



Lions of Michigan – District 11-E-1



**District Governor Lion Larry Morlock
First Lady Lion Gayle
*Newsletter October, 2008***

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Congratulations to the District 11-E1 clubs for showing an increase of five members during the month of September. It's not easy increasing membership in difficult economic times that we are experiencing here in northwest Michigan. I believe that one of the reasons we are able to attract new members is because our projects are good and our community service is even better. Community service for a Lions club is very important to maintain your base and visibility in your community. This growth should result in additional support for your club's projects.

The Fall Conference held at Rankin Center, Ferris State University on September 27th produced informative sessions with our Lions state and district projects. The Midwest Eye Bank in Ann Arbor is embarking on a new drive for tissue donation. The mission of the Eye Bank is appropriate and Lion members should schedule the Eye Bank for a club presentation this coming year. Contact PDG Lynnwood Mast at 231-689-6971 or email lmast@riverview.net to schedule a presentation for your club. Camp Tuhsmeheeta and Bear Lake Camp reviewed their activities for campers which generally cater to youth who are blind or visually impaired. PDG John Clemens, 231-734-3050 or email lionjc@netonecom.net is our contact person for Bear Lake Camp and Lion Larry Alman, 616-754-9213 or email 11e1editor@charter.net is our contact person for Camp Tuhsmeheeta. Leader Dog presenter Lion Kim Wattles from Honor presented a review of raising puppies with the assistance of two leader dogs. Our contact person is Lion Jane Jibson, 231-924-1564 or email jjibson@yahoo.com. Welcome Homes Residential Services gave an update on the new program in Michigan. Our contact person is PDG Stan Preshaw, 989-291-3344. Lion Kerry McGinley, Trustee of Lions of Michigan Foundation, reviewed the process for accessing support from the Foundation. He concentrated his discussion on the procedures for procuring hearing aids and fundraising activities of the Foundation. Contact him at 231-832-3197 or email knkm@tucker-usa.com. State Hearing Committee Chairperson Lion Gayle Morlock presented information on the Munson EarLab and activities associated with it. Contact her at 231-734-5200 or email landg@netonecom.net.

These seven projects would make excellent material for a club meeting. Please contact these representatives to set up a date for your club.

Governor's Travels

- Oct. 16-17 Visit to Lions Clubs International in Oak Brook
- Oct. 18 Convention Planning Committee Meeting with District C-1 in Ludington
- Oct. 19 IPDG Bill Raymor's Appreciation Dinner—Onkama
- Oct. 20 Kaleva Lions Club Anniversary
- Oct. 25 Sand Lake Lions Club—Official Visit
White Cloud Lions Club Anniversary
- Oct. 26 MERLOW meeting—White Cloud
- Oct. 27 Cedar-Maple City Lions Club—Official Visit
- Nov. 2 Cabinet Meeting—Ferris State University
- Nov. 3 Mt. Pleasant Lions Club—Official Visit
- 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
- Dec. 9 Baldwin Lions Club—Official Visit
- Dec. 10 Region 2 Zone 1 Meeting—Clare
- Dec. 12-14 Council of Governors—Lansing

Lion IPDG William & Lion Jane Raymor Appreciation Dinner October 19, 2008

Please call Lion Pam Schroeder to see if she is accepting late registration. Please bring a gift for the Silent Auction to benefit Diabetes awareness.

Three Clubs have not sent in their dues or M reports; please send them in right away.

Thought of the month

"I feel that the greatest reward for doing is the opportunity to do more." **Jonas Salk**



**Lion Vice District Governor
Wayne & Lioness Debbie Kreitner**

My Fellow Lions,

Good Day. Both Debbie and I have returned from the USA/Canadian Forum with a new outlook on Lions in general. As you know throughout my year I have talked about **Fellowship** and the Forum was one of the greatest examples of that **Fellowship**. There was no separation between any Lion, wives of a Lion, District Governors', Past District Governors', Vice District Governors', current International Directors, Past International Directors and current International Vice Presidents, past Presidents or the current President. No matter who you saw or where you saw them, it was a pat on the back or a hand shake and you were called by your first name. The Fellowship of this many Lions in one place, is an experience that both Debbie and I will never forget. During the forum there were many meetings to attend and several of them were items that I definitely would like to bring back to our district. Next year the USA/Canadian Forum will be in Memphis, TN and it is my hope that there are many Lions from our District that can attend this great gathering of Lions from the United States and Canada.

I have just received Lions Clubs International Cumulative Membership and Club Summary Report for year to date through September. We have had total of 41 members dropped to date. Members added of 46 for a total gain of 5 new members to our District. As we have talked all year we need to reduce those drops and my goal 50%. At the current time if that number was achieved and those Lions saved we would be at plus 25. I have only had one call this year giving me a reason that their club was dropping two members and those were understood. I will be contacting all clubs who have dropped those 41 members to find out why. Your help in sending me the names of the members that you are dropping, a reason and a phone number where they can be contacted.

Send them to vdg11e1@charter.net

Attached you will find pictures of our trip to Saskatoon, along with some of the many Lions that we met while we were there.



Convention hall at PrairieLand Park Saskatoon



PDG Harry & Region Chair Laura Johnson



VDG Wayne & Debbie Kreitner



Fellow Lions waiting in line for dinner



PID Dennis Cobbler & VDG Lion Wayne



Our friend International Director Maurice from Hawaii singing in the Forum Choir



VDG Lion Wayne & PIP Jimmy Ross



Debbie & our friends from Minnesota IPDG Bob & Judy



Lion Mary Brown & VDG Lion Wayne

More corrections

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October Membership Growth Award Program

As we have in the past, Lions Clubs International would like to recognize October recruiting success by re-introducing the October Membership Growth Award Program.

Participate in the 2008 October Membership Growth Award Program! Here 's how:

1. Add members in October.
2. Report each member using either the MMR or WMMR.
MMR users must report by October 20. WMMR users must report by October 31.

Banner patches will be awarded to every club that participates in the October Membership Growth Program. Participating clubs will also be recognized on a section of the Web site with their name listed as well as their growth percentage.

Inviting Members

Every club needs members in order to achieve its service goals. New members can provide your club with fresh ideas, new projects and additional ways to make a difference in the community.

Lions Clubs International has several resources available to Lions interested in inviting new members.

The October Membership Growth Award was created to recognize clubs that added new members in the month of October. Congratulations to all 3,594 participating clubs for their efforts during October 2007. Your efforts brought in 16,402 new members!

For more information about October membership growth month, contact Lions Headquarters at memberops@lionsclubs.org

Region 1, Zone 3 Meeting Zone Chair Lion Carl Hawkins

Calling all Lions in Region 1 Zone 3!! We will have a Zone Meeting on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at the Onekama Lions Den, located at the Manistee County Fairgrounds. Arrangements for dinner have not yet been made clubs in the zone will be contacted by Zone Chair Lion Carl Hawkins as soon as all of the arrangements are in place. Please plan to attend. We are also working on planning our zone Christmas Party and would like any input that you may have. If your clubs have any events planned, please bring the dates with you. We will select a date that works for as many people as can be accommodated.

Region 3 Zone 3 Meeting Update

Lion Carl and I hosted a hearty picnic Zone Meeting on August 26 at our home on Fremont Lake. A record-breaking 27 Lions representing each of the clubs in Region 3 Zone 3 were in attendance along with DG Larry Morlock and First Lady Lion Gayle; VDG Wayne Kreitner and VDG First Lady Lioness Debbie and our District Editor Lion Larry Alman.

Topics of discussion included: *How to Get Your Club News In to Print (Lion Larry Alman)*

The District Governor's Goals and How Your Club Fits (DG Morlock)

Filing "M" Reports – Beat the Deadlines for Club Credit (VDG Kreitner) Reinstating Grant Lions Club (Lions Dale Weaver and Laurene Homsher)

MERLOW Updates (PDG Lynn Mast and Lion Laurene Homsher)

Special thanks to the Fremont Lions Club who assisted Lion Carl and me with the meal. Not only was the variety of foods tasty and the weather a perfect night to be outside, but the energy among the members exuded an attitude of FUN (*fellowship-unity-numbers*). A special thanks to all the clubs for representation. We are off to a perfect year and I look forward to the next several months with energetic enthusiasm.

Next Zone Meeting: Wednesday, November 12, 2008 – 7 PM – Hesperia Lions Den

Dear Fellow Lions:

Would you be kind enough to forward your list of Zone and/or Region Meeting dates for the coming year to me? I am actively seeking the position of Vice Governor for 2009-2010 and would appreciate two minutes of time at the end of ONE of your Zone/Region meetings for a little “campaign” time.

I appreciate the opportunity to introduce myself to your Zone/Region members who may not be familiar with me.

Thank you so much for your immediate response.

Most kindly, Lion Laurene Homsher, Region 3 Zone 3 Chair

**District 11-E-1
Fall Conference**



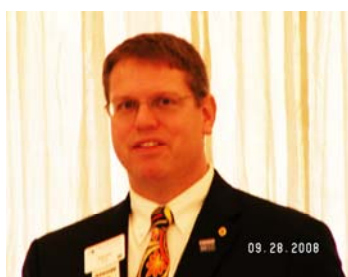
Terry McGinley L.M.F.



Dennis Tomkins Bear Lake



Kim Wattles Leader Dog



**Kevin Ross CEO
Michigan Eye Bank**



Parade of checks



Gayle Morlock Earl Lab



Sharon Burton Executive Director O.U.B/Camp T.



PDG Paul Hemeryck IRS 990 rules



Some of the people at the forum.

On Sept. 27th the following clubs; Big Rapids, Frankfort, Honor, Vestaburg, Crystal, Greenville, Sand Lake, Chippewa Lake, Lakeview, Weidman, Newaygo, Evert, Cadillac, White Cloud, Baldwin, Mt. Pleasant, Fremont and Sheridan gathered in Big Rapids for the Fall Conference. The Program centered on our State and District Projects. The presenters gave precise and interesting talks about their projects and after they were through talking a parade of checks were presented to each project by the Lions Clubs.

After lunch State Treasurer PDG Paul Hemeryck talked in depth about the new 990 Rules demanded by the IRS. District Governor Larry Morlock and First Lady Gayle were very happy with the turn out and the excellent presentations by the presenters.

Ludington needs a Lions Club

Did you Know??

The Ludington Lions Club was in existence from February of 1935, until June of 2008. Over those 73+ years, they provided numerous services which included eyeglasses, hearing aids, scholarships, and Leader Dogs to the many residents of Ludington and Mason County. Through the years, the club membership gradually dwindled due to employment, old age, death, and the ever changing economy.

The need for the services of a local Lions Club are still very much in demand and have temporarily been fulfilled by the adjoining Lions Clubs in Baldwin, Hart, Kaleva, Mesick, and Luther. These Clubs have been inundated with requests from residents of Mason County since the Ludington Lions Club ceased to operate.

Believe it or not, you can now become a part of the many concerned men, women, and young people around the world who have joined hands to make their respective communities nicer, safer, and friendlier places in which to live.

The Lions Club District in this area is comprised of 16 Counties in Northwestern Lower Michigan. Currently, there is a dire need for a Lions Club to be in your community. The unfortunate demise of the Ludington Lions Club has left a void that is creating somewhat of a hardship on the other Lions Clubs in the area. The support that they receive from residents in their respective locale is normally used for services where it has been collected. A local Club can sometimes reach out to a neighboring community, but by doing so on a regular basis they unfortunately shortchange those residents of their own local community.

The Officers and Members of the Lions Clubs of District 11 E 1 are currently working on restoring a Lions Club in your area. As you can see, the need is definitely there. We sincerely need your help in making this a reality. Please feel free to contact our Extension Chairperson or any other Lions Club member for additional information.

Thank You in advance, you certainly will be glad that you did.

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“ALL MONEY THAT IS RAISED FROM THIS EVENT WILL GO FOR EYEGASSES FOR MASON COUNTY RESIDENTS”

Mason County needs help and they are getting it!



On Saturday, October 11th six Lions from 11 E-1 held a candy/White Cane sale. The residents of Mason County are currently without a local club to meet their needs for eyeglasses. Under the organization efforts of Region 2 Chair, Lion Laura Johnson, Lions Bob Chapman, Dennis Hedding and Robert Beltman from the Hart Lions, Lions Carl and Audrey Hawkins from Kaleva Lions and Lion Robert Anderson from Baldwin spoke with local residents about the need for a Lions club in their community and shared a flyer about lions projects. Over all, the community rallied their support, donating nearly \$700 in the six hour event. Those clubs who participated will handle requests received from Mason county residents until the reorganization of the Ludington club takes place.

U.S.A./Canada Forum



Front of Conference



PDG Harry with delegates From Lions International.



VDG Wayne & Debbie Kreitner happy to be in Saskatoon.



Lion Harry was moderator of the IT session and Wayne McPherson explained how International Website has changed.



Dennis Cobler presenting Eye glasses program to the Forum.



It will be interesting to find out how these two couples were detained and how long they had to spend in the pokey, Canadian Mounted Police, sounds serious to me.



USA/Canada Forum Choir made up of delegates and several from Michigan performed in the Choir.



Barbershop quartet performed Friday eve.



A lady spoke at the Sponsorship Revival



Delta Bees Borough Hotel, Saskatoon



there was some time to look around



There are 7 bridges in Saskatoon and 5 Railroad bridges as well.

The 2008 USA/CANADA Forum was very well attended. There was a nice contingent from Michigan and Multiple District 11. The Lions of Michigan rose to the occasion by being not only Presenters, but Moderators as well. Saskatoon is known as the "City of Bridges" as it is located along the Saskatchewan River. There is a lot of history in this Western Province and the First Nation people are well respected. We had the opportunity to see where the buffalo were harvested and enjoyed the performance of First Nation members at the Opening Ceremonies. The weather was outstanding and a great time was had by all who were able to attend.

Region 2 Officer training



There were 20 Lions present from 7 different Lions clubs at the combined Zone Meeting and Officer Training held at the Hollister Senior Center in Baldwin. The survey sheets indicated that the training was well conducted by IPDG Bill Raymor and PDG Harry Johnson. The clubs discussed upcoming Service Projects and are working together to show the residents of Ludington why they really need a Lions Club in their town. Not only did everyone who attended have a great time, but a couple of attendees said they really liked the food!!! Roar!!!

Senior Lions Leadership Institute



Team Leaders Lion John and Lion Laura
Comparing notes for their respective group.



Lion John Monahan. PDG Lion Esther LaMothe (Presenter)
Lion Laura Johnson and Lion Carl Hawkins.



Lion Laura receiving her hard earned
Certificate of Completion.



These people were the only delegates at
at the Senior Leadership conference in
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Three lions from 11 E-1 were fortunate to have been selected to attend the Lions International Senior Leadership Institute. During the week of October 2nd to October 6th, Lions Carl Hawkins, secretary of Kaleva Lions, John Monahan, Region 2, Zone 1 chair from the Mt. Pleasant club and Laura Johnson, King Lion from the Baldwin Lions and also the Region 2 Chairman were on the go from 7:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m.(or later!) They attended four classes each day, then met with their Institute instructor for daily small group meetings. After dinner activities included preparing individual speeches to be given on the last day, finishing homework or practicing their group skits. All would have liked to do some sightseeing while in Toronto, but upon check in on Thursday, there wasn't any free time to even step outside to check the weather! Talk about intensive! One of the highly qualified instructors was Past Council Chair Ester LaMonthe.

At the institute there were: 94 participants from 63 districts, representing 22 states and seven Canadian Provinces. Fifty one lions from the U.S.A. and 36 from Canada, one from Bermuda, one from Trinidad-Tobago and five from Puerto Rico. Nearly half of those in attendance are running for first or second vice governor next Spring. There were also two other lions from Michigan attending, making up 10% of those accepted from all of the United States being from our great state. All in all, Lions John, Carl and Laura came back with lots of new skills and knowledge to share with the District. Thank you DG Larry for recommending us!



Cedar/Maple City Lions Club

On September 13, 2008, the Cedar/Maple City Lions conducted their last highway pick-up for the year. We do three miles on M-72, three times a year. Pictured are L to rt., Lions Bob Stachnik (chairman), Pete Bright, Phil Williams & Al Stock. Not pictured are the early crew of Lion Glen Noonan and two of his grandsons.

Greenville Lions Club

Greenville Lions Club inducts 2 new members at it's September 15 meeting. Left is Superintendent of Schools, Pete Haines, and third from left is Lion Josh Stump, a student at Montcalm Community College. King Lion Roger Wilson sponsored his boss and Nicole Atwood sponsored her friend and Lion Mike Hurst substituted as a sponsor. Lion Larry Alman performed the induction ceremony. This is seven new members we have received in less than a year and we are very proud of everyone of them.



Our spaghetti dinner was a success even though there was football game that night. We had close to 250 people present and we raised almost \$1,400. King Lion Roger and the crew worked hard and we had a good time. We went around to various stores in

the community and received donations of food to make our profits even higher.

Kaleva Lions Club

September has been a busy month for the Kaleva Lions. In addition to our regular meetings, pancake breakfasts, and pastie sales. The Kaleva Community hosted a soup luncheon to benefit the family of Lions John and Robin Tatreau. The Tatreau family lost most of their possessions in a fire in early September. During the benefit, several homemade soups were enjoyed by about 50 people from the community, raising approximately \$500 for the family. We are also busy planning for our 47th anniversary charter night which will be celebrated on Monday, October 20th, 2008 at 6:29 PM. The event will be held at The Norman Township Community Center in Wellston. The program will begin with dinner starting at 6:29 PM. Cost of the evening will be \$10.00. We have invited several dignitaries, including District Governor and First Lady Lions Larry and Gayle Morlock. We invite everyone to come and spend this special night with us. If you wish to attend, please R.S.V.P. by calling King Lion John Makinen at (231) 362-2812 or Club Secretary Lion Carl Hawkins at (231) 864-2396 no later than Wednesday, October 15, 2008.

Mount Pleasant Lions Club

Mount Pleasant Lions marched in the Mount Pleasant Madi Gras parade on September 26 with a full size Lion and handing out candy. About 12 Lions marched.

The club also had a booth at the Mount Pleasant Chamber of Commerce Business Expo on October 8 at the Soaring Eagle Casino. It provides great visibility for the club in the city.

The Club will also be having their annual Chili Supper on October 25 at Mount Pleasant High School This is their second largest fund raising event.

Shepherd Lions Club

Shepherd Lions Club Hosts Citizen of the Year event: Presenting the Citizen of the Year award to Newell Oren are Jim Brugger, and John Williams of the Shepherd Lions Club. The citizen of the year award is given to outstanding community members who have so willingly volunteered years of their time and efforts in support of Shepherd community projects.



Shepherd Lions Club donates a new Village sign. When you enter Shepherd from the east you will notice the beautiful new Welcome to Shepherd sign. Pictured are some of the proud Lions members that worked on installing the sign; left are John Williams, Roger Trudell, Don Miller, seated are Jim Brugger, Kent Roth, right are, Mike Wisneski, and Rich Hetherington.

The sign is one of the community projects that the Shepherd Lions Club very proudly donated.



Weidman Lions Club



The Wheatland Music Festival was a great success for the Weidman Lions Club. We have available approximately \$15,000.00 profit of which 100% is donated to the community and state. The Weidman Lions

Club built a permanent structure in the food vendor area. We poured the concrete and erected the roof, which fits over the mobile kitchen. We served over a ton of French fries, 2,000 hot dogs, 4,500 of our most famous food – sausage on a stick wrapped with a blueberry pancake. Some of the beneficiaries in 2008 include \$2,500 in local scholarships, \$1,617 for eyeglasses for the needy, \$1,385 for Hospice of Central Michigan, \$1,100 for Weidman Daze, \$719 for local school books, \$500 for the Special Olympics, \$400 for the Michigan Association for the Deaf, \$358 for local recycling efforts and \$350 to help local families. We collect several bags of trash for our Adopt a Road project in Weidman.

**WHITE CLOUD LIONS CLUB
38TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY**

Saturday, October 25th, 2008 at their Lions Den

This year President Ray's theme is 'camouflage'. If you wear some 'camouflage' you will receive a free ticket for the drawing for a night at the SHACK!

SPECIAL ACTIVITY:

We will be having a 'silent auction' running from 6 to 9 p.m. If you donate something to the silent auction you will receive an additional ticket for the door prizes.

**ALL PROCEEDS OF THE SILENT AUCTION WILL BENEFIT KING LION RAY'S SPECIAL PROJECT:
NEW COOKING STOVES FOR THE DEN KITCHEN!**

Hospitality starts at 6:00 p.m.

Swiss steak buffet dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Cost \$8.00

Mail checks or call reservations to Lion Vi VanDyk, Treasurer, Box 116, White Cloud 49349

Questions? Call President Ray & Audrey – 231-689-1732,

Janalee & Lester– 231-689-1321 or Mary – 231-689-0944

RESERVATION FORM:

Club: _____ Attending _____

Editors Note

Thank you to the Lions Club Officers and members, you do make a difference in sharing your project ideas with other clubs and you can be very proud of what you are doing. Keep up the good work.

Howard City

In the September issue I made an error and I would like to correct it now. Lion Mordens Fathers name is Don Gage, a very popular Barber, in Coral, for many, many years, until his retirement some years ago. I am sorry I made the mistake. Lion Don is living with his Daughter, Lion Norma now and was in very good spirits when I visited at the Howard City Lions Club in early September.