



## District 11-E1 Newsletter 2010 - 2011

Together We Serve"

May 2011



Governor Lion Laura & PDG Lion Harry Johnson

### **GREETINGS LIONS, LIONESS AND LEOS!**

I hope all of you are enjoying the spring weather! There are so many tasks to do this time of year. This is also our (we Lions) busy time of year. Most clubs have held their White Cane sales by now. I know of several clubs that are hosting Golf tournaments in the coming weeks. These events are all excellent opportunities to promote your clubs activities and service projects. Many clubs are using the trifold brochure handouts; others use a display board listing where they donate their monies. These are both excellent PR tools to get the word out about what you as a club are doing to help the community. Another great opportunity to be seen in your community would have been to participate in the recent Buddy Day program at your local Secretary of State office. Lions all around our District, and the state were in the lobbies wearing their vest, shirts, hats or other attire that identified themselves as Lions. They were not selling anything. They are asking John Q. Public to sign on to the Gift of Life program. With the help of Lions like yourselves, 2,549 more donors were added to the list on Buddy Day alone. How AWESOME is that to know we are helping to give life to at least that many more people! THANKS to all who participate! Also, if your club has not made their donation to the Eye Bank, or any of our other State or District projects, please consider doing so. It doesn't have to be a large amount to show your support. All our projects are serving YOUR community!

In closing, I would like to remind all of you to stay focused on building the membership in your clubs. If your club has lost members due to death, please try to find a replacement for them. Our District has been holding fairly steady in membership to date, being down only 4 members at the end of April. If we all work together, we can finish the year stronger than we started! Hope to see you at the MD-11 convention at Auburn Hills!

Yours in Lionism,  
DG Laura



1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Lion John Monahan & Carolyn

Fellow Lions,

Now that May has finally turned up the temperature, we will be able to spend time with our families outdoors enjoying Michigan. The trees are budding a little later than usual, but the promise of a beautiful flowering spring is in the air, pollen included. This is also a time for renewal in Lions. We elect new club officers and make plans for the coming year. I hope one of your plans is to send in your PU-101 with the names of the new officers. We will also have a number of new Zone Chairs. There will be a Zone Chair training session for the new Zone Chairs this weekend. Of course the new club officers will also need to be trained. So there will be a series of club officer training sessions held over the next month or so. We will have sessions for incoming presidents, for secretaries, and for membership committees. All of these club officers and their club members need to plan carefully to understand and meet the needs of their own communities. For that reason, we hope that as many clubs as can will undertake community needs assessments. That way, if there are community needs that are not being addressed by the Lions or other community resources, Lions can offer possible solutions.

Last month, many of your clubs pledged money for matching funds for three new KidSight camera systems. In total you pledged over \$11,000, of which \$4,000 came from individual pledges. Thank you all for your generosity. The grant application went out last month, and we should hear back sometime in July. I hope that many clubs will make KidSight a signature project. Sight screening of young children is a community need everywhere. Parents typically have no idea that their child may have correctable vision problems. The project is a hit with parents everywhere, and those parents can be potential new members. We have a committee made up of PDG Janalee McClure, PDG Dan Gibbons, 1st VDG Bill Simpson, and Lion Lloyd Helder, MD who will make sure that you can get the training you need to hold your own screening and the access to a camera screening. They are very enthusiastic and ready to help.

We have two new cabinet officers this year. One is the Global Membership Team District Coordinator, Lion Pete Conarty. The other is the Global Leadership Team District Coordinator, Lion Carl Hawkins. These are brand new positions for Lions, and I hope you will welcome each of these leaders when they come to visit your zone or your club. Their work is vital to the survival of Lionism in our district.

Finally, I want to thank you for electing me as your incoming governor. If there are ways I can help you or your club, please let me know. This job requires a lot of time and energy but is made much easier by the work of the District Cabinet and District Committee Chairs, by the members of the Governor's Advisory Committee, otherwise known as the Zone Committees, and by the officers and members of the 47 hard working Lions Clubs in District 11E-1. Each of you is fundamental to the success of the district. I am looking forward to working with each of you this year.

Yours in Lionism,

John S. Monahan  
DGE



2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Bill Simpson & Vickie

This past weekend Vickie and I attended the Onekama Lions 44th anniversary party. I was honored to be the guest speaker and was pleased to see many club members, both local and those coming from a distance. In reviewing material for my talk, I learned about Onekama's history and relevance to their community. I learned of school fund raising events, of social interaction with Girl and Boy Scouts, of eyeglass programs, of building a Clubhouse and the trials of maintaining the structure as the building grows older and the community and state changes around them. What I learned was what we all experience as Lions living from day to day and caring about our environment. It was confirmed again that it's the people that count and make the process happen. You and I working together, within the family we call Lionism, make our communities and the world a better place to live.

Keep up the good work.

Lion Bill

1st VDGE

**Please Note 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE new e-mail address:**

[dgbill2012@charter.net](mailto:dgbill2012@charter.net)

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

## Coleman Lions Club



After two weather delays, Coleman Lions were finally able to conduct their spring Adopt-A-Highway clean up. Seven Lions and friends collected 34 bags of trash along U.S. 10 on May 1. Coleman STAR Leos plan to clean the ramps on May 15 to complete the project.

At the May 2 meeting, Coleman Lions and guests learned many facts about Diabetes. A certificate and donation to their education fund was presented by King Lion Curt Gordon to Maxine Guettler, RN from the Mid - Michigan Diabetes Center. Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness and many people don't know they have it. Simple changes to diet and exercise can make a big difference.

On May 20 & 21, Coleman Lions will have their concession wagon at Yoder's Amish Auction near Clare. Koegel Hot dogs and polish dogs are the main fare. This will also be the kick-off for our annual raffle ticket sales. This year's prizes are a 32" HDTV, a Garmin GPS and a camouflage sled. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Come see us at Yoder's! The drawing will be September 17 at our Charter Night event.

## Cedar/Maple City Lions



The Cedar/Maple City Lions finished their last Pancake Breakfast for 2011. We raised \$650.00 for a student that needed a hand held portable scanner. The first photo is left to right, Lions Tom Triebes & Gerry White at the door. Next are Lions Douglas Parkinson & Melinda Lautner doing eggs?



**LIONS NEWSLETTER**  
**ZONE I, REGION II**

***Clare, Coleman, Harrison, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, Sanford***  
**MAY 2011**

THANK YOU to all of our Zone Lions Clubs. All of our clubs have pledged or are in the process of considering contributions for the new Kids Sight Pedia Vision digital cameras. The grant requesting \$15,000 from Lions International has been written and sent. If International accepts our grant, we will be able to buy three of these cameras to serve our District's children.

**Retention Tool:** Zone Chair Lion Pete introduced a Lions Individual Club Assessment form at the last Zone meeting in April. Each club has been asked to discuss the merits of having each Lion evaluate their club and then administer the evaluation form. This is a great way to find the strengths and weaknesses of your club and it gives each Lion an opportunity to give his/her input. Often officers may not be aware of little problems or items that are bothering individual members. If you should discover problems, an action plan should be developed to solve them. Zone Chair Pete has asked each club to send him a summary of their results. This is a good tool to maintain healthy clubs.

**CLUB NEWS:**

**CLARE** – Clare Lions had a successful cheesecake fundraiser. They sold 80 cheesecakes and earned over \$500. They had a two day White Cane Drive the last week of April.

**COLEMAN** – Coleman Lions hosted an informational meeting about diabetes. The meeting was open to the public. The club will be taking their concession wagon to the Yoder Amish Auction on May 20-21 and are selling Emergency 911 address signs.

**HARRISON** – Harrison Lions are doing a breakfast for the community on May 28 and an ice cream social on June 25. The Lions are in the process of planning a glow stick sale and a parade float for the July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities. A party is being planned for the installation of the Lions, Lioness and directors on the third Wednesday of June.

**MIDLAND** – Midland Lions will be parking cars for the Loon's Baseball games all summer. They will hold their two day White Cane Sale on May 13 and 14. Midland's Sight Conservation Committee reports that they have serviced approximately 165 applications for eye exams and eye glasses so far this Lions year. A Midland Lions Golf Outing is planned for July 9, at the Curry Golf Course. All Lions are invited to participate.

**Mt. Pleasant** – Mt. Pleasant Lions are involved in their biggest fundraiser, the Chicken Barbecue. This is the club's 57<sup>th</sup> Bar BQ and will be held on Sunday, May 1, at Island Park from 11:00- 2:00. The club's goal this year is to sell 5,000 tickets.

**SANFORD** – The Sanford Lions are busy with their two days White Cane Drive. They parked cars for a Loon's Baseball game in April.

**Membership** is still a key to our growth. We have two months left in this year to try and boost our numbers. Your best technique is "Just Ask"!

Please run off copies of this newsletter and share it with your members.

Region II Zone I  
Pete Conarty, Chair

## Midland Lions

### MAY 17 SOCIAL NIGHT

The May Social Night will be held on Tuesday, May 17, from 6 to 8 P.M. at Whiting Forest, 2303 Eastman Ave., Midland. All Lions members, guests and Lioness are invited. Our meal will be prepared by "Catering by Rachel" and it will include a plated tossed salad, buffet style entrée including a beef dish, a chicken dish, whole green beans and buttered noodles. Rolls will be served at the table and coffee and water will be available. Assorted desserts will also be served at the buffet table. Gar from Eastman Party Store will be serving three different wines during the course of our meal. He will begin the evening with an appetizer wine with a serving of cheese and crackers, then another wine will be served with our main entrée, and a dessert wine will be served at the end of the main meal. If you or your guest would prefer a non-alcoholic wine, please let Mary Schendel know when you confirm your attendance with her. Cost for the evening will be \$17.00 per person. Thank you to Bernie Philabaum for all of his efforts to plan this Social Night. We hope to see all of our members in attendance.

### LIONS SERVICE AWARDS

The Midland Lion Club has eleven members that will be honored at the Lions Social Night on May 17, for years of service as Lions. Certificates will be presented to: Ten Years of Service – Jim Dunlap, Pat Dunlap, Mike Hoy and Dennis Johnson; Fifteen Years – Fred Fletcher, Art Kuper and Thayre Talcott; Twenty Years – Ron Johnson; Thirty Years – Mark Freed and John Hoshaw; Fifty years – John Swank. Congratulations to all of our certificate awardees for their years of service. A special commendation is in order to Lion John Swank for his fifty years as a Midland Lion. Other highlights of the evening will be "The Outstanding Lion of the year Award" and we will recognize our Lioness for their contributions to the Midland Lions Club and our community over the last 27 years.

### Leader Dog at the Lions of Michigan Forum



Leader Dog, District North Chair, Lion Kim Wattles took these pictures at the Michigan Forum, Journey is on the left, black lab and Lindy is on the right in the first picture. Journey is Lion Kim's Leader Dog in training and Lindy is Leader Dog in training with IPDG Lion Kevin & Lion Ann Storberg from 11-C2. Journey is sleeping after a long day at the Michigan Forum.

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## Cadillac Lions



On a Very COLD and Very WET April 28th five brave members of the Cadillac Lions Club set out on a Community Beautification project (Highway Clean-up), walking a nearby roadside they collected trash that had been discarded and had built up over the winter. A total of 14 bags were filled in the 2 hours spent out in the rain and the wet, cold, group of Lions left the highway looking much better then when they arrived!

Pictured are Lions Mark (son) and Mike (father) Holdship showing how families and Lions make a difference!

## Empire Lions



The annual Pancake Feast was held by the Empire Lions Club as a fundraiser for donations to the many Lions Club programs. Over 300 hungry community members attended to support the Lions Club efforts.

Pictured left; are Lions Tom Radamacher, Claude Fields, Tom Rose, and King Lion Leigh Payment cooking up a storm.

Pictured right; are Lions Larry Krawczak, Jim Dorsey, Kent Kelly, and Bill Meldrum ready to serve over 300 people.

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## Empire Lions



The Empire Lions added swings and benches to the children's playground which they constructed last year at Johnson Park in Empire. The swings and two benches were donated by Lion Jack Einodshofer and two more benches were donated by the family of the late Lion Vance Diggins.

Pictured left; are Lions Clarence Davis, Dave Taghon, Pat Taghon, and John Spring.

Pictured center; are Lions Bob Zimmerman, Bill Meldrum, and Tom Rose.

Pictured right; are Lions Dave Taghon and Claude Fields (foreground)

## Traverse City Lions

**NMC Barbecue** – Lion Cordell Rehkopf, Chair; The Barbecue is scheduled for May 22, 2011. This will be the 28<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that we have been ticket sellers on the day of the Barbecue. Call Lion Cordell to volunteer your time.

**Glasses Collection** - Lion Paul Hanrahan, Chair – Requests for eyeglasses continue to be in excess of our ability to fulfill the requests. Lion's eyeglasses collections boxes have been placed at Grand Traverse Ophthalmology; Scarbrough Family Eye care, The Ear Lab at Munson Hospital, and Dr. Ed Stewart's office.

**Road Cleanup** – Lion John Hunt – The Road Cleanup took place on April 23, 2011. Four bags of trash were collected. Participants were Lion John Hunt, Lion Cordell Rehkopf, Lion Paul Hanrahan; and Lion Jim Pascoe. The next date will be announced at a future time.

**Membership Growth** - Membership Committee members are Lion Paul Hanrahan and Lion John Hunt. Adding a family unit qualifies the new members for the Family Membership Dues rate. We have already added **three** new members for our current lion's year. We welcome Lion Bill Young, Lion Nancy Simmons, and Lion Sal Falsette.

## Luther Lions

The Luther Lions did their spring road clean-up on May 10th combing 2 miles for trash and debris. On May 25, we will have a Ham & Sweet Potato Dinner and then on Sunday, June 5th we are having a breakfast proceeds from which will be donated to help buy the new digital cameras for Project KidSight. All are welcome and should consider themselves invited to attend any or all of these events!

## Weidman Lions



The Weidman Lions Club dedicated the Bill Halfmann Memorial Lion at the 2010 Wheatland Festival. The inscription reads: In memory of our former Weidman Lions. Your loyalty and service to our community will never be forgotten. Children enjoy playing on the Lion.



The Weidman Lions Club held the annual Peace Poster Contest at St Joseph School, Beal City, MI. Pictured left to right: Principal Mary L. Hauck, Runner up Natalie Finnertie received a \$50.00 savings bond, 1st place winner, Mackenzie Schneider, received a \$100.00 savings bond, Weidman Lions club President, Lion Thomas Girvin.

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## CRYSTAL LIONS EXCITED ABOUT 2011

Crystal Lions President Theron Guild, is excited to be leading Crystal's Lions Club for his second year. The club had a busy agenda in 2010 and we hope to have a very successful year in 2011.

We would like to invite all Lions Club members to attend our races. Our annual Crystal Lions Benefit Races start in June (see schedule below) at the Crystal Motor Speedway. Starting our first race night with "**Kids Night**" (children ages 5-11 **FREE**, accompanied by an adult). The Lions Benefit races offer a great evening of family fun. Most races end before dark and tickets are discounted for children and adults.

It is projects like these and our annual Fruit Sale in November that raise the funds necessary to allow us to assist those in need and be involved in the other projects aiding our community. Our gratitude and thanks goes to the area businesses and community members that are always there to support us.

Become part of the pride "We Serve". Interested in becoming a Crystal Lions member?  
Contact Randy Simmon at 989-235-2234.



### 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.

### **Lions Club's International**

When it comes to meeting challenges, our response is simple: We serve. It's something that unites Lions around the world. And it's unconditional. Lions aren't limited by continents or restricted to certain causes. We help wherever, whenever and however we can.

### **Quote**

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched.  
They must be felt with the heart.

Helen Keller

## Greenville Leo's

The Greenville High School Leo Club was formed this school year as a way for students to serve their community and have fun. The club was sponsored by the Greenville Lions Club and meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month.

The Leo's have been very busy this year, helping the Greenville area in many ways. Toys and stuffed animals were collected for children in need at Christmas time. The distribution of over \$12,000.00 is a major event and the Leo's were tremendous with the shopping and distribution.

Many Leo's participated in two spaghetti dinner fundraisers for the Greenville Lions. We served over 350 meals in two hours. There is a lot of work involved, but we have a great time at these events.

Throughout the school year, Leo's have provided child care for the Greenville Public Schools evening parent meetings. The organizers were grateful to have responsible, punctual teens willing to give their time out of very busy schedules.

This spring the Leo's helped out with the Yellow Jacket Challenge, a 5k race with over 500 participants. We cleaned the Flat River Trail prior to the race and filled 500 snack bags for the runners and walkers. During the post-race "Fun Runs" and a " Mascot Chase," they were terrific with the children. Also that week, we did yard work for the Habitat for Humanity house and filled the Community Garden boxes with about 15 yards of dirt.

Our latest challenge was helping the Greenville Daily News with the Taste of Home Cooking School project. We stuffed 900 goodie bags with around 15 items per bag. It looked impossible in the beginning, but 2 ½ hours and 6 pizza's later the job was done. We had a great time and were assisted by five Lions members.

We are looking forward to the summer and will be involved with the "4-H Fair" and the "Danish Festival."



Pictures above are from the Taste of Home project that the Leo's recently did the Greenville Daily News.