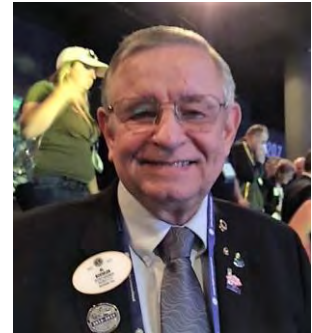


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OCTOBER DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



DG AL ROESLER'S MESSAGE

Ann and I just returned from this year's USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Columbus Ohio. It is a shame that more Lions from our district were not able to attend the Forum. It can be a bit pricey, but it is well worth the money. It not only improves your knowledge and skills as a Lion, but gives you some great motivation, and lets you meet up close and personal the leaders of our organization.

Here are just a couple of the “nuggets” from this year's Forum I need to pass along. Sometime between October 15th and November 15th when you go to the LCI web site it won't be there. Instead you will find MY LION. This promises to be a much smoother roll out than the MY LION phone app. We were shown some of the pages and how they work. It appears to be much more user friendly than the old web site. There is still a link to My LCI for Monthly Membership and Service Activity Reporting, though over time these will be transitioned over to MY LION. I am sure there will be much more about this in the coming months.

You may have heard about LCI Forward. It is basically a multi-year strategic plan for LCI. With a new President each year LCI found it difficult to maintain strategic goals over time. The elected leadership choose to work together to chart a long-range direction for our organization, something we might want to explore at the club or district level. One of the major objectives and achievements of the plan is to serve 200 million people a year.

At meals each table has a table host. At one meal we ate with PID Patti Hill. She has been indorsed by Multi District 11 (Michigan- Lower Peninsula) for 3rd VP of LCI. If elected in Milan she will be in line to become the second female president of our organization. At another meal we were seated with 2nd VP Judge Haynes Townsend. He was very warm and welcoming and discussed LCI issues freely with us. In one of the sectionals 1st VP Dr. Jung-Yul Choi met with his 1st Vice District Governors. President Gudrun Yngvadotter had sessions with Club Presidents and her District Governors and addressed us all at the final luncheon. I also got the opportunity to meet International Director Pat Vannett from North Dakota; she will be our guest at the District Convention in April. I am already looking forward to it!

Motivational speakers presented at three of our meals. They made us laugh, they made us cry, they made us proud to be Lions and eager to go out and serve. John Petz, our final presenter said it very well. None of us has the luxury of being a “just”. To say you can't do something because you are “just a Lion” is untrue. There are no “justs” allowed! We are in this together meeting the needs of our communities and of our planet. WE SERVE!!



DG AI had the honor of presenting a John S Noel Fellowship to PDG Lynn Mast for his tireless work with clubs in our District. Lynn is pictured here with his wife Lion Jan and DG AI Roeseler.



At her appreciation Dinner on September 8, IPDG Peggy Walls received a Melvin Jones Award from her seven children. Photo Below: PDG Pete Conarty presents IPDG Peggy a gift from the Michigan Lions Service Foundation in appreciation for her service as DG.



DISTRICT 11 E1 FALL CONFERENCE

The District 11 E1 Fall Conference was held in Luther on September 15. DG AI Roeseler presented awards to two women in our District on behalf of our new International President as part of the "New Voices" program sponsored by LCI. 1VDG Jackie Glazier received the Leadership Award and Lion Karla Roebuck received the award for Marketing. District Governor Fran Grabowski, District 11 B2, was the keynote speaker. He spoke of his two corneal transplants and how that lead him and Lion Tammie Brewer Grabowski to become Lions. We raised almost \$23,500 for our State and District projects!!!! Great job Lions. The money will go to Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, All State Band, Lions Bear Lake Camp, Diabetes, EverSight Michigan, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Lions Clubs International Foundation, Project KidSight, and Paws With a Cause."



District Governor Fran Grabowski and his wife Tammie receive thank you gifts from 1st VDG Jackie Glazier for Fran's presentation at the Fall Conference.

NEW VOICES PROGRAM

**The New Voices Program celebrates women's contributions to Lions Clubs International.
The program is sponsored by LCI.**

DG Al Albert Roeseler presented 2 awards at the District 11-E1 Fall Conference on September 15 on behalf of our new female International President Gudrun Yngvadottir as part of the "New Voices" initiative. 1VDG Jackie Glazier received the Leadership award and Lion Karla Roebuck



received the award for Marketing. IPDG Peggy Walls received the "New Voices" Award for "Leadership" at her Appreciation Dinner on September 8, 2018.

Project KidSight -- LAZY EYE

**Why are we doing so many preschool vision screenings? Are we really making a difference?
Many referrals are for Lazy Eye. So, what is it???**

I googled Lazy Eye and found this:

Amblyopia, commonly known as lazy eye, is the eye condition noted by reduced vision not correctable by glasses or contact lenses and is not due to any eye disease. The brain, for some reason, does not fully acknowledge the images seen by the amblyopic eye. This almost always affects only one eye but may manifest with reduction of vision in both eyes. It is estimated that three percent of children under six have some form of amblyopia.

- Lazy eye can cause loss of vision, including loss of depth perception and two-eyed 3D vision.
- Lazy eye treatment can yield improvements at any age, but early detection and treatment still offer easier treatment and the best chances for a cure.
- **Keep up the good work screeners! Here is the October schedule as I have it today!**
- 1st Newaygo Co., Hisperia (Bill)
- 2nd & 3rd Newaygo Co., White Cloud
- 3rd & 4th Midland Longview Preschool
- 4th Newaygo Co., Hisperia & Fremont Center (Bill)
- 6th Midland Home Depot Safety Fair

The Governor's October Schedule

- October 1 – Greenville Lions
- October 2- Midland Lions
- October 3 – Convention Planning Meeting – Kaleva
- October 4 – Hart Lions
- October 5&6 – MD 11 Council of Governors – St Ignace
- October 8 – Mt Pleasant Lions
- October 9 – Howard City Lions
- October 11 – Chippewa Lake/Mecosta Lions
- October 13 – District Cabinet Meeting – White Cloud, 9:30 meeting.
- October 15 – Eyeglass Workshop Coleman & Stanton Lions
- October 16 – Sheridan Lions
- October 17 – Frankfort Lions
- October 20 – Charter Celebrations Cadillac Lions 75, White Cloud Lions 48
- October 22 – Crystal Lions
- October 23 – Zone Meeting – Stanwood
- October 27- Charter Night, Coleman 78
- October 30 – Zone Meeting – Greenville
- October 31 – Coleman Lions Community Halloween Party



1ST VDG
**JACKIE GLAZIER'S
 OCTOBER
 MESSAGE**

This year's Fall Conference was held at the Luther Lions club house Thank you Luther Lions. Clubs of District 11 E-1 give yourselves a BIG pat on the back for the donations to our state and district projects. It was great having our district chair people there collecting the checks and pledges which for the 9 projects totaled over \$23,000.00. Our 2VDG Bill Koch did a fun "ice breaker" with all lions, getting them relaxed and ready to have FUN for the day! Lions this is a great opportunity to meet and mingle with Lions in our district in a casual setting while having great speakers and fun. This year's speakers were friends who made what they spoke about important but also, very personable. Dennis Tompkins from Bear Lake Camp, a camp for visually impaired and blind, juvenile arthritis and the deaf for young adults and children showed a short video of the camp. Campers and counselors were being interviewed while at the camp. It was great! PDG Ron Gibson had flyers and did a presentation on membership that was new and exciting~helped on an info question sheet DG Al gave us later. DG Fran Grabowski from the Paw Paw Lions our featured speaker shared his personal story, "The Curse That Became A Blessing". He described what he went through having a double corneal transplant and how that led him to become a Lion. Fantastic speaker, lots of emotion!! Next year the Fall Conference will be at the Harrison Lions Den date not locked in yet. Lions, have clubs plan to donate during this time and carpool with another Lion. Come join fellow Lions and see great speakers and mingle with our district Lions. Enjoy the FUN of being a Lion. I want to THANK the lions who donated books for the Columbus service project and all Lions who have donated glasses to the district eye glass mission. We Serve! Alright Lions! You Rock! The most completely wasted of all days is that in which we have not laughed.



**TRICK OR TREAT
 Happy Halloween
 October 31, 2018**



**HARRISON LIONS HOST
 GOOD SAM**

The Good Sam Travel Club came to the Clare County Fairgrounds in Harrison for their fall rally. The Lions Club of Harrison was asked to serve them Saturday dinner. Our chef Lion, Nancy Blakemore, on the right, and Lion Teri Clark prepared Swiss Stake, mashed potatoes, and deserts. The cooks and helpers served 175 plus diners. This is the third time we have served them dinner, and they asked us to serve them dinner again next year. A big thank you too our cooks and helpers.

DISTRICT TIDBITS

Zone Meetings:

October 25, Region 2 Zone 1
 Meeting - Doherty Hotel, Clare 6:00 p.m
 Chair – Ken Hisey

October 23, Region 2 Zone 2, 6:00 p.m.
 Sharon's Restaurant, Roger's Heights
 Chair – Judy Dowell

Midland Lions – Club does two White Canes a year. Completed the second Sept. 20 &21. Hosted Stoppert (Midland Lion and District Governor) Award Dinner for the Outstanding Coach of the year.

Mt. Pleasant Lions – Participated in "Into the Light" Walk, Community Cancer Awareness Program, brought in \$1,100.

Harrison Lions – White Cane Fundraiser and Chicken Bar BQ, Labor Day.



DISTRICT EYE GLASS MISSION TRIP

We are going to Mexico!

The Eye Glass Mission trip to Mexico is scheduled for Saturday, February 23 thru March 1. The group will be going to Merida, Mexico which is located in the state of Yucatan. At this time the round-trip airfare is about \$375.00. A current passport is required.

Contact PDG Harry Johnson for more details – cell 213-250-5257. This is your opportunity to see who gets the gift of sight from all the eye glasses that have been collected. **Volunteers are still needed!**

US/CANADA FORUM COLUMBUS, OHIO



PID Patti Hill (endorsed candidate for International 3RD Vice President at the Milan Italy Convention) and husband Lion Greg Holmes from British Columbia, PID Rod Wright (last year's speaker at the District 11 E1 Convention) from New Brunswick, Canada, DG Al and Lion Ann Roeseler.



Lion Bill Bradfield (Cadillac Lions), District Diabetes Chair and DG Al at the US/Canada Forum



2ND VDG BILL KOCH'S OCTOBER MESSAGE

In the last month, I have visited several clubs. Most are concerned about membership. We all are, but the clubs are continuing to be so helpful to their community. Already planning Christmas activities. Helping with hospital bills, planning on food baskets and many other activities. My point is yes we want more Lions, but let us not forget what we do. The communities that you serve may take you for granted, UNLESS YOU ARE NOT THERE!!! Take pride in one another and what you do for your community. The fellowship at the meetings is so great. The laughter, the jokes, the kibitzing, the food and the LOVE. If more people could experience a Lion meeting we would have to have bigger club houses and rooms too hold meetings. I would like you think about when a meeting is over with, A. How much fun did you have? B. How long do you linger around to talk to everyone? C. Are you Happy? I bet the answer is yes to all the questions. We serve because we like our clubs and people. We need to let our neighbors and surrounding area know about us. Also, Please let PDG Pete know for the District Newsletter. One last thing I'm still looking for someone to take possession of the Kidsight trailer and Kidsight Camera. Thank you for serving! Thank you for letting me get to know more of our LIONS.

Everytime I leave a Club I have a Big Smile on My Face.

2ndVDG Bill



OCTOBER IS MICHIGAN LIONS MEMBERSHIP MONTH!

This is each club member's opportunity to invite relatives, friends, community leaders, church members, etc. to see how your club serves your community. Your club's fundraisers and activities should be on display and how your funds are used. Set a goal, increase your membership this month!

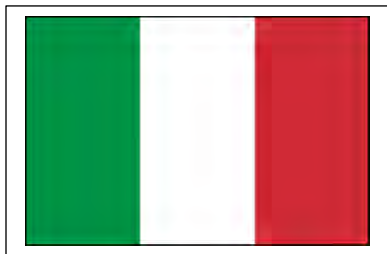


BIG RAPIDS LIONS

Mid-September Lion Bruce Fredrick (Big Rapids Lion) visited Big Rapids Schools to provide a pocket size copy of the US Constitution and Declaration of independence to students in support of Constitution Day on September 17, in behalf of the Big Rapids Lions Club. Over 250 copies were provided to teachers and students during a two-day period. Included in the pocket versions are a series of flash cards that can be used to enhance learning and retention.

At its September 24 meeting, members had great fun with a White Elephant sale to raise funds for the club. It is always interesting to see what members can find in their "stash" around the house to "share" with other club members.

Football season is in full force and club members are busy in the concession stand at Top Taggart Field at Ferris State University for university and high school games.



PLAN NOW: to attend the LCI 102 International Convention in Milan, Italy
July 5-9, 2019
Michigan Night, Sunday, July 7



Harrison Lions Club President Nathan Blakemore went above and beyond the call of duty, when he helped the Relay for Life Cancer Pageant, Boobies, Bangles and Beads.

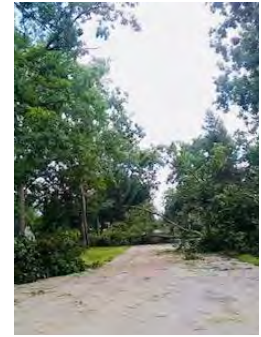
EDITORIAL

Could you use more help with your club's activities and fundraisers? Would some new ideas make your club more interesting? Would friendly new faces to kibitz with at meetings, liven up meetings? Would the knowledge that all the work and time you have spent as a Lion serving the needs of your community will be continued by other Lions make you feel good? The answer to all the above questions is New Members!

In DG Al's article in the Lions Pride (Sept./Oct. 2018), he pointed out that in the last 25 years, North America has lost 45 percent of its Lion members, Michigan 50 percent! The question is, "Do I want to continue to serve the needs of my community through my Lions Club?" Answer – new members! October is Michigan Lions Membership month. "You cannot change a moment of the past, so take that moment and change the future – new members!"

**LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION
DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM
PROVIDES DISTRICT 11 E1 A \$10,000 GRANT**

Story By PDG
Laura
Johnson



As the Baldwin Lions Club meeting was drawing to and end on August 28th, the members were faced with a challenge to return to their homes. The villages of Baldwin and Idlewild were struck with E-1 tornados without a warning!

Trees toppled on cars, homes, blocked roads, and left both communities without electricity for ten days.

Emergency shelters were set up at the Baldwin Community School and the village of Baldwin fire department. The Red Cross was called to assist. They distributed blankets, water, tarps, rakes and other clean up supplies. The Salvation Army set up a kitchen at the Fire Station to prepare three meals per day for any and all residents without power or those that had to relocate. A group of volunteers from Christian Aid Ministries, based out of state, showed up, with chain saws in hand, ready to help open up roads. In the coming days ahead, the community pulled together, neighbors helping neighbors, checking on those residents still blocked in by downed trees or no transportation due to trees smashing their vehicles.

As the roads were opened up and travel became possible, members of the Baldwin Lions Club reached out to assist the community. The major difficulty for residents was the lack of electricity. Lake County, where these effected areas are located has 11,000 residents, 10,000 were without power, which included half the membership of the Baldwin Lions club.

After evaluating the long term situation, it became apparent the massive loss of food, for both individuals and the three local food pantries would be the focus of assistance the Lions could provide. There were five senior meal locations in Lake County facing food loss due to the extended power outage.

The local Lions club immediately reached out to the LCIF Disaster Relief program for help. PDG Laura Johnson contacted the directors of the local pantries and meal programs to get an idea of the volume of lost food. She quickly learned the Irons Missionary pantry, refrigerator and freezer inventory were a total loss, with no money remaining in the church budget to restock so area residents could receive the help they needed. The Bread of Life pantry, operated by St. Ann's Catholic Church, was able to salvage some of their freezer contents, but all their dairy and produce was lost. The senior meals sites throughout the county, also operated by St. Ann's, had a loss of over \$4,300 due to the power outages. The Edgett Wesleyan Pantry suffered similar losses. With Lake County having the poorest economy in the state, area residents heavily rely on help from these programs. LCIF's grant to this area, helped solved the problems of food and need that was experienced by these two communities.

Thanks to the generosity of LCIF, a grant of \$10,000 was awarded to District 11 E-1!
WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFULLY To LCIF for their support! IT IS GREAT TO BE A LION!



Cadillac Lions Club 75th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, October 20th, 2018

7880 Mackinaw Trail, Cadillac, MI 49601 – Evergreen Resort
(1943-2018)

Guest Speaker PID Dennis Cobler

Join us the Cadillac Lions for Fun, Food, and Fellowship
Help us celebrate "75 Years of Service" to the people of Cadillac and the surrounding area.



Social Begins at 1:00 PM
Luncheon Buffett
Cost is \$16 Per Person
Share the Memories

50/50 Games & More!

Fun Fun Fun!



Please send your RSVP, with money to:

PDG Tim Anderson - 10797 Pine Shores Drive - Cadillac, MI. 49601
If you have any questions, please call: C: 231-920-9905



EVERGREEN RESORT

Please Reply by October 14th, 2018

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RSVP Form Cadillac Lions Club 75th Anniversary Celebration

2018

Saturday, October 20th, 2018 – 1pm

7880 Mackinaw Trail, Cadillac, MI 49601 – Evergreen Resort

Club _____ Names of Attendees _____

Cost is \$16.00 per attendee

Total: \$ _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Mail to: PDG Tim Anderson – 10797 Pine Shores, Drive Cadillac, MI 49601 by October 14st 2018



(1943-2018)

You are Invited to the White Cloud Lions Club 48th Anniversary Party Sat. Oct. 20, 2018 6:00 pm TAILGATE PARTY



**GO
TEAM,
GO!**

Games,
games, games:
corn hole, touchdown,
ninth inning, strikes &
spares plus heads &
tails. Finish your
Game Card to get
another door prize ticket
BYOB



Great food. You don't want to miss anything!

Silent Auction and LIVE AUCTION

Free door prize ticket for having sports paraphernalia
and more tickets earned for bringing silent auction items.

Cost \$10.00 in advance or \$12.00 at the door

For reservations call or email: **President Wendy Strong**

231-225-2468 wendysue1013@gmail.com or

Janalee 231-689-1321 janalee@riverview.net

White Cloud Lions Club, 294 N. Charles (M-37) White Cloud, MI 49349



Coleman Lions Club
**CHARTER NIGHT
PARTY**

Dinner & Auction

Saturday, October 27, 2018

VFW Hall

204 Railway Street, Coleman, MI

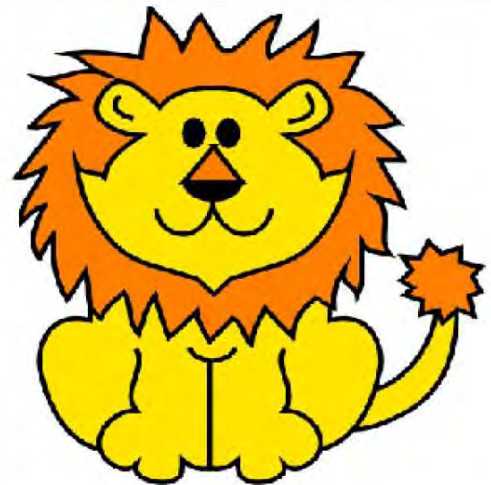
Doors open and games begin at 5:30pm

Dinner at 7:00pm Tickets: \$15.00

WIN:

- Fabulous prizes yet to be determined!
- A beautiful quilt
- Cash

Dinner catered by
Jenny's Diner



GAMES
DRAWINGS
FIFTY-FIFTY



Tickets may be purchased at CW Gordon Sales & Service or from any Coleman Lions Club member.

Reservations must be made
by **October 15, 2018**

Call or email Chuck at,
cbdinsmore@charter.net

Checks can be mailed to: Coleman Lions Club,
PO Box 163, Coleman, MI 48618