



District 11-E1 Newsletter 2010 - 2011

Together We Serve"

June 2011



Governor Lion Laura & PDG Lion Harry Johnson

Well, here we are at the end of my term as your Governor. I can honestly say it's hard to believe twelve months have passed! It's been an interesting, sometimes challenging year, but a wonderful experience. I'm very thankful for all the many friends I've made in the District and around the state, and I look forward to serving alongside them in years to come. I recently had the pleasure of completing my tenth year as a Lion volunteer at the Special-Olympics Opening Eyes Vision Screening program during the Summer Games held at Mt. Pleasant. What a rewarding experience knowing we are providing a service to many athletes who otherwise would never get an opportunity for a vision examination, let alone a pair of glasses. With the help of over 100 volunteers, the athletes are escorted to fourteen different stations. This year, with the help of our International Director, Dr. Gary Anderson and Lion Cheryl Anderson, the screening process included the use of the new Pedi Vision camera, on loan from his District 11 C-1. This gave our Lion volunteers a chance to see the new style camera operate firsthand.

In the final step, they are fitted with the glasses which they have selected, from the most stylish frames available. If they are a swimmer, they get prescription goggles, if they are in a contact sport; they are given prescription safety glasses, in addition to their everyday glasses. Remember, this is all done free of charge, and the glasses are made on site, while they wait. Occasionally, there will be a script that will have to be made off site and mailed to them. This year a new record was set for number of athletes screened, over 1,000! The summer games in Mt. Pleasant screen more people than any other Opening Eyes programs worldwide. This is all made possible with the partnership of funds from the eye care professional industry AND a grant from our LCI Foundation. Thanks to PID Dr. Dennis Cobler, who initially submitted the grant, the program continues to be funded by LCIF dollars. This is a vibrant example of where YOUR donations go to help others right here in OUR District! I want to personally say "THANK YOU" to the Lions who took three days out of their lives to volunteer. We had many Lions working from the Mt. Pleasant club, as well as Sheridan, Onkama, Luther, Baldwin and White Cloud, plus our International Director Gary and Lion Cheryl Anderson from 11 C-1. Well done everyone!

In closing, I would like to thank the members from the Hart, Cadillac, Luther, Midland and Baldwin clubs who came out to our home after the fire and helped with the demolition. Thank you to all the clubs that sent cards and donation to us after the fire, we really appreciated all the support from everyone, and we love you all! The latest and final update is our new home is onsite. The electrician and plumber have to do their part and then we can move in. YEAH!!!!

Finally, I want to give thanks to all district Lions for assisting in making my job run much smoother. Also an outgoing thanks to all the Clubs for welcoming Lion Harry and I with great hospitality. God Bless all you Great Lions From 11-E1.

Sincerely Your District Governor,
DG Laura



1st Vice District Governor Lion John Monahan & Carolyn

Fellow Lions,

On the first weekend of June, a number of Lions from Mt. Pleasant, Luther, White Cloud, Baldwin, Sheridan, and Grand Rapids volunteered for the 12th Opening Eyes sight screening for Special Olympic athletes at the annual summer games in Mt. Pleasant. International Director Gary Anderson and Lion Cheryl brought a PediaVision camera from District 11C-1, our convention partner, to the screening to compare results with standard auto refractor method of screening for need for glasses. Most of the athletes were screened with both and the results were to be compared to check the PediaVision system for accuracy. Some athletes could not be screened with the PediaVision camera, either because of eye problems or unwillingness to look at the camera. Nevertheless, the PediaVision screening went well and PDG Harry Johnson had a chance to screen some of the younger children with the camera. When Opening Eyes was completed, Lion Harry and Governor Laura Johnson took the camera to Carson City for screening during Frontier Days. During Opening Eyes, the crew of optometrists, technicians, optometry students, Lions, and other volunteers screened 1014 athletes, many of whom were fitted with glasses. The ones not fitted with glasses received sun glasses or RecSpecs or swim goggles. Opening Eyes is a great program and a great reason to volunteer to serve. Just one more reason it's great to be a Lion.

I received a call from the director of Lions Club International Foundation about the grant that some of your clubs so generously pledged money toward. She asked about financing the program, and I assured her that your pledges were as good as gold. She also asked about training. I told her that there were three main areas that Lions will need to be trained in sight screening children. First, Clubs will need to develop a list of day care providers and elementary schools in their area, explore with the providers and schools about sight screening, and develop permission slips that will satisfy the providers and schools as well as the clubs need for protection against liability. Of course, once dates are established, the permission slips need to go out about 10 days before the screening. Second, clubs will need to survey all the eye care professionals in their area to find out who's available for those needing to be referred. Then they will need to find out which will accept referrals at a reduced price for families who cannot afford full price. Of course, that means that clubs will need to allocate funds in their budgets for children who will need financial help in order to be screened further. Of course, that will likely mean a strain on the eye glasses budget. Finally, there will need to be some brief training in using the new cameras. That training should be relatively brief and we will have trained members of the Children's Sight Screening Committee in your area available for help as needed. The Foundation Board meets at the end of June and we should find out fairly soon after that whether we received funding. If we are not funded, I believe that the District, with the help of clubs can itself buy at least two cameras. Keep your fingers crossed.

I am excited about going to Seattle to learn how to be your governor for the coming year. There are four days of DGE seminar, which I hope will bring clarity to a number of issues facing Lions. I am looking forward to serving our district this year, especially helping clubs reach their goals.

Yours in Lionism,

John S. Monahan, DGE



2nd Vice District Governor Bill Simpson & Vickie

Let's Talk About Talk

Communication: "The exchange of thoughts, messages or information; interpersonal rapport; the art and technique of using words to impart one's ideas."

Being a district made up of 47 clubs, we are naturally a top driven, wide based, supported organization. Our goals and activities come from leadership developed at both the district and the club level. To remain effective we must have clear and understandable communications in some sort of a common language. Typically, it's the written word, but pictures also work and can add fun and clarity to the topic being presented.

We all do better when goals are clearly stated and written, when directions eliminate confusion and when insight and consideration is used to reach all concerned. If this were the military, we would call it a "battle plan." The battle plan would describe the objective, the time table, the area of operation and the troops involved. It would establish a leader and a direct line of communication from the top to the front line personnel. Only when you follow these proven procedures can you hope to succeed in communicating.

As a volunteer, I like knowing what someone wants me to do and when it should be done. This applies to all of our committees, clubs and district projects. So, my point is, if you have been chosen to run a project, head up a committee, even if it's a one Lion effort, do a written battle plan, communicate to those on your team and make sure everyone knows what you expect.

Yours in Lionism,
Bill Simpson
1st VDGE

Please Note 1st VDGE new e-mail address:

dgbill2012@charter.net

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for the update for our District Book. Thank You!**



LIONS NEWSLETTER
ZONE I, REGION II

Clare, Coleman, Harrison, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, Sanford
JUNE 2011

Keith Spycher (speaker) from the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club will be your new Zone Chair. You have heard from him as he is trying to set up an officer training session for next year's club officers. I know that you will work with him as effectively as you have assisted me in performing my duties as Zone Chair. I want to thank you all for the time and effort that you give to your clubs,

I will be taking on the Global Membership Team District Coordinator position. It is a new position that incorporates membership, retention – keeping present members in place, and extension – developing new clubs. I will be developing some new guidelines and be a trouble shooter. I plan to attend our Zone meetings.

I have some sad news to report. The Clare Lions Club is dissolving as of June 30. The club has had some problems for the last few years. The membership decided that they couldn't continue. I will be working with a couple of the Clare Lions to try and revitalize the club in the next year. The Clare Lions Club was started 40 years ago.

District Governor Laura reports that all of our District clubs have made contributions to the Leader Dog School this year. Let's continue to support this outstanding state project.

COLEMAN LIONS: Coleman has been busy working their concession wagon. They worked two day at the Yoders Amish Auction and at the May 29, Veteran's Memorial Concert in Coleman. Two STAR Leos helped both weekends and will be honored for their work. Coleman Lions are presenting five scholarships to Coleman High School seniors. Four of them are Leos. The Lions will be selling raffle tickets and 911 signs at the Rod Bender Car Show in Coleman on June 10 and 11.

MIDLAND: Midland Lions have completed their street drive for White Cane and are in the process of completing their letter drive. The club has been busy parking cars for the Loon's Baseball games, planting flowers on Eastman Road for "How Midland Blooms" and participated in the Midland Memorial Day Parade. A Golf Outing, Chicken Bar BQ and A Hole in One Contest is all planned for July as fundraisers for the club.

Your new Zone Chair, Keith Spycher has set up a training session for new Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers. It will be held on Tuesday, June 14, at the Isabella Bank at 139 E. Broadway in Mt. Pleasant at 7:00p.m. Details have been e-mailed to new officers.

HARRISON:

Harrison Lions held a breakfast for the community the last two Saturdays. They are planning an ice cream social and raffle for June 25 and have entered a float for the July 4, parade. On July 16, they are sponsoring "Camel Racing" (gambling game and drinks) as a fundraiser. August 1- 6, the club will be featuring Bingo games in the afternoon and evening at the Clare County Fair. On August 15, the Lions have chartered a bus to a Tiger Ball Game for a well-deserved day of entertainment.

SANFORD:

Sanford Lions are in the process of painting a car

THANK YOU!

Lion Pete Conarty, Zone Chair, Region II Zone I

Fremont Leo's



Pictured 2nd VDGE Tim Anderson and, Leo Kendra Alt

On Friday June 3rd the Fremont Packer Leos held their end of year Award Picnic to honor and recognize those within the club for all their hard work throughout the year. With friends and family in attendance along with Lion guests from the Fremont Lions President Carl Homsher and from Cadillac 2nd VDGE (Youth Coordinator) Tim Anderson, Leo Advisor Laurene Homsher passed out certificates and expressed accolades for the Leos of her club. During his remarks to the group Lion Tim stopped and presented 2nd time club President Leo Kendra Alt with the districts new DANDI Lion Award (Leo of the Year) citation and plaque. Leo Kendra has been an outstanding Leo and asset to her club and community! Congratulations Leo Kendra!

Coleman Leo's



Pictured Governor Laura Johnson, Leo Justinne Oldenburg

The Coleman STAR Leos recently held their annual Election of Officers / Awards night celebration. Besides family and friend on hand were Governor Laura Johnson and Youth Coordinator (Leo Chairman) 2nd VDGE Tim Anderson. Current Club President and Senior Leo Justinne Oldenburg was surprised and honored when she was presented with the new District Governors Award of Excellence recognizing her for all her hard work and accomplishments she has achieved within her club.



CRYSTAL LIONS CLUB 2011
BENEFIT AUTO RACING SCHEDULE AT CRYSTAL MOTOR SPEEDWAY
Sidney Rd. ¼ mile east of blinker light, Crystal, Michigan

Gates Open- 5PM ...Races Begin- 7 PM
Pro Stock-Pro Truck-IMCA Modified-Street Stock-& Flinn Stock
Adults \$5.00 - Children (ages 5-11) \$3.00 - Pit Pass \$25.00

Our proceeds benefit the community through the many services provided by the Crystal Lions Club
WEDNESDAY'S

JUNE 1, 2011 Kids Night- 11 & under Free, accompanied by an Adult.

JUNE 8, 2011

JUNE 15, 2011

JUNE 22, 2011

JUNE 29, 2011

JULY 6, 2011

Our thanks to the Community and to
Crystal Motor Speedway for your continued support.



Greenville Lion's Club
Celebrates
75 years of Service

June 24, 2011, Friday

Candlestone Inn, 8100 Storey Road, Belding, MI 48809

6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. – Social Hour – Cash Bar

Dinner at 7:00 P.M., Lemon Rosemary Chicken with rice or

Top Sirloin with baked potato for \$20.00.

Please make your reservations by June 17, 2011 to Lion Debbie Kreitner,
514 W. High St., Greenville, MI 48838, with your choice of meat and your payment enclosed.
If you have any questions: call Lion Debbie at 616-754-8409.

Midland Lions

AWARDS NIGHT

Lion Bernie Philabaum received the prestigious Melvin Jones Award and Lion Mary Schendel was honored as Outstanding Lion of the Year on May 17 during the Social Night Event. The following Lions received service awards:

<u>Ten Years</u>	<u>Fifteen Years</u>	<u>Twenty Years</u>	<u>Thirty Years</u>	<u>Fifty Years</u>
Jim Dunlap	Fred Fletcher	Ron Johnson	Mark Freed	John Swank
Pat Dunlap	Art Kuper		John Hoshaw	
Mike Hoy	Thayre Talcott			
Dennis Johnson				

The Midland Lions Club presented a beautiful pink rose to each Midland Lioness Club member who attended. They were honored for their 28 years of service in Lionism and support of the Midland Lions Club.

This will be the last year for the Midland Lioness Club, but the current members, some who will join the Lions, and will continue to support the Lions.

Thank you to Lion Sandy House and the Social Night Committee for a wonderful evening of wine tasting, cheese and good food in a beautiful setting at Whiting Forest.

23RD ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ DINNER

The 23rd Annual Lions Chicken BBQ will be held on July 16, 2011. The cost of tickets will be \$8.50 and the tickets will be handed out in June once Meijer's has given us the discount coupon, which we hope to print on the ticket. The menu is the same. We will begin serving at the Pavilion at 3 pm until 7:30 and will have off site pick up from 4-6 pm. The off site location will be the same as last year, the parking lot on Jerome Street south of the BP Gas Station. This year there will be teenagers in Chicken costumes to attract customers.

The Friday Prep will be at Trinity Lutheran Church beginning at 8:30. We will be doing the same prep as we have always done. Many hands make light work.

Please either sign up at a Lions meeting or contact Lion Ed Schendel at edschendel@comcast.net or 586-254-2728 for a spot to work on Friday and/or Saturday. This is a busy and exciting time of year to be a Lion! Please help in whatever way you can!

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Mt. Pleasant Lions

On Monday, June 13, Mt. Pleasant Lions officers were installed by IPDG Wayne Kreitner from the Greenville Lions. They had a first in the history of the club; King Lion Keith Spycher is holding the position of President for second year. This has never happened before in their history of the club. But yet another Lion Gary Conant has started up the ladder for a second time as 3rd Vice President, so it is a history making year for them.

Another thing that they did for the first time was instead of having flowers on the tables, they had bowl of vegetables that were displayed beautifully. Then next day they were taken to the soup kitchen to be used to help feed the hungry. What a great idea, good job Mt. Pleasant Lions.

Honor Lions

On June 11th, Honor Lion Kim Wattles officially said goodbye in Rochester at Leader Dog to Lynard, her 9th puppy trained Leader Dog. His new "partner" lives in the Lansing area and says they'll all keep in touch. The Honor Lions are proud to have Lion Kim and her trainees as members. Kim is very active in the community, and beyond, giving presentations and facilitating Lionism awareness.



Pictured above is Leader Dog Puppy Raiser with Lynard

Wow, what a wonderful night that was on Saturday when I went to meet Lynard and his new owner. Lynard was soooo happy to see me, as you will see in some of the pictures! The gentleman, William is from Lansing, Michigan. Saturday night will always be imprinted in my head and heart ... man; I love that boy "of mine"! So proud of him!



Its official, FLD Lynard is now the working Leader Dog! He was matched up at the end of May w/his new special person, William, who lives in Lansing, Michigan. So if you are ever in Lansing, keep an eye out for Lynard!! William loves Lynard and is so happy to have him. He calls him his gentle guide ... as I always called him my gentle soul! I was able to meet him on June 11th at Leader Dogs and to me, it was "icing on my chocolate cake" event!! I am so proud of him. Now let's hope that FLD Journey can fill those big paw footprints next year! Lynard was # 9 for me.

**Editor's Note: We should all be very proud of Lion Kim Wattles from the Honor Lions Club for her great job in raising such great dogs for Leader Dog. Imagine raising 9 dogs that made it! Congratulations to Lion Kim!!!!!!
Thank you Kim.....**

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Come on out and show your support for 2 GREAT community causes



McBain's

**Lions All State Band Kids
Trip to Seattle Washington**

June 28 - July 7

Lake City's

**Greatest 4th of the North
Fireworks**

July 4th 10:30 P.M.

Donation jars will be set out so people can contribute directly to either cause they choose - All donation money collected WILL go to whichever groups name is on the outside of the jar

Cast your vote at the dinner - Everyone will be given a ticket and asked to vote for which of the two causes they would like to see any general donations from the night go to.

Thursday June 16th, 4:30pm - 7:00pm

St John's Lutheran Church

3815 South Morey Road

Lake City, MI 49651

\$5.00 Donation - Per Person

Children age 5 and under eat FREE!! Money raised will go back out to these causes

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"ROCKETS RED GLARE"



"SEATTLE OR BUST"



MANISTEE COUNTY LIONS

Serving Our Communities



JULY EVENTS

MANISTEE NATIONAL
FOREST FESTIVAL
July 1-7

BEAR LAKE DAYS
July 8, 9 & 10

KALEVA DAYS
July 15, 16 & 17

ARCADIA DAZE
July 22, 23 & 24

ONEKAMA DAYS
July 29, 30 & 31

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL LIONS CLUB TO HELP!

