



# Lions Connections

**September 2024**

**District 11E1 Newsletter**

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## District Dispatches

Reports from District Officers



**District Governor  
Tom MacNaughton**

Our Fall Conference is coming up September 28th, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there. Below is the registration form to use for the conference.

# Fall Conference September 28 Harrison Lions Den



We will have speakers in the following areas  
Membership how to go from 6 to 40 in three months  
All State Band from 7 to 15  
Youth Exchange from 0 to ?  
Lions of Michigan Service Foundation How to get MONEY  
Booths for other projects  
A Service project that is fun  
Parade of Checks  
Door Prizes

## Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Morning Coffee, rolls and Lunch. \$20:00 Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If you have been to a fast food location lately this is a good deal.

Please return to : Sandra Castle Harrison Lions and DG Tom we need to know how many to plan for.  
Emails: [sixpackgranny52@yahoo.com](mailto:sixpackgranny52@yahoo.com) and [tomcataughton@gmail.com](mailto:tomcataughton@gmail.com)

Our district qualified to receive funding from the Lions Club International Foundation Community Impact Grant program which is detailed below.



**Dear District Governor & LCIF District Coordinator:**

Congratulations! **Your district has qualified** to participate in Lions Clubs International Foundation's District and Club Community Impact grant (DCG) program. DCGs allow eligible clubs and districts to utilize some of their donations to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to apply for a grant to support local humanitarian projects.

Your district earned additional credits during the 2023-2024 fiscal year and **may apply for a DCG of up to US\$ 3,594.79**. If you decide to apply for a grant this year, LCIF recommends consulting your immediate past district governor during the application process.

Visit [lionsclubs.org/DCG](https://lionsclubs.org/DCG) and [DCG Frequently Asked Questions](#) to learn more about program requirements and the application process.

Email [LCIFdistrictandclub@lionsclubs.org](mailto:LCIFdistrictandclub@lionsclubs.org) if you have any questions about applying for a grant.

For questions about donations, DCG fund balances or transferring DCG funds to your district, contact LCIF Donor Services at [donorassistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto:donorassistance@lionsclubs.org).

Once again, congratulations, and thank you for your financial support, which enables Lions in your club – and worldwide – to magnify their service impact.

Sincerely,

*Lions Clubs International Foundation*

## Background Information Regarding the District Community Impact Grant funds

The grant money comes from the total donations to LCIF of all the clubs in the district. Should the grand total of those donations meet or exceed the \$10,000 threshold in one fiscal year, the district has 15% of the total to give to clubs in the form of Community Impact Grants. If unused, the available funds are rolled over and added to the next year's total. In our case, the remaining balance for the 2023-24 year was \$1,564.00. that was added to this year's amount, giving the district \$3,594.79.

Projects must meet four criteria:

1. It cannot be requested to maintain, repair or improve club property such as a clubhouse.
2. It cannot be requested to donate or support another organization's activity such as paying for a Feed America truck for the local church's food pantry.
3. It must be a Lions' project that addresses an important humanitarian need and provide an opportunity to highlight Lions in the communities they serve.
4. Lions do the work.

Number 3 is very important but the scope of the "humanitarian need" is pretty broad. The Mt Pleasant Lions received a \$330.00 to paint the dugouts on a community ballfield. Harrison Lions receives a \$1,560 grant to repair cabins in a camp for disadvantaged kids. These were both projects that benefited a particular humanitarian need.

The club must get estimates on the cost for the entire project. They must also determine how many community members' lives will be affected by this project – Remember, LCIF is all about numbers. Figure out how many club members will be working on it and, finally, a start date.

Clubs can apply to LCIF by completing the application found online. It's not a "Fill-In-The-Blanks" kind of application. It's more like an essay. Answer all the questions in a separate document and send it to DG Tom.

### **DO NOT SEND THE APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO LCIF!**

The application **MUST** be approved by the district cabinet (that is required by LCIF). Once approved, DG Tom must be the one to send the application in. When granted there is a "contract" that you and DG Tom will have to sign and send in. Once that is done, the district receives the money and disburses it to the club. The club has one year from the date the grant is made to complete the project and send the final report to DG Tom for his approval. Be sure to take lots of pictures and make sure they are in the JPG format for LCIF.

Good Luck!

IPDG Jim Patterson

## District 11 E1 Fall Conference

The District Fall Conference is an opportunity to meet Lions from other clubs, exchange ideas, learn what is happening with your state projects, and hear about some techniques that can help your club.

Mark your calendar – **SATURDAY, September 28, 2024, Harrison Lions Den, 417 Fairlane, Harrison, MI**  
Meet and Greet - Coffee and treats; 9:00 -3:00 pm.

Share great ideas, information, and a chance to interact with other Lions. We'll take a lunch break at noon to enjoy a Harrison Lions scrumptious lunch. The price is only \$20.00.

### Proposed Agenda

1. Parade of Checks - Short discussion of what your state project is doing. Bring your contributions.
2. Presentation – How Lake Ann Lions Club went from six members to forty.
3. Michigan lions Band- What's Happening?
4. Michigan Lions Youth Exchange Program.
5. Michigan Lions Service Foundation - How Does this Affect My Lions Club?
6. District 11 E1 Convention – Details
7. Chance to ask those burning questions about Lions and what is happening!

Plan to attend and bring other Lions with you – Fall Conference, Sept. 28, Harrison Lions Den.



### Fall Conference Service Project Lion Ann Roeseler, GST

I hope you have the District Fall Conference on your calendar! If not, mark it now – Saturday, September 28 at the Harrison Lions Hall. We will be doing a service project for students using Smarties and pencils! You can take it back to students in your community! See you there!

Lion Ann Roeseler, District Service Coordinator  
ann.roeseler@gmail.com





### Peace Poster Contest

These are the rules my club shared with the local middle school art teachers. Please feel free to borrow/copy and adapt them to your situation. It's not too late! Talk to your art teacher or leader of a youth group. Then order the kit and plan how to honor the winners.

Lion Ann Roeseler, District Peace Poster Chair (ann.roeseler@gmail.com)

### **Coleman Lions Club 2024- 2025 Peace Poster Contest Rules:**

1. Student ages 11, 12, or 13 on November 15, 2024, are eligible to participate.
2. This year's contest theme is "**Peace Without Limits.**"
3. Artwork must be no smaller than 13" X 20" but no bigger than 20" X 24".
4. Only one entry per student, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
5. All artwork must be the individual student's original creation.
6. **No** matting or frame is allowed. **No** three-dimensional pieces (collages). **No** glue, staples, or attachments. And **No** lettering or numbers allowed, *in any language*.
7. All media allowed: pencil, chalk, crayon, marker etc. Chalk and pastels should be sealed with a fixative to prevent smearing. Do not laminate artwork. Poster must be made of flexible material that can be rolled for shipping.
8. Student's full **name and birthdate** must be written on the back of the poster. *Please attach a phone number where a parent/guardian can be reached for an invitation to the award ceremony.*
9. Posters will be judged on: **originality, artistic merit, and expression of theme** (the 2024-2025 theme is "**Peace Without Limits.**").
10. The Winning Poster will not be returned as it will be sent on for the next level of competition.

11. Local contest **deadline is October 21, 2024**. Posters must be turned in to the School Office by 3:30 pm to be picked up by a Coleman Lions representative.

*To view grand prize and merit award posters, download a video or get contest information, visit [lionsclubs.org/peaceposter](https://lionsclubs.org/peaceposter).*



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

Hi Fellow Lions.

A reminder to please share this newsletter each month with all your club members especially your new members, as it is only emailed to one or two of each clubs officers with the expectation they will forward on to all in their club.

It was great seeing all the attendees at the August District Cabinet meeting in Coleman recently.

This month's article is in continuation to bringing awareness of all the great things and programs Lions Bear Lake Kids Camp has to offer. First, of interest to note is 80% of their camp counselors are former camp attendees themselves. Their mission is to develop leadership skills, build confidence and to provide a premier outdoor educational and recreational experience year-round to all persons regardless of ability throughout the state.

Lions Bear Lake Camp is owned and operated by all Lions in the state of Michigan. Research shows their 501(C)3 having them doing business as Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp, a nonprofit corporation. The camp opened its doors at its present location in July 2000 with 53 campers and presently hosts 850 to 1000 plus special needs campers per year. They are supported by Lions Clubs throughout Michigan with additional support from Foundation Grants, individual and business donors in our state.

With the assistance of their volunteer members, they provide a premier outdoor recreational and educational facility providing opportunities for people of special needs to enhance self-worth, attain independence, acquire social skills and realize their full potential in an atmosphere that is wholesome and encourages awareness and appreciation of the natural environment. As mentioned in last month's Lions newsletter (but in case you missed it) Lions Kids Bear Lake Camp offers summer programs for ages 5 - 16 and includes two programs for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Deaf and Hard of Hearing "Family Camp" and additionally a Deaf and Hard of Hearing "Kids" camp. Also offered are Visually Impaired camp, Juvenile Diabetes camp, Autism camp and a Cancer camp with little or no cost for attending campers to most of these programs.

Activities offered include a 1.5 mile wheelchair accessible hard surface trail, kayaks, canoes, volley ball, low ropes, climbing tower, zip line, team building games, group bonding. Bonfires, swimming, camp food, songs, fishing dock,

archery, crafts and so much more. Last year additional camps offered that exceeded expectations were Grievance counseling and Foster Kids.

There are 10 cabins, each housing 16 people, which are wheelchair accessible and a multipurpose dining hall with air conditioning and heating that holds up to 250 people. Lions Bear Lake Camp is accredited by the American Camping Association.

From their testimonial website here is what one parent had to say, "My visually impaired daughters spent two wonderful weeks at Lions Bear Lake Camp and because of Lion Clubs and their supporters, the camp was almost free. There are not many camps that are or are even willing to accommodate my daughters' needs. Not only does this camp accommodate, but it is also a camp designed to fit their needs. All physically challenged youth are accommodated. This is one thing, you as donors, are making possible for these children and I would like to Thank You All".

To help support these programs and others and to keep attendance affordable they have several Fund Raising events throughout the year that will be featured in next month's Lions Bear Lake Camp news.

Don't forget Lions Bear Lake Camp Lions of Michigan Weekend September 13 - 14 (2024). The event is FREE for all Lions throughout the state with free lodging included. So come experience firsthand all this camp has to offer kids that allows them the opportunity to make memories they'll cherish the rest of their lives.

Also please be sure your club officers have a copy of this (especially your treasurer) and please remember Lions Bear Lake Kids Camp in your 'Parade of Check" coming up soon.

Thank You

Steve Glazier

Lions Bear Lake District 11E1 Chairperson

<b>DON'T MISS THE 2025 DISTRICT 11-E1 SPRING CONVENTION</b>	
<b>SAVE THE DATE</b>	
<b>THE DOHERTY HOTEL CLARE, MI</b>	
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>25-26</b>



# IPDG and MD 11 GST Steve Murch - 20-20 Challenge

## SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE: 9-30-24

Please support IPDG and MD 11 GST Steve Murch and the Lions of Michigan Foundation. Steve has dedicated his annual 20 mile birthday walk on September 9 to support the programs and services of the Lions of Michigan Foundation, and he challenges all Michigan Lions Clubs to make a \$20 gift to the foundation.



[lmsf.net](http://lmsf.net) - [lhcmi.org](http://lhcmi.org)

I would like to make a \$20.00 gift to the Lions of Michigan Foundation in honor of IPDG and MD 11 GST Steve Murch. My gift is designated for the \_\_\_\_\_ Fund.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method: \_\_\_ Check Enclosed \_\_\_ Pay Pal ([info@lmsf.net](mailto:info@lmsf.net)) \_\_\_ Venmo (@LionsofMIFoundation)

\_\_\_ Credit/Debit Card:  Visa  Discover  MasterCard  AmEx

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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 517-887-6640 - 517-887-6642 (Fax)



## The Golden Kettle Competition Among Service Clubs

By Captain Mika Roinila

The Salvation Army proposes the awarding of a Golden Kettle to the service club that raises the most money during the annual Christmas Kettle Campaign. The winners will receive a traveling Golden Kettle trophy that will remain with the winners until next year's competition begins. The scale of the competition can be determined by decision-makers. However, it was originally created in an appointment area only.

The Golden Kettle was started (for the Roinilas) with the 2017 Christmas Campaign in Hannibal, MO. For history and background on the golden kettle, see this article: [https://www.hannibal.net/archive/article/golden-kettle-to-be-awarded-to-top-salvation-army-bell-ringers/article\\_ed39372a-2d82-5df6-9b83-42200e10b431.html](https://www.hannibal.net/archive/article/golden-kettle-to-be-awarded-to-top-salvation-army-bell-ringers/article_ed39372a-2d82-5df6-9b83-42200e10b431.html)

Service clubs got engaged, and updates were published weekly in the local paper to keep everyone informed of the changes in the standings. A story appeared in the Hannibal Courier Post on Nov. 2018 for the 2018 campaign.

Captains Roinila were appointed to Fulton Heights Citadel in Grand Rapids, MI, in 2019, and they conducted the Golden Kettle competition amongst service clubs for three years. It was first promoted on Nov. 21, 2019 in the Grand Rapids Raptidian.

The winner for the 2019 campaign was the Golden K Kiwanis Club; the 2020 award went to the Kentwood Rotary Club, which received recognition by the club on their website: <https://ridistrict6290.org/stories/kentwood-rotary-awarded-the-2020-golden-kettle>

In 2021, the Golden Kettle award went again to the Golden K Kiwanis Club, having raised \$10,844

Captains Roinila were appointed to Battle Creek, MI, in 2021. Again, they got service clubs to ring bells and compete for the Golden Kettle. The 2022 winners came from the Masons of Ira A. Beck Lodge. The winner for 2023 was American Legion Post 257. See these following stories:

2022 Golden Kettle results in <https://www.battlecreekenquirer.com/story/news/local/2023/11/09/salvation-army-red-kettle-campaign-kicks-off-friday-in-battle-creek/71518134007/>

2023 Golden Kettle results were issued in the Feb. 8, 2024 Shopper News: <https://irp.cdn-website.com/3426e64a/files/uploaded/Shopper%202-8-2024.PDF> (see page 3).

Statistics of the ongoing competition are shared weekly in local papers such as the Raptidian in Grand Rapids and the Shopper News in Battle Creek. Photos of bell ringers from every club are shared with each club, many of which are posted on Facebook as well.

Plans for the competition begin in the summer, and visits to all local service clubs are needed to introduce the competition to everyone. The name and address of club chairmen and leaders are gathered quickly so that presentations can be secured in their schedules. Shifts and locations are the responsibility of any club that wants to get involved. Clubs must sign in with Register-to-Ring when the season opens in October 2024.

At the conclusion of the Christmas campaign, all results are tabulated **but not announced**. An awards ceremony is scheduled for the end of January when all service clubs are invited, as well as all volunteers who rang bells to an event where their efforts are recognized.

- Certificates are awarded to all individuals and/or groups that participated in the campaign.
- The Golden Kettle Award is given last.

Once the winner is announced, the trophy can be passed from last year's winners to the new winner, as the trophy is handed off by one group to the next.

- If the same group repeats as the winner, the corps officer can award the trophy to the winners. Then the trophy can "travel" from one club in the winning organization to the next.

The ultimate idea of the competition is to get all Rotarians, Optimists, Elks, Kiwanians, Lions, Legion posts, Masonic lodges, etc. to join forces to win the trophy and bragging rights.

Individual chapters and clubs competing against one another don't achieve as much as a collective effort by all. It's one for all, and all for one!

Competition can expand across counties and across the state, and this is one way in which the Christmas Kettle Campaign can be a great success.

We can attest that there is much interest in the competition, and the return on investment (ROI) shows continued growth.



### **District 11-E1 Region 3 Zone 1 Dinner Meeting**

The second meeting of the 2024-2025 District 11-E1 Region 3 Zone 1 will be Thursday, November 7 at the American Legion Post 452, 337 W Day St., Stanton at 6:00 pm. Thanks to the Central Montcalm Lions Club for volunteering to host the second meeting. I would also like to thank the Edmore Lions Club for hosting our first Zone Meeting on September 12 at LaClear's Tavern and Eatery in Edmore.

The meeting is open to all Lions members in your clubs. Those clubs within Region 3 Zone 1 include Carson City, Central Montcalm, Crystal, Edmore and Greenville. You may order your dinner off the menu; all meal expenses are your own. In addition, other Lions Clubs are also welcome to join us too.

Please notify me via email or call me at (812) 325-3130 to let me know how many members from your club plan to attend.

Jeff Schafer, District 11-E1 Region 3 Zone 1 Chairperson, 812-325-3130, [jeff.schafer1@comcast.net](mailto:jeff.schafer1@comcast.net)



## Club Chronicles

### Arcadia

Our second annual Migrant Farmworkers Appreciation Dinner on August 25th was very well attended, we served 255 plates of food and gave out 176 door prize tickets for over \$4,000 in cash and door prizes.

Thanks to the generosity of our town members, we filled a donation room with work boots, gloves, coats, hats, household goods, toys, diapers and even some bikes! The farmworkers who attended had an opportunity to meet with various state and county health and human services agencies, have vision checks for their kids compliments of Project KidSight, pick up backpacks of school supplies for their children and enjoy a delicious meal. The kids enjoyed getting to meet Bluey who gave each of the kids a Bluey book and they all enjoyed the pinata full of candy.

This event is growing and made possible through the generous support of our town members. This is the second year that Arcadia Lions, the Lutheran and Methodist churches and the PVCC have sponsored this event, which was the brainchild of Lion Rick Jones, shown serving dinner below. The Detroit Free Press wrote an article about the event which appeared on the front page of the newspaper.



## Cedar Maple City



From left to right. Cedar Maple City president Melinda Laurent, new member Heather Durand, Spencer Jean Peterson, DG Tom

## Central Montcalm

The Central Montcalm Lions were happy to donate to the Central Montcalm Elementary snacks and school supplies for the upcoming school year. We wish the teachers and students a very successful year. We also participated in the Sheridan Community Hospital annual health fair by donating and serving hundreds of hot dogs for the day.



## Coleman

Coleman Lions were invited to hold a KidSight vision screening at the Family Center during the annual Back-Pack-Giveaway on August 14. We screened 18 children and referred 4 to their eye doctors for further testing. Each child screened chose a free book to take home.

KidSight screenings also took place during the Sanford Founder's Day celebration at the Sanford Museum on September 7 where the KidSight trailer was set up near other Kids activities. Coleman Lions and Midland Lions worked together to provide vision screenings during the Saturday event. Coleman Lions screened the first 3 hours



and Midland Lions continued the next 3 hours. All children who participated in the vision screening were invited to select a book to take home.



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](mailto:District11E1Newsletter@gmail.com).

**Please send your articles by the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

Coleman Lions Club  
**CHARTER NIGHT  
 PARTY**

*Dinner & Auction*

Friday, October 18, 2024

Unforgettable Events

5205 W Shaffer Rd, Coleman, MI

Doors open and games begin at 5:30pm

Dinner at 7:00pm Tickets: \$15.00

WIN:

- Henry 22 Rifle
- Porch Heater
- Portable Grill
- Meat Package & Cooler
- Quilt
- Wood Art by Dan Gibbons

Dinner catered by

Jenny's  
 Baked Chicken &  
 Meatballs in Gravy



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 10, 2024

Call or email Ann at 989-615-3959 or

[ann.roeseler@gmail.com](mailto:ann.roeseler@gmail.com)

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

**Lake Ann**

Lake Ann went from 8 members to 32 in the span of two months. We were talking about closing down. Then we launched an active Facebook campaign that was successful and drew lots of interest and 24 new members.

We just had our last pancake breakfast of the year serving 358 breakfast.

We have received a gift of \$2000.00 from the estate of William J. Morse to provide 4 - \$500 tools of the trade scholarships over the next four years for an outstanding student in the precision machining program at the Northwest Ed CTC.



Is proud to host the

# LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 PM, McKenna's Village Restaurant  
Lakeview, Michigan 48850

We invite you to join us to learn about this wonderful organization that is supported by your local Lions Club.

*A lite meal and non-alcoholic beverages will be served.  
We will be accepting donations for LEADER DOGS at the presentation.*



*For more information, please contact*

*Lion Rosemary Witt, 989-534-1916.*

## **LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND:**

**"Our mission is empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel."**