



District 11-E1 Newsletter 2010 - 2011

“Together We Serve”

November 2010



District Governor Lion Laura & PDG Lion Harry Johnson

Greetings to all Lions of our Great 11-E1,

The holiday season will soon be upon us. This time of year prompts us to reflect on our blessings and what we have to be grateful for. We live in an environment that is abounding in so many things that we take for granted. With the flick of a switch there is light, a turn of the faucet and there flows water, even hot water if we chose it. These two basic things we expect to be there when we want it. But how many of us have thought about all the places in the world where if you want water, it must be drawn from a well or hauled miles, bucket by bucket or carried from the river, the same river water used to wash clothes in, bathe in and more is also used for drinking and cooking. Since going on the eye glass mission trips, I have seen firsthand that people are living with these conditions. The work we do as Lions, the monies we raise from our projects and fundraisers that are sent on to LCIF can AND do make a difference. It takes commitment on our part. A sacrifice on OUR time, OUR talents, OUR resources can and WILL make a difference! When was the last time you asked yourself how serious do you take your commitment as a Lion? Are you always eager to volunteer for a service project or attend a meeting? Are you willing to increase your knowledge as a Lion? Are you willing to learn how to be a strong leader in your club or how you can better serve the District? We all have many opportunities as Lions to hone in on our skills. By attending club officer training, Zone meetings, District or Multi District Conventions, Leadership institutes or Fall conferences each one of us can learn how to become better Lions. It is all about commitment.

In closing, I would like to thank 2nd VDG Bill Simpson for his tireless effort he put into arranging the scheduled Fall Conference on October 23rd. We had the “Best of the Best” scheduled as presenters, including Past International Director Dennis Cobler and several other project directors willing to travel three to four hours just to put on a 20 minute program. That takes commitment! I found it to be extremely unfortunate that this event had to be cancelled due to “lack of commitment” on the part of our Lions in 11-E1.

I am also grateful for those Lions who took time out of their schedules to volunteer at the Spaghetti dinner held in Ludington, last month. We had Lions from Baldwin, Big Rapids, Cadillac, Hart, Midland, Fremont, Kaleva and Greenville that either helped cook or came and supported the project. Unfortunately, we were not successful in gaining the needed number of people to form a new Ludington Lions Club. Thank you all for your commitment!

Finally in closing, I would like to wish PDG Larry Morlock best wishes with his new kidney. If you can see your way to send him a card from yourself or your club, I am sure he will be very excited and thankful to receive some.

Wishing all of you a Thanksgiving filled with many blessings!

District Governor Laura Johnson



1st Vice District Governor Lion John Monahan & Carolyn

Dear Fellow Lions,

It's great to be back in the USA after visiting Italy for a week last month to attend a conference in my science, psychophysics. I had a wonderful time there. I took day trips to Venice and Florence and stayed for the conference in Padua. While I was there, I met with a number of Lion presidents and a zone chair from Padua. None of the nine clubs in Padua had a meeting while I was there, so the two club presidents, to whom I wrote, organized a meeting with club presidents and some members from five of the clubs. We met in the oldest trattoria (bar-restaurant) in Padua where they ordered lots of hors d'oeuvres and more drinks than I could consume. After having our picture taken (see below) a smaller group took me to see the city's pride, frescos of the New Testament, depicting scenes from the time Mary and Joseph were children through to the Book of Revelation. These frescos were painted in 1303-1305 by Giotto. The Chapel in which they were painted was built to compensate for the sin of money lending committed the already dead father and his repentant son. The tour was narrated by the curator of the Chapel. She is also a Lion. It was very beautiful and very moving.

I think that there is a lesson for Lions in my experience: Visit other Lions and their clubs. If you get a chance while on vacation or a business trip, check for Lions Clubs in the area and give the President a call or email. District Governor Laura has a book that lists all the Lions Clubs in the world. She was kind enough to let me have her extra copy. So if you cannot find a club through the Lions International web site, ask one of us. We will be glad to help.

It is also great to visit other Lions Clubs in Michigan, in or out of our district. If given notice, clubs are welcoming of visitors, and you can learn how other clubs do things. It may give you some useful ideas, but it will certainly introduce you to some new friends. Lions are great people. Our International President, Sid Scruggs, says that Lions are loving individuals offering needed services where needed. They are also friendly, wonderful folks, but you can find that out only by visiting them or coming to conventions.

I had a wonderful time in Italy, and when I got back, I got to visit my own Mt. Pleasant Lions Club for the first time in months. It's great to be back in the USA and in Mid-Michigan., and it's great to be a Lion.

Yours in Lionism,

John Monahan, 1st VDG



Left to right: Alberto Cevese, pres. Padua Certosa Club & spouse, Julia; Guiliana Ometto and Rosella Canella member & pres. Elena Cornaro Piscopia Club; Giampaolo Ometto past pres. Abano Terme Euganee Club; Alfredo Baldan, past pres. Padua Morgagni Club; Christina Viola Ometto, Zone Chair and member ECP Club; Francesco Lamanna, pres Padua San Pelagio Club. Elena Cornaro Piscopia was the first woman awarded the Phd degree. Her degree was from the University of Padua. The ECP Club is made up of women only.

Six Lakes Lions



IPDG Wayne Kreitner installed Lion Forest Hercog and presented PDG Dick Maguire with a Lifetime membership.



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

Riddle:

6 # 10 cans of spaghetti sauce
10 lbs. ground beef
10 medium onions
3 green and 3 red peppers
20 lbs. spaghetti noodles

Combine all and what do you get???, 17 Lions making and serving a spaghetti dinner to raise funds to further the work of Lionism. Sometimes our efforts pay off in attracting new Lions and raising funds and sometimes things just don't come together; in this case, our efforts to raise money for a Mason County Eyeglass Fund and start a new club in Ludington. We worked hard, had good dedicated volunteers from local Clubs, but it wasn't our time in Ludington.

What brings me hope is the way we worked together. Both 2nd VDG candidates were working (maybe we have 2 future Food Network stars among us!) together in the kitchen. Their efforts were supported by members from Baldwin, Big Rapids, Cadillac, Greenville, Hart and Midland. The food was good, but the company was even better.

On Monday, Nov. 1st, I attended Lion Connie's zone meeting in Frankfort. Frankfort is a beautiful lakeshore community that is pretty laid back at this time of year. But, the sun sure puts on an impressive show as it sets directly into Lake Michigan.

The main speaker that evening was Lion Kim Waddles from Honor and her puppy in training, Leonard. Kim is an exceptional speaker. She involves her audience and shows dedication and knowledge of her subject which is Leader Dogs. Her co-speaker, Leonard, just plain steals the show. Leonard is an 11 month old, solidly built, Black English Lab. Their relationship is evident since Leonard follows Kim's every move. They would make an educating and entertaining evening for your club members.

Lion Bill
2nd VDG

A message from the District Editor

It is with great regret that any articles that were sent to me for the November newsletter are gone. Our computer crashed last Monday and we did not get it back until Friday and we lost just about everything from the newsletter that I had started. So if you could please resend those articles back to me and I will get them in the December Newsletter.

Sorry for any inconvenience, but things just happen sometime. Lion Debbie Kreitner

Cadillac Cubs Continue to Grow

On October 19th which coincided the Governors visit the 2 newest Cadillac Lions Cubs were sworn in. With their family members present Mikala Shier (Granddaughter of Lion Bill Shier) and Wesley Gibson (Son of club President Matt Gibson) stood before the club raised the right hand and took the oath which was given by our Governor Laura Johnson.

The Governor presented both new Cubs with their official T-shirts, patches and then gave pins to all the Cadillac Cubs from her recent trip to the US/Canadian Form. The 2 new Cubs where joined up front by the other Cadillac Cubs and their families to be welcomed into Lions. The Cadillac Cub program which is starting its 2nd year now has 7 cubs in total.

Because of the success of their Cubs, Cadillac recently received news they will be featured in the December Lions Women and Family magazine. Their Cub program will be used as a model for all other clubs in the world on how the cub program can be integrated into a club and succeed.



Pictured Left to Right - Cub William Groulx, Lion Michelle Groulx, Cub Jay Groulx, Cub Mikala Shier, Lion Bill Shier, Cub William Gibson, Cub Rachael Anderson, Cub Wesley Gibson, Lion Tim Anderson, Governor Laura Johnson, and Lion Matt Gibson



LIONS NEWSLETTER

ZONE I, REGION II

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

November / December 2010

The holidays are approaching rapidly and our Lions Clubs have holiday parties and festivities planned. It is a season of fewer fundraisers and more congeniality.

Our Lions International President Sid Scruggs, in focusing on his Beacon of Light Program, is asking that we turn our attention this holiday season to food for the needy. He is encouraging Lions Clubs throughout the world to use the months of December and January to participate in or sponsor a food project. If you don't have such a project and your calendar is open this would be a great way to serve your community. Many organizations come to the forefront during Thanksgiving and Christmas with food needs. However, January would be a great time to help a needy family or help restock your local food pantry. Need a winter service project – Think Food!

CLARE: The Lions are in the process of completing their Hunters' Raffle fundraiser. Eye glass requests are being processed for the Clare/Farwell area.

MIDLAND: Midland Lions will be ringing Bells for the Salvation Army on November 24 and on December 8. On December 21, the Lions will host a Christmas Party for special needs children in the first through third grade in the Midland Schools. A special dinner, a visit from Santa, and gifts will highlight this event.

Mt. Pleasant: The Lions held a very successful chili dinner as a fundraiser on November 6, at the Mt. Pleasant High School. Members sold nine hundred tickets this year. On November 16, six Mt. Pleasant Lions will be visiting the Midland Lions as part of their Lions visitation program. The club presented the Mt. Pleasant Christmas Outreach Program with a \$3,000 check to buy food and coats for needy children and families.

Next Region II Zone I meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at the Doherty Hotel in Clare. At our last meeting, we discussed the possibility of our Zone clubs covering ten Loons game concessions as fundraisers. The possibility of a Zone Social Night involving all six of our clubs was also discussed. Representatives were going to talk to their clubs about both items and be prepared to discuss them in January.

Have a great Holiday Season!

Lion Pete Conarty, Zone Chair

HONOR LIONS CELEBRATE ANNUAL RIFLE RAFFLE SUCCESS & CHRISTMAS PANCAKES

Another successful fundraiser to benefit community projects was concluded on Saturday, November 13^h, with the annual Honor Lions Rifle Raffle drawing at Jodi's Twisted Antler Bar/Grill in Honor.

This year's rifle winners were Betty Bishop from Frankfort and Jeremy Routley from the Beulah area. Bishop was the first place winner and chose the Savage 270 with scope. Routley won the second prize of the Puma M92 – 357 Mag rifle. The 3rd prize winner of \$100 donated those funds back to the Honor Lions.

Connie Mc Morris, Lions Treasurer and raffle chairperson, says "It's always nice to see local people win our raffles, but we are very grateful to the folks who don't live here for participating, too. It wouldn't be a success without them. Nearly all the tickets were sold and we congratulate the 2010 winners. We were able to offer a nice selection of door prizes again this year, as well, and there were lots of happy winners for those donations. Our special thanks to all of the donors for making this evening special."

Proceeds from the raffle will support Honor Lions' community projects throughout the rest of this year and in 2011. These include, but are not limited to college scholarships, new glasses and or exams for those in need, emergency funds, scout and baseball team sponsorship, Leader Dog for the Blind and other Lions projects. Thus far in 2010, this small club has provided glasses and/or exams for 30 Benzie County residents.

A REMINDER as Christmas approaches: The Honor Lions will sponsor their annual Breakfast with Santa Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 12th from 9 a.m. – Noon at the Lion's Den. A hearty breakfast and visit from Santa will be served up for a free-will donation.

New members are always welcome. Honor Lions meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays, April through December. Meetings are at 6:30 p.m. at the Lion's Den behind Homestead Twp. Hall, next to Platte River Elementary School in Honor. For more information on membership or other issues, call Betty at 882-5234 or Connie at 325-4407.





MANISTEE COUNTY LIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Manistee County Fairgrounds, Lion's Den, Onkama

December 5, 2010, Sunday

4:00 P.M. - Appetizers



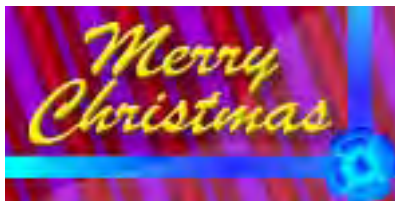
5:00 P.M. - Dinner

Cost for dinner is \$10.00 for a 3 meat buffet.

Please plan to bring an appetizer....to share

Cash Bar

**Please R.S.V.P. by November 29, 2010 to President Pam Schroeder at
231-889-4870 or e-mail: dgibbons4870@charter.net**



Kaleva Lions

Kaleva Lions had their Second Annual Spaghetti Dinner to support our local food banks. Our intake was \$550.00 which is all going to food banks. Thanks to all that donated food, monies and worked the dinner. Lion Karen Bingman scared kids with her gorilla costume while passing out Halloween candy at our den. Lion Carl Hawkins worked Lion Frank Hall's fart machine making people laugh and point fingers at each other. Oh what fun Sick Lions can have.

Manistee Lions



Helping with Thanksgiving baskets

At a recent meeting of the Manistee Lions Club, food items and several gift certificates were collected to be given to the Manistee County Senior Center for Thanksgiving baskets. Lions Club members, from the left, Ted Ross, Tom Thompson, President Rose Sweigart and Martha Alberts delivered the food recently.

Fremont Leo Packers



The Fremont Packer Leo Club worked handily alongside the Fremont Lions Club on Friday, November 5 to help out a 38-year veteran Lion's member with his yard work. The Lions and Leos donned gloves, boots and warm coats to rake and trim Lion Don Potter's lawn, trees and bushes on Sleeper Avenue. Lion Don and his wife, Vicki, have suffered from recent health issues that prevented them from tackling their fall lawn chores this year. The Lions and Leos found this an opportune time to roll up their sleeves and work alongside one another to share the Lions motto "WE SERVE". (Subsequent to this event, Vicki passed away with our sincerest condolences to the Potter Family.)

The two dozen youth and adults involved in the project were amazed to see the pile of leaves and brush accumulating as members raked and hauled several full tarps of leaves to the nearby woods. The youth were well mentored by the experienced Lions and as an ending reward the Lions treated the Leos to homemade cookies, donuts, apples, candy bars and apple cider.

Howard City Lions



IPDG presents President Mike Scott with the Howard City Club of the year award.

IPDG Wayne Kreitner's Appreciation Dinner



IPDG Wayne and his great carrot cake!



IPDG Wayne Kreitner thanks Lion Debbie for her years of dedication.



IPDG Wayne gives congratulations to PDG Lynn Mast as the District Lion of the Year....



Lion Michael Kreitner presents his father his PDG ring from his family and club.....



2009-2010 Louis Braille Award winners, PDG Jim Chipman Cabinet Secretary, Lion Kerry McGinley, Cabinet Treasurer.

A note from IPDG Wayne Kreitner regarding the Louis Braille award.

The Louis Braille is a new award created this year 2009-2010 to honor a Lion who have through their efforts made outstanding contributions to our district with their hard work and dedication of service. This award nominee will be picked by the last three recipients' and the governor of the current year.

1. Integrity This Lion must meet the personal and profession integrity and must make every possible effort to safe guard the district assets and policies.
2. Accountability This Lion is expected to honor commitments as made on behalf of the district and take individual actions and outcomes.
3. Teamwork This Lion seeks to maintain a service environment that encourages innovation, creativity and positive results through teamwork and must participate in Leadership to train, inspire full participation and individual development for all Lions.
4. Excellence This Lion is dedicated to fair treatment, mutual respect and trust, and must challenge other Lions to improve their services of themselves. This person must strive to serve our membership and communities and help the district achieve its goals.



Greenville Leo's Charter Night



Greenville Leo's Charter night cakes, one of two that were donated. Also served were chocolate Lions.



The Leo's were installed as group in front of over 100 Lions, Families and Friends.



Leo's New Banner



Leo Officers installed by International Director Gary Anderson.



Board of directors pinned by King Lion John Moy.



DG Laura Johnson addresses Leo's, King Lion John Moy looks on.

Greenville Lions are proud of our new 30 strong Leo's club from Greenville Public Schools. "Go Leo's"

DISTRICT GOVERNOR TRAVELS

- Nov. 15 - Greenville LEOS charter night.
- Nov. 16 - Six Lakes OV
- Nov. 22 - Crystal OV
- Nov. 29 - Convention Meeting - Big Rapids
- Dec. 3 ,4 ,5 - Council of Governors – Lansing
- Dec. 5 - Manistee County Christmas Party – Onekama
- Dec. 8 - Sand Lake OV
- Dec. 10 - Six Lakes Fish Fry.
- Dec. 11 - PDG Harry's 1999 -2000 Council Christmas party
- Dec. 13 - Big Rapids Christmas Party.
- Dec. 14 - Baldwin Lions OV.
- Dec. 20 - Stanwood OV.
- Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas