

Lions of Michigan

District 11 E-1 Newsletter



"Just Ask"

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From the Governor

Hope you were there – it was a great convention – lots of fun and four great breakout sessions: 1) A tour of the new FSU Optometry Building; 2) PID Gary presented a tour of his two years as Int'l Director with humorous stories, pictures and a log of his travels; 3) FSU Culinary students presented a "How To" for appetizers and desserts; And to round out the program, 4) Lion Conrad Swanson told us how to work with the IRS and do those pesky 990 forms.

Lions Tim Anderson, Pete Conarty, Mike Howard and Bill Simpson were elected to fill district offices. Our main speaker ID Hauser Weiler gave us inspiration and practical ideas on recruiting new Lions and highlighting and advertising our projects to the public. He installed 7 new Lions and Leo's and helped make the convention a welcoming event for all.

Ho! Ho! Ho! It's the season for PU 101's. Have your club election early and be prepared to submit those new officer lists early. This helps your new Governor prepare our District roster book.

The USA/Canada Leadership Forum, Sept. 19-21, in Overland, Kansas, is offering 63 seminars over 3 days to bring you current on Lion topics and give you a chance to see the dynamic city of Overland in the early fall. First VDGE Pete Conarty has information and registration forms. You can contact him at mlpjc@sbcglobal.net.

Our 1st VDGE Pete Conarty has just completed Advanced (Senior) Leadership Institute in Oakbrook, IL. Lion Pete received training in leadership skills, conflict resolution and project management. Congratulations, Pete!

Motorcycling for Leader Dog; Last summer Lion Mark Mansell bicycled from Portland, Oregon to Portland, Maine. He visited 200 clubs in 25 states and raised over \$100,000 for Leader Dog. This year (June 15 to July 8) Lion Mark and his wife, Lion Debbie, will travel by motorcycle through 48 states, some 10,000 miles, in just 24 days, to again help lend support to Leader Dog. For information contact: leaderdog.org/cyclingforleaderdogs.

**Happy
Easter**



More from the Governor!

This month our clubs should be holding the third of four pit stops. This is the time for clubs to review their accomplishments and plan for the balance of the year. In our cross hairs should be "Protecting the Environment," (i.e. road, street, park or river clean up; Planting trees or whatever else you can think of. Please continue with your "RAP" (Reading Action Program) and help qualify your club for a Club Excellence Award.

Int'l Convention is scheduled for July 5-9, 2013 in Hamburg, Germany. Go to LionsClubs.org for more information.

The 26th Peace Poster and Essay Contest are underway. You can get packets from LCI for your local schools. Please go to the LionsClubs.org website for information.

Donate Life Day, April 9, 2013 (Buddy Day); organize your club and your local Secretary of State Office. For Information please contact Alex Teska at Michigan Eye Bank at 1-800-247-7250 ext. 2675 or ateska@michiganeyebank.org.

Onkama Lions Club is celebrating their 46th anniversary on May 4, 2013 at the Onkama Lion's Den. Please contact Lion Pam at 231-889-4870 or Lion Jack at 231-889-4451 for information.

A day trip to tour Lions Int'l Headquarters in Oakbrook, IL is taking place on Friday, May 10th. The cost is \$50.00 per person. A bus will pick up and drop off along I-94. Please contact VDG Evelyn Cooper at 313-590-3529 for availability and reservations before April 20th.

Paws for a Cause: Prospective puppy raisers informational meeting will be Monday, 4-22-13 and Monday, 5- 20- 13. Contact Julie Thorington at 1-800-253-7297 or jthorington@pawswithacause.org.

DG Bill

Message from 1st VDG Tim Anderson

Greetings Fellow Lions

I just wanted to take a moment and say "THANK YOU" recently at our District Convention you voted me in as District Governor for the coming year 2013-2014. I hope to do the Lions of this District proud by the faith you've shown in electing me into this position.

My main goal for the coming year is to leave the district, clubs and members within them just a little better off by the end than they may have been when it started. I do have a few plans the two main ones beside having a little FUN being Membership and Communication.

The District is here to help the clubs "We have your back" if you need something "Just Ask" but on the opposite side of that if you DO something shout it from the roof tops, let your community and the rest of the District know. Let US be proud along with you in your accomplishments!

We will be offering District Shirts in the coming year giving you a cheaper alternative to wearing the yellow vest while you're out within your community. The shirts will be similar to the ones currently being worn by your Zone Chairs but the color will be navy blue. A few sample shirts are currently being made up and order forms and more details will be going out to all the clubs shortly.

I'm also in the process of scheduling next year's visits and if you would like me to come to your club, function, or fundraiser please let me know as soon as possible, I need to assign visitations to our VDG's as well.

Lastly please submit your clubs PU101's as soon as possible the information is needed to properly put together next year's roster books and please take a moment to make sure your MMR reports are all current, billing is based off this information and having them up to date could just save your club some money!

Thanks again and I look forward to serving as your District Governor for 2013-2014. In the meantime keep up the good work and let's help DG Bill meet his goal of ending his year with 1250 in membership. Just 5 more new lions are needed, well plus a few extra as cushion sure wouldn't hurt! We have 3 months left! GO LIONS!

Yours in Lionism

Tim Anderson DGE
231-920-9905

Lion Pete Conarty 2nd VDG

Spring has finally sprung and it is time to begin planning our club goals for 2013-14 and training our officers for an exciting new season. Our GLT Coordinator Lion Dick Perrin in conjunction with your Zone Chairs will be setting up training sessions for your club officers in the next few months. New and continuing officers are encouraged to participate. The attendance of Lions continuing in office is an asset to these meetings since you bring experience to the table.

Spring brings thoughts of parades and floats. Our District float is available for use in your community parade on a first come basis. Contact PDG Laura Johnson for details on using the float (lionlaura1953@gmail.com).

Our District cabinet is still offering a net total rebate of \$30 per new member for the period covering January 1 – June 30, 2013. We had 13 clubs collect rebates during the July-December period. Try your marketing skills or JUST ASK. Invite your community members to join in the growth and excitement of your Lions Club.

Planning your 2013-14 Lions calendar? Check off September 19 – 21, for the US/Canada Lions Leadership Forum that is going to be held in Overland Park Kansas. The Forum offers you opportunities to attend a large number of seminars, attend banquets with stimulating speakers and entertainment and best of all a chance to meet Lions from around our nation and Canada to share ideas. Contact any of your officers for more information.

We are one of the largest non - profit humanitarian organizations in the world. We stand tall!

Lion Pete Conarty 2nd VDG



Greenville Lions Club

The Greenville Lions Club will be holding its 2nd Annual Charity Golf Classic on Saturday May 11, 2013 at Glenkerry Golf Course located in Greenville. This charity golf classic is an 18-hole four-person scramble format that includes power cart. The outing will start with registration at 8 o'clock A.M. and conclude with a tasty outdoor lunch.

A free gift for every golfer, prizes and fun games is included in the price of \$50.00 per golfer. New this year is a chance to win a brand new pontoon boat with motor and trailer and one of the Par 3 hole contests. In addition, there will be several silent auction items available to bid on. Prizes for winning teams in men's, women's and co-ed and seniors categories will be awarded.

The outing is limited to the first paid 22 teams....and we will fill up quickly!! If you and your golfing buddies can only get together to play in one outing this year...MAKE it this one! For more information contact Lion John Moy 616-754-7324 or moy@chartermi.net

Celebrity Spotlight

LAKE ANN LIONS CLUB

Thirty years ago, the Lake Ann Lions Club developed as a spin-off of the Honor Lions. The mission statement of the Lake Ann Lions is to serve their community through sight programs, aid to their youth, humanitarian needs, and educational programs.

The Lions have achieved this goal by working to improve their local township parks, doing roadside clean up, working with the Boy Scouts, and working with other local groups on the Lake Ann Winter Pine Fest. Each year the club provides four graduating seniors with \$1,000 scholarships, gives financial support to the local food pantry, and provides eye glasses for community residents.

As part of their membership campaign, "It's Easy to Be a Lake Ann Lion", the Lake Ann Lions have four fundraisers, a golf tournament at the Mistwood Golf Club and three pancake breakfasts. The Lake Ann Lions make it easy to become a Lion.

Lake Ann Lions understand and appreciate the international efforts of Lions around the world. They are always looking to see what similar needs exist in their own community.

Lions Pin Traders Club of Michigan Pin Swap

May 3-4, 2013

Paw Paw Lions Clubhouse (269) 657-3444

59050 CO Rd 665 (Exit 60 I-94) Paw Paw, Michigan 49079

Friday May 3rd pin trading from 9:00 A.M. – Saturday, May 4th pin trading from 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Lunch available both days at minimal charge. A silent auction will also be taking place. There will be a Thursday night cards & supper at the Comfort Inn. This year's theme is "Little Germany" Dinner for Registrants only at Club house on Friday Night. There will be a LPTCM meeting on Friday night; also there will be Saturday Luncheon Pin.

For more information or to receive a registration forms please contact: Janalee McClure, PCC
Phone: 231 689-1321 - E-mail: janalee@riverview.net

Fremont Lions

VIDALIA ONION SALE

Please continue to ASK ASK ASK everyone you know if they could use Vidalia Onions. These onions are available in 10# bags for \$10 and 25# bags for \$20. All order sheets must be returned to Lion Laurene by April 29th NO LATER! Onions are tentatively scheduled to arrive May 9th, pick-up and delivery of onions must occur within 48 hours. Any questions, please contact Lion Laurene Homsher.



Five of our fellow Lions visited the 1st Grade classrooms at Pathfinder Elementary on Monday, March 25 at 1:30 pm. The teachers had the students assembled for us to be introduced and we read to the class then let them ask questions. The kids were all very attentive and so excited to get to select their very own book from the collection the principal and teachers had for them to choose from.

Midland Lions

The Lions District 11 E1 Convention was held in Big Rapids on March 22-24. Our Lions participated in a celebration of Mardi Gras with the entertainment featuring, "The Soul Men" on Friday night. At the noon luncheon on Saturday, our Midland Peace Poster winner, Madelyn Schroeder and her family were introduced. Her poster depicting buildings from all over the world coming together in a display of peace was on display. Madelyn was awarded \$100 for winning the District Peace Poster Contest.

Midland Lion President Ron Sharp was awarded the Ken E. Lautzenheiser Fellowship Award for his contributions to Leader Dog, Midland Lions, and for being involved in District work as a technician at the Lions District Fall Conference and helping District Lions establish Facebook accounts. The Lautzenheiser Fellowship Award is a Michigan Foundation award. Ken Lautzenheiser was instrumental in helping to create the Lions Michigan Foundation.

Midland's Second Vice District Governor Pete Conarty, also received an award at the evening banquet. He was awarded a certificate of Appreciation from International President Wayne Madden for establishing the District 11 E1 Fall Conference and his work in the area of membership. Lion Pete was also elected to the position of First Vice District Governor.

Lions Youth Exchange

Lions of Michigan YOUTH EXCHANGE

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR 4 WEEKS

I am looking for some local families that can Host Youth from around the World for up to one month this summer. Hosting is during July and/or August for 2013.

Students from Finland and Italy needing a Family are arriving July 1st- July 31st.

Students from Japan needing a Family are arriving on August 3rd- August 28th.

Finland Youth: 3

Sofia Peltola (F-17)(G): from Vaasa, Finland. Likes Dance, Piano, Traveling, Photography.

Jaana Nevalainen (F-18)(G): from Juuka, Finland. Likes Jogging, Traveling, Photography.

Rosa Joutsimies: (F-17)(G): from Sipoo, Finland. Likes Gym, Reading, Traveling, Jogging.

Italy Youth: 1

Raffaele Brancaccio (M-18)(Fair): from Boscoreale, Italy. Likes Music, Playing drums, using computer, and he practices artistic gymnastics.

Japan Youth: 1

Keishi Umezawa (M-20)(Good): from Aichi-ken, Japan. Likes Surfing, Travel. Nagoya Gakuin University: field of study- Foreign Language.

(F – Female & Age) (M – Male & Age) Speaks English (G- good) (F- Fair) (None- Little)

If you can or know someone that is willing to open their home and hearts to one or two of these students, please call to pick up a Family Hosting packet. If you have any questions call or e-mail me at the phone number and e-mail address below: Thank You,

Lion Steve Adsmund 231-924-3719 411 E. Maple, Fremont MI 49412
adsmund@comcast.net

Vision Mission Trip to Teziutlan, Mexico

- 1) Line outside
- 2) Checking for appointments
- 3) Registration
- 4) Dilation drops
- 5) Waiting for drops to work (at least 20 minutes) average wait 1-1.5 hours.



Over 2,300 local residents received glasses over the 4 days the clinic was set up. On the last day, many people received 3 pairs of glasses to accommodate all their vision needs. A total of 17 lions and 3 non Lions from Michigan flew to Mexico Feb. 26 to March 2 to give vision aide to the people of Teziutlan. Before the mission trip's end, there were 3 new Lion members on the team! The oldest patient seen was a woman who was 101 years old! If you would like more information on this Mission trip, contact PDG Laura Johnson.



Eye exams

Waiting to have their eyes examined

PDG Laura finding prescriptions



Eye exams are done in tents.

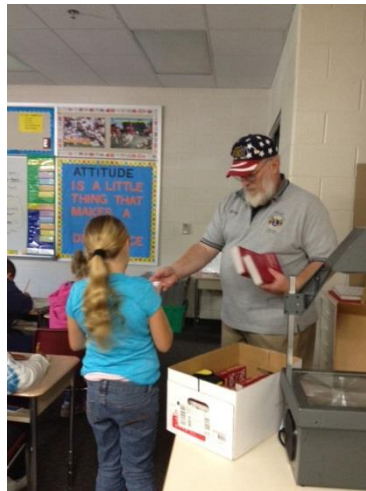
Church where the vision clinic worked out of.

Baldwin Lions



Members of the Baldwin Lions club awarded the top three contestants in the Baldwin schools their certificates and prize money. There were over 40 entries in two classrooms. Each classroom was recognized with a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner. Those selected each received a check for \$50, \$25 and \$15 for their efforts. Big Jackson public school was also included in the contest. The students received their prizes at their Christmas program. Big Jackson is a K to 6th grade public school with a total enrollment of 39 students.

Baldwin Lions



Nearly 100 third grade students at the Baldwin elementary school received their own personal dictionary, compliments of the Baldwin Lions Club. This presentation was made in conjunction with IP Wayne Madden's theme of promoting literacy.

The Mansell's and Leader Dog

Hi there! We're super excited to be hosting Lions Mark & Debbie Mansell again this year as they ride their motorcycles through 48 states in just 24 days to raise awareness and funds for Leader Dogs for the Blind which is based in Rochester Hills, MI.

We hope you'll join us on Sunday, June 23rd at the East Flint Clubhouse. You may wonder why I'm giving you a "heads up" so early...Well, I'm hoping that you'll help us publicize this event by printing the flyer and distributing it to your clubs, and also that you ask your clubs if they would be willing to donate something to the raffle & auctions. There are only 2 stops in Michigan this year (the other is at the Leader Dog facility), so this event is a great opportunity for Lions and friends from all over the state to support the Mansell's and Leader Dog. Please consider making the drive and/or donating a raffle item.

You can email me or call me at 248-766-7268 to make arrangements for raffle items and/or to let us know you're coming reservations not required, but helpful!). Thank you in advance for your support!

Lion Laura Hunt, D1



MOTORCYCLING FOR LEADER DOG MEET & GREET PICNIC FUNDRAISER

Hosted by Lions of District 11 D1

SUNDAY, JUNE 23 4:00 – 7:30

EAST FLINT LIONS CLUBHOUSE

4352 Crosby Road - Flint, MI

RAIN OR SHINE; Plenty of covered and indoor space available!

Meet Lions Mark and Debbie Mansell who are motorcycling thru 48 States in just 24 Days to raise awareness and funds for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Featuring the Fabulous Acoustic Duo

Sharon Tse and John Finan

<http://stse74.wix.com/johnandsharon>

Enjoy live entertainment, picnic food, Leader Dog puppies, raffles, auctions, and more!

Questions? Want to donate raffle items?

Call Lion Laura Hunt at 248-766-7268

District Conventions Photos



Just a few pictures from the District convention. Sure hope that everyone had a good time!!!!!!