#### **OCTOBER 2020 DISTRICT NEWSLETTER**



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#### **DISRICT GOVERNOR BILL KOCH'S MESSAGE**

We now know how our families, that lived through WWI and WWII felt: fear, destruction, shortages and many other threatening thoughts. LIONS was born during WWI and again flourished after WWII. The people came through the worst catastrophic times possible and then moved forward. When our military service men and women came home after WWII, they joined service organizations. They rebuilt the country and the world. From adversity to self fulfillment.

This is our opportunity to increase membership in all areas. Isolation is not normal for human beings, helping others is natural to people, and it makes us feel good. Let us use the L in Lions (liberty) and the I (intelligence) to increase our membership and our service. One of our clubs, Empire, has offered their pavilion to churches for outdoor services at no charge. This not only makes everyone know the Lions, they are also getting donations because of the service. Mesick is making thousands by returning bottles and cans that no wants to stand in line for. Again, in the public eye, and performing a service to the public. Kingsley plans to sell Christmas trees. Midland had presold some tickets for a pickup BBQ dinner [but was later canceled when a vender backed out], again a great idea. Innovative intelligent ways to serve the community. Let us stay optimistic and serve our communities. We need all our clubs to report to the District Newsletter editors on all of your *Brilliant Activities*. WE and YOU need to communicate, and yes maybe the rest of us, can use your examples. In other words steal an idea. Thanks to all of you. Because of you we are able to help many people.

There will be no Fall Conference this year. We cannot plan a meaningful conference with the current conditions. We will plan the parade of checks in February. By then we should be able to know if we can congregate in a larger group.

#### District 11E-1 Officers for 2020/2021

District Governor Bill Koch (White Cloud) <a href="wkoch12@peoplepc.com">wkoch12@peoplepc.com</a> or 231-652-1164

1st Vice District Governor Bill Bradfield (Cadillac) <a href="https://hoxeyvillain@hotmail.com">hoxeyvillain@hotmail.com</a> or 231-222-5143

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Region 3 Zone 1 Chair TBA

Region 3 Zone 2 Chair Jim Patterson (Fremont) jpatterson110@comcast.net or 231-924-3996

#### First Vice District Governor Bill Bradfield



Hello Lions of District 11E-1, I hope all is well and safe. The most recent COVID-19 update is as follows: Michigan, confirmed cases 123,633 and 6,751 deaths. USA confirmed cases 7,229,559 and 208,335 deaths (up 24,144 in the last month).

Worldwide confirmed cases are 33,431,133 and deaths are at 1,003,168! The Michigan Department of Health Hotline is 888-535-6136.

The Lions Campaign 100 has generated over 5 Million Dollars for funding of special COVID-19 projects. Total donations to date are at 161 MILLION DOLLARS! Other projects that are funded by the Campaign 100 project

include Vision, Diabetes, Youth, Environment, Disaster Relief, Disabled, Vaccinations and Hunger. Please don't forget your annual donations to Leader Dog, Kidsight, Eversight, Diabetes Program, Pediatric Cancer, Hearing Programs, PAWS For A Cause, and State Band.

Please also remember that November is Diabetes Month and November 14th is International Diabetes Day. We have just finished another Diabetes PATH program (diabetes management) online September 24<sup>th</sup>. Our next class will run October 5, 12, 19, 26, and November 2 & 9. These classes are Mondays from 1 to 3 pm. Call Christi Demitz to register at 616-632-7881. To register for the Thursday classes, call Kris Swarzendruber at 989-245-5903.

In closing, I would like to thank Mike Hoy for his inspiring story that he wrote for the September newsletter. If you have not read it, this story is a must regarding how he became a Lion! Thank you Mike for the story and for becoming a Lion.

I am making myself available for Zone and Membership meetings at 231-222-5143 or hoxeyvillain@hotmail.com.

#### OCTOBER IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

I am urging all clubs to take the time to talk with realtors in your areas. Tell them about Lions; the good things being done in the community. People are moving into your communities. People are buying real estate and houses. These same people would make good Lions if but asked and informed. Leave the realtor with a positive letter of invitation and welcome to the community to be handed out to potential buyers. Make sure to include a "contact" Lion and phone number or email. The effort is worth the potential outcome. As Governor Bill roars--GOOOOO LIONS! PDG Jim Walls



# WANTED-NEW LIONS!!!

PDG Jim Walls has graciously offered a bag of 25 pins to any and all Lions that bring in a new member.
These pins are all different and some are valuable to collectors.



#### DISTRICT 11 E-1 OCTOBER LION OF THE MONTH LION KAY BRANDT



Lion Kay Brandt began her Lion journey in 1973 when Lion Ben Bosink decided to run for District Governor. Women had not yet been admitted to Lions so the wives of the Lions formed the Harrison Lion Auxiliary. They had fundraisers to assist Lion Ben. In 1981, the auxiliary became a Lioness Club and are the only club still in operation in District 11 E-1 (until June 30, 2021). Lion Kay has been President of the Lioness three times, Treasure, a Board Director and Chair of their Scholarship Committee for 20 years. She was the recipient of the Lioness of the year Award. Lion Kay joined the Harrison Lions in 1998 and was one of the first women to join along with her friend, Barbara Sovey. She joined to support her

husband, Jerry, in his venture for District Governor. Lion Kay has held all the offices in the Harrison Lions Club. She has, also, chaired their Bingo games for 8 years, worked in the kitchen preparing food and worked on all their projects.

On the District level, she has been Cabinet Treasurer for three District Governors and the District's Lioness Liaison. She has been awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship, Charles Weir and Ken Lautzenheiser Fellowships and the Mike Howard Spirit Award for her outstanding work. Kay and Jerry have ten children between them. They attend all the football and basketball games at the local high school, Kay is active in her church, has been a school board member and is on the Harrison Housing Board.

Lionism is a big part of Kay's life. She indicates that she has made many lifelong friends in the Lion family. Kay's thoughts are that her life has been full, she is thankful and loves it.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LION KAY BRANDT, Our October Lion of the Month!!

Pete Conarty, District GLT

#### TRIBUTE TO PDG RON GIBSON

PDG Ron Gibson is a "Lion's Lion"! Ron, one of our most involved District Lions and a Leader for District 11 E-1, has moved from Fremont to Kalamazoo. This move takes him out of our District and our Lions activities. We have lost a valuable influencer, motivator and worker for Lions in District 11 E-1. Lion Ron was influenced to become a Lion by the help that he received from Lions that helped him with a detached retina problem. He has been an extremely active member of the Fremont Lions Club. Ron served as their president, Chair of the

Eye Glass Collection committee (even taking the glasses to the Ferris Optical



Department) and has been their top seller for onions and nuts in their fundraisers for many years. In 2014, Ron was serving as District Secretary. Lion Mike Howard, our VDG had a severe accident and had to resign his position. PDG Pam Schroeder moved into Mike's position and Lion Ron was asked to apply for the 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG position. In January of 2015, Ron took that office and went on to be an outstanding DG. After he left the position of IPDG, he never let the dust settle. He took on the District Global Membership Coordinator position. For three years, up to this year, he worked tirelessly with clubs to retain and bring in new members. He often traveled with PDG Lynn Mast to clubs that were struggling to maintain membership and club status. During this period Lion Ron was often a featured speaker at club activities. Ron was District 11 E-1's trustee to the Lions of Michigan Foundation for four years and has been Chair of the Foundation's Grants Committee. PDG Ron Gibson has given 115% of his time, skills and expertise to District 11 E-1. We are sorry to see him leave this area. Thank you PDG Ron Gibson for sharing your talents with us for these many years. We wish you the best in your new endeavors. District GLT Pete Conarty

# Club News

#### Stanwood Lions

The following awards were presented at the Stanwood Lions meeting on August 17, 2020.

Lion Judy Dowell presented the 2020 recipient of the Stanwood Lions \$500 Educational Scholarship to Brianna Berry at the Stanwood Lions Club meeting on Monday, August 17. Brianna is attending MSU studying Media Information and is a part of the



rowing team.
Lion Peggy Walls
and President
Lion Marie
Grezeszak
presented Lion
Angela Warzak
with the Lion of
the Year plague.

Lion Peggy Walls and Lion President Marie Grezeszak presented Lion Judy Dowell with the plaque as Past President.

#### **Coleman Lions**



Coleman Lions Club celebrated 80 years of service to the Coleman area in a much different way than expected this year due to COVID-19!!! Instead of our usual Charter Night Dinner and Auction, we had a pizza party in the Coleman City Park Pavilion for Club members and guests.

We were honored to have District Governor Bill Koch and First Lady Jackie attend our anniversary



event. DG Bill's inspirational message was about his Governor's pin, a 1949 Ford representing the rebirth of Ford Motor Company after WWII and the death of Henry Ford. He believes that Lions Clubs

can overcome the current crisis and encouraged us to find unique ways to serve our community.

#### **Central Montcalm Lions**



The Central Montcalm Lions presented their Citizen of the Year award to Mrs. Patty Rockafellow in front of the White Pine Library in Stanton, MI.



The Central Montcalm Lions held their annual fundraiser golf outing on September 18th. Although this year's event had several modifications to keep everyone safe, it was still a success and a good time was had by all.

#### White Cloud Lions

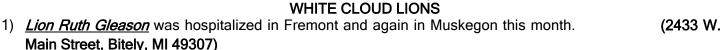


Hey, do you know what this is?

Well, it's a picture of the steel roofing the **White Cloud Lions** members put on the roof of their 28' x 36' storage garage at the back of the Lions Den! **White Cloud Lions** applied for a grant from Great Lakes Energy that is available for non-profits and our application was successful. *Kudos* go to Lion **Chuck Scott** for the outstanding quoting, purchasing and organizing the completion of this project! Chuck's crew was absolutely fantastic. And special *Kudos* to Lion **Peggy Frank** who encouraged us, did all the financial paperwork and wrote the grant. And we can't forget President **Ray Williams**. Besides his excellent expertise, he furnished all the tools and the inside planning for the project.

Sometimes it just makes you feel good all over when one of your own Club projects is completed so successfully during these very trying times.

Our Lions That Need Cards and/or Prayers This Month



- 2) <u>Lion Karl Hanson</u> was injured at work, had shoulder surgery this month and will be having more surgery before he is finished. (4393 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, White Cloud, MI 49349)
- 3) <u>Lion Perry Scannell</u> had another very serious emergency eye surgery in Detroit this month and will have 4-5 months of healing time. (21899 22 Mile Rd., Paris, MI 49338)
- 4) <u>Lion Jackie Spotts</u> was widowed last winter, sold her dream house this month and moved to an apartment in Indiana to be near her son, over 100 miles from all her Lion friends! (10960 Isabelle Drive, Apt. 13, New Haven, Indiana 46774)
- 5) Lion Donna Youngheim had foot surgery this month and will be off work for a period of time. (12 N. North, White Cloud, MI 49349)



#### Fremont Lions



Lions Brenda Adsmond & Evie Reed worked hard all morning to create this year's Lions Club Hay Art contest entry, Simba, from Lion King, for the Hay Art contest for Fremont's Fall Harvest Festival. Please ask your friends and family to vote generously and often by dropping off canned goods - food for the hungry at the Chamber of Commerce Office. The entry with the most food collected is the community Choice award. All food goes to TrueNorth food pantry when the contest ends.

The Fremont Lions were busy September 18 & 19 with a combined White Cane/Candy Days fundraiser that gained \$1,004 and a Fall Fun Golf Outing at Summer Breeze Par 3 course that earned \$560 for the Fremont Lions Project Account. Lion Steve Sloat organized the Golf Outing and Lions Darl Purdy and Larry Mock organized the White Cane /Candy Days fundraiser at Bills Shop N Save.



#### **Harrison Lions**

Harrison Lions raised \$634.00 from a garage sale, raised funds from a cans & bottles drive, and raised \$500.00 on a sports basket drawing. Bingo starting back up October 8. Our pennies drive will be running until the end of the year. We will be doing road clean up also.

On September 21 we did eyeglass cleaning. The work was done by Lions Jerry, Norm, John Sovey, Nancy, and Teri Clark under the direction of Lion Harry Johnson. Our Fall Raffle fundraiser is taking place until November 7 when the drawing takes place.

#### Lions

# FREE Space to put your Club's News! Please contact us to be included in the next issue of the District 11E-1 Newsletter.

**Editors**, Mike and Tina Hoy—Please submit your club information in Word and pictures as an attachment. Please contact us at hovm@charter.net or 989-832-8354.

#### Service Stories

Each Lion and every club is changing lives in ways both great and small. Service is a personal journey that impacts the people serving and the people we serve. We make an effort to post club service stories under the District Club Happenings section of the <u>Lion Pride</u>. Has your story been shared? Contact *District 11E-1 Newsletter Editors*, *Mike and Tina Hoy (see above)*.

Please submit materials for Nov. 2020 Newsletter by Oct. 23.

#### **Midland Lions**







9/1 Non-Potluck Picnic and games. Lion Eldon won at golf & Lion Doug at ball toss (or did Salene win?)





9/15 Regular meeting with guest speaker, Pam Singer, President & CEO of Midland Kid's First.











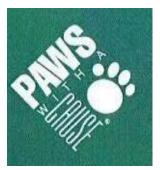
9/22 Service Project for the Eyeglass Mission Project. We sorted and cleaned eyeglasses. PDG Harry Johnson came to Midland. We set up 3 cleaning stations, sorting station, and storage bags labeled. Midland Lions included Lori Shelby Hall, Darren Hall, PDG Pete Conarty, Bob Stoney, Al Ducham, Sandy House, Mike & Tina Hoy. Next cleaning/sorting scheduled for 3 pm October 6, Lions Pavilion, Emerson Park, prior to our regular Lions meeting with guest DG Bill Koch.

### District Projects Updates

#### **Lions of Michigan Foundation**

The Foundation is once again selling the 2021 Calendars for \$20 each. This could be a great fundraiser for the clubs. If your club sells 10 or more calendars you would get \$5 back per calendar, and if you sell 50 or more calendars your club would get \$10 per calendar. This would be an easy fundraiser for your club. I have calendars if your club is interested.

The winning numbers come from the mid day lottery drawing, with the grand prize of \$1500, 2nd prize of \$500, and 3rd prize of \$250 drawn on May 1, 2021. Call PDG Pam for calendars.



We are ready to do *PAWS* presentations. Please contact us at <a href="https://howm.ncbarter.net">hoym@charter.net</a> or 989-832-8354 if you are interested.
Lions Mike & Tina Hoy, *PAWS* District 11E-1 Project Co-Chairs (left w/DG Bill on 9/28/20) [PAWS contacts: phone 616-877-7297 or pawswithacause.org]

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Update on Lion Mike's **PAWS** dog: New potential arrival date is early November 2020.

#### **District Eyeglass Mission Trip Update**



The Eyeglass Mission Team has been busy. On Monday September 21, we were in Harrison and on Tuesday, September 22, we were in Midland. If you have any doubts about how difficult these workshops are, just ask a Lion from any of the many Clubs we have visited. We are well on our way to preparing enough prescription eyeglasses for our next trip. If there is a vaccine coming soon, we will most likely go early next year. PDG Harry Johnson (left w/Midland Lion Sandy House)

PDG Harry Johnson (left w/Midland Lion Sandy House) [lionharry1947@gmail.com or 1-231-745-4524.]

#### **Pediatric Cancer**

The State Childhood Cancer has made available two beautiful patches per District to decorate your banners. The patches for Year 2019-20 will be presented by Governor Bill to the Midland Club and to the Barryton Club for their efforts regarding childhood cancer. Midland Club made a generous donation of books regarding childhood cancer to their local library. Barryton Club was involved in several benefits for a local family whose child had cancer. The patches for 2020-2021 will be determined by the



District Childhood Cancer Chairperson with consult from the Governor. Remember to report your activities in this area for consideration. Thank you for your many efforts. PDG Peggy Walls

#### **Used Hearing Aid Donations**

Remember we accept used hearing aids of any age or condition. All used hearing aids are recycled with one of the hearing aid manufactures. Lions of Michigan Foundation is given credits to be used towards the purchase of new hearing aids. Most Clubs collect hearing aids with their glasses. If you have hearing aids for recycling give them to our Foundation Reps. Lions Pete or Pam, your zone chairs, or Lion Peggy Frank at 616 217-6840 for pick-up.

## Updates for the District 11E-1 Roster Book

Need corrected email addresses for Lion Becky Doll, Evart Lions and for Lion Fernando Terreros, Weidman Lions. The addresses provided in the Roster Book are not working.

Contact <u>Cabinet Secretary</u> Lion Peggy Frank, 616-217-6840 or <u>pfrank1219@yahoo.com</u> and <u>District Newsletter Editors</u>, Lions Mike and Tina Hoy (see pg. 7 for contact info) for updates/corrections to the 2020/21 District 11E-1 Roster Book.

#### Welcome to the Month of October

Visit <a href="www.NationalDayCalendar.com">www.NationalDayCalendar.com</a> for ways to observe or celebrate.



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month
October is Lions Membership Month (as already noted on page 2)

#### Other Monthly Observations include:

Audiology Awareness Month [Lions of Michigan 2021 calendars are available and Protect Your Hearing Month the theme this year is Hearing Care!]

#### Days in October to consider observing:

4<sup>th</sup> is World Smile Day <sup>⑤</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> is Do Something Nice Day **15<sup>th</sup> is White Cane Safety Day** → 24<sup>th</sup> is Make A Difference Day



#### 30th is National Speak Up for Service Day

"National Speak Up for Service Day" was founded in 2014 by LIONS! It was started to recognize youth actively involved in their community. Lions from out west began a public speaking contest for high school students in 2003. Other clubs and districts around the country have hosted similar public speaking contests. The students speak about current topics.



Please help get the word out on the 2021 White Cane Scholarship by sharing the attached flyer (pgs. 11 & 12). Applications are due by November 30 and recipients will be selected in late December.



# 2021 Lions Clubs of Michigan Scholarship for the Visually Impaired

#### Three \$3,000 scholarships to be awarded

Please mail completed scholarship application to:

#### The Lions of Michigan State Office

Attn: Scholarship Committee 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911 www.lionsofmi.com



Phone: (517) 887-6640

email: lions@lionsofmi.com

Fax: (517) 887-6642

#### Scholarship Criteria:

- Must be legally blind and provide verification (letter from optometrist or ophthalmologist or letter from vocational counselor).
- Applicants must be a resident of the State of Michigan and a United States Citizen (International students must provide proof of citizenship) and either attending or accepted by an accredited trade or business school, college or university.
- 3. Applicants must complete the official scholarship application (both sides).
- 4. Must submit two letters of recommendation.
- 5. Must submit an essay outlining why you need the scholarship.
- 6. Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (transcript required).
- Completed scholarship applications must be postmarked NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30th annually.
- 8. Must attend the Lions of Michigan Forum to accept scholarship during a ceremonial presentation. (Actual check(s) will be issued to the school/university/equipment manufacturer upon submission of documentation. Two weeks notice required).

#### **Scholarship Selection Process:**

- Lions of Michigan Scholarship Committee will review all applications during January.
- 2. This scholarship will be awarded in February annually at the Michigan Forum.

Name				Phone	(	)			
Address									
City			State			Zip			
Email Address									
Date of Birth			* Degree of visual acuity						
* Legally blind is defined as best corrected vision in both eyes of 20/200 or less and/or visual fields of less than 20 degrees.									
How did	l you hea	ar about the scholarship?							

Education Information								
High School you attended								
What college or other institution are you attending/planning to attend?								
Have you been accepted?								
What do you plan to study?								
What are your personal and educational goals?								
How will the scholarship funds be used? (Check all that apply)								
□ Tuition       □ Books       □ Housing         □ Specialized Equipment (please specify)       □ Other (please specify)								
Organizations, Activities								
Describe briefly your most significant public service, community, or campus activities associated with your education and/or future career goals.								
Special honors and award	ls							
Special talents and training	ng							
Applicant's Signature				Date				

# **LCI Helping Clubs**

# Board of Directors take steps to help our clubs

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has impacted the work of Lions around the world. In many cases, it has also created financial hardships for our Lions and the people for whom we care.

To support the incredible men and women serving with us, the International Board of Directors has passed a resolution to help our clubs.

Here is an overview of the resolution approved by the Board of Directors:

- Flexible payments No clubs will be suspended or cancelled through December 31, 2020 for late payment of dues.
- Charter and entrance fees waiver We have waived all charter and entrance fees from July 1 December 31, 2020.

These measures will help Lions facing financial hardships, and give our clubs hope, encouragement, and an opportunity to start the new Lion year with renewed energy and optimism.

This may be a time of great need, but we will overcome this together. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity. That is who we are, and what we do. So let us stand together. And let us remember just how important we are to our communities and the world.



#### See life through Lion lenses in Montréal!

Online registration is officially open for LCIC on 2021 Montréal, where Lions and Leos from around the world will come together to celebrate a life of service while indulging in the culture and life of Montréal. Find out what's in store for you at this year's international convention!

#### Lions Bear Lake Ultra Marathon Fundraiser

Event Day: October 17, 2020

Looking for some people power! We need people to "serve" food to the runners as they pass by (restock/cut food and place it on the table for the runners to grab) and/or lap counters (document their lap on the master list). This is a 24 hour event and we need to staff the lap counters and food servers for the entire 24 hours. Each shift is only 3-4 hours long. All volunteers will be under the pavilion so everyone is at the same spot.

The time slots we still need to fill are:

Saturday October 17

7am-11am (2 more volunteers)

11am-3pm (2 more volunteers)

2pm-5pm (2 more volunteers)

5pm-8pm (4 more volunteers)

7pm-10pm (2 more volunteers)

Sunday

7am-10am (3 more volunteers)

This is not hard work, but very rewarding and fun. Last year the winner ran over 106 miles in the 24 hours! Remember to dress accordingly.

Please sign up at: <a href="https://ultrasignup.com/register.aspx?did=74799">https://ultrasignup.com/register.aspx?did=74799</a>

Thanks in advance!

Shelly O'Henley, Executive Director, Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp, Inc.

Cell: 810-837-0119 or Office: 810-245-0726

# WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO? LCI Dues Structure and Allocation

#### **ALLOCATIONS: MULTIPLE DISTRICT 11**

Total Income:	\$10.00
International Convention	40
Restricted Fund	.50
MD 11 Convention	.24
Council/Committee/Treasurer	1.25
Administration	\$7.61

LION PRIDE PUBLICATION: \$4.50

**ALLOCATIONS: SINGLE DISTRICT 10** 

Administration \$1.68
Restricted Fund .50
International Convention .40

Total Income: \$2.58

For questions regarding your 1st half-year dues statement, please contact Executive Director Wendy Burns at 517-887-6640 ext. 11, or email: <a href="mailto:wburns@lionsofmi.com">wburns@lionsofmi.com</a>; State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck: <a href="https://hemeryck@wowway.com">hemeryck@wowway.com</a>

Thank you for your continued service to our communities!