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



DISTRICT 11 E1

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



*Happy Thanksgiving!
To You And Your Family*

DG PEGGY WALLS MESSAGE

Fellow Lions,

May you all have a Blessed and wonderful Thanksgiving! May you remember with delight all the miracles that are occurring every day. May your families feel a closeness that brings smiles to your hearts. May you realize the privilege of living in this great country of ours. May you thank your Creator for the wondrous beauty and beautiful people that cross your path each day. May your dedication to service continue to bring His love to others.

At a funeral wake the other day I was reminded of the idea of the Lion's family and just how much it means. As I was talking to the bereaved husband, a young child came up and asked him if I was his sister. He said "no" and then with just a moments hesitation said "but she is--she is a Lion". May you feel that same closeness to all the Lions in your Club, in your District and State, and in all the world. It is my wish to see our family grow--ask someone to join this family. It is my privilege to be able to serve you.

DISTRICT 11 E1 OFFICERS





THE HARRISON LIONS CLUB CELEBRATED THEIR 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY, ALONG WITH THE HARRISON LIONESS WHO CELEBRATED THEIR 35 YEAR ANNIVERSARY ON SEPTEMBER 30TH. THE DINNER WAS CATERED BY KAREN STOCKINGS.



Governor's NOVEMBER Schedule:

- Nov. 1--Luther Lions Club
- Nov. 8-11--Winchester, Virginia Lions International Pin Traders
- Nov. 13--Barryton Lions Club
- Nov. 14--Traverse City Wild Game Dinner--tentative
- Nov. 20--Frankfort Lions Club



WHITE CLOUD Lions held a District 11 E1 Eye Glass Mission cleaning /sorting session. PDG Ron Gibson inducted Chuck and Lori Scott into the White Cloud Lions.



COLEMAN LIONS: October started with the Lions teaming up with their STAR Leo Club. Twelve Lions and Leos gathered 27 bags of trash on a 2 mile stretch of US 10 including ramps! On October 31, they worked together to put on a fun, free Halloween party for the community. The Lions were invited to provide concessions for a community variety show on October 14, which raised over \$700 for fireworks for Coleman's annual Christmas parade. Our main fundraiser, the 9th annual Charter Night Dinner and Auction was held on October 21st. Local friends and businesses were very generous with their donations to our event. We honored several local individuals who started our community garden last year with Heart of the Lion awards. We also gave a Melvin Jones posthumously to Lion Charlie Gordon. Charlie's family including son Lion Curt and Lion Charlie's other children were in attendance to see the presentation made to their mother, Lion Esther Gordon. Thank you to the District Lions who were able to attend our party this year. Picture at the top of the page: PDG Pam Schroeder with the quilt that she won at the Coleman Charter Night.



Midland Lion Heather McLaughlin is inducted by DG Peg Walls during her Midland Lions Club visit. Midland Lion President Steve Jenkins presented the DG with a charity gift for her visit.

WORLD DIABETES DAY NOVEMBER 14

The World Health Organization estimates that over 422 million people worldwide have diabetes. This is a growing world epidemic that is expected to affect over 642 million by 2040. Lions work with local community partners and national diabetes associations to promote diabetes education and awareness throughout the year. We also commemorate World Diabetes Day, an annual campaign led by the International Diabetes Federation on November 14th. District 11 E1 has received the DAD grant for diabetes education and detection.

KINGSLEY HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER



The Kingsley Lions Club is now taking orders for their handmade Christmas Wreaths and Swags. The cost is \$25 each. You can order these beautiful holiday decorations from now through November 13th, 2017. Please call Margaret at 231-263-7736 or Donna at 231-263-4499 to place your order. These wreaths will be available for scheduled pickup around Thanksgiving time. They make a very warm and festive addition to any holiday decor.



Scholarships

The Lions Clubs of Michigan are sponsoring three \$3,000 scholarships for visually impaired students. The scholarships will be presented at the Michigan Lions Forum in February. To qualify a student must be legally blind, resident of Michigan and the US, have a GPA of at least a 2.5, fill out the application and submit two letters of recommendation. Call for applications – Lions of MI Office.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

I called an old Lion MIT engineering classmate and asked what he was doing. He replied that he was working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum and steel under a constrained environment."

I was impressed...

Upon further inquiring, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision

TRICK OR TREAT!



Big Rapids Lions Welcomed

Lion Jerry Brandt (picture with Joe Czinder) The Big Rapids Lions had their hands full when the Ferris Football team took on the Grand Valley team in a classic football rivalry to take home the Anchor-Bone Trophy. The concession stand run by the Lions was hectic and truly challenged! Just ask guest Lion Jerry Brandt – not sure he knew what he was getting into. Good news is – we sold out by the 4th quarter – Bad news is we sold out by the 4th quarter! But gross receipts for the day exceeded \$9700 – most in the Club's one day history!

AROUND DISTRICT 11 E1

MANY LIONS MAKE OUR GOAL, “WE SERVE”, COME TOGETHER



ARCADIA LIONS – The Lions Club closes for the winter in November. See you next May!

BEAR LAKE LIONS – The club is reorganizing their Leo Club. Several of the Leos graduated this spring and are leaving for college. Younger siblings are being considered for membership.

CEDAR / MAPLE CITY LIONS – Nov. 5, Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser; Nov. 18, Vendor’s Market Fundraiser; Christmas Tree Sales Fundraiser – three weekends before Christmas.

EMPIRE LIONS – Nov. 25, working the Holiday Marketplace.

FRANKFORT LIONS – Dec. 2, hosting a Christmas movie at the Garden Theater; participating in the annual Community Christmas Party and planning a KidSight screening. Frankfort Lions close down for the winter after their Christmas activities and will start activities next spring.

HONOR LIONS – Will hold their last meeting in December and close down until spring. Members are available to process emergency requests during the winter.

KALEVA LIONS – The Lions hold a Euchre Tournament at their Den the first Sunday afternoon of each month. They are planning their third Thanksgiving Dinner for the community. The club inducted two new members and an Honorary member at their Charter Night (55 years), October 17.

KINGSLEY LIONS – The Lions packed meals for Meals on Wheels during the Senior Expo. The club plans to work “Santa at the Rock” in December and a KidSight screening.

LAKE ANN LIONS – The club did a highway clean up. In October the club celebrated its 35th Anniversary with a dinner at the Interlochen Golf Course. The club will not meet in December and then will meet only once a month until spring.

MANISTEE LIONS – The club is hosting several breakfasts in the next several months to benefit various charities in the Manistee area. They will also be participating in the Sleighbell parade.

MESICK LIONS – The Lions made donations to several families whose homes had fires. They are sponsoring a Girl Scout Troop and donated snacks for the Mesick Homecoming. The club held a Halloween Carnival for the area children on Friday, October 27. They are applying for permits for electricity at their baseball field.

“WE SERVE” AROUND THE DISTRICT - continued

NORTHPORT LIONS – Had a float in the high schools Homecoming Parade. The club has completed their fundraising season and plans program meetings until spring.

ONEKAMA LIONS – Had a Swiss Steak Dinner fundraiser in October and will be hosting the Zone Christmas Party.

STANWOOD LIONS – The club is working on a Business Liaison Program. They are inviting businesses to participate in Lions by sponsoring an employee as a Lion for a minimum of two years. This sponsorship would include paying the employees dues and allowing them the opportunity to participate.



TRAVERSE CITY LIONS – Traverse City Lions celebrated their 100 Anniversary this year with a Birthday Party with Visually impaired citizens of Traverse City. The club will close December through February.

REGION 1, ZONE 2 – is planning a **DINNER IN THE DARK** in the spring of 2018. The dinner will benefit the Vogue Theater. The Vogue is a non-profit theater in Manistee that needs help to obtain enhancements for the deaf and blind to have a theater experience. The clubs involved are: Arcadia, Bear Lake, Kaleva, Manistee, Mesick and Onekama

KALEVA LIONS – New Lions, Jessica Card and Dave Somers sponsored by Lion Karla Kasten. Honorary Lion Sandy Harris sponsored by the Kaleva Lions. The club presented their Lion of the Year Award to Lion John Reusel

BEWARE OF SCAMS

Several of our District Lions have received scam type mail lately. These letters indicate one of our Lions needs some financial help –scam! (Our 1st VDG was implicated in one of these letters.) Please don't share Lion's phone numbers or e-mails unless it is a verified source or you have the Lion's permission. There is, also, a derogatory letter about Leader Dog that is being sent out. If you receive one, please do not forward or e-mail it. Send it directly to Leader Dogs.



IN MEMORY OF
LION Shirley Flynn
Luther Lions Club



ACHIEVING **1.5** million members is within our reach.

So, what will it take **2** new members per club OR **100** new members per district

Increase the **Power of We** and watch our service grow.

Beauty Pageant for **Membership**



All Clubs with **1+** growth in membership are invited to enter their Club president (or alternate) in our vintage Beauty Contest, celebrating our 100th year!

It is Friday Night in Midland at the H Hotel. **District 11-E 1 Convention.** April 6, 2018. The party is free for all those that are registered thanks to Midland Lions Club, Stanwood Lions Club and the membership committee.

Era of bathing suit will be 1917. Remember Lions are worldwide so any "worlds" bathing suit is feasible.

Prizes will be awarded for Best -- Governor's Award

Most Creative—1st VDG Award

Most "Lionistic"---2nd VDG Award

Most Spirited---By Popular roar

Most Members Participation—PID Choice

Novel ideas are encouraged. Props may be used to enhance the model.
The whole idea is to have FUN!

IRS REQUIREMENT

Lions Clubs with annual gross receipts from fundraising less than \$50,000 do not have to file tax form 990 or 990- EZ. However, you must file the E-Post Card (992 – N). This is an IRS requirement.



MEMBERSHIP



2ND VDG AL ROESELER'S MESSAGE

One example of insanity is a person who repeats a behavior and expects a different result. Since most of us consider ourselves to be rational humans we know that if we do again what we just did, we will get again what we just got. I know this seems to be a bit of a leap, but bear with me; as I apply the thought to membership.

As we all know, most Lions clubs in our district (not to mention the entire country) struggle with membership. The problem is two pronged; attracting new members and retaining current members. If we are to address the problem in a rational manner, we must conclude that what we are currently doing is not working. If we are to change this trend, we must change the way we go about recruitment, and retention.

Retention is an issue that needs to be at the forefront of how we treat other Lions. People rarely leave an organization where they feel included and valued. Every Lions club loses members. We cannot do anything about Lions who move or die, but if we view all our fellow Lions as the valuable resource that they are, fewer would choose to leave voluntarily. If your club is cliquish, and not welcoming of new ideas (particularly from newer members) you need to do some sole searching as a club, and make some changes. Lions club meetings should be happy places where members enjoy themselves and feel valued on meeting nights.

Besides death and taxes there is one other sure thing. A person will not join a Lions club if they are not asked! For most Lions asking acquaintances, or friends to join is a difficult thing, but there are other things you can do. Recently I talked with IPDG Ron about membership. He came up with 8 quick ideas for recruitment; host an information night, approach the Chamber of Commerce, use realtors, canvas local institutions, ask relatives, invite people to help at club projects, ask businesses to sponsor an employee, and recruit outside your community. In addition the LCI website has fantastic resources for recruiting new members that are well worth consideration. Make a presentation on the site at a club meeting.

If we continue to approach the issue of membership as we have in the past we will continue to lose membership. Any sane person must recognize that as a fact. If we continue to lose membership we will eventually cease to exist. So we must change or die! For most humans change is difficult, but it can be done. Try some new approaches, what have you got to lose?

WORLDWIDE DIABETES WEEK

NOVEMBER 13-19

HAVE A PROGRAM, MAKE A DONATION, GET TESTED

KIDSIGHT KORNER

When we started Kidsight Screenings with the Polaroid cameras each club was requested to pay a \$3.00 fee for each Polaroid picture that was sent to Detroit to be read, diagnosed and reported back.

When we got the new wonderful Spot Cameras the screening results were immediate and are printed off to give the parents right at the screening so the donation request was reduced to \$1.00 for each child screened to help pay for the maintenance of the Cameras.

*Now everything is different again. All the Kidsight equipment, cameras & trailers, have been donated to the Lions of Michigan Foundation. The Foundation pays all maintenance costs, equipment replacement and screening costs. At the last District 11 E1 Cabinet meeting we eliminated the 'per child' screening billing but we kept the request that all Clubs make an annual donation to the **District 11 E1 Project Kidsight**.*

*Project Kidsight is a very important District 11E1 project and we invite **ALL** Clubs to support Kidsight, not just the Clubs that do the screenings! Please be part of the Kidsight Team, try to schedule a screening, try to find someone in your club to volunteer and most importantly, please send your annual donation to*

District 11E1 Project Kidsight.

If you have any questions or comments feel free to contact: Janalee McClure, District 11E1 Kidsight Coordinator, janalee@riverview.net or call 231-689-1321

DISTRICT 11 E1 EYE GLASS MISSION TRIP WORK SESSIONS



CHIPPEWA LAKE/MECOSTA LIONS PROGRAM

*The Meceola **Human Trafficking** Task Force is concerned with the trafficking of individuals for commercial sex acts or labor. Our goals have been to provide information and education through public forums, educational programs, faith community initiatives and distribution of written and electronic materials and serve as a clearinghouse for information regarding local efforts to address the human trafficking problem. One of the ways we have tried to accomplish these goals is through presentations to interested organizations and groups. The presentation focuses on:*

- ✓ The scope of modern slavery throughout the world
- ✓ The information available regarding level of trafficking in the United States and Michigan
- ✓ Who are the victims – those at risk, the reasons, demographics
- ✓ Who are the traffickers
- ✓ Where does trafficking take place
- ✓ Suggested ways the public and others can help

The Chippewa Lake-Mecosta Lions Club is sponsoring a presentation on Human Trafficking at the November 9, 2017 meeting which will be held at the Chippewa Lake Community Church in Chippewa Lake, MI.

Please invite your friends, family, and neighbors for this timely discussion on this very relevant and important topic. Other Lions clubs are also encouraged to attend.

Please try to RSVP by clicking GOING on the Facebook event <https://www.facebook.com/events/292002497961314/> or by emailing the club secretary Karla Roebuck kroebuck@greenridge.com Refreshments will be available.

For more information on the topic or the task force, please visit their facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/meceolahumantraffickingtaskforce/>

DISTRICT 11 E1 NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



DISTRICT 11 E1 CONVENTION 2018 NEWS

PLAN NOW – SUPPORT YOUR CONVENTION

At our 2018 Convention we will be doing something different. We are asking each zone to put together a basket for the convention to be raffled or used in a silent auction. Individual clubs can do this as well. We are looking for values of around \$100.00. A lot of businesses will donate items for this.

Here are some suggestions or ideas of possible baskets

Bakers Basket – Baking tools spices for baking, unusual items.

Beer Basket – Various local beers, beer stein or glasses

Golf Basket – Tee's, balls, club covers, maybe a 9 hole round of golf

Movie Night Basket – Popcorn, movie candy, DVD's

Coffee Lovers – Various kind of coffee, flavored creamers, coffee cups

Wine Basket – Various local wines, wine glasses, preserving corks

Garden Basket – Bulbs, seeds, garden hand tools, kneeling pads

Picnic Basket – Plates glasses, silverware, blanket, cork screw

Bathroom Pampering Basket – Luffas, oils, candles, things to pamper yourself

Game Basket – Puzzles, puzzle books, cards, board games

Book Basket – Misc. books on various subjects, fiction or nonfiction

CALL, TEXT OR E-MAIL KARLA KASTEN WITH YOUR CHOICE OF BASKETS.

This way, we will have a variety of baskets.

Phone or text 630-816-9443, e-mail kjkas10@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

DISTRICT 11 E1 CONVENTION

APRIL 6-7, 2018 – H HOTEL, MIDLAND, MI