



**NEWSLETTER
DISTRICT 11E1
MARCH 2016**



It is hard to believe that convention is just around the corner. There is a great time planned for our convention and we hope you will join us for some fun and business. The theme is Hawaiian so be sure to dress the part, there will be prizes. Come to the parade with your wagon float to represent your club.

Our International guest is PID Cindy Gregg and husband Tom from Pennsylvania. We are looking forward to her words of wisdom. We will also have many deserving Lions receiving awards.

We just want YOU to join all of us at the Park Place Hotel, April 8 & 9, 2016.

It is great to be back out visiting clubs. If there is anything your governors can help your club with, we are only a phone call away. Your cabinet is knowledgeable and here to serve your club.

The Leader Dog trip is still in the planning stage. The bus will be \$35 a person, that includes tip if we fill the bus, lunch will be brought into Leader Dog for \$7 a person. The bus will make pick-ups in Traverse City, Cadillac and Mt. Pleasant. We are looking at Friday June 10th or Saturday June 11th. We need Lions to sign up and pay by April 9th, because if we do not fill a bus the price would be much higher. I will take reservations at the convention.

Let`s have fun as we Serve!
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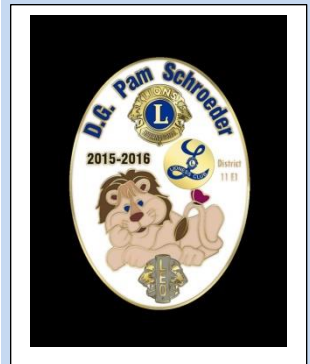
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DIETRICT 11 E1 MARCH NEWSLETTER



CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY LEGACY PROJECT

The Midland Lions recently completed a Lions Centennial Legacy Project. The Lions built a pavilion for the city of Midland in 2000. The roof on the park pavilion needed to be repaired. The Lions undertook the project and recently presented Midland Mayor Maureen Donker (center of picture in red) with a check for \$5,000 to cover the costs of repairing the roof. Policy does not allow the Lions to repair the roof.

CONVENTION INFORMATION

Included in this issue of the newsletter is a Convention registration form and a club credentials form. They are, also, on our website. Deadline for registration forms at the \$10.00 fee is March 26. After that date, registration fees are \$15.00. Credential forms from club secretaries are due on or before April 2. Clubs must have paid their dues 15 days prior to the convention to have a voting delegate according to LCI policy. Hotel reservations must be made before March 8, to get the \$69.95 rate in the District block of rooms. Come and enjoy our convention!

VOTING AT THE CONVENTION

Changes to the Constitution & Bylaws

- 1. Voting to consider Paws for A Cause as a District Project.**
- 2. Voting to reduce the District Dues for members of a Campus Club to \$4.00 or 50% of the District dues.**
- 3. Voting to comply with the Michigan Service Foundation By-Laws to allow District 11 E1 Trustees to serve three consecutives terms instead of the current two.**
- 4. Voting for candidates for District positions.**

GMT REPORT

PDG Jim Walls

We have a nearly century-long tradition of strengthening communities through service. Over the past year, I've seen Lions from all over the globe reaffirm their commitment by leading through service in the Centennial Service

Challenge. I've seen Lions increase their service by inviting for impact through the Centennial Membership Awards.

You heard the call to serve and you answered as only Lions can.

Now it's time to take our motto "We Serve" to the next level by planning a Centennial Community Legacy Project. Legacy Projects are gifts to your community that commemorate our Centennial and create a lasting legacy of your club's service contributions.

Your Legacy Project will stand as a reminder of the impact of your club on your community and as a symbol of Lions commitment to a better future.

I hope all clubs will take the opportunity to learn more about this exciting program and plan a Legacy Project of their own.

I can't wait to see the incredible impact clubs like yours continue to make as we celebrate the Centennial and prepare for our second century of service.



**DISTRICT BUS TRIP
LEADER DOG**

The District is planning a bus trip to Rochester to see the new Leader dog facilities. The cost would be \$35.00 per person and pick ups would be in Traverse City, Cadillac and Mt. Pleasant. Lunch is \$7.00 at the facility. This is a day long trip and the bus holds approximately 56 people. June 10 or 11 are the tentative dates for the trip. Interest must be indicated by the District Convention in order to finalize the trip. Contact: DG Pam Schroeder for details.

Empire Lions

Empire Lions were very busy the month of February, starting with Winterfest February 12, 13. They started with a food drive to benefit the Empire Area Pantry. Lions were stationed outside Deering Market on Friday and Saturday from 10-4. By the end of the food drive the Lions had collected almost \$450.00 and approximately 14 boxes of food. There was enough food to cover a bed of a full-size truck. On Sunday February 14th, the Empire Lions put on a pancake breakfast at the town hall and served over 135 guests.

**DISTRICT 11 E1 CALENDAR
MARCH**

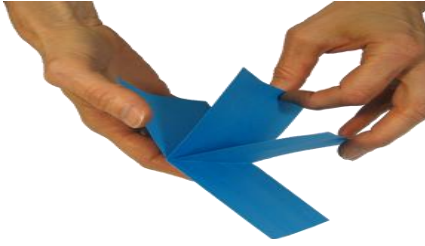


- 6 Cedar-Maple City Lions Pancake Breakfast
9 am - 1 p.m., Blood Drive, MI Blood
- 10 DG visits Kingsley Lions Club
- 12 Coleman Lions – Community Scavenger Hunt
- 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 14 DG visits Lake Ann Lions
- 16 Coleman Lions –Mobile Food Pantry, Kidsight screening, Faith UM Church
- 17 St. Patricks’s Day
DG visits Luther Lions
- 20 Spring Begins
Palm Sunday
- 21 DG visits Empire Lions
- 22 DG visits Shepherd Lions
- 25 Good Friday
- 27 Easter

YES!

Yes to joining the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. Is your club looking for a special project for April? Get your Lions to team up with your Secretary of State’s office and register volunteers for the MI Organ Donor Registry. Last year 120 volunteers registered 1,619 new donors. The date is **APRIL 2, 2016. Contact Alex Teska, Eversight Michigan, 4889 Venture Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48108 to register or e-mail ateska@eversightvision.org.** Celebrate the gifts of life, sight and mobility in your community by involving your Lions Club.





TID BITS

A convention booklet to enhance your interest, knowledge and fun! Get your club involved or pursue your own idea. Tid Bits is a fundraiser to defray convention costs. Each person at the convention gets a booklet. Advertise a club fundraiser or special project, wish your spouse a Happy Anniversary, submit a recipe, a campaign item, etc. A full page ad is \$25, half \$15. Print it up and send it with your check to Lion Janalee McClure, PO Box 177 Brohman, MI 49312 or Lion Brenda Adsmond, 411 Maple St., Fremont, MI 49412.

Bowling for *Brighter Tomorrows*

March 12, 2016

1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Eversight Michigan invites you to bowl with us in support of our Gift of Sight program, which helps patients facing financial hardship afford the cost of transplantation.

Bel-Mark Lanes

3530 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103

A donation of \$25 per bowler, includes 2 games, shoes, 2 slices of pizza and unlimited soft drinks.

Can't attend but want to support the gift of sight?

Become a lane sponsor with a \$50 donation.



Contact Victoria Launiere at Eversight Michigan – (747)-780-2673 or e-mail: vlauniere@eversightvision.org



MT. PLEASANT LIONS HONOR 8TH GRADERS

The Mt. Pleasant Lions Club runs an 8th grade Citizen of the Month program for the four Middle Schools in their area – Beale City, West Intermediate, Renaissance Academy and Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart. Students are chosen for this award by the schools based on leadership, academics, and service to the school or community. Each month, 8 months a year, a student is honored with a presentation at one of the Lions Clubs meetings. A member of the school staff talks about the student's qualifications and they are given a certificate. The student's parents are invited to the presentation. At the end of the school year, one of the students from each school is chosen as the Student Citizen of the Year and the school receives \$500 in that student's honor.

NEW LIONS –INDUCTION AT THE CONVENTION

New Lions being inducted at the District 11 E1 Convention do not have to pay a registration fee for the convention. However, they do need to fill out a registration form and send it in. Also, their lunch at the convention is free.

11-E1 Convention Registration Form

April 8th & 9th, 2016

Park Place Hotel

300 East Street, Traverse City, MI 49684

For hotel reservations, call hotel direct at 231-946-5000

Room Rate: \$ 69.95

Club Name: _____ District: _____ Zip _____
 Contact Name: _____ Contact Phone: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____

If you have special Needs (meals or hearing or sight impairment) please contact Lion Jerry Brandt, 989-578-7599 by April 1st, 2016

	Registration (s) Please Print Clearly please enter information for each person attending	Registration Fee \$10.00 per Person (after March 26 2016 \$15.00)	\$18.00 Friday Party	\$13.00 Saturday Breakfast	\$14.25 Saturday Lunch	\$19.00 Saturday Banquet Dinner White Fish, Or Chicken	Sunday Brunch On your own	Total Per Person
Lion								
Lioness								
Leo								
Campus Club								
Guest								
1st Timer								
Totals								
Grand Total								

Please Make Checks Payable to: District 11-E1 Convention

Payment must be included with Registration Form

Send registration forms to: PDG Jerry Brandt, 3121 Dale St., Harrison, MI 48625

Registration Deadline: March 26th, 2016-- Must pay late registration fee (\$15.00 / Person) after deadline.

DISTRICT 11-E1 DELEGATE CERTIFICATION FORM

CLUB NAME _____ **NUMBER OF MEMBERS** _____

ARTICLE XI SECTION 7 of the District 11-E1 Constitution and By-Laws so 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 preceding the month during which the Convention is held (March 1, 2015). 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.

NAME	DELEGATE (D), ALTERNATE (A)	SIGN AT CONVENTION
Delegate or Alternate		
1.		
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PDG		
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I hereby certify that the delegates and alternates listed above are in good standing with Lions Clubs International and The Lions of Michigan.

_____ Club President/Secretary/ or District Governor at
Convention

Remember: All delegates must be registered and certified before 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Saturday, April 9, 2016 or they will not be allowed to vote.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO: LION GAYLE MORLOCK
9357 95TH AVE.
EVART, MI 49631

ON or Before April 2, 2016

**MIDLAND LIONS
FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

The Midland Lions did a food distribution project in conjunction with Lions International President Dr. Yamada's call for a food project in January. The club bought a truck load of food for the Midland Food Pantry and helped distributed it at the Midland Ice Arena. Three hundred and fifteen families were given bags of food.



**2016 LCI CONVENTION
FUKUOKA, JAPAN**

There is still time to register for the LCI Convention at a discount rate. Register through March 31, and receive a \$20 discount on your registration fee (fee - \$180). After March 31, the fee goes to \$200. The MI designated hotel is the Nishitetsu and the room rate is \$100.00 a night plus 18% tax. Contact MI Convention Chair Dennis Lautzenheiser with any questions.



**Message : 1st VDG
Ron Gibson**

Consider these Lion facts. The yellow Lions vest that many members wear was first introduced in 1951. LEO means Leadership, Experience, Opportunity. Worldwide there are over 385,000 Melvin Jones Fellows. The Lion mint is the #1 candy product used by clubs worldwide. All these facts came from the January, 2016 issue of the Lion magazine that we all get. A portion of the State and International dues that we pay goes to producing publications that help inform and educate us on what Lions are doing. I encourage you to read these when they are delivered to you. They help to keep us connected and many times offer ideas that our clubs can use to make our communities better. And, you never know, but your tail twister may ask you something found in one of the publications!

**Silent
Auction**



Silent Auction items help to cover the cost of the District Convention. Bring your items to the convention or contact Karla Kasten, at kjkas10@gmail.com.

**Eagle Village
Big Rapids Topic**

The Big Rapids Lions Club welcomed John Ruggles to their February 8 meeting. Mr. Ruggles, a volunteer promoter of Eagle Village, provided the members with information regarding the programs at Eagle Village and the population of young people served. Using youth stories, he highlighted the difficulties faced by these youth and the care and attention they receive from Village staff to bring healing and normalcy to their lives. He urged members to make arrangements to visit the facility and learn for themselves why Eagle Village is such an important place for the youth they serve. Picture: John Ruggles, President Bruce Fredrick.





MESSAGE 2ND VDG

Peggy walls

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the 11-E-1 Convention. Remember to register. Your presence is important. As District Officers we appreciate your efforts in making the event a fun-filled, informative weekend. Come meet and share your thoughts with the Past International Director--an opportunity for input at the top level of your association. Continue to share the joy of service.
Lion Peggy

NORTHPORT LIONS WORK FOOD PANTRY
The Northport Lions Club, beginning late Spring of 2015, took on the job of staffing the Leelanau Christian Neighbors (LCN) Foodbank. Lion Ty Wessel and his wife Kathy do the scheduling of volunteer workers (four usually work every Monday at St. Gertrude's Catholic Church). These volunteers (mainly made up of Lions Club members) work from noon to 6pm. At noon, a truck brings food items from a collection point at the Suttons Bay High School up to the Church Social Hall in Northport. Food items (fresh, canned, frozen and in plastic and cardboard containers), mostly donated by Grand Traverse area grocers, are unloaded onto portable shelves in time for needy families and individuals, who arrive around 1 pm to receive the much needed food.



KIDSIGHT TRAILER SCHEDULE

If you would like to use the Kid Sight Trailer for your screening, Contact PDG Dan Gibbons at 231-889-4870. The trailer has been reserved for the following dates:

- May 7 – Mushroom Festival
- July 2 – Forest fest
- July 16 – Kingsley Fest
- July 17 – Kaleva
- July 23 – Arcadia
- August – 6-7 Onekama
- August 10 Traverse City Fair

POLISH DINNER

The Lions Club of Harrison will be holding a Polish Dinner on April 16, 2016, at the Harrison Lions Club Building in Harrison, MI. The cost is \$10.00 and all proceeds will be sent to the Leader Dog Institute

Menu:

- Kupusta with or without mushrooms
- Stuffed cabbage
- Piergies - potato and cheese or sauerkraut
- Mashed potatoes & gravy
- Bread & butter
- Dessert
- Drinks: coffee, water, lemonade, and ice tea

BALDWIN INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

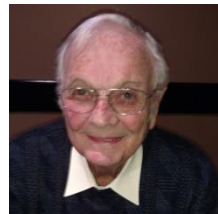
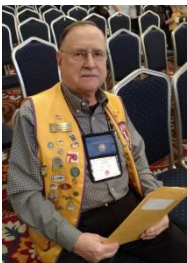
The Baldwin Lions hosted 2st VDG Lion Peggy Walls at their last meeting. VDG Peg brought the club up to date on District happenings and presented King Lion Wava Thomas with a pin for Japan. The club surprised Lion Peg by having two new members to induct. PDG Lynnwood Mast has been working diligently recruiting new members for the Baldwin club. It was because of his connection with law enforcement that Baldwin gained these 2 new members.



Pictured from left to right. King Lion Wava Thomas, new member Harold Nichols, 2nd VDG Peg Walls, PDG Lynnwood Mast, new member Natalie Nichols, and Lion Deb Vayda.

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DISTRICT 11 E1 CONVENTION SATURDAY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

8:00-Noon Registration/Credentials, Lobby

10:00-4:30 Silent Auction, Ballroom

4:30-5:00 Pick Up Items

10:00-4:30 Exhibits, Pin Trading, Ballroom

10:00-Noon Computer Training, Boardroom

2:00-4:00 Computer Training, Boardroom

8:00 A.M. District Breakfast, Ballroom

**8:45 District Lions Memorial Service
Ballroom**

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

**9:30-10:15 Paws With A Cause
Deb Davis – Great Lakes Room**

**9:30 -10:15 Fun At Meetings
Karen Routson – Courtyard 1**

**10:30-11:15 Lions Orientation
John Monahan – Courtyard 1&2**

**11:30 Lunch - Ballroom
Flag Ceremony
Induction New Lions
Peace Poster Presentation
Keynote Speaker – PID Cindy Gregg**

2:15 District Business Meeting and Voting – Great Lakes Room

3:45 Wagon Parade – Courtyard 1 & 2

6:00 Banquet - Ballroom