



Lions of Michigan – District 11-E-1



District Governor Lion Larry Morlock First Lady Lion Gayle Newsletter - September 2008

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Tidbits from the District Governor

From time to time tidbits of information need to be dispersed to the membership. The district website has been in existence for three years and we are getting a bit soft on keeping the website current. Webmaster Lion Karla Roebuck has 14 clubs with current information. The rest of us need to update our club website. Clubs need to log into <http://lionwap.org> and enter their current information, as most of them have not been updated since 2005 when PCC Janalee McClure was District Governor. If you need help with login or password information, contact Lion Randy Roebuck at 231-972-8885 or email to randal.roebuck@gmail.com and he will be able to assist you.

Remember the Club Fall Conference September 27th at Ferris State University Rankin Center Dome Room. We will have the parade of checks to the projects in the morning and IRS information on filling out your Form 990 in the afternoon.

Those of you who have changed addresses (mailing or email) need to contact Newsletter Editor Lion Larry Alman at 11e1editor@charter.net so that the rest of us can update our roster books.

We are beginning our planning for the spring convention with District C-1 which lies to the south of us. We are hoping to schedule some new venues for the educational program of the convention. We are looking forward to an exciting and enjoyable convention on April 17-19, 2009, at the Holiday Inn in Big Rapids.

Lion John Monahan from the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club will be presenting at the Michigan Forum on February 20-21, 2009, at the Holiday Inn West in Lansing.

White Cane chairperson Lion Bill Simpson from the Big Rapids Lions Club reports that White Cane week will be April 24-May 2, 2009. The metal pins will no longer be ordered and if you are low in your supply order as soon as possible as the White Cane committee will not be reordering. Call Lions State Office at 517-887-6640 to order. They are being discontinued due to the cost of the pins.

If you are contemplating running for District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, 2nd Vice District Governor, or Region Chair your letter of nomination from your club must be sent to PDG Irwin Beck at 8558 W. Stormer Rd., Empire, MI 49630 before January 15, 2009. He has already received some nominations.

We continue to fight the battle with membership responsibility on several fronts. The Vice-District Governor is charged with doing the roster book. Expenditures of district funds for a roster book to facilitate up-to-date communication is wasted if the club does not conduct their elections in April and transmit their PU-101 to Lions Clubs International in a timely manner. The Vice-District Governor uses the PU-101s as a data base for putting together the district roster book. Much time and expense are wasted if the clubs do not complete their work on time. See the corrections to the roster book elsewhere in this newsletter.

Dues collected from the membership are to be transmitted within 30 days of billing to Lions Clubs International and the district secretary, PDG Jim Chipman. This is your first obligation as a fiduciary agent to transmit the dues. Of course, secondly, to pay your bills. Remember that money collected from club projects/fundraisers must be kept in a separate account labeled as activities/projects. This money in this specific account must be used for public support. Dues money supports club administrative expenditures. We Lions pride ourselves with the statement "100% of money collected from the public stays with the public" in support of projects for the public.

Lions Clubs International Foundation chair PDG Jack Burchard reports that District 11-E1 has 120 Melvin Jones Fellows. Your club donations to LCIF can be applied towards a Melvin Jones Fellow. For a donation of \$1,000 a Melvin Jones Fellow may be given. The payment period can be over a period of years. Don't forget to fill out the application with your donation. If you need an application contact LCI at 630-571-5466 or email www.lcif.org

PDG Lynnwood Mast reports that Michigan Eye Bank has a new program. If your club wants to know about this great program contact PDG Lynn at 231-689-6971 or email lmast@riverview.net to do a presentation for your club.

Governor's Travels

- Sept. 23 Region 2 Zone 3 meeting and officers' training—Baldwin
- Sept. 24 Club Fall Conference—Big Rapids
- Sept. 29 Region 3 Zone 1 meeting—Shepherd

- Oct. 3-5 Council of Governors—St. Ignace
- Oct. 6 Fremont Lions Club—Official Visit
- Oct. 8 Region 2 Zone 1 meeting—Clare
- Oct. 11MERL Training—Lansing
- Oct. 13 White Cloud Lions Club—Official Visit
- Oct. 19 IPDG Bill Raymor's Appreciation Dinner—Onkama
- Oct. 20 Kaleva Lions Club Anniversary
- Oct. 26 MERLOW meeting—White Cloud
- Oct. 27 Cedar-Maple City Lions Club—Official Visit

Vice District Governor Wayne Kreitner



Fellow Lions,

Here we are starting our 3rd month into the year and to date you have started it with a bang. As of September 1st, we are as a district at a plus 3 members. We have discussed how important it is to trim our drops and increase our new members. This is by far one of the great districts in our state and we have to continue to stand out. One of the things that is important is the ability of our members to have fun while doing the important jobs that we need to do for our communities. While we do these jobs we have to work together as a team without conflict. Below you will find a letter that was written by one of the members of the Greenville Lions Club, which I believe stands out and is from the heart. This person has been a member for less than one year. I appreciate his openness and candor as a Lion member.

Thank you Lion Ed.

By Ed Atanasoff

I ask myself this question often. Why the Lions? What motivated me to join the Greenville Lions? In my busy life, why do I sometimes push other things aside so I can attend the club meetings? What keeps me coming back to this club where the age of the members ranges from 18 – 90 years?

Lion Kyle Madole answered the question for me with his closing remarks during the recent steak fry at the Kortess farm. As Kyle said, the way we get and retain members is simple....Fun! Even Kyle admitted to going through a period when he dreaded coming to the club meetings because it just wasn't much fun.

Sure the idea of positive contributions to the community feels good and we all know the club has purpose, but sometimes that just isn't enough. We need to have fun. While every club function needs to be structured, it also needs to be fun.

I believe the public is well aware of the many good things the Lions do for the community. What potential members need to see is us having fun. To this day, I cherish going to a parade and seeing those guys in those funny hats with the tassels (we know who they are) driving around in their go carts, mini bikes or airplanes. I still think....man those guys are having fun!

With every event we undertake and every speaker we host we should ask ourselves: How will we project to the community that the Lions have fun?

So how will we accomplish this?

I hope that you enjoyed this and have read between the lines. Lioness Debbie and myself are on our way to the USA Canadian Forum in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada and will report to you in the next news letter.

God Speed Fellow Lions, VDG Lion Wayne

**October 19 IPDG William Raymor
& Lion 1st Ladie Jayne Raymor**

You are cordially invited to the Governor's Appreciation Party for IPDG Bill Raymor on October 19th, 2008. Cocktails 5:00 P.M. Dinner 6:00 P.M. featuring Loin pork chops for a cost of \$17.00 per person. The event will be held at the Onekama Lions Den on M-22 (Manistee County Fair grounds) in Onekama. IPDG Bill and First Lady Jane have asked that we do an auction to be held that evening. The proceeds are to go to Diabetes. Please bring in items for the auction. Please contact Lion Laura Johnson with your items to be auctioned off at 231-745-5424, if she does not answer it is because she is at the U.S.A./Canada Forum, please call back or send an e-mail.



R.S.V.P. by October 11, 2008 To: Lion Pam Schroeder 4829 Crescent Beach Onekama, MI 49675, 231-889-4870

Kid Sight Film and supplies

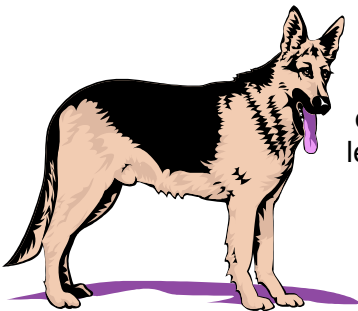
The contact name and phone number for KID SIGHT film and other supplies (Permission slips, Screening Data Sheets, etc.) is Susan Eisenhardt 1 (586) 727-5684.

Thought of the month

If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change. **Dr. Wayne Dyer**

Leader Dogs for the Blind

If you would like a program for your up-coming meeting? Contact Lion Jane Jibson and she would be happy to give you a presentation on Leader Dogs for the Blind, please contact Lion Jane at 231-924-1564 or by e-mail at jajibson@yahoo.com. Lion Jane has a leader dog and will do an excellent job.



Region 2 meeting rescheduled

It is rescheduled for the 23rd of September at the Hollister Senior Center in Baldwin at 7:00 p.m. A light meal will

CAMPAIGN SIGHT FIRST II – SUCCUSS FOR EVERYONE

During this year's Lions International Convention in Bangkok Thailand it was announced that Lions have exceeded their goal of raising \$ 200 million dollars in support of Sight First II Projects. Past President Dr. Tae-Sup Lee stated that throughout the three years of fund raising, Lions have proven time and time again they are steadfast in their dedication to saving sight.

All members of District 11-E-1 can be proud too. During the campaign the District raised \$ 49,991.27 dollars. That amount of money will positively impact the sight of 8332 people - something everybody can cheer about.

The top 10 contributing clubs in our District were:

1. Kaleva	\$ 8,500	6. Mt. Pleasant	\$ 2,900
2. Greenville	\$ 4,546	7. Empire	\$ 2,550
3. Big Rapids	\$ 3,350	8. Freemont	\$ 2,000
4. Lakeview	\$ 3,200	9. Midland	\$ 1,700
5. Northport	\$ 3,000	10. Clare	\$ 1,500

Cedar/Maple City gave \$2,500n but they forgot to put CSFII on their check.

The District wound up with a commendable 87% of our clubs supporting this important Lions effort to combat blindness. The top two Districts in the State of Michigan were:

11-A2	\$ 441,443
11-C1	\$ 290,947

I offer my heartfelt thanks to all the Group Coordinators and the many Lions that made a difference by taking their time to support this worthwhile program. Stand up and be proud for a job WELL DONE.

PDG Dick Daniel
District Coordinator, Sight First II



Hearing Assistance

Lion Gayle Morlock, State Chairperson
Lions Hearing Committee

Lions of Michigan Hearing Assistance Program have been revamped by the Lions Hearing Committee over the past two years. For our District 11-E-1 the Lions clubs may utilize the services of the Ear Lab at Munson Hospital in Traverse City. Other services available are the Lions of Michigan Foundation or Lions Hearing Center Outreach Program with headquarters in Detroit (contact Lion John Jaquart, Director, at 1-888-LCH-MICH or their website at www.lhcmi.com)

A person gains access to hearing aid assistance by contacting their local Lions club who in turn contact the Ear Lab, Lions of Michigan Foundation (LMF), or Lions Hearing Center (LHC) for an application. All applicants must be SPONSORED by their local Lions club.

Those persons having a hearing loss may qualify for assistive listening devices. These devices may be purchased through Michigan Association for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (MADHH). Such devices may include FM amplification devices, telephones, alarm clocks, door bells, and educational materials. All applicants must show financial need which is based on annual household income. MADHH can present programs on different aspects of hearing loss, assistive listening devices, and a new one on the aging ear. For more information contact: MADHH at 1-800-YOUR-EAR or website www.madhh.org

Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Program

The Foundation may provide new or reconditioned digital hearing aids for low income hearing impaired people SPONSORED by a Michigan Lions Club or District.

As is with all direct assistance from the Foundation, there is an application process. The SPONSOR Club or District is responsible for requesting the Hearing Aid Application from the Foundation Office.

Hearing Aid Applications are reviewed at least bi-monthly and approval is based on the overall financial and medical need of the applicant. Applicants are categorized based on their annual household income.

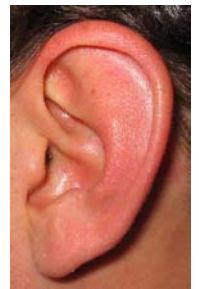
Qualified applicants fall into 2 categories.

- Ø Category 1: 0-200% Federal Poverty Guidelines
- Ø Category 2: 200% - 300% Federal Poverty Guidelines
- Ø Approved applicants who have annual household incomes between 200% and 300% of Federal Poverty Guidelines are required to pay a deductible equal to \$300 per hearing aid.
- Ø Collected deductibles are placed in a restricted Hearing Aid Fund to purchase hearing aids for others in need.
- Ø The SPONSOR Lions Club or District is responsible for scheduling an appointment with a licensed audiologist for programming and preparing the hearing aid(s) for use by the applicant.

For assistance contact: Chad McCann at 1-517-887-6640 ext. 10 or email cmccann@lionsofmi.com

The Hearing Committee is preparing an educational brochure on hearing loss and will be writing an article in the next ten issues of the Lions Pride magazine. Be sure to read your magazine to find much information on hearing loss, programs, interpreters, hearing impaired camps, Helen Keller, and other issues on hearing loss.

REMEMBER: HEARING LOSS IS THE #1 DISABILITY IN THE UNITED STATES MAINLY DUE TO NOISE POLLUTION!



Corrections for District book

Big Rapids
President - Douglas Fitzgerald
Big Rapids Lions Club meeting location
changes:
September 22nd - Pepper's Cafe
October and November - Bennigans (Holiday
Inn.
No decision has been made as to where we
will meet beginning in January 2009.
Lion Dick Perrin, PDG

Cadillac
Meetings: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 6:30pm (**Tuesday
not Thursday**). McGuire's Resort - 7880 S
Mackinaw Trail,
President - Dennis Hyzer
403 Carland St.
Marion, MI 49665
231-743-9485
dennishyzer@hotmail.com
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2301 E. Lake Mitchell
Cadillac, MI 49601
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Treasurer - Bill Taylor
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Cadillac, MI 49601
231-775-1487
taylor-wc@sbcglobal.net
Membership - Timothy Anderson

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Cadillac, MI 49601
231-775-2939
scantek@scantek.com

Cedar-Maple City
Dave McNeil's new email davemcneil1125@aol.com

Sand lake Lions Club
Saturday meeting time is 9:30 a.m.
meeting place is Sand Lake Library 88 Eight Street
Treasurer : Don Boezwinkle
616 636 2252

Six Lakes
President— Ward Walcutt
P.O. Box 98
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Cedar/Maple City Lions Club



Lions Doug Parkinson, Bonnie Whitan & Bill Courson
selling Raffle Tickets at the Maple City Car Show
(Aug.17th). Our Raffle on September the 8th is one of
our big fund raisers.



The Cedar/Maple City Lions held their annual raffle on September the 8th 2008. 64 prizes, all donated and we raise about \$4,000.00 for our community projects. Left to rightt., Mike McNeil (King Lion Dave McNeil's son), Lion Tom Triebes (Chairman), Lion Rob Serbin & Lion Grayson East. Thanks, Pat Hobbins, Secretary.

Baldwin Lions and Lioness Clubs



The Baldwin Lions and Lioness Club had a special guest at their August meeting. I.P.D.G. Lion Bill and Lion Jackie Christensen from District 13-F in Ohio visited the club while on vacation in the area. This is the third summer Lion Bill & Jackie have attended the Baldwin Lions meeting. King Lion Laura Johnson presented them with the Lioness Club's 2008 Blessing of the Bike pins, while I.P.D.G. Bill presented Lion Laura and P.D.G. Harry with his current Governor's District pin. Lion Bill gave the club an update on the four goals he had set for his year as governor.



P.D.G. Lion Harry Johnson installed a new Lioness member, Lioness Ann Walters who is employed at the local newspaper. P.D.G. Harry finished installing the treasurer and First Vice President for this year.



Lion Jayne Raymor has made a special request for her and I.P.D.G. Bill's appreciation dinner. She would like a silent auction to be held during their dinner, with the clubs attending doing items such as they did at the convention.

She would like all the proceeds to be donated to American Diabetes Association. She feels there needs to be more awareness in this area, especially since several of our past Governor's are diabetic. Reporting is President Laura Johnson.

The Baldwin Lions Club will be having a CHILI / BAKED POTATO Luncheon on October 18th 11:00am to 2:00pm at Holister Senior Center in Baldwin.\$6.00 per person all you can eat.

Coleman Lions Club

At the August meeting Coleman Lions welcomed new members Daryl and Sally Ward, long time Coleman residents. Daryl and Sally jumped in with two feet to help the club with ticket sales on our annual Corvette raffle, as pictured here. The raffle drawing was held during half-time of the Demolition Derby, August 16 at the Midland County Fair. The winner of the 1985 Corvette was Marie Green of Shepherd, pictured here with her grandsons receiving the keys from Lion Curt Gordon of Gordon Chevrolet in Coleman. The second place prize, a new Old Town canoe, was won by Willy Werner of Avoca. and the handmade quilt was won by Duane Novak of Freeland. Thanks to all who purchased tickets this year, thus allowing us to continue meeting the needs of our community, our state and those served around the world by Lions International.



Evert Lions Club

The Evert Lions Club finished their summer fundraising with Spit and Whittle which is a group of the Woodcarvers. The club forecasters this past spring predicted that fundraising would drop as a result of the Michigan economy. However, the events produced revenues less than 2007, but higher than what some of us expected. The club will be sponsoring Punt, Pass, and Kick sponsored by the NFL in the coming month. The club is scheduled to induct 2 women into the club.

The club curtailed their project money due to diminished revenues with the exception of our local eye glass program. We doubled the eye glass program due to dramatically increased requests from the public.

Fremont Lions Club



Food Booth at the Concert in the Park - July 24, 2008. Lion Ron Gibson headed up the food booth at the July 24th music in the part program. It was a great event. There was a wonderful turn out of Lions. It was so good to get together as a working team once again. We even sold a lot of food. I believe about 94 hamburgers and even more hot dogs. As we always say, it was good exposure and public relations for the Lions.

Greenville Lions Club

We just finished working on the 44th annual Danish Festival project. It was a better year for us this year. We had plenty of good help and we had a lot of fun doing it as well. Lion Kyle (smokey) our tailtwister did a excellent job on the grill entertaining the passers-by.



Induction of new members by Past District Governor Lynn Mast. We invited PDG Lynn Mast to our meeting to induct 2 new members, Lion Charlie Harrington, and Lion Nicole Atwood. Their

sponsors are Lion Ron Blanding and Lion VDG Wayne Kreitner. We had a cook out at Lion Ted's farm and we had a great time and the weather was perfect.



Spaghetti Dinner September 19:

Greenville Lions Club will hold a spaghetti dinner at the American Legion in Greenville to raise money for projects in the community. Our first one was last March, and we decided we would have two this year. It is a fun project and we can work close with the community. We will be going around to various stores in the community to get donated goods for the project.

Hart Lions Club

Two Hart Lions Club members were awarded Melvin Jones Fellows at the clubs social meeting this past spring. Lion Denny Hedinger received the Governor's choice award from District Governor William Raymor, and Lion Robert Chapman, not present at the time, was awarded Lion of the year and the Melvin Jones Fellow from the Hart Lions Club. Both Lions were pleasantly surprised by the awards. Lion Denny has been very involved in the Hart Club along and Zone Chairman for a several years.



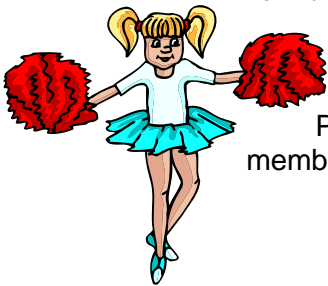
Honor Lions Club



Honor Lions supported the Annual National Coho Festival in Honor on Saturday, Aug. 23rd with their food wagon & kickoff for their annual Rifle Raffle. Lion Ed Jones manned rifle ticket sales & King Lion Jim Mallison & Lion Kim Wattles, Leader Dog Puppy Trainer, along with Labs Benzie & Maley, rode in the parade. Lots of rain in the a.m. but sunny skies prevailed for the parade & afternoon events.

Howard City Lions Club

Lion Larry Alman was happy to induct a new member into the Howard City Lions Club, Lion Mary Morden. Her sponsor was her 92 year old Father Lion Don Morden. They live about 20 miles away but Lion Don has been a member since the middle or late 70's. King Lion Richard was not present but we talked about him while he was gone, ha ha. 11-B-2 former PDG Norman Miller, PDG Richard Maguire and Lion Larry Alman was present along with members of their Club.



Kaleva Lions Club

Kaleva Days Aug. 22-24, the Kaleva Lions Club helped Kaleva host a very successful 108th annual Kaleva Days. Some of the highlights of the event were tours of the village hosted by King Lion John Makinen, a steak dinner served Saturday by the Lions, and the grand parade on Sunday afternoon. It was a fun-filled weekend for all. Next year, the Kaleva Days Committee has decided to move the event to the third weekend in July so we are not competing with neighboring towns and the county fair as well as Labor Day the next weekend.

Other events that were held included the Kaleva Lions Grand Raffle chaired by Lion Ken, a silent auction chaired by Ellen Kuuttilla, craft show chaired by Lion Audrey, a motorcycle poker run chaired by Lion Bian, and a classic car show chaired by Lion Carl. Our new food wagon was a great success chaired by Lions Bob and Fred. Our pancake breakfast served over 150 people sponsored by Osborn Sports Shop. The committee is always interested in the many ideas that people have for new events. If you have any questions, about Kaleva Days or any other project of the Kaleva Lions please contact us or visit any regular meeting. We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday at 6:29 PM at the Lions Den on 9 Mile Road in Kaleva.

We're having a Soup Luncheon on Sept. 27, 2008 , 11:30 - 2:30 at Kaleva Lions Den. Lions John and Robin Tatreau lost their business and home due to a fire. Come enjoy soup, breads and a dessert. Help your fellow Lions get back on their feet. For more info, contact Lion Carl at 231-864-2396.

Lakeview Lions Club



Congratulations to the Edmore Lions Club Golf Team of Terry Helms, Ron Stine, Ron LePoint, and Karl Klluwe for setting a new record low score of 58—14 below par. There were 15 teams that played on a great day for golf. In fact, nine out of fifteen teams broke par, with scores of 58, 62, 62, 64, 65, 66, 67, and 71 in the best ball



scramble. Everyone enjoyed the weather, the great steak dinner and prizes for all. Dr. William Winget won the 50-50 raffle and took as his prize, two rounds of golf at Katke golf course in Big Rapids. No one won a car or other hole in one prizes this year. Our golf outing in 2009 will be on Thursday, July 23. Hope to see other Lions Clubs represented next year.

Luther Lions Club

We haven't heard what they have been up to lately but here are a couple things coming up that you might be interested in if you are up in their area. Wednesday September 17 Social night 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. is pot-luck dinner (friends are welcomed). Wednesday September 24th, fish dinner 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. price is \$7.00. Sunday morning breakfast October 5th, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. Saturday Dinner Dance Auction Wednesday October 22nd Harvest dinner 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Come over and have some fun.

Manistee Lions Club

JET SKI LUNCH: The Jet Ski Lunch was a great success thanks to the dedicated Lions and friends. As you may know, the Jet Ski participants ride their jet skis around the great lakes to raise money for the Leader Dog School for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan. 38 participants, ground crew and workers enjoyed a lunch of hotdogs, potato salad, baked beans with all the condiments and beverages of their choice. Lions participating were King Lion Chris Olin, Secretary Richard Veine, Treasurer Lorraine Conway, Immediate Past President Barry Elder, Lions Jerry Krus and Dean Van Natter and former members Joe Beatty and John Carter.

The club was taxed for help as this was our annual White Cane/Candy Day. However, many served at both locations and as always, "We Served" and got the job done. I for one had a great time and we supported a State Project. Great Job everyone,

Manistee Lions were very pleased to have Vice District Governor, Lion Wayne Kreitner attend. He in turn gave us a new member in Sue Mancarelli and has asked that we include him in our Fish Boil next year. Perhaps we can have District Governor Larry and First Lady Gayle attend our Installation Dinner and make our request for Lion Wayne to attend next years appreciation Dinner.

Onekama Lions Club

Recently, 32 Onekama Lions Club members and the TC Beach Bum's Mascot enjoyed a baseball game and fireworks.



Two new members were installed on September 8, 2008 by PDG Dan Gibbons. Shown (L-R) are Barbara Mitchell, PDG Dan Gibbons, Lion Pam Schroeder, P Jack Burchard and Lars Berensten.

Remus Lions Club



The Remus Lions Club held their annual GOLF-BOWL outing at the Royal at Canadian Lakes and the Remus Bowling Center. The 106 participants enjoyed 2 games of bowling the morning while the rains cleared and followed up with 9 holes of golf in the beautiful sunny afternoon. Prizes were awarded for best golfers and bowlers. 50-50 drawings, prizes and a cash raffle followed after a catered meal.

The annual event raised over \$5,000 for local Remus projects including the Annual Christmas Kids Project. This project has been raising funds for over 20 years.



Weidman Lions Club



The Weidman Lions Club at their annual picnic in July presented a \$750.00 scholarship to Megan Price, a home schooled student. She will attend the Mid Michigan Community College nursing program. Kim Barnes (right) presented the scholarship to Megan Price (left). In May at the Chippewa Hills Honors program the Weidman Lions Club also presented a \$1,000.00 scholarship to Heidi Willard, who will attend Bob Jones University, and a \$750.00 scholarship to Bethany Fron who will attend Oral Roberts University.

State Extension Committee

I attended for the very first time the State Extension committee meeting at the State office in Lansing, Saturday September 13. P.C.C. and I arrived late because of the bad roads on the way. When we arrived they were stuffing envelopes and getting the mailing ready for the different schools around the state explaining the Student Exchange program for Lions.

Exchange students are in your home for three to six weeks and the normal dates are, Australia and Japan December 8 to first of the year and Germany and other countries in Europe that participate are from middle June to middle of August.

It is easy to have an exchange student in your home. Parents and Grand Parents can have a student or two in your home. Before you qualify to have a student in your home the State office goes to the State sex offender list to verify that you are not on the list. If you have never had a foreign exchange student, you should think about it, you will really have a good time.

Editors notes, please do not forget the Fall conference on September 27. It is a very important meeting and all Club officers should attend to bring the news back to your Club. If you have a new member that is an officer, it is more important for them to learn some of the things that go on behind the scenes that makes the District and your Club more important.

Suggestion, if you send in your articles before the 1st of the month, you have a better chance to get into the Lion Pride magazine. They have been asking for what I have by the first of the month and I send Michelle what I have and normally it is not very much. If you can, get it to me early,

Please view the committee reports on the District website to see what they have been working hard for. Your money goes to them and you need to know what is going on with the State and District projects..

Lion Larry