.com.

Things to plan for:

- * 2013-2014 Peace Poster and Essay Contest. Next years theme will be "Our World, Our Future."
- * Set up a Kindsight screening with your local daycare – now is the planning and contact time.
- * Enter the Environmental Photo Contest (EPC). Take that great photo showing Lions protecting or caring for our environment. Each multiple district can submit one photo to be judged in Hamburg, Germany.
- * The US/Canada Forum is only five months away. This year's host city is Overland Park, Kansas. For details go to <https://usacandalionsforum.org>.
- * Eye Care, Do You? This charity run will be on June 29, 2013 at Wurtsmith Airforce Base in Oscoda, MI. The Lions of Michigan Foundation will split all collected sponsorships equally with your designated charity or non-profit group. Contact <http://lmsf.net/RunWalk/RunWalk.htm>. Online registrations must be in by June 15, 2013 or register onsite.

Thank you for your service and God Bless.
DG Bill

* The attached "The End of Membership" article has been reprinted from District C-2 with permission.

May 21, 2013

Fellow Lions;

As many of you are aware, a deadly tornado touched down near Oklahoma City yesterday afternoon killing more than 20 people, including 7 children, and injuring hundreds. The storm ravaged the suburb of Moore, Oklahoma with 200 mph winds destroying the Plaza Towers Elementary School, a hospital and many homes. The storm system has impacted towns and cities not only in Oklahoma but also in Iowa and Kansas, trapping people in shelters and rubble.

Without delay, Lions Clubs International Foundation responded, helping local Lions with a major catastrophe grant of US\$100,000 from the disaster relief fund to assist with recovery and long term reconstruction. As always, local Lions are assisting their family, friends and neighbors with immediate care and attention, but they need your help.

Please assist your fellow Lions by donating or encouraging clubs and Lions in your district to donate to the disaster relief fund. All disaster relief fund donations are Melvin Jones Fellowship eligible. You can donate at the following link: <https://www.lciforg/EN/ways-to-give/lion-disaster-donation.php>

Thank you for your generosity!

Dennis Cobler, OD PID District LCIF Chairman *LCIF. WE CARE. WE SERVE. WE ACCOMPLISH.*

(P.S.) Please note that I will make sure each and every club or individual member gets credit for whatever you donate. Just let me know if you are sending the money direct to LCIF or you can send it to me and I will get it to LCIF. Please send to:)

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phone # 231-206-1991.

This is the time when we the lucky ones need to step up and be counted!

DGE Tim Anderson

Greetings Fellow Lions,

I've spent the past few weeks on the road visiting a handful of club within our District that I hadn't been assigned to in the past two years. I've been doing this because I feel it's important to meet and see in action as many of our clubs as I can before taking office next month.

My thoughts being how could I properly act on behalf of ALL the clubs within our district as Governor if I haven't visited ALL the clubs within our district before stepping into the role? I feel I needed to meet and have the chance to see their members in action and have faces, friends to put with all the club names. I'm happy to say I'm very close to meeting this personal goal!

In my spare time I've been working with my team on having everything in place for the coming year and getting ready for my trip to Hamburg Germany and the International Convention. "Follow your Dream" is LCI's theme for the coming year and I would like all of us to take a moment close our eyes and think where would you like to see our clubs, our communities one year from now and make that your dream!

I want to thank all the clubs that have filed their PU101's the roster book (with the help of PDG John Monahan) for next year is well underway but we still have 6 clubs that LCI shows haven't filed and that we have not been able to reach to verify as of yet. It is very possible these clubs mailed in the reports and if so thank you, I have been told there is a backlog in getting the information entered down in Oakbrook.

If the club secretaries could also try to get their MMR's filed and up to date as soon as possible, with just one month left you don't want to get billed for anyone no longer active within your club. I have sent "Welcome Letters" out to all the club presidents for next year so if you haven't received one either via email or snail mail keep your eyes out it should be coming.

DG Bill has done a GREAT job this year promoting Lions and Membership and with all your help we can build on what has been started and continue to grow and strengthen our clubs. The clubs are our #1 priority, they make up the district, they ARE the district and without them there is NO district.

Please feel free to contact myself or any other member of our team in the coming days ahead and remember we are here to "Serve" you! Oh and if you see DG Bill be sure to thank him for all he is doing and has done over the past year! Again GREAT JOB!!

Thanks & GO LIONS!

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1st VDGE Pete Conarty

This has been a great year for District 11 E1 Lions. We are developing more District leadership, our Kidsight Program has vastly expanded, and we are seeing younger individuals become Lions. Best of all, our mission, "To Serve" our communities, has been outstanding.

I want to thank all the Lions that I have had an opportunity to visit and work with. I have witnessed a great sense of loyalty and dedication to Lionism. A big Lions Thank You to District Governor Bill for his outstanding leadership and we look forward with great optimism to the leadership of DGE Tim.

Some last minute housekeeping, be sure that your club secretary has filed your PU 101 for the International's records and the District Directory. At the end of June, check your records for your \$30 per new member net gain rebate. The US/Canada Forum will be held in September in Overland Park, Kansas. It is a wonderful training forum offering up to 70 seminars on leadership and membership. If you need information, contact me and I will send it to you.

Thank you for a great Lion year!

Lion Pete Conarty, 1st VDGE

Off they go to Germany, Everyone have a great time!



CELEBRITY SPOTLIGHT

MIDLAND LIONS CLUB

In 1933, a group of men met at the LaRue Tea House in Midland to organize a Lions Club to serve their community. In December 1933, they moved their meetings to the Midland Country Club and have met there for 80 years. In January of 1934, the Saginaw Club sponsored the Midland Club and they received their Charter. The club met every week until 1940 and because of the World War II effort to ration food, the Lions decided to meet twice a month.

The Midland Lions have had three Lions serve as District Governors and each Governor has served in a different District. Lion Andy Watson was the last governor 26 years, ago, in District 11 E1.

During their 80 year tenure, the Midland Lions have had a variety of Fundraisers from volunteering labor to repair homes and groom yards, selling newspapers and producing their own newspaper to sell, light bulb sales, chocolate bunny sales at Easter, golf outing, Hole In One competition, Chicken Bar BQ, food booth at the Midland Nature Center to mention a few.

The Lions are 65 members strong and this year are participating in the Mission of Mercy Dental program as guides, Donor Day, Senior Dinner servers at Christmas, Salvation Army Bell ringers, plant flowers for Midland Blooms, and photographed close to 300 students in the Kid Sight program. The Midland Lions are providing scholarships for students at Ferris University studying eye care, host a banquet for county cross country boy and girl athletes, a special children's Christmas Party for students in first through third grade, and last year provided 265 individuals with eye exams and eye glasses.

The Midland Lions have inducted nine new Lions this year and are looking at making some internal changes such as some noon meetings and changing the way that some procedures are handled. The Midland Lions are in the process of applying for a five year grant to better serve the needs of individuals needing hearing aids.

Midland Lions continue to grow as they begin to celebrate their 80th years as a club and have 18 Lions that have been members from 30 to 60 years.

Cedar/Maple City Lions

On May the 5th the Cedar/Maple City Lions Benefit Pancake Breakfast for the Cedar Fire & Rescue Association raised almost \$3,000.00 towards their Thermal Camera. They were out in full force to help the Lions serve about 240. The 50/50 drawing was also won by the Department; some generous person purchased tickets and put their name on the ticket. There were donations from \$2.00 to \$200.00 included in final tally. Drawing photo; Sheriff Michael Borkovich, Emma Kroupa & Lion Melinda Lautner. The Serving photo; Lions Gordon Waldenmyer, Kary Tosch & Carlin Niess. Making pancakes are Lions Dean Lillie (Chairman) & Chris Griffith. Kitchen photo: King Lion Lee Winfrey, cooking potatoes.



Weidman Lions Flying the Flag

Weidman Lions Club recently donated American flags to Weidman Elementary School for display in their class rooms. Pictured making the presentation is Lion Karlis Greizis and recipient Shirley Howard, Superintendent of Chippewa Hills Schools and Principal of Weidman Elementary.



Empire Lions



Lions Claude Fields and Bob Quinn work hard over the hot griddles.



Some of the happy pancake eaters.