

Lions of Michigan

District 11-E1

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A Message from Governor Wayne,

I am back!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Still recovering and thank God for all the support from the Lions Family, from the State and even the International level, along with my own family. Enough about me.....

Here we are in March and my 1st Vice District, 2nd Vice District Governor, region chairs and zone chairmen along with special Lions friends in the District have taken up the slack for me while I have been gone. In our last reports, we were at a minus 18 for the District. This is a very achievable number to make up, to be able to finish the year at my plus 1, as I have set in my goals. After the training of the new guiding Lions for which I understand that we had many participate!!! Today, we have a team in Ludington, canvassing to try to get a club restarted in that great town.

I know that it is going to be very hard to reach all the clubs that I have missed in 7 weeks, but I will be to your club even if it takes me through July and August, which is into the new governors year. I made a commitment to see every club and I will keep that commitment. As I look at the projects and the achievements of everyone in the district have completed, I cannot be prouder of every thing that you have done to try to make the district grow.

Now, let's talk about upcoming events: We have our District convention with 11 -C1 coming up in April on the 9th, 10th and 11th at the Holiday Inn in Muskegon. This is a great facility and there are many activities planned by the committee for this convention. Let's start with Friday night with Halloween in April, along with visits to the Frauenthal Theatre, the culinary school, plus for ums that will be helpful to everyone. I ask that you please plan on attending or at least sending one representative from each club. Each club has at least one delegate, or one for every ten members, as of March 1, 2010. This is your district and you need to help make the decisions.

Let's now talk about the Lions of Michigan State Convention which is on Mackinaw Island at Mission Point Resort on May 14th, 15th and 16th. This convention is very important to the State of Michigan Lions, during this time we will be electing a Lion to represent the State of Michigan at Lions International level running for the office of International Director. I know this is a long trip for many of you. But please consider bringing your family or yourself, if not only for the day to vote on the island. There are special rates for the ferry. It is very important that Michigan has a say on the International Board of Lions. Please, please consider a day trip, if you can't stay, come and vote. Remember to register your delegates. I hope to see you there in strength; 11-E1 needs to have a good turn out to support the candidates.

Again, thank you for all your support, prayers, cards and calls. See you all at the convention.....

Yours in Lionism,

DG Wayne



1st VDG Laura Johnson, Husband PDG Harry Johnson
Baldwin Lions Club lionharry@maxnet-usa.net

SPRING GREETINGS TO ALL LIONS OF 11 - E1

Although there is still snow on the ground, there are little signs that spring is nearly here! Traditionally, I spot a robin by St. Patrick's Day. Let's hope the days will continue to warm up as we enjoy daylight savings time.

On a personal note, I've once again had an awesome opportunity to serve the people of the Dominican Republic as part of the Vision Mission team of Lions from Districts 11 C-1 and 11 E-1. Under the leadership of PCC Dr. Gary Anderson, our team of 25 Lions dispensed at least one pair of eye glasses to over 2,650 residents of the city of Santiago and the surrounding villages. In the state of Santa Domingo there are 70 Lions clubs! The District Governor Carlos Tavares, from the Moca Lions divided the state into quadrants. He asked that each of the four days of our clinic, 10 to 12 Lions clubs sent volunteers to serve as interpreters. These clubs also rented buses that brought people from the rural areas into the clinic. Most of the people have no transportation, and were very grateful to make the 90 minute drive into the city so they could receive glasses. When our team arrived each morning at 8:00 a.m, we were met by over 400 people already in line! Many had been in line since 4:00 a.m. People young and old alike were seen. The youngest was a three year old with crossed eyes. He was being held by his mother who was getting her eyes examined. The doctor noticed the child's crossed eyes, examined him and when the doctor put the appropriate glasses on the little boy, he was able to focus correctly, just that fast! The oldest was a ninety three year old woman, who came with her granddaughter and great grandson. P.D.G. Harry had the honor of fitting them all with glasses.

Overall, there were many special moments. I now have many new Lion friends in the Dominican Republic who I'll be sure and look for at future International Conventions! That is what is so great about our organization. You can travel to other countries, meet Lions for the first time, and you are welcomed and treated like family.

We all share a common purpose – to serve those around us less fortunate. Language has no barriers; we served side by side, got the job done and gave new vision to the people of the Dominican Republic!

One highlight of the trip was the installation of six new Lions to our mission team. They all became members of a branch club of the Grand Valley Campus club.

Just remember, you don't have to travel to a foreign country to serve. We Lions in 11 E -1 are making a difference in the lives of those in our own neighborhoods with each service project we do! Be proud to be Lions!



2nd VDG John Monahan, Wife Carolyn

Mt Pleasant Lions Club john.monahan@cmich.edu

Fellow Lions,

We have had a wonderful run of sunshine and warmer weather. It seems that spring is on the way. I can't wait. In the mean time, last month the Michigan Lions Forum was held in Lansing on February 20. The guests were International Director Dick Sawyer and his wife Fay from Arizona. Director Dick talked about "Catch and Hold NOT Catch and Release", with suggestions for retaining new members. He discussed membership, leadership, retention, and having fun, all great ideas for successful Lions Club. I introduced Kurt Seblay, the CEO of the Penrickton Center in Taylor. The Center offers 5 day residential, day care, and consultation services to blind, multi-disabled children, ages 1 to 12. Kurt's program was demonstration using audience members and a blindfold. He showed us what he calls active learning and what happens without it. It is an important project for districts in the Detroit area.

There were a number of other programs that were useful and interesting. I hope you will put it on your calendar when it comes around next year. Coming up on April 9, 10, and 11 is the 11 -E1 District Convention. There will be a number of interesting events including a Friday evening Mix & Meet, The Governor's Banquet, and the unified hospitality room. There will also be voting for District candidates and proposals. It is in Muskegon, but there should be no lake effect snow, just good weather. I hope to see you there.

I hope you will keep our ailing Lions in your thoughts and prayers. Governor Wayne is recovering, but has a way to go, let's hope he makes steady progress. Past Governor Bill Raymor is currently under the weather. Region Chair Connie McMorris is recovering from knee replacement, as is 1st Vice Governor Laura Johnson. There are other Lions in less than robust health that could use thoughts and prayers. Maybe the coming spring will work its wonder on Lions as well as trees and flowers.

The governor's membership goal for this year is for each club to add at least one member to its total. Only if you ask, will they join, so please ask.

Again, I hope to see you in Muskegon in April.

Yours in Lionism,

2nd VDG John Monahan

Quote of the month

"A great leader's courage to fulfill his vision comes from passion and not position"

John Maxwell Quotes

Region II Zone 3 meeting

Fellow Lions

Our next Region II Zone 3 meeting is being held in Cadillac Tuesday March 16th @ 6:30pm - \$13.00 for meal at McGuire's Resort in Cadillac, Michigan. The Club President and or Secretary are asked to attend the zone meetings along with any other interested club members. If you're unable to attend please try to get another club officer to fill in for you.

Please RSVP to me no later than 3/10/10 so dinner arrangements can be made.

There are 2 zone meetings left for RII Z3 for this year: Cadillac on Tuesday March 16th @ 6:30pm - \$13.00 for meal. Luther on Wednesday May 19th @ 6:30pm - \$7.00 for meal
The speaker at this point will be State Representative Darwin Booher but that may change if there happens to be a vote pending on the day of the meeting.

Also Special Guest Appearances by:

PDG Linda Bosma who will introduce herself and tell why she wants to run for International Director & Lion Bill Simpson who is running for Second Vice District Governor in 11 -E1 & Vice Zone Chairman Lion "Lil" Pete Steven's after his long tour of our zone will be making his return to the Cadillac Club.

F.Y.I. Since this meeting takes place 1 day before St. Patrick's Day it might be a good idea to wear some green if not it may cost you some!

Thanks and hope to see you all there!

ZC Lion Timothy Anderson
Cadillac Lions Club
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Region III Zone 1 Information

We haven't been in contact for the last month. I have been out of town. I want to thank the Coleman and Harrison Clubs for keeping me up to date on their fundraising efforts and activities.

As you have all heard by now, Gov. Wayne is home recuperating. Let us all continue to keep him in our thoughts as he heals.

A reminder: our last Zone meeting for this Lions year is Wednesday, April 14. The second Wednesday of the month and right after our District Convention. I will need to know the number of delegates that will be attending from your club by April 12 - A.M.

If you have any topics that you would like discussed, please let me know by e-mail as soon as possible. With Easter and the District Convention the week before our meeting, I will have to get my meeting agenda completed early. This would be a good meeting to bring your President -elect to. Introduce him/her to our Zone if they are not familiar.

Also, I hope that each club has seriously considered sending a delegate to our District Convention. Keep up the good work and let's build on our membership.

Lion Pete Conarty, Zone Chair

CONVENTION APRIL 9, 10, 11, 2010
MUSKEGON

Registrations are due by March 20, after that registration goes up

Bring your Banner and stand for Flag Ceremony

Auction items – donate something from your club, it helps to keep costs down for convention .

New member Induction – I need the list of new members, that have joined since last convention, if they are attending convention .

Deceased Members – Please send me a picture and short bio of your members that have passed away since our last convention. Send to Lion Pam Schroeder as soon as possible. Clubs are encouraged to help with the candle ceremony for your deceased members .

Dress for the theme – HALLOWEEN IN APRIL – we have trophies, so join the fun .

Very informative forums planned

Send in delegate forms to Lion Gayle Morlock, we do have things to vote on.

Questions call Lion Pam Schroeder 231 -889-4870

SEE YOU THERE FOR A WEEK -END OF FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ear Lab Notice

All convention delegates are urged to bring used hearing aids for recycling at the Munson Hospital Speech and Hearing Center. As you know hearing loss is the Number 1 disability in the United States.

The drop off box will be located at the delegate certification table.

Lion Gayle Morlock, Chairperson District 11-E1 Hearing Committee

STATE CONVENTION

MISSION POINT, MACKINAW ISLAND

The state convention is May 21 & 22. We will be on Mackinaw Island for a fun convention.

Registration forms will be out in our next Lions Pride

Get your room reserved soon as we now have people also staying at the Island House.

We have a reduced ferry rate on the Star Line, it will be \$14 .00

If you take your bike additional \$8.00

Ferries run from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 – 6 p.m.

There is a \$4 luggage transfer fee that will be added to your room bill, this is for round trip.

Friday night is a movie night free of charge, snacks and beverages available on cash basis .

This will be a fun convention, with discounts on some attractions.

So come join the fun.

WATCH FOR THE REGISTRATION FORMS

We hope you join us for a fun, relaxed convention

Baldwin Lions Club

Most recently, the Baldwin Lions Club purchased 4 pair of glasses for local residents. The requests for glasses have far exceeded the allowance normally budgeted. Many Clubs are faced with like circumstances. On an awesome Service note, Our President Lion Harry and First Lady Laura went to the warm, sunny country of the Dominican Republic and visited 4 different Lions Clubs. One of those Clubs single handedly built 4 schools, 1 Fire station, and 1 Hospital. Wow, talk about community service!! We also worked hand in hand with their District Governor Carlos and his wife Gladys on the Eyeglass Mission. We are preparing a Community Night much like the one that Sand Lake had for sometime in April so that we can share with our local folks the true meaning of Lions Clubs International services and all of the **GREAT** things that all of us do.

Cedar/Maple City Lions Club



Glen Noonan and Lion Phil Williams serving the pizza. Thanks, Pat Hobbins, Secretary, Cedar/Maple City Lions Club

Our February 22 meeting was our annual Club Pizza Party for all the kids. Lion Glen Noonan (Charter Member) donates the pizza and serves it to all. Conservation Officer Mike Borkovich was our guest speaker and talked about the History of the Michigan Conservation Department (late 1800's). He had plenty of real life stories about poachers! Photo 1; Conservation Officer Mike Borkovich and King Lion, Rob Serbin, next were Lion Glen Noonan and Lion Phil Williams serving the pizza.



Evert Lions Club

The Evert Lions Club participated in the Winter Funfest. Lion Deb Struble, Lion Terese Whitten, and Lion Paula Mertz worked at it.

The club sold Drummond Island Valentine fudge hearts and is in the middle of the fundraiser for Easter bunny fudge and 1/2 pound fudge boxes.

Lion Larry Alman will present at our first meeting in March on Camp Tuhsmeheeta.

Getting ready for our International Night where the exchange students and host families are invited to discuss their homeland and to make comparisons to life here. First Vice District Governor Laura Johnson will attend that meeting.

Fremont Lions Club

Mark Your Calendar

Fremont Lions Club 50th Anniversary Celebration

Monday June 7th 6:30 pm

"The Shack"

More info and RSVP forms next newsletter

Fremont Lions Club welcomed new member Frances "Fran" Lensky in February. Lion Fran was recruited by Past District Governor Lion Lynn Mast.

Greenville Lions Club



If anyone has been to our club meetings, we sing two or three songs and many, many years ago, we used to have a piano player and have gone without any accompaniment till this year we have been lucky to have some good accompaniment with Lion Mark Warnshuis designing a new instrument. It has brass sounds, woodwind, and percussion all built in one. We do not think these have gone into production as of yet but you just have to be at a meeting when Lion Mark brings it with him.

Our song leader Lion Dan Eagles now has some back up.

Greenville Lions Club will be having its 4th Spaghetti Dinner on March 19, 2010 and we prepare enough food for three hundred fifty people. We normally get spaghetti sauce, spaghetti and meat donated from local businesses and we purchase the other ingredients. Our club has a wonderful time putting on the dinner. Our members each bring two desserts and also we go around town and sell advertising for our placemats and that helps us get the word out. We take posters around town to local businesses and our members all get tickets to sell and we do a good job of pre-selling tickets. Money that we raise goes to club projects.

Harrison Lions Club

The Harrison Lions Club (HLC) partners with Clare County Fair Board (CCFB) to help with CCFB Reverse Raffle. This annual event takes place each year to raise funds to assist the CC FB in providing Mid Michigan with a week of fun and entertainment.

The Reverse Raffle is an event that provides food, beverages and entertainment for two hundred fifty plus fun loving people. Prizes for the evening range from \$50.00 to the grand prize winner receiving \$2,000.00. The event is held in the HLC hall. The CCFB provides the BBQ pork and beverages, and the HLC provides the remaining food for the delicious dinner. We also cook and serve the food and do the clean up after the event. Some members of the CCFB also help with clean up duties. Our cooks start cooking and preparing the food at noon and clean up ends around 10:00 P.M.

We have twelve to fifteen Lions who give of their time and talents. Besides the partnership with the CCFB, we have an enjoyable evening renewing friendships and making new friends. So we have another Harrison Lions Club successful community project.

Kaleva Lions Club

Kaleva Lions are having a Soup Luncheon on Saturday March 20th. 12:00 till 2:00 at Kaleva Lion's Den. Come enjoy soups, breads and desserts from some of our best local cooks. This is a free will donation luncheon, with proceeds going to support area Lions programs. We will have pasties for sale also; remember we serve pancake breakfast every Sunday 8:00 till 12:00 except Easter Sunday.

Midland Lions Club



Update on Trip to Leader Dogs

Our trip to the Leader Dogs School is planned for April 20. Our host and tour guide will now be Kathleen Breen, Philanthropy Coordinator and Leader Dogs for the Blind. So far, several Lions from the Coleman Club are planning on joining us. We have not heard from the Sanford Lions Club yet. To help in arranging car pools and the ordering of pizza, a count of those attending should be in by April 6. More details will be in the April newsletter.

District 11-E1 Certification Form

Club Secretary—Remember to send your list of delegates, alternates and Past District Governors who will be attending the district convention in Muskegon to Lion Gayle Morlock before March 20th.

Past District Governors get a vote independent of the club delegates. List them at the end of your list of delegates/alternates.

The number of club delegates is based on your membership as of March 1, 2009. You get one (1) delegate for every ten (10) members or major fraction thereof.

As of March 6, 2010, I have received 2 certification forms.

Send to: Lion Gayle Morlock 9357 95th Ave., Ewart, MI 49631, phone 231-734-5200 (H)

Email—landg@netonecom.net

Thank you,

Lion Gayle Morlock, Chairperson, Certification Committee

Lions of Michigan

11 -E1 District Convention

Registration Form

Holiday Inn

939 Third Street

Muskegon, MI.

April 9, 10 and 11, 2010

Please print information on form: Must be registered to Vote!

Lions/ Lioness/ Leo Club _____ Office _____

Lion/ Lioness/ Leo Member _____

Address _____ City & Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Guest / Spouse _____

Registration fee is \$5.00 for each attendee. Amount enclosed: \$ _____

\$10.00 if after the deadline

(No charge for new members being re-inducted Saturday)

Friday Mix & Meet \$5.00 (cash bar, hors d' oeuvres, entertainment) \$ _____

Saturday Lioness and Leos Breakfast – ALL welcome \$12.00 each \$ _____

Saturday Lunch (Soup and sandwich) 12.00 each \$ _____

(If new member is being re-installed no charge) Sponsor is _____

Saturday Governor's Banquet \$22.00 each \$ _____

PICK ONE Pork Loin _____ or Whitefish _____

Memorial Service

Sunday Awards Breakfast \$12.00 each \$ _____

Make checks payable to District 11 E1 Convention Total enclosed \$ _____

Special Dietary Needs? _____

Mail Registration form with payment to: Lion Pam Schroeder

Registration deadline for meals is March 20, 2010 4829 Crescent Beach

Questions? Call Pam 231-889-4870 Onekama, Mi. 49675

Convention Room Rate \$ 75.00 per night

800-315-2621 or 231-722-0100t to reserve your room today!

Reminder – We are having our convention with District C -1