

**DISTRICT
GOVERNOR
PEGGY WALLS**



**“Celebrate the Joy of Service
Centennial Year**



DISTRICT 11 E1 NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2017

DISTRICT GOVERNOR PEGGY WALLS MESSAGE

It is with humility that I undertake this position of Governor of 11-E1. I feel privileged to be able to serve you, some of the best Lions in the world. Thank you for your trust and your assistance in performing my duties.

Last night I was watching "Pearl Harbor" and the statement was made that "there is nothing as strong as the heart of a volunteer".

This made me think of all the volunteers I have met through the world of Lionism. Indeed, their hearts are strong and dedicated to service. Their hearts allow them to be optimistic when the sky is grey, or when the project seems impossible. Their hearts are what drives them to keep clubs going when membership is waning. They realize the value of what they are trying to accomplish and they realize that they are performing miracles that affect the lives of others. It is this same sense of heart that I am asking to be put into the effort of growing this district. Not for any one person, but rather for the effect it will have on all our communities. We are celebrating our 100th birthday. Let us allow those that follow us to celebrate the next one hundred years with the same sense of "heart" that sustains us. Share the joy--ask someone to be a Lion.

LIONS CALENDAR OF Events 2017-18

***IPDG Ron Gibson Appreciation Luncheon
Saturday, August 26, 2017***

***FALL CONFERENCE – Current International
Director Jenny Ware, speaker. Saturday,
September 16, 2017, 9:30 a.m. Harrison
Lions Building 417 Fairlane, Clare Co.
Fairgrounds, Harrison 48625***

***USA/Canada Leadership Forum September
21-23, 2017 Portland, Oregon***

***Michigan Lions Leadership Institute
November 10-12, 2017 R.A. MacMullan
Center, Roscommon***

Michigan Lions Week - October

Michigan Forum, February 16-17, 2018

***District 11 E1 Convention April 6-7,
2018, H Hotel, Main Street, Midland***

***Lions of Michigan State Convention –
MD11 May 18-20, 2018 Grand Ledge***

***Lions International Convention June
29, 2018 -- July 3, 2018 Las Vegas,
Nevada***

***IPDG Peggy Walls Appreciation Dinner
– TBD***

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**LIONS OF MICHIGAN ALL STATE BAND
2017-18**

PIP Robert Corlew in his theme "New Mountains to Climb" emphasized the need to involve students in our Lions work. In his July message, 1st VDG Al Roesler emphasized the need for Lions to be face to face with our clients. We have many opportunities to be face to face with our young people. We as Lions offer a number of programs for Lions Clubs to utilize with the young students of our community. Clubs have the opportunity to work with band directors in our local high schools to invite band students to try out for our Lions All State Band. The Peace Poster Contest is easily worked out with your local art teacher for 11-13 year olds.

The Lions Youth Exchange Program is available not only to receive an Exchange Student but to encourage one of our own students to participate. Clubs have the resources to start a Leo Club and encourage students to participate. At a younger level, we can start a Cub Program in our club for the children of our younger Lions members. These programs take time and the support of the individual clubs. They are highly valuable in the PR that a club receives and makes the community aware that we as Lions serve our community and our youth. Our District has a District Chair in almost every one of these areas to help a club get started. Utilize the talents of these Lions and bring your club closer to serving the young people of our communities.

District Chairs:

*All State Band – Jim Patterson, Fremont Club;
Peace Posters – Mary Clark, Big Rapids Club;
Youth Exchange – Bob Roebuck, Chippewa Lakes/Mecosta; Leos – Laura Johnson, Baldwin;
Cub Program Information – Tim Anderson, Cadillac.
Contact one or more of these Lions to help your club get started in a Lions Youth Program. "Climb a New Mountain"!*



**Big Rapids Lions Club Member Bill
Simpson Honored**

PDG Bill Simpson was honored by the Big Rapids Lions with a Progressive Melvin Jones Award. The award was presented at the club's year-end picnic. 1st VDG Al Roesler joined President Jim Chipman in presenting the award.

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR
WALL'S VISITATION
SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST**

Aug.4-5--Council of Governors
August 12--Cabinet Mtg.--Big Rapids
August 14--Stanwood picnic
August 21--Arcadia
August 26--PDG Ron's appreciation luncheon

DISTRICT 11 E1 CABINET DATES

Big Rapids Public Safety Bldg., 9:30 A.M. –
August 12, October 14, January 20, and April
6, at the District Convention in Midland, H
Hotel

District 11-E1 Fall Conference

September 16, 2017

Harrison, Michigan

Doors Open 8:30 - Meeting Starts 9:00

This year's fall conference is not to be missed. If you came only for the incredible coffee, rolls, and luncheon provided by the Harrison Lions Club (417 Fairlane, Clare Co. Fairgrounds) your \$10 registration would be money well spent, but there is so much more! To say the conference will provide you with all the latest about Lions is a bit of an overstatement, but you will get a lot of great information about what is going on in the Lions world.

As you know LCI has added two new areas of emphasis, Pediatric Cancer and Diabetes. We will have a representative from Camp Quality, which provides a great camping experience for kids with cancer at a campground in Luther at the heart of our district. You will be provided with information on how Lions clubs can be supportive of their efforts. The American Diabetes Association will provide information about their programs and mission, and you will also get an update on the progress on District 11-E1's Diabetes grant from LCIF.

LCI has just introduced a "My Lion" smartphone app. It is basically a Facebook for Lions. You will get an introduction to the app and its uses. Of course the Parade of Checks is always a highlight, bring your club's checks and join in the fun. Bring your casino impulses and wildly gamble on a 50/50 game that will benefit our convention fund.

If that were not enough the highlight of the day will be a presentation by our very own Michigan International Director Jenny Ware. If you have never had the opportunity to hear her speak don't miss it. If you have heard her before, I'm sure you will want hear her again. She will help you leave the conference feeling very good about being a Lion.

**WEIDMAN LIONS HONOR STUDENTS
FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**



Weidman Lions Club, at their annual picnic, presented four \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors of Beal City and Chippewa Hills School District. Pictured from left to right: Ryan Powell, Mikayla Bierschbach, Cassidy Recker and Johna Lawens.



**LUTHER LIONS HONOR
DECEASED MEMBER**

The Luther Lions recently had a plaque made and a flower garden redone to honor Lion Beverly Armstrong who passed away. She was a very active, long time member of the Luther Club. The Luther Lions are hosting a dinner/auction on August 19th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Luther Den.

Have you ever wondered what a beauty contest looked like in 1917? Wonder no longer as one will be happening at our District convention in April. If your club is membership positive by the March 2018 report, you will be encouraged and able to dress your club president for the contest. Imagine the fun! Go make it happen. Ask someone to be a Lion!



LIONS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, August 19, 2017 ~ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Paws With A Cause National Headquarters
4646 South Division, Wayland, MI 49348
20 miles south of Grand Rapids

Come visit our campus, tour our facilities, learn about Assistance Dog training and meet some PAWS® clients!

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pawswithacause.org

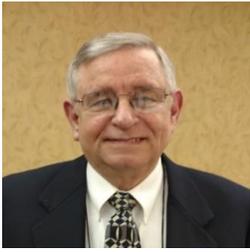
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the Michigan Lions for
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**MICHIGAN LEOS AND DELEGATION CHICAGO
CONVENTION PARADE**



Coleman Lions Club will hold a Kid Sight screening on Saturday, August 19 from 9:00 until noon at the Coleman Family center during the Health Fair and Back to School Sneaker Palooza



**1ST VDG AL
ROESLER'S
MESSAGE**

My first Lions International Convention was an incredible experience. Thirty one thousand Lions from all over the world descended on Chicago at the end of June to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Lions. Highlights included: The parade - 150 units from about 100 countries, many in native costumes. The entertainment – The Beach Boys, Chicago, The Blues Brothers, and The Charlie Daniels Band. Who could ask for more? The Plenary sessions – Great information about Lions International and our impact around the world. Particularly in the major service areas of vision and the environment with Al Gore and Former United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki Moon providing interesting insights. Patti La Bell gave an eye opening talk about diabetes. Finally – The many sectionals and exhibits were outstanding. The convention brought home to me what a major player LCI is on the world stage. I know we normally focus on our own clubs and communities, and that is as it should be, but it is good to know that by doing just that, collectively we are making a difference globally. It should come as no surprise that I would strongly encourage you to consider attending the next LCI convention in Las Vegas. It is a great location for not only the convention, but also for a vacation. Hope to see you there!



MEMBERSHIP IS THE LIFEBLOOD OF OUR ORGANIZATION. New members bring more service to our communities, new ideas, and a chance for us to continue our service to our communities. Ask one! Remember initiation fees for new Veteran Lions members are waived through December 2017.

STANTON / SHERIDAN NEWS

The Stanton Lions Club will sponsor a 5k race on August 12th along with a 1k and 250 run for kids at the Stanton Old Fashion Days. For information contact Larry Beardslee at 989-291-5561. On August 8th, the Stanton and Sheridan Lions Club will host a KidsSight program to be held in conjunction with the “Back To School Bash” being held by the Sheridan Hospital in Sheridan, MI.



Kingsley Lions Club Car Show

The Kingsley Lions Club held their 3rd Annual Car Show during the Kingsley Heritage Days Festival on July 15th, 2017. They had 24 entries, with cars coming from all over the area. The 1st place trophy winner was Mark Gatzke with his entry of a 1950 Studebaker Business Coup. 2nd place trophy winner was Tyler Adcock with his entry of a 1979 Chevy Z28 Camaro. All entrants received a gift bag full of goodies and entered a drawing for prizes. The Kingsley Lions Club also had a booth selling pop, water and popcorn by donations. The club gave away Lions 100 Year Centennial balloons to the little ones. Kingsley Lions are sponsoring a CommUNITY Picnic on August 10. See the flyer on page 8.

GREENVILLE LIONS RUN A BUSY SCHEDULE

August 2 - Greenville Lions will be operating a Kids Sight at the Greenville High School at the “Block Party” in and around Legacy Field. The Lions will provide a food booth for hungry youngsters, and are providing the funds for a drawing for a girl’s and a boy’s bike.

August 5 – Greenville Lions will be serving breakfast for the Fly-In at the Greenville Municipal Airport and will be firing up the grill for their famous Lions pancakes.

August 19 – Danish Festival Parade: The Lions are sponsoring a Lions float in the parade. They will be riding the float and distributing candy along the route.

August 26 – 27 (Saturday & Sunday) Greenville Lions will run a food booth for the anniversary celebration at True Value Hardware store.



MIDLAND LIONS BAR BQ

The Midland Lions held their 28th annual Chicken Bar BQ fundraiser in conjunction with the Midland River Days Festival. The Lions sold over 1,000 tickets (flooding caused a change in location) and screened over 80 kids with the KidSight project. Pictured left to right: Chicken Chair Rick Frazer, M & M Meat Team, Lions Karl leuter and Jim Dunlap – cooks.

2ND VDG

JACKIE GLAZIER’S

MESSAGE



Lions clubs are celebrating 100 years, so we know there are great people willing to be lions. A great way to learn more about Lions and meet fellow Lions from around the state is to sign up and go to Higgins Lake starting Nov 10th. Club presidents you will receive info in the mail. Information will also be listed in the newsletter. Talk to someone who has gone, see what it's about! Meet great Lions from around the state. Last year, when I was at the Institute, when someone asked which club I was from I would say~I'm a zone chair. I have a home club but, also belong to 7 other clubs, I felt a part of them all. This year as 2nd VDG I have a home club but, I am a part of 43 clubs! Go Dist 11 E-1 Unless someone Like you cares a whole lot, nothing is going to get better, It's Not. The Lorax by Dr Seuss

LEADER DOG EXPERIENCE CAMP

Summer Experience Camp is a week of outdoor fun, friendship and skill building for boys and girls ages 16 and 17 who are legally blind. The program combines physical activities like kayaking, rock wall climbing and tandem biking with things exclusively Leader Dog—GPS training and the opportunity to spend time with future Leader Dogs.

Thanks to support from Lions like you, the program is free. Leader Dog covers all costs including airfare to Michigan—and everyone receives a free Human Ware Trekker Breeze+ GPS device. Summer Experience Camp – 2017 was June 23—June 30, 2017. Twenty “Campers” attended the Experience Camp from Michigan and other states.

GOVERNOR SNYDER SIGNS LIONS PROMOTED LEGISLATION

House Bill 4160 has been signed by Governor Rick Snyder! For Lions and other associations in Michigan, charitable contributions can now be collected on public streets and roadways under legislation signed by Gov. Rick Snyder. The 2016-2017 Council of Governors and the Lions Legislative Committee worked to implement this legislation after it was determined that the Michigan Automobile Safety rules prohibited it. This action by the State Attorney General took away one of the main fundraising techniques, basically standing in roadways to collect funds, used by clubs around the state. It caused thousands of dollars in lost fundraising to this group of clubs. Congratulations to the Lions Governors and the many people that helped get the legislation passed.



WELCOME NEW LION – JERRI HOOKER, KINGSLEY LIONS



PASTIES IN KALEVA

Kaleva Days are over but the Lions continue making pasties every Thursday morning for sale to their community. The club is working with the Kaleva Beautification Team to put a struct in the kaleva Centennial Walkway. The Lions are planning to put in a gazebo for people to sit and ponder the art along the walk way. This will be Kaleva's Centennial project. An early stage, large scale project is underway to work with the Vogue Theater in Manistee on a project.



CHICAGO LIONS CONVENTION PARADE – CAN YOU FIND DISTRICT GOVERNOR PEGGY Walls?

EN-VISION AMERICA - Medical Safety Week is September 9-15, 2017. EnVision emphasizes safe medication for the visually impaired (visually or cognitively). The organization wants to be sure that people needing help reading prescriptions are aware of the ScriptTalk machine that is available on loan from your local pharmacy. It will read a code on the bottom of your med bottle to give you the information. Contact your local pharmacy about the ScriptTalk machine or call 1-800-890-1180 EnVision for more information.



KIDSIGHT KORNER

PROJECT KIDSIGHT is one of the core programs of the Lions of Michigan Foundation. The Foundation owns and insures the KidSight equipment. However, the cameras and equipment are stationed in the 11 Districts around Michigan and operated by District Lions. Last year, the Foundation received a \$40,000 grant from LCIF to buy KidSight trailers to ensure that each District had a trailer to scan eyes in. We have several clubs in Michigan that own their own cameras. Hart Lions in district 11 E1 own a camera.

In the last few years, project KidSight has become an outstanding project in District 11 E1 clubs. Some clubs have presented screened students with a book or other project for having their eyes screened. The program has become so popular that clubs are now being approached by groups to do a screening at an event.

If your club hasn't had an opportunity to become involved with kidSight now is the time. It is easy.

1. Contact a pre-school, event or Fair in your community for the opportunity to scan.
2. Contact one of your District scanners for a date. Set up a location and time.
3. Attend one of the planned KidSight sessions to see the operation. (clubs and dates are listed below). The clubs below have had KidSight projects at Fairs, festivals, pre-schools. Bible School, health fairs, store anniversary celebrations, etc.

Lion Bill Koch indicated that he recently screened at the Midland Lions River Days Chicken Bar BQ. Bill with Lion Sandy House and her team screened 80 plus children in 5 hours. Five of the children were referred for further testing by a specialist.

At this time, 16 district club screening sessions have been completed or will be held from July 15 to October 15. Upcoming screening sessions are: (Not all sessions have been scheduled)

Tuesday,	August 1st	Evart	Clubs completing or scheduled to have a session: Baldwin, Coleman Evart, Greenville, Harrison, Midland, Sheridan, Traverse City
Saturday,	August 5th	Holton	
Tuesday,	August 8th	Sheridan	
Tuesday,	August 15th	Midland	
Saturday,	August 19	Coleman	
Tuesday,	August 22nd	Midland	
Saturday,	October 7th	Midland	
Friday,	October 13th	Traverse City	



Free CommUNITY Picnic

The Kingsley Lions Club is hosting a
Community-Wide Picnic

Thursday, August 10th, 2017

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Civic Center South Pavilion

We will be serving Hamburgers, Hot Dogs,
Side dishes, chips, desserts, and pop/water.

We are asking anyone attending, please bring a
dish-to-pass, if possible.

Don Scharmen and his band will be our entertainment.

Donations accepted. All monies will be stay in our community.

Mission Statement of the Kingsley Lions Club:

To serve the needs of our community through sight programs, aid to our youth,

humanitarian needs, community activities and educational programs.

RSVP BY AUGUST 15, 2017



DISTRICT 11 E1

GOVERNOR'S

Appreciation Luncheon

Hosted by the Fremont Lions Club

1ST LADY BARB & DG RON GIBSON
Saturday, August 26th

12:00 Noon Social Time, Buffet Lunch 12:30 PM

Lunch - \$20.00 – Everyone is welcome

THE STONE LODGE

4715 Trillium Springs Blvd.

Fremont, MI 49412

RSVP by August 15th to:

Fremont Lions Club

c/o Steve Adsmond

411 E. Maple, Fremont, MI 49412

Name (s) _____

Number Attending _____ Club _____

Phone Number _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Send To: **Fremont Lions Club**
c/o Steve Adsmond
411 E. Maple
Fremont, MI 49412



60TH ANNIVERSARY
Open house

Friday

SEPTEMBER 29

6-8:30 P.M.



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