

THE GREAT LIONS OF DISTRICT 11E-1

"TOGETHER WE SERVE"



District Governor William "Bill" Simpson & First Lady Vickie

August Newsletter 2012, Editor Lion Debbie Kreitner



1ST Vice District Governor Tim Anderson & Lion Christina



2nd Vice District Governor Peter Conarty & Mary Lou

News from the District Governor

Hi Everyone!

Let me tell you that one of the best things about travel is coming back to the USA! It's fun to experience other countries and people, but home is home!

Korea was wonderful and my thoughts of a third world country were totally wrong. We arrived in Seoul and flew on to Busan, a smaller city of 3.5 million people who live in high rise apartment buildings and travel in a fleet of 900 beautifully decorated and clean city buses. The convention facilities were top notch and everywhere in the city were posters and banners welcoming Lions to Korea. We found most residents were able to speak a little English and were very eager to assist us with directions, even leaving what they were doing and going several blocks out of the way to be sure we got to our destination. The city was very clean and combined a modern flare with the Asian use of every inch of space, both horizontally and vertically. Businesses were stacked one on top of another, filling up the bottom four or five stories in buildings along with residential space at the top. High rise apartment buildings were found everywhere in the cityscape, with many new apartment complexes under construction. Busan is the third largest port in the world. Shipping and fishing are some of the city's largest industries along with Samsung electronics that employ thousands of residents.

We enjoyed the company of our fellow Michigan governors. The opportunity to travel and learn together will make our 2012/2013 Council a tolerant and productive group. I look forward to working with and serving all the Lions of District 11 E1. If I can be of help to your club, please do not hesitate to contact me. Vickie and I would like an invitation to your club or Lion's function. So, please call and save a day for us to visit.

Yours in Lionism, DG Bill

District Governor Travels

August 3, 4 - COG Lansing

August 6 - Honor Lions

August 11 - I PDG Monahan Appreciation Dinner, Harrison Lion Club

August 14 - Chippewa Lake Lions

August 17 & 18 - Midwest Eye Bank, Lansing

August 22 - Northport Lions

August 24 - Football opener in Big Rapids

August 27 - Lake Ann Lions

August 28 - Manistee Lions

District News from the 2nd Vice District Governor

2nd Vice District Governor

Thank you, District Lions, for the opportunity to serve as your 2nd Vice District Governor. It is a privilege, as a Lion for 29 years, to work in this capacity. We have exciting events happening in our District this summer. Your fundraisers and special projects are making a difference in your communities. Thank you for helping to make our Lions District 11 E1 outstanding.

We have an exciting special event scheduled on Sunday, September 9, for all of our District Lions and their guests. Our Fall District 11 E1 Lions Conference which will be held in White Cloud, Michigan at the Newaygo Commission on Aging Building. The conference will feature special projects/ fundraisers from four of our District clubs. You will get a firsthand look and possibly taste of some of the projects that are considered outstanding for these clubs. Our District Float trailer will be on site with information and possibly pictures of its use. A representative of the Midland based Dow Corning Corporation will present a program on an exciting new venture into Third World Optical. A parade/ pledge of checks for our state and district projects will highlight our determination to make these organizations a success. Updates on the Pedia Camera use and many more ideas will be forthcoming at this event. Consider on bringing a group from your club for this 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. conference. The registration fee is \$7.50 per Lion or guest and includes delicious snacks and a wonderful lunch hosted by the White Cloud Lions. Meet new Lions, visit with Lion friends, become informed on what's new in your District and relax after a busy, hot summer. You won't regret this opportunity to participate as a Lion. The registration form is in this newsletter.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Pete Conarty, 2nd VDG

Club Celebrity Spotlight

Stanwood Lions Club may be one of the smallest clubs in the district, but it is still viable and planning to grow in membership. The Club services the area of Morley, Stanwood, and Canadian Lakes. The Club gives out a scholarship to a deserving high school senior each year. It collects eyeglasses though out the year and helps provide glasses to those in need. The Club cooperates with community groups to participate in a community free picnic. Halloween finds club members conducting games for the children during the Trick or Treat event that hosts 500+ kids. The Club has a gun raffle each year and this serves as the main money maker. Currently we are having a yard sale. We have a Christmas party and a summer picnic. The Citizen of the year and the Lion of the Year are honored at the picnic. Stanwood Lions Club meets the third Monday of the month at Sharon's restaurant in Rogers Heights. Come visit, we do enjoy guests.

1st VDG Tim Anderson wrote this article.

Club Celebrity Spotlight

Stanton, Michigan located on Highway 66 just a few miles south of highway 46, is the home of the Stanton Lions Club. The club chartered on March 31, 1981 (31 years, ago) has 22 members. They have two meeting locations: summer at the State Street Lions Shelter (which the Stanton Lions built) at 6:30 p.m. and in the winter at the Stanton High School at 1:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month. The town of Stanton is lined with numerous sugar maple trees and the Stanton Lions take advantage of this unique opportunity to tap the Sugar maples for their sap. It takes six to seven Lions four hours to tap the trees. They can collect as much as 4,000 gallons of sugar sap that is then sold to the Sugar Bush in Shepherd, MI. The Stanton Lions are one of the largest suppliers of sap for the Sugar Bush. Other fundraisers are a golf outing and a Chicken Bar BQ at Stanton's Old Fashion Days. The Lions, also, work with the high school football players in setting up the stage for Old Fashion Days, purchased guitars to help start a guitar club, and help distribute food packages working with the high school staff. They have joined forces with the Sheridan Lions Club and send children to the circus. This industrious group of Lions has built two ramps for handicapped residents, along with their most important project, buying eye glasses for people in the community. Stanton residents view the Lions contributions as invaluable!

2nd VDG Pete Conarty wrote this article

Past District Governors Association Project

The PDG Association is planning another work project for participation by all. We know that whatever date is picked, it will not work for everyone. So we are using the date that best fits the project. In May, we participated in a work project at Bear Lake Camp. We were able to provide some leadership as well as hands on labor. We felt our time was well spent there and decided to try a similar project on the western side of the state - thus a look at Camp T.

We will be at Camp T. on Friday, Sept 21, 2012 evening for a dinner and fun and fellowship. We can stay at the camp in the cabins in bunk beds (bring your own linens or sleeping bags or whatever) or bring your camper - whatever works better for you.

Sat, Sept 22, 2012, we will have breakfast then go to work putting the camp away for the season. There will be repair work, painting, putting tents away and other projects that need to be done. There is A JOB FOR EVERYONE - you don't have to be a PDG to help.

Cost for dinner is \$7.00 per person; Breakfast is \$5.00 per person. Lunch will be furnished by Camp T.



TOUCH DOWN AT THE FALL
DISTRICT 11 E1 LIONS CONFERENCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2012

Newaygo Commission on Aging

93 s. Gibbs St, White Cloud, MI 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Parade and Pledge of Checks, Special Club projects/fundraising Ideas, Third World Optical, Leadership Possibilities, Kid Sight, Pedia Camera update, District Float, and many more ideas. It is time to meet new Lions, snacks and a wonderful lunch hosted by the White Cloud Lions Club. (Parade of checks projects: Bear Lake, Leader Dog, Lions of MI Foundation, MI Eye Bank, Camp T., Kid Sight, Lions All State Band).

Registration fee: \$7.50 per Lion (includes lunch and snacks). Dress is casual.

Questions / Information: 2nd VDG Pete Conarty, 989-835-8712 or E-mail
mlpic@sbcglobal.net



REGISTRATION FORM

We plan to touch down at the District 11 E1 Fall Conference on Sept. 9, 2012:

Club _____ Names of Attendees _____

Cost: \$7.50 per Lion or guest

Total Cost: _____ Contact Lion and Telephone
Number _____

E-mail _____

MAIL TO: Lion Pete Conarty, 2411 Brookfield DR, Midland, MI 48642

Deadline for registration is by September 1, 2012.

LIONS CLUB YOUTH EXCHANGE

Greetings!

I have accepted the Lions Youth Exchange Chair for 2012-2013 for the District. Our District 11-E1 hasn't had a Youth Exchange student in many years, and we as a district have missed an opportunity to have representation in this significant international student exchange program. Part of the challenge is creating awareness for our eligible and interested youth in Fremont and their families.

Applications from interested Exchange students have a deadline of September 30th, due in to me by this date, so we need to recruit a few youth soon. Therefore I hope you will look at the pages that follow to learn more about Lions Youth Exchange and put some sort of notice into our community through your choice of media that would have the greatest ability to reach interested youth, or through personal contact, as well as raise awareness about our Lions Club.

Thank You!

Lion Steve Adsmond

Youth Exchange Chair, District 11-E1

Fremont Lions Club

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Lion of Michigan Youth Exchange Program Lions International Youth Exchange

The Purpose and Objectives of the Youth Exchange Program are:

The purpose:

The International Youth Camp Program was authorized in 1974, for the purpose of furthering Lions Clubs International's first object: To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world.

The objectives of the program are:

To bring young people into meaningful contact with students and adults of other countries.

To facilitate the sharing of ideas, customs and cultural viewpoints, with family and community life of another culture.

To develop leadership potential in our youth.

To encourage respect in young people for the thinking of others.

To provide a range of activities that promotes a healthy learning experience, both physically and intellectually.

To promote international understanding and goodwill, and to work toward the goals of world peace through the World of Lionism.

1. Who can participate in Michigan?

Students between the ages of 16 - 21 years of age can participate in certain countries with Host Families and Camps; Keep your age in mind when choosing a country.

Examples listed below:

Students 16+; Brazil (+Brazilian visa), Canada, Finland, Germany and Peru ONLY.

Students 17+ include above list plus; Australia (+ visa), Austria, Belgium, Chile, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Sweden, Switzerland, and Turkey (+Turkish visa).

Students must be 18+: include above lists plus; England, France, Iceland, India, Mexico, Poland, & Spain.

Honor Lions Activities

We are having a breakfast on Saturday; Aug 25th from 7:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. to celebrate the Co-Ho Festival at our Clubhouse.

On Nov 14th will be giving away a shot gun and a 270 Savage gun at Jody's in Honor. We will be selling tickets for that beginning in July. There are house prizes as well.

All of these events allow us to continue to help the people of Benzie County with glasses and scholarship to graduates of our local high school and District projects.

Thank you for taking an interest in our Club.

Lion Betty Cramer, Secretary

Weidman Lions



Weidman Lions Hold KidSight Program

Since the beginning of this year, Weidman Lions Club working with Barryton, Mecosta, Coleman, Big Rapids, and Remus Clubs has tested 329 children with 26 referrals. All locations offered all the help they could and made us feel welcome. The whole experience was rewarding and working with children of that age group can be a lot of fun.

Picture: Left to Right, Lion Bob Thompson, Lion Bernie Baldwin, St. Michael's student and Lion Tom Girvin

Lions of Michigan Foundation Wall of Fame

Picture is Cabinet Treasurer Kerry McGinley, PDG Jim Chipman, & PID Dennis Cobler



Congratulations to Cabinet Secretary PDG Jim Chipman on his induction to the Lions of Michigan Foundation Wall of Fame.

Lions of Michigan Foundation Wall of Fame Industries



Pictured are PID Gary Anderson, from 11-C1, PDG Jim Chipman, Former State Secretary Budd Goodwin, from 11-C2, Lion Charles Cone from 11-A1, PDG Wayne Schultz from 11-E2 and PCC Frank Cunningham from 11-C1 and PDG Stuart Lozon from 11-E2, deceased.

PDG'S Harry & Laura Johnson had some interesting visitor's!!!!



Check with Harry & Laura to get the scoop on their visitor's!!!

Leader Dog Bike Traveler in Ludington



Area Lions welcomed Lion Mark Mansell of LaCenter, Washington, on July 18th during his cross country fundraiser for Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, MI. The group of area Lions met him in Ludington on his trek across Michigan. Pictured are: PDG Harry Johnson, Debbie & Lion Mark, Mike Dengate from Leader Dog, PDG Laura Johnson, Lion Janet Mast and PDG Lynnwood Mast.

OREGON LION WHEELS INTO EVART



Evart Lions welcomed Lion Mark Mansell of LaCenter, Washington, on July 18th during his cross country fundraiser for Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, MI. Lion Mark is attempting to raise public donations equaling one cent per mile for the 3,500 mile bike ride plus any contributions from Lions members and clubs. The combined total raised this far exceeds \$40,000.

Evart Lions Club President Terese Whitten commented that the club was pleased that Mark and his wife, Debbie, visited us at our Food Booth at the Osceola County Fairgrounds. The Osceola County Fair Board hosts the Dulcimer Funfest each July.

Lion Mark collected donations for Leader Dogs for the Blind from District 11-E1 presented by District Governor Bill Simpson, Cadillac Lions Club presented by 1st Vice District Governor Tim Anderson, Evart Lions Club presented by PDG Larry Morlock and a personal donation from PDG Larry and Lion Gayle Morlock. A presentation was made by Evart Mayor Eric Schmidt who presented Mark with a small key to the city. Also present were Mike and Judy Dengate representing Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Everyone present enjoyed talking with Mark and Debbie before they headed out for Clare.

Sheridan Lions



The Sheridan Lions club is back with us again, with the help of PDG Jim Chipman, PDG Lynnwood Mast. They have been meeting with them for a couple of months and new officers were installed on July 10, 2012 by DG Bill Simpson. New officers are President Lynn Lund, 1st Vice President Carla Kraft, Secretary Richard Langin and Treasurer PDG Stan Preshaw. They are planning a family picnic for August 21, Tuesday. The new President Lynn has all kinds of enthusiasm and lots of great ideas and plenty of new members to bring into their club. **Great job Sheridan Lions Club!!!!**

Save the Date
Kaleva Lions 50th Anniversary
October 15, 2012
Details to follow next month