

DISTRICT 11 E1 MAY NEWSLETTER

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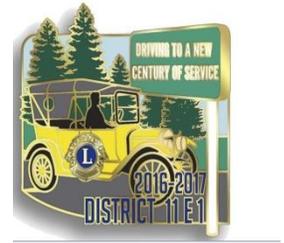
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**DRIVING TO A NEW
CENTURY OF
SERVICE**



DG RON GIBSON'S MESSAGE

My wife Barb and I recently visited some long time family friends. The wife is 90 years old and her husband, a Lion, is 92. They're special to us in many ways. Their children and my wife went to school together and that bond remains strong today even though they live out of town. Bob, the Lion, sponsored my membership into Lions 16 years ago and has been a wonderful mentor. As we were visiting, he said he was thinking about dropping out of Lions after 54 years of membership because he couldn't do all the things he once did. So I asked him what he could do and he cited a list of half a dozen things that he still did for our club. His wife, my wife, and I all suggested that he was still a valuable asset to our club and it was not yet time for him to step away. He accepted that and is already looking forward to an upcoming club function. We all understand the importance of finding and bringing in new Lions to our clubs. Let's also recognize, embrace, and encourage our older, long time Lions who have taught us much and are still an important part of our clubs! Young or old, together We Serve! DG Ron

HISTORIC REVIEWS – 11 E1 CONVENTION PRESENTATIONS 1917-2017





CHIPPEWA LAKE/MECOSTA LIONS PROVIDE LIBRARY BOOKS

These books are on display at the Chippewa Lake library with a sign indicating they were purchased with funds donated by the Chippewa Lake/Mecosta Lions.

It is a mixture of books for all ages - some "board" books for toddlers, picture books for older kids and some chapter books for the older readers. The theme for our Summer Reading Program this year is "Build a Better World."



**MESSAGE
1ST VDG
PEGGY
WALLS**

It is said that if you wait a few minutes the weather in Michigan will change either for the better or the worse. While we may not be able to do much about this fact, the fact remains that we are in charge of our own decisions. When we decided to become part of the Lions International family, we made a commitment to serve. Now our community is asking us to serve in a greater capacity. In order to accomplish this, more hands are needed. The only way to get these "hands" is to encourage others to join us in our mission. Asking, one to one is still the best way to let another know of our association and just what it means to be a Lion! Now is the time to make the decision to "grow" our garden of Lions. As you plant those garden seeds, make the decision to plant a few "seeds" of Lionism for the betterment of your communities. A legacy worth leaving is a strong Lions Club in your area. Lion Peg



LUTHER LIONS CLUB

District Lions gathered at the Luther Lions Club to clean and sort eye glasses for the District 11 E1 Lions Mission trip to Mexico next winter. Twenty Five thousand eye glasses are needed to make the trip. Mission Chair PDG Harry Johnson is encouraging clubs to collect and donate their glasses to this cause. Glasses can be brought to officer training sessions to be picked up or at the MD11 State Convention May 17 and 18. The sorting/cleaning sessions are scheduled at the Luther Lions Den for May 5th, if they have enough eye glasses and on May 27th. Contact PDG Harry Johnson at lionharry1947@gmail.com.



**MESSAGE
2ND VDG
AL ROESELER**

A wise person once observed that change is inevitable, except from a vending machine. All of us have witnessed an amazing amount of change. In my youth I remember listening to the Lone Ranger on radio, calling my friends from the one phone in the middle of the house and during our summer vacation using an outhouse and a hand operated water pump. Lions Clubs are no different. Any of you who attended District Convention of Friday night saw the amazing changes in Lions over the last 100 years. In fact the structure of Lions is designed to promote change. International Presidents, District Governors, and Club Presidents have one year terms. Each brings with them fresh ideas and new perspectives.

The problem with change is that it can be uncomfortable. Unfortunately too often we see new ideas being shot down. "We have never done it that way", or "We tried that 20 years ago and it did not work". One definition of insanity is to repeat the same thing and expect different results. We cannot improve our service to our communities, or grow our clubs without trying new ideas. Lions need to be willing to step outside their comfort zones and expand their vision. Keep in mind that new ideas do not guarantee success. Thomas Edison commented that he had learned over 800 ways not to make a light bulb, before his breakthrough. I am sure we all agree it was worth the effort. I am confident that clubs will not have to try over 800 new ideas to find a keeper. Commit your club to trying at least one new idea a year.

AROUND THE DISTRICT LIONS NEWS

Vestaburg Lions held an Easter egg hunt at the old train depot. Fifty children participated to hunt for eggs filled with candy. Three bicycles were given away. Cedar-Maple City Lions are planning a Vendor's Market at their Lions Den on May 6. Thirty vendors have signed up to sell a variety of products. A donation lunch and bake sale will also be featured. Stanwood Lions are looking at options to partner with another club to adopt a park in Roger Heights.



WEIDMAN LIONS HOST LEADER DOGS

The Weidman Lions Club hosted guests from Leader Dog. Pictured is Sherry Miller with her leader dog, "Smitty". Sherry talked about raising nine leader dogs. Puppy raiser Cindy Shaffer brought her puppy, "Dryfus" and puppy counselor/puppy raiser Suzanne Ramos came with her dog, "River". They both shared information about raising a Leader Dog.



DISTRICT 11 E1 CALENDAR

- May 1, DG visits Greenville
- May 2, DG attends Day at the Michigan Legislature, Lansing
- May 3, Officer Training, Harrison
- May 8, DG visits Cedar-Maple City
- May 9, DG attends Region 3, Zone 2 pasty party at White Cloud
- May 13, Onekama 50th Anniversary Party/Dinner
- May 16, Officer Training, Onekama
- May 17, DG visits Stanton
- May 18-20, MD11 Convention, Traverse
- May 23, Officer Training, White Cloud
- MAY 29, MEMORIAL DAY



ONEKAMA LIONS CELEBRATE 50 YEARS!

“Congratulations Onekama Lions!”

The Onekama Lions are hosting a 50th anniversary party on May 13, at the Onekama Lions Den. All Lions are invited to join in celebrating this event. The festivities start at 6:00 p.m. with a cash bar. A pork Loin/chicken dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. PID Ester LaMothe is the featured speaker. Tickets are \$15 a person and RSVPs are needed by May 3. Contact Pam Schroeder at 231-889-4870 to make a reservation.

ONEKAMA NEWS

The Onekama Lions sent Easter treats to the Onekama Elementary School, kindergarten thru the 3rd grade classes. The students received candy filled eggs, suckers, and pencils. Some of the eggs had special prizes in them to receive big bunnies, coloring books or reading books. Fun for all.

The Onekama Lions will host a free Senior Citizen Spaghetti dinner on April 24th. The Lions will serve seniors in the area at no charge. The Onekama School Superintendent will give a talk on the latest happenings at the school.

LAKE ANN LIONS - FUNDRAISERS

The Lions are hosting a Pancake Breakfast on the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, May 28, 2017, 8 A.M.-Noon at the old township hall in downtown Lake Ann. Prices are \$6 for ages 13 and up, \$3 for 5-12, free under 5 years. The menu consists of all you can eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, and applesauce, plus orange juice and coffee. Lake Ann Lions will be hosting their 22nd annual Golf Outing on Saturday, June 10, 2017. The outing will be held at the Mistwood Golf Course in Lake Ann. The fee is \$70 including a cart and lunch. A registration form is available on their website, lakeannlions.org. The Lake Ann Lions just completed a highway cleanup.



Big Rapids Lions Provides Books to Mecosta-Osceola Education Center

The Big Rapids Lions Club has as part of its mission to serve the needs of visually impaired community members of all ages. In response to that mission, the Club recently provided books with attached CD's to the Mecosta-Osceola Education Center (MOEC) for the use of visually impaired students and other students in the Center library. MOEC is a center-based special education school that services students with moderate to severe cognitive and/or physical disabilities. The Center has recently implemented a school library to meet the needs of these students. Some of the students have visual impairments which may limit their access to paper copy books so having books with a CD version was one of the needs of the library.

Picture - Merrilee Hill-Kennedy, Teacher for the Visually Impaired; Beth Bonds, MOEC Special Education Supervisor; and Denny Finney, Big Rapids Lions Club Second Vice President.

MANISTEE LIONS PROVIDE FREE LUNCH

In April, the Manistee Lions hosted a Community Table for the residents of Manistee. The club hosts this event twice a year. The event held at St. Joseph's Parish fed 129 people dishes of ham, potatoes, corn, rolls, a dessert and drink at no charge to the participants.

PAM BLIZZARD IS HEADED TO LEADER DOG SCHOOL

My friends all ask, "Are you getting excited?" Well, yes! My suitcase is packed and I'm ready to go. I have to admit I'm looking forward to spending the next 19 days where my only household responsibilities are keeping my bed made and doing my own laundry (facilities available). Then there are 3 delicious meals a day, prepared and served for me. No cooking and no clean up. All I have to do is bond with my new dog and spend hours walking. I will walk every morning and afternoon with the dog in harness learning a new pace and pull and adjusting to the new methods the trainers at Leader Dog are using. Then I will walk with the dog on leash around the dorm just getting to know each other better.

The other question I get asked is, "What kind of dog will I be getting?" The answer is I won't know until Wednesday morning after breakfast. The breed and sex of all of our new dogs is a well-kept secret. The first two days are spent working with my trainer. She needs to know my walking pace and dog handling abilities. We talk about my home environment and expectations. It is a last minute check to make sure the dog planned for me will be the very best match possible.

When we get home the real work begins. My new dog will have to adjust to my house and yard, get acquainted with my friends and learn my neighborhood while remembering all of the guide work it learned in four months of training. By next fall we should be ready to start visiting the Lions Clubs of District 11 E1. I would very much like to introduce my new dog and tell your club all of the new things happening at Leader Dogs for the Blind.

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COLEMAN LIONS ACTIVITIES

Coleman Lions sponsored a local student to attend summer camp at Chippewa Nature Center. Program director Jen Kirts was presented with a check at the April 3, meeting, after describing year round and summer opportunities available at the Midland area camp.

Our annual Bake Sale at the Coleman Area Library was a big success. Thanks to all of our buyers and to our bakers, especially our zone chair Diane Fleming who made baklava for us to sell! Thanks also to our Senior Center friends who bought most of the goodies brought over to them the last afternoon. Leftovers were donated to another local group for their sale.

Several Lions participated in the Coleman community Scavenger Hunt on April 15, handing out clues and candy to the 150 children who participated. Our concession wagon was one of the stops. The hunt concluded with hot dogs at the family center as well as prizes. The weather cleared up just in time for this fun family event.

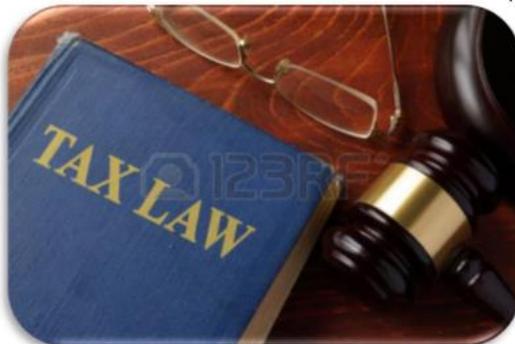
IS THIS DONATION TAX-DEDUCTIBLE?

All Lions Clubs need to be aware of the IRS classification of nonprofit organizations.

While most people who donate to Lions Clubs assume that the donation is tax-deductible, that is not necessarily so.

A Lions Club that is classified as a 501(c)3 can issue a receipt to the donor which allows for a tax deduction; however, most Lions Clubs are not classified as a 501(c)3.

To receive the 501(c)3 designation from the IRS, the club must complete IRS Form 1023, Application for Recognition of Exemption. This form is 26 pages long, but not all pages are applicable to Lions Clubs. There is also a \$400.00 user fee payment required at the time of filing. You may find this form on the internet. Just search for IRS Form 1023.



If your gross annual receipts are less than \$50,000 and your assets are less than \$250,000, then you may file an IRS form 1023EZ and pay only \$275. Again, you can find the form on the internet by searching the form number.

So, if you are asked to provide a receipt for a donation so that the donor can deduct it from his/her taxes, then check with your club officers to make sure that you can legally provide that receipt.

Also, make sure that any tickets that you sell do not indicate that the price of the ticket is deductible if it doesn't fit the above criteria.

ONLY 501(c)3 organizations can legally provide a tax-deductible receipt.

Let's keep it legal!

IPDG Bob Gingerich



Club and District Officer Training Sites 2017
Dinner 6 pm, \$8; Training 6:30 pm, All Venues

Wednesday, May 3: Harrison Lions Den, 417 Fairlane, Clare Co. Fair Grounds.
Baldwin, Barryton, Cadillac, Coleman, Ewart, Harrison, Midland, Mt. Pleasant,
Shepherd, Vestaburg, Weidman - 11 Clubs

Tuesday, May 16: Onekama Lions Den, Manistee Co. Fairgrounds, 7587 1st St.
Arcadia, Bear Lake, Cedar-Maple City, Empire, Frankfort, Hart, Honor, Kaleva,
Kingsley, Lake Ann, Luther, Manistee, Mesick, Northport, Onekama, Traverse City
- 16 Clubs

Tuesday, May 23: White Cloud Lions Den, 294 N. Charles (M-37).

Big Rapids, Carson City, Chippewa Lake-Mecosta, Crystal, Edmore, Fremont,
Greenville, Howard City, Lakeview, Newaygo, Remus, Sand Lake, Sheridan,
Stanton, Stanwood, White Cloud - 16 Clubs

Officer Training Faculty

Zone and Region Chairs	DGE Peggy Walls
Presidents and Vice-Presidents	PDG John Monahan
Secretaries	Lion Karla Roebuck
Treasurers	PDG Bill Simpson
Membership Chairpersons	PDG Jim Walls

Notable Attendees

DG Ron Gibson
1nd VGE Al Roeseler
2nd VGE Jackie Glazer
PDG Jerry Brandt @ Harrison
PDG Pam Schroeder @ Onekama
PDG Dan Gibbons @ Onekama
PCC Janalee McClure @ White Cloud

Please let me know if your club needs a different date than the one listed here.
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CHIPPEWA LAKE-MECOSTA LIONS FUNDRAISER

HELP! LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE FROM OUR DISTRICT HELP!

Chippewa Lake-Mecosta Lions Club will be sponsoring Jared Roebuck for Lions Youth Exchange and has generously donated \$200 toward his expenses. He still needs approximately \$1,800.00 additional funds for airfare, insurances, etc. Have we ever had an outbound Youth Exchange from District 11-E1? I know we have not had any from Chippewa Hills Schools, where Jared is an honor student. **Jared will be representing Lions clubs values and goals in another country** and he will be more than happy to share his exchange experience when he gets back, either at the club, zone, or District level. Please consider a donation for this special project for this very special young man who will be back from Spain just in time for his 18th birthday and his installation as an official Lion, something he has been looking forward to for many many years. Then in August, Jared will be headed to Michigan Technological University to become an Engineer!

Jared is so excited at the possibility of spending a month in Spain placed with his exchange brother David Leoz from 1991 who is now an attorney and lives in Barcelona with his wife and 2 children. David last visited the U.S.A. when Jared was just a toddler.

The State Youth Exchange Coordinator will provide orientation prior to departing this summer. Thanks for your consideration of this proposed joint venture in promoting Lions youth exchange in District 11-E1!

A note from PCC Janalee McClure from White Cloud Lions Club in the 2017 Tidbits:
Jared was a Lion Cub before the District had Lion Cubs! The first picture is Jared in his first Lion jacket. **He has attended 12 District Conventions and worked in the computer room with his Lion Mom & Dad, Karla & Bob Roebuck and Lion brothers Randal & Tyler every year.** Please send any and all checks for Jared's Youth Exchange trip made out to:
Chippewa Lake/Mecosta Lions Club, 12195 Arthur Rd., Rodney, MI 49342.

Jared turns 18 this summer and will then be the 5th active Roebuck Lion in our District!



Jared at his first Lions Convention Age 5



Jared today at age 17

ATTENTION

Important Announcement!

FOR ALL CLUBS

NEW MEMBER "ENTRANCE FEE" INCREASE

(Effective July 1, 2017)

Lions Clubs International has announced that effective July 1, 2017 membership initiation fees for a new member joining an existing club or the fee for a Charter shall be consolidated into a single category called "Entrance Fee."

- All new members joining after July 1, 2017 will pay a \$35 entrance fee
- This is the first fee increase since 1993
- The entrance fee increase will support the development of:
 - o Enhanced new member kit with ongoing new member communications and tools
 - o Upgraded MyLCI 2.0 to provide members a destination to track their activities and engage with other members
 - o New service programs to support the new global service framework rollout
 - o A mobile app for members to serve on the go
 - o Digital LION magazine including mobile magazine app

Waiting until July 1st to add your new members this year WILL cost your Club or them additional money!

As of July 1st you should STOP using all literature that has the current "Entrance Fee" on it Membership Applications, Club , State, International Instead you will need to publish or request "NEW" literature to use with the correct updated Member "Entrance Fee" .

Please keep informing your MEMBERS of this information right up until the end of the year, a lot of clubs have the habit of holding new members over trying to save paying dues for 1 or 2 months at the end of the year and starting the new year with new members but if they do that this year it will actually cost them more money with the increase in the New Member "Entrance Fee". They need to be added NOW!

HURRY AND SIGN THOSE NEW MEMBERS UP NOW BEFORE THE PRICE INCREASE!

Youth engagement is a cornerstone of the LCI service framework and each of its five signature service areas. The future of service belongs to youth, and we have an opportunity to guide them as Lions. Encourage young people to volunteer with your club. Listen to their ideas. And give them meaningful leadership roles when they serve. Young people can be more than just volunteers—they can be our partners in service.

Here are three great ways you can start engaging youth in your community:

Reach out to a local high school or youth organization—offer to plan a joint service project, and consider funding it.

Invite youth to participate in your next service project—involve them in planning and give them meaningful roles.

Take it to the next level by exploring LCI's youth programs—sponsor the Peace Poster Contest, get involved in the Youth Camp and Exchange program or start a Leo club.

Lions International President Chancellor Bob Corlew