



District 11-E1 Newsletter 2010 - 2011

Together We Serve"

April 2011



District Governor Lion Laura & PDG Lion Harry Johnson

EASTER GREETINGS TO ALL 11 E-1 LIONS!

Well, our joint convention with 11 C-1 has come and gone. We completed our three year merger with their district and will be joining with them for another three. I hope many of you have taken the opportunity to meet the Lions of 11C-1. When you meet lions as we go to conventions or forums, we are expanding our family of Lions for life!

I personally want to thank our convention committee for the many hours of planning that went into it. Great job everyone! Our International guest I.D. James Cavallaro from Pennsylvania inspired us in all aspects of our walk as Lions. At the luncheon on Saturday he installed two new Lions; Kathy Fenstermacher from the Manistee club and Michele Ludwig from Mt. Pleasant were inducted and received the I.P. Sid Scruggs personal pin as a gift. Our District Peace Poster winner, Mary Rexroat, from Lake Leelanau was honored. She was presented with a \$50 savings bond and was sponsored by the Cedar-Maple City Lions club. Other highlights included the presentation of awards to several hard working Lions. I wish all our Lions could come forward and be recognized for their hard work and dedication. Thank you all! I was very pleased to talk with first timers to the convention from the Bear Lake and Lake Ann clubs. They experienced the fellowship, fun and the opportunity to gain more knowledge from the forums. I know they were going back to their clubs with a new found excitement as lions. Hopefully they will bring more of their club members next year!

On a more somber note, I need to inform our Lions of the sudden passing of I.D. Dr. Gary Anderson's mother, Lion Doris Anderson. I had an opportunity to speak with her at last year's MD convention. What a grand lady! Also, of course, she was very proud of Lion Gary. If you would like to send a card, here is ID Dr. Gary Anderson's address: 1045 Lumina Dr., Jenison, 49428.

I would like to remind all the club secretaries to please send in your PU 101's by May 15th to International and DG elect Lion John Monahan as he will be working on next year's roster book. If any of you have been following the relief effort in Japan on the International web site, you will know over \$6 million dollars in relief has been sent from OUR foundation. Any club or individual lion donating up to June 30th, will have 100 percent of the funds going directly to the earthquake relief, plus will get credit towards a Melvin Jones.

In closing, watch for a new initiative, similar to Campaign Sight First 2 concerning eradicating the spread of measles worldwide. May you all continue the great service in your communities and please remember to donate to our District and State projects before June 30th.

Yours in Lionism,
DG Laura



1st Vice District Governor Lion John Monahan & Carolyn

Fellow Lions,

Our Lions year is coming toward a close, but we still have most of April, all of May, and all of June left. We can do important work within that time. I hope your club is conducting a service project soon and reporting it to the local newspaper and local radio and television stations. Another place to report it is in the Lions Clubs International (LCI) Activity reports. In addition to fund raising and service activities, I hope your secretary will send in the Club Officer Report (PU-101) to LCI. Only then will LCI send your club its passwords for the LCI web site. If you would send me a copy, I will make sure that your club's information is entered correctly in the Roster Book. Please send me the PU-101 in May, either to my home address: 814 Riverview Ct., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, or my email address: john.monahan@cmich.edu.

If you want me to visit your club next Lions year, please let me know early. I will try to meet all requests, but sometimes family, work, or other Lions obligations make it impossible. According to one of our PDG's LCI does not want District Governors to visit all their clubs during the year. Instead it expects the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors to do a good part of the visiting. I'm not sure that I agree with that approach, so if you send me a lot of requests, I will assume that I should go to visit as many as I can.

Like all of us, keep Governor Laura in your prayers and thoughts. She is recovering from shoulder surgery as well as the aftermath of a destroyed home. We all hope that things get better for her soon.

Spring brings hope and renewed Lions Activity. Helping others is its own great reward. Your activities help make the world a better place.

Yours in Lionism,

John Monahan. DGE



2nd Vice District Governor Bill Simpson & Vickie

Hope you attended our Mt. Pleasant District Convention. We had a great turn out of Lions and the convention was well planned by the convention committee. Our speaker International Director Jim Cavallaro delivered a straight forward message of recruits new Lions or go out of business. Both Districts E1 and C1 work well together and having the two groups combined gives us enough Lions to hold the convention and make it affordable.

The District has just recently obtained a portable presentation projector. Our new projector is capable of displaying power point programs and educational DVDs. In some cases these programs and still pictures can be loaded on flash a drive which eliminates the need for a controlling computer. Lion Karla Roebuck employed this technique at Saturday evening's convention banquet displaying pictures she had taken during the convention. Lion Karla also used the projector to teach a computer seminar. The District officers will employ this device to convey the Lions topics to clubs and public groups.

On Monday, March 28, 2011 the Big Rapids Lions sponsored a tour of the new FSU College of Optometry building on its Big Rapids campus. The Club set up a guided tour by 3rd year optometry students (SVOSH) who were actually using the new facility to further their education. We saw state of the art equipment and teaching facilities. The building is set up for the students to see actual patients and practice the craft of their future employment. Part of the student's training is evaluation the Lions recycled glasses for use on their mission trips to underprivileged South American countries.

This new building offers:

1. Primary eye and vision care
2. Medical & surgical services
3. Pediatric services
4. Cornea & contact lens services
5. Low vision rehabilitation services
6. Electro-diagnostics & testing
7. A large retail selection of designer frames, lens and sunglasses

There are only 16 optometry schools in the U.S. We are fortunate to have this top notch facility and program, making Ferris a leader in the optometry field.

Lion Bill, 1st VDGE

Coleman Lions



Coleman Lions welcomed newest member Bridget Sullivan into the club at the April 4 meeting. President Curt Gordon conducted the induction ceremony with Lion Ann Roeseler as her sponsor. Bridget is the executive director of Railway Family Center in Coleman. She is also the mother of two girls, ages 8 and almost 10.

On March 16 several Coleman Lions members worked distributing food at a mobile food pantry held at a Coleman church. A monetary donation was made as well.

A Bake Sale will be held on April 14 & 15 at the Coleman Area Library with proceeds going to support scholarships. Leos made signs and many community members are donating baked goods for this new Lions fundraiser.

The next day, April 16, we will be found cleaning up our stretch of highway along U.S. 10.

Midland Lions Club

DONATION TOWARDS NEW KIDS SIGHT PROGRAM EQUIPMENT

Lion Conarty reported he learned that the recent home fire at the District Governors home destroyed the District's camera equipment used in the Kids Sight program. Replacing the existing equipment is not an option since it was antiquated and supplies were no longer available. The new equipment is state of the art computerized; digital equipment that not only takes better, more effective photos, but also analyzes them and produces printed reports on the spot. The challenge is that the cost is in the neighborhood of \$10,000 per unit. The District has learned that International will provide matching funds for three units, to be located in separate zones within the district, allowing the District to obtain the three units for \$15,000 – Lions International will then match the \$15,000 allowing for the purchase. The District plan is to ask each club to pledge \$10.00 per member to this effort. If all participate, it will reach the needed level to obtain the equipment and continue the Kid Sight program in the District. Discussion at the March 28, 2011 Lions Board meeting resulted in the realization that with the Lioness Club dissolving, the charity dollars allocated to them each year could be reallocated to this effort. The Club has pledged \$600.00 to the new Kid Sight equipment in honor of the Midland Lioness Club, recognizing their service to Lionism over the past 27 years.



LIONS NEWSLETTER
ZONE I, REGION II

Clare, Coleman, Harrison, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, Sanford
APRIL 2011

Thank you Mt. Pleasant Lions Club for hosting a great District Convention. It is not too often that we get to host a convention on this side of our District. There were approximately 28 Lions Clubs from our District in attendance. Mark your calendars. The 2012 District Convention will be held in Grand Rapids on March 30, 31 and April 1.

Our last Zone meeting for this Lion's calendar year is Wednesday, April 13 at the Doherty Hotel in Clare at 6:15 p.m. Reservations need to be in by Monday, morning, April 11.

CLUB NEWS:

Clare – The Lions are busy selling cheesecakes and preparing for their White Cane Drive.

Coleman – The Lions have a new fundraiser. They will hold a Bake Sale on April 14 and 15, at the Coleman Area Library. Proceeds will go toward scholarships. On April 16, the Lions will team up with the S.T.A.R. Leo Club to clean up a section of US 10. Coleman's White Cane Drive will be held on Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Harrison – They just completed a free soup lunch/dinner for anyone in Harrison that wanted to attend. The Lions just completed two Texas Hold-ems in Mt. pleasant. They are making plans to have a table at the Secretary of State's office for organ donor sign ups during Buddy Day.

Midland – Lions are busy parking cars for Loon's Baseball games. They will be parking cars on selected days through September. Midland's White Cane Drive is May 13 and 14.

Mt. Pleasant – Twelve Club members handled the telephones for the Central Michigan University Public Broadcasting fundraiser. Lions helped with different aspects of the recent District Convention. The club is very busy preparing for their Chicken Bar B Q to be held on May 1. They hope to sell 5,000 tickets.

Sanford - Sanford Lions met once a month through the winter except for March. They are starting their fundraising off by parking cars at the Loon's Baseball game and working on their White Cane Drive.

- Keep working on membership – many hands make light work!!!!
Please run off copies of this newsletter and share it with your club members.

Region II Zone I
Pete Conarty, Chair

Lions Services for Children Chairperson

Dear Chairperson:

Diabetes camping season is coming soon, and Lions are needed!

A variety of service projects can include:

- **volunteering at children's camping programs**· **helping with publicity and an educational event**
- **doing repairs at a camp site**· **helping with camp meals**
- **offering a special talent to lead camp activities**· **donating needed supplies or services**
- **sponsoring a child to attend camp**

New, user-friendly resources are available for Lions clubs in your area who want to volunteer at diabetes camps for children:

Through a Lions Clubs International partnership with the Diabetes Education and Camping Association (DECA), Lions members have access to:

- **[An extensive list of diabetes camps](#)**, which can offer service opportunities for Lions. Look through the list and find a diabetes camp near you!
- **[14 New DECA training videos](#)** (each approximately 10 minutes in length) to provide Lions members with additional tools to help campers and to learn more about diabetes. Outstanding video topics include: *A Day in the Life of a Camp, Kids Love Diabetes Camps, Day Camp Protocol, Diabetes Management...*and more!
- ***Diabetes 101***, a handbook developed for those who have children with diabetes in their care, is a "must" for Lions involved with diabetes campers. Lions can share this important resource with camp directors, teachers, nurses and others. You can download ***Diabetes 101*** from the DECA Web site.

It's easy to get started: Visit the **[DECA Web site](#)** and open the "Lions" menu to register. All Lions must use this password for registering: DECALIONS (entered in all caps). You'll have access to newsletters, conference information and more!

Please share this e-mail with the clubs in your district. You can help to mobilize clubs who are looking for new and rewarding service opportunities during camping season. If you have any questions, please contact Health and Children's Services Department at: **programs@lionsclubs.org**.

In service, Marilee Kadar, Manager, Health and Children's Services Department, Lions Clubs International

**REGION II ZONE I MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2011
DOHERTY HOTEL CLARE, MI**

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Lion Pete Conarty, Zone Chair.

Clubs present: Coleman, Harrison, Mt. Pleasant, Midland and Clare (President Jeff Panches was on site to receive information on some preliminaries and then had to leave for another engagement).

Absent: Sanford Lions

Guests: First Vice Governor John Monahan, Second Vice Governor Bill Simpson and Deb Struble – 2011-12 Region II Zone III Zone Chair.

Acknowledgement: Lion Pete thanked the Mt. Pleasant Lions for hosting the District 11 E-1 Convention and complemented them on their work at the convention.

Memorials: Zone I had four deceased Lions this year. Lion Pete read their names and the convention memorial pine tree was given to the Coleman Lions in honor of Lion Duane Formsma to plant at their club house.

Peace Poster: Lion Pete had hung the Harrison and Coleman Peace Posters on the walls and suggested that all the Zone Clubs get involved for next year. The Midland Club has ordered their packet and made several school contacts for fall.

Loon's Baseball Games: Lion Pete indicated that the Midland Club was the recipient of 14 days to park cars for Loon's games and probably would be giving some of those dates to interested Lions Club. A sheet was sent around for clubs to indicate an interest.

Kid Sight Camera Pledge: All clubs had been contacted by Lion Pete for a camera pledge. 1st VDG John talked about the pledges and camera. It appears that all the clubs present had or would be making a pledge.

District Float: Harrison had indicated that they might contribute their Lion for the District float. However, the Lion is made of paper Mache and would not stand up under some weather conditions over a long period. Lion Ann Roeseler of Coleman indicated that President Kurt Gordon of Coleman has indicated that he would provide indoor storage for the float once it was completed.

President's Excellence Awards: Lion Pete had passed these forms out in October to each club. He indicated that since most of the Zone clubs attended the District convention that some of the club presidents might qualify for the award this year.

Epson Power lite Presenter: 2nd VDG Lion Bill Simpson handed out material about our new screen shooter and indicated that it is available to be used in the District.

District Orientation Manual: Zone I clubs had worked on orientation manuals at their first meeting in October. Lion Pete announced that 2nd VDG Bill has now put together a District orientation Manual that he hopes can be used in conjunction with individual club materials. It should be available soon.

LCI Light House Awards: Lion Pete indicated that all of the Zone I Clubs had performed tasks in conjunction with the International President's Beacon of Hope projects. He encouraged the clubs to apply for the award on the web.

Zone One Club Fundraisers: Clare has cheesecakes for sale, Coleman a Bake Sale on April 14 & 15; Mt. Pleasant had Chicken Dinner tickets available for their May 1, Bar BQ. Harrison has an Ice Cream Social coming up on June 24. Copies of the Zone Newsletter were available for representatives that hadn't seen them.

Midland's "See Michigan" fundraiser for the Leader Dog School: Midland Lions Geoff Brandle and Ron Sharp explained the walk/bike ride fundraiser from Midland to Clare. Participants can walk/ride to Sanford, Coleman or Clare from Midland on the Rail Trail to earn money for Leader Dogs. Geoff needed help from the Sanford, Coleman and Clare Lions Clubs to set up and help at refreshment stations in each town as walkers/ bikers arrive. Each club will help in what capacity they can.

Club Membership Round up: Lion Pete discussed the March membership report. The Zone stands at a -5 members as of April 13. We had four deaths but we need to work on retention. There is still time before June 30 to bring in new members.

Lions Club Assessment: In trying to establish excellence in our Lions Clubs and work on retention, Lion Pete introduced a Lions Club member evaluation form. He discussed the WHYS of doing the evaluation form with all members at a club meeting. He discussed a follow up procedure once the questionnaires were used. Each club

representative filled out the form and turned them into Pete. He will supply them with feedback. He gave each club member a form to use with members and an International evaluation form that he suggested be used with their officers or executive boards. He indicated that a quick follow up to the evaluation forms results was essential to provide for validity with their members.

Community Needs Evaluation Form: Lion Pete discussed the value for every club to do a Community Needs Assessment. He discussed a cover letter and handed out the International's Community Needs Assessment form but indicated that each club might want to consider making up their own form.

Lion Pete announced that Lion Keith Spycher from Mt. Pleasant would be the Region II Zone I next year. He thanked the clubs for their support and cooperation the last two years. He indicated that he has learned a lot and that it was a privilege to work with them.

He will be on the job as Zone Chair until June 30 to help each club in any capacity that he can.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Lion Pete Conarty, Zone Chair, Region II Zone I

Cadillac Lions



“The Shack has Sunk”

After almost 14 weeks of sitting out on the ice of Lake Cadillac the "Shack" has fallen through officially marking that spring is here to stay! On Sunday April 10th at 6:43PM the ice finally cracked and the bright yellow Lions Shack plunged into the frigid waters of the lake and for the first time sank immediately do to the added weight of the ice that had built up on the outside of the shack. Our winner this year of the \$1000 1st prize is John Kennedy of Troy Michigan with the guess of 6:58 P.M. Sunday April 10th - we have a tie this year for 2nd place Bill McDonald & Walt Augustat both of Cadillac had each guessed 6:00 P.M. Sunday April 10th and will be splitting the prize each receiving \$100.Thanks to everyone that bought tickets and made guesses this year, the fundraiser was GREAT PR for the Lions it also brought in about \$1400 for our club. The Shack has been retrieved from the lake and is in storage until the lake freezes over again next year!

"Community Service Expo"



On April 12th the Cadillac Lions had a table at the "Community Service Expo" held in the high school gym. The gym was packed with different groups from our area that help and give back in some way. We made a lot of new friends, contacts & just maybe attracted a possible new member or 2, time will only tell! This is Definitely an event we as a club will take part in again next year!



Thank You

My family and I just wanted to take a moment to say "Thank You" to all the individuals, and clubs that supported me and put their confidence in me in my recent run for 2nd Vice District Governor. I'll do my best over the next couple of year to learn all I can from those in office ahead of me and from those around me that have lead our district in the past.

I also wanted to thank Lion Pete Conarty for running a great race and I look forward to having the chance to vote for and support him in the near future when he hopefully runs for this office again. I feel he is a good man and would be an asset to our district.

Thanks again and I'll do my best for this district!

Lion Tim Anderson
2nd VDG Elect 11-E1

2nd VDG Elect Lion Tim Anderson has a new e-mail address: vdgtim11e1@charter.net

Lake Ann Lions



Benzie School Odyssey of the Mind came to visit Lake Ann Lions March 14th.

Remarkable group of students who participated in Odyssey of the Mind. These students are given problems to choose from, then they work together to solve it, create their skit, build their own backdrops and make their own costumes. When they go to competition they have to do an 8 minute skit in front of judges. They are also given a "Spontaneous" problem that they have to do on the spot for the judges. Remarkable group of kids who learn to work as a team, be creative, problem solve and they get no help from parents or coaches. Hayden and April are in 6th grade group, Abby is in the 4th grade group and Carly is a 3rd grade group (3rd grade group worked with the 6th grade group). Four groups from Benzie are going to state finals in April.

(Or went to state finals in April)

Picture is.....Back row coaches Kate, Lindsey, Bianca and Connie, Front row students Abby, Carly, Hayden and April

A note from the District Convention Chair;

We had another great convention this year with the Districts of 11-C1 & 11-E1, for those of you that were not there everyone that came up to me and said how much they enjoyed it and wanted to know what plans we have made for next year? We have some plans in motion already and we will let everyone know what is going on in a couple of months so that you can make your plans for next in Grand Rapids at the Crowne Plaza on 28th Street, on March 30, 31 & April 1, 2012.

11-E1 District Governor Laura Johnson presented several awards to some very hard working Lions:

Lion Tim Anderson an International Presidents Award

Lion Bill Simpson an International Leadership Award

Lion Deb Kreitner a Lautzenheiser Award from LMSF

Lion IPDG Wayne Kreitner with a "Melvin Jones Fellow"

Lion PDG Harry Johnson with a "John S. Noel Award" from the LMSF

The District "Louis Braille Award" went to PDG Lynn Mast.

International Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Lions Pete Conarty and Steve Adsmond.

International Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Leader Dog Chairs, Lion Pam Blizzard & Lion Kim Wattles

Election Results:

LMSF Trustee PDG Jim Chipman

2nd VDG Lion Tim Anderson

1st VDG Lion Bill Simpson

District Governor for 2011-12 Lion John Monahan

I just want to thank everyone who helped me before, during and after the convention. I could not have done it without the support of so many Lions from the District. Mt. Pleasant Lions really stepped forward to help with so many things pertaining to the convention, my committee also did a great job with so many things behind the scenes. Thank you for putting your trust in me to head your District Convention Committee. If anyone would like to see some of the pictures from the convention, just go to Facebook website for 11-E1, there are many pictures.

Sincerely, Lion Debbie Kreitner

Cedar / Maple City Lions Club



The Cedar/Maple City Lions Just finished their March 6 Pancake Breakfast. We dedicated this project for the purchase of a Pebble Scanner for a visually impaired student. We also had the help of the Leelanau County 4-H Proclitic Club. Our chair was Lion Kary Tosch.

In photo 67 are Lions, Wayne Bright Jr., Rob Serbin, Lee Winfrey and Chair, Kary Tosch: In Photo 49 is Lions John Lanham, Kary Tosch & Gerry White.



17th Annual

Lake Ann Lions

Golf Outing

Saturday, May 21, 2011 - 9:00 AM

18 Hole Four Person Scramble • Shotgun Start at 9:30 AM Rain or Shine

at Mistwood Golf Club - 75689 Ole White Drive, Lake Ann, MI

Win a 2011 Jeep Patriot 4x4

for a "Hole-in-One" on designated hole!

Other prizes given:

for Longest Drive, Closest Pin
& Door prizes

Also available:

Mulligans, Strings,
50/50 drawing

\$60 per golfer includes:

18 Holes of Golf, Cart, and Food



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To serve the needs of our community through sight
progams, aid to our youth, humanitarian needs,
community activites and educational programs.

Contact Pete Lewis (231) 883-3604

Please make checks payable to:
Lake Ann Lions Club

Send \$60 per golfer with name & address to:

Pete Lewis
6926 Windwood Dr., Lake Ann, MI 49650

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44th Anniversary

On

May 7, 2011, Saturday

At

The Onekama Lion's Den

Onekama, MI

Cocktails and Dancing 6:00 P.M.

Cash Bar

Swiss Steak Espanola Dinner 7:00 P.M.

Cost of Dinner: \$20.00 per person

Please R.S.V.P. by April 28, 2011

By contacting

Lion Pam at 231-889-4870 or Lion Jack at 231-889-4451

