DISTRICT GOVERNOR’S MESSAGE

It is just a few days until our District Convention. A great time is planned and we need YOU to join us. Friday is casual dress in Hawaiian attire, and do not forget the costume contest at Fun Night.

There will be a silent auction, so remember to bring something for the auction. Clubs that are unable to attend can send an item with someone from your Zone.

Is your wagon float ready for the parade? There will be prizes.

I need all cabinet people to bring any District Pins and money to the cabinet meeting that you may still have. We need to get the money back to the treasurer, so 1st VDG Ron can get his pins.

The Leader Dog trip is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2016. It is $35 per person and $7 for lunch, at Leader Dog. We will have pick up spots in Traverse City, Cadillac and Mount Pleasant. We need to take reservations at the convention with payment. The bus will hold 56 people, and we do not want to raise the price to have fewer people go. Sign up with D.G. Pam at convention, or give me a call if not attending the convention.

This month is a busy one. I am still visiting clubs in our district. The week-ends will be spent going to the conventions of the other Districts.

Have a great Spring and if there is anything I can help you with, I am only a phone call away.

Let’s have fun as we Serve!

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COLEMAN LIONS
1st VDG Lion Ron Gibson was our guest on Monday, March 7. He presented the new Centennial Challenge patch to President Lion Ann Roeseler and inducted a new member, Lion Lora Harville, into the Coleman Lions Club. We all welcome Lion Lora Harville. The Lions participated in the new Coleman Community Family Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, March 12. Our Lions Hall was one stop for families, but first they had to figure out where the following clue was sending them: “In the jungle, the mighty jungle, the _____ sleeps tonight!” Lions Lora Harville and Wendy Gross gave each of the 50 children a plastic egg and a clue to their next stop. Lion Ann Roeseler wore the Lion costume, claiming to be the Easter Lion! Lions Jerry Lewis and Al Roeseler cooked hot dogs for the children. 125 children participated this year.

WEIDMAN
Weidman Lions Club recently distributed booklets on the United States Constitution and The Declaration of Independence to the Beal City and Chippewa School Districts. Pictured are 5th grade teachers Kristine Weis and Scott Bloniarczyk, students Sterling Shamlin and Alyssa Carrier, with King Lion Bob Thompson on the right.

INDIA LION VISITS MIDLAND LIONS CLUB
Lion Radha Krishna Madduri of the Tarnaka Lions Club in Hyderabad was a guest of the Midland Lions Club on March 15. Lion Radha spoke to the group about his Lions Club in India and the problems that many people in India are experiencing. He said that poverty is a big problem and his club provides a lot of sight related help to people in his community such as eye exams, glasses and some surgical procedures. Lion Radha was in Midland visiting his son, who is a doctor at the MidMichigan Hospital.

BARRYTON LIONS
In the picture above, Barryton Lions are presenting members of the American Legion with a $5,000 donation to help upgrade the American Legion building. Barryton Lions held their annual Easter egg Hunt for children in the area on March 26. The Lions held their 23rd annual Community Recognition Night program to honor the Citizen and Organization of the year.
The Remus Lions Club is sponsoring its 30th annual Golf/Bowl Outing on May 11, 2016 at the Remus Bowling Center and The Royal Golf Course in beautiful Canadian Lakes. This fun filled fund raiser has 2 best ball bowling games followed by a shotgun 9 rounds of golf and a spectacular feast after at the Remus Bowling Center. A raffle will be held for a $1000 top prize after the dinner. The day includes 50/50 drawings, door prizes and the mulligans to get you going on the course. This outing provides the largest part of the Remus Lions Clubs funding. All are invited and call Lion Mike Gingrich for signing up at (989)967-3541

The Vestaburg Lions recently held an Easter Egg Hunt for children in their area. The Alma Walmart Store donated four bicycles to be given away in a drawing to the children. Approximately 30 children participated in hunting for Easter Eggs at the Old Vestaburg Depot. All the children received prizes and the four children in the picture at the left were the lucky winners of a bicycle. The club is now working on their White Cane Drive.

The Shepherd Lions are running their Lucky 13 raffle as a fundraiser. The raffle pays out $100 a week to the lucky winner for 13 weeks. The Lions next project will be two days of Ready Bingo at the Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival April 22 and 23.

The Howard City Lions have been concentrating on vision and hearing projects this winter. They have helped two clients with hearing aids and a number of residents with eye exams and glasses. They recently did a Kid Sight screening at the Tri-County School in Howard City/Sand Lake.

Gov. Pam visits Remus Lions Club
7, 8, & 9 District Convention Traverse City
11 Gov. visit to Mount Pleasant
12 Gov. visit to Howard City
14 Gov. visit to Bear Lake
15 A-2 Convention Perrysburg, Ohio
16 B-1 Convention Hillsdale
D-1 Convention Midland
18 Gov. visit to Vestaburg
19 Gov. visit to Frankfort
20 Gov. visit to Carson City
22 B-2 Convention Holland
EARTH DAY
23 A-1 Convention Port Huron
E-2 Convention Alpena
25 Gov. visit to White Cloud
29 - 30 SD 10 Convention Harris UP

May 13-14, 96th Annual MD 11 Sate Convention
(information on last two pages of the District newsletter)
2ND VDG PEG WALLS

It feels great that Spring has finally agreed to happen! As Lions, it is the time we must elect the new officers for our clubs. I ask that as soon as you do this, that the secretary turn in the names to International. Doing this will make the job of creating the "roster book" much easier. Thank you. I also encourage you to volunteer for positions within your club. Help is available. Your fellow Lions will support your efforts.

Thank you for supporting me for 1st VDG. I look forward to continuing to share the Joy of Service.

1ST VDG RON GIBSON

One of the things I've noticed in my travels around the District is how diverse a group of Lions we are. Some of our clubs are found in university towns. Others are in resort towns and still others are found in rural communities. Some clubs have nice meals prepared for them while others prepare their own food. Some members choose to dress up for their Lions meeting while others prefer to be casual. Some wear their Lions vest, some don't. What binds us together is our desire to serve our communities, to help those in need, and to make our communities better places to live, work, and play. Each of our clubs is an important asset to its community, and the things we do make a difference. So, wherever you and your club are located, remember how valuable your service is!

Schedule for 2016

Kid Sight Trailer

May 7    Mushroom Fest.
May 20/21 Yoder Fest Clare
May 23 Traverse City Masons
July 2    Forest Fest.
July 16  Kingsley Fest.
July 17 Kaleva
July 23/24 Arcadia
Aug. 6-7 Onekama
Aug. 10  Traverse City fair
Aug 26/27 Harrison
Sept. 10 Coleman

Any group in our district that needs the trailer for a screening, call Dan at 231 889 4870

HONOR LIONS CLUB

The Honor Lions Club takes the winter off from club activities. They have a lot of snowbirds. They begin club activities on April 1. Their first project, now underway, is a Lucky Ten Raffle Drawing. All the proceeds for this project go to eye glasses and Leader Dog. 500 Raffle tickets are sold beginning in April and the drawing starts on June 11, and runs for 5 weeks. There are two drawings a week. The first drawing is worth $200 and the second for $100. Winning tickets are put back into the drawing box. The final week the first drawing is worth $1,000 and the second $100.

SEE YOU AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTION
Making Motown Memories Together

Hotel Reservation
Deadline: April 21, 2016
Reservations made after this date are subject to rate and space availability.

ROOM RATES
Lions rate of $79.00. The 6% state tax and a local occupancy tax of 5% will be applied to this rate.

Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. Check-out time is 11:00 a.m.
A credit card will be required to guarantee your reservation. A credit card will be required to guarantee your reservation.
Payment can be made on arrival by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover Card. Please note that a $50.00 per night deposit for incidental charges will be required at check-in for guests paying by cash or debit card.

HOTEL ADDRESS:
34911 Van Dyke Sterling Heights, MI 48312
Phone: 1-586-979-1400 Fax: 586-979-7962

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May 12-15, 2016
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STERLING HTS., MI

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The MD 11 State Convention Committee is pleased to host J.D. Howard Hudson from Santa Barbara, California, who was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 98th International Convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii this past June.

Director Hudson and his wife, Lynn, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, look forward to celebrating with us in May.

Sunday, May 15, 2016
PDG Association Breakfast
Location: Maple/Orchard Room