

DG Jackie is away at the 104th Lions Clubs International Convention in Montréal, Canada. representing District 11E1. We look forward to hearing about the Convention and her expriences. It will be reported in the August issue of "Lions Connections".

1ST VDG Jim Patterson's Message



I need to build on my message from the May newsletter a little. If you recall, I wrote about a way for clubs to (almost) painlessly report their activities. To recap: a form was emailed to each club President, Secretary and contact person that allowed the committee chairs to describe their activity using mostly check-offs and a written description. The club chairs then send the completed form to our District Treasurer, Peggy Frank, who had graciously agreed to enter the info into MyLion for each club. Four months ago, the percentage of clubs in our district reporting activities stood at around 6%. I just checked today and that percentage is now 44% and growing. Before I go on, give yourself a pat on the back for the rapid increase in reporting. You deserve it! And send Lion Peggy a "thank you!" for her dedication.

By now everyone should know the importance of reporting a club's activities. If you haven't yet looked, I urge you to go to <u>https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_wJT2rcTDxmu4.jpg.pdf?v=1</u> and download that document. It offers a clear explanation of why we need to do it. If internet access is an issue, drop me a line or text me and I will snail mail you a copy.... but I digress...

The real reason I write today is to say something important about finding solutions to seemingly impossible problems. In our situation, many of our district clubs have serious issues with poor or no internet service and the resulting lack of online skills. The District can't provide internet service to our clubs so it seemed we had an intractable problem with no easy solution.

It's long been my view that someone, somewhere, has a solution to whatever problem you're facing. The job for you is to find that person and STEAL THEIR IDEA. I've often said that every good idea I've ever had I stole from someone else. In this particular case I overheard someone reminiscing about the old NCR forms for reporting membership - and a light bulb went on in my head. Whatever. It's working.

My point is that when you're faced with a situation in your club that looks like Mount Everest, start asking around. And ask a lot of questions of a lot of people! Somebody has the mountain climbing skills you need. It may be a trained mountain climber or just someone who worked out their own way to climb. One of the most important things my father taught me (next to playing guitar) was to not be afraid of learning something from anyone and everyone you meet. Don't automatically reject an answer from someone who doesn't look like a mountain climber. You just never know who it is that will cause that light bulb to light up. And when you hear something that sounds like a great idea, STEAL IT!

2ND VDG Robert Roebuck's Message



This will be a year of learning and working together! Over the next 2 years I will be in training to prepare to be a District Governor. I will be visiting clubs in the District to become better acquainted with members, activities, and projects. This will be an opportunity for Lions to share input to help motivate us all to grow and move forward in Lionism.



Service Stories and submissions to "LIONS CONNECTIONS" (The Newsletter of District 11E1)

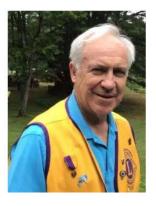
We post club service stories and/or news under the "*Club News*" section of the District 11E1 newsletter. Has your story been shared? Our District 11E1 newsletter is forwarded to Lions of Michigan for consideration in the <u>LION PRIDE</u>.

Please submit articles in <u>Word</u> [Please no PDF files] and <u>pictures in</u> jpeg format as an attachment for the August 2022 Newsletter by July 22 to Lions Mike and Tina Hoy at <u>hoym@charter.net</u> or 989-832-8354.

<u>Any</u> District 11E1 Lion can submit articles and/or pictures for the newsletter.

We encourage all clubs to participate as this is your newsletter! It is helpful for a club to designate who submits materials, but that is only a suggestion. Contact us if you have any questions. "LIONS CONNECTIONS" Editors

DISTRICT 11E1 LIONS OF THE MONTH 2021-22



AUGUST STEVE COLE STANWOOD



SEPTEMBER BILL GRAHEK LUTHER



OCTOBER **RICKARD JONES** ARCADIA



NOVEMBER JIM BRUGGER SHEPHERD





FEBRUARY BILL WILDER **EVART**



DECEMBER DONALD RAMSDELL NORTHPORT





MARCH AL MARSHALL **WEIDMAN**



APRIL VAL EIMERS

CEDAR-MAPLE CITY



MAY BRIAN CAMPBELL

HOWARD CITY



CONGRATULATIONS *TO OUR 2021-22* LIONS OF THE MONTH

JUNE BARB BROWN TROWBRIDGE

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The Lions of Michigan Foundation officially opened the LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME on July 25, 2009 to begin celebrating the rich history that Michigan Lions have at all levels of our association - local, state, district and international. The goal of the Hall of Fame is to keep alive the memory of our great leaders and to document their service so that Lions in the present and future can share a sense of the service that our great state has given to our association. Nominations for the Hall of Fame must be submitted to the Lions of Michigan State Office no later than March 1 of each year.

The 2022 Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, the 13th Annual, will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Marriott Hotel in Auburn Hills, Michigan. Lodging is \$120.00 plus tax per night for a standard guest room. Lodging reservations can be made by contacting the Lions of Michigan State Office at 517-887-6640 - info@lmsf.net.

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DEADLINE: July 1, 2022

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

District Lions at Special Olympics Opening Eyes June 2-3



PDG Harry Johnson (Baldwin) is ready to register athletes for Opening Eyes at Special Olympics.

Lion Peggy Frank (White Cloud) registers an athlete for Opening Eyes.



PDG Stan Preshaw (Central Montcalm) is ready to guide athletes to the right station.

> PDG AI Roeseler and Lion Chuck Dinsmore (Coleman) prepare for the color blindness test.

Lion Ann Roeseler (Coleman) helps with the distance test.

PDG John Monahan & Lion Steve Glazier visit during lunch at Opening Eyes.