Lions of Michigan District 11 E-1 "WE SERVE"



Lion Wayne Kreitner District Governor 2009-2010 & First Lady Debbie

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A message from the First Lady;

As I sit here writing this article, it seems that so much time has gone by during Governor Wayne's term as District Governor. We have met and made so many new friendships through Lions, what a great group of people. I knew that this was always a great organization and I have really enjoyed working side by side with Wayne over the years in Lionism. Before moving to Greenville, we were part of 11-B2 district, I was a Lioness back then and we worked on many projects together with the Coloma Lions. But the District of 11-E1, stands far above what we could have ever hoped to realize in the people that we have met and enjoyed working with on projects from different clubs. Just in visiting the clubs that we have so far since Wayne was elected, has made us both realize how luc ky we are to have become part of this great district. In going to the clubs for the Governors visit, we come away with so much hope, even if the club is small or large, everyone is always willing to pitch in and help when ever needed. One of the clubs that twe visited was a very small club and Governor Wayne called them the little club with the big heart. There are so many clubs out there that we still have to visit and we know that no matter where we go, we will always be welcome.

Now I want to thank all of you that have sent e-mails, cards, prayers or placed a phone call during Governor Wayne's recent surgery and the complications that he has encountered over the last 3 ½ weeks. They have meant so much to both of us and the encouragement has made him want to recover faster if it weren't for the bump in the road that he has had to deal with. He is at the rehab center now, but then again has developed some minor problems over the last few days involving his intestinal tract; the last few days have been v ery uncomfortable for him. He is getting into a chair for each meal and sitting on the edge of the bed, which is a great accomplishment for him, seeing he was in NICU for 17 days and on a ventilator part of that time.

Again, a special thank you for all your support during these trying days for both of us and our family.

Yours in Lionism,

First Lady Debbie



1st Vice District Governor Laura Johnson Baldwin Lions Club lionharry@maxnet-usa.net

VALENTINE GREETINGS! 1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR LION LAURA JOHNSON

For those of you who have been following my knee replacement saga, GOOD NEWS! I now have the clearance from my doctor to return to work on March 1st. There is still some range of motion issues, but otherwise things are back to normal. It will be good to return to a daily schedule.

I must say I have enjoyed the available free time to visit most all clubs. There are six left to schedule, with as many already penciled in for March and April. It's exciting to see what the clubs are planning as far as service projects and membership growth! Having the opportunity to visit several zone meetings in the last few weeks, I must compliment our Zone chairmen on doing a great job! I especially want to touch on the program that Zone Chair Robert Manning had at his meeting. Dr. Paul Hammerhand from the Ear Lab presented some very disturbing information. As you all know, the Ear Lab is a project, funded with an annual \$6,000 commitment from the Lions of 11 -E1. This basically covers the upkeep and maintenance of the three units. The rest of the operating budget comes from 11 -E2 and matching grant monies through Munson. Clubs can purchase the service of the Ear Lab for \$250 per day, with a \$1 per mile mileage fee not to exceed \$100. In the last calendar year, the labs went out seven times, screening 150 people, with 65 passing the test and 85 having some form of hearing loss.

There were five health fairs that utilized its service and only two Lions clubs. One club was in District 1 1-E2 and one from our 11-E1. I found this VERY DISAPPOINTING! We have available to our clubs a great opportunity to provide a much needed service, while giving the Lions the needed visibility in the community. So why aren't we taking advantage of this I asked myself. Some of the comments at the zone meeting were the lack of people being screened when clubs have used the lab. Dr. Hammerhand had a great suggestion to solve the low turnout. Rather than trying to schedule people in advanced to be screened, why not bring the Ear Lab to our communities when there are other activities to draw people. Things like health fairs or community celebrations would provide the 25 -30 people that can be screened in one day. Let's take advantage of these units, schedule a screening in your area this summer!

2nd Vice District Governor John Monahan



Mt Pleasant Lions club John.monahan@emich.edu

Happy Valentine's day, Fellow Lions,

Every day is a good day to let our sweethearts, family, and friends know how much we love them. It is such a blessing to have them.

While District Governor Wayne is recovering from his ordeal, let us keep him and Lion Debbie in our thoughts and prayers. Recovery cannot come too soon for them both or for the District. And we shouldn't forget all the many other District Lions who are undergoing procedures or recovering from them. Let us keep them also in our thoughts and prayers.

There are three meetings coming up that I hope many of you will be able to attend: The M ichigan Lions Leadership Forum - February 19-20 in Lansing at the Ramada Inn, the District Convention - April 9, 10, and 11 in Muskegon at the Holiday Inn, and the State Convention - May 21-22 on Mackinac Island at the Mission Point Resort. I hope you will attend as many of these events as you can. If you have not been to a Lions Convention, you are in for a treat. There will be fun activities, and you will meet many excellent people and make new friends. The District Convention is always a lot of fun with people in our area whom you may not as yet have met, but who will treat you as friends. The State Convention is on Mackinac Island with a room rent of \$89 per night. There you will meet a wider variety of future friends. I am looking forward to seei ng you at each of these meetings.

On a more personal note: Carolyn and I live on the Chippewa River in Mt. Pleasant. A week ago, we saw two bald eagles sitting on a tree 100 yards down river from us. They were gorgeous, especially when they flew circles overhead. This week, one of them came to lunch on fish from the river twice. We hope that they will come back, because the sight of them can lift your spirits immensely. Such majestic birds!

Again I hope to see you at one of our gatherings over the next few months. If you would like a program on retention of members or on visual problems of aging, please let me know so that we can schedule a visit to your club.



Yours in Lionism,

2nd VDG Lion John Monahan

Thought of the month

Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it. <u>Dwight D. Eisenhower</u>

From Cabinet Secretary

Thank you to all of the Clubs in the District that have paid their district dues. There are still several clubs that have not as of this printing paid their dues and we need them as soon as possible Thank You, **PDG Jim Chipman**

Lions of Michigan State Forum

February 20 at the Ramada Inn on the Saginaw Highway, West side of Lansing is the State Forum. Guest speaker is International Director Richard Sawyer. There are lots of good events going on at this Forum we hope you can make it. Go to http://www.lionsofmi.com/pages/upcoming_events for more details and an application to register.

Region II Zone 3 Meeting

Our next Zone II Region 3 meeting is being held in Cadillac Tuesday March 16th @ 6:30pm - \$13.00 for meal at McGuire's Resort in Cadillac, Michigan. The Club President and or Secretary are asked to attend the zone meetings along with any other interested club members. If you're unable to attend please try to get another club officer to fill in for you. Please RSVP to me no later than 3/10/10 so dinner arrangements can be made.

There are 2 zone meetings left for ZII R3 for this year:

Cadillac on Tuesday March 16th @ 6:30pm - \$13.00 for meal

Luther on Wednesday May 19th @ 6:30pm - \$7.00 for meal

The speaker at this point will be State Representative Darwin Booher, but that may change if there happens to be vote pending.

Thanks,

ZC Lion Timothy Anderson, Cadillac Lions Club, 231-775-2939, liontim@scantek.co

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Halloween in April is the theme for our convention. Do you have your costume ready? There will be trophies given out for three areas, to be determined by committee. The convention is just around the corner. Have you mailed in your registration form??? It is due by the 20th of March, or the registration fee will increase to \$10. Have you sent in your delegate form to Lion Gayle Morlock??? It has a deadline date of March 30 th.

District C-1 is again joining us for the convention. It was great having our convention together last year and meeting many great people with similar goals as our own. Saturday forums will be very informative. The business meeting will take place with elections of our Cabinet members. The ear lab to check hearing will be on site, and Lion Karla and her team will be doing computer training. We will again have the Auction to help offset the cost of future conventions. Be sure to get your item to convention to be auctioned off. We do make enough to keep our costs to Lion Members down; however we need the items to do this, so please help us out.

Sunday will be our Memorial Service If your club has deceased members since our last convention forward a picture of the member and a short blurb about the member to Lion Pam Schroeder before March 20th. It will be a nice recognition of our members who are no longer with their club.

Come for friendships, fun, knowledge, fun and your clubs right to vote for the candidates.

See you in Muskegon at the Holiday Inn on April 9th. We have lots of fun in store for you. If you need a table to set up with information, call Lion Pam.

BRING YOUR CLUB BANNER AND STAND. If you have any questions give me a call, Lion Pam Schroeder @ 231/889 -4870

The District 11 E-1 Convention will soon be here. There will be elections for the Second Vice -District Governor, First Vice - District Governor, Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee and District Governor for the 2010 -2011 Lions year. In addition, there will be a vote on amendments to the constitution. The proposed amendments were published in the January district newsletter.

In order to vote you must be <u>registered</u> for the convention and <u>certified</u> by the Credentials Committee prior to the election which will take place on Saturday, April 10, 2010. Certification will end at 11:00am on Saturday and the election will be Saturday afternoon.

Make sure your club's voice is heard! Come and vote!

Region III Zone 2 Meeting

A Zone meeting was held at McKenna's Restaurant in Lakeview on January 27, 2010. It was well attended and 1st VDG Laura Johnson and husband PDG Harry Johnson, 2nd VDG John Monahan and PDG Bill Raymor and Lion Jane were of the dignitaries that were in attendance. Howard City, Greenville and Lakeview were in attendance. A good time was had b y all.

State Multiple 11 Convention

Our Lions of Michigan State Convention will be held at Old Mission Point on Mackinac Island, May 21 and 22, 2010, you have to come and join in on the fun. Please remember that we will have International Director Candidates running, so we need everyone there to vote. Next month there will be more information .



I Joined Phase II Goal

Our goal for *I Joined* Phase II is to attend at least 10 different community events in each of the 11 districts sign ing 100 people up at each event by August 2010. This will add a total of 11,000 names to the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. Phase II will continue until August 2012 by then we hope to have signed up more than 33,000 people on the Registry.

Once again the Feat cannot be accomplished without the help of the *I Joined* Team. We need you to keep your eyes and ears open for potential spots to set up Phase II Donate Life Stations. When you hear about something please let us know. Here's where we are so far:

SD 10	4 completed	97 signed up	
11-A1	1 event completed	4 scheduled	20 people signed up
11-A2	4 Events completed	1 scheduled	207 signed up
11-B1	7 events completed	7 scheduled	136 signed up
11-B2	5 events completed	2 scheduled	174 signed up
11-C1		3 scheduled	
11-c2	9 events completed	19 scheduled	209 signed up
11-D1	1 event completed		27 signed up
11-D2	1 event completed	2 scheduled	182 signed up
11-E1	7 event completed	4 scheduled	371 signed up
11-E2	1 event completed		

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

News and Views

Unquestionably Campaign Sight First II (CSF II) was a very successful program that was carried on by Lions throughout the world. Over \$ 200 million dollars in cash and pledges were raised during the three year period of the Campaign. It is important that individual Lions and clubs complete payment on their pledges and commitments. Currently the bulk of these funds are targeted toward developing nations, but many programs are being spent in develope d countries, helping Lions to achieve the dream of "Vision for All." Local programs that have received such funding are Project Kidsight and our MI Eye Bank.

LCIF is the official charitable organization of Lions Clubs International. LCIF funding is provided in the form of grants to support Lions-led projects. These grants aid in humanitarian efforts too large for individual clubs or district to fund alone. Part of our problem in not receiving some of these funds is that we don't ask for them. One area we have learned is that grants for glasses have not been accepted. Detailed information on applications for grants can be obtained through e -mail to LCIF at <u>lcif@lionsclubs.org</u>. Making this the first step increases success measurably. Most grants require participation of a district or multiple-district. Funds (grants) for Haiti Relief are being channeled through the District supporting that area. It seems rather obvious that as CSF II funds are expended they mu st be replenished to keep up these vital programs. A goal our District should embrace would be for clubs to pledge \$250 a year in support of LCIF. We should encourage clubs and individuals to apply for, and fund one Melvin Jones Award a year. This is a fully tax-deductible contribution. Like CSF II encourage corporate giving. We have at this time 15 clubs in this District that have enough funds donated to award a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Some of these clubs can award more than one. I will publish a lis t in a separate newsletter but will also provide this information if contacted at <u>denmates2@centurytel.net</u>.

PDG Richard Daniel, LCIF District Coordinator

Zone Chairman's request

I'm writing in regards of a group of kids in my zone that are in the Lions All State Band. There are 10 kids from District 11 -E1 that made it into the band this year and 8 are from the McBain/Cadillac area the other 2 band members are from Lakeview. Each of these young band memb ers must raise \$3,995 to take this once in a lifetime trip to Australia.

The kids in Region II Zone 3 were given a list of Lions Clubs in this immediate area to contact and they've sent out letters requesting financial help, but I know the Cadillac Clubs b udgeted money is being split 8 ways this year. Because of that each individual band member is going to be receiving a lot less then the club has given out in the past and I would guess it will be the same with the other clubs in this area. I was wondering is if there are any clubs in District 11-E1 that may have it in their budget to help the All State Band and those clubs haven't received a request from the kids from McBain/Cadillac could someone please email me and I'll pass on your club information to the band members so they may contact you for help as well.

I've gotten to meet some of the kids, one young lady from McBain spoke at a zone meeting I held a few months ago about the All State Band and her trips over the past few years, another band member from Cadillac recently contacted me telling me this will be her third trip having gone the past 2 years, to Bangkok & Minnesota and how this year instead of just having the Cadillac Club donate money to her she was wondering if she could work for it because she really wanted to earn her way this time. She recently helped with the clubs "Sink the Shack" fundraiser selling tickets on Lake Cadillac during the North American Snowmobile Festival.

The 7 McBain kids recently held a 3 hour celebrity server fundr aiser at Culver's Restaurant in Cadillac receiving 10% of all sales made from 5pm - 8pm. Even with the place being packed with community supporters and several members of the Cadillac Lions Club they only earned \$160.50 which when split 7 ways breaks down to \$22.92 per band member. McBain's a small farming community and with 7 kids trying to raise the money in that area it's going to be tough to come up with the funds this for trip. I just wanted to get the word out about these kids, they're all excited an d looking forward to taking this trip to Australia and they want to thank the Lions for this chance of a lifetime. Please contact me if your club can help and I will pass it along. Thanks, ZC Tim Anderson

Bear Lake Lions Club



Bear Lake Lions responded quickly when they learned a Merlin desktop video magnifier was available from an Ohio woman's estate. Lion Tom Mallison picked it up and with help from Lion Tim Richard delivered it to a Manistee woman with macular degeneration. Corrine Hahn had a history of helping others with low vision -- leading a support group, working with the Michigan Commission for the Blind, working for the MSU Extension's Leader Dogs program and making presentations to schools.

Baldwin Lions Club



It was a frigid, cold, February morning when members of the Baldwin Lions Club joined MERLOW Chair PDG Bill Raymor and Lion Jane in Scottville, Michigan with the hopes of getting the Mason County Lions Club off the ground. They served complimentary coffee, hot chocolate and donuts to the attendees of the 2nd Annual Mason County "Thaw" celebration. The combination arctic air and polar winds created a sub zero atmospheres but the Lion

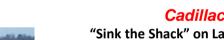


participants "got the word out about Lions" and with it a bag of used eyeglasses and some interested community residents. The Lions answered questions and passed out literature from LCI and a go od time was had by all.

Big Rapids Lions Club

Judge Marco Menezes of the Mecosta and Osceola Counties Probate and Family Court presented a recent program for the Big Rapids Lions Club. He discussed the areas of responsibility that the court has some - known and some not so well known. We are proud that Judge Menezes is a member of our local club.

PDG's Jim Chipman and Dick Perrin have been holding Lion orientation sessions prior to the club meeting on the fourth Monday of the month. The sessions have been well attended and positive feedback has been received. Planning is underway for holding a spaghetti supper as new fundraiser for the club.





Cadillac Lions Club

"Sink the Shack" on Lake Cadillac

On January 4th at 10:48AM with well over a foot of ice covering the water the Cadillac Lions Club placed their bright yellow ice "Shack" out on Lake Cadillac just off the pavilion in the city park kicking off their 2010 "Sink the Shack" winter fundraiser.

Now with their part done they need YOUR help! They need someone to tell them the correct

date and time it will naturally fall through the ice in the spring and if you're that person you'll be \$1000.00 richer! 2nd closest guess gets \$200.00 and all ticket sales for this contest will end on Februar y 28th 2010. With the park cameras once again turned the "Shack" will remain on the ice until Mother Nature decides to warm things up enough for it to natur ally fall through and with any luck it will happen on the date and time you picked.

Tickets are on sale now 2 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$10.00 and are available from any Lions Club member or at the following locations: Pilgrim's Village Fishing Shop, Burkes Wat erfront Restaurant, The Frosty Cup Restaurant or at Shafer's Bait & Sporting Goods all located on Cadillac's West Side. Virtual tickets are available this year for the first time from the clubs website http://lionwap.org/eclub/sites/cadillacmi/

All monies raised by the fundraiser will go back out into the community over the next year in the form of sight and hearing assistance to those that for whatever reason are unable to help themselves.

Coleman Lions Club

Coleman Lions members were honored to have First Vice District Governor Lion Laura Johnson visit our club in January. We learned what LCIF is doing to help in Haiti and found out about upcoming meetings and conventions. At our first meeting in February, our guest speaker was Melissa Olgine from the Isabella & Midland County Department of Human Services who spoke to us about the need for mentors. Both speakers were v ery informative.

Recent donations were made to Midland County Youth Leadership, Literacy Council of Midland County and Lions of Michigan Band Students. We are starting plans on two service projects in April, a Kidsight vision screening and an Adopt -A-Highway clean-up.

Members are looking forward to a club dinner outing to Yesterday's Depot in Coleman on February 13. Our December Holiday dinner was canceled due to a snowstorm.

Crystal Lions Club

2009 was a good year for the Crystal Lions Club. We welcomed a new member and also a new King Lion. At our September meeting, King Lion Brian Puffpaff presented Long Time Attendance Awards to Club members as follows. 10 years – Debbie Phipps and 5 years – Ron Flinn. King Lion Brian also welcomed our new member Heather Funsch to our Club. Heather was



sponsored by Debbie Phipps. At the conclusion of the meeting King Lion Brian passed the gavel to our new King Lion Theron Guild.

King Lion Theron presented Long term Attendance Awards to Club members as follows. 35+ years – Harold Frost and 5 years – Jack Warder.

The Crystal Lions Club had a great citrus fruit sale in December and was also able to make donations to sponsor a Christmas movie during the Crystal Christmas celebration downtown and also for fireworks at the Crystal Winter fest being held in January. We are looking forward to a great New Year.

Picture #1. King Lion Brian passing the gavel over to King Lion Theron Guild . Picture #2. King Lion Theron presenting Lion Harold Frost with 35+ year pin.

Fremont Lions Club

Vice District Governor Laura Johnson was our guest speaker at the first January meeting. At the second meeting, Kay Cummins gave us an overview of the activities of the MSU Extension Office in Newaygo County. We are planning to launch the Vidalia Onion Sales project in February.

Fremont Packer Leo Club Update:

The Fremont Packer Leo Club inducted 11 new members on Sunday, January 31, 2010 at Fremont Middle School. The Leo Club, made up of students in 6th through 10th grade, was honored to have PCC Janalee McClure as their guest speaker. Lion Janalee challenged each Leo to make positive choices and contributions, not just to Leo Club, but in everything they do throughout their lives. Each Leo present was given Lion Janalee's club pin as a token and remembrance of the day. All the Leos were excited to begin their personal pin collection.

Subsequent to the formal induction ceremony, three more students submitted applications to become members bringing the Packer Leo Club to a total of 33 members. Fremont Packer Leo Club have on-going community projects including: Adopt-A-Stream Clean-Up (April and October); rake yards for senior citizens and shut -ins (April and October); Adopt-Two-Families at Thanksgiving providing full holida y meals and trimmings; sort and pack toys, books and other items at the Newaygo County Community Services in December helping with the Children's Christmas Program; recycle all plastics and tin from the lunch program at Fremont Middle School; maintain date s for the outdoor school sign; provide "goodie bags" to substitute teachers as appreciation gifts; provide FREE child care to Lions members on meeting nights; provide FREE child care to parents of elementary students monthly so they may attend PTA meetings ; donate fleece blankets to victims of fire and natural disasters within the Fremont school district and many others. The Leos also "buddy" with Fremont Lions Club members in April for White Cane collections, in September for Candy Days and year -round for eye glass collections. Lion Laurene Homsher is the advisor for the Fremont Packer Leo Club, our District 11 -E1 Leo Chair and our MD-11 State Leo Chair. Lion Laurene is available for information and programs regarding Leo Clubs. Please contact her at 231-924-8177 or Ihomsher@fremont.net to begin a Leo Club in your community.

Mount Pleasant Lions Club

The Mount Pleasant Club is having a Valentine Dinner with guests on February 8. The club continues to meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays at the Comfort Inn. All clubs are invited to attend any of our meetings. They have a program for each meeting. It is usually a local organization representative or a member of the Central Michigan University community.

Onekama Lions Club

Onekama Lions Club – January 2010



The Onekama Lions had their annual Christmas sing -along at the Manistee Medical Care Facility on Sunday, December 20th. All were in good voice and much appreciated by the residents of the care facility. Cookies and punch were provided and also enjoyed by all. On Sunday, January 24th, the Onekama Lions put on a fundraiser breakfast to raise money for all of our various projects. On the menu was (all -you-care-to-eat) eggs fixed any way you like by our master egg-flippers, hash-browns- browned just right, pancakes, ham, sausage, biscuits and gravy, coffee, juice, and milk . Nobody went home hungry of the approx. 180 people that were served and a goodly profit was realized to assist in funding our ventures.

For two fun days the following weekend, January 23rd and 24th, the Onekama Lions hosted an annual district wide Web elo's lock-in at the Manistee Fairgrounds Pavilion. Approximately 60 scouts, parents, and leaders spent Saturday afternoon learning various skills while enjoying chili for lunch, then had spaghetti and hot dogs for dinner, followed by popcorn, punch and movies after dinner – all supplied by a friendly group of our local Lions. The scouts then woke up to a hot breakfast of pancakes, ham, scrambled eggs and juice (we even supplied hot coffee for the adults) before cleaning up the hall and heading out in search of other winter pursuits.



White Cloud Lions Club

White Cloud Lions Club lost a very active family member in November. To honor her family we have named our annual Scholarship the <u>White Cloud Lions Jean Brandt Scholarship</u> and have scheduled her Lion family members to make the presentation at the Honor's Assembly at White Cloud High School this year. Lion Jean was the matriarch of a three gen eration family of Lion members and she made a long lasting imprint on our Club. We will always be missing her happy and giving attitude at all our activities.

Lions of Michigan

11-E1 District Convention

Registration Form

Holiday Inn 939 Third Street Muskegon, MI.

April 9, 10 and 11, 2010

Please print information on form: Must be registered to Vote!				
Lions/ Lioness/ Leo Club Office				
Lion/ Lioness/ Leo Member				
Address City & Zip				
Phone E -mail				
Guest / Spouse				
Registration fee is \$5.00 for each attendee. Amount enclosed:\$\$10.00 if after the deadline(No charge for new members being re -inducted Saturday)				
Friday Mix & Meet \$5.00 (cash bar, hors d`oeuvres, entertainment) \$				
Saturday Lioness and Leos Breakfast – ALL welcome \$12.00 each \$				
Saturday Lunch (Soup and sandwich) 12.00 each \$				
(If new member is being re-installed no charge) Sponsor is				
Saturday Governor`s Banquet \$22.00 each \$ PICK ONE Pork Loin				
Memorial ServiceSunday Awards Breakfast\$12.00 each\$				
Make checks payable to District 11 E1 Convention Total enclos ed \$				
Special Dietary Needs?				
Mail Registration form with payment to:Lion Pam SchroederRegistration deadline for meals is March 20, 20104829 Crescent BeachQuestions? Call Pam 231-889-4870Onekama, Mi. 49675				
Convention Room Rate \$75.00 per night 800-315-2621 or 231-722-0100t to reserve your room today! Reminder – We are having our convention with District C -1				