

# Lions of Michigan

## District 11-E1

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**April 2010**

## **My Fellow Lions,**

The convention is over and what a great convention it was!!!! We cannot begin to thank Lion Pam Schroeder and Lion Brian Werschem enough along with the committee that assisted them, for such a great convention. Let us start out with Friday night, what a great activity to have Halloween in April, the costumes were great and in some cases hilarious!!!! I believe that everyone had a great time on Friday night, along with the entertainment of "4 got 2 shave" a barbershop quartet. They were very entertaining and had all of us laughing. The remainder of the convention went on as planned all the way through the Memorial Service on Sunday. Our attendance was great with 153 from our district, with a total for both districts close to 300. There were many stories told and many friendships rekindled in the Lions family of the two districts. What more could you ask for, good stories, good friends, good food and fun.

I would also like to congratulate Lion Pam Schroeder on her Melvin Jones Award, 1st Vice District Governor Elect Lion John Monahan for his J.S. Noel Fellowship award and Lion Zone Chair Tim Andersen for his Ken Lautzenheiser award. Also congratulations PDG Lynnwood Mast, Lion Region Chair Connie McMorris, Lion Zone Chair Pete Conarty and District Governor Kevin Storberg for their President Certificates that they received.

Our speaker PID Lion Dennis Tichenor provided us with great wisdom and a wonderful time for the 3 days that he was at the convention. He was on the go constantly and was at every activity that we had. He attended our cabinet meeting, many forums and other convention activities. We regret that his wife was not able to attend due to business commitments.

I would like to stress to the Lions of 11-E1, that we have May and June remaining in my year as your Governor. I had, at the beginning of the year made a commitment to the International President that my goal would be a plus one in membership and plus one in club growth. Lion Harry Johnson and others have been working very hard in Ludington to re-start the club which is needed very badly for that area. There will be a meeting at the Ludington Public Library on April 20, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. for new members and an information session. If there is anyone that would like to attend this meeting please come and support our District.

I have asked for help in the past year but this time it is very important that we work together to draw that last 20 members and control our drops on the June M & A report. We need to be proud of our district and this is one way that we can show that we are strong and together as a Lions Family.

Yours in Lionism,

District Governor Wayne

### **"Governors Quote"**

**"Hold no grudges and practice forgiveness. This is the key to having peace in all your relationships."**



***District Governor Elect Laura Johnson, Husband PDG Harry Johnson***  
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Spring Greeting from District Governor Elect:

Well, another District Convention has come and gone. If you were there, you know there was plenty to do! The hotel was great, but it's the Lions who attended who really make the Convention a success. I personally was very pleased to see so many "FIRST TIMERS". The King Lion and Secretary from Sand Lake, as well as Big Rapids King Lion and 1st Vice President were just a few who attended a convention for the first time. All Lions had an opportunity to meet and speak with the special guest, PID Lion Dennis Tichenor from Portland, Oregon. He gave excellent speeches about how the Oregon Lions are utilizing some of the grant monies available from LCIF. After receiving \$45,000 the Oregon Lions were able to create an extensive public relations campaign, plus increase their membership.

For those of you who didn't know, Lions Clubs International has a vast reserve of grant money available to its Clubs for many worthwhile projects. All you have to do is go to the LCI website and check out the many offerings that are there. Most of the Grants are of a limited amount and or limited time, but they are still attainable none the less. If there are any accomplished grant writers reading this, please contact me ASAP.

Our District will be applying for a matching funds public relation matching funds grant for the purpose of creating a Lions parade float that could be used by any club during their local festivals. This would provide excellent exposure for clubs in their own communities.

It was great to see our District Governor Lion Wayne back in action! He was greatly missed during his recovery time.

In closing, I'm available to present our program on the 2010 Lions Eyeglass Mission Trip to those of you who would like to share where those used eyeglasses go. There are a number of special moments in it that will make you glad to be a Lion.

Let's all keep "Moving to Grow"!

D.G.E. Lion Laura

**1st VDG Elect John Monahan, Wife Carolyn**



**Mt Pleasant Lions Club, [john.monahan@cmich.edu](mailto:john.monahan@cmich.edu)**

Dear Fellow Lions,

It's great to welcome back our District Governor, Lion Wayne Kreitner. He has certainly been missed. As Lion Wayne says, Lion Debbie sustained him during those dark days. Let's celebrate them both at the District convention.

By the time this newsletter has come out, I hope that I will have seen you at the joint 11E-1, 11C-1 convention in Muskegon. And don't forget the state convention on Mackinaw Island in May. Both will be excellent events.

Lion Bill Raymor and I spent some time in March thinking about training needs for our district. We have some new zone chairs, many new club presidents, some new secretaries and treasurers, and many new membership committee members. Of course, some of the Lions taking new positions know what they have to do and how to do it, but many do not. In order to get next year off to a good start, we need to start training now. Some of the training can take place at zone meetings; some of it can occur at separate training meetings with groups of clubs from the same area; but all of it should be done as soon as possible and certainly by early July. I am therefore asking all zone chairs to arrange a zone or training meeting during May for all first vice presidents, all new secretaries and treasurers, and all new membership committee members in their zone. Of course, it will not work unless the people who need training attend. Thus, I am asking zone chairs to do two jobs: arrange the meeting coordinating the date and do your best to insure that all those lions attend.

Our beautiful weather of recent days reminds us that summer is coming, maybe even before spring is here. Many clubs have terrific summer events. Let's see how many we all can attend.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion John Monahan  
1<sup>st</sup> VDG Elect

***District 11-C1 & 11-E1 Convention***

***Pam Schroeder Co-Chair***

## District Convention

Wow!! What a week-end. The district convention was a lot of fun. Most of the people dressed for the Halloween Party. Congratulations to all our winners in the costume judging. I am very glad I was not the one that had to do the judging.

We got the business of the district taken care of, with the elections of our officers for next year.

District Governor Elect Laura Johnson  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Elect John Monahan  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Elect Bill Simpson  
Lions of Michigan Foundation Elect Dan Gibbons

CONGRATULATIONS to all our award winners at the banquet. It is because of their hard work that our District is so Great.

Presidential Awards - Lion Connie McMorris, Lion Lynn Mast and Lion Pete Conarty  
Lautzenheiser Award – Lion Tim Anderson  
J.S. Noel Award – Lion John Monahan  
Melvin Jones Award – Lion Pam Schroeder

Sunday was our Memorial Service for our deceased Lions.

We hope more of you join us for a great time next year in Mount Pleasant. Watch your newsletters for more information at a later date. Your chairman will be Lion Debbie Kreitner.

I would like to thank the following people for all their help:

Lion Debbie Kreitner, Lion Jan Mast, Lion Dan Gibbons, Lion Jane Raymor, and anyone I may have missed.

A huge Thank You to Lion Sharon Thomas and Lion Larry Alman for taking care of the Auction.

***Quote of the month***

I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know:  
the only ones among you who will be really happy are those  
who will have sought and found how to serve.

[Albert Schweitzer](#)

## ***Multi-11 Convention on Mackinaw Island***

May 21 and 22 we will be having our state convention at Mission Point on Mackinaw Island. There are many fun events offered and if you would like information on reasonable rates for motels in Mackinaw City, I have a list. For more information call Lion Pam Schroeder, 231-889-4870.

### ***MD-11 Voting***

#### **MD 11 Convention Voting Procedures**

To save time and simplify the voting process, a Delegate Form should be completed and sent to the Lions of Michigan State Office prior to April 30<sup>th</sup>. This form is printed in the March issue (Vol. 8, No. 5) of the Lion Pride Magazine and it is available online from the Lions of Michigan website ([www.lionsofmi.com](http://www.lionsofmi.com)). It lists the names of the delegates and alternates from a Lions Club. Each Lions Club in good standing is entitled to one (1) vote for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club, as shown by the records of the International Office as of April 1, 2010. The form must be signed by the president or secretary of the club. If this form is not submitted in advance, one can be completed at the convention site. However—if the president or secretary is not in attendance to sign it, then the proposed delegates must locate their District Governor or Governor-Elect and have them sign the form at the certification desk at Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island.

Another time-saving measure is to register in advance. Once again, the form is in the March issue of the Lion Pride Magazine and it is available online from the Lions of Michigan website. Lions cannot be certified as voting delegates until they have registered. Registration requires payment of a \$10 fee. (Note: The registration form and the delegate form are not the same thing. BOTH must be completed in order to vote at the convention.)

When Lions arrive at the MD 11 Convention on Mackinac Island, they should pick up their registration materials at Mission Point Resort. The registration desk is located in the lobby of the hotel. Hours are 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 21, and 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 22. Once they receive their name badge, they can be certified to vote. They should then proceed to the certification desk—also located in the lobby of Mission Point Resort—and sign the Delegate Form that was sent in by their club president or secretary. (As noted above, if this form has not been submitted in advance, one can be completed at the convention site. However, if the club president or secretary is not in attendance, the District Governor or Governor-Elect must sign the form on their behalf.) Hours for the certification desk are the same as the registration desk—12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 21, and 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 22. A delegate sticker will be affixed to the individual's name badge once Credentials personnel have verified the number of delegates for the club.

**All delegates must be registered and certified by 12:00 Noon on Saturday, May 22, 2010. If they are late or not in line by noon, they cannot be certified and will not be permitted to vote. Plan to arrive early if you plan to vote!**

The business session takes place in the Theater at Mission Point between 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 22. **Voting takes place after the business session, between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m., in the room behind the theater.** Distribution, collection and counting of ballots are handled by the Elections Committee.

### **Cedar/ Maple City Lions Club**



The Cedar/Maple City Lions successfully completed their Pancake Breakfast this year Margo Hazael-Massieux is presenting Betty Pfeiffer her 50/50 winnings (she drew the winning ticket). Lion John Lanham is observing.

### **Coleman Lions Club**

The Coleman Lions have been meeting regularly and are making plans for a busy season. This month they are helping Clare and Harrison Lions with Buddy Day at the Secretary of State's office in Clare. On Saturday April 10th they will combine efforts with the Coleman STAR Leo Club to complete the spring Adopt-A-Highway clean up on U.S. 10 before road construction begins. And on Wednesday, April 21, they will conduct a Kidsight preschool vision screening at the Railway Family Center from 10 am to 5 pm, with the help of PDG Lion Harry Johnson, who will conduct a training prior to that at 9:00.

The Sight and Hearing committee has had 3 more applications for eye exams and glasses, making this year's total already higher than any other. We will have a White Cane collection on May 1 in downtown Coleman. Letters requesting donations have already been mailed to area business owners.

### **Fremont Packer Leos Club**



Fremont Packer Leo Club plans, prepares and serves dinner once each month to the Muskegon Rescue Mission for Women and Children. The Leo club members decide once month in advance what meal they will be taking and advisor Laurene Homsher prepares the main course while Leo families donate the salad, vegetable, rolls and dessert. The Leos earned a "Spotlight on Children" banner patch for their dedication to see that youth and their mothers receive a nutritious hot meal monthly.

*Come out and celebrate with  
Fremont Lions Club  
At their*

# "50th" Anniversary Party

Monday, June 7, 2010

6:30 P.M. Social Time – 7:00 P.M. Dinner

THE SHACK COUNTRY INN

2263 West Fourteenth

White Cloud, MI 49349 231-924-6683

**\$22/person**

*Full Three-meat Buffet*

*ONE free ticket for Door Prize w/each paid registration*

*50/50 Tickets will be sold that evening*

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Reservation coupon and check MUST be mailed to and received by May 26, 2010:



*Lion Lou Delaguardia*

*Edward Jones Investments, Inc.*

*46 W. Sheridan Street*

*Fremont, MI 49412*

*231-924-9600*

Attendees First and Last Name(s)

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Home Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Title/Office Held

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\_\_\_\_\_ # Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Check #



## Greenville Lions Club

Our 4<sup>th</sup> spaghetti dinner was a smashing success. We ran out of sauce and we ended up with five pounds of spaghetti left. The community likes to come to our spaghetti dinners because you can see almost everyone from the community there. We even have placemats and sell business card ads. We had some special guests from Bitely come down, First VDG Laura Johnson and PDG Harry Johnson, and we were very happy to see them. We cooked sixty



pounds of spaghetti. Each member brought 2 or 3 desserts and our Tail Twister sold raffle tickets. This is good public relations for the club to get into the community. Proceeds will go to purchase glasses for those less fortunate in the community.

## Honor Lions Club

Happy Easter to you all thanks for all the cards and well wishes I received while I was recuperating from my surgery you are all very special!!! It was wonderful to see Lion Connie at the District Convention and she is starting to recover nicely and we are very happy for Lion Connie.

## Lake Ann Lions Club.

Lake Ann Lions Club is having their 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing Saturday May 22, 2010  
18 Hole Four Person Scramble \* Shotgun start at 9am rain or shine!

At: Mistwood Golf Club – 7568 Ole White Road, Lake Ann, MI

Prizes Include: \$5000 cash prize for a “Hole-in-One” on designated hole.

Longest Drive \* Closest Pin \* Door Prizes contact Joe Greer at 231-947-8794 to sign up to golf. \$60 per golfer includes 18 Holes of Golf and Cart & Food.



April 12, 2010 Lake Ann Lions Club had a visit from District Governor elect Laura Johnson. The Governor elect spoke about the Eye glass process from start to finish and had a slide presentation of their latest trip to the Dominican Republic.

DGE Laura took Baldwin's newest member (Kathy) with her to the Lake Ann Lions Club. The topic of the evening was her recent Lion's Eyeglass Mission trip to the Dominican Republic. The Lake Ann Club announced their Annual Golf Outing (see attached) and a good time was had by all.

## Ludington Lions Club

The Ludington Lions Club appears to be one step closer to becoming a reality. Baldwin Lions Club President, Lion Harry Johnson - PDG has been working with a number of dedicated Lions throughout the District to make this happen. There will be an Informational meeting on Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 pm at the Ludington Public Library. The support of the general public has been very encouraging thus far. When folks saw that we were from the Lions, they brought us their used eyeglasses. They offered their services (Radio advertising, Newsprint, prominent locations to place posters) free of charge, and last but certainly not least they offered a place to present our program to the citizens of this bustling Lake Michigan City. We have a ways to go, but the feeling of these Lions is that of the re-birth of an Institution that always has and always will provide the service that the founding fathers of this great organization laid down over 83 years ago.

### **Mecosta Lions Club**



The Mecosta Lions Club held their annual Easter egg hunt at the New Hope Church. While waiting for the hunt the boys and girls played games. 50 dozen colored eggs, lots of wrapped candy and mini candy bars were spread in specific areas. Each area had a designated age or grade. As might be expected the areas were spotless in about five minutes! After the egg hunt all the 70 boys and girls received their choice of a stuffed animal or a bigger chocolate candy. A great time was had by all.

The Mecosta Lions Club will be presenting two \$500 scholarships on honors night in May at the Chippewa Hills High School.

### **Onekama Lions Club**

Onekama Lions Club will be celebrating their 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, May 8, 2010 at the Onekama Lion's Den. Cocktails: at 6 p.m., Dinner – Pork Loin at 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. RSVP by April 20, 2010

If anyone would like to join us call Lion Pam Schroeder 231-889-4870 or Lion Jack Burchard at 231-889-4451 to reserve a seat.

We hope to have many of you join us for our club anniversary celebration.

### **Editors Note**



***It is seldom I comment on anything but the District Editors job but this month I have to put in a few words about the District Convention. If you were not there, you missed the best convention ever, bar none. Friday night was so much fun with the costume party. Saturday with the breakfast and the luncheon and induction of the new members and the banquet Saturday evening and the special awards for some very deserving people. I cannot forget the hospitality rooms by both Districts that were great. Sunday morning memorial service remembering the Lions that we lost this last year. We lost some good ones last year and we have a big job ahead of us all to fill their shoes in our clubs. It is twelve more months before the next convention in Mt. Pleasant and I hope we have more people attending in our District. We thank Pam Schroeder from District 11-E1 and Brian from District 11-C1, Governor Wayne Kreitner and First Lady Debbie Kreitner for making it all happen.***

***I would like to thank District Governor Wayne and First Lady Debbie for making it possible for me to get to the convention and back home.***