



Lions of Michigan – District 11-E-1



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From time to time we Lions find that fulfillment of the Lion’s Code of Ethics guides us in meeting everyday encounters. Our members need to be aware of people who have disabilities. For example, leader dogs on a short leash are in training. Ask the handler if you can pet the dog. If the dog is in a harness it is working so do not communicate or touch the dog.

A person with a disability should be recognized as a person first and his/her disability is second. Ask if you can be of assistance. Many people who have a disability are hesitant to seek help. Sometimes all you have to do is give them assistance without making a comment referring to their disability.

Legally blind is a word that we use to identify people who are visually impaired. With these people there is a wide range of visibility. For those who see well it is very difficult to identify the degree of blindness. Your relationship with these folks will be established with your identification of the person’s blindness.

Hearing impaired people are more easily identified through their speech patterns if they have a severe loss of hearing. Again, as with blindness, there are various degrees of hearing impairment. Make sure you enunciate your words and try to speak to the individual facing them. The hearing impaired person will use your facial expression to assist their understanding of your message.

We Lions can be of service to a wide spectrum of people. Our motto “We Serve” can be embraced with our actions and our respecting those among us who have not been as fortunate as ourselves in life’s journey.

First Lady Gayle and I wish you a happy holiday season and the best of health and luck in the coming year.

God Bless You!

Governor’s Travels

- 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
- Jan. 5, 2009 Greenville Lions Club—Official Visit
- Jan. 10 MERLOW at the Morlock’s
- Jan. 14 Region 2 Zone 3 Meeting—Evert
- Jan. 21 Harrison Lions Club—Official Visit





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

Happy Holidays to all Lions throughout our great district.

I just returned from a multiple district meeting in Lansing. As I have stated in the past that this is a learning process that is never ending. We as Vice District Governors, your council for 2009-2010 made some very important decisions during these meetings. One of the most important, was the choice was our Council Chairman for the 2009-2010 year. He is PDG Lion Robert W. Jenkins from Sterling Heights and a member of that club. Lion Bob has a never ending list of credentials and will be a great asset to our Council of Governors. We had another application for this position and he was PDG Frank Cunningham from the Frasier Lions. Lion Frank also has a great list of achievements over his life as a Lion. The decision that we made was not an easy one. But was a united decision by the future council. We as a council have talked and want everyone to know that we will be united toward the goals of Lions and will be representing you with both the Lions of Michigan and Lions Club International. During the upcoming year there will be many decisions that we will be making as a council that will affect you as Lions.

We pledge as a group that those decisions will be the best for all Lions in the State. I believe it is a tremendous item that we as Vice District Governors were allowed to set in with our Governors for the insight into the working of Lions. It is also been a pleasure to work with and receive help from PID's Bill Hansen, Dennis Cobbler, Charles Weir, William Hanel and Kenneth Lautzenheiser. These PID'S were all present at the above meeting and have such a large wealth of knowledge about Lions that it makes you feel overwhelmed. I would also like to thank Lion Esther LaMothe, who is our trainer for this year who comes with more knowledge.

Since the last article, I have also attended the Lions of Michigan Institute at Higgins Lake, which was the greatest school that I have ever attended. Please, Please, Please get your Vice Presidents involved and to attend this school.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

VDG Lion Wayne & Debbie

Quote of the month

***“Be on the lookout for the opportunity to say to yourself:
I feel good. I intend to attract more of this good feeling,
and I intend to give it away to any and all who need it.”***

LEADER DOGS GO TO SCHOOL!



The students and staff of Big Jackson public school enjoyed a visit on Veteran's day by Aberdeen, True and their trainer, Lion Kim Wattles of the Honor Lions club. Lion Kim demonstrated how she teaches her dogs to not pick up and eats things of the floor, how they know when it's safe to cross the street and why they shouldn't be petted while "working".

The students had lots of questions about the dogs, and all the students were able to pet and love on the dogs when they had their "work clothes" removed. No one was able to answer Lion Kim's question about how much a Leader Dog cost. Even Mr. Jacobson, the principal was surprised to hear the \$37,000 price tag! Region 2 Chair, Lion Laura Johnson from the Baldwin club arranged for the visit. She is also secretary of the Big Jackson board of education.

NOVEMBER IS DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

During November, Lions have special opportunities to promote diabetes awareness. Diabetes is a growing global epidemic, and diabetic retinopathy is a leading cause of vision loss in adults of working age. Diabetes prevention is proven, possible and powerful. Eating healthier and getting 30 minutes of physical activity 5 days a week are two simple changes that can delay or prevent diabetes. On 14 November 2008 Lions celebrated World Diabetes Day. To find out more about this event go to www.worlddiabetesday.org on the internet.

In addition the American Diabetes Association (ADA) is sponsoring a new Association Library Program for Lions. It is an ideal way for Lions to promote diabetes not only during this special month, but throughout the year. Here's how it works: Lions can purchase a 10-book set from the ADA at deeply discounted prices and donate the books to local Libraries. Lions will also receive a sample press release and 10 bookplates to announce their purchase and donation. The ADA program for Lions includes a listing of new book titles such as: ADA Complete Guide to Diabetes, Your First Year with Diabetes, The Commonsense Guide to Weight Loss, Lickety-Split Diabetic Meals and 6 other titles of greatest interest and value to people with diabetes.

The cost to the club is \$ 89.38 + \$ 8.94 shipping for each set of 10 books (see order form for more details). You must identify yourself as a Lion to receive this special price. For much more information see the Health and Children's Services Department, Lions Clubs International at www.programs@lionsclubs.org

Thought of the month

Obstacles are the things we see when we take our eyes off our goals.
Zig Ziglar



**AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION
LIBRARY PROGRAM FOR LIONS**

Our lions Club would like to purchase _____ book sets (comprising of the following titles) to distribute to our local library(ies).

- 4809-04 ADA Complete Guide to Diabetes
- 4669-01 Lickety-Split Diabetic Meals
- 4814-02 Uncomplicated Guide to Diabetes Complications
- 4812-02 The Commonsense Guide to Weight Loss
- 4837-02 The "I Hate to Exercise" Book
- 4708-03 The Diabetes Carb and Fat Gram Guide
- 5024-01 Your First Years with Diabetes
- 4908-02 The Ten Keys to Helping your Child Grow Up With Diabetes
- 4711-02 Diabetes Meal Planning on \$7 A Day or Less
- 4623-02 The New Sole Food Cookbood for People with Diabetes

Please send the books to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Lions Club: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Library: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please send your order to: American Diabetes Association
Book Order Department
P. O. Box 930850
Atlanta, GA. 31193-0860

Baldwin Lions Club



Baldwin Lions Club mourns the death of their youngest member. Lion Robert Anderson, 34 years old, passed away unexpectedly on November 19th. He had been a lion for 2 ½ years and also served as volunteer firefighter for the Baldwin fire department. He most recently worked on the Mason county candy/white cane sale to raise funds to purchase eyeglasses in the Ludington area. He leaves behind his wife Felisha, who is also a member of the Baldwin Lions and five children. If you want to send a card or note, please contact Lion Laura Johnson for more information. He will be greatly missed.

Lioness Liaison visits Baldwin



P.D.G. Jack Burchard paid a visit to the Baldwin Lions and Lioness clubs on November 11th. He had lots of information to share with the clubs as he had recently attended the state Lioness conference in Traverse City. His designated driver for the evening was Lion Larry Wendt, also of the Onekama club. Lioness President, Laura Johnson presented P.D.G. Jack with the club's 2008 Blessing of the Bikes pins. These collectable pins are a series, and their annual sale funds the entire year's service projects for the Baldwin Lioness club.

Big Rapids Lions Club



The Big Rapids Lions cut 25 Christmas trees at the farm of Lion Gene White on December 6th. These trees will be donated to Project Starburst. Project Starburst is a local social service organization providing food, clothing and other services to low-income and underprivileged persons.

Lions involved in the tree cutting were King Lion Doug Fitzgerald (red coat), Lion Kerry McGinley, Lion Gene White, Lion Jim Chipman and Lion Dick Perrin.

The last picture shows left to right: Lion Gene White, King Lion Doug, Lion Kerry McGinley, Lion Jim Chipman.

Coleman Lions Club



Coleman Lions had the pleasure of meeting with District Governor Larry Morlock and First Lady Gayle at our regular meeting on November 20. Gov. Morlock had a great message about serving our communities first while also supporting the wonderful state projects we have in Michigan.

At the same meeting three eighth grade students were honored with certificates and checks for their participation in this year Peace Poster contest.

Our first annual Chili Supper is planned for Saturday, December 13 in conjunction with the Coleman Christmas parade. The supper will be held at the VFW hall on Main Street starting at 4:30 pm. If you've never experienced the parade, it is well worth the drive over to Coleman. The lighted floats are always spectacular. We will have chili, hot cocoa and coffee to go for those who need warming up during the parade!

Cedar/Maple City Lions Club



The Cedar/Maple City Lions have completed the 2008-2009 Peace Poster Contest. This is one of the schools that we do each year. We give a \$100.00 US Savings Bond to 1st. Place and a \$50.00 US Savings Bond to 2nd & 3rd place. They all get Lions Certificates. Pictured (L to Rt) at Glen Lake School is Lion Vice President Rob Serbin, Marie Maya 1st, Sarah Tondreau 2nd, Woodrow Unruh 3rd. & Lion Bill Courson. Bottom row, Kaitlyin Grigg 4th & Paige Erwin 6th place. Not pictured is Jake Sherwood 5th place.

Evert Lions Club

Three members attended the Club Fall Conference. During the parade of checks Lion Shelby Struble, Treasurer, presented checks to Lions of Michigan Foundation (\$100), Bear Lake Camp (\$50), Leader Dogs (\$200), Michigan Eye Bank (\$100), Camp Tuhsmeheeta (\$100), and EarLab (\$150).

Evert Police Chief Zack Szakacs presented a program at our meeting dealing with home and automobile security. His main message was KEEP YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS LOCKED.

Evert Firefighter Frank Carlson presented a program at our meeting dealing with new equipment and how fires are fought.

DG Larry Morlock was presented with a Membership Key Award for bringing in 5 members over the years.

PDG Lynnwood Mast presented a program on the new program at the Eye Bank called "I Joined".

Greenville Lions Club



Vice District Governor Wayne Kreitner was present at our annual Ladies guest night. VDG Wayne presented two awards to two very deserving lions. 1. Lion Rod Roy received the first one for serving as Secretary for 17 years and working so hard in our Club. 2. King Lion Roger Wilson has been a member of the Greenville Lions Club of about 5 years but his spirit and enthusiasm has brought in a whole lot of new members to the Greenville Lions for the last year. 3. Lion Larry Alman Immediate Past President awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship award to Lion Dan Eagles. Lion Dan has been a member of the Greenville Lions Club since 1974. He is a retired Teacher and is not only our Song Leader, Lion Tamer; he serves on many committees as well. Lion Dan is the crew leader for over 4 years with Montcalm County Habitat for Humanity. He serves on the Court Appointed Special Advocate Board and the Greenville Area Community Foundation. He mentors the youth in Elementary and Middle School. We are very proud of Dan and him receiving the highest honor as a Lion.



Our special program on December 1 meeting was the Greenville High School's Village Green Singers under the direction of Mr. Joel Van Houten. Lion Vice District Governor Wayne attended the U.S.A./Canada Forum in August. He saw a guy carving a Lion with a chain saw and thought that would be a real nice thing to have in Lioness Debbie's living room. He brought it to our meeting and he thought it would be a real neat idea to have the Village Green Singers pose with the Lion. **The Lion has been named "Spirit."**



Hart Lions Club

Three new members of the Hart Lions Club were sworn in by District Governor Larry Morlock. Pictured I-r D.G. Larry Morlock, Theresa Stewart, Denise Stewart, Sponsor Bill Askins, Mike Henderson, and Sponsor Curt Helgrin.





Hart Lions President Dick Huntington is presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Zone Chairman Laura Johnson for the members assisting in a White Cane Drive in Ludington to help raise money to purchase glasses for those in need in the Ludington area.



Hesperia Lioness Club

This is announcing the sudden passing of Lioness Juliann M. Feldt on November 15, 2008. Julie was a charter member of the Hesperia Lioness Club and had served in many offices, most currently as Secretary. She also made several quilts for our Club to raffle on 4th of July at the Hesperia Fun Fest. She liked to decorate the den for special occasions with the Lions. Julie will be missed not only by our club, but also by the local community as she was active in many organizations.

In November the Hesperia Lioness Club followed several years of tradition and sent boxes to the area service people who are serving overseas. This year we had a cookie bake to add home made cookies to the boxes. In December the club will deliver poinsettias to local shut-ins and also to those in the nursing homes. Again, this is something that we have done every year and many times a few of the Lions have joined their spouses to assist. This article was sent to me by Lioness Mary Anne Eskew

Kaleva Lions Club

Thank all the area Lions for coming to the Manistee Area Christmas Party. We were honored that DG Larry Morlock and First Lady Gayle, VDG Wayne Kreitner and his First Lady Debbie braved the snow to be with us. Special thanks to my Aunt Eileen Hawkins who entertained us with her wonderful music and leading us in a few Christmas Carols. We love you Eileen. Lion Mathew Circle did a great job catering, Thank you. PDG Lynwood showed a touching video on organ donating please get in touch with him for a visit to your club. Thank you Kaleva Lions for hosting the party and all the Lions who came and celebrated with us.

I am blessed to be an American and Lion, Proud of the great thing we do. Please keep up all the wonderful deeds you are doing and ask your friends to help. We do so much, but there's more we can do and people want to help. Let's let them. Merry Christmas to All and a Happy New Year. Lion Carl Hawkins

Midland Lions Club



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Lions Annual Christmas Party for special kids was Tuesday, December 16.

If you want to see some appreciative kids enjoying themselves, if you want to laugh and have a good time, if you want to be amazed by the number of cookies some kids can eat, if you want to see "Santa believers" by the score, if you want to see a professional clown work a group of kids into a frenzy, if you want to help the kids or just watch, if you want to experience one of the neatest things we, as Lions, do for the community, you won't want to miss the event on the 16th. The country club traditionally does a really nice set up for the kids with decorations and a buffet of finger foods that they enjoy. If your idea of a Christmas party is hot hors d'oeuvres' and prime rib, you'll be disappointed. But, if you want to feel good about being a Lion, this party is for you. The kids start arriving about 5:40 and most will be gone by 8:15. Please join us anytime between those times.

Lion's International Convention

Did you ever have an interest in attending a Lion's International Convention, but travel to distant parts of the world seemed an insurmountable roadblock? Well, this year that challenge is significantly reduced. The 2009 International Convention is being held within driving distance for us, or if you like, a short flight. The location is Minneapolis in nearby Minnesota. Dates are July 6 through 10, 2009. Early registration (until December 31) is \$100.00, and hotels range from \$107 to \$199. Free shuttle service is available for all official convention events. For more information, go to the Lions web site, www.lionsclubs.org, and click on the convention link.

These 2 articles came from the Midland Lions Club newsletter, Lions Tale.

Northport Lions Club

The Northport Lions Club is pleased to announce that it has donated \$2750 to the Leelanau Township Public Library in the past 12 months. The Library used \$2000 of these funds to purchase a Clarity Video Magnifier. The



video magnifier allows users to magnify either reading material or zoom across the room with a magnification of up to 45X. It also allows reading lines to be added to the image, to reverse the image from positive to negative, to adjust contrast, and/or view in either color or black & white.

The Northport Lions typically raise \$10,000 for local vision related causes through its summer sales barn activity or at the Woolsey Memorial Airport Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast.

Photo Caption - Leelanau Township Librarian Deb Stannard and Northport Lions Member Dick Hufford try out the features of the video magnifier purchased with funds donated by the Lions Club.

Sand Lake Lions Club

12-13-08 Sand Lake Lions hosted a Kindsight photoscreening for ages 1-5 hosted by the Sand Lake/Nelson Township Library. Lion Harry and Lion Laura Johnson from the Baldwin Lions were so very generous and took the photos of the preschooler's eyes. Sand Lake Lions in attendance for the project were King Lion Erin Allen, Lion Jim Allen, Sec. Lion Karen Hayden, V.P. Lion Guy Hayden, Lion Membership Chm. Kandy Roemer. 35 eligible children were screened. This was done in cooperation with a Santa visit sponsored by the Sand Lake Chamber of Commerce. We feel we had a wonderful turn out and could not do this without help from everyone mentioned.

Shepherd Lions Club

The Shepherd Lions Club has named Tom Hohlbein as the 2008 Citizen of the Year. Tom has volunteered many hours to his community. He has been an integral part in making the Shepherd Baseball Fields what they are



today. Tom worked on the Sesquicentennial committee, the Maple Syrup Festival committee, and helped to organize two mega high school class reunions.

The Shepherd Lions Club invited friends and family to gather at the Shepherd Maple Room on November 11, 2008 to share this special recognition and to honor Tom.

From left to right is Lion Jack Nartker, Citizen of the Year Tom Hohlbein, Lion Roger Trudell.

Traverse City Lions Club

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Lions Club gives the gift of vision by CAROL SOUTH, Special to the Record-Eagle

TRAVERSE CITY -- Reading to his son, working with his coin collection: These are just some of the things Chris Collard could do using closed-circuit TV equipment in his home. However, the \$3,000 price tag for the magnification device – who's computer display offers different color, background and text options and will zoom from four to 60 times -- is prohibitive. Even after the Traverse City resident's insurance company kicks in a third of the cost.

So Collard turned to the Traverse City Lions Club for help, which pledged another \$1,000. He currently has a small, handheld magnifier that helps with his duties as a department manager at Glen's on Eighth Street. That equipment is good for reading only a small amount of information at a time and does not facilitate writing.

A home-based, larger magnifier would open new doors. "I have a 2-year-old son and I'd like to be able to read to him," said Collard, who is legally blind but does not read Braille. "I have a coin collection and haven't been able to work on it for 10 years. I can't see the mint marks or dates." To make up the remaining funds needed, Collard is also contacting other regional Lions Clubs for assistance. He learned about the volunteer service organization from the person selling the adaptive equipment and decided to apply for a grant.

"I never have done anything with the Lions Club before," he said. "I know they granted me a lot more than I was expecting to get. It makes a big difference." With one of their missions to help visually impaired people, the international Lions Club was just the organization for Collard to call, Dr. Paul Hanrahan said.

A club member for 20 years and chairman of the local Sight and Hearing Committee, Hanrahan is an audiologist with the Hearing Clinic at Munson. The local Lions Club considers special targeted requests such as Collard's in addition to its other work, which includes providing 55 people with glasses so far this year. "Some services will not be covered by normal rehab services or social services agencies," Hanrahan said. "We act as a last resort."

Also this fall, the Traverse City Lions Club received a request for adaptive equipment from Fran Schneider of Grawn. Visually impaired as an adult due to hereditary retinitis pigmentosa, Schneider applied for funding for JAWS software, which will verbalize e-mails and documents on a computer. She also learned that her 10-year-old computer system was too outdated for the memory-intensive software. Throw in a hardware upgrade and the bill climbed to well over \$1,000.

The Traverse City Lions Club granted \$700 toward her request and Schneider has contacted other Lions Clubs for help. She has also applied for an assistive technology loan from the Michigan Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Schneider is patient but persistent as she pursues technology to boost her quality of life and ability to communicate with friends. The new software and hardware will also help her in her new part-time network marketing job. "Right now I can't read e-mail and a lot of the time I can't see the screen," said Schneider, who also has a Leader Dog. "My vision fluctuates." Both Schneider and Collard were invited to speak at a recent Lions Club of Traverse City meeting. They told members about the equipment they were seeking and its potential impact on their lives.

"The requests were something unusual for us," Hanrahan said.

Schneider is an active volunteer for the Leader Dog for the Blind School in Rochester Hills, which was founded in 1939 by three Lions Club members. Already familiar and a recipient of the support from Lions Clubs, which raises money for the school and attendees, she is an enthusiastic proponent of the charitable group.

"Oh, it's nice, it makes me feel good, (the Lions Club) was there to help me and now I can go out there and help them," said Schneider, who talks about Leader Dogs and the school to area schools and youth groups.

"I think it's one of the best organizations as far as running on donations that I've ever seen or heard of. They do an excellent job."



Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all from the District Editor