



DISTRIC GOVERNOR BILL KOCH'S MESSAGE

Lions: This last year has given us lots of difficult challenges, but we are given different opportunities with all the challenges. Each Lions Club can look for an opportunity in its community to serve in different ways. Think about the people that are stuck in their house scared and alone. We can write a note, a card or send a picture of Lions at work in the community. What about people with meals on wheels? It is food, but a hot meal delivered or sent by the Lions once in awhile would boost their spirits. What about making masks for people? None of us like to be alone and we have an excellent opportunity to sell the Lions. We will get better. Many of our clubs are starting meetings. People are meeting outside or keeping the required social distance. A lot of members have conditions that make them very wary about meetings. So, if they don't attend, it is up to those that do to include them with agendas, notes, and best yet a phone call. Because of this YUCKY mess, training new officers is not possible. We could not get a place large enough for everyone. Many of our officers are the same so that is a plus at this time. To new officers, rely on those that went before you. This is a time when each member, with all their talents and capabilities, needs to step-up and support their club in whatever way possible. Think of your club as a family in the community that you live. When a member of your family needs help, don't you help in any way you can? A lot of us live in small towns. We are not strangers but neighbors and friends for many years. Last year my Lions and neighbors took care of me and my wife in so many ways. It is too easy to get depressed about the situation we are in, so keep busy serving others and you will feel better. Remember more members more help. We will be having our first cabinet meeting in August (15th right now). This next week I will be calling clubs to arrange visits if possible. The Lion year 2018-2019 I missed with injuries about 7 months and I could not see all the clubs and then this year shut us down in March. If you are meeting, I would like to be there and meet you!! I would like to thank all the Lions for all the service you are doing through this terrible time of need. When we serve, we feel good. That is why we are Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services. Go Lions!!! DG Bill

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**From the desk of First Vice District Governor 11E-1 Bill Bradfield
DAD Chairperson
Council of Governors Report
July 27, 2020**

Hello Lions and congratulations on your elections. I hope all is well and safe. The most recent COVID-19 update is as follows: Michigan, confirmed cases 86,661 and 6,399 deaths. USA, 4,197,233 confirmed cases and 143,471 deaths. Worldwide, 16,117,308 confirmed cases and 645,482 deaths.

As of June 29, the LCIF has awarded 47 grants in the USA for a total amount of \$640,309, including District 11A-2 and disaster relief in Districts 11E-1 and D-2. By order of Governor Whitmer the National Guard has joined forces with the MDHHS to perform free testing (888-535-6136).

We are entering new times that require new changes that are necessary to embrace for the sake of our own safety. The new meeting sites have quickly become Zoom Meetings and classes are now online. We have a Diabetes Personal Approach To Health class meeting right now through August 13th. We also have an October meeting starting October 5th that we are accepting participants for. Classes are held in the convenience of your home with no travel time, no exposure to other people and no costs. If you know someone that has diabetes let them know and contact your club President so he or she can notify his members and we can get them signed up!

LCIF has taken a major step and they have extended all Diabetes Grants for an indefinite amount of time. They are also looking at sitting in on one of our virtual training programs that we developed with MSU in May. Thanks to all Lions that are helping out in these trying times but please remember to keep your 6 foot distance and wear your mask, your family needs you and so do the Lions!

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PLEASE NOTE: DISTRICT ROSTER BOOK IS STILL IN PRODUCTION!

Please, if you have not yet submitted your club information for the 2020/21 Roster Book, send it to Lion Ron Gibson, District Secretary, as soon as possible. This delays the publication of the Roster Book. Contact Lion Ron Gibson at ronald.gibson47@icloud.com or 231-924-0126 to provide needed information or ask questions.



We Serve



**DISTRICT 11E-1
AUGUST LION OF THE MONTH
LION LARRY ALMAN**

The Lion of the Month, Larry Alman, has been a Greenville Lion for 37 years. He had the opportunity for a job transfer to Greenville in October of 1983. In November, the owner of a local restaurant helped him join the Greenville Lions. Lion Larry indicates that he was very shy but the Lions helped him overcome that shyness by very quickly involving him in projects. He has been Greenville's president twice in 2002-03 and 2007-08. He worked with PDG Wayne Kreitner (deceased) as a troubleshooter (guiding Lion role) to

help one of the local Lions Clubs that was having issues. They were instrumental in getting the club back on their feet and the club is still in existence today. Lion Larry served as the Greenville Club's newsletter editor and Mint Chair for a number of years. He has been a District 11 E-1 Zone and Region Chair and was the District Newsletter Editor for two years. PDG Bill Raymor presented Lion Larry with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for his District work.

Lion Larry's family had financial difficulties and when he was young the Lions Club bought eyeglasses for four of the children in the family. When he was in high school, two Lions in Lansing trained his Marching Band and they had the opportunity to march in the Lions International Parade in Atlantic City in 1961. The students considered this a real honor that they wouldn't forget. Lion Larry was married to Roberta (deceased) and they have two daughters.

CONGRATULATIONS Lion Larry Alman our Outstanding Lion of the Month.

Lion Pete Conarty, District GLT

LEADERSHIP

This is a challenging time for all Lions Clubs. But an important time for club presidents and officers to keep the communication flowing with your Lions members. Keep members involved by checking on them by telephone, a text, or e-mail. Check on their health and keep them updated on what is happening in your Lions world. Lack of communication can make Lions fall away and become apathetic. We are a team, a family, and we need to know that our club appreciates our membership and involvement. Yes, communication takes time but as a leader it is the role that our officers have accepted. It is a good time to work on our retention skills by recognizing members for what they do and let them know that they are an important part of our organization. "We Serve" our communities. At this challenging time it is important to Serve your Membership. Lion Pete Conarty, District GLT

Welcome to the Month of August 2020

August is Family Fun Month and Happiness Happens Month

It is also Golf Month, Sandwich Month, Peach Month and Crayons Month.

Most important, August is Eye Exam Month.

So be Happy and have Family Fun by getting outside and play Golf, have a picnic, eat a Sandwich and a Peach. Don't forget to break out the box of Crayons and color on August 2 (Coloring Book Day).

And, oh, if you haven't had an Eye Exam yet this year, schedule an appointment today!

Service Stories

Each Lion and every club is changing lives in ways both great and small. Service is a personal journey that impacts the people serving and the people we serve. We make an effort to post club service stories under the District Club Happenings section of the Lion Pride. Has your story been shared? Contact ***District 11E-1 Newsletter Editors, Mike and Tina Hoy***—Please submit your club information in Word and pictures as an attachment. Please contact us if you have any questions or comments at hoym@charter.net or 989-832-8354.

Please submit materials for Sept. 2020 Newsletter by August 23.

Lions

***FREE Space to put your Club's News!
Please contact us to be included in the next issue
of the District 11E-1 Newsletter.***

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Club News

HARRISON LIONS



Lions Nancy Blakemore & Teri Clark baked bread, cookies, and pastries for two days to sell at 20 Lakes Antique Engine grounds vendor sale and trade show, located west of Harrison. The ladies worked their sale July 2nd thru July 4th. Proceeds from the sale of baked goods will help pay their expenses for the next Lions District 11 E-1 eye glass trip.

Harrison Lions also finished up an Onion fundraiser. All proceeds go to the library in our community.

WHITE CLOUD LIONS

WHITE CLOUD LIONS JUNE 22nd Meeting was absolutely great.



1. Inducted two new members: **Steven & Donna Youngheim**, sponsored by Lions Ray & Audrey Williams. Steven and Donna joined in March but with COVID-19 we hadn't had a meeting until June 22nd for their induction. All of us celebrated this wonderful occasion.



2. International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi sent a personal letter to PCC Janalee McClure honoring her with the Senior Master Key & Medallion for sponsoring 25 Lions during her Lion career. The award was the first one ever received by any member of the White Cloud Lions Club and all members present helped her celebrate the honor.



3. Governor Bill Koch installed all the White Cloud Officers for the 2020-2021 year. And a very important year since the White Cloud Lions will be celebrating 50 years of Lionism on October 24, 2020 with a party to end all parties. You really don't want to miss attending this Golden Anniversary Gala!



HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY WHITE CLOUD LIONS!!!!

FREMONT LIONS

Our 60th Anniversary Celebrations, which had been rescheduled for October 3, 2020, is canceled altogether for this year. ***HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY FREMONT LIONS!!!!!!***

COLEMAN LIONS

Charter Night Canceled

Coleman Lions Club regrets to announce that our annual Charter Night Dinner and Auction will be canceled this year. Or should we say postponed a year! In spite of it being our 80th Anniversary year, we feel it is safer for us to cancel now and try again in 2021. The obvious reason to cancel is the current situation with COVID-19. Since we usually have more than 100 in attendance and a buffet dinner, etc. we do not want to endanger any of our friends or members.

Businesses everywhere have also been hurt by the Coronavirus, but additionally the flooding in Sanford and Midland has cost business owners. Some local businesses were themselves flooded and may not recover. Other businesses that usually donate prizes for our auctions have been asked to go above and beyond to help their fellow community members. We did not feel it was a good time for us to ask for donations as well.

Thanks to all of you who have attended in past years. If you have not been to our event, it is a good time with games and live and silent auctions. And lots of great prizes! We hope to see you in October of 2021! ***HAPPY 80TH ANNIVERSARY COLEMAN LIONS!!!!!!!***

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE DISTRICT 11E-1 LIONS CLUBS CELEBRATING MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

MIDLAND LIONS

Midland Lions Announce Roger Maier Scholarship Winner, Jesse Birsching.



“I wouldn’t be able to serve so many people with their eyecare needs if there weren’t so many people helping me along the way. It never fails to amaze me that so many people are willing to sacrifice so much time and resources into helping me succeed as an eyecare professional. You have helped to give me the opportunity to serve so many people with vision needs, and I have had the experience of working with so many grateful visually impaired patients. You have helped me to help them. For that I am very thankful.” Excerpted from Jesse’s thank you letter.

Midland Lions ended up canceling its annual Chicken BBQ Fundraiser which was scheduled for August 1. This came after other fundraisers and activities had already been canceled.



Midland Lions Flood Relief Efforts



Midland Lions picked up the final supplies from **ACE** Hardware and delivered them to Meridian Elementary School, one of the main distribution centers for flood relief. This was the 3rd and final phase of the LCIF \$10,000 grant used by District 11E-1 for flood relief. We spent all the grant funds purchasing needed/requested supplies in three phases during the month of June. The Midland Lions choose to do the flood relief in three phases due to the changing needs over those 30 days. Most of the supplies went to help the village of Sanford.

This phase of supplies focused on First Aid Kits, Band-Aids, PPEs, work gloves, solutions for mold and odor control, duct tape, plastic ware, etc. The needs of the flooded communities has now moved on to the rebuilding phase. The LCIF funds do not allow for purchase of building materials. IPDG Jackie Glazier was available and participated in all the phases of our district’s flood relief efforts in Midland County.

District Projects Updates

District Eyeglass Mission Trip Update

The coronavirus still has a hold on our activities. We are still looking for volunteers to go with us to Costa Rica next spring. I hope to go to Harrison in a couple of weeks so that our Team can work on more glasses. Ta ta for now, enjoy the Michigan summer. Harry Johnson, PDG
[Contact: lionharry1947@gmail.com or 1-231-745-4524.]

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. Lions Pete or Pam, your zone chairs, or Lion Peggy Frank at 616 217-6840 for pick-up.



PAWS WITH A CAUSE

Please Note: There is currently a *pause* in presentations due to COVID-19. When you are ready for a **PAWS** presentation, please contact us at hoym@charter.net or 989-832-8354.

Update on Lion Mike's **PAWS** dog: Training is going well, but training was disrupted for a couple of reasons (including COVID-19). The date that Lion Mike will receive his service dog is now being pushed back at least another couple of months, hopefully before the end of the year.

PAWS contacts: phone 616-877-7297 or pawswithacause.org

Lions Mike & Tina Hoy, **PAWS With A Cause** District 11E-1 Project Co-Chairs

Leader Dogs for the Blind

As I sit here writing this, we are once again wearing face masks and facing uncertainties and unknowns. This is new territory for all of us. As my mind has wandered lately, I have often thought of a sermon I heard when I was a young adult. Yup, I remember that, but don't ask me where I left my car keys!

The title of the sermon was, "And it came to Pass", based on an often used phrase in the writings of the Christian Faith.

The entire focus of the sermon was that of encouragement in difficult times. The things that happen, happen briefly or for a while or for what seems, at the time, an eternity, but they all eventually pass. Often these experiences prepare us for even more difficult times later in life; the loss of a loved one, a catastrophic illness or, perhaps, the uncertainties associated with COVID-19. If we try to remember in our innermost self that no matter what is happening, "it came to pass", it just might make things a little easier.

That said, I just read the report of club donations to Leader Dogs for the Blind for the 2019-20 fiscal year. Donations were down, but I am really proud of all that was donated for this cause. As clubs, we have faced adversity and uncertainties totally new to each and all of us. And we have done the best we can under these circumstances. Thank you to each club and each member for all you do, not just for Leader Dogs for the Blind, but for all the designated projects and your own within your clubs.

Continue to serve proudly and remember that "This, too, shall pass".

Lion Karen 2019-20 Leader Dogs for the Blind co-chair, Dist. 11E-1.

Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Classic

Sunday, August 23, 2020

At

Metamora Golf & Country Club



Please join us for the 15th 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 blind and visually impaired Children at Bear Lake Camp. Together, we can make this a great event for such a wonderful cause.

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 11:30 am
Shotgun Start 1:00 pm
Awards Dinner 6:00 pm

EVENT FEES

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

If you'd like to learn more about Bear Lake Camp, visit www.bearlakecamp.org
To learn more about Metamora Golf & Country Club, visit www.metamoragolf.com
For additional information, please contact: Rick Fleming 248.342.1702

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.
Donors will be acknowledged at the awards ceremony.

Registration Information

Captain _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Player 2 _____
Player 3 _____
Player 4 _____
Sponsorship Level _____
Total \$ _____
Method of Payment:
Cash Check Credit Card
Number _____ Exp. _____

Please make checks payable to: Bear Lake Camp
Mail registrations and payments to:
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GOLF FOR GOOD!

The Eversight 2020 Vision Classic

Golf anywhere, anytime—and support the gift of sight!
August 18–September 8

All ages and skill levels | Foursomes or on your own

The Eversight/Ann Arbor Host Lions Club's long-standing annual golf classic goes national to raise awareness and charitable support for sight-saving transplants and vision research.

1. Register by July 27 to receive your welcome package including instructions, scorecard, golf ball sleeve and exclusive Eversight 2020 gear. Registration is \$50 donation per golfer to benefit Eversight charitable programs and vision research.
2. Golf anywhere, anytime between Aug. 18-Sept. 8 and email a photo of your scorecard to philanthropy@eversightvision.org. Golfers are responsible for green fees at their course of choice.
3. Log on to the live online awards ceremony Sept. 8 as we honor our partners and announce top scores and Best Dressed Team contest winners for exclusive Eversight gear.

For competitive golfers

Register and golf as a foursome. Foursome golfers do not have to golf at the same time or even the same course.

For non-competitive golfers

Golf at any course, individually or as a foursome.

For everyone—non-golfers, too!

Bid to win during the Golf for Good! Online Silent Auction Sept. 1-8 to support Eversight charitable programs. Or, support Eversight with your tax-deductible gift.

For Lions!

Consider sponsoring a Leo golfer! Or, support the gift of sight through a sponsorship. Sponsorship at the Visionary and Gift of Sight levels covers Eversight's costs providing a donated cornea for sight-saving surgery.

Learn more and register today! Visit EversightGolf.givesmart.com, email philanthropy@eversightvision.org or contact Amanda Frederick at (800) 248-7250 ext. 2616.

Board of Directors take steps to help our clubs

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has impacted the work of Lions around the world. In many cases, it has also created financial hardships for our Lions and the people for whom we care.

To support the incredible men and women serving with us, the International Board of Directors has passed a resolution to help our clubs.

Here is an overview of the resolution approved by the Board of Directors:

- Flexible payments – No clubs will be suspended or cancelled through December 31, 2020 for late payment of dues.
- Charter and entrance fees waiver – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from July 1 – December 31, 2020.

These measures will help Lions facing financial hardships, and give our clubs hope, encouragement, and an opportunity to start the new Lion year with renewed energy and optimism.

This may be a time of great need, but we will overcome this together. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity. That is who we are, and what we do.

So let us stand together. And let us remember just how important we are to our communities and the world.

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