

# Lions of Michigan

## District 11-E1

**“WE SERVE”**



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## A word from the Governor;

I can't believe that it is fall, leaves turning, talk of snow and actual cold weather. There was talk from the clubs that Debbie & I have been visiting about the snowbirds starting to head south. I shiver to think of the upcoming cold and winter season.

Now, that we have the weather out of our way. Let's talk about the warmth in many **hearts** that the **donations** of food, glasses, clothing and many other items from the Lions in the District, State and World have helped our fellow man. How do we do that, it is with hard work, dedication and working as a **team. Together** we can accomplish anything that we set our minds, bodies, and hearts to.

Now let's talk about several of the words used in the above paragraph. Our **hearts** are what make us love our fellow man along with our fellow Lions. **Donations** is what our love of fellow man and fellow Lions accomplish by working together. This is also done with hard work and dedication and **working as a team**. We cannot work as a team if we work against each other in any way. Our team needs to be one and it cannot be one if it is going in two different directions. I am asking the fellow Lions to come together to do what we are meant to do as Lions. **"We Serve"** **"We Serve"** **"We Serve Together"**.

This is all I have to say for this edition of the newsletter and it comes from my heart. I have made it my goal to help our fellow man and we cannot do it if we are separated.

Yours In Lions forever,

Governor Wayne Kreitner

## The Real to – DO List

1. SMILE AT STRANGERS
2. KEEP LEARNING
3. NOTICE KINDNESS
4. EAT ICE CREAM
5. HOPE
6. COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS
7. LAUGH
8. LOVE
9. LOVE SOME MORE
10. BECOME A LION

## Governors Calendar

Oct. 1 – Hart Official Visit	Nov. 2 – Coleman Official Visit
Oct. 4 – Merlow Meeting	Nov. 6, 7 – Lioness Conference, Grayling
Oct. 5 – Arcadia Official Visit	Nov. 8 – District Cabinet Meeting
Oct. 6 – Midland Official Visit	Nov. 9 – Mt. Pleasant Official Visit
Oct. 9, 10, 11 – COG Meetings	Nov. 11 – North Port Official Visit
Oct. 14 – Fruitport Fish Fry	Nov. 12 – Bear Lake Official Visit
Oct. 15 – Parade of Checks, Grand Rapids	Nov. 16 – Honor Official Visit
Oct. 17 – IPDG Connie Shelton Appreciation Dinner	Nov. 17 – Cadillac Official Visit
Oct. 19, 20 – Visit to Lions International, Chicago	Nov. 23 – Cedar Maple City Official Visit
Oct. 27 – Mesick Official Visit	
Oct. 28 – Lakeview Lions 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	



**1st Vice District Governor Laura Johnson**

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The USA/CANADA Forum is now behind us. Memphis was a wonderful experience! Many, museums to visit, along with all those delicious rib joints! Beal Street was very exciting, lively and definitely entertaining!

But the real reason for going wasn't to eat the ribs or explore the museums. The purpose of the forum was to broaden our knowledge in serving our clubs, communities and the International organization. To become better Lions!

Although a lot of my time was spent going to the VDG forums, I was able to attend a couple on membership and rebuilding dying clubs. The most valuable thing I learned was to be EXCITED about LIONS! Use every opportunity, every person you come in contact with needs to hear about why we serve and most importantly, given the chance to join in on the world largest provider of humanitarian service. Know what we do worldwide and locally when seeking out new members. Be able to answer their questions. Make the future member feel needed and an important asset to your club. The most common excuse we all hear from prospective members is "I'm too busy, I don't have any time." Let those people know that is exactly the type of people we need to join us. They are proven to get the task done, they make time to do what they believe in and they have fun while doing it. Be persistent if you get a negative response to join. Check back periodically with the future member. It could very well be they thought about something you may have said, or maybe their job or situation at home have changed, giving them an opportunity to have the extra time now. BUT BE POSITIVE AND WELCOMING! Make that new member feel they are filling a void in your club by joining. Put them on a committee right away; maybe plan a project that they have expertise in. Use that new energy and those additional hands to strengthen your club and serve those you serve.

In closing, I have been enjoying my visitations to the many clubs in our great District. My focus to them is to utilize the projects chairs for programs, especially if the club is not familiar with the project. Better yet, plan a club visitation to that project, tour Camp T or have the Ear Lab come to your town. We as Lions can help so many, but unless each club is familiar with our State and District projects, we are missing out on the opportunity to bless others with our services. My challenge to each club is to step out of their comfort zone, leave the borders of their own communities by sending members to a District convention, multiple conventions or even attend a zone meeting. Try a new service project, get your local schools involved in the Peace Poster contest, have those All State Band students come to your club to put on a program after you have supported them. Let their excitement rub off on each of us! Why would anyone not want to attend the Michigan Forum or go to a convention? Where is there a better place to make lifelong friends in Lionism but at these types of events? Take their ideas back to our towns and communities. Give way to change. Open new doors to serve the people whose lives we strive to enrich and make our home towns a better place to live in.

I look forward to meeting with each of you in the coming months. Hopefully when I reach your club, you can tell me how you accepted my challenge and I can feel your excitement in our great world of LIONS!

Blessings to all!

1st VDG Lion Laura Johnson



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### **Lions are Knights of the Blind**

The beautiful statue of Helen Keller as a child that was just placed in the Capitol Rotunda in Washington reminds us as Lions of the charge that she gave us, to be Knights of the Blind. Although the statue is a representative of Alabama, Helen Keller's inspirational life belongs to all Americans and to all people. Could any of us imagine what our world would be like if we had been born without sight or hearing.

On October 17, at Finch Field house on Central Michigan University's campus, there will be a disabilities fair sponsored in part by Deaf-Blind Central, a clearing house of information about services and help for children who are deaf, blind, or both. Mt. Pleasant Lions Club will have a booth there to do sight screening and to let people know about Lions. This will be just one of the many Lions' projects this year to help those with vision and hearing problems. Each of these projects deserves our taking note and appreciation of it. As Lions, we have many vision and hearing programs throughout the year, especially eye glass and hearing aid programs in almost all clubs, KidSight programs, and my own favorite, Opening Eyes, testing eyes and fitting glasses to all Special Olympics athletes who need them. If you are interested in the program, you can contact [openingeyes@live.com](mailto:openingeyes@live.com) or me, [john.monahan@cmich.edu](mailto:john.monahan@cmich.edu), to find out more.

IPDG Larry Morlock had Knights as his theme, giving us a year-long reminder that programs to help the blind and to restore sight and hearing are a large part of our mission as Lions. In our district we have Bear Lake Camp and Camp Tuhsmeheeta, otherwise known as Camp T, Project KidSight, Sight Conservation/Diabetes Awareness, and the Ear Lab as District projects. For the state, we have Michigan Eye Bank, Leader Dog, and Welcome Homes, now under new management as projects. To achieve our mission, we need for all clubs to contribute to all district, state, and international projects, and especially to those that help people with vision and hearing problems. So when you are raising money for Lions' projects remember our charge from Helen Keller. Let's continue to be Knights of the Blind.

Yours in Lionism,  
2<sup>nd</sup> VDG John Monahan

***Thought of the month from the Editor***

**I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.**

***Mahatma Gandhi***

### **Region II, Zone I Report**

I have had the opportunity to visit three clubs and look forward to visiting the other three soon as your new Zone Chair.

We have two Lions Clubs that have had to change their fund raising format this year.

**Coleman's** car raffle wasn't as profitable last year. Instead they introduced a Charter Night with a lot of opportunities - silent auction, live auction, 50/50, an excellent dinner and more. Congratulations to the Coleman Club on a very successful Charter Night. Estimates are that they might have doubled last year's car raffle profits. It was great to see so many representatives from other Lions Clubs in our Zone at the Charter Night. Keep up the good work.

**The Midland Lions Club** gave up Light Bulb Sales this year after selling them for 50 years. Energy efficient light bulbs didn't produce the needed revenue as it use to. The Midland Club introduced a Golf Outing at Sandy Ridge to replace light bulb sales.

The Golf Outing got off to a good start and in this case produced more funds than last year's light bulb sales.

Midland expects that the Golf Outing will grow in future years. Congratulations Midland on a good start.

**Harrison, Coleman** (I was at Charter Night) and **Mt. Pleasant**, I would like to visit your clubs soon. Let me know if there is a meeting that you would like me to attend. Otherwise, I will pick a date and see if it works out with your schedule. I would rather not visit when you have another District officer in attendance. I merely want to say hello and let members get to know me. No big speeches. **Sanford**; thank you for hosting me at your meeting last Monday.

We are all set at the Doherty Hotel in **Clare** for our first District Zone Meeting on Wednesday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Hope to see you there.

Lion Pete Conarty Zone Chair

### **Region II Zone 3**

Received a phone call from the Baldwin Lions Club today asking me if I could change the date of our next Zone Meeting. They've been trying for sometime to setup a Texas Hold-em tournament and they finally landed a date.

Unfortunately one of the nights falls on our next zone meeting, so I'm rescheduling the next Zone Meeting for October 27<sup>th</sup> at the same time same location as the originally scheduled meeting it's just the 4th Tuesday in October now instead of the 2nd Tuesday in November.

Our 2nd Region II Zone 3 meeting is rescheduled to be in Baldwin on Tuesday October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Baldwin Senior Center in Baldwin, Michigan. - \$8.00 for meal

The club President and or Secretary are asked to attend the zone meetings along with any and all other interested club members. Please RSVP to me by 10/21/09 so dinner arrangements can be made.

Thanks

ZC Lion Timothy Anderson  
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### **Region II Zone 3 - Zone Meeting in Evert**

On September 9th Region II Zone 3 held it first zone meeting at the township hall in Evert. The attendance was great with all the clubs from the zone being represented; we even had a few people from other clubs Big Rapids, Chippewa Lake, and even Mt Pleasant if you count 2nd VDG John Manahan. The visitors where there to take the "Officer Training" which 2nd VDG John held during the meeting.

Evert's King Lion Tamie Lundborg opened the meeting then after the pledge and prayer dinner was announced and the meeting was turned over to our Zone Chair Lion Tim Anderson who made a very popular announcement "Dinner is served". Dinner was laid out buffet style and it was a wonderful meal topped off with apple pie with whipped cream for dessert. Good conversation and company were enjoyed over dinner with maybe just a few smart remarks exchanged between clubs.

After dinner ZC Lion Tim Anderson started the meeting by asking everyone to please stand and introduce who they were and what club they were from. When the introductions were finished ZC Tim introduced his new 1st Vice Zone Chair Lion "Lil" Pete Stevens to everyone (Traveling Gnome), "Lil" Pete will be helping out this year visiting each club in Zone 3 and attending as many events within the zone & district that he can. Next each club president was then asked to stand and give an update of their clubs membership and activities, even the visiting clubs when asked gladly stood and shared news about their clubs to everyone.

As the reports finished 2nd VDG John was asked to start the program for the night "Officer Training". He passed out information on member retention, leadership, and spoke about the role of a president within a club. Everyone walked away with more insight and maybe with a few new ideas about their part in their clubs.

At that point the meeting was turned back over to ZC Tim who went over the Governor's goals for each club and his goals for the district for the coming year. 1st VDG Laura Johnson was asking to stand and say a few words which she gladly did. With the meeting drawing to a close the 50/50 drawing was held (F.Y.I. Luther's Kings Lion Bob Flynn both drew and won the 50/50 there were a lot of raised eye brows and kidding). After a Thank You to everyone for attending the meeting was adjourned.

To find out more about 1st VZC Lion "Lil" Pete Stevens, where he's been and what he and the clubs in our zone have been up to check out his website <http://www.scantek.com/lion/lilpete.htm> or look him up on Face book!

ZC Lion Tim Anderson  
Cadillac Lions Club

### ***Peace Poster Update***

Deadline for getting Peace Posters to PDG Stan Preshaw is November 15. PDG Stan would like to know how many clubs are participating this year in the Peace Poster contest. Contact PDG Lion Stan Preshaw at 989 -291-3344 or drop him a note in the mail to 3337 South Sheridan Rd., Sheridan, MI 48884.

### ***Baldwin Lions Club***

Mt. Pleasant Lions CHILI SUPPER on Saturday October 3rd. PDG Harry was in charge of the carry out line. The Big Rapids Lions football game concession on Friday October 2nd. I was in charge of the hot dog grill, wrapping the dogs & burgers and dishing out dill pickles. It was fun to work with both clubs on these projects. They both have great team work to make the projects run smooth and efficient. I will look forward to helping other clubs in the district as they forward the dates and project info to me!

V.D.G. Laura

### ***Cadillac Lions Cub***

During the Cadillac Lions October 6th meeting Rachael Anderson age 5 was sworn in as the clubs 1st Lion Cub. Visiting speaker Lion Kerry McGinley happily agreed to do the swearing in and while standing in front of the rest of the club he asked Rachael to raise her right hand repeat after him.

Rachael promised to study hard at school, to act good in public, to listen to her parents and, to try to be good and kind to others when she could, also to help out the Cadillac Lions Club as it tries to serve the needs of the community. The Lions Motto is "WE SERVE" so as a CUB she promised if asked by her club she would start the pledge at the beginning of a meeting, or to help out with the White Cane drive or with some of the other clubs fundraisers. She was told she maybe even be asked to act as the official Cotton Candy taster at the clubs 4th July cotton candy sale.

She agreed to each request and was especially quick to reply about the cotton candy part. With that Lion Kerry presented her with her signed certificate, placed a Lion's sticker on her shirt and pronounced her the 1st Cadillac Lions Cub! This was met with applause and congratulations from all the senior Cadillac Lions Club members, a few even rose from their seats to shake her hand and welcome her into the club.

Cub Rachael has been active in the Cadillac club all her life, helping and accompanying her parents Lions Christina and Tim Anderson during past events, parades, and fundraisers. The club welcomes Cub Rachael and it looks forward to many more cubs joining in the future.

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



The Cedar Maple /City held their Annual Raffle on Sept. 14, after their regular meeting. 56 prizes, they were all donated. Chairman Lion Tom Triebes headed up this event again. Lion Glen Noonan donates a 4-H Steer, for the first 3 prizes each year. This is about 20% of our budget. Photo left to right, Student Bianca Wagner (daughter of Lion Bonnie Whitman), Lion Tom Triebes (Chair.), Alberta Romanowski (wife of Lion Roy Romanowski) and Lion



Grayson East of the Shelby Township Lions & Cedar/Maple City Lions. Thanks, Pat Hobbins, Secretary Cedar/Maple City Lions.

The Cedar/Maple City Lions completed their third highway pickup Saturday, Sept 19, 2009. No bodies this year, just miscellaneous trash.

### ***Coleman Lions Celebrate in Style***

The Coleman Lions Club celebrated 69 years serving our community, in an unusual way. Our annual Corvette raffle had not brought in enough the past couple of years to support the programs and activities we have come to be known for. So we decided to try several new fundraisers and see which we liked and wanted to continue. As a part of this effort, we decided to have a cash raffle and draw the winning ticket here in Coleman at our Charter Night dinner in September.

At the suggestion and leadership of member Neil Berthume, we decided to also ask local businesses, friends and community members for donations of things we could auction off. Nerves were rattling for a while, wondering if we could pull it off. But by early September cash donations and beautiful auction items were beginning to accumulate.

Now we just needed to get people to attend! And once again nerves began to fray (mine especially!) Central Michigan Catering required a minimum of 150 meals to get the special low price. A week ahead we gave them the go ahead even though we hadn't come close! That last week, we sold tickets like mad and held our breaths! Out of town reservations began to come in and by our final meeting two days ahead we knew we were going to be okay!

It amazed me how smoothly everything went – well nearly everything! We had so much fun that evening and believe our guests did too. The meal was delicious and our Emcee and auctioneer were both great! We had a silent auction, hundred square game board for an overnight at the Great Wolf Lodge, a card drawing for a deer blind that alone brought in \$460, a 50/50 raffle drawing, door prizes, a fun live auction and our cash raffle drawing with prizes totaling \$1,500. Too bad none of the winners were present. That certainly would have been exciting!

I was so busy visiting with guests that I almost missed bidding on the rocking horse for my youngest grandson. One of our members made it and I couldn't resist! I won it, by the way, and it was a bargain at \$70!

We were honored to have as guests that night our District Governor Lion Wayne Kreitner and First Lady Lion Debbie, as well as both of our Vice District Governors, Lion Laura Johnson and PDG Lion Harry, and Lion John Monahan. Our Zone Chair Pete Conarty arrived with several other members of the Midland Lions Club including PDG Lion Andy Watson and Lioness Val. We also enjoyed visiting with PDG Lion Lynn Mast and Lion Jan. We thank our Lions friends for their support and friendship.



We are already thinking about ways to improve next year's Charter Night, our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary! This turned out to be a very promising fundraiser, one I know we will continue. It was not only a fun evening for us, but "showed us off" to our community. As a result, we have several prospective members, people who came that night and liked what they saw and learned about us.

All of the new fundraisers that we tried this year turned out to be fun, team building experiences that we have decided to continue! We hope to have exciting things to report in the coming months!

Ann Roeseler, Secretary

### ***Kaleva Lions Club***

Lion John Makinen sworn in Lion Steve Dean at our club meeting. Lion Steve was sponsored by one of our newest members Lion Dave Decker. Lion Dave's family Tammy and Tony have been stepping up and helping fill the clubs needs on breakfast crew and pasties. Sounds like Lion Steve's wife will be joining soon too. **Pam you r also invited.** Kaleva pasties are selling so fast it's been hard to keep up. Lots of Lions have stepped up to help along with friends of the Lions Marie Hillard and Kathy Maidens. If you want pasties please call ahead to insure you can get them.

Relay for Life will be serving a Chile luncheon on Saturday the 2<sup>th</sup>, at our club 12:00 till 2:00. Also Kaleva Lions are holding a spaghetti dinner on Oct. 31. Halloween, 2:00 till 4:00, with proceeds to help area food banks. To help call Lion Karen Bingman at 231 - 362- 2021

**Lakeview Lions Club**

**50<sup>th</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

*OCTOBER 28, 2009 at 6:00 P.M.*

Corner of M-46 & Youngman Rd. (1 mi. W of M-91)

Please send in your reservations by October 17<sup>th</sup> with a check for \$20.00 per person to  
**Lakeview Lions Club, P.O. Box 597, Lakeview, MI 48850**

**Luther Lions Club**

On Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup>, Luther Lions Club held one of their famous or is it infamous full menu breakfasts at the Luther Lion's Den. As you walked through the door and stopped at the table to pay for your food you were greeted by Lions Eddy McCarthy, Shirley Flynn, and 1st Vice Zone Chair Lion "Lil" Pete Stevens, 50/50 tickets could also be purchased from Lion Eddy before heading in to get your food. The turnout was great with 118 people in total attending the breakfast. The room began to fill quickly and the guys in the kitchen Lions Norm Slosser - King Lion Bob Flynn - "Lil" Pete Stevens - Chuck Draper were kept hoping filling peoples plates with all the great food. Two full cases of sausages were cooked up, 2 1/2 bags of pancake mix made its way to the griddle on top of that about 8 loaves of Texas toast was used in making the French toast also between 3 to 5 lbs of sliced ham and eggs, lots and lots of eggs were all served or used. Great food was consumed by the many people in attendance, and a great time was had with the Luther Lions.

**Mecosta Lions Club**



They line up at the Mecosta Lions Food Wagon at the Wh atland Music Festival. Lion Nancy and her leader dog Usher spent the day educating visitors on the Lions leader dog program and giving youngsters a chance to know Usher first hand.

**Manistee Lions Club**



When Manistee Lions held their White Cane Day recently, they needed the help of the community as the club's membership is small, and some members were not available. Chairperson Lion Lorraine Conway was able to enlist the help of many non-Lions for the event. Standing and collecting donations were representatives from several local clubs such as the Sunrise Rotary, Elks, American Legion, VFW, Moose and Big Brothers, Big Sisters. The event brought in over \$900. Pictured here is Jan Gavlinksi, former President of the Sunrise Rotary. Jan is displaying the new White Cane signs the Club purchased as well as the new donation containers which were designed and constructed by Lion Bob Minster. Lion of the Year Martha Alberts worked on the Manistee

Lions Club White Cane Day on September 12<sup>th</sup>.





### ***Sanford Lions Club***

The Sanford Lions Club has just completed a busy schedule connected with the celebration of Sanford Founder's Day activities. The club had participated in a rummage sale prior to the weekend, had a truck in the parade, and had the concession wagon at the Museum grounds offering hot fudge sundaes, and strawberry shortcakes.

In conjunction with the weekend activities the Lions Club held a silent auction for a picnic table donated by Mike Rudy Builders. The winner of the auction of the table was Bruce Donner of ICE CREAM DOWNS

### ***White Cloud Lions Club***

**39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party** Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup>, at their Lion's Den. This year President Barb's theme is Baseball. Wear a cap, baseball shirt or have a hole in your pants & you will receive a free ticket for the drawing for a night at the SHACK!

Oh come out to our ball game and help us celebrate White Cloud Lions 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we know it is bound to be great. The Fun, the food and the laughter, help us not strike out. For enjoying each others fellowship is what it's all about.

We will be running a silent auction from 6:00 p.m. if you donate something to the silent auction you will receive an additional door prize ticket for each item donated. All proceeds of the silent auction will benefit King Lion Barb's special project, Installing new doors in our Lion's Den.

### ***Editors Note***

This month we had some clubs with several photos and very good ones and I wish I could have added them in this addition. At the last Cabinet meeting, comments from many clubs that they were not able to open the newsletter. The cabinet has made the decision to only print one photo per club. I know this is not our purpose of the newsletter but many clubs have still dial-up connections and do not have high speed and it is not available in their areas.

Please keep sending your stories. Extra pictures will be placed on the district website, with captions.