



Lions Connections

July 2024

District 11E1 Newsletter

District Dispatches

Reports from District Officers



District Governor
Tom MacNaughton

I just returned from Melbourne, Australia where I attended the 106th Lions International Convention. Convention was a great experience where I learned much and met lions from all over the world. The thing that stood out the most was that we all have the same problems no matter who you are talking to or where they come from.

My District Governor Goals for 2024-2025

Increase Membership

I set as one of my goals that we would increase the total membership by a net of 27 members. This includes members that drop out and new members who join, the total net count has to be 27 additional after we replace the members that quit. At the time I set that goal, I thought that starting a new Leo's club would count for 20 members and we would only need 7 more. However, I found out that we cannot count the LEO'S so we have to have 27 new members after we replace the dropouts.

Here's what you can do to help meet this goal:

Whenever you have a project that you invite other members of your community to help and they are having a good time interacting with Lions, be sure to invite them to join your club. Put an application in their hand.

Increase Membership in the All-State Band

We currently have only 1-2 members in the All-State Band from our district. It was great to march in the parade of nations behind the Michigan Lions All State Band. They really did us proud! We were number 29 in the parade line up of 194 countries. My goal is to increase the number of band members sponsored by clubs in our district to 15.

Here's what you can do to help meet this goal:

We have 38 clubs in our district, if 15 clubs sponsor a new band member or two clubs go together to support a new band member we can grow the band for Mexico City next year. It is very important that each club selects a Lion to approach the area band director to inform him/her of the opportunity that the band provides. The band will travel to Mexico City, Hong Kong, Washington DC, and Singapore in the next four years. The district All State Band Chair this year is Robert (Bert) Mac Naughton his email address: tandembert@gmail.com (Cedar-Maple City Lions)

Increase Youth Exchange Participation

For more than 60 years, Lions International has run Exchange programs all around the world that are designed for young people between the ages of 15 and 22 to create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world. By providing an avenue for global fellowship, the program aims to help youth initiate, grow and maintain international relationships promoting cultural education and international peace. Exchanges typically last for 4-6 weeks with the help of host families (Lions or non-Lions), sponsor clubs and host clubs.

Participating in a Youth Exchange is a wonderful chance for our youth to explore different cultures and get to know a family in a distant land. This will take place next summer, so it does not interfere with the school year. For more information on the program, contact our district chair for this program, Lori Hall (Midland Lions) lorishelby@yahoo.com

Increase Lions of Michigan Service Foundation Grants

I hope to have three clubs apply for a Lions of Michigan Service Foundation grant. These grant funds can help fund your club's service project. The application process is easy to complete. For information of what you can apply for and how much you can receive contact: PDG Jim Patterson, pattersonjv@comcast.net



**Second District Governor
Linda Wellman**

Moving to Luther, Michigan from Oregon was a major life change. I was concerned about retiring, how I would stay busy. As a retired business owner and always having been involved in organizational leadership, becoming a member of the Luther Lion's Club started a new adventure path. Now for two years I've been the Luther Lions President, working with the most wonderful members and officers.

When asked to consider the Second Vice District Governor position, I was honored then panicked to accept it. In time, reality hit, doing something outside of our comfort zone means growth, knowledge and new acquaintances. That's what life is all about, to grow and to be the best we can be.

If I can help you in your own growth as a Lion, please feel free to reach out. My email is Lindakwellman@hotmail.com and I can be reached by phone at 503-799-3105.



**District Global Service Team (GST) Coordinator
Ann Roeseler**

I am Lion Ann Roeseler, the District Global Service Team (GST) coordinator. ***If you need help reporting your club's service on the LCI Portal, I'm the one to call!*** Besides helping District 11E-1 Lions report

service, I work with DG Tom to plan service projects for us to do at our District Convention. (Send your suggestions to me!) I also join in zoom meetings with the GST chairs from other districts in Michigan to plan projects at the Forum in February and the MD11 (State) Convention in May. Look for my articles in the District Newsletter for information and details on what you can do to help!

In addition to being the District GST, I am also the Peace Poster Chairperson. Look for my articles on the LCI Peace Poster contest and ask your club members to host a local contest for youth in your area.

Please contact me with any questions or for help reporting service. Call or text 989-615-3959 or email me at ann.roeseler@gmail.com.



District Global Membership Chair
Al Roeseler

Hi, I am PDG Al Roeseler, this year's Global Membership Chair. It is my job to assist Clubs with Membership Growth. With membership a failure to plan. Is planning to fail. I am available to meet with Zones or consult with clubs that are interested in developing growth plans. I can be reached at aroeseler1947@hotmail.com , or call or text to 989.615.3960. Please let me know if I can be of assistance.

Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator

Jeff Schafer



PCC Jeff Schafer has been a Lion since 1996 and has served as Club President, Secretary, Treasurer and various committee chairs; District Region/Zone Chairperson, Cabinet Secretary, District IT, Newsletter Editor, Leader Dog Trustee and LCIF Coordinator. He was a District Governor from 2014-2015 and Council Chairperson 2015-2016. Most of these positions were held in Multiple District 25 E in southern Indiana.

Currently he is the Secretary for the Coleman Lions Club and serving as the District 11-E1 Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator. PCC Jeff just completed his first year in this position where he offered new club officer training in four different locations throughout the District in 2023-2024. He will have training sessions planned for later this year or you can contact him if your club needs training prior to those events. In addition, PCC Jeff has raised 10 puppies for Leader Dogs for the Blind and is currently raising puppies for Dogs, Inc. (out of Palmetto, FL). He is also available to give Leader Dog for the Blind programs to include a show-n-tell with his current puppy in training, Captain (male yellow Golden-Lab mix).

Feel free to contact PCC Jeff at 812-325-3130 (call/text) or email at jeff.schafer1@comcast.net.

Global Leadership Training Report

During June we completed two more new club officer training sessions. The first one was on June 1 in Greenville area where we had 3 clubs participating and 9 members ranging from incoming Presidents/VPs, Secretaries, Treasurers, and a Tail Twister. Our second and final session for the Lion Year was on June 22 in the Mount Pleasant area where we had 9 clubs participating and 16 members ranging from Presidents/VPs, Secretaries, and Treasurers.

The team covered various topics to include Lion's Awards, Fellowships, State and District projects, District Governor Elect Tom Mac Naughton's goals for the upcoming year, Lions Portal access and sessions on President/VP, Secretary and Treasurer's responsibilities. A "Thank You" to those that helped in preparing for the event along with the numerous presentations to include DG Jim Patterson, PDG Al Roeseler (District GMT) and Lion Ann Roeseler (District GST), PDG Sheryl Schafer, and PCC Jeff Schafer

(District GLT). A big “Thank You” to Zone Chair Diane Fleming for setting up the venue (Isabella County Commission on Aging) to include the refreshments. The accommodations were wonderful.



Picture: The New Club Officer Training held on June 22 at the Isabella County Commission on Aging in Mount Pleasant area. Standing from left to right are: PDG Sheryl Schafer, PCC Jeff Schafer (GLT), and DG Jim Patterson. Picture taken by Lion Ann Roesler (Coleman Lions Club).



**Lions Bear Lake Camp District Chairperson
Steve Glazier**

Hi fellow Lions!

See below for new ways to follow and stay connected with all the exciting things happening at Lions Bear Lake Camp. Also please don't forget to sign up for the affordable as in **"Free"** attendance and lodging at Bear Lake Camp open house for **"ALL LION MEMBERS"** September 13 - 14th as noted in last month's newsletter. For more information, contact Tracy Tribley at traci@bearlakecamp.org or phone 810-245-0726 or Bear Lake Camp website at <https://www.bearlakecamp.org/>

Thank You and Hope to see you there!!!

Lion Steve Glazier

District 11E1 Chair Representative for Lions Bear Lake Camp.

Cell Ph 231 835 1238 Steveglazier96@gmail.com

🌟 Discover More with Lions Bear Lake Camp! 🌟

Hey Campers and Friends! 📣

We're excited to announce that Lions Bear Lake Camp is now more connected than ever! Stay up-to-date with the latest news, events, and behind-the-scenes action by following us on all our social media

channels. 📱 ✨

Join our online community and be the first to:

- ✓ Get updates on upcoming camps and events
- ✓ See photos and videos of our amazing campers and activities
- ✓ Learn about volunteer opportunities and how you can get involved
- ✓ Connect with fellow campers and share your favorite camp memories

🌐 Follow us on:

- ◆ Facebook: facebook.com/lionsbearlakecamp
- ◆ Instagram: instagram.com/lblc_lapeer/
- ◆ Tik-Tok: tiktok.com/@lblc_lapeer
- ◆ Newsletter: bearlakecamp.org/index.php/sign-up

How Do I Register for the New Lions Portal?

If you have an existing account, all your data has already been transferred and the email address you'll use to login has not changed. You will only need to setup a new Lion Portal password.

Follow the steps below to begin accessing the new Lion Portal:

1. Go to the Lion Account login page and sign in using your existing credentials, this will transfer you to the new Lion Portal

https://lionsinternational.my.site.com/s/login/?language=en_US

Here, you can either enter your current password or create a new one

- a. If you have an account, enter your existing credentials
 - b. If you don't have an account, click on "Don't Have an Account?"
 - i. Enter your First Name, Last Name, and Email address
 - ii. Enter the verification code sent to your email address entered
 - iii. After entering code, follow the instructions to setup your account
2. From there, you'll be able access and begin using the new Lion Portal
 3. Lions Portal YouTube Learning Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/@lionportaltraining>

Still not able to access your new Lion Portal account? Get in touch with the Member Service Center at 630-468-6900 or email lionssupport@lionsclubs.org

Entering Your Club's Service in the Lions Portal

Presidents, Secretaries and Club Administrators can enter your club's service projects and should **try to enter each one that's done**. Decide who will do this for your club. If there is a non-officer in your club who enjoys computers and is willing to enter service, elect them as the club administrator. Once you have all the pertinent information on hand, it should only take 15 minutes or so to enter a project. Here's what you need:

1. Click on the dropdown menu by "Service." Then choose "Create Service Project."
2. Click on the circle by "Search for Club or District" and your club should show immediately. Click on the circle in front of your club's name and click on the blue NEXT box.
3. You will then type in a *title* for your service project and use a toggle to choose a *project type* (Donation, Fundraiser, Meeting, Service).
4. You are now on the report page! One very important thing you need to know is that you **must** check the box (top/middle) in front of "**Report Complete**" or it will be a draft only and no one but you will see it, **so go ahead and click that first!** Or be sure to click it when finished!
5. The **top half of the form is required** to be filled in, on the right, high on the report page are: **Cause, Project type** and **Description**, and on the left lower are: **Start and End Date, Number of Volunteers, Total Volunteer Hours** (total each volunteer's time spent).
- 5a. "Additional Optics" only needs to be filled out if you are reporting a Fundraiser.
- 5a. OPTIONAL - The bottom section "Additional Information" is duplicating some information and adding place and time zone information. You can fill that in too, but it's not required.
6. When all the important information is entered, click on the green **SAVE** button at the bottom. If you are in fact done, you will see "Report Complete" at the top next to your Club name.
- 6a. Red will appear indicating what else is needed. Fill those and click SAVE again. Check again that the "Report Complete" box at the top is checked.)
7. You are then free to enter another service project or explore! This can be done by clicking the back arrow in the upper left-hand corner of your screen.

I'm available to answer your questions and/or help you enter service! Call, email or text me.

Lion Ann Roeseler, District Service Coordinator
ann.roeseler@gmail.com 989-615-3959

Lions of Michigan District 11-E1
**Governors Appreciation
Luncheon**

**Saturday, August 24, 12:00 noon
Stone Lodge
4465 W. 48th St.
Fremont MI**



Sherri and IPDG Jim Patterson

**EVERYONE IS
INVITED...**

RSVP by August 14 to:
Brenda Adsmond 231-740-2304
badsmondathome@comcast.net
Steve Adsmond 231-740-7076

Cost is \$20/person

**CELEBRATE
SUCCESS!**

JOIN US!!

Please make checks payable to :
Fremont Lions Club and mail to
Steve Adsmond
411 E. Maple St.,
Fremont MI 49412

Menu: Pulled Pork, Grilled Chicken Breast, Cheesy Potatoes,
Smothered Baked Beans, Seven Layer Salad, Dessert Bars

RSVP Form for IPDG Jim's Appreciation Luncheon

Name _____ Club _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Number attending _____

Club Chronicles

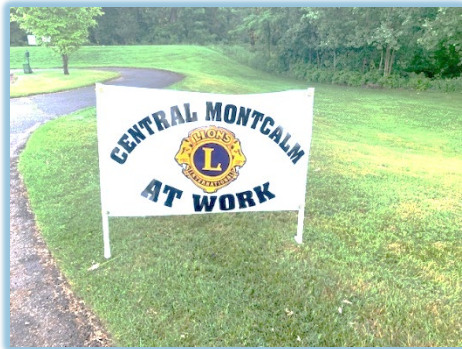
Your Monthly Source for Club News, Events, and Highlights

Arcadia

In June, 14 members of the Arcadia Lions participated in our twice-yearly road cleanup through Adopt A Highway. In addition, the club hosted a Pancake Breakfast for Fathers' Day Sunday and then again for the Sunday of 4th of July weekend which were both well attended. The club hosts the town's annual Arcadia Daze Festival July 26th-28th, so we've been quite busy building a new float for the parade, building a new stage for the Finch Park Pavilion and getting ready to host several thousand visitors.

Central Montcalm

The Central Montcalm Lions wrapped up their 2023-24 fiscal year with their 2024 Golf Outing at Glenkerry Golf course in Greenville, MI. This event is our number one fundraiser and covers about 95% of our yearly budget. This year's event did not disappoint as we had the most teams we have ever had and surpassed our goal for \$\$\$ that we had set. The weather was perfect, and a great time was had by all. We look forward to another successful year in 2024-25.



Coleman

During the June 17 Coleman Lions Club meeting we had the honor of having PDG Pete Conarty (Midland Lions) conduct our New Club Officer Induction Ceremony for 2024-2025.

Pictured from left to right are Chuck Dinsmore (Lion Tamer), Billie Jo Parker (Director), Amy Hovey (1st VP), Pam Render (Treasurer), PDG Al Roeseler (President), Ann Roeseler (Current President), PDG Pete Conarty. Missing from the photo and the induction ceremony are PCC Jeff Schafer (Secretary), PDG Sheryl Schafer (Tail Twister), and Jason Perkins (Director). We would like to give a BIG Thank You to PDG Pete for conducting the ceremony.



Four members of the Coleman Lions KidSight team screened 101 kids in the KidSight trailer on Kid's Day at the Montcalm County Fairgrounds. Greenville Lion Larry Alman helped attract children with his special furry Lion hat! Six of the children screened were referred to their eye doctor for a full exam. One family requested help with glasses and Lion Larry explained which office his club works with. The family had two children needing exams, so they were especially happy for the help.



Meanwhile Greenville Lions spent the week cooking and serving breakfast, lunch and dinner at the fair! We visited their booth for a delicious meal before heading back home.





But first took lots of pictures! Thank you, Greenville Lions!

Empire

The club held their annual charter dinner and installed their new officers for 2024-2025 pictured below L-R, Bill Banish, Bill Freeman, Dianne Hammersmith, Doug Slessman, and Tom Pykosz



During the dinner, Bob Chase (Left) presented a gift to outgoing president Mike Bolton



Co-Empire Lions of the Year were Linda and Bob Chase for their outstanding Lions and community work.



Empire Lion Dave Taghon receives a gavel from Frank Mancuso for being the auctioneer at the annual Empire Lions Annual Auction for the last 40 years.



Hart Lions Club

Hart Lions recently collected donations for White Cane Day 2024. Members were located at Hansen's in Hart and at Walmart in Ludington.



This photo is Lion Curt and Lion Craig outside Hansen's in Hart.



In addition, Hart Lions participated in an area clean up and Lion Cathy and Lion Bruce had an awesome time sprucing up the town and made a little money out of it!

Traverse City Lions

The Traverse City Lions Club co-sponsored a Kids Sight vision screening with the Traverse City District Library on April 27. Twenty-two children were screened. Parents of four children were advised their child may have a vision problem that required additional testing at their family eye doctor.



Have some club news to share of your own? Want to showcase some of your club's achievements? Send your club news and photos to District 11E1 Newsletter Editor, Paula Rigling, Arcadia Lions at District11E1Newsletter@gmail.com.