



## *Lions of Michigan – District 11-E-1*



**District Governor Lion Larry Morlock**  
**First Lady Lion Gayle**  
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My year as 11-E1 District Governor is just about over. It has been a rewarding experience for my wife, Gayle, as well as me. We have enjoyed meeting the Lions in each club and listen to the great things you have done in your communities. Even your efforts to stop the membership losses have been successful. The April membership loss for the year was thirteen—the lowest in several years. Anything you can do to put 11-E1 in the membership growth column by June 30<sup>th</sup> will be a wonderful accomplishment for the forty-seven clubs in 11-E1.

The Lions clubs are reporting mixed results with their fundraising activities. The ability of our less affluent communities to support our fundraising projects is becoming more difficult and thus many clubs need to examine their community charitable activities. These coming months will most likely not realize an upsurge in public support of Lions projects. My guess is in another two years we may again see the economic times here in Michigan improve. In the interim period clubs should search for and try new venues. Publicize your activities in the local media.

As your governor, I have given Region Chair Lion Tony Rutledge (Big Rapids Lion) permission to explore a radio program featuring Lions activities. There will be speakers representing our projects, music, etc. He will report the potential to a fall 11-E1 cabinet meeting.

Our new club organizing is still active in the M-66 corridor. The towns of Marion, McBain and Lake City have not responded as well as I had hoped. I still plan on making an attempt for 2 Lions clubs in the Ludington/Scottville area.

I hope that next year the Lions of 11-E1 fulfill their motto of “We Serve” in many ways that are both traditional and yet are bold enough to meet the challenges of our fluid society. No organization can rest on its past performance—you must always adapt and outperform your past successes in order to “We Serve”.

Thank you for all of your support during my year as your District Governor. Best wishes and luck for all the District officers and Cabinet.

DG Larry Morlock

## Governor's Travels

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VISITATION/EVENT</u>
June 8	Weidman Lions Club—Official Visit
June 9	Mesick Lions Club—Official Visit
June 15	Greenville Lions Club—Official Visit
June 17	Luther Lions Club—Official Visit
June 18	Hart Lions Club—30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
June 22	Big Rapids Lions Club Official visit
June 23	Manistee Lions Club—Installation of officers
June 24	Evart Lions Club—Official Visit—Installation of officers
June 29	White Cloud Lions Club—Installation of officers

Clubs that haven't scheduled visits by the governor, please contact him as soon as possible as our calendar is filling up fast. You can call him at 231 -734-5200, or email at [landg@netonecom.net](mailto:landg@netonecom.net)

### **Save this Date August 29!**

DG Larry Morlock's Appreciation Dinner will be Saturday, August 29, 2009 at the Holiday Inn in Big Rapids in the Great Lakes Room. Social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:45 p.m. More information will be forthcoming in the next newsletter along with the registration form that must be returned to DG Larry by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **ATTENTION CLUB SECRETARIES FOR 2009 -2010 CONVENTION MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR 2010**

As you know, the District Convention concludes every year on Sunday morning with a Memorial Service where we honor and remember all deceased Lions for the previous year. As club secretary you are requested to send a bio and a photo of any deceased member of your club to PDG Gary Lacy (11-C1). He has started a file for the 2010 District Convention Memorial Service. Those of you who were in attendance this year know that there were many Lions who were remembered with only their name and club, because we had no other information. Your Lion has dedicated his/her life to serving your community. Don't let the passing go unnoticed.

So, don't wait until convention time. As soon as your club loses a member to death, send the bio and photo to PDG Gary. E-mail him at [pdggary11c1@hotmail.com](mailto:pdggary11c1@hotmail.com)



***Lion DGE Wayne & Lion Deborah Kreitner***

This will be the last article that I will be writing as Vice District Governor. I am looking forward to moving on to Governor, following the great job that Governor Larry has done for the past year. By all means he has not finished his work in the District. He will be leading the Past District Governors in helping to rebuild and strengthen some of our clubs. One of our main goals for the coming year is to decrease our drops. There are several ways that we hope to help achieve this decrease; 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion John Monahan is currently working on a program through Lions Clubs International. We also need to be very strong in our orientation of both our current and new Members. If we could have succeeded in reducing our drops we could have without a question had a very strong plus in membership. In 2007/2008, we recruited 111 new members, had drops of 167 and deaths of 21 for a total loss of 77.

As of 6/9/2009, we recruited 119 new members to show an increase of 7.2%. Our drops at this time are 116 or down 44.5 % from last year and our deaths are up to 27 or up 30 % over last year's numbers. Let's continue to battle for new members and shut the rear door on members leaving; we need to hold the line on our drops forever.

We have a great bunch of new Zone Chairs for the coming year and a very strong base of Region Chairs and committees, so let's move forward as a team, grow and have fun. I am looking forward to working with 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Laura Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE John Monahan, the total cabinet and the members of this great District.

Governor Elect Wayne Kreitner

***Thought of the month***

***Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success has no meaning. Benjamin Franklin***

PDG's, Fellow Cabinet Members and Lions,

Attached you will find the dates that are currently planned for the cabinet meetings. **The mini cabinet meeting will be held at Camp Tuhsmeheeta, starting at 9:30 A.M. ending by 2:00 P.M., on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. This is a family affair including kids and we will need you to bring a dish to pass. Directions will follow later on how to get to Camp T.**

The rest of the dates are:

September 13, 2009

November 8, 2009

January 10, 2010

March 14, 2010

April 9, 2010, Friday at the District Convention in Muskegon

It is my goal for all meetings to start at 9:00 for rolls & coffee, meeting to start at 9:30 sharp. Lunch will be at 11:30 and I plan to end the meeting no later than 2:30 P.M.

All meetings will be held at Maxfields in Wyman, MI and we will attach directions at a later date.

I am looking forward to working with each of you this coming year.

Yours in Lionism,

DGE Lion Wayne

### **HEARING COMMITTEE UPDATE—LION GAYLE MORLOCK, CHAIR**

During the district convention we collected 5 hearing aids that have been given to the Speech and Hearing Center at Munson Medical Center. The EarLab was at the convention on Saturday. During the five hours, Lion Paul Hanrahan, audiologist, screened 41 people. That is the most that have been screened during a convention in several years. Twenty-eight people were referred to an otolaryngologist/Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) doctor and an audiologist for further evaluation.

Remember to protect your hearing as hearing loss is the #1 disability in the United States because of noise pollution!

### ***Camp Tuhsmeheeta Programs Begin June 21***

Camp Tuhsmeheeta, in Greenville, is a District project. (See the articles in the May Lion's Pride). Named for the 4 senses you have when you are blind. It is a camp which offers both summer programs and weekend workshops for visually impaired and blind youths and adults.

We still have campers registering for the 9 sessions offered. We will have lots of kids from Michigan as always, and this year we have several from Indiana, one from Massachusetts and one from Hawaii. Right now the camp is buzzing with energy with new staff arriving for training, volunteers chopping wood and staff getting tents pitched.

Mark your calendar! On August 1st the staff is hosting a 39th birthday party for Camp T. Picnic and birthday cake from noon till 2pm and concert and tours after that. Hope to see you there.

Many 11 E-1 district clubs have been very generous donors and helped to fund camp programs and

offer scholarships. We have an urgent request for scholarship funding for a young man whose father lost his job a month ago. The camper had eye surgery 2 months ago and really needs to come to camp for the support system campers offer each other. He wants to attend 4 sessions and tuition is \$850. We've raised \$200 so far, can anyone help?

Contact [campdirector@campt.org](mailto:campdirector@campt.org) or call 616-754-5410

### **10th anniversary Opening Eyes Program**



Thursday, May 28th, 2009 marked the opening day of The Special Olympics Summer Games in Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

This was a milestone for Lions Clubs International in as much as it was our 10th Anniversary of providing the Opening Eyes Program for the athletes who participate in the games. There were over 2500 athletes in this year's games and although the weather was a bit chilly, the Opening Eyes Team were able to give eye exams to more than 700 hard working participants and actually prepared prescription eyewear, goggles, and rec-specs to over 450 of those who participated. A great big Lions welcome goes out to the many Lions members and their spouses who were instrumental in this year's successful project. There were members from Mt. Pleasant, Sheridan, Onekama, White Cloud, Baldwin, and many other Lions Clubs from outside of our District. On Friday night at our daily briefing meeting, the Eye Doctors rose and gave all of the Lions Club workers a well earned "STANDING OVATION" for the many years we have participated. Good job Lions, we'll see you again next year!! Any Club that would like a program on what "Opening Eyes" is all about, please call or write: PDG Harry Johnson for more information. [lionharry@maxnet-usa.net](mailto:lionharry@maxnet-usa.net)

### **MANISTEE COUNTY LIONS DISTRICT 11-E-1 REGION 1 ZONE 3**

A District 11-E-1, Region 1, Zone 3 meeting was held at the Kaleva Lions Den on Tuesday, May 26, 2009/

Zone Chair Lion Carl Hawkins gave the invocation and a delicious pasty dinner was enjoyed. A discussion was held regarding the potential of the Manistee County Lions running "Texas Hold 'em" tournaments. Representatives from a company from Grand Haven, Michigan that runs tournaments was present to share information about Texas Hold em and the operations involved. The discussion was positive with good money making potential. The professional would run the tournament, furnish equipment and dealers. The Lions would handle all the money, sell chips collect money and distribute money. Lion Carl will talk to clubs that were not at meeting to see if there is interest. District Governor Larry Morlock suggested that we try a small number of tournaments then evaluate.

Having a Zone Christmas Party was discussed. It was agreed that the Kaleva Lions Club will host the party again at the Norman Township Hall on December 6, 2009 with a ten dollar meal. Potluck desserts and appetizers are requested to keep the cost down.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.



Respectfully Submitted,  
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**Carson City Lions Club Kid Sight screening**



Lion Rus, King Lion Tom,  
 Lion Pam, IPDG Bill and  
 PDG Harry Johnson



Lion Pam from Carson City  
 Going over rough terrain  
 to a door, directing parents to the  
 camera room.



Photo of Pam working her dog



Lion Russ from Carson City  
 Assisted as well



Lion PDG Harry doing the  
 photography work.



Outline of the health fair

The Carson City Lions Club invited PDG Harry Johnson and the District camera to assist in a health fair outside the high School Saturday June 5, 9:00 to Noon. PDG Harry processed 19 children under 5 years of age. It started out slow but it got busy as we were about to finish. Carson City Lions assisted with the application and screening beforehand. IPDG Bill Raymor did the training of the paper work and the project ran very smoothly.

**Lions of Michigan Service Foundation**

District 11-E-1 made club and private contributions to LMSF through March 31, 2009 totaling \$4,250.00 from twenty-one district clubs for an average of approximately \$22.00 per club. In addition nine Lion members made a contribution of \$1,551.20.

LMSF received a total of \$84,649.40 in club and private contributions in MD 11.

Thank you everyone for your participation , DG Larry Morlock

**Baldwin Lions Club**

The Baldwin Lions and Lioness Clubs were joined by the Midwest Eye-Bank & Transplantation Center in a very successful effort to recruit some of the 30,000+ motorcycle riders and their

passengers at the 34th Annual Blessing of the Bikes. A number of motorcyclists have already signed up previously for this terrific service to mankind. Lions Club members who recently took part in the "Buddy Days" at the Secretary of State office came up with the idea of spreading the word to the multitude of bikers who attended this annual event. The Baldwin Lions Club would like to thank the many participants who were interviewed and took part in this life saving program. "WE SERVE"

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laura Johnson, President  
Baldwin Lions Club

### ***Cedar/Maple City Lions Club***

The Cedar/Maple City Lions held their last Pancake Breakfast of the year. Our community support was good and our club support was outstanding. Daughter and son, Lion Carrlin & Gordon Waldenmyer doing sausages.



Monday, May 8, 2009, The Cedar/Maple City Lions inducted Randy Chamberlain to the Club. Co-sponsors, 1st VP Rob Serbin and Guillaume Hazael-Massieux presented him with the Lions Pin and Vest.

President Dave McNeil swore him in to the Lions.

### ***Coleman Lions Club***

Coleman Lions Club welcomed two new members into the club. An induction ceremony was held at the May 21st meeting for Mary and Jerry Lewis, pictured between Lions Al and Ann Roeseler. The Lewis', long-time, recently retired residents of Coleman, are already getting involved in some of the club's new projects and fundraisers!



President Mary Jo Fachting recently presented four scholarships to students graduating from Coleman High School. Receiving a \$300 C.W. Gordon Memorial Scholarship was Lance Mayhew. Leo Club member and this year's club president, Sarah Robison received a \$500 scholarship, and two \$250 scholarships were awarded to Tyler Jenkins and

Katherine Benchley.

This coming weekend as Coleman hosts their annual car show, the Coleman Lions will serve their first pancake breakfast! This will take place on Saturday, June 13th from 7 to 10 am at the VFW Hall in downtown Coleman. Members of the Coleman Lions will also be selling tickets for their new Cash Raffle on Friday at the Burn Out and Saturday at the VFW Hall and at the car show.

Raffle prizes totaling \$1,500 will be drawn on September 19, 2009 in Coleman at our new "Charter Night Banquet." Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for six. For more information about the cash raffle or the Banquet, call Ann at 465-6482 or 465-1099.



### **Greenville Lions Club**



Lion District Governor Elect Wayne Kreitner presented a program on their trip to the U.S.A./Canada Forum and their wonderful time there at the forum and their wonderful trip back through Canada and along the northern shore of Lake Superior. The slideshow they presented was very good and looked to us, they had a great time.

Greenville Lions are preparing for our annual fund raiser the second week of July. July 12-18. We have a food trailer at the Montcalm County 4-H Fair in Greenville. We man the trailer with 3 members at a time. It is our biggest fund raiser of the year and our proceeds go to community projects. July of 2008 was our best year in a couple years and we are hoping this year will be even better.

### **Lakeview Lions Club**

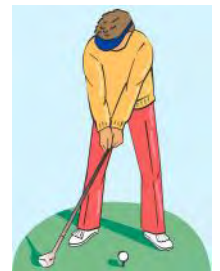


Lakeview Lions work with Local Grocery store to have a brat sale in Lakeview. They have held two of them so far this year and they hold these sales on Wednesdays. The plan is to hold eight more of them throughout the summer months. The weeks they do not have them other organizations in Lakeview hold them and so far Lakeview Lions have done the best job of selling them. The District Editor was there May 20 and the local community was very supportive of the Lakeview Lions Club. The proceeds go toward community efforts along with District and State Lions projects.

### **Lakeview Lions--Bill Wales Memorial Golf Outing**

July 23, 2009 -- 9:00 A.M., Brookside Golf Course, 1518 Johnson Rd. - Gowen, Mi., Call for directions.

Come join us for one of the absolute best golf outings of the summer. The day starts at 9:00 a.m. and includes the first nine holes of golf and a cart for each two golfers, light lunch at the turn. The second nine holes and cart, then an absolutely unbeatable steak dinner and prizes. We awards at the end of the tournament. We have been told over and over that this tournament is the most fun and best value of any that you will play. The total cost is only \$50.00 per golfer for everything.



Please call King Lion Gary Baker at (989) 352-7376 for a team registration form. For those of you that did not know former Lion Bill Wales, he was a past cabinet secretary for a few years and a teacher at Lakeview High School. We dearly miss Bill, he was an asset to our club and to our community.



### ***Stanton Lions Club***



Stanton Lions Club completed another successful sap season. We collecting 5,679 gallons of sap (which turned into approximately 142 gallons of maple syrup.) The club raised \$2,913. The funds which go to support worthy projects in the Stanton community and beyond. The maple trees throughout Stanton were tapped on February 26<sup>th</sup> and as many as 12 different Lions worked at collecting the sap through March 24<sup>th</sup>. Nine trips were required to transport the sap to the Shepherd Sugar Bush. The trailer pictured above has two large vats which hold about 670 gallons of the sugar water. On April 25<sup>th</sup> couples enjoyed

a pancake breakfast at the Shepherd Maple Sugar Festival.