



District 11-E1 Newsletter 2010 - 2011

“Together We Serve”

October 2010



District Governor Lion Laura & PDG Lion Harry Johnson

FALL GREETINGS TO 11E-1 LIONS!

I've been enjoying traveling around the District visiting clubs and attending special events. The USA/CANADA Forum in Milwaukee proved to be another outstanding learning/leadership growth experience! It was exciting to see so many “First Timers” attend from 11 E-1.

I was somewhat disappointed that more of our Lions didn't take the opportunity to attend IPDG Wayne and First Lady Deb Kreitner's appreciation dinner on October 9th. It was a great time of fellowship and a chance to express our sincere gratitude for many, many hours dedicated to leading our District in our motto “WE SERVE”. My heartfelt thanks to both Lion Wayne and Lion Deb! Enjoy the slower pace!

As the seasons are changing, so is our world of Lionism. There are some new programs which focus on youth. I know many of our clubs have sponsored schools in the PEACE POSTER contest. I would like to introduce you to the Lions International Essay Contest. This contest provides an opportunity for those youth that will be 11, 12 or 13 by November 15, 2010 to write an essay 500 words or less on the theme the “POWER OF PEACE”. For the last 10 years, sighted youth have been creating beautiful posters representing what peace means to them. Now our youth who are considered visually impaired according to their national guidelines may have the opportunity to express their feelings of what peace means to them as well. Each of our clubs can submit one winning entry to the District Governor by February 15, 2011. The Governor sees that one essay is selected to be submitted to the State for judging, the winner moving on to Lions International competition. The grand prize is \$5,000 and will be notified by June 1st. So clubs, seek out your youth who qualify even home school children can enter. The complete rules and deadlines are on the International web site. This is but just one more opportunity to demonstrate that we as Lions do serve.

There is still time to register for the Lions Leadership Institute at Higgins Lake. Not only is this an excellent tool to help sharpen your skills as a Lion leader but also the perfect time to meet and share your ideas with other leaders from within the realm of Lionism.

In Closing, if it is at all possible, try to send a contingency to Ludington on October 28th for the Spaghetti Dinner to aid the Mason County Eyeglass Fund. If you can spare a couple of hours to cook or serve, it would be great. If you would rather just have an inexpensive night out and not have to cook, Won't you join us?

Until next month, remember that “WE SERVE”

DG Lion Laura



1st Vice District Governor Lion John Monahan & Carolyn

Dear Fellow Lions,

Every Lions District has many people who have the ability to lead. And every district and every club needs leaders to step up and make sure that the right things happen. Of course, there are many reasons that some Lions do not step up. Sometimes they have too many family or work obligations. Sometimes they feel shy in front of people. If shyness or other problems are holding you back, I urge you to attend the Leadership Institute at Higgins Lake. Call Mary Brown at the State Office: (517) 887-6640. There are openings, and you can enroll. If you cannot go, please tell other Lions about the Institute so they can go. This institute is an amazing bargain because you learn so much about leadership and about yourself. You will learn about your strengths as a leader and about how to work on areas that are less strong.

There are many rewards for being a Lions leader, the greatest of which you have already experienced as a Lion, the satisfaction of helping others. By helping your club or district to achieve its service goals, you are helping individuals in need. International President Sid Scruggs says that "Lions are loving individuals offering needed services" to people in need across the globe. Your leadership can make it possible to help more people in need.

If you are not leading Lions currently, I hope you will consider exercising your leadership. If you are already leading, I hope you will consider taking your leadership farther. To paraphrase IP Sid, Lions are leading individuals offering needed services by organizing people to reach positive goals of service. There is an American spirit that tells us to go for it, not wait for someone to tell us exactly what to do. That spirit has served us well throughout our history. Don't wait for a leader to show up, be one.

Yours in Lionism,

1st VDG John Monahan



**2nd Vice District Governor Lion William (Bill)
& Vickie Simpson**

Vickie and I attended the U.S. Canadian Forum and found ourselves in a full blown international convention without foreign languages. This year's forum was a windy three hour boat ride across Lake Michigan to Milwaukee. We survived the ride with only a queasy stomach to show for the choppy Lake Michigan crossing. Our meeting site was the Frontier Convention facility that had top notch meeting rooms for the 2,700 Lions in attendance. Milwaukee is a struggling city but offers a strong cultural center, German heritage evident in great restaurants and beer, and the Harley Davidson motorcycle company.

Everything you'd expect to see at international was there. Lots of good programs, lots of International directors, both current and past: including our current Lion International President Sid Scruggs. Sid was inspirational with a view on service to our communities that most Lions have embraced since 1919. His four part program of: Engaging youth, sharing vision through screening and eyeglass recycling, relieving hunger in our communities and protecting the environment reminds us of our direction as Lions.

It is always impressive to attend these Lion gatherings and meet Lions from across the United States. But, it is also a reminder of how many other Lions are hard at work in their local clubs. We should all take pride in the good we accomplish and take advantage of the education that Lion's International presents us.

Till next time,

2nd VDG Lion Bill

Very Important Notice

**This is to notify everyone that the 11-E1 Fall Conference has been cancelled;
due to lack of attendance.**

**Everyone please make note of it.
Thanks go to everyone who tried to make this happen.**

District Governor Laura Johnson

LIONS NEWSLETTER

ZONE I, REGION II

Clare, Coleman, Harrison, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, Sanford

OCTOBER 2010

ZONE MEETING – Wednesday, October 13, 6:15 p.m. at the Doherty hotel in Clare. I need your count on members attending by Monday, October 11. Bring the orientation materials that you use with new members.

ZONE 1 President's Forum

Club Presidents met on Wednesday, October 4 in Midland at Zone Chair Pete Conarty's home. We had a cookout which gave the presidents an opportunity to get to know each other and share ideas. District 2nd Vice Gov. Bill Simpson did a Presidents training session. Material on the Club president's Excellence Award and the Fall Conference were handed out and discussed. Then a variety of topics were discussed: using District Committee chair as speakers, State and District Projects, programs that are youth oriented – Leos, Lions Quest, Student exchange, and cub program. Club concerns about communications, committee chairs, and federal and District reporting, membership/retention, and having some fun at meetings were discussed. Lion Pete urged the presidents to visit other clubs in the Zone, to work for more interclub involvement, and to consider doing service projects.

CLARE LIONS: Clare Lions are busy with their annual Hunter's Raffle. They gave out scholarships to a Clare and Farwell high school students this spring.

COLEMAN LIONS: Coleman Lions and the Star Leo Club will host their annual Halloween party at the city park pavilion on October 30. Bennigan's is hosting a fundraiser on behalf of the Coleman Lions Club on October 19. Bennigan's will donate 20 percent of all food sales to the Coleman Lions, when a Coleman flyer is brought in and presented at the time of purchase. The Lions will not be doing their fall highway clean up because that stretch of highway is under construction.

HARRISON: Harrison Lions are sponsoring a Polish Dinner on October 16 and a Halloween Party at the end of the month. Their fall fundraiser of Halloween street decorations is underway. The decorations consist of a bale of hay with a scarecrow mounted on it. Many businesses buy them to place in front of their stores. The Texas Hold-Em Party had to be cancelled. The state is behind in issuing licenses for this type of event.

MIDLAND LIONS: The Midland Lions are hosting a Cross Country banquet to honor all the county schools men and women cross country runners on October 27 at the American Legion. The club in following the International President's goal is sponsoring a food distribution at the Midland Ice Arena in January. Midland Lions will pay for the food and work in distributing it as their service project.

MT. PLEASANT: The Lions participated in the Mardi gras parade on October 1. They had afloat with a life size Lion and a Lion's grandson dressed as a Lion. The Mt. Pleasant Lions second biggest fundraiser, the Fall Chili Dinner will be held November 6, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Mt. Pleasant High School cafeteria.

SANFORD LIONS: The Sanford Lions just completed their Fall Rummage Sale and followed it up by selling ice cream, and other food at their Founder's Festival. Sanford Lions has been a six month club. They have decided to meet on the first Thursday of each month through the winter.

Membership – Harrison and Coleman have just inducted two new members. Midland and Sanford have new members to be inducted.

Mt. Pleasant and the Midland Club will be sending members out to visit some of the other clubs, starting this month.

Please share this newsletter with your club members. Print out a few copies to distribute at meetings.

Zone Chair Lion Pete Conarty

Midland Lions Announcing: Lions Club Social Night

Tuesday October 19

“Evening at the Ziibiwing Center”

6650 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant



Please arrive between 5:40 and 6:00 pm as dinner will be served at 6:00. The menu for the buffet dinner is honey barbecued chicken, cheesy hash brown casserole, buttered corn, tossed salad, broccoli cauliflower salad, dinner rolls, coffee (regular and decaf), iced tea and pie for dessert. Cost will be \$15.00 per person and includes a tour of the Ziibiwing Center.

A self-guided tour of the exhibit will be available from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The exhibit is a collection of unique and rare North American Indian art and artifacts. Their mission is “to teach you about the Anishinabe Culture and life ways through education and exhibits.” (Information from the website)

IMPORTANT: Deadline for reservations is October 14.

The Social Committee: Lions Sandy House, Bernie Philabaum and Dick Bukowski

Hope to see you on the 19th.

MIDLAND STOPPERT AWARD



On September 21, 2010, at the sixth annual Bob Stoppert Midland County Coach of the Year awards presentation, Mr. Mitch Bohn, head basketball coach at Meridian High School was presented with the award.

In addition to coaching basketball, Mitch served the school as athletic director, assistant principal for eight years and math teacher for five years.

His basketball resume includes winning five Jack Pine Conference championships, nine District championships, and one Regional title. His win total, since arriving at Meridian in 1998, is 198. This year he will surpass the 200 win mark. Mr. Dennis Stine, Principal at Meridian High, praises Mitch for his dedication to his students and his passion for teaching. He pushes athletes to be successful in the classroom first, and to use that same intensity to be successful in athletics, and all phases of their lives.

Mr. Frank Altimore, close friend of the Stoppert family and coach with Mr. Stoppert, presented the plaque to Mitch. Frank had coached Mitch in baseball in the summer leagues. Frank stated that Mitch was an excellent representative of all the characteristics considered in determining who would receive the award. Frank lauded Mitch for his outstanding personal character, mentor relationships, peer relationships, community involvement, and the overall success of his team’s academic and athletic achievements.

Frank concluded by saying Mitch exemplified everything Bob Stoppert deemed important to being successful in, not only coaching, but also in life.

MIDLAND CROSS COUNTRY RECOGNITION BANQUET

Midland Lions Club is hosting the annual banquet honoring the Midland County High School Cross Country Teams. This program will be held at the American Legion Post, 5111 Hedgewood Drive, on Tuesday, October 26 at 6:00pm. The guest speaker will be Bill Pritchett, a local marathon runner who will share his experiences with us. The menu will be delicious baked chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes and two kinds of gravy, corn, beans, roll and butter, tossed salad, coffee, tea, milk and ice cream. Cost for Lions is \$12.00. We want to encourage as many Lions as possible to attend and show our support for the many young athletes, their parents and coaches. It can do lots for spreading the good work of Lionism to many parents and athletes in our community since much of what we stand for is our work with youth.

CRYSTAL LIONS EXCITED ABOUT 2010

Crystal Lions President Theron Guild is excited to be leading Crystal's Lions Club for his second year. Our regular meetings began September 13 with a presentation by Cody DeWitt sharing his experiences in Australia as a member of the Lions All State Band. Cody is one of four students our club sponsored to attend the Lions International Convention in Sydney, Australia. Our next meeting, September 27, was attended by Vice District Governor, John Monahan, who encouraged members to become more visible in the community and invite community members to join the Lions Club.

The club had a busy spring/summer. We already had a very successful White Cane Drive, awarded college scholarships to local students, Will Blanchard, Raymond Enbody and Bradley Haan; assisted Crystal residents in need with eye care and eye glasses; and a few other community projects.

We were able to have 4 Crystal Lions Benefit Races in June/July which were a successful evening of family filled Fun.



Our annual Fruit Sale is coming up in November. The funds raised from this fundraiser allow us to assist those in need and be involved in the other projects aiding our community. Our gratitude and thanks goes to the area businesses and Community members that are always there to support us. Become part of the pride "We Serve". Interested in becoming a Crystal Lions member? Contact Randy Simmon: 989-235-2234.

Picture 1 is Cody DeWitt, Lions All State Band, accepts a Crystal Lions Club pin from King Lion Theron Guild. Picture 2 is, Crystal Lions Club, King Lion Theron Guild with 1st VDG John Monahan.

Kaleva Lions

Kaleva Lions Spaghetti Dinner is Oct. 30th - 4 P.M. till 6 P.M.?

Come help support our local food banks. Big thanks to Lions that helped clean up Nine Mile Road and all the other Lions that help keep our road sides clean. Serving and make our area clean is a very great idea. Kaleva Lions now have a lighted sign to help promote our community events, read it as your driving through. Kaleva Lions serving all you can eat Pancake Breakfast every Sunday and fresh Pasties every Thursday. Come get yours.

District 11-C1 & 11-E1 Convention

Our convention will take place in Mt. Pleasant this coming year at the Comfort Inn on April 1, 2, & 3, 2011.

The theme for this year will be an Irish theme, so go out and get your costumes, while Halloween costumes are still available. Also do not forget that our Friday night get together is on April Fool's Day.

More information will follow on the convention as time nears, the registration will be out by the middle of December, 2010. If you have any questions, please e-mail me at debkreitner@charter.net.

GOVERNOR'S TRAVELS OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

OCTOBER

- 16 POLISH DINNER-HARRISON
- 18 KALEVA-ANNIVERSARY
- 19 CADILLAC-OFFICIAL VISIT
- 20 CARSON CITY
- 21 COLEMAN-OFFICIAL VISIT
- 25 CRYSTAL-OFFICIAL VISIT
- 26 BIG RAPIDS-SPAGHETTI DINNER
- 27 NORTHPORT
- 28 SPAGHETTI DINNER-LUDINGTON/MASON COUNTY EYEGLASSES

NOVEMBER

- 1 ZONE MEETING
- 4 SANFORD
- 5 LIONESSE CONVENTION - TRAVERSE CITY
- 8 MOUNT PLEASANT-OFFICIAL VISIT
- 9 ZONE MEETING-BALDWIN
- 10 LUTHER-CHRISTMAS PARTY
- 11 VETERAN'S DAY
- 15 GREENVILLE LEO'S CHARTER NIGHT
- 16 SIX LAKES-OFFICIAL VISIT
- 18 HART

DISSOLUTION OF MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

Lion Gayle Morlock, Hearing Committee District 11-E1 Chairperson and MADHH Board Member

The membership of Michigan Association for Deaf and Hard of Hearing voted on September 24, 2010, to dissolve the association. It was with heavy hearts that this had to happen due to lack of adequate funding sources. The assets have been distributed to other agencies that provide services for the deaf and hard of hearing. The only bright spot in dissolving the association is that the Deaf Coalition Executive Committee has agreed to pick up the expenses for Camp Chris for 2011.

Cedar / Maple City



The Cedar/Maple City Lions did their last High-Way Pick-Up this year in rain and sunshine. Photos, 1st. Lions Bob Stachnik (chairman), Pat Hobbins & Gordon Waldenmyer. 1st photo, Lion Melinda Lautner 2nd photo is Lions Bob Stachnik (chairman), Pat Hobbins & Gordon Waldenmyer.



The Cedar/Maple City Lions Club celebrated their 46th Anniversary on October the 11th with District 11E-1, Governor Laura Johnson. The meeting was a combination Governors Night & Charter Night. The meal was catered for the event at the Lions Community Building in Maple City. The charter members, Lions Robert Stachnik, Charles Flaska & Glen Noonan started the meeting lighting the Lions Memorial Candle. Governor Laura Johnson presented each of them with the Michigan Lions Pin. The Charter members each received a framed copy of the Charter & the Charter Photo.

1st. photo: 11E-1 Governor Laura Johnson, Lions Robert Stachnik, Charles Flaska & Glen Noonan.

2nd photo: Lions, Robert Stachnik, Charles Flaska & Glen Noonan, lighting the memorial candle.

Fellow Lions

The next Region II Zone 3 meeting is being held in Baldwin Tuesday November 9th 2010 @ 6:30pm - \$8.00 for meal at the Hollister Senior Center in Baldwin, Michigan

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 11/2/10 so dinner arrangements can be made.

There are 3 zone meetings left in the coming year:

2nd Region II Zone 3 meeting is being held in Baldwin Tuesday November 9th 2010 @ 6:30pm - \$8.00 for meal at the Hollister Senior Center in Baldwin, Michigan.

3rd Region II Zone 3 meeting is being held in Cadillac Tuesday February 15th 2011 @ 6:30pm - \$13.00 for meal at McGuire's Resort in Cadillac, Michigan.

4th Region II Zone 3 meeting is being held in Luther on Wednesday April 6th 2011 @ 6:30pm - \$7.00 for meal at the Luther Lion's Den in Luther, Michigan.

To all clubs if there is any change to meal price or starting times please let me know, I'm just going off what I was given last year.

Notice: Our guest speaker will be Lion Kerry McKinley.

Thanks,

ZC Lion Timothy Anderson
Region II Zone 3
Cadillac Lions Club
231-775-2939

Traverse City Lions

Raffle: Lion John Hunt, Chair. We are conducting our 2010 raffle. Our goal is to sell 2,000 tickets @ \$2.00 each. Based on our results for 2009 that is a very reasonable goal. Our sales to date have been impressive. However we have a ways to go to sell all 2,000 tickets. The available hours are from 10AM to 8PM. Remember – The raffle proceeds support our Lion's vision services to the community. **Thru September 17 we have sold 1,281 tickets at Wal-Mart and Sam's. We have sold 80 tickets to date by individuals. We have dates reserved on October 22, 23, 29 and 30 at Wal-Mart. Call Lion John Hunt and volunteer to sell tickets.**

Project KidSight Screening in Cadillac



On 9/11 during the Child Safety Expo held appropriately enough at the fire station here in Cadillac the Lions held a 4 hour Project KidSight screening. This was the first year the Cadillac Lions were invited to take part in this event and it was a perfect fit! 77 kids from the area stop by to have a photo taken of their eyes, and when done each walked away with a sticker on their shirt and a smile on their faces from their brief visit with the Cadillac Lions.

The Cadillac Lions Cubs also helped out at this event ushering the children to the registration table and helping to round up kids to be tested. Special thanks to PDG Lion Dan Gibbons for being our photographer and to State Project Chair Linda Bosma for coming out to show her support. Project KidSight

and the Cadillac Lions have been invited back again next year.

(In the photo left to right from front to back in the stroller Cub William Groulx, Cub Rachael Anderson, Cub Jay Groulx, Lion Michelle Groulx, Lion Christina Anderson, Volunteer Michelle Whitley, PDG Lion Dan Gibbons are all getting ready for the Child Safety Expo to start?)

Lake Ann Lions



Pictured is: Lion Brenda handing a \$1,000.00 donation that was made on August 23, 2010 to Clairene Jorella for the Michigan Eye Bank. Clairene came to the monthly meeting and did a presentation. Clairene is also the Grayling Lions Treasurer.

2nd photo is: Lion George handing a Lake Ann Pin to 1st VDG Lion John Monahan, when he came to visit us in July.

Coleman Lions Celebrate 70 Years of service



Coleman Lions Club wants to thank everyone who made our Cash Raffle and “Charter Night” fundraiser a success! The winners of this year’s Cash Raffle were: Bob Dana of Coleman, the first place winner of \$500; Lynn Schell of Onaway, winner of \$100 for the second year in a row; and Maxine Nelson of Coleman, who won \$50. None of the winners were present at the drawing which was held during the club’s 70th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, September 18 at the Coleman VFW Hall.

Many special guests were in attendance, including several relatives of the original twenty-six men who chartered the Coleman Lions Club in 1940. A committee of Coleman Lions members was formed last year to research who these highly respected members of the business community were. The result was that pictures of twenty-three were found along with information about all twenty-six. A slide show of old Coleman and early Lions members was part of the entertainment during the party.

Other special guests were District Governor Lion Laura and Lion Harry Johnson, 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Bill Simpson and Vickie, PDG Lion Dan Gibbons, Zone Chairs Lion Pete Conarty and his wife Mary Lou and Lions Tim and Christina Anderson. Also in attendance were Lion Michael Hoy, President of the Midland Lions Club and his wife Tina.

The fundraising events included live and silent auctions, a 50/50 drawing and other games. Our caterer, Diane Ross from *A Catered Affair* in Beaverton prepared a wonderful buffet dinner enjoyed by all. Lion’s members provided a variety of home baked desserts, with a special anniversary cake baked and decorated by Cathy Gordon, wife of this year’s president of Coleman Lions, Curt Gordon.

Thank you to everyone who attended or in any way helped to make this evening fun and our fundraiser a success. We look forward to continuing to support Coleman and Lions activities.



Camp Tuhsmeheeta

Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind

We would like to thank all of the wonderful people that have been so good to us for donating moneys to help Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind keep Camp Tuhsmeheeta going. Without your generous donations it would be very hard for us to do all the wonderful things that we do to keep the programs going.

We had a wonderful summer program this year and we sent home children with a happy heart and a smile on their faces. They met some new friends and many good memories.

OUB has been running the camp program for over 5 years now and clubs mail us checks made out to Camp Tuhsmeheeta and the bank that we use is no longer accepting the checks written out to Camp Tuhsmeheeta. Please make the checks out to OUB or Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind and in the memo section you can put Camp T. or Camp Tuhsmeheeta that will be just fine.

If your club is looking for a program, please contact me and I will be happy to come and put on a program.

Assuming that I can get a ride, I will be there. That is not an issue because we have a lot of good members here in Greenville and they want to get the word out about Camp T. as well as I do. You can contact me at via E-mail

w8wr@charter.net or by phone (616) 754-9213 or Lion Larry Alman, P.O. Box 312, Greenville, MI 48838.

I look forward to hearing from you,
Lion Larry Alman
Camp Tuhsmeheeta District Chairman
w8wr@charter.net

GREENVILLE LEO'S CHARTER NIGHT

The Greenville Leo Club is off to a tremendous start. We have 29 excited young members who are currently working on 3 different projects, while planning a major one called "Blessing in a Backpack." This will allow children to have healthy food over the weekends when school, breakfast and lunch are not available.

Several fundraising ideas are being planned with a pop can drive as their first event. This will be on Saturday, October 23, during the day. Leo's in pairs will cover different neighborhoods. Proceeds will be used for the "Blessings in a Backpack."

Our most exciting news is our charter night, planned for Monday, November 15th at the Mount Calvary Church. Social time will be from 6:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. with a wonderful dinner to follow. The Leo members and families will be invited to join our Lions Club Festivities.

Leo members will be signing their charter and officers will be inducted to their positions and members will be installed. We are blessed to have a very special guest, newly elected International Director from Michigan, Lion Dr. Gary Anderson has agreed to come and spend the evening with us. He is on the International Leo's committee for Lions Clubs International and is excited about the happenings in Greenville.

More Information to follow

11-E1 DISTRICT RESOURCE THE EAR LAB PROJECT

In 1984 Lion Ed Smith of Traverse City conceived and developed a project that for 25 years has been a source of pride and a resource to Lions Clubs throughout Northwest Lower Michigan. As an audiologist with Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Lion Ed saw a need for a mobile hearing testing vehicle that could reach people beyond the Traverse City area. He was especially concerned about the numbers of children and older adults whose hearing problems were not being identified or treated. He knew that left untreated these people were at a significant disadvantage educationally and socially. As Lions Clubs were becoming more involved helping those with hearing as well as vision problems, he proposed a joint venture to combine resources from District 11-E-1 and Munson Medical Center. A mobile Ear lab that could provide audio logical services to smaller hospitals in the areas surrounding Traverse City would help Munson expand needed services. But the same unit could be used by his District's Lions Clubs to provide free community hearing screenings and promote Lionism at the same time. With a \$12,000 grant from the district, Lion Ed quadrupled the seed money from two separate private foundations and ordered and equipped a twenty-seven foot motor home.

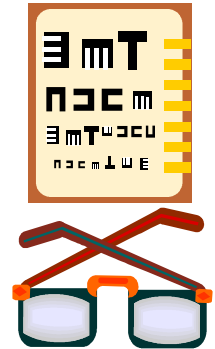
This first Ear lab was a converted Beech craft motor home which visited hospitals in Grayling, Gaylord, Charlevoix, Kalkaska, Manistee, and Frankfort on a regular schedule. On weekends, the unit was available to Lions Clubs to rent as a screening service they could present to their communities. Lion Ed wanted the Ear lab to be an affordable option that clubs could use on an annual or more frequent basis and see it as an asset they would be proud to promote. In its 13 years of service the original Ear lab provided over 20,000 free hearing screenings with over 9000 of those referred for medical or audio logical intervention to correct a hearing loss. In the early days the Ear lab was often seen at community festivals and events around Northern Michigan.

Because of growing needs for audio logical services by schools and industries, a second Ear lab was purchased in 1987. This unit has travelled over 175,000 miles and was refurbished in 2005 with the help of a \$10,000 grant from District 11-E-1. By 1991 the original Beech craft Ear lab had to be retired and it was replaced with a smaller, and wheelchair accessible mobile unit. With the industrial market continuing to grow a third mobile testing unit was purchased in 1997. Today, a fleet of three mobile Ear labs proudly displays the Lions Club International logo and credits district 11-E-1 for their support. These units have travelled over 300,000 miles and provided more than 30,000 free hearing screenings throughout Northwest Lower Michigan. More than 10,000 of these resulted in identifying children and adults with hearing deficits that needed medical intervention or referral for hearing aids.

With so many miles and so much use, the Ear labs have needed regular but constant maintenance. Lion Ed and the District Governors had the foresight to commit the Lions to an annual contribution for upkeep. This commitment has varied over the years, but now stands at \$6000 per year. With maintenance costs over the past 3 years averaging over \$23,000 per year, the bulk of the cost is paid by Munson Medical Center. Each club in the District has been asked to contribute to this District Ear lab Project. It's a resource no other district in the state can claim and a source of pride for 11-E-1. Some clubs may not feel they use the Ear lab enough to justify an annual contribution. Ear lab usage has dropped over the past several years and in a future article I'll talk about how your club can promote, schedule, and pay for the Earlab's visit to your community.

Lion Paul Hanrahan

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



THE OFFICERS OF LIONS DISTRICT 11-E1

ARE HAVING A

SPAGHETTI DINNER

TO BENEFIT

THE MASON COUNTY EYEGLOSS PROGRAM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2010, 4:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

AT THE COMMUNITY CHURCH, 109 N. HARRISON ST.,

LUDINGTON, MI

THERE WILL BE \$5.00 DONATION

Please contact PDG Harry Johnson at 231-250-5257,

if you can help in any way.

“WE SERVE”



**Greenville Lions Club is proud to present the formation of the Greenville Leo's Club
 at a Charter Night Celebration on
 Monday, November 15, 2010
 at the Mount Calvary Lutheran Church,
 908 W. Oak St., Greenville, MI 48838.**

**Just a short distance from Spectrum United Memorial Hospital on the opposite side of W. Oak St.
 The function will start at 6:00 P.M. for the social time
 & dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M.,
 Dinner will be \$8.00 per person.**

**All District 11-E1 Lions clubs, Leo's & Cubs are invited
 to help celebrate this historic night for the Greenville Leo's.**

**We will have a very special guest, Michigan's own International Director,
 Lion Dr. Gary Anderson & his lovely wife Lion Cheryl Anderson.
 ID Lion Gary will conduct the installation of officers and new members.
 Please RSVP before November 8, 2010 at the latest to
debkreitner@charter.net
 or 616-754-8409**

Name: _____ **Lions, Leo or Cub Club:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Names of attendees: _____

**Please remember to make your reservations by November 8, 2010 at the latest.
 Thank you and hope to see everyone there.**

Grant Information request Sheet

The District of 11-E1 has received a matching grant from Lions International for Lions Publicity. This Grant is for the amount \$1,750.00. The grant was specified for the amount of \$1,750.00 and matching funds of \$1,750.00 from the District for a total of \$3,500.00 was to be used for a float to promote Lionism within the District. There have been general discussions by the cabinet members as to whether clubs would utilize the float. The float will have to be built by a committee, along with being stored, maintained and insured by the District. It was felt that before plans were made that there should be input from the Lions Clubs within the District.

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| 1. Would your club utilize the District Float? | Yes | No |
| 2. Is your club in favor of a District Float? | Yes | No |
| 3. Would your club help in construction of the float? | Yes | No |
| 4. Could your club help financially if needed? | Yes | No |

5. Do you have an idea where the float should be stored?

6. Club name: _____

7. Comments: _____

Please underline your answer, the District of 11-E1 appreciates your input.

Deadline 11/15/2010. Please send e-mail to: debkreitner@charter.net