



# District 11 E-1 Newsletter

"Just Ask"

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## From the Governor

Hi everyone! Winter is great, but wouldn't you like to escape for a weekend? How about the Holiday Inn in Big Rapids for our District Convention. Renew Lion friendships, use the heated hotel pool, tour the new, state-of-the-art, FSU Optometry building, attend a cooking demonstration and learn or update some computer skills to navigate Facebook and other social media websites. It's all at the Holiday Inn, March 22, 23 and 24. Let's get together for a relaxing weekend.

- Please bring your used eyeglasses to Convention. We'll have a collection table by the registration area so you can drop them off.
- This year's theme is Mardi Gras, so bring your mask or costume.
- Please bring an item for the silent auction. It can be a personal treasure from the basement or something you've purchased to donate. Proceeds from the auction help reduce the overall convention costs and make it more affordable for all of us.

As we approach our last pit stop for this Lion's year, has your club tackled the four international initiatives: Engaging Youth, Sharing the Vision, Relieving Hunger and Protecting our Environment. Hopefully, your club is well on its way to completing one or more projects based on these ideas. Although time is never on our side, hard work and steadfastness will help slow down time and let us accomplish more. Take stock of your progress versus your goals and decide what to do next. Remember, our communities are counting on us.

This newsletter is your vehicle to let everyone know what your club has accomplished – or what's coming in the near future. Send in your articles to Lion Deb for publishing in our monthly 11 E1 newsletter and also the Lion's Pride magazine. We need to hear from you!

See you at convention!

DG Bill



## Message from 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Tim Anderson

Greetings Fellow Lions,

Can you believe it winter is almost over, our seasonal clubs will soon be returning to their normal meeting schedules and the snow birds will be returning. March Madness is here and so is the District Convention, it's a GREAT time to get fired up and come together to have some FUN! March 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> @ the Holiday Inn, in Big Rapids!

As the days begin to gradually get a little longer it's time to start thinking about our spring projects and fundraisers. Also about just who your officers will be for the coming year, officer training will be starting soon and even a veteran Lion can benefit from this training.

We have 4 months left on this Lions Calendar year as well and warmer weather is an IDEAL time to attract new membership. People have been cooped up all winter and are eager to get out and do something, why not invite a friend, coworker, neighbor to come out and help with your next service project or fundraiser. You never know just who your next fellow Lion might be!

Lastly with entering the final 1/3 of our year we need to make sure our clubs get caught up and are all current on their MMR reports. Our district has done very well this year with bringing in new members but without the MMR's being up to date we have no way of knowing what our membership numbers really are. So take a few minutes and that is how long it takes now and make sure your club is current!

Hope to see many of you at the District Convention! - F.Y.I. PU101's are just are round the Corner!

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Tim Anderson

## Cadillac Lions & Cubs



One of LIONS best kept secrets is about to be told in a big way! The CUB program for those of you that don't know is a club based program where family members of LIONS between the ages of 2-12 years old can officially be a part of LIONS.

Recently LCI sent a film crew up to Cadillac to document our CUB program in action, and the video will be used over the next few years to promote and encourage other clubs around the world to start a CUB program within their clubs as well. District 11E1 currently has 3 separate CUB programs up and running and it's a very simple thing to do.

If you currently have children attending meetings, even if it's only a few times a year you should form a CUB program there is little or no cost, it puts a youthful face on your club, and it shows the community you are a Family Friendly club. Even if you don't have children attending your meetings it still a GREAT way to introduce LIONS and community service to your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews heck to any younger family member.

LIONS Magazine is also coming out with a story I'm told it will be in the April edition featuring the Cadillac and White Cloud CUBS and in that story you will find all you need to start a sharing what we do SERVING to a whole new generation. Be sure to check it out and look for video of the CUBS starting over the next few months! If you have questions or would like to know more about the CUB program please feel free to contact me.

VDG Tim Anderson – [dgtim11e1@charter.net](mailto:dgtim11e1@charter.net)

## **CELEBRITY SPOTLIGHT**

### **Harrison Lions Club**

Melvin Jones' idea, of an organization to help communities, was the same brain-child of several businessmen and a state employee in forming the Harrison Lions Club. Harrison Lions were chartered 46 years ago, with 34 members. They eventually rose to 80 members. They built their Lion's Den at the Harrison Fair grounds in the mid - 1970s. The building is used for classes, bingo games, wedding receptions, fair activities, and many community functions. The Harrison Lions is the biggest service club in the Harrison area. They are recognized as supporters of youth events, school sport activities, Chamber of Commerce events, and sight and hearing needs for community residents.

The Lions have used a variety of fundraisers over the years such as: cutting and selling Christmas tree and wreaths, selling brooms, light bulbs, white canes, mints, and using their own BBQ grill - many food items for the community and other organizations. Bingo, which was started in the early 70's, is still the Lions biggest fundraiser. Current fundraisers are their camel races, 50-60's dance, and a Polish dinner.

Special projects have included creating a Little League Field; developing a city park with pavilions, basketball and tennis court, playground equipment, etc.; building additional restrooms and showers at the Fair Grounds; and putting up fall decorations throughout the city of Harrison and the surrounding area.

One of the Harrison's Lions most humorous experiences was a snowed in Christmas Party. It was 5:00 a.m. before a snow plow arrived to plow out the group.

## **Lions Pin Traders Club of Michigan Pin Swap**

**May 3-4, 2013**

Paw Paw Lions Clubhouse (269) 657-3444

59050 CO Rd 665 (Exit 60 I-94) Paw Paw, Michigan 49079

Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> pin trading from 9:00 A.M. – Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> pin trading from 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Lunch available both days at minimal charge. A silent auction will also be taking place. There will be a Thursday night cards & supper at the Comfort Inn. This year's theme is "Little Germany" Dinner for Registrants only at Club house on Friday Night. There will be a LPTCM meeting on Friday night; also there will be Saturday Luncheon Pin.

For more information or to receive a registration forms please contact: Janalee McClure, PCC  
Phone: 231 689-1321 - E-mail: [janalee@riverview.net](mailto:janalee@riverview.net)

## Youth Exchange Program

Dear Lions,

Here is an opportunity to give your club and community an international exchange experience that only lasts one month. Michigan Lions Youth Exchange has eight students who need host families this summer. Four girls are coming from Finland and three boys and one girl are coming from Japan. All of the students from Finland speak good English. Three of the Japanese students speak fair English and one speaks good English. The Finland Students will be here in Michigan and need host families from July 1-31. The Japanese students will be here in Michigan from August 3-28. These students are all on their summer vacation and look forward to their international exchange here in Michigan so please call or email Steve Adsmond, Lions District Youth Exchange Chairperson, to learn about being a host family to one of these students this summer.

### **Finland:** July 1- July 31, 2013

Sofia Peltola (F 17) Vaasa, Finland; Likes: Dance, Piano, Traveling, Photography. English speaking- Good.

Aino-Kaisa Ukkonen (F 18) Siilinjärvi, Finland; Likes: Playing Violin and Guitar, singing, yoga, traveling and languages. Eng.- Good.

Jaana Nevalainen (F 18) Juuka, Finland; Likes: Jogging, photography. English speaking - Good.

Rosa Karoliina Joutsimies (F 17) Sipoo, Finland; Likes: Gym, reading, jogging. English speaking - Good.

### **Japan:** August 3- August 28, 2013

Akinori Ozeki (M 17) Chiba, Japan; Likes: Sports, swimming, music. English speaking - Fair.

Kensuke Suzuki (M 19) Shizuoka-ken, Japan; Likes Soccer, Music, Movies. English speaking- Fair.

Misato Kataoka (F 20) Hyogo, Japan; Likes: Playing Piano and Violin, watching soccer. English speaking- Fair.

Keishi Umezawa (M 20) Aichi-ken, Japan; Likes: Surfing. English speaking - Good.

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District 11-E1 Youth Exchange Chairperson  
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**Do you know of anyone who can open up their home,**

**To some of these students to visit the State of Michigan!**

## **DISTRICT CONVENTION DELEGATES**

District Convention is fast approaching so don't forget to get all forms in on time. Delegate forms are due to Lion "Gayle Morlock by February 28, 2013. Every club can have 1 delegate for every 10 members or major fraction thereof. Delegates are determined by membership as of February 2012 minus any losses. List Past District Governors under PDG on the form.

Reminder to the delegates that they **must** be registered and certified before noon on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> or they **will not** be allowed to vote. **No exceptions!**

Forms are on the district website and in the January newsletter.

As of February 15<sup>th</sup>, I have received 4 delegate forms.

Send delegate form to:

Lion Gayle Morlock, Credentials Chair

9357 95<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Ewart, MI 49631

Email: [landg@netonecom.net](mailto:landg@netonecom.net)

See you at the Convention!

## **Has this ever happened to you?**

### **IT'S THE DOOR!!**

Ever walk into a room with some purpose in mind, only to completely forget what that purpose was?

Turns out, doors themselves are to blame for these strange memory lapses. Psychologists at the University of Notre Dame have discovered that passing through a doorway triggers what's known as an event boundary in the mind, separating one set of thoughts and memories from the next. Your brain files away the thoughts you had in the previous room and prepares a blank slate for the new locale.

It's not aging, it's the damn door!

Thank goodness for studies like this, I was really getting scared!

## Midland Lions

### MIDLAND LIONS ACT TO RELIEVE HUNGER

We served 260 families that represented 844 people. There was a very good mix of food including some frozen meats, potatoes, onions, bread & baked goods as well as the typical canned and boxed foods. We did have about 50 more people come after we had reached our designated limit (actually we went 10 over), stretching a truck-load of food. The Lions were helping fill a critical need in Midland County and 17 of our members showed up to help with this mission.



## Fremont Lions



On January 18<sup>th</sup>, our Guest Speaker was District Governor Bill Simpson who spoke to us about various programs including Heart of a Lion, Kidsight, Camp Tuhsmeheeta, Club Excellence, and Membership. It was our pleasure to have DG Bill visit our club.

# DISTRICT EDITOR

Just One of the Many Hats of a Lion's Club Member



Have you ever wondered about  
What goes on behind the scenes of the Production of our LION PRIDE Magazine?  
Contact Lion Debbie Kreitner for more information at  
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## Eye Donor Awareness Month

March is Eye Donor Awareness Month. It's a special time to honor donors and their families for the tremendous gift of sight they give to improve the lives of corneal recipients. The transplant process depends on the priceless corneal donation from one human to another. Donated eyes are also needed for research and education. Through Lions Clubs Eye Banks, you can help restore the sight of children and adults who need precious eye tissue. Contact your local eye bank today to help raise awareness in your community about the importance of eye donation.

## Traverse City Lions

**Glasses Collection** - Lion Bill Young, Chair – Requests for eyeglasses continue to be in excess of our ability to fulfill the requests. Lion's eyeglasses collections boxes have been placed at Grand Traverse Ophthalmology, Scarbrough Family Eye care, The Ear Lab at Munson Hospital, and Dr. Ed Stewart's office.

Eye Glasses Collection Boxes – We need additional locations to place eye glasses collection boxes.

Note: Lion Paul Hanrahan has retired as glasses program chairman. Lion Paul I am certain will be available to answer procedural questions as necessary.

We have established a collaborative effort with the Coalition for Health Access Program (CHAPS) program. We plan to be providing financial support for the CHAPS program and at the same time reduce our overall outlay for glasses over the course of the year. It is expected that more needy individuals will receive glasses through this joint effort. We will know within the next few months how successful this collaborative effort is.

