



**DISTRIC GOVERNOR BILL KOCH'S MESSAGE**

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We are all different! We have tall Lions we have short Lions. We have hefty Lions and tiny Lions. We have professors and jack of all trades Lions. We have upper class Lions, middle class Lions and just doing it Lions. We have engineers and Lions that build parts. Every type of person is a possible Lion. Why be a Lion?? Think about it for a minute. There is only one reason!!! We love people. We help people in so many ways. No Lions—no Leader Dogs. No Lions—no Kidsight. No Lions—no Eversight. No Lions—no online diabetes program. No Lions—no hearing programs for our communities. There are many more programs Lions are responsible for in their communities. How many people know us??? You are Lions, which equals Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services. We need more of you. I get to visit many clubs and see the smiles, the enthusiasm, and the joy of our clubs, which is thrilling to see and feel. The reason is you help people live their lives to the fullest extent possible. As PDG Pete Conarty said, "Be proud to be a Lion." Tell people what Lions do. We do not have to be the best kept secret in town! ASK someone to be a Lion. Thank each of you for everything you do for Lions and the love you have for people. You are Lions not because of anything except sharing Love and Joy for people.



**First Vice District Governor Bill Bradfield**

Hello Lions of District 11E-1, I hope all is well and safe. The most recent COVID Update is as follows: Michigan, confirmed cases 111,136 and 6,712 deaths. USA, confirmed cases 6,008,588 and 184,353 deaths. Worldwide, 24,776,988 Confirmed cases and 837,979 deaths. Michigan hotline: 888-535-6136. From LCIF: Lions show of character has been especially important during the pandemic. Even though most of the world has social distancing orders, Lions still found a way to serve safely. You worked hard to protect your community in your own way. Some of you donated toward the cause. Some of you received grants

from LCIF to serve areas of the world where the virus spread fast and medical workers were overwhelmed. We thank you for your bravery, generosity, and compassion you exemplified. This year US Lions have raised \$64,277 in over 300 Facebook fundraisers. Your clubs have made the commitment to become Model Clubs and you have made personal donations to Campaign 100. These commitments to our Foundation allowed us to administer over \$5.1 MILLION in grant funding for COVID relief. The Lions can be proud of our efforts worldwide!

Gudrun Yngvadottir, LCIF Chairperson, will be hosting a Webinar for questions and answers on COVID-19 on September 4, 2020 at 9 - 10 AM, you can register at [lcifmarketing@lionsclubs.org](mailto:lcifmarketing@lionsclubs.org).

I will be scheduling meetings or Zoom appearances with individual clubs in the near future.

Our DAD Diabetes program continues to conduct online Zoom classes, Personal Action Toward Health (PATH), for diabetes management in the safety of your own home. Classes are on Thursdays September 17 and 24; October 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2 - 4 PM and Mondays, October 5, 12, 19, 26, and November 2 and 9, 1-3 PM. Contact Christi Demitz at 616-632-7881 or [demitz@msu.edu](mailto:demitz@msu.edu) to register for Monday Classes. Register for the Thursday classes by contacting Kris Swartzendruber at 989-245-5903 or [swartz6@msu.edu](mailto:swartz6@msu.edu).

### **District 11E-1 Officers for 2020/2021**

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### **"THANK YOU" IPDG Jackie Glazier**



We would like to take this opportunity to say "THANK YOU" to IPDG Jackie Glazier. It was a year we will all remember. Hope you like your chair and table.  
PDG Dan Gibbons and PDG Pam Schroeder

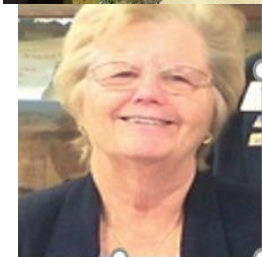


Pictured is PDG Dan presenting IPDG Jackie with her gift. She finally gets to sit down and relax, even if for just a moment.

### **PDG PAM SCHROEDER ELECTED PRESIDENT**

### **THE MICHIGAN LIONS FOUNDATION**

PDG Pam Schroeder, a District 11 E-1 Lions of



Michigan trustee, was elected President of the Michigan Lions Foundation for 2020-21. Pam is serving her fourth year as a District 11 E-1 trustee to the Foundation. She has served on the Foundation's Fund Development and Marketing Committee for three years and has chaired the Foundation's Silent Auction Fundraiser. Pam has served in many capacities for District 11 E-1 and is the District's Convention Chair. She is also an active Pin Trader and presently secretary of that group. PDG Pam is an Onekama Lion.



**DISTRICT 11 E-1 SEPTEMBER LION OF THE MONTH  
LION VIRGINIA SZYMANSKI**

Virginia Szymanski was recruited into the Manistee Lions Club in 2017, by a friend after retiring and moving back to Manistee, her childhood home. She has been the Manistee Lions treasurer for four years and has participated in all of their fundraisers. She spearheaded a silent auction that coincided with the Lions biggest fundraiser, the Fish Boil, which typically serves 650-800 customers. The auction brought in a third of the revenue for the event. Virginia was honored as Lion of the Year by her club in her second year as a Lion. Virginia was the Region 1 Zone 2, Zone Chair last year. She felt that it was a rewarding experience and learned a lot about the activities of other clubs in her area. Her Zone did a winter coat project. They collected and distributed winter coats to children of all ages in their area through the schools.

Her husband, Michael, worked for the Department of Defense and Virginia changed jobs many times during her career as they travelled to different areas. She was a volunteer receptionist at the Army Community Services in Pirmasens, Germany, a relocation Specialist and English as a Second Language Coordinator and a Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund Custodian. Virginia was a secretary for 22 years. In Seoul, Korea, she was lead secretary at the American School. In Heidelberg, Germany, she was lead secretary to the superintendent of schools and then moved and was the lead secretary for the superintendent of the Kaiserslautern District. After moving back to the United States, she was a secretary for the commanders of the 30<sup>th</sup> Dental Squadron, the 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Support Squadron, to the 59<sup>th</sup> Radiology Squadron, to the Chief of Staff of the 78<sup>th</sup> Medical Group and commander of the 78<sup>th</sup> Dental Squadron.

In her free time, Virginia likes to quilt, garden, read, walk, visit with friends and relatives and can be found volunteering for musical and dancing events.

Congratulations to our September Lion of the Month - Virginia Szymanski!!  
GLT Pete Conarty

**LEADERSHIP - KINDNESS AND DIVERSITY**

In the recent issue of Lions Pride 11 B-1 DG David Anderson indicated that in difficult times we should look for the “helpers”. “As Lions we are the helpers.” He goes on to indicate that we have time tested principles and beliefs as Lions that make us equipped to respond in these chaotic times. This is Leadership at its best! We not only help our communities but we cross boundaries to help Lions in other communities. An example of this played out during the Midland/Sanford flooding. We had Lions from the Elton Lions Club bring 20 dozen eggs, peanut butter and other foods to help the flood victims, Bay City Lions came to Midland to volunteer their services in helping flood victims. These were not Lions from District 11 E-1 but true examples of Lion Leadership and a belief in our motto, “We Serve”. PDG Jackie Glazier was in Midland 3-4 times helping the Midland Club secure cleaning products for flood victims and even worked to help distribute the products to those in need. As we work to strengthen and redevelop our clubs to a new style of meetings and working in this pandemic situation, we need strong Leaders that are not afraid to take the extra time and make changes to fit our new needs. Help your Lions adapt to these changes.

**Mark Your Calendars!**

*The USA/Canada Forum* is probably one of the best Leadership Experiences that LCI produces. Since the onsite experience will not happen this year, LCI is producing a three-day virtual Leadership conference. Professional speakers, seminars and exhibits, etc. will enable you to participate. The dates are September 25-27.

Registration is necessary at the USA/Canada Forum website: [www.lionsforum.org](http://www.lionsforum.org).

GLT Pete Conarty



## What LIONS Means To Me



I have been in the Midland Lions Club for 19 years. Growing up I had heard about Lions through a next-door neighbor, Papa Joe Lubbehusen, who was a Lion for many years. Growing up in Midland, going to a brand-new school, and being a high school athlete, I didn't need to know about Lions. Where I'm going with this is, in 1971, I was in a traumatic motorcycle accident a week before high school graduation. No one could tell my parents anything, except if I came out of the coma, it would be a long road to recovery. Even after I came home from the hospital, communication was limited because I was not

talking at the time. Later we learned that both my hearing and vision had been affected. I was declared legally blind. My father was a Lion, after my accident, and until his passing in 1996. During my recovery I had to learn how to walk and talk again. I was connected with the Commission for the Blind and spent time in Kalamazoo at their Rehabilitation Center. This was the first time that I was around other individuals who were blind. Here I learned to walk with a white cane. This was a difficult transition, from having vision and doing everything independently, to the opposite and the Lions softened the blow. It got me thinking, I'm not alone as there are many people who are blind in the world and many Lions to help them.

In the earlier years I was given the Lions wooden white canes, which I had to cut down to use as a support cane. With the help of a lot of people and my family, I was able to go back to school and eventually got a degree from Central Michigan University in Recreational Therapy. This led to a 30 year career as director of a music library for those who have disabilities. Most of my borrowers were patrons of The State Library for the Blind where they received talking or Braille books. The Lions helped with support for the music library, volunteering in the office, and transportation.

Being a Lion has helped me be more active in the community. The Midland Lions has welcomed and allowed me to grow and have an active part in the club. I have served as President, Tail Twister (current), and as editor of the Midland Lions Club newsletter—*Lions Tale* (since 2007, co-edited with my wife, Lion Tina). My opportunities continue to grow within Lions as now, along with Lion Tina, we work together as editors of the District 11E-1 newsletter (15 months) and as co-chairs of *PAWS With A Cause* District Project (since 2016).

I have had personal experience with *PAWS With A Cause* even before becoming co-chair of the District Project. I first had a *PAWS* assistance dog back in the late 1980's and "Taffy" helped me for approximately 10 years. She was a hearing/service dog. More than a year ago, I reapplied for a new assistance dog. A combination hearing/service dog is currently in training for me and I hope to have him by the end of 2020. It is, in part, because of LIONS and their support of *PAWS*, that I am doing this. It will give me more independence (for Lion Tina too ☺) and I will be able to serve the community better through the Lions with an assistance dog. Once I have completed training with the new dog and we are certified as a team, we are available for presentations.

Thank you LIONS!  
Lion Mike Hoy



**We Serve**

# Club News

## White Cloud Lions



The White Cloud Lions started their regular meeting schedule the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in June. We 'bit the bullet' and decided to start our next year with 'a bang' and a little bit of extra work. We wanted to **Serve**, we wanted to help someone, and we wanted to make a difference in our community. We researched the local needs and found a perfect solution to our desire to **Serve**:



### WE FOUND THE WHITE CLOUD COMPASSION HOUSE!

This outstanding home provides hospice care for anyone that does not have a home or a caretaker so they may die with dignity. Some residents have stayed only a few days and others have needed to stay for several weeks. The White Cloud Lions committed to provide non-perishable food to the home for the next six months. A commitment the Lions are excited about in this trying time. Our Chairperson for this Service Project is Governor Bill Koch. He will have a meeting every month with the home supervisor when he delivers our collections and will get a new list of the needs for the next month. We're excited. We are **Serving** again!



Sometimes, in this pandemic, decisions need to be made to actually 'Serve' your own Lions Club Members. Our Club did just that this week. One of our recently widowed members decided she needed to move to Indiana to be closer to her oldest son, so she sold the home that she and her husband built and started downsizing for apartment living. The *White Cloud Lion* members decided 'To Serve' their own. We met at her home and packed all her possessions she was taking for apartment living in the moving van for her, had an outstanding picnic for her and her family plus all the workers and finished this wonderful service project in one night. It helped her a great deal financially but most of all it gave our club a chance 'To Serve Our Own'.



## Manistee Lions Club



The Manistee Lions Club recently donated \$500 to Munson Healthcare Manistee Hospital Emergency Room Renovation Project. Pictured from right to left, Lion Virginia Szymanski (in costume), Courtney Mulder, Lions Roger Zielinski, Mick Szymanski and John Carter. You can learn more about the renovation project at [www.munsonhealthcare.org/manistee-er](http://www.munsonhealthcare.org/manistee-er)

***HAPPY 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COLEMAN LIONS!!!!!!! (09/06/1940)***

***HAPPY 77<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TRAVRSE CITY!***

***(09/29/1943)***

### Midland Lions



August 4 was a Lions Social Get Together that, this year, replaced our usual Steak Cookout. Everyone brought their own picnic meal and we played some games all while maintaining social distancing and wearing masks. Everyone had a chance to make a hole-n-one. Several Lions had a 'shoot out' and Lion Bob Stoney won.



We also had fun playing a game where we tried to get tennis balls in the bucket. Lions Lynda and Dave Stark are shown demonstrating their techniques, but Lion Darren Hall won this game. He received a Meijer's gift card as his award from Lion Roger Frazer.





Group picture with our balloons in honor of helium discovery day August 18, 1868.

Midland Lions will continue to meet outdoors for as long as possible. We will be cleaning and sorting eye glasses in September and will be selling Lions of Michigan Foundation 2021 Calendars.

## ***Lions***

***FREE Space to put your Club's News!  
Please contact us to be included in the next issue  
of the District 11E-1 Newsletter.***

***Editors, Mike and Tina Hoy***—Please submit your club information in Word and pictures as an attachment. Please contact us at [hoym@charter.net](mailto:hoym@charter.net) or 989-832-8354.

## ***Service Stories***

Each Lion and every club is changing lives in ways both great and small. Service is a personal journey that impacts the people serving and the people we serve. We make an effort to post club service stories under the District Club Happenings section of the Lion Pride. Has your story been shared? Contact ***District 11E-1 Newsletter Editors, Mike and Tina Hoy (see above).***

**Please submit materials for Oct. 2020 Newsletter by Sept. 23.**



## WANTED–NEW LIONS!!!

PDG Jim Walls has graciously offered a bag of 25 pins to any and all Lions that bring in a new member. These pins are all different and some are valuable to collectors.



## Updates for the District 11E-1 Roster Book

1. Page 4, Lion Roger Gilbert's e-mail should be [sullysdad@charter.net](mailto:sullysdad@charter.net)
2. Page 9, Lion Steve Adsmond's e-mail should be [adsmond@comcast.net](mailto:adsmond@comcast.net)
3. Page 12 & 22 Lion Karla Roebuck's e-mail has changed to [karlar@chartermi.net](mailto:karlar@chartermi.net)
4. Page 24, Evert Lions address is a PO Box
5. Page 32, Midland Lions Club address is PO BOX 2243, Midland, MI 48641  
Midland Lions Club President is Lori Shelby Hall [lorishelby@yahoo.com](mailto:lorishelby@yahoo.com) or 703-895-7366 and  
Club Secretary is Darren Hall [darrenjhall@hotmail.com](mailto:darrenjhall@hotmail.com) or 641-330-6563  
Midland Lions Club Contact person is President Lori Shelby Hall.

Contact **Cabinet Secretary** Lion Peggy Frank, 616-217-6840 or [pfrank1219@yahoo.com](mailto:pfrank1219@yahoo.com) and **District Newsletter Editors**, Lions Mike and Tina Hoy (see above) for updates/corrections to the 2020/21 District 11E-1 Roster Book.

## *District Projects Updates*

### Lions of Michigan Foundation

The Foundation is once again selling the 2021 Calendars for \$20 each. This could be a great fundraiser for the clubs. If your club sells 10 or more calendars you would get \$5 back per calendar, and if you sell 50 or more calendars your club would get \$10 per calendar. This would be an easy fundraiser for your club. I have calendars if your club is interested.

The winning numbers come from the mid day lottery drawing, with the grand prize of \$1500, 2nd prize of \$500, and 3rd prize of \$250 drawn on May 1, 2021. Call PDG Pam for calendars.



Leader Dogs for the Blind is back in business. The July class had 6 students. The August class has 11 students. The trainers have made some adaptations, such as longer leashes and voice mikes, which allows them to maintain distance and still communicate with the students. Students have to live within driving distance of campus. Trainers are also out doing home trainings. Orientation and Mobility trainings are also continuing, both on campus and at home.

The Leader Dog team is hosting a webinar on Sept. 1, 2020 to explain their COVID-19 protocols.





We are ready to do **PAWS** presentations. Please contact us at [hoym@charter.net](mailto:hoym@charter.net) or 989-832-8354 if you are interested. There is still time for outdoor meetings. We are already scheduled for a presentation at the White Cloud Lions Club on September 28, 2020.

Lions Mike & Tina Hoy, **PAWS** District 11E-1 Project Co-Chairs

[**PAWS** contacts: phone 616-877-7297 or [pawswithacause.org](http://pawswithacause.org)]

Update on Lion Mike's **PAWS** dog: Training is going well, but training was disrupted for a couple of reasons (including COVID-19). The date that Lion Mike will receive his service dog is now being pushed back at least another

couple of months, hopefully before the end of the year.

## District Eyeglass Mission Trip Update

The coronavirus still has a hold on our activities. We are still looking for volunteers to go with us to Costa Rica next spring. We have surpassed the 2,000 number of eyeglasses and also have 1,000 readers. Our goal is 5,000 eyeglasses for the next Mission Trip. I will be going to Harrison in a couple of weeks or so to work on eyeglasses. Our Team is scheduled to work on cleaning and sorting glasses in Midland (outdoors) on September 22. Volunteers are always welcome. Lion Harry Johnson, PDG [Contact: [lionharry1947@gmail.com](mailto:lionharry1947@gmail.com) or 1-231-745-4524.]

## Used Hearing Aid Donations

Remember we accept used hearing aids of any age or condition. All used hearing aids are recycled with one of the hearing aid manufactures. Lions of Michigan Foundation is given credits to be used towards the purchase of new hearing aids. Most Clubs collect hearing aids with their glasses. If you have hearing aids for recycling give them to our Foundation Reps. Lions Pete or Pam, your zone chairs, or Lion Peggy Frank at 616 217-6840 for pick-up.

June 1, 2020

## LCI Helping Clubs

# Board of Directors take steps to help our clubs

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has impacted the work of Lions around the world. In many cases, it has also created financial hardships for our Lions and the people for whom we care.

To support the incredible men and women serving with us, the International Board of Directors has passed a resolution to help our clubs.

Here is an overview of the resolution approved by the Board of Directors:

- Flexible payments – No clubs will be suspended or cancelled through December 31, 2020 for late payment of dues.
- Charter and entrance fees waiver – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from July 1 – December 31, 2020.

These measures will help Lions facing financial hardships, and give our clubs hope, encouragement, and an opportunity to start the new Lion year with renewed energy and optimism.

This may be a time of great need, but we will overcome this together. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity. That is who we are, and what we do. So let us stand together. And let us remember just how important we are to our communities and the world.

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#LCICON2021



*See life through Lion lenses in Montréal!*

*Online registration is officially open for LCIC on 2021 Montréal, where Lions and Leos from around the world will come together to celebrate a life of service while indulging in the culture and life of Montréal. Find out what's in store for you at this year's international convention!*

## Welcome to the Month of September

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month as recognized by Lions International.

Other Monthly Observations include:

Americana Month

Chicken Month

Courtesy Month

Self Improvement Month

Suicide Prevention Month

Days in September to consider observing:

1<sup>st</sup> is World Letter Writing Day

7<sup>th</sup> is Labor Day

11<sup>th</sup> is Patriot Day  
13<sup>th</sup> is National Grandparents Day  
21<sup>st</sup> is International Day of Peace  
22<sup>nd</sup> is Autumn Equinox  
28<sup>th</sup> is Family Day



Visit [www.NationalDayCalendar.com](http://www.NationalDayCalendar.com) for additional ways to observe or celebrate the month of September.