



## *Lions of Michigan – District 11-E-1*



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District 11-E1 is trying to reverse the loss of members for eight years. What is even worse, Lions Clubs International has been losing members since the seventies. Although, there may be several reasons for this problem, it never the less signals a loss in our ability to serve our citizens and their communities.

Lions Clubs International has assigned a past International Director as part of the Global Membership Team designed to assist districts to expand their membership. The October membership report showed the Multiple District 11 had four districts that gained membership. District 11-E1 was third highest with a gain of 8 members.

I am currently preparing an application to the Lions Clubs International for an extension team for our district. We plan on having the team here in the early to mid spring. Our MERLOW team will be a part of this effort. The Extension Team will give training on methods and implementation of conducting a membership building campaign that will be targeted in a few communities in District 11-E1.

Tidbits from the District Governor Round Three

Club secretaries are reminded that the written M reports are due the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. If you do the M report on line it is due by the last day of the month.

Activity reports are on the district website and should be completed monthly and sent to Cabinet Secretary PDG Jim Chipman.

Club treasurers are reminded that 990s are due November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Region and Zone Chairpersons are reminded to contact the District Governor when setting up dates for Zone and Region meetings. It is my desire to attend as many meetings that I can work into my schedule.

The clubs are reminded to contact District Governor Larry Morlock for club visitations at either 231-734-5200 or email [landg@netonecom.net](mailto:landg@netonecom.net).

Also, remember to contact district chairpersons of the projects for a club program. See roster book for chairpersons contact information. The roster is on the district website at [www.miLions11e1.org](http://www.miLions11e1.org).

#### Governor's Travels

Nov. 6	Hart Lions Club—Official Visit
Nov. 8	District C1 & E1 Convention Committee Meeting—Big Rapids MERLOW Meeting—Big Rapids
Nov.12	Region 3 Zone 3 Meeting—Hesperia
Nov. 13	Region 3 Zone 1 Meeting—Carson City
Nov. 17	Empire Lions Club—Official Visit
Nov. 18	Midland Lions Club—Official Visit
Nov. 20	Coleman Lions Club—Official Visit
Dec. 3	Region 2 Zone 1 Meeting—Clare
Dec. 9	Baldwin Lions Club—Official Visit
Dec. 10	Region 2 Zone 1 Meeting—Clare
Dec. 12-14	Council of Governors—Lansing
Dec. 19	Evert Lions Club—Christmas Party

#### District Youth Exchange program

The State of Michigan Youth Exchange Program has received two applications from Japan for a Michigan Visit.

Please consider hosting one of the applicants. Give me a call if you need an application to host!

1. China Ohkura from Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan

China is a student at Hokkaido Tokai University majoring in International Communication. She is 19 years old, is a Buddhist, her hobby is sports, especially tennis. She speaks English fair, is a non smoker and is ok with dogs and cats. She is in good health without any allergies.

2. Rina Fuchigami from Hiroshima, Japan

Rina is a student at Hiroshima University of Economics majoring in Business Administration. She is 19 years old, a Buddhist, her hobbies are dance, singing & skateboard. She speaks English fair, is a non smoker and is ok with dogs & cats. She has 2 sisters in junior high and twin brother & sister four years old. She is interested in fashion and gourmet food. Loves to shop.

The girls would like to be in the United States from December 20th to January 8th. Please consider hosting this year.

Thanks for considering it.

Janalee McClure, District 11E1 Youth Exchange Chairperson, 231-689-1321 or email [janalee@riverview.net](mailto:janalee@riverview.net) as soon as possible.



***Lion Vice District Governor and  
Lioness Debbie Kreitner***

Today as I am here at the computer, I think of how excited I am to be in the position that I hold. As we get further in the year, I wonder what learning experience will be around the next corner. There have been so many new things to learn that you become overwhelmed. After thirty five years in Lions, there are so many fellow Lions and Lioness who have helped me learn by just being with them. It is astonishing what you can learn from a friend if you just listen to what they say and how they act. I think of my sponsor setting me down and talking to me about our great organization for three hours on Thursday nights four different times, and on the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, he said "now tell me what you have learned and how you will use it to help everyone you come in touch with." I heard him say to be positive, be happy, work hard, and most of all have fun. Take what you have learned as you approach the next corner and use it to go forward.

This week my wife and I learned that her brother, Dennis, who will be 52 in December, discovered that his cancer has returned and he was given 6 months to live. He is a former Lion and was also very close with my sponsor, Deceased Lion John "Red" McCrery, who I refer to above. My wife Debbie talked to her brother on Friday night and advised him that we would be at his house on Saturday morning. He said to her isn't this the Saturday for the Lioness fashion show that you always work? She replied yes and he said you will go. He told her yesterday when he found out he had 6 months to live, he said he hit a wall on Thursday. When he woke up on Friday; he walked around the corner of the wall and went on with his life. This is what he expected both of us to do and continue with our normal routine.

This is how we all need to be if you hit a wall, pull yourself together and walk around it and learn.

- BE POSITIVE---- We as lions have to be positive in what we do. Positive that we can grow. Positive that we can achieve the goals that we set.
- BE HAPPY ---- Be happy that we have the means to help someone less fortunate than we are. Be happy that you can work with your fellow Lions and be happy that you can depend on them when you need them. They are your friends.
- WORK HARD---- We cannot achieve our goals that we have set to help our fellow man if we do not work hard. Never give up. If the hill gets to high, slow down, take a deep breath and continue to take one step at a time until you reach the top and achieve your goal.
- HAVE FUN----- How better can I say it, than BE POSITIVE, BE HAPPY, WORK HARD and HAVE FUN with your fellow Lion, Lioness, Leos and together we can reach our goals.

Again this month, I would like to thank you for your positive numbers and the new members that we have brought in to Lions.

*Thank you*

*VGD Lion Wayne Kreitner*

## **Thought of the Month**

You've got to be before you can do, and do before you can have.

Zig Ziglar

## **From DG Jim Walls 11-B-2 Past District Governor Extension**

District Governor Larry Morlock asked me to write you this e-mail for the newsletter. First item: the three questions and answers that the Zone Chair may ask their clubs to see if they are reading the newsletter.

1. What Lion District in the State of Michigan is the oldest district? SD 10
2. When did the Lions Association becoming International? 1919
3. What United States President is a Lion Past District Governor? Jimmy Carter

2nd item: 3 members membership team

District A-1 is trying a three member team approach to gaining new members. This approach seems to be having great success in their District as they have had an increase of 51 members this year. They have been willing to share this idea with other districts to see if the approach would be effective elsewhere.

Each club is broken up into teams of three. These three members then work together to seek out a "new" potential Lion member. One member of the team acts as the first to approach the potential member and invite him/her to the club. The second member of the team acts as the orientation person. and the third member of the team acts as the mentor of the new member. It is a three on one approach that seems to be much stronger. District Governor, Jim Williams likens this idea to the three-legged stool that is able to be much sturdier and long lasting. Obviously, this type of stool is more effective than one that has only one-leg or two. It allows three members of the club to indicate that they are interested in the new person as a Lion member. It allows that new Lion to feel valued and appreciated.

For further information on using this approach, please contact District Governor, Jim Williams, E-mail [jim@williamsh.com](mailto:jim@williamsh.com) or Phone home: 586 725-3244 office: 586 758-2020. Also PDG James Walls Membership chair E-mail: [walls7@hotmail.com](mailto:walls7@hotmail.com) or phone: 231 796-2861. Thank you, Jim Walls

## **IPDG William Raymor and Lion Jane's appreciation dinner**

*SILENT AUCTION A HUGE SUCCESS!!! Huge thanks to all the clubs and individual Lions who contributed an item to the silent auction at I.P.D.G. Bill and Jane's appreciation dinner. A donation of \$848 was forwarded to the American Diabetes Association in their honor!*

# Happy Thanksgiving





## REGION 2 CHAIR LAURA JOHNSON



*CERTIFICATES PRESENTED AT ZONE MEETING Region 2 Chair, Lion Laura Johnson presented Region 1, Zone 1 chairman, Lion Carl Hawkins and Lion Audrey LaFuze, both from the Kaleva club, with a certificate of appreciation for their help in the multi-club project for funding Mason county eyeglass purchases.*

*The same appreciation was extended to the Hart Lions club and three of their members for assisting in the same project. Pictured is Lion Bob Chapman receiving his certificate. Lions Denny Hedinger and Robert Veltman also were recognized for their part in the project, but were not in attendance.*

## Baldwin Lions Club



*BALDWIN LIONS INDUCT NEW MEMBER, On October 14<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Rich Rybka was installed as the newest member of the Baldwin Lions Club. P.D.G. Lion Harry Johnson had the honor of inducting the new member, with special guest Zone Chairman, Lion Tim Anderson of the Cadillac club also being present.*

## Baldwin Lions & Lioness Clubs

### BALDWIN LIONS AND LIONESS



### HOST ANNUAL COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN PARTY

*For the 29<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, members of the Baldwin Lions and Lioness entertained the local children as they trick or treated.*

*Several games challenged the skill of every witch or monster that came through. Bobbing for apples is always the favorite!*

*Refreshments of cider, punch, cookies, donuts, popcorn and hot dogs were served to both adults and children alike. In all, every one had a great time, especially the Lions!*

"We will either find a way, or make one!" Hannibal

## **Big Rapids Lions Club**



The Big Rapids Lions Club recently completed its biggest fundraiser of the year - working the FSU Concession Stand for all of the Ferris, Big Rapids High School and Rocket football games. Funds raised here help us to support our many local, state and international projects.

One of the club projects is the distribution of dictionaries to four Big Rapids elementary schools, two parochial schools, one charter school and Big Jackson school. This is the fifth year that we have been doing this project. Two hundred and fifteen (215) dictionaries were given out this year.

Pictures show Lions Jackie Perrin, Jerry Nichols and Dick Perrin talking with third-grade students about what Lions do to help the Big Rapids community.

## **Cadillac Lions Club**



Cadillac Lions Fencing Team: When the Daily's dog Grover was attacked and injured in their own back yard by another dog, Carl and Cathy knew they had to do something, not just because Grover is a beloved member of the family but also because Grover is Cathy's eyes, companion, her best friend, he's Cathy's Leader Dog. After talking it over and weighing all the options they decided that a fence was needed around their back yard to keep Grover safe and give him a protected place to play. Lion Carl being blind himself knew just where to go to request some help with this project and from that request the Cadillac Lions Fencing Team was formed. Manned with a few hand tools, a power saw and gas powered ice auger to dig the post holes the team in the span of a morning had the poles set and the slat sections up and by that afternoon Grover had a place to call his own.

Pictured left to right Lions Harry Engles, Bill Taylor, Pete Buehler, Carl Daily, Mel Goldie and of course in the lower right Grover

Lion Dick Runstrom honored for 50 years of Lionism: Lions International recently recognized Lion Dick Runstrom "85" for all that he has accomplished in Lionism, and his 50 years of dedicated service to the Lions and his communities.



Fifty years ago Dick joined the Saginaw Lion's Club and while with the Saginaw club he held almost all of the offices within that club, including president in 1964-1965 and he was selected by that club to attend the Lion's International Convention in Los Angeles.

For ten years, from the mid 70's to mid 80's, he organized Golden Gloves boxing matches as a Saginaw Lion's Club money maker. These matches generated about \$56,000 per five night event, out drawing cities such as Grand Rapids, Lansing and Flint. As a result of this activity Lion Dick was featured in a Sports Illustrated article and in an interview that was aired on the Paul Harvey radio show.

In 1993 Lion Dick was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship, in 1994 he was selected as Saginaw Lion of the year, and in 1993 and 1995 he was the "Mint King of Michigan" having been responsible for the Saginaw Club having sold more mints than any in the state.

In 1997 he transferred to the Cadillac Lion's Club and noted right away that their mint sales only generate a meager \$600 - \$700 a year. Without being asked he took charge of the club's mint sale program and in short order mint sales were earning his new club over \$2000 a year. In recognition of this accomplishment he was named Zone Lion of the Year for 2001.



And just 4 years ago he realized that our club had never awarded a member a Melvin Jones Fellowship and on his own he organized a fund raiser to finance a Melvin Jones Award for a very deserving member of Cadillac Lions Club.

Photo: King Lion Dennis Hyzer presents Lion Dick Runstrom (left with a letter from LCI recognizing his years of service.

### ***Cedar/Maple City Lion Club***



1. On October 13th, the Cedar/Maple City Lions celebrated their 44th anniversary. Charter members, standing L to R, Robert Stachnik, Glen Noonan and Charles Flaska. On the right is King Lion Dave McNeil congratulating them. Seated is our latest member, Lee Winfrey. 2. Monday October 27, 2008, Lion Governor Larry Morlock (Dist. 11E-1) inducted Mike McNeil into the Cedar/Maple City Lions Club. On the left is his sponsor and Father, Club President Dave McNeil. Mike is in the center. Governor Larry Morlock on the right. Mike is 18 years old and a senior at Glen Lake School. He has helped with many Lions events. He has been nominated for the National Technical Honor Society and in the second year at TBA, taking the Public Safety Course. 3. Charter members l to r, Robert Stachnik, Glen Noonan & Charles Flaska.

### ***Coleman Lions Club***



October has been a busy month for the Coleman Lions Club! On October 11 we teamed with the Leo Club to do our bi-annual clean-up on U.S. 10. Twenty-seven Lions and Leos had a great time as they collected 37 bags of trash on the 3 1/2 mile stretch of highway. The clean-up ended with a pizza party at the Coleman Lions hall.

Two new members were inducted into the Coleman Lions Club at the regular meeting on October 16th. We are pleased to welcome Jami DeCatur and Angela O'Rourke into our club! We were also pleased to have Zone Chairman John Monahan visit our club that night.

On October 31 we will hold our annual free Halloween party in the city park pavilion. We are working hard to make this another great, safe

way for kids in our area to have fun on Halloween! Coleman Lions and Leo Club Members Ready For the Road Clean-up.

### ***Empire Lions Club***



Two new members were installed at the Empire Lions Club annual steak dinner honoring local firefighters, paramedics and EMTs. Installed were Roxanne Gillen, daughter of the late John Lambkin, a charter member of the Empire Lions, and Douglas Slessman.

Picture, left to right: Sponsor Lion John Dorsey, Lioness Roxanne Gillen, Lion Douglas Slessman, sponsor Lion Bob Quinn, and Empire Lions Club secretary, Lion Dick Daniel.

### ***Greenville Lions Club***



Wednesday October 22, Lion Larry represented the Michigan Eye Bank & Michigan Organ Donor Registry, "I Joined Campaign" at Jorgensen's Super Market in Greenville. Jane Jibson, District Leader Dog chairman was there to demonstrate to people what the Leader Dog program is all about. Lion Jane is from White Cloud Lions Club and she had a friend bring her over. It was very well received by Jorgensen's customers and we had a lot of conversation with customers. Lion Don Veitengruber stopped by with his camera and took the picture, King Lion Roger Wilson stopped by and so did Lion Tom Arnold.



Each year the Greenville Lions Club sends letters to the community asking for money to support our Christmas program to buy toys for area families in need. We get a good response from businesses and friends of Lions in our community. These toys were donated by ABATE Motorcycle group and they donated over a thousand dollars of toys to our project.

Pictured left to right, Lions Larry Alman, VDG Wayne Kreitner, Steve from ABATE and Lion Dan Eagles, one of the co-chairs for this project. Lion

Mark Warnshuis let us borrow his office for the photo opportunity.



## Harrison Lions Club



A number of years ago a Lions Club International President had as one of his goals was “partnership”, and that is just what the Harrison Lions Club did on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The “Good Sam RV Club” came to the Clare County Fair Grounds in Harrison. The Harrison Chamber of Commerce asked the Lions Club to contact a representative of the Good Sam Club about food service during the time they were to be in Harrison. We agreed to provide hot dogs, hamburgers, BBQ’s, baked beans, potato chips and drinks. With the help of Harrison Lioness, we agreed to take on this fund raising project. There were approximately two hundred fifty RV units that came in over the week-end. We worked from 10:00 a.m. till 6:30 p.m. each of the three days. We did not help our charitable fund, but we provided a service to our community, met fellow Lions and just enjoyed talking with people about Lions and our community. Plus next year we have agreed to provide a full course meal on Saturday night as they will return in the Clare County Fair Grounds in 2009.

## Kalava Lions Club



David Hawkins, Carl Hawkins  
Father receives Melvin Jones  
Fellowship award.



Lion Frank Hall receives Melvin Jones  
Fellowship award



Lion William Allen receives Melvin  
Jones Fellowship award

October was a busy month for the Kaleva Lions Club. The month of October is the time of the year that we celebrate our anniversary. We have been serving the Eastern Manistee County Area for 46 years. We extend our big thank you to Charter Member Lion Art Hulkonen for all of his years of service.

Thanks to all of our members, we were happy to have DG Lion Larry Morlock award 2 of our members with Melvin Jones Fellowship. Congratulations to Lions Frank Hall and Bill Allen. Our club Secretary, Lion Carl Hawkins explained how he had missed his fathers birthday and could

not think of what his father would like, so Lion Carl Hawkins joined DG Larry in honoring David Hawkins with a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

The biggest award for the evening, Lion of the Year, was presented to Lion Audrey LaFuze, for all of the assistance she has given to her son, Lion Carl Hawkins over the years. Without her, several of our club events would not have been as successful as they have been. We congratulate Lion Audrey and thank her for all she does for our club and her family.



Kaleva Lions Pasties sales are strong and the crew is doing there best to keep up. Thank you for supporting our fund raiser.

**Manistee Area Christmas** to be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> at Norman Township Community Center. Social Hour 5 PM, Dinner 6 PM and Dinner Cost is \$12.00 per person.

Lion Audrey Lafuze Lion of the year, Carl's Mother was presented the Lion of The year by King Lion John Makinen.

### *Lakeview Lions Club*



October 22, Lakeview Lions inducted 4 new members. They had a big turn-around from the beginning of the year. January 19, then Zone Chairman Wayne Kreitner and then Region 3 Chairman Larry Alman went up to meet with 4 of the members that were left in the Club and today they have 18 strong and they have a couple more in the wing. What a turn around Lakeview Lions, keep up the good work. IPDG Bill did a super job inducting four new members. Last winter, in January District Governor Bill Raymor encouraged them along and we are very proud of the results.

## **Midland Lions Club**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Midland Lions Club will be celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 19, 2009. Watch the Lions Tale for more information as the celebration approaches.

## **Thanksgiving** TRIVIA

\*Thanksgiving did not become a national holiday until 1863 by President Abraham Lincoln. The Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving was in 1621. President Lincoln was persuaded by the efforts of Sarah Josepha Hale. She was a magazine editor who had campaigned since 1827 to have the fourth Thursday in November set aside to observe the Pilgrim celebration. She also authored the poem "Mary Had a Little Lamb". (From "Contrary to Popular Belief" by Joey Green)

\*The Mayflower did not land on Plymouth Rock! The Pilgrims landed at Provincetown on Cape Cod on November 25, 1620. It was not suitable and after some scouting by the Captain Miles Standish, the Mayflower reached Plymouth on December 26. No mention of Plymouth Rock was recorded in any of the Pilgrims' diaries. (From "Contrary to Popular Belief" by Joey Green) This information was from the Midland Lions Tale November 2008.

## **Sand Lake Lions Club**



The Sand Lake Lions have been busy, with visits from Acting Zone Chairman Larry Alman and District Governor Larry Morlock and First Lady Gayle Morlock. We really enjoyed both visits. On November 1st the Sand Lake Lions and Sand Lake Chamber of Commerce

and the Sand Lake Nelson Township Library held a fund raiser to benefit local families in need for the holidays. We had a great turn out, fun was had by all, \$2,000.00 was raised. Sand Lake United Methodist women served lunch.

## **White Cloud Lions Club**

White Cloud Lions Club would like to thank everyone that participated in our Anniversary party silent auction. Our President's goal was to get enough money to replace our kitchen stoves for our cooks. Good news - we almost made the entire goal. With a little more effort our cooks will have new stoves this spring!

President Ray Williams theme was "camouflage" and it looked like our den was a hunting camp! We had wild game trophy's everywhere, proving to everyone the hunting successes of our President Ray.



Have you heard of the entertainers called 'Da yoopers'? Well, we had our own entertainer Lion Jim Ward, and he equaled Da Yoopers hilarity. Deer Camp for sure!

We did have one pretty close call, a very unusual moment. Governor Morlock arrived in formal attire so Senior Hunter Lester McClure used very sharp scissors and actually cut his tie off so he could join us in deer camp attire! IPDG Raymor immediately removed his formal attire, took it to his car and returned to the party in deer camp apparel. A very close call!

Special thank-you's to Governor Larry & First Lady Gayle Morlock, IPDG Bill and Jane Raymor, PDG John & Pat Clemens and PDG Jim & Peggy Walls. We were honored that you attended our party and we really enjoyed your company. All of you are wonderful Lions and we're very proud to call you our 'special Lion friends'.

White Cloud Lions has added two new members to our roster this month, Shirley & Amherst Millis.

White Cloud Lions donated their building for a special dinner and silent auction this month too, for the daughter of one of our local bingo players that has had a third reoccurrence of cancer and is running short of insurance benefits.

Thank you all for providing stories and pictures this month. We have quite a few and that is what we are here for. We hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving Day. I am sure that we all have a lot to be thankful for, I know I sure have.