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



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

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Greetings from District Governor Wayne:

What I would like to talk about this month is "Believe." I believe in Friendship, I believe in Love, I believe in God and I believe in Family. I also believe in Lions as I know that you do too. I believe that you know what we can do for our fellow man, our communities and each other. There are many times that I sit and think "What if", what if we did something different in life, what if we did something different for our fellow man and our communities, would everything be the same today? Again I ask do you believe that we can make a difference and if so how do we start? Let me tell you what I believe, is that if we asked our fellow man to join us, we would make the difference in our lives as stronger Lions, growing more in Lionism to help us to make the difference in our communities.

How do we get more Lions? I believe that it is no different than passing the word and telling everyone what we do and what we expect of them to help one another. My dues in my club are \$.33 per day. What does \$.33 equal, not a candy bar, not a pop, not much of anything except the opportunity to help someone that is less fortunate than us as Lions. I hear everyone talking that it is the money, including myself. Now I am going to tell you that I believe this is not the reason. It is that we as humans are afraid to step forward and ask someone to join us in helping to serve as Lions. Are we afraid that someone is going to say no to you? Don't be afraid! Ask 10 people to join and having 8 say no is a gain of 2. Every small gain that we make is a gain towards our goals. I think that we can grow and thrive to be greater than we ever have been. Can you afford \$.33?

I believe in Santa, do you?

District Governor Wayne Kreitner

Governors Calendar for January & February

January 12: Howard City January 24: Merlow Meeting, 1:30 P.M., Webber Twp. Hall, Baldwin January 31: Guiding Lion Training, 1:30 P.M., Webber Twp. Hall, Baldwin

February 1: Fremont Lions Official VisitFebruary 3: Edmore Lions Official VisitFebruary 19 & 20: Lions of Michigan Forum, East LansingFebruary 22: Mt. Pleasant Lions Official Visit

I am going to be calling clubs again to schedule more visitations, please call if you have a date that you prefer me to visit your club.

Thank you, District Governor Wayne



1st Vice District Governor Laura Johnson

Baldwin Lions Club lionharry@maxnet-use.net

HAPPY NEW YEAR LIONS!

As we begin as New Year, and reflect back on the old, what do you see? Did you, as a Lions Club reach out to meet the needs of those who called on your club for assistance? Were you open to funding new programs in your community or Lions International projects? My wish would be we all could answer yes. But in reality, clubs have budgets to guide them in the decisions of what projects to fund. We prioritize, sometimes considering where the requests are coming from. Is this need in our town, or does it comes from another clubs back yard?

Keeping that question in mind, let's talk about the Lions of Michigan All State Band. The fifty students who qualified for the band this year will be representing our state each time they perform. What an opportunity they have! Each will be traveling to Sydney, Australia to attend the International convention.

Our 11 E-1 district was fortunate to have 10 students selected, more than any other district in the state! There are seven students from the McBain area, two from Lakeview and one from Cadillac. We should all be very proud to have so many talented youth representing us. These youth are each responsible for raising the needed \$3,995 to attend the convention. The unfortunate thing is if you're familiar with the District, you'll recognize there are only Lions clubs in the towns of Cadillac and Lakeview. This is where I ask each club to step up, reach beyond your local area and help fund these gifted students in their quest for an opportunity of a lifetime! Not only will they be traveling to fantastic location, each will be making lifetime friendships, and more importantly, they are future members of our clubs, maybe YOUR club! Let's show them how proud we are to have them as ambassadors of the Lions of Michigan to the entire 205 countries that represent Lions worldwide! These students are eager to come to your club after their trip and put on a program. I've had the opportunity to see firsthand while at an International convention, the excitement, joy, fellowship and pride each one demonstrates! Let's ALL do our part in supporting these future LION leaders and support their request for funding. If your club has not gotten a direct request from the students, you can contact the state office with your donations. If your members doubt the importance of supporting these students, call on our District Chairperson, Lion Matt Niemi to come and give a program on the band. He is a former band member who went on to join Lions, now serving in a Leadership role. Your donation doesn't have to be huge if your funds are limited like some clubs. But if you can send them a generous amount, that's great too! Keep in mind these youth will be doing fundraising on their own, seeking help from other local service clubs, friends and family and even after school jobs. Please don't feel us, as Lions; we are the sole support of meeting the cost of their trip. But we should all feel honored to have them represent our state. We want THEM to feel how proud we are of them! My hope is 11 E-1 will be 100% in supporting our future Lions members! In closing, lets all "MOVE TO GROW" as Lions!

1st VDG Lion Laura Johnson

Good News from the District Governor

1st Vice District Governor Lion Laura Johnson was told at the doctor on January 14, that she is on the road to recovery. She will have to be careful and use the cane for a while or the walker. No more antibiotics for her. She is a very happy person. DG Wayne

2nd Vice District Governor John Monahan Mt Pleasant Lions club

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Fellow Lions,

New Year, New Opportunities. The opportunities include opportunities for new members and new clubs. On Thursday, President Wirfs held an internet seminar with district governors and vice governors. His main message was that we need to get new Lions. One way to do that is to form new clubs. Another way to do that is to increase membership in current clubs. Both ways require hard work of members. If we are to form new clubs we need to set up new club recruiting workshops and to train guiding Lions. There is a Certified Guiding Lions training scheduled for January 31, 2010 at the Webber Township Hall in Baldwin from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. Please come and encourage your members to come and receive the training. Each new club needs two guiding Lions to get them started and growing. If you can attend, please notify PDG Bill Raymor (989-304-0403 or wraymor@casair.net) so he can know how many set of materials to bring.

The International President has a second idea, Lions in Sight. The internet address for Lions in Sight is

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/strengthen-membership/global-membershipteam/presidents-theme/lions-in-sight.php. The main idea is that by using public relations, we can make our clubs better known and gain new members. The program begins with a plan to perform visible community service in the last two weeks in January and a press release to announce the program in the second week of January. More visible Lions activity can lead to more people interested in being members of an exciting and hard working service club.

Let's not forget the first letter of DG Wayne's motto: F for fun. If Lions Clubs are not fun, it's hard to keep members. And one

person who is vital for fun is the tailtwister. If your tailtwister is producing fun in your club, maybe he or she should talk to our

District Tail twisters, Lion Ron Gibson or Lion Kyle Madole. Lion Ron's email address is <u>rgibsin@wolverinemutual.com</u> and Lion Kyle's e-mail is <u>kylem67@gmail.com</u>

So let's all have a Happy New Year in Lionism.

Yours in Lionism,

2ndVDG John Monahan

Leader Dogs for the Blind



I am thrilled to represent Leader Dogs as the Leader Dog Chair for our Lions District. Nicholas, my black standard poodle, and I have been working together for over 2 years. I have also taken advantage of several other programs, including mobility training, a basic computer class and Trekker (personal GPS) training. I recently attended a seminar put on by Leader Dogs for Lions Leader Dog Chairs and have the latest information from them to share with your club.

For programs for Leader Dogs for the Blind please contact me at

pamblizzard@cmsinter.net or call 989- 640-4046, if you prefer the old fashioned way my mailing address is: Pam Blizzard, 122 W. Walnut St., Carson City, MI 48811

The Sight Seer Radio Reading Service

Twenty four hours a day - seven days a week - never off the air, The Sight Seer Radio Reading Service brings to life a wide range of printed material to those unable to read for themselves.

Twice a day, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times and our Grand Rapids area papers are read for a total six hours. For those enjoying a good story, a chapter or two of three books is read at their special time each day - sort of like the soap operas of days gone by. Completing this necklace of diverse programming is a wide variety of writings covering everything from psychology to travel to Ann Landers and the Sunday Comics - for a total of 92 separate programs.

From five to eight each evening programming is offered for our younger audience. Readings are from books, magazines and the newspapers specially written to appeal to and be of interest to this age group. We so enjoy hearing from young people thanking us for this part of their day.

This is a FREE service brought to the listener through the generosity of personal donations. Listening may be enjoyed through either our internet website <u>www.thesightseer.orog</u>, our specially designed Internet Radio or through a special FM Radio supplied by The Sight Seer for our immediate Grand Rapids Area. Please call us at 616-235-0020 and let us bring the printed word to life for someone close to you.

Peace Poster

The winner of the District 11-E-1 Peace Poster contest was Kylie Lund of Sheridan. She was the winner of the Sheridan Lions Club contest at Central Montcalm Middle School. Kylie will be presented with a gift and a certificate soon by District Governor Wayne.

Region II Zone 1

Clare, Coleman, Harrison, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, Sanford Lions Clubs: Seasons Greetings!

I hope that you all have enjoyable Holidays with families and friends and that the New Year brings us success in our Lions Club activities. Particularly in recruiting new members.

I sent out an e-mail to do a Dec. Zone Newsletter. However many of you are having your Christmas Parties and taking a break from Lionism. It is a quiet and peaceful time on the Lions Club side as we prepare to enjoy the Holidays.

Coleman had a Chili Dinner on December 12. They are busy Lions!

Midland Lions have had two sessions ringing bells for the Salvation Army and sponsored a Christmas Party for special needs children in the Midland Public Schools.

Several of the clubs will not be meeting again until late January. Please remember our Zone meeting at the Doherty Hotel in Clare on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 6:15 p.m. I need your reservations by Jan. 10, 2010.

Lion Pete Conarty, Zone Chair

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE 11-E1 DISTRICT CONSTITUTION

1. A RESOLUTION TO CLARIFIY ARTICLE 1, SECTION 9 ON PAGE 4 OF OUR CONSTITUTION. THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE FIRST PARAGRAPH READS "The fund so collected shall be used exclusively for defraying expenses of district convention and shall be expended only by district checks drawn and signed by the Cabinet Treasurer, Cabinet Secretary or District Governor.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

Be it resolved that Article I Section 9 of the District Constitution be amended by adding the words "and the unreimbursed expenses of the District Governor in attending the International Convention" The new sentence reads:

"The fund so collected shall be used exclusively for defraying expenses of district convention and the unreimbursed expenses of the District Governor in attending the International Convention and shall be expended only by district checks drawn and signed by the Cabinet Treasurer, Cabinet Secretary or District Governor."

2. A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE WORD AUDIT IN ARTICL IV SECTION 7 PARAGRAPH (F) SO IT READS AS FOLLOWS:

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

Be it resolved that Article IV Section 7 Paragraph (f) be rewritten to read as follows: "Provide for an annual review of the books and accounts of the cabinet secretary, cabinet treasurer, or cabinet secretary-treasurer and District Convention Fund, and with the district governor's approval, set up definite schedule of dates, times and places of cabinet meetings to be held during the fiscal year.

3. A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE ARTICLE VII, SUB SECTION B NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF THE DISTRICT TRUSTEE FOR LIONS OF MICHIGAN SERVICE FOUNDATION, INC. THIS TO BE DONE TO CORRESPONDE WITH THE LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION'S CONSTITUTION.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

Be it resolved that Article VII, Sub Section B, Section 1, sentence 1 to read as follows" District 11E1 shall be represented by two(2) elected trustees on the Board of Trustees of the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, Inc.

This removes the words District Governor from the sentence.

These items will be voted on at the District Convention.

NOTICE, final notice

February 8 is the last date you can register to Run for District office, according to District Constitution. Your letter must be postmarked no later than February 8, 2010. NOTICE-NOTICE-NOTICE

Our District is working toward starting several new Lions Clubs and when a new club is started two Certified Guiding Lions are assigned to assist the club for two years. Our district currently has only five active Certified Guiding Lions so there is a great need for Lions interested in district growth to become Certified Guiding Lions. There is a Certified Guiding Lions training scheduled for January 31, 2010 at the Webber Township Hall in Baldwin from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. Please share this with your club and notify PDG Bill Raymor (989-304-0403 or wraymor@casair.net) so that materials can be provided.

It's true that Lions are very community oriented and that they are very busy people, and that's who needs to have this training. It's an opportunity to have a very positive effect upon our district, and we must always remember, that translates to a very positive effect upon the people within our district that need the services Lions provide.

Please accept this opportunity to greater service and attend the training. PDG Bill Raymor

Baldwin Lions Club

The Baldwin Lions are venturing into a fund raiser to enable us to continue donating to our local charities and Lion affiliated projects. We are sponsoring a four night Texas-Hold-EM Poker tournament at the Ramada Inn in Ludington January 14, 15, 16 and 17th. We will report for the February newsletter our success in this venture.

BALDWIN LIONS & LIONESS HOST DISTRICT GOVERNOR & FIRST LADY





As tradition with the Baldwin Lions club, the District Governor and First Lady is the guest of honor for the Christmas dinner meeting. Following that tradition, District Governor Wayne, 1st Lady Lion Debbie and Bayla Kreitner were treated to a home cooked turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Following the meal, Governor Wayne had the honor of installing the newest member to the club, Lion Kathleen May. Also on his agenda was to present a 100% President medal to immediate past president, 1st Vice District Governor, Lion Laura Johnson. Governor Wayne gave a great message to the club, even captivating the attention of Lion Lil' Pete! The Governor presented King Lion Harry Johnson with one of his official pins and personal banner, autographed with a paw print of sorts from Bayla!

Coleman Lions Club

Coleman Lions Club wishes everyone a Happy New Year!



We are very excited to have passed the 30 mark on membership in November. We are very happy to welcome Leon and Nancy Robison as our newest members. Nancy is a middle school teacher in Coleman and Leon works in the heating and cooling business. They became interested in Lions Club after attending our Charter Night event in September. Nancy's mother joined our club in October! We are looking forward to working with all three new members.

Our Holiday Dinner was canceled two years in a row due to a snow storm! But we were

able to have our second annual Chili Supper on December 12 right before the Coleman Holiday Parade. Our Supper was lightly attended again this year, but everyone who came loved the new salad bar as well as our chili and homemade bread. We hope it will catch on better in the future, but feel it is a good service to the community and plan to continue it as a project.

We are looking forward to a visit from 1st District Governor Lion Laura Johnson at our next meeting

Edmore Lions Club

The Edmore Lions Club had a very busy December! To raise money to provide Christmas food baskets to families in need, the Club sold 118 Christmas hams in the community; the ham sales generated more than \$1000 to support the food basket project. In addition, in lieu of sending Christmas cards to local residents, we place a giant Christmas card in a local bank where community residents can come in and sign their name to send Season's Greetings to everyone and at the same time make a donation to the Christmas basket project. This effort raised more than \$700, and combined with the ham sales proceeds, we generated almost enough money to cover the cost of a whopping 76 food baskets, which was almost double what we did the year before! Edmore Lions, in what has become a tradition, gathered two days before Christmas and personally delivered the baskets to families in need. It is a small effort to make the Christmas holidays a little bit better for many families, and the gratitude displayed by these families when receiving the baskets makes the entire effort worthwhile and rewarding for Lions members!

Fremont Lions Club



At its annual Christmas dinner on Dec. 7th, the Fremont Lions did something different. In the past they have done a gift exchange between members and guests. This year they donated over 60 toys, packs of socks, and foodstuffs for needy children and families in Newaygo County. The donations were taken to Newaygo County Community Services near Fremont for distribution. Additionally, the club gave a check for \$250.00 to NCCS, to be used for its needy children's Christmas fund. In photo, left to right are Lions Lynn Mast, Ron Gibson, Laurene Homsher, Don Potter, Carl Homsher, Steve Adsmond and Don Henry.

<u>Fremont Lions will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on June 7, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at</u> <u>The Shack, 2263 W. 14th St., White Cloud. More information to follow in February Newsletter.</u>

District Governor Wayne recently visited the Howard City Lions Club for his official visit and installed 5 new members. He was told by President Steve that when 1st Vice District Governor Laura Johnson visits in February that they will have 3 more new members to be installed. What a great job they are doing! They have a new meeting place that has a private room for them to meet. The new meeting place is called Charlene's Mystic Café, LLC, at 134 E. Edgerton St., Howard City, right in the downtown area. Remember when they were advertising in the paper for new members and now the growth has started by just asking someone to join. They have gained well over 100% in membership.

Honor Lions Club

Honor Lions held their Rifle raffle on Nov. 14th at Jodi's Twisted Antler a great time was had by all in attendance Monte Mays from Arcadia Lions won the rifle. Jade Adams from Benzonia, won the \$100.00 second prize and David Knewdson, from Thompsonville, won the third prize, of \$50.00. Several door prizes were also given. We had our toy barrels out and gathered two carloads of toys and clothes that were distributed to needy families gave 129 lbs of food for the food pantry. We also helped a needy family for Thanksgiving and food baskets went to two families for Christmas. Honor Lions will not meet now till the 3 week in March, we have several members that go south for warmer weather. Honor lions bought glasses for 18 Benzie residents this past year and have paperwork in for a grant to help someone with cardiac surgery. Kim Wattles, our Leader Dog raiser took 4 new puppies down to Rochester Leader dog School for their next leg of their journey toward becoming future leader dogs. On December 1st, she and their Mom True could not have been prouder; we wish them well on the next leg or their journey!!! If anyone needs to contact anyone for Honor Lions they may do so by calling Lion Connie McMorris at 231-325-4407 or Lion Betty Cramer at 231-882-5234. We will get back to work for Easter and on scholarships for seniors at Benzie Central High School.

Mecosta Lions Club

On December 12 the Mecosta Lions Club held their annual Santa party. Santa arrived in a fire truck at the Mecosta Elementary school to the delight of 119 boys and girls. Gifts were presented to everyone, piñatas were broken and there were lots of goodies to eat. The Mecosta VFW always helps in a joint effort to put on a successful party.





During the Christmas season our club asked New Hope Church for the name of a family not on any other help list that they

felt could use some help. We contacted the family and took the two young teen age girls on a shopping spree for clothing. In the picture Lion Nancy on the right and Lion Judy show shawls that Nancy knitted for the family of four.



Reindeer, Santa, and Cookies thrill kids at Lions Christmas party.....

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, and the whole gang, including Rudolph were all on stage at the Country Club on Tuesday night. It was Jewls the Clown who with her magic and balloons cast 30 excited children from the Midland Schools as reindeer, angels, snowflakes, and Santa.

"Take me." "My Turn." Volunteerism was not lacking as Jewls created Christmas character after Christmas Character for eager kids.

The evening began as the gathering rose to say the pledge as lead by Dawn Kerns-Beck from Siebert. She was followed by Jacob Cummings from Mills who led the group in a prayer before meals. Finger food, including such delicacies as mini-pizza, chicken strips, and curly fries were as popular for seconds as they were the first time around. But it was the cookies in all shapes, sizes and flavors that made biggest hit. Jewls then wound the kids into a latex frenzy. As Jewls tried to rein in the deer, camera strobes flashed and as if on cue, the big man himself along with Mrs. Claus appeared. After a few choruses of *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*, he listened to each child's holiday wishes and then Mrs. Claus presented each with a bag of goodies to take home.

Everyone was stepping out into the crisp air of the Country Club parking lot shortly after 8:00, with smiles on their faces and balloons on their heads and goodie bags in their hands. Midland Lions Club and the Midland Country Club staff annually host the party for children and their teachers in the city's K-3 special services classrooms.

Sheridan Lions Club

The Sheridan Lions provided eye glasses and exams for local resident. Provided Christmas gifts (clothes and toys) for needy children. They also donated to Project Kidsight.

White Cloud Lions Club

We purchased 40 blue bags from Wal-Mart this Christmas and filled them up with food and things that families need on their daily lives. There are many families in the White Cloud area that are definitely in need and we are very happy to assist where we can.

Lions of Michigan	11-E1 District Convention	Registration Form
Holiday Inn	939 Third Street	Muskegon, MI.
	April 9, 10 and 11, 20	010
Please print information on form:	Must be registered to Vote!	
Lions/ Lioness/ Leo Club Lion/ Lioness/ Leo Member Address Phone Guest / Spouse	City & Zip E-mail	
Registration fee is \$5.00 for each atte \$ 10.00 if after the deadline (No charge for new members being r	_	
Friday Mix & Meet \$5.00 (cash bar, l	nors 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-installe	d no charge) Sponsor is	
Saturday Governor`s Banquet \$2 PICK ONE Pork Loin		
Memorial Service Sunday Awards Breakfast \$	12.00 each \$	
Make checks payable to District 11 E	1 Convention Total enclosed \$	
Special Dietary Needs?		
Mail Registration form with paymen Registration deadline for meals is M Questions? Call Pam 231-889-4870		Beach
Convention Room Rate \$75.00 per n Call 800-315-2621 or 231-722-01 Reminder – We are having our conve	00 to reserve your room today!	

DISTRICT CONVENTION 2010

It is a New Year and time to be thinking about Lions convention. We will be having a joint convention with District C-1 and plans are going well. Last year our joint convention went well and we know this year will be another great convention. The theme is "HALLOWEEN IN APRIL" and we hope many of you will dress for the theme on Friday night.

The Friday night mix and meet will have entertainment, we promise better than last year. We will have the cash bar and hors d`oeuvres.

We will again be having a SILENT AUCTION, so be sure to bring your item to be auctioned off. This auction helps to keep our convention costs down so don't forget to get your club to donate an auction item. There will be many nice items for the attendees to bid on also.

Saturday morning we will have a breakfast honoring our Lioness and Leos. We encourage everyone to attend. If Lioness or Leos would like to present any awards this would be your opportunity to do so.

We have a full day planned with great forums, meetings, elections and FUN. We do have Candidates for the positions so come and vote for the candidates.

Sunday will be our Memorial Service. We will be putting together a slide presentation featuring our deceased members. We need from you a picture of your deceased member and a short blog about them. Please get this information to Lion Pam Schroeder as soon as possible.

Hope to see you at convention. Come to see our leaders in their Halloween costume. If you have any questions, please call Lion Pam Schroeder 231-889-4870.

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.

DISTRICT 11-E-1 DELEGATE CERTIFICATION FORM





CLUB NAME _____ MEMBERS _____

NUMBER OF

ARTICLE XI SECTION 7 of the District 11-E-1 Constitution

and By-Laws so states that: Each chartered Club in good standing in Lions International and the District shall be represented by one or more delegates at the District Convention and shall be entitled in each such Convention to one (1) voting delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, of said Club as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month last preceding the month during which the Convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Further, full delegate Status shall be accorded each Past District Governor who is a member of a Club in this District, independent of the Club delegate quotas herein above specified. Each certified delegate present in person may cast one (1) vote for each office to be filled and one (1) vote only on each issue to be voted on by the members of said Convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the Convention.

NAME	DELEGATE (D)	SIGN AT CONVENTION
	DELEGATE (D) ALTERNATE (A)	

I hereby certify that the delegates and alternates listed above are in good standing with Lions Clubs International and The Lions of Michigan.

_Club President/Secretary

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO: LION GAYLE MORLOCK, On or before March 30, 2010 9357 95TH AVE. EVART, MI 49631