

Lions of Michigan, District 11-E1

“WE SERVE”



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Here it is August 10, 2009 and 41 days of my year are gone. You think that when you take this job you will have time to slowly work on any problem that might or has occurred in the district. You think about membership, growth, retention, training and projects and in between all of these you suddenly realize oh my God, I have to visit 47 clubs. This is why it is so important to have such a great team of zone, region, vice governors and past district governors to help you with the other projects. Without them you would get nothing done. I am asking that if you want a special date for visitation by the Governor, please request as soon as possible. My calendar is starting to fill up fast with upcoming commitments from the state, USA Canadian form and appreciation dinners from last year's governors.

In a new report from Lions Clubs International: "Club Health Assessment for District 11 -E1." It shows that we have 8 clubs, that international shows are considered critical clubs due to size of membership against number of members dropped. As our first goal we will work very hard on those eight clubs. They will each be assigned a Rebuilding Lion from the district that will try and help to gain in stature and strength. We need to do this without neglecting any other club or members in the district.

Easy job, (Huh) that where the rest of the Lions in this district will help each other fulfill the needs as we work to strengthen the weaker clubs.

I hope that you realize that our sister District 11 -C1 was hit hard on August 9, with straight line winds that caused heavy damage to the Fruitport area and the Kent City area. We as Lions of District 11 -E1 want to give them all our prayers and support to help handle this situation. God Speed to all.

Please remember call with or e-mail me your date for a visit before the end of August. I will also be calling to fill in times that I still have open.

Yours in Lionism,

District Governor Lion Wayne

"Governors quote"

**"The future is not someplace we are going
but one we are creating.
The paths to it are not found but made,
and the activity of making them
changes both the maker
and the destination."
-Schaar**



2nd Vice District Governor John Monahan

Mt Pleasant Lions club
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Greetings, Fellow 11E-1 Lions

Keep your Members Happy So You Can Keep Them

Every Lions year there is a status report for each district, showing how the district has done in terms of membership and number of clubs. This year our district's number of clubs remained the same, and we had a net increase of member's district wide, an improvement over recent years which saw losses in membership. Why do we care about membership? The most important reason is that the members are the people who perform the service in "We Serve." More members mean more people to raise funds and work on service projects. "Many hands make light work." Last year the district added 20 new members, but lost 14 members. So our net gain was six. Thus there are two things to do to increase membership, recruit new members and avoid losing current members. The DG Wayne's goal is to reduce dropouts by one third, from 14 to 9. We should aim to eliminate the loss of members from the causes we can control.

Why do members drop out? One reason for early dropouts is lack of involvement in the club. Ways to avoid that include early involvement in projects and fund raisers and good orientation to the club and to Lions Clubs International. Another reason members drop is financial, particularly in tough economic times. That's a good reason to keep dues low. But LCI says that the main reasons include lengthy or boring meetings, club politics and cliques, lack of member involvement, and difficulty in working together. Solving these problems are jobs for the club president with the help of all members of the club, but LCI can also help.

LCI has devised a questionnaire to assess and improve the healthy functioning of your club and therefore reduce dropouts. The questionnaire has four sections: Club Meetings, Membership, Club Activities, and Personal Satisfaction. Each section includes a series of questions that members rate the frequency of the item in their club plus a request for comments about areas in which their club excels, areas needing attention, and additional comments. It also has written retention clinics designed for club presidents to help them improve the functioning of their club. The questionnaire and all of the clinics are available at <http://lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/resources/club-resource-center.php>, on the LCI web site under Member Center, Club Resource Center, and President Operations. This is LCI's Member Retention Program. Please take a look at this web site for lots information and ideas for your club.

The job of the club president is not an easy one, but the Member Retention Program can help make it a more satisfying and successful one. I have a two page version of the Retention Questionnaire that I can send you either in MS Word or pdf. In either case, it is the same questions presented in a slightly smaller format and without a cover sheet.

If you want the questionnaire or I can help, please let me know: john.monahan@cmich.edu. I believe that the LCI Retention Program has good ideas for all clubs, no matter how well they are doing.

Yours in Lionism

2nd VDG John Monahan

APPRECIATION DINNER FOR IPDG Larry Morlock
ON
SATURDAY AUGUST 29, 2009

HOLIDAY INN BIG RAPIDS IN THE GREAT LAKES ROOM
1005 PERRY AVE.
BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307
231-796-4400

SOCIAL TIME: 6:00P.M. CASH BAR WELCOME: 6:30 P.M. DINNER: 6:45 P.M.
COST: \$25.00 PER PERSON

DINNER CHOICES: BACON WRAPPED SIRLOIN OR ALMOND ENCRUSTED TILAPIA
INCLUDES SALAD, ROLLS, HERB ROASTED RED SKIN POTATOES,
GREEN BEANS ALMONDINE, CAKE & ICE CREAM, AND COFFEE, TEA,
MILK OR SOFT DRINKS

RETURN THE RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK PAYABLE TO DISTRICT 11 -E1 TO:
PDG JIM CHIPMAN
21240 POPLAR RD.
PARIS, MI 49338
231-796-7708

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE!!

NAME: _____

DISTRICT/CLUB _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

DINNER CHOICE:

BACON WRAPPED SIRLOIN # _____ x \$25.00 = _____

ALMOND ENCRUSTED TILAPIA # _____ X \$25.00 = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Quote of the month

*“Desire is the key to motivation, but it’s the determination and commitment
To an unrelenting pursuit of your goal –
That will enable you to attain the success you seek.”
Mario Andretti – race car driver*

Changes in the new book

1st. Vdg Lion Laura Johnson e-mail is: lionharry@maxnet-usa.net
Lion Jim Pascoe, Secretary for Traverse City Lions: phone is 231 -943-0804
Leader Dog Chairman, Lion Pam Blizzard: phone is 989-640-4046
Public Relations Publication Advisory, Lion John Moy: phone for work is 616-754-1178
Baldwin Lions Club Meeting night: Meet only the 2nd Tuesday of the month
Big Rapids Lions Club: New Meeting place: Wild Rose Café, call first
Carson City Lions Club: Dinner: Rusty Nail, Meeting: City Hall in Carson City
Last page, Ear Lab address: 2929 Covington Ct. Ste. 200

I realize that everyone does not have the new book yet but when you do, please make these corrections. If you find any errors that we have not noted, please contact the District Editor so I can publish the changes in the next issue.

International Convention 2009-2010



These photos were given to me by Lion PDG Richard Perrin

Cadillac Lions Club

On July 23rd the Cadillac Lions held an open summer "Meeting In The Park" inviting family, friends, and the general public to come on out and join them for a cookout (hotdogs and drinks available while they lasted for the visitors) and to take this chance to see what the Lions do for and in this community.

With 50 plus people in attendance, and with 2 grills going food and fellowship was shared to all that stopped by. Hotdogs were even taken across the street and passed out to the people enjoying the free jazz concert held at the pavilion each Thursday night as a thank you to the MC for continually promoting our cookout during the concert. The event went so well we are doing it again, so if you're in the area, please stop by and join us. **Thursday August 20th 6:30 PM @ the City Park across from the Pavilion in Cadillac. Come checkout our meeting and stay for the FREE Jazz Concert at the Pavilion afterwards"**

Camp Tuhsmeheeta Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind



We have had a very successful summer this year and we have three that have made it a very successful year. For those of you that attended the MINI Cabinet meeting, you met Shawn Patterson. He is a mover and shaker and we are very proud of the job that he has done to make it a very big success. He has been working close with Jason and Matt who are from Kalamazoo and they are both Blind and have ran the programming and events that go on daily and they have been doing a super job as well. Our main purpose is to make it possible for the Blind and Visually Impaired to have a wonderful time along the way they learn to work with other Blind and learn how to do things and it gives them an incentive to do even more.

This summer we had a culinary camp, Braille camp, dance camp, they had a prom night, music camp was one of the bigger sessions and from that they make a CD and have a concert at the end of the camp session. August 3 to 15 they have an adventure camp and they will be canoeing and visiting the north woods.

Money has been a bit tight again this year but we are able to finish up the camp season nicely and we have plans for the fall and winter season with weekend sessions. We are looking ahead to next summer camp season.

The cabinet has heard me talk about the facility for three or four years now but it is 297 acres of wooded property on 3 small lakes. It has a floating swimming pool in one of the lakes with a dock surrounding the floating pool.

I believe on July 25 the Lions that attended MINI Cabinet meeting and their spouses; they had a great time and a very good lunch too. We would like to thank all of the Lions Clubs that have donated to the camp program. If you ever get a n opportunity to come by when camp season is going, you are welcome to stop in and you will be amazed of all the wonderful things that are going on.

Lion Larry Alman Camp T Chairman for District 11-E-1

Cedar/Maple City Lions Club



Our new King Lion Rob Serbin (Cedar/Maple City Lions) inducted new member Jim Lyskawa on Monday July 27, 2009. Photo left to right, Sponsor Gerald White, Jim Lyskawa & King Lion Rob Serbin. Lion Rob Serbin was also our president from 2003 to 2004. Thanks, Pat Hobbins

Empire Lions, Lee Payment & Doug Slessman re-cycling items from the past Cedar/Maple City Lions Yard Sale for their Auction & Sale



Chippewa Lake Lions Club

Chippewa Lake Lions Club 30th Anniversary Celebration July 4, 2009

   <p>Find the Flags on the Lake 50/50 (Poker Run) Sign in 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Millett Park \$5.00 per hand Additional 50/50 drawings held throughout the day <small>Proceeds of 50/50 drawings go toward scholarships For youth with Type 1 Diabetes to attend Diabetes Camp. Sponsored by: Chippewa Lake Lions Club Poker run proceeds support Community and Lions Projects.</small></p>		
<p>Bake Sale & Snack Bar 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p>  <p><small>Proceeds go to Chippewa Lake Community Church Youth Programs</small></p>	<p>Raffle/Auction After the poker run (Around 5 or 5:30)</p> <p>Hang around after the poker run results are announced to bid on some great items you cannot live without!</p>	<p>Kids Games and Activities 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p>  <p><small>Sponsored by: Chippewa Lake Community Church</small></p>
<p>Used Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids Collection</p> <p><small>The eyeglasses are sorted, sized, and are sent to third world countries. The hearing aids are recycled and provided to those who cannot otherwise afford one. Excess will be on- sight for collection.</small></p>	<p>Fireworks at Dusk</p> <p>End the day with a BANG at the Chippewa Lake Fireworks Display on the Lake! <small>Sponsored by: Chippewa Lake Fireworks Committee</small></p> 	<p>Music</p>  <p><small>Provided throughout the day by our own DJ Lion Tyler</small></p>

Chippewa Lake Lions celebrated their 30th Anniversary with a full day of community involvement and **FUNDRAISING** on July 4. Besides the 17 very happy \$100 winners in the "Find the Flags on the Lake" 50/50 (formerly Poker Run), there were approximately 50 additional happy winners in the 50/50 drawings, extended prize drawing from the 50/50, and silent auction. Area merchants and individuals donated Gift Certificates, products, services, and items for the silent auction and second chance prize drawing (over 50 items) picked from the day's collection of 50/50 tickets with proceeds dedicated to provide Juvenile Diabetes Camp Scholarships. Area clubs and organizations were invited to participate in the all day activities at Millett Park. There were kids' games and face painting with proceeds going to start a Chippewa Lake Community Church youth program, VERY well-received bake sale & snack bar provided by the church, and music all day from the pavilion with our very own DJ Lion Tyler Roebuck. Lion Karla designed awesome anniversary tee shirts for the Lions and *I Love Chippewa Lake* shirts that sold very quickly made by *Hangin' By a Thread* in Weidman (thanks Weidman Lions for the contact info, every shirt was PERFECT). Chippewa Lake Young Women's Group helps with the poker run and uses their proceeds to provide holiday parties for area children. There will another "Find the Flags on the Lake" and bake sale on Labor Day Weekend September 5 for the last big fling of the summer.

Chippewa Lake Lions request the services of a licensed builder to complete a project.

Kathy Wilson approached our Lions Club concerning building a handicap ramp and deck for Danielle, a wheelchair bound adult who has to be carried in and out of her home. Last fall, our Lions had already volunteered the manpower and Social Services was going to provide the materials. The weather got bad so we had to wait until spring. At that point Social Services denied the request (with all their tightening of the belt over the winter). So, Kathy canvassed the county soliciting donations for the deck and ramp. She had to have a non-profit to receive the donations, so our Lions club was a perfect fit. Kathy (who is now a Lion!) and our new President Bob Roebuck secured all of the materials, as well as funds to pay for the permits and a handicap accessible door. A licensed builder had pledged his services for the project.

Lowe's has not only pledged all of the materials, but is volunteering helpers to build the deck as long as we have a licensed builder on-site at all times. When we scheduled the project, the licensed builder that was going to donate his services now decides he needs \$1000 to supervise. Our project is at a stand-still until we can find a licensed builder to help us out with this project. Our Lions have constructed many handicap ramps and are experienced, just not licensed.

PLEASE, if there are any licensed builders out there in our Lions Clubs who would be willing to be on-site for this project, PLEASE contact Lion Bob as soon as possible at 231-972-8885.

Coleman Lions Club



We are very happy to welcome three new members to the Coleman Lions Club. R.D. & Mary King were inducted in July and Marilyn Schaar joined our club in August. R.D. is a former member of Coleman Lions and is being welcomed back after several years of traveling in his 5th wheel. His wife, Mary is a new member. We congratulate them on their permanent residence in Coleman. Marilyn is a long time resident of Coleman and is also a member of the Coleman VFW Post. She has considered joining Lions in the past and felt the time was right for her now. Our three new members have already helped with several of our recent fundraisers and are busy selling raffle tickets for our new Cash Raffle.

June found the Coleman Lions busy with two new fundraising events, a

Pancake Breakfast and parking cars for a Great Lakes Loons game across the street from the stadium at McKay Press - the perfect place to park, close to the stadium and your \$3 goes to a service organization every game night! We will be there again on Saturday, August 29th.

Our new Cash Raffle has had a slow start, but will pick up steam next week when we spend the week selling tickets at the Midland County Fair! Visit us in Building 22. Our Raffle tickets are only \$1 each or 6 for \$5. There will be five cash prizes from \$100 up to \$500 which will be drawn on September 19th here is Coleman at another NEW fundraiser - Our "Charter Night Banquet."

Instead of a dinner to celebrate 69 years serving the community, we thought we would also have a game night filled with fun and prizes. We will have a silent auction, game boards, a live auction, a 50/50 drawing, door prizes, and of course, the cash raffle drawing. This fun event will take place at the Coleman VFW Hall right on Railway and Fourth Streets in downtown Coleman. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets to the event are \$15 to cover the cost of the catered dinner and must be purchased in advance (or reserved!) Central Michigan Catering will fix a great feast including Garlic Baked Chicken and Roast Beef Aujus. If you are interested in either raffle or dinner tickets, email Mary Jo Faching at mifaching@colemanschools.net or call 989-465-1099.

Labor Day weekend we will again have our concession wagon at Yoders Amish Auction on Leaton Rd. in Clare. Raffle tickets and Koegel Viennas and Polish dogs will be available for purchase. Hope to see some of you there.

Our club picnic, held on August 3rd was very well attended by members and their families.



Fremont Lions Club



Fremont Lions members enjoyed the Pancake Breakfast at the National Baby Food Festival in Fremont on July 25th. After the breakfast Lions members and guests helped as "parade wranglers" for the parade. Lion Rich and Marta Osborn; Lion Ron and Kay Pardonnet; Lion Darl Purdy; Lion Dick Billingsley; Lion Max Gardenour; Lion Carl and Lion Laurene Homsher (in photo). Others Lions who helped as "Parade Wranglers" were: Lion Steve and Lion Brenda Adsmoind; PCC Janalee and Lion Lester McClure (White Cloud Lions); Lion Vicki Vanderlaan; King Lion Don and Mary Henry; Louis Deleguardia and Andrea Lyn Homsher. Our help must have been appreciated because we have already been asked back for NBFF 2010!

Evert Lions Club



Shortly after World War II a group of Evert citizens established the Evert Lions Club. Under the guidance of our sponsoring club, Big Rapids Lions Club, the fledging club began its honorable history of service to the Evert community and Lions of Michigan.

Beginning in the mid-seventies the fundraising project for the Evert Lions was a food booth at the Osceola County 4H/FFA Fairgrounds located in Evert. The booth became very active during the first week in August each year during Fair Week.

In the early years the Evert Lions booth became known for homemade pies. After the tractor and horse pulls crowds of spectators gathered around the booth for a piece of homemade pie and a cup of coffee for a pre -bedtime snack.

In the late 1990s, we had outgrown our little booth and in order to serve our patrons we added an addition which more than doubled the size of our existing booth.

As we grew so did the venues hosted by the Osceola County 4H/FFA Fair Board. One venue, the Dulcimer Funfest, held during the third weekend in July annually, continues to grow yearly. Additional venues that have been added by the Fair Board are:

Michigan Fur Trappers in May, Woodcarvers in June, Fourth of July Fireworks, Gold Wings (motorcycle group) in July, and Spit and Whittle in September.

The clubs activities center on serving the venues at the fairgrounds. We built a pavilion early in this century. The club constructed a covered open -air pavilion with ten picnic tables to seat booth patrons. Although the pavilion was constructed to seat booth patrons, the greater use today is for non -patrons. In fact, it has become a gathering spot for all kinds of groups. The proverbial saying, "The last to leave, please turn out the lights", in reality results in the lights never being turned off. During the Dulcimer Funfest, the lights are never turned out as Dulcimer groups have jam sessions all night long.

Up until a few years ago, the Evert High School and the Evert Athletic Boosters used our food booth free of charge to raise funds during school athletic events.

The Evert Lions booth profits support most of the Evert Lions service projects. The club's board of directors tries to make improvements yearly that improve quality of service and food preparation.

"We give the public the opportunity to donate their pocket change and folding money by dumping their money into a 'building fund' canister on the service counter", stated IPDG Larry Morlock.

Several years ago, the booth was having electrical trouble —blowing fuses. The club made a \$3,000 contribution to the Fair Board for the purpose of upgrading electrical service to our booth and also the fairgrounds.

Work shifts at the booth are for four hours. Club members sign up for one or more of the three shifts daily. The Evert Lions have been very fortunate to be able to service the additional venues and grow with the activities at the fairgrounds. The booth has provided the opportunity to relate to people the activities of Lions clubs and the benefits that Lions provide to communities. ***Editors note 'picture 3 is of Lion Deb and she was there from 6:00 a.m . to 7:00 p.m. every day I was there. And the service there was fantastic and so was the peach pie. I ran them out 2 days in a row, it was finger licking good.***

Kaleva Lions Club



Kaleva Lions want to thank PDG Ken Burrows for swearing in our 2009 board of director. Lion Ken has been a Lion most of his life and was District Governor in 1968 for 11E before the re was a 11E-1. King Lion Ken Kuttilla and the Kaleva Lions Thank PDG Ken for his years of service and his home club Honor.

Kaleva Lions did wonderful with our Kaleva Day activities, Thank s to all who stepped up and did all the extras.

Lake Ann Lions Club



Lake Ann Lions adopted a two mile stretch of highway and will do clean up three times a year. Lake Ann Lions spring cleaning, April 18, 2009 and of course we had to start with hot coffee and donuts!!

(L-R) Dick Unger, Jack Flitz, Jim Slis, Team leader Mike Salamino, Bruce Elben, Pete Lewis, Ron Gray, Chris Holz and not pictured Trish Lewis.



This is a picture of King Lion Jodi Salamino awarding the 25 year membership to the Lake Ann Lion Club Charter members (from left to right) Al Bluhm, Ron Gray, Jim Morse and King Jodi.

Could you please notify me when it will be put in the paper?



This is a photo of King Lion Jodi Salamino awarding Christ Holz, the Lion of the year award.

Weidman Lions Club



Weidman Lions have been very busy in July.

The Weidman Lions Club had a float (see picture) in the Weidman Sawmill Days parade, Lion Members passed out balloons (see picture) to all children. Also Lion members served Food at the fairgrounds; we made a net of \$900.00.

At our annual picnic in July Kim Barnes, Scholarship Chairperson presented \$1,000.00 scholarships to Mariah Fiorillo who will attend Albion College, and Logan Benn Johnson who will attend Grand Valley State University (see picture). Also a new member Jeanne Hale was installed by President Jane Shenk and Secretary Bernie Baldwin (see picture).

A Blood Drive was held on July 23, 2009 and 18 pints of blood were collected.

Fruitport in District 11-C-1



Greenville Lions came to the help residents with the clean-up in Fruitport, District 11-C. District Governor Wayne Kreitner with his chain saw and oil and gas mixture and Lion Larry Alman ready to haul brush. Picture number One is of the first place that we went to and we found the back yard in a disaster state. Picture number two is of a tree that fell down a block from the yard that we were in; you can see that the tree missed the above ground pool. Picture number three is of a huge tree that was lifted out of the ground. It definitely is a disaster zone. We are bringing immediate Past President Roger Wilson with us tomorrow, Wednesday to help us. Two other people showed up from Norton Shores a community just North of Fruitport and we had to call 911 for one of them because we thought he had a heart attack. We had to take a

break till we got that situation under control and we found out he was doing better in the afternoon and that made us feel a whole lot better.



This picture is of District Governor Wayne Kreitner, center and Lion Roger Wilson, left and Lion Larry Alman on the right. It was taken in one of the resident's yards that we were working on Wednesday afternoon. We finished our job on Thursday and along with some worn out chainsaws.



2009-2010 Council fo Governors

This picture was taken at the Lions of Michigan State Office in July with all the Gover nors. They are pictured in front the Ginkgo Tree that they had planted to honor our Lions International Preside nt Eberhard J. Wirfs. The Ginkgo Tree is a very old tree and only surviving group of plants that lived millions of years ago. The tree was discovered in Temple Gardens in

China. Ginkgos are slender trees with fan shaped, fern-like leaves. The leaves grow to the ends of shoots. The trees usually are from 60 to 80 feet high.

The fruit resembles a plum and contains a nut that is edible when roasted. But the flesh surrounding the nut smells like rancid butter and is irritating to the skin of some people. The male forms of the Ginkgo, which do not bear fruit, are often planted as ornamental trees in the United States.

Editors note

If your Club has a project that you think no one else would be interested in, those are the ones that everyone wants to see. The projects that are different than anyone else's would be great in the District Newsletter. Please send them to me so I can share them with everyone else.

***Don't forget IPDG Larry Morlock's recognition dinner
Send your checks to PDG Jim Chipman. He is very good
At collecting our money.***

1s Vice District Governor Laura

Lion Laura has gone through the second round of knee replacement and is on the road to recovery. This time she found a real doctor and he did her up just right. We wish Lion 1st VDG Laura a speedy recovery and won't be long she will be back on both feet real soon.

GET WELL SOON!