



# DISTRICT GOVERNOR JACKIE GLAZIER

Hello Lions,

I am looking forward to an exciting year, of sharing ideas, visiting clubs, and being with Lions. Lions are you ready for a year of fun?

Big Thanks to the Lions who stepped into District chair positions. Every Lion makes our District stronger and by working as a team our District becomes stronger. We all need to respect each other's position and duties, but assist when needed and asked. TEAMWORK makes everything work smoother.

My District Governor goals are about Clubs and our District Lions.

My first goal is to have clubs achieve the Club Excellence Award. I will be bringing the form to club visits. The form, with instructions, is easily attained off the LCI website and is a very well deserved honor for all clubs. Go Lions!

Zone Chairs will be setting up their Zone meetings and club visits. Please attend Zone meetings as the chairpersons have stepped up to assist us, so let us show our support.

Lots of things will be happening, more news coming soon. Keep sending in pictures and do club reporting. Lion Peggy Frank, again this year, is the District Administrator to help with assisting clubs with their reporting (if needed).

Remember, We Serve! "Together We Can!"

# **DISTRICT 11 E1 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

•District Governor Jackie Glazier has announced the first **District Cabinet meeting** for Saturday, August 13, 2022 at the White Cloud Lions Den. Coffee, cookies, and conversation, an opportunity for us to catch up with each other, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The cabinet meeting will start at 10:00 A.M., a lunch will be served at noon, and the meeting will end by 3:00 p.m. Remember all Lions are welcome to attend the Cabinet Meetings.

Reservations for lunch must be forwarded to PDG Pete Conarty, District Secretary, at <a href="mlpjc@sbcglobal.net">mlpjc@sbcglobal.net</a> or call 989-859-5799. The cost of lunch is \$10.00. If you are a chairperson and will not be attending in person at the cabinet meeting, please make sure your report gets e-mailed and copies will be available for attendees. The reports will not be read but shared. Thank you. When giving reports in person, two item to remember, other Lions' time while you are speaking and please share your own reports.

- •District 11E1 2022/23 Roster Books will be passed out at the Cabinet meeting.
- Dues bills have been sent out to each District 11 E1 Club. Club Treasurers should forward their dues to District Secretary, Pete Conarty 2411 Brookfield Dr., Midland MI 48642.

# 1<sup>ST</sup> VDG Jim Patterson's Message



## Here's An Offer Too Good to Refuse!

As I sit here pondering what I can do to assist the clubs in our great district in the coming year, I am struck by the enormous size of the issue. Our District covers 39 clubs in 17 counties. There are clubs with as few as 4 members and some with almost 60 members. Some club's fund-raising efforts are focused almost entirely on local causes while others donate heavily to the state and district projects. To complicate my dilemma further, some clubs are situated in larger urban areas while others are rural. The populations are a wide mixture of farmers, tourists, university students and staff, and both small and large businesses. It is obvious, even to me, that there is no "one size fits all" solution. During my club visits this past year I have generally avoided the usual

topics of conversation. We all know membership is important. We all know that LCIF had a Campaign 100 going...and so on. Instead, I have tried to "spread the word" on what programs are available to assist clubs in serving their communities. And that is exactly how I envision my job as 1st Vice District Governor: as someone who helps clubs accomplish their mission - whatever they see that mission being.

So here's the deal I'm offering: I will come to your club to offer any information that you feel you need. It could be informative like what programs are offered by the Lions of Michigan Foundation for clubs to use (and there are many!) or how to use the myLion app. Maybe you'd like to use Facebook better or use a spreadsheet to set up a budget. It could even be something like how to use a battery powered drill to mix five gallons of pancake batter. I'm willing to try anything to help you succeed. You tell me what information or tools you need to make your club better and I'll do my best to provide it in a way that is helpful to you. Some stuff I'll be able to do on short notice, other subjects may take some preparations so let me know as early as possible.

You can contact me through the Message feature of the myLion app, my cell: 231-250-0925, email: <a href="mailto:pattersonjv@comcast.net">pattersonjv@comcast.net</a> or through Facebook messaging.

Go ahead; take me up on my offer. I dare ya!

# 2<sup>ND</sup> 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. Contact me at



<u>bob49342@chartermi.net</u> or 231-972-8885 (H) or 231-250-1955 (C).

# 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 **LION PRIDE**.

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

Any District 11E1 Lion can submit articles and/or pictures for the newsletter. We encourage all clubs to participate as this is your newsletter!

"LIONS CONNECTIONS" Editors

# The State of our District 11E1

# Past District Governor Bill Bradfield Report

At times it seemed to drag on and yet at other times it just flew by. The following is a synopsis of things that we did accomplish:

- Goal number One-Create the Karla Roebuck Award-Completed
- > Goal number Two-Assist all clubs with Recruitment and Retention-Completed
- Goal number Three-Encourage our clubs to endorse and support Campaign 100-Completed
- Goal number Four-Perpetuate our D.A.D. program and make it self-funded. The Grant is depleted and we have completed one Diabetes cooking class in White Cloud and one in Cadillac Dinning With Diabetes and both were self-funded.
- ➤ Encourage our clubs to support LCIF the way they have supported us, and we did. We raised over \$17,000. 124% more than the previous year.
- We projected over 100 new members and we brought in 158.
- When COVID stopped others, we adjusted and embraced change and certified over 14,000 participants in the entire state with Diabetes classes and accomplished our training goals online.
- We adapted to the worst Pandemic in our Nation's History and moved progressively ahead by distancing, masking, and Zoom Meetings.
- Our members were tenacious and persevered with their goals and received 11 awards in December and 13 more in April and May. "We did it From the Heart"
- > We helped each other as Lions and all of the members in our communities.
- We continued funding all of our great charities including Leader Dog, Paws With a Cause, Kids Sight, Hearing Aids, Hunger, Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Allstate Band, Bear Lake Camp, Sight Conservation, LCIF, White Cane, Michigan LCIF, and more.
- We initiated a social media program online with facebook, a first for us.
- > The Path of Leadership became very difficult to navigate with the trying times that we faced, but we persevered.
- Our learning process to gain new skills will continue to grow in the future.
- > I wish the very best to all of our new officers in their upcoming term.

I enjoyed my term serving all of you in both good and bad times. As Lions, we never know how we will be called upon to serve in the future, but when we are needed "WE Will SERVE" once again. Sincerely PDG Bill Bradfield Jr.

Recruitment + Retention = Healthy Lions Clubs



This picture was taken at the state convention, left to right, PIP Joe Preston, PID Jenny Ware, and PDG Bill Bradfield.

Pictured are Gudrun Yngvadotier, Past President of Lions International, myself, and Dave Low. We enjoyed the presentation that Gudrun gave at the International Convention last week on New Voices.



# **CLUB NEWS**

# **BIG RAPIDS LIONS**



Big Rapids Lions Club Golf Outing 2022 fundraiser was held on June 15th at Clear Lake Golf Club. The winning team was Mohnke's Funeral Home with Mike & Marti Mohnke with Team Score 40 for 18 holes. There were eleven men's teams and one men's and women's team. A fun time was had by all the golfers. Lots of prizes were won with hole contests and raffles.







# Meet Laura and Harry Johnson, avid Lion Club members



Star photo/Shanna Avery

Harry and Laura Johnson, of Bitely, live to be of service to others.

By Shanna Avery FOR THE STAR

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Getting to know our community is a new regular feature in the Star. Each person has a story to share, hobbies, experiences and wisdom learned from life. The Star is reaching out to people in the Lake County area of all ages and walks of life to interview.)

BITELY — Seen around the Baldwin and Bitely area, many times in their purple Baldwin Lions Club shirts, other times just helping out at functions where needed, husband and wife Harry and Laura Johnson, of Bitely, have dedicated

their lives to helping others.

Having been married for 53 ears, the couple moved from Detroit to the Bitely area in

1973.
"We moved up here to put our oldest boy in kindergarten," Laura said

Back in Detroit, Harry was a Shriner. When he became part of the Bitely community, he was invited to join the Lions Club, and Laura became a Lioness. He transferred his Shriner work up here and joined the Lions.

At this time, he worked in Grand Rapids with the railroad, working five years to build the family house, living

without electricity during that

"In the summer our sons would go down to the river to bathe, and leave with suckers on them," Laura recalled.

Laura worked with the senior's meal program in Bitely and then volunteered with the food program at FiveCAP, then gained employment starting out as a bus driver/transfer aid at the Head Start Center. She worked there eight years, having a Child Development Asso ciation Degree from Wes Shore Community College.

Harry stayed with the rai road for 18 1/2 years until abou

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# **JOHNSON**

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1983 or 1984. The railroad moved operations to Florida and he didn't want to move with it. Instead, he attended Ferris State University to get a degree to be a graphic arts teacher, but before he graduated, he accepted a job at the White Cloud Post Office. A professor at that time encouraged him to stay with the Post Office.

Laura also ended up working with the post office as a carrier, while Harry was clerk. Laura worked there for 19 1/2 years after FiveCAP.

#### **THAT'S WHAT YOU** DO'

Also around 1983, Harry, being at the district level with the Lions Club, chartered the Baldwin Lions Club - still going strong today with himself and Laura as some of the leading members.

coached Harry T-Ball through the 4-H program when their youngest boy, now 39, was learning to play.

Laura got involved in Cub Scouts in Bitely until her two older boys outgrew it. When her third child was old enough, she and Debbie Wilkinson started it up again and restored the Bitely Library with money from the community foundation to house it.

Harry began running kids games for the Baldwin Lions Club about 1985, and this led to him chairing the Bitely

Homecoming when he was asked to take over after the previous chair resigned. He is still chairing the beloved festival nearly four decades later.

Laura was elected to the Big Jackson School Board and has served as secretary for more than 30 years. She also has been with the Newaygo County Regional Educational Service Agency about six to seven years as secretary.

The couple remain very active with the Lions - working with mission trips for eyeglasses, checking prescrip-tions at places like the bank. The glasses are donated to countries in Central America and Mexico. Harry has participated in 14 mission trips and Laura 12 trips. They also volunteer with the Special Olympics in Mt. Pleasant with (Opening Eyes) which is funded through the Lions International Foundation.

Harry has been involved with the Home Township zoning board since 1974, and has served in other capacities as zoning officer.

Laura is active at the Big Jackson Church of God and uses her love of instructing kids to teach children's church two Sunday's a month. She also is involved in an angel tree program and other Christmas-based pro-

With reaching out to others in the community, the busy couple do have some hobbies they enjoy in what free time they have.

"Harry likes to garden. I

like to flower garden and love feeding birds. I have about 15 feeders in the yard with different foods," Laura said, sometimes attracting some bigger visitors.

She has used her creativity with creating stained glass, and these days, since shoulder surgery, making garden ornaments and art, such as solar lights and bird feeders through recycled glass. Laura also loves cookie jars and boasts a collection of more than 350.

The couple also loves to travel, and have been through Europe, Central America, Haiti, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Panama and other places.

Laura offers these words of wisdom for readers:

"I just believe you have to pass blessings. We're not rich. but we get the bills paid, and if you have the ability to help people, you can give your time, talents and gifts - you need to do that. I was raised that way. Harry lives for volunteer work. If you can help someone else, that's what you do."



Wow! Congratulations!

# MANISTEE LIONS

# MDOT Adopt A Highway

Early this spring the Manistee Lions Club did our part to keep America beautiful. We cleared trash from two miles of M-55 Highway. We picked up at least 20 bags of litter.





Friends of Orchard Beach State Park
Manistee Lions donated \$400 to Friends
of Orchard Beach State Park to help with
purchasing all-access playground
equipment.

3-Day Fishing Tournament - Brat & Hotdog Concession During the 3-day fishing tournament held the last week of June, the Manistee Lions ran the brat & hotdog stand. We presented Manistee County Sport Fishing Association with a check for \$500. The contestants were happy to donate some of their catch. Thanks to Lions Lorrie Manthie and Richard Veine, we garnered lots of Lake Trout and Salmon for the Lions annual Fish Boil. Mick & Virginia at Concession stand.→







Lorrie scored another fish.

Rich scored a Big fish.







The Manistee Lions Club once again held the <u>Lions Fish Boil</u> at 1<sup>st</sup> Street Beach during the Manistee National Forest Festival. What a beautiful setting and the weather cooperated. People were so happy that we were having the Fish Boil after two years of event cancelations because of COVID. If you see a picture of grumpy looking people, it's because they had to wait a little bit for the cooks to catch up with supply and demand. I think it was worth the wait. We didn't get any complaints, only compliments!





Grumpy Guests Waiting for Fish



King Lion Hotdog Cook and Butter Warmer

Fish Boil Awesome Cooks



# **Mecosta County**

# Volunteer of the Decade

# 2022 Dinner

August 27, 2022, Saint Mary-Saint Paul Parish Center, 1009 Marion Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan

It is the hope of the Stanwood Lions Club, that by sponsoring this event, ten outstanding individuals will be further celebrated by the county they serve. Thus, Ten Mecosta County Organizations have submitted their Volunteer of the Year to be honored at the dinner. All will be recognized—one will be the Volunteer of the Decade.

# Organizations are:

Big Rapids American Legion

Mecosta Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2335

Big Rapids Lion Club #4661

Stanwood Lions Club #4713

Chippewa Lake-Mecosta Lions Club #36798

Morley Community Center

Big Rapids Resurrection Life Church

Big Rapids Knights of Columbus #1300

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Mecosta County Sheriff Posse

6pm --- Doors open with hors d'oeuvres

7pm --- Dinner (Swiss Steak) Cost: \$10:00

Come celebrate the volunteerism and the organizations that help make Mecosta County a great place to live. For tickets or information contact: Jim Walls, Stanwood Lions Club, (231)796-2861; Robert Roebuck, Chippewa Lake-Mecosta Lions Club, (231)972-8885; and Dave Hamelund, Big Rapids Lions Club, (231)796-3917.

# **EDMORE LIONS**



Lions members pictured from the left to right. Lion Jeramee Gilman, Lion Chris Miller, Lion Charles Miller, Lion Ron Griswold, Lion Lloyd Scoby and Lion Erv Moore. The Edmore Lions Club acknowledged long time Lion Charles Miller with an appreciation plaque during their annual summer Lions family picnic. Lion Chuck joined the Edmore Lions Club in 1963. He has been an important and active member of the club every year since.



# **KALEVA LIONS**

# SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! THE KALEVA LIONS CLUB

We are having a Quarter Paddle Auction Saturday September 17, 2022

Proceeds going to our building fund for a new roof.

More details to follow in next month's newsletter.

# **EMPIRE LIONS**

Empire Lions Charter Dinner was held and the Empire Lion of the Year was named.

Pictured are: 1. Lion Bob Chase honoring those Lions who have left us. (1747)

- 2. Guests at the dinner. (1738)
- 3. Pres. Rich Anderson presenting the Lion of the Year award to Lion Steve Wilson for his leadership and continuous support of Lions activities. (1749) Please find the links to the original images below.

On Saturday, July 16, the Empire Lions will host a Chicken BBQ dinner as part of Empire Anchor Days. On August 7 the Empire Lions will hold their annual Auction and Yard Sale. Both projects help raise funds for our Lions projects.

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# MIDLAND LIONS



August 1 – 5, 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hole-In-One Fundraiser, Noon-8:00pm, Currie Golf Course August 6, 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Midland Lions Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

White Cane Fundraiser Part II
The next White Cane is September 15 & 16.



# District Projects



I would like to come and visit your club for a presentation. Please contact me through Lions Mike and Tina Hoy at <a href="https://hoym@charter.net">hoym@charter.net</a> or 989-832-8354. Cowboy Hoy, Hearing/Assistance Dog

# **SAVE THE DATE**

# **Retriever Fever is Back!**

Retriever Fever will be held at **Acre Park** (outside of John Ball Zoo) on **Saturday**, **September 10**. Join us to meet up with other dog owners and learn about Paws With A Cause.

Last year we held our first friendly competition between Labrador Retriever and Golden Retriever owners to see who could raise the most support for PAWS in one afternoon. And the Labs won! Be sure to attend this year to vote for your favorite retriever! I was there last year. Can you find me in the picture?



# **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., your Zone Chairs, or Lion Peggy Frank at 616 217-6840 for pick-up.

# **EYEGLASS MISSION TRIP 2022**

The eyeglass mission team is working hard to get our next trip ready. We still have room for eye doctors and team members. Our trip is scheduled for October 2022 (destination Puerto Penasco, Mexico).

If you are interested in participating, you can contact PDG Harry Johnson at 231-745-4524 or <a href="mailto:lionharry1947@gmail.com">lionharry1947@gmail.com</a> for all the details.



# DISTRICT FLOAT

The District Float will be at its new home beginning August 2021. The address is 8543 E 7 mile RD, Big Rapids, 49307. Reservations still need to go through myself, using the form on the District website. The float is available. Whichever Club picks it up is responsible to return it promptly! Any questions, contact Lion Laura Johnson at 231-250-0537.

# WE ALL EAT!

We all eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner or supper, unless we are dieting and skip a meal. Are you eating the same menu and need innovative ideas of what to prepare for these meals? The Michigan Lions Service Foundation has come to your rescue. They have a new cookbook with recipes from Lions across the state of Michigan. Staying at home during COVID has encouraged more of us to try our hand at gourmet cooking and change our usual menu. Cookbooks sell for \$15.00 and can be purchased from your Foundation trustees Pam Schroeder or Pete Conarty. If a club would like to sell them as a fundraiser, the Foundation will reimburse you \$5.00 per cookbook for twenty plus cookbooks sold. Flyer below.

# Lions of Michigan Foundation Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers





Lions Clubs are well known throughout the world for the services we provide to help people with hearing and vision loss. Nearly a century ago, Helen Keller challenged Lions Clubs to be "Knights of the Blind," and she declared that "the problems of deafness are deeper and more complex, if not more important, than those of blindness. Deafness is a much worse misfortune, for it means the loss of the most vital stimulus — the sound of the voice that brings language, sets thoughts astir and keeps us in the intellectual company of man."

Our new Lions Hearing Centers Cookbook was developed to create awareness for the treatment of hearing loss and to provide funding for our Michigan Lions Affordable Hearing Aid and Hearing Screening Programs, which offer affordable hearing care options for Michigan residents.

With your help, we can continue to change the lives of thousands of Michigan residents who need and depend on the Lions Clubs of Michigan and our partners, sponsors and friends for the treatment of the their hearing loss. Lions Clubs or other nonprofit organizations who sell 20 or more cookbooks collectively will receive a \$5 rebate for each book sold to be used for their local projects.

As a Public Charity, all contributions to the Lions of Michigan Foundation are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. We appreciate your support!

Cookbook Order and Donation Form				
☐ I would like to purchase cod	okbook(s) for \$15	each for a total of \$		
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# Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Classic



Sunday, August 21, 2022
At the
Metamora Golf & Country Club



\*\*REGISTER YOUR TEAM BEFORE MAY I<sup>ST</sup> AND BE ENTERED TO WIN A FREE ROUND OF GOLF FOR A FOURSOME AT THE METAMORA GOLF & COUTNRY CLUB \*\*\*

# Please join us for the 18th Annual Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Classic

Metamora CC offers 18 holes of championship golf. The course's scenic layout features rolling terrain, tree lined fairways, and strategically placed bunkers that will make for a fun and challenging event.

Proceeds from this event will support Lions Bear Lake Camp.

Together, we can make this a great event for such a wonderful cause.

The Mission of Lions Bear Lake Camp is to develop leadership skills, build confidence, and to provide a premier outdoor educational and recreational experiences year round to all persons, regardless of ability.

### **ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS**

Use of Driving Range 18 Holes of Golf with Cart Course Contests Buffet-Style Awards Dinner Door Prizes & Raffles

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration 12:00 pm Shotgun Start 1:30 pm Awards Dinner 6:30 pm

## **EVENT FEES**

Registration- \$100 per golfer/ \$400 per foursome Dinner-Only Guest- \$30

If you'd like to learn more about Lions Bear Lake Camp, visit <a href="www.bearlakecamp.org">www.bearlakecamp.org</a>
To learn more about Metamora Golf & Country Club, visit <a href="www.metamoragolf.com">www.metamoragolf.com</a>
Rick Fleming, G.M./Director of Golf 248.342.1702

Heather Osip, Lions Bear Lake Camp Board Member/Outing Chair 248.875.9705 hosip@outlook.com

#### **Event Sponsorship Opportunities**

A great way for your group or business to do a bit more!

## Event Sponsorship \$2,000

Sponsor's name will be part of the official title of the golf-event and all aspects of the event's activities, such as course signage and recognition on event materials.

Includes golf for eight players and awards dinner.

#### Dinner Sponsorship \$1,500

Sponsor's name will be featured at the awards dinner, on course signage, and on event materials. Includes golf for four players and awards dinner.

## Platinum Sponsorship \$1,000

Sponsor's name will be featured on event materials and hole signage. Includes golf for four players and awards dinner.

#### Beverage Cart or Special Event Sponsorship \$500

Sponsor's name will be featured on multiple beverage carts or special event hole signage throughout the day.

#### Hole Sponsorship \$100

Sponsor's name will be featured on signage at one hole.

Donations Welcome!!!

Donated raffle and prize items are appreciated.

Registration	Information
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Player 2		
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Method of Payment:		

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Please make checks payable to: Lions Bear Lake Camp
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