

Lions of Michigan

District 11-E1

“WE SERVE”



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A word from the Governor:

My Dear Lions friends,

It is with great honor that I say that we continue to gain members during these difficult times. It is because of you as hard working Lions spreading the word and bringing in new members. We are at a plus 11 as of the end of October. All of you have worked hard to achieve this and it shows that we continue to grow in the district. Now let's talk about drops!!!! There are many reasons why we lose Lions, whether it is monetary, work, family or other reasons. We need to know the reason that we are losing these members. That is where I need your help, advising us the reason for the loss. If you would please contact me at wkreitner@charter.net or 616-754-8409 or 2nd VDG Lion John Monahan at j.john.monahan@cmich.edu or 989-772-1852 as to the reason for the loss, this will give us a chance to help you or your club to save these members. For every member that we lose, we need to replace him or her with two new members to stay ahead of the losses. Also in regards to membership, we have a great membership chairman PDG Lion Lynn Mast at lmast@riverview.net or 231-689-6971, who I know would be willing to help you in anyway. Remember all you have to do is ask a fellow Lion and we will help each other. That is what we are about as a Lions family.

I have been very pleased with the reception that both First Lady Lion Debbie and I have received from every club that we have visited so far this year. We have had open round table discussions about Lions, Leo's, Lioness and even the new Cub program. One of the things that I have found in these discussions is that we are not doing enough orientation at the club level. What we need to do as we get new members is set them down; tell them everything that the club does for the community. It is recommended that each club consider having an orientation program put on by Lion Dave Rowe of the Harrison Lions Club at dwrowe2005@yahoo.com or at 989-539-7233 and he will help you in any way that he can.

If you look at our District Lions Roster book, there is so much help listed in the committee's section that you could have a program once a month and not run out for the year. This is what it takes to teach and motivate your members to want to go ask someone to join with confidence knowing that they can answer any questions about your club and what they do for the community.

Please be visible, active and continue to grow in your communities. Keep up the good work.

Yours in Lionism,

District Governor Lion Wayne

Governors Travels:

Nov. 1, Coleman Lions

Nov. 6, 7, State Lioness Conference, Grayling

Nov. 8, Cabinet Meeting, Wyman

Nov. 11, Northport Lions

Nov. 12, Bear Lake Lions

Nov. 14, Coloma Lioness Project, B2

Nov. 16, Honor Lions

Nov. 22, District Convention Meeting in Ludington

Nov. 23, Cedar-Maple City

Dec. 4, 5, 6, Council of Governors Meeting in Lansing



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FALL GREETINGS FROM 1st VDG LION LAURA JOHNSON

Well, the leaves have all fallen from the trees as I look out into my yard. Even the most of the oaks are bare. Soon a new season will be upon us.

As winter arrives we are forced to change our habits, our attire and some of our recreational activities.

CHANGE can be a hard thing for some, but often a necessity for survival.

As I reflect on our Lions organization, we are told of changes and new ideas each year as we get a new International president. On the club level, a new president or a new member may bring new ideas to your club. New ideas to attract members, new fund raising activities or new service projects can be the best thing to happen to your club in a long time!

CHANGE – Ask yourself “How do I handle changes?” Are you open to new ideas in your club when presented? Are you ready to invite that first women member into your club? Are you a positive, encouraging LION?

Or are you a naysayer? Do you judge or criticize the new member that says let’s try doing that project that wasn’t successful in the past, but with some changes that could make it work now? Do you welcome that young member into your club, welcoming the new, fresh outlook that they may have on ways to improve your fundraising or way to better serve your community?

As I’ve been visiting clubs, I’ve left some with a challenge to change the way they think. Be open to invite that wife to join. Be open to learn about new service projects to support. Be open to going to a Zone meeting or the District convention.

Let’s not be stuck in one season of Lionism. We need to “MOVE TO GROW” to accomplish this sometimes will mean changing things with in our clubs. Just think of it as moving into a new season of “WE SERVE”.

Best wishes for a blessed Thanksgiving as we celebrate our blessing too numerous to count!

Yours in Lionism,

1st VDG Lion Laura Johnson



2nd VDG John Monahan, Wife Carolyn

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Fellow and Lady 11E1 Lions, Lioness and Leos,

Soon it will be Thanksgiving, and shortly after that it will be Christmas. The holidays are almost upon us and that means religious and family celebrations and down time for Lions clubs in our district. While we are counting our blessings and giving thanks for them, we might want to include Lionism as one of those blessings. Lionism gives us a chance to know some remarkable people, to experience some great highs while helping others, and experience the quiet satisfaction knowing that we are contributing to our communities, our state, and the whole world.

If thinking about Lionism makes you smile, you might want to pass it on by asking a friend or acquaintance to join you at your next Lions meeting to see what your club does and how it does it. Consider what your club does and how it does it is at the heart of recruiting and retention. If your club is welcoming of newcomers, if it has interesting meetings, if members are appreciated for their contributions past and present, and if people know about the good work your club does, people will want to join and experience what Lionism has to offer. To insure that those things happen takes leadership: leadership from your officers and leadership from the members. Making your club work is the responsibility of each member, and only if the members act as leaders will the club achieve at its best level.

So while we are enjoying all the goodness of the holidays, let's remember our motto, We Serve. And if we are to serve, we have to lead, because leaders serve everyone. There are lots of ways to lead, by example, by appeal, by perseverance, by ideas, by letting your good will lead you.

The people we serve are waiting for us to lead.

Have a great Thanksgiving,

2ndVDG John Monahan

Quote of the month

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

John Quincy Adams

Region II Zone 1

Thank you all for a great meeting last Wednesday at the Doherty in Clare. It was impressive to have representatives from all of our six clubs present and interacting with each other. It was a lively meeting and I appreciate all the input. A special thank you to Region II Chair, Anthony Rutledge for attending and to our 2nd DVG, John Monahan for speaking to us about retention and bringing us copies of the International's DVD on the subject. A little homework for all of us. We had twenty-one Lions present - great turnout!

I hope that all the clubs will try to implement an idea or activity that we discussed in our recruitment and retention discussions. I am looking for ideas on what you would like to discuss at our January 13, 2010 meeting. Several of you did give me some input.

Coleman Club - thank you for inviting me to attend your meeting last Thursday. Congratulations on inducting your 30th member. You covered a lot of ground at your meeting. You all are a hard working group of Lions.

Harrison Lions - looking forward to meeting with you on Nov. 4.

Mt. Pleasant Lions - congratulations on a successful Chili Supper fundraiser. Thank you for hosting me last Monday.

Have FUN!

Lion Pete Conarty
Zone I Chair

Region II, Zone I Clubs,

Happy November! I have now had an opportunity to visit all the clubs in our Zone and I can tell you that we have a lot to be Thankful for. We have a lot of fundraisers being completed, new members being installed and a group of high spirited Lions. I have been very impressed with all the clubs and thank you for hosting me.

Sanford - energetic group, finishing their work on the Freedom Festival and working with teachers in the classroom to supply materials that children need for their classwork.

Clare - off to a great start, have changed one of their meetings to a noon meeting to be held at Mid Michigan Community College. They have seven Lions employed at the college.

Coleman - establishing a partnership with the Coleman VFW to sponsor a Chili Supper, hosted a free Halloween Party for children in a city park. They are thinking of working with the parents in the community to have a trunk-a-thon at their next Halloween Party. Trunk-a-thon - community members drive their cars to the park and give out candy from their cars at the Lions Halloween Party.

Midland - just took 1,600 pairs of eye glasses to Ferris State's V.O.S.H group. V.O.S.H will clean them, grade them and deliver them to third world countries next summer. Midland is planning a trip to Rochester's Dog facility next April and is working on including members from the Sanford and Coleman Clubs.

Harrison - great fundraiser in selling fall downtown street decorations (bales of hay with scarecrows, flowers and other decorations). Merchants buy them and they are put out front of businesses or on street corners. They bring color and spirit to the streets, good moneymaker and the community knows that the Lions are involved and high school students helped in delivering them. A win, win situation!

Mt. Pleasant - high spirited group, just completed a successful Chili Supper (400 in attendance), helped hand out Halloween treats to children with other community groups. Had a great program on organ donations.

Five of our clubs have inducted one or more new members in the last three months. Keep up the good work.

Review our Zone meeting notes on ideas for securing membership and be sure to have your Membership Committee look at the DVD that John Monahan brought to us on retention. It has good ideas - all Lions need to be involved.

Harrison Club President, David Rowe needs your HELP!!! He is the District Orientation Chairman. He needs to know who in each club is doing their orientation and would be interested in taking some training.

Please send Lion David the names, addresses, phone numbers or e-mails of your members involved in orientation.

Otherwise have them contact him at dwrowe2005@yahoo.com or phone 989-539-7233. If you don't have anyone that does that job, let David know. Thanks for your help.

We are off to a great Lion's year! KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK - WE SERVE!

Lion Pete Conarty, Zone Chair

Region II, Zone I

Region II Zone 3 Evert



On September 9th Region II Zone 3 held its first zone meeting at the township hall in Evert. The attendance was great with all the clubs from the zone being represented; we even had a few people from other clubs Big Rapids, Chippewa Lake, and even Mt Pleasant if you count 2nd VDG John Manahan. The visitors were there to take the "Officer Training" which 2nd VDG John held during the meeting.



Evert's King Lion Tamie Lundborg opened the meeting then after the pledge and prayer dinner was announced and the meeting was turned over to our Zone Chair Lion Tim Anderson who made a very popular announcement "Dinner is served". Dinner was laid out buffet style and it was a wonderful meal topped off with apple pie with whipped cream for dessert. Good conversation and company were enjoyed over dinner with maybe just a few smart remarks exchanged between clubs.

After dinner ZC Lion Tim Anderson started the meeting by asking every one to please stand and introduce who they were and what club they were from. When the introductions were finished ZC Tim introduced his new 1st Vice Zone Chair Lion "Lil" Pete Stevens to everyone (Traveling Gnome), "Lil" Pete will be helping out this year visiting each club in Zone 3 and attending as many events within the zone

& district that he can. Next each club president was then asked to stand and give an update of their clubs membership and activities, even the visiting clubs when asked gladly stood and shared news about their clubs to everyone.

As the reports finished 2nd VDG John was asked to start the program for the night "Officer Training". He passed out information on member retention, leadership, and spoke about the role of a president within a club. Everyone walked away with more insight and maybe with a few new ideas about their part in their clubs.

At that point the meeting was turned back over to ZC Tim who went over the governor's goals for each club and his goals for the district for the coming year. 1st VDG Laura Johnson was asked to say a few words, which she gladly did. With the meeting drawing to a close the 50/50 drawing was held (F.Y.I. Luther's Kings Lion Bob Flynn both drew and won the 50/50 there were a lot of raised eye brows and kidding). After a Thank You to everyone for attending the meeting was adjourned.

To find out more about 1st VZC Lion "Lil" Pete Stevens, where he's been and what he and the clubs in our zone have been up to check out his website <http://www.scantek.com/lion/lilpete.htm> or look him up on Face book!

On October 27th the Baldwin Lions Club hosted the 2nd Region II Zone 3 meeting for this year. All clubs were represented at the meeting. After the club reports were given Zone Chair Lion Tim Anderson stressed the importance of new member orientation and went over the governors goals for both the clubs and the district for this year.



The speaker for the evening was Mike Filkins from the All State Band and he brought along Kelsey Heck a McBain senior and three year member of Lion's Band. Mike spoke about the band and what they do also about the upcoming trip to Australia and Kelsey shared stories of her last two trips and what it feels like to represent the different countries during the flag ceremony.

ZC Lion Tim won the 50/50 and donated his winnings back to the club to be used at their annual children's Halloween party which was scheduled for that Saturday the 31st. Thanks to the members of the Baldwin club for a delicious home cooked meal.

Pictured are left to right Zone Chair Lion Tim Anderson, Mike Filkins, and Kelsey Heck

Thanks, ZC Tim Anderson, 231-920-9905

Region III Zone 3 Meeting



The Newaygo Lions Club recently hosted the Zone 3, Region 3 Meeting at Cronk's restaurant.

Baldwin Lions & Lioness Clubs



dressed

Baldwin Lions and Lioness Clubs host 30th annual community Halloween party! The village of Baldwin was busy with trick or treater's stopping by the Hollister Senior Center on Halloween night to enjoy the games and refreshments sponsored once again by the Baldwin Lions and Lioness clubs. The children traveled around to eight different games where they received a special prize just for trying their luck. Refreshments of cider, punch, donuts and popcorn were served to young and old alike! Of course each trick or treater left with a treat bag full of candy and treasures! The Lions were greeted by special visitors. One family came dressed as the entire cast of the Wizard of Oz!

Bear Lake Lions Club



The playground cost \$48,000 and is paid for and is just the beginning, future plans are in the works to expand it. My father was one of the Lions memorialized said Rick Coccia.

Also enclosed in the pictures are a view of the cabins and the lake with a new revamped dock.



Cedar/Maple City Lions Club



Last night (Oct. 12) The Cedar/Maple City Lions honored their three Charter Members and their wives on their 45th year of service. Photo L to Rt. Charles & Marilyn Flaska, Violet & Robert Stachnik and Ella & Glen Noonan. There was a catered dinner at the Lions Community building in Maple City. Thanks, Pat

Coleman Lions Club



Coleman Lions Club teamed with the Coleman STAR Leo Club to provide a free Halloween party again this year. The rain held off and winds died down as the party got underway on Halloween night. Cold temperatures made the demand for hot cocoa top the apple cider requests! Popcorn poppers were kept very busy the entire 2 hours keeping up with the demand. Children and adults dressed to the hilt this year. A few even brought their dogs all decked out! The Leos manned the games, handing out prizes and candy to all players. The Junior Leos decorated and manned a coloring table for young children, and also helped with games. Among the favorite games were Ring Toss, Bowling, Plinko and Bean Bag Toss.

But as usual, the most popular was the "Money Pit," a sawdust area where kids could search for coins tossed in regularly, only to disappear to the bottom! Crowds were larger than ever this year with estimates around 500. 155 children signed up for "Witch's Call." Five random children were chosen to be called at 9:00 pm. All were home and thus, won \$5.00. The Coleman businesses were most generous with donations to the party this year of both cash and cider and popcorn! We appreciate their support.

On November 2nd, District Governor Lion Wayne Kreitner and First Lady Debbie joined us for a pot luck supper before the meeting. Three Junior High students and their families also attended the meeting, during which the students were presented with certificates and cash prizes for their winning entries in the peace poster contest. Later, DG Kreitner spoke to us about family memberships and encouraged us to keep growing as we invite community members to help us with our new projects and fundraisers.

Evert Lions Club

On Friday September 11th, the Evert Lions Club opened their food booth down at the fair grounds for the three day "Spit and Whittle" which is held down in Evert each year. The Evert Lions Club's food booth serves breakfast & lunch on both Friday and Saturday then breakfast again on Sunday morning. The booth opened bright and early and the eggs soon started flipping on the grill. Things stayed fairly busy during breakfast but the club members were still able to meet and



As things slowed and the breakfast cleanup was finished the changeover to lunch began, there seemed to be more downtime this year than in years past but soon enough we were flippin' burgers on the grill and got busy filling the lunch orders. As always one of the most asked for items off the menu was the ever popular homemade pies at the booth. 1st VZC Lion "Lil" Pete Stevens was a big help having been here since breakfast working wherever we needed him. It was a fun day and it gets to start all over again tomorrow morning with breakfast again. This is the Evert Clubs last event here at the fair grounds of the season, except for the Punt, Pass and Kick, where the club will be handing out hot dogs, chips and pop for free to the kids participating.

On Saturday September 5th while the Evert Car Club was holding their Annual Labor Day Weekend Classic Car Show down at the Riverside Park the Evert Lions Club held an outdoor pig roast to offer and serve to the people during the car show.

At 2:30A.M. in the morning Lions Shelby Struble, Rick Aube, Randy Van Buren fired up the roasters and started the long cooking process. The meat was injected with fruit juices to add to its moistness as the pig roasters slow cooked the 14 butt roasts getting them ready to be served.



The club members showed up in force to work this event even 1st Vice Zone Chair Lion "Lil" Pete Stevens showed up to help pulling a shift with Evert Club President Tamie Lundborg passing out buns and butter to the people as they went through the line. 279 meals were served and beside the roast pork, coleslaw, baked beans, roll & butter, milk were the other items the meal included. The food and car show were both a great success and the club made \$955.00 from the day.

Harrison Lions Club

The Harrison Lion's club did their annual fall decorations for the city on Saturday October 10th. With the help of the boy's and girl's of the ROTC we were able to put up 38 displays with straw, corn stalks, pumpkins and mums pizza and drinks followed a job well done.

Kaleva Lions club

“KALEVA LIONS CELEBRATE 47 YEARS”



October marked 47 years for this Lions Club. The main honoree was Art Hulkonen who helped start our club 47 years ago. Standing with Art is First Vice District Governor Laura Johnson and club President Ken Kuuttilla. Art is a World War II veteran and POW. He has worked in all aspects of farming in the Kaleva area. We all thank Art for the 47 years of service to our club. A great honor was given to one of our non members who have put in countless hours to this club. The recipient of this award was Marie Hilliard. Marie helps with just about everything including the pastie making. She is this clubs friend and giver.

THANKS MARIE!! Other awards were also given to club members on this special day. Thanks to Steve Dean for becoming our newest member. Also honored on this 47 year celebration was Robert Antosik who received the Lion of the Year Award for his contributions to the club. Robert is seen standing next to First Vice District Governor Laura Johnson and club President Ken Kuuttilla. Robert said, “I hope to live up to the standards of our club and I am proud to be a Lion.

Halloween day turned out to be a great success for our Kaleva Lions!! They held an all you can eat spaghetti dinner which brought in over \$800.00 in the 2 hours they were serving. All proceeds will go to the area food banks. Karen Bingman, 2nd vice president, said, "These donations will help all of our area needy families and I'm proud we have done this." After dinner Karen costumed up with Jo Jo Hawkins and handed out candy and lighted wrist bands to all of our area kids. It was one good day for all of our club members. Thanks to all who helped with this dinner.

Lakeview Lions Club

On Wednesday October 28th the Lakeview Lions Club celebrated its 50th year of service in the Lakeview area. The evening was enjoyed by 57 members and guests. In all 9 clubs, several past District Governors, The current District Governor Wayne Kreitner and his wife, Zone chairs, Region Chairs, Chaplains and Surviving spouses.

Lion Richard Maguire served as Master of Ceremonies, Lions William Raymor, and Don Veitengruber (Chaplains) began and ended the evening's activities.

A delicious meal of Walleye, Roast Pork and Roast Beef was prepared by new "Honorary Member" Greg McKenna and his staff from the Village Restaurant in Lakeview.



Lions Sam and Marcia were presented the "Lion of the Year" honor for 2008 -2009. District Governor Wayne Kreitner presented the award.

Each member in attendance received a 50 year pin, and Lion Richard Goedge was presented with his 35 year service pin.

It was truly an enjoyable evening and one to remember." said King Lion and Charter Member Gary Baker.

Again we thank everyone who has supported us throughout the years in Lionism and our original sponsors, Six Lakes and Edmore for getting us started in this worldwide organization.



Luther Lions Club



On Sunday September 6th the Luther Lions Club held one of their famous or is it infamous full menu breakfasts at the Luther Lions Den. As you walked through the door and stopped at the table to pay for your food you were greeted by Lions Eddy McCarthy, Shirley Flynn, and 1st Vice Zone Chair Lion "Lil" Pete Stevens, 50/50 tickets could also be purchased from Lion Eddy before heading in to get your food.



The turnout was great with 118 people in total attending the breakfast. The room began to fill quickly and the guys in the kitchen (left to right) Lions Norm Slosser - King Lion Bob Flynn - "Lil" Pete Stevens - Chuck Draper were kept hoping filling peoples plates with all the great food. Two full cases of sausages were cooked up, 2 1/2 bags of pancake mix made its way to the griddle on top of that about 8 loaves of Texas toast was used in making the French toast also between 3 to 5 lb of sliced ham baked and eggs lots and lots of eggs were all served or used. Great food was consumed by the many people in attendance, and a great time was had with the Luther Lions.

Mesick Lions Club



Pictured above is Mesick Lions President Lion Louis Hughes, District Governor Lion Wayne Kreitner, 4 new members that the District Governor installed on the night of his official visit. District Governor Wayne also installed two new Leo members that night. What a great night for the Mesick Lions Club.

Midland Lions Club

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY This month we honor William Wang who joined the Midland Lions Club 62 years ago this month. He served as President in 1974. Thank you Lion Wang for your many years of service.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lion Roger Karr. He was inducted into the Midland County Sports Hall of Fame on October 17. He coached boys' and girls' basketball and football and golf at Bullock Creek. He was also Athletics Director for 5 years.

Six Lakes Lions Club



The Six Lakes Lions Club had a special guest, 1st Vice District Governor Laura Johnson from Baldwin and she presented the Lion of the year award to Robert Niswanger for his dedication to the Six Lakes Lions Club and the many years of service.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE

11-E1 DISTRICT CONSTITUTION

1. A RESOLUTION TO CLARIFY ARTICLE 1, SECTION 9 ON PAGE 4 OF OUR CONSTITUTION. THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE FIRST PARAGRAPH READS "The fund so collected shall be used exclusively for defraying expenses of district convention and shall be expended only by district checks drawn and signed by the Cabinet Treasurer, Cabinet Secretary or District Governor.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

Be it resolved that Article I Section 9 of the District Constitution be amended by adding the words "and the unreimbursed expenses of the District Governor in attending the International Convention" The new sentence reads:

"The fund so collected shall be used exclusively for defraying expenses of district convention and the unreimbursed expenses of the District Governor in attending the International Convention and shall be expended only by district checks drawn and signed by the Cabinet Treasurer, Cabinet Secretary or District Governor."

2. A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE WORD AUDIT IN ARTICLE IV SECTION 7 PARAGRAPH (F) SO IT READS AS FOLLOWS:

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

Be it resolved that Article IV Section 7 Paragraph (f) be rewritten to read as follows: "Provide for an **annual review** of the books and accounts of the cabinet secretary, cabinet treasurer, or cabinet secretary -treasurer and District Convention Fund, and with the district governor's approval, set up definite schedule of dates, times and places of cabinet meetings to be held during the fiscal year.

3. A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE ARTICLE VII, SUB SECTION B NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF THE DISTRICT TRUSTEE FOR LIONS OF MICHIGAN SERVICE FOUNDATION, INC. THIS TO BE DONE TO CORRESPOND WITH THE LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION'S CONSTITUTION.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

Be it resolved that Article VII, Sub Section B, Section 1, sentence 1 to read as follows" District 11E1 shall be represented by two(2) elected trustees on the Board of Trustees of the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, Inc.

This removes the words District Governor from the sentence