



District 11-E1 Newsletter 2010 - 2011

“Together We Serve”

July 2010



**District Governor Lion Laura
& PDG Lion Harry Johnson**

Greetings to all District 11-E1 Lions!!!

Another new year of service has begun with conclusion of an exciting Convention in Sidney, Australia. It was one of the best I've ever attended. We elected a new international direction to the International Board, PCC Dr. Gary Anderson from District 11-C1. He will represent the Lions of Michigan for the next two years. It was a very proud moment for me to hear his name announced as one of the new directors. ID Gary has been one of my main mentors as I sought to be your District Governor. I would like to take time to thank those other special Lions who have been there to give me help and guidance along the path to becoming a leader in our District. I thank each and every one of you! Our Association has a new President, with new ideas as to how to enlarge Lionism around the world. Our 2010-2011 International President, Sid Scruggs from North Carolina has taken the focus off of gaining more members and putting the spotlight on Service. His motto is "LIONS" – Loving individuals, Offering, Needed, Services. What a great way to define what we all do as Lions! President Sid is asking each Club to develop a "SIGNATURE SERVICE PROJECT" if they don't have one already. This project should be one that your Community will recognize you for. I know many of our clubs have these going already. I think we can each develop a "Signature Project" that says "We Serve" here in our own respective community. Our great Lions of Michigan All State Band finished in 2nd place behind the Mississippi youth. I had a chance to visit our ten band members on the Michigan Night Cruise. They all expressed sincere gratefulness for the generous support they received from the Lions of 11-E1. I have been home awhile, but not found time to totally unpack yet! My year as Governor started out on a positive note. On my first official visitation of the year I had the opportunity to install seven (7) new members into the Traverse City Lions Club! The next evening my own home club of Baldwin gained five (5) new members with another seven (7) coming in next month. The more hands we have, the more Service we can perform for our Communities.

Until next month, I remain your Governor, Lion Laura



1st Vice District Governor Lion John
& Carolyn Monahan

Fellow Lions,

Four of us, Lions Keith Spycher and Jack Tellis of Mt. Pleasant Lions, Lion Pete Conarty of Midland Lions, and I attended the Lions Bear Lake Camp Open House today. The camp is a large operation that has a number of programs. The camp itself was mostly built with Lions Clubs donations, including a Lions Club International Foundation grant. It has Visually Impaired Camps (supported only by Lions Clubs), Speech and Hearing Camps, and Juvenile Arthritis Camps. These are the kinds of programs that Lions are all about: vision, hearing, and youth.

We were all very impressed with the facility and the staff. The Vision Impaired Camp has a camper to staff ration of 3 to 1, an outstanding level of staffing, one necessary for servicing those physically challenged campers. The facilities are attractive, functional, and handicap accessible. They have an art building, a nature building, an activities building, waterfront area for both swimming and boating, and a large dining hall - conference center, as well as a number of outdoor activities areas.

Lions Bear Lake Camp is a Lions of Michigan project which deserves support. If you want to visit Bear Lake as a small group or as a club, you can contact the camp via phone, 810-245-0726, email, info@bearlakecamp.org, or snail mail, 3409 N. Five Lakes Road, Lapeer, MI 48446.

Each Lion Year is an opportunity to advance Lionism. Some of our challenges are to increase membership and raise funds to help our communities. Every year these challenges appear and to solve them we will need to work together under the direction of our new District Governor Laura Johnson.

Last spring, PDG Harry Johnson and others worked on starting a club in Ludington. So far, the club has not come together, despite cooperation from local radio and the newspaper. A few days ago, I got the following email request, "Can you tell me where people from Ludington would contact the Lions Club for assistance? I am with a human service organization in Ludington and we've been told there is no longer a Lions Club here." As Lion Harry says, they really need a Lions Club in Mason County. If you would like to help restart a Lions Club in Ludington, please contact Lion Harry or me, and we will try to get the ball rolling.

There are a number of towns which would benefit from a Lions Club, for example, Scottville, Idle wild, Reed City, and Lake City. Two of the counties in our district, Mason and Missaukee, do not have Lions Clubs. We will need to work hard to help these communities develop Lions Clubs of their own.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion John
1stVDG



2nd Vice District Governor Lion William (Bill)
& Vickie Simpson

July, 2010

Welcome to a great year in Lionism. Look around and smell the flowers and see the growth that Mother Nature presents to us each day. This evidence shows us that we need to follow her example and sow the seeds that will help our Clubs grow. We do this by recruiting new members and developing new ideas for activities that in turn bring Lions and Lionism to the attention of the general public. Our goal, of course, is to turn a portion of this general public into new members of the Lion's Clubs. We've had this preached at us for quite awhile, but the simple truth is for most of us it's hard to approach an acquaintance or friend and ask that simple question: Would you like to become a Lion? I'd like to suggest that we do it a different way: instead, ask that person (friend, neighbor or co-worker) for help doing your next project. Don't make membership a hurdle, make it fun.

As 2nd VDG I'll be attending zone meetings and assisting the Clubs and the Governor. I'm looking forward to a great year working with you in Lionism.

2nd Vice District Governor, Lion Bill Simpson

Passing of PDG Lion Lynnwood Mast's Mother

Lois M. (Mast) Eldred, passed away on July 5, 2010 at the Gerber Memorial Health Services in Fremont. Visitation will be held Thursday, July 22, 2010 from 5-7pm at the White Cloud United Methodist Church. Memorial Services will be held on Friday, July 23, 2010 at 11am at the White Cloud United Methodist Church with interment in the Big Prairie Everett Township Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, friends are asked to consider the White Cloud United Methodist Church for handicap access at the fellowship hall for memorial contributions in memory of Lois. Arrangements by Crandell Funeral Home – White Cloud Chapel. www.crandellfh.com

New District Editor Address: Lion Debbie Kreitner

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Arcadia Lions



June 21, The Arcadia Lions Club held a special dinner meeting to reinforce the efforts of The Grand Traverse Land Conservancy to preserve and protect the Arcadia Marsh which feeds into Arcadia Lake and out to Lake Michigan. Arcadia Lions Lion tamer Andy Barbera presented Conservancy representatives Kate Pearson and Chris Sullivan with a check for \$3,000 for the project. Lions members collectively and individually have been very supportive to the work of the conservancy through contributions both financial and in work details. Tonight, as the fund raising project reaches a successful conclusion, the Lions have "put their money where their mouths are" and pledge ongoing support.

Baldwin Lions



On a recent warm summer's eve in July, the Baldwin Lions Club started to grow. IPDG Lion Wayne, Lions Debbie and Jan were joined by PDG Lynn and PDG Harry to experience the installation of 5 energetic new Lions into the club. The enthusiastic new members were local residents, two of which were transfer members who recently came from District 11-A1 and were looking for the right club to affiliate with. Some of the projects for the upcoming months are Donor Awareness registrations and Kids Sight screenings. The new members were given a memorable installation by IPDG Lion Wayne Kreitner. Pictured from left to right are: PDG Lynnwood Mast, Lion Mrs. Kyles, IPDG Lion Wayne Kreitner, Lion Sandy Clark, Lion Peter Kyles seated, Lion James Clark, Lion Maxine Ingram and club President PDG Lion Harry Johnson.

Barryton Lions



We started Lions Bingo in Barryton in March 2009. Lion Bob Dupuis and Lion Shawn Biggle are in charge of the snack bar. Just before Thanksgiving they started a donation jug to buy food for those that would be having a very frugal Thanksgiving. They had bingo regulars also donate desserts and together with all the desserts they made they raised enough money to provide 17 families enough food for complete enough meals to last a week. With Christmas coming they continued collecting and also provided food for those in need for Christmas. Once that was done, they collected money and decided to stop for the summer.

From Christmas until July 1 they had collected \$1,100 and donated it to the Lions.

New Lions inducted were Shawn Biggle sponsored by Myron Sowle, Bob Dupuis and Nancy Sanford sponsored by Beverly Timpy, and Beverly Timpy sponsored by Richard Karstens.

**Bingo, Tuesdays evenings 6PM at the Barryton Community Center
on Chippewa Lake Rd, just off M-66.**

Kaleva Lions

Thank you to our Vice District Governor John Monahan for visiting our club and working hard, swearing in five new members to our club Bertha McPherson, Roy Renecker, Richard Hendrickson, Trish Wellman and Vance Richard. VDG John also swore in our new board members King Lion Bob Antosik and his court. Big Thank to past King Lion Ken Kuttilla and his court for the Great Year of Serving. During our meeting we honored three youth with We Serve Pins for helping our club this year, Preston Soriano, Ayden Moss and Joshua Davis.

Youth at their Best.

Kaleva Lions will be working hard serving at Kaleva Days July 16, 17, and 18. Come have a Steak Dinner Saturday, Buffet Breakfast Sunday morning and check out our Silent Auction. Big Thanks to Lion Brian Haenlien for a Great Motorcycle Poker Run supporting our club.

Big Rapids Lions



Lion PDG Bob Stevens - 51 years in Lionism Michigan Organ Donor Registry booth

The Big Rapids Lions Club held a Kidsight program and an Organ Donor Registry signup at the Big Rapids Downtown Farmers Market. Fourteen (13) pre-schoolers were tested for sight problems while between 30 and 35 signed up for the Michigan Donor Registry (Gift of Life) program, We also held a broom and oven mitt sale, and sold hot dogs, pop and water at our concession stand. Thanks to Lion PDG Harry Johnson and Lion PDG Lynn Mast for their help in putting on the event.

First Vice-District Governor John Monahan installed our new officers for 2010-2011. We honored Lion PDG Bob Stevens for 51 years of service to Lionism and Lions Jerry Nickles and Grant Blakely for their service to the club.

Cedar Maple City Lions



Lion Gordon Waldenmyer & Bill Meserve

Monday June 26 at the Lions meeting we presented a \$1000.00 check to the Leelanau Habitat for Humanity Organization. The check was presented to Bill Meserve (Leelanau County Habitat for Humanity).

Lake Ann Lions



At the Lake Ann Lions Annual Picnic June 28, 2010 Jeremy and Tiffany Fortin were sworn in as New Lake Ann Lions members by King Lion Ron Gray, the couple is sponsored by Lion Chuck Drews.



Lake Ann Lions College Scholarship Recipients

Left: Hannah Meachum from St. Francis, will be attending Grand Valley for Nursing, she received a \$750 scholarship.

Middle: Benjamin Schell from St. Francis, will be attending University of Michigan for Pre-Med, he received the \$1000 Roger Urich Memorial Scholarship

Right: Julian Hills from Benzie Central, will be attending University of Michigan for Engineering, he received a \$750 scholarship.

**Not pictured

Ashley Oakley from Benzie Central, will be attending Albion College for Biology, she received a \$750 scholarship.

New District Editor, Lion Debbie Kreitner, debkreitner@charter.net

Greenville Lions



The 2010 Lion of the Year award was presented to Lion Kyle Madole by last year's recipient Lion Roger Wilson. Not only has Lion Kyle been a long time Tail Twister, he has been past President of the Greenville Lions Club and served on many projects. Recently he has refurbished the food trailer and he is one of the co-chairs our 75th anniversary committee.

Greenville Lions Club had their food wagon at the Montcalm County 4-H Fair in Greenville for the week of July 4th thru the 10th. It is one of our biggest projects of the year. It was Greenville Lions largest income year at the fair. Next year the 4-H fair will start a new era at the new fairgrounds, just outside of Greenville.

MT. PLEASANT LIONS CLUB HOSTS OTHER SERVICE CLUBS



The Mt. Pleasant Lions Club hosted a meeting with special guests of members from other Mt. Pleasant area service clubs. The intent is to open greater communication and service lines between the clubs. Pictured from L to R are: Keith Spycher, Lions Club president; Mary Jane Flannigan, Zonta Club past president; Jan Trionfi, Kiwanis Club president; Karla Kwast, Lions Club past president; Krystal Campbell, Rotary Club past president; and Jim Binder, Optimist Club past president.