



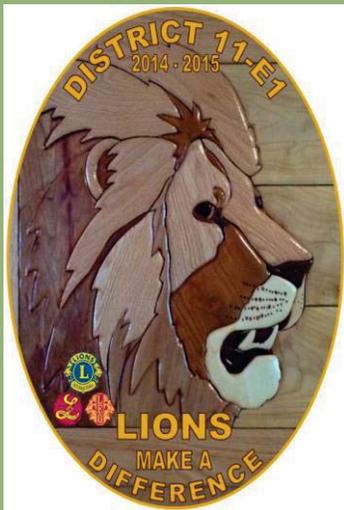
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DISTRICT LIONS 11 E1



DECEMBER 2014

NEW MEMBERS 38

Happy holidays from our DISTRICT family to yours!

Governor's Message

Season's Greetings! I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. First Lady Mary Lou and I wish you a most Blessed Holiday Season.

Since 1980 (34 years), Michigan has produced high quality and award winning All State Lions Bands. Our All State Michigan bands have marched in numerous International parades and given concerts around the US and world. Talk to your local high school band instructor about the benefits of participating. Deadline to register is December 15.

KidSight is flourishing and we have more clubs getting involved. Groups are now calling the Lions to set up screenings. I was very happy to see a number of clubs have picked up on the Governor's Book Proposal for screened children. Keep up the great work!

Retention has been a problem for Lions across the United States. We take one step forward and two steps back because of the Lions we lose. "What is your club doing to prevent the loss of Lions?"

Communicate with your Lions before they drop. 1st VDG Pam has been handing out an Exit Survey to use when you lose a Lion to find out, why they are leaving? Some Lions drop because they get behind in their dues, others because they are not involved. Have your club complete a satisfaction survey such as the CEP Lite to find out where, if any, dissatisfaction might exist. Get your non-participating members back into the fold. Absence does not keep Lions in the club. We have had 14 Lions pass this year. They were all, close friends and an asset to their clubs. Lion Connie McMorris passed on Nov. 23. She was very involved in her community, Club, and for many years at the District level. She will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers to her family.

DG Pete

AWARDS



Vance Richards and
Herb Dyer – Kaleva Lions



Beverly Armstrong and
Gary Suftin - Luther Lions



Craig Nykamp, Hart Lions

Barryton Lions
Ty Strong – Unsung Hero
Nancy Mohr - Friendship

DISTRICT 11 E1 NEWSLETTER



1ST VDG PAM SCHROEDER

Governor Pete and I had a very informative Council of Governors week end. There are many exciting and informative sessions coming up for Lions.

The Lions Michigan Forum will be held on February 27th, 2015. It will begin at 8 a.m. There are four breakout sessions in the morning, with someone from LCI to present a session on “Forming New Clubs”. Our keynote speaker will be Miss Michigan, KT Maviglia. She has started a foundation for children with hearing disabilities. They plan to adjourn around 2:45 p.m., leaving you time to still travel in daylight.

Hope to see many of you there to take advantage of the knowledgeable Lions around our state.

We have lost one of our Lions Lion. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Lion Connie McMorris` family. She will surely be missed in our District.

The year is half over and we are working hard in our clubs. Many clubs close for the winter, and many Lions go to warmer climates. We wish all those traveling for the holidays or for the winter, Safe Travels. If your club does not meet in the winter visit your near by clubs that still meet in the winter, you might even pick up new ideas.

PDG Dan and myself wish every one of the Lions near and far a very MERRY CHRISTMAS. See you next year.

Lion Pam

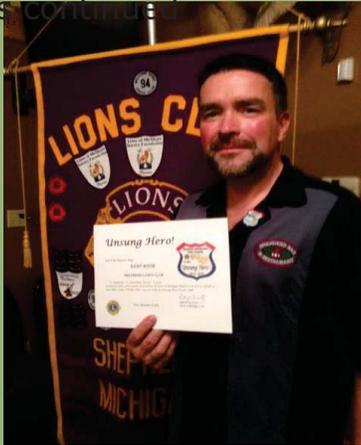
Region 1, Zone 2

The first of November the clubs of our Zone held a dinner dance.

All the clubs, Arcadia, Bear Lake, Kaleva, Manistee, Mesick and Onekama worked together supplying the food, had a band and a great evening.

We raffled off five baskets of goodies to make extra money. The money from the event is being sent to the Leader Dog Program, to help with their renovations. It was a fun evening and look forward to our Zone doing a project together.





Kent Roth
Shepherd Lions



Charlotte Davis and Sandy
Ebright – Vestaburg Lions



Curt Helgren - Hart Lions



John Ellafrits and Rosemary
Witt – Lakeview Lions

LIONS WITHOUT BORDERS

During the Ebola outbreak, almost every news account refers to Doctors Without Borders. This group of medical professionals have dedicated themselves to going wherever a need exist.

When Lions hibernate in their own den, having limited contact with other Lions, we fail to gain from being part of the world's largest service organization.

Everyone has recognized that we must do something different, if our goal is to increase membership to aid in our quest of meeting new community needs.

Many opportunities exist for you and your club to travel beyond the borders of your club. I challenge you to go soak up ideas like a sponge.

Of course, one of the most valuable aspects of attending zone meetings and district conventions are the friendships that can be forged. Visiting other Lions clubs is also another way to gain new ideas about serving our communities.

March Sleep Inn

Your District Convention is March 27, 28, & 29 at the Park Place Hotel in downtown Traverse City. The Hotel is now taking reservations. A number of you have made your reservations. Call 1-231-946-5000 to make reservations. Rooms are \$69 a night (good rate). Come in early on Friday and enjoy the city's amenities.

Here's a Challenge for all District 11-E1 Lions Clubs

1. Every Lion in your club should at least once per year, visit another LIONS Club.
2. Once each year, your club should host a Zone meeting.
3. Club officers and each member of the Board of Directors should attend a Michigan Lions Leadership Institute and the Michigan Forum
4. Each Club should have a minimum of 10% of its members attend the District 11-E1 and MD 11 Annual State Conventions.

WHY? We ain't ever done that before!!

The reason to engage in the suggested activities is to broaden each member's perspective of what is possible when 1.37 Lions join hands to find a solution to a common need. Also, each club has its own service projects and fund-raising activities, which can be shared. More importantly, as we become LIONS without club, district, or state borders, we begin to fulfill the mission of service. (Submitted PCC Dick Perrin)

(Adapted from article written by Lion Jerome Thompson – Alabama Lions are Hands-On 11/1/14)

Friday night's reception and then the Hospitality rooms (free) are a great chance to bond with your District Lions. Be sure to ask for your confirmation number when reserving.





Crossroads Lions
Dan Lee & Gary Bailey, Sr.

Empire Lions



Phil Deering and President
James Martin with DG Pete
Unsung Hero Award – PDG
Richard Daniel



New Lions - 37

**DG Pete inducts
Brandon Hubbard
with Vestaburg
President Jim Hodges**



DISTRICT OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Any Lion who wishes to run for a district office (Governor, 1st VDG, 2nd VDG or Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee) is reminded to send in his or her intent letter by Monday, January 26, 2015. The letter should come from the club's secretary, signed by the club president indicating the club's support and sent to the Nominations Committee Chair and the District Cabinet Secretary. If you have any questions, please contact the Nominations Chair Lion Dick Perrin PDG at (231) 796-5675 or email at perrinr@hotmail.com.

**Tis The Season For Tree
Fundraisers**

The Cedar- Maple City Lions cut and installed a 20 foot tree for Fox Motors in Traverse City. The snow was deep and the wind chill 10 degrees but the Lions Served. The club will be selling trees for three more weekends.



DG Pete assists Lion Joe Merton
induct the newest Hart Lions Club
Lion Jeff Kabot



The Coleman Lions Club held their annual Halloween Party inside this year because of the cold at Faith United Methodist Church. Eight Lions served hot dogs, helped with trick or treating, games, gave out prizes and served cider. The Lions, also, held their third KidSight screening this year at a pre-school. Fourteen children were screened.



DISTRICT PEACE POSTERS
*PEACE, LOVE,
UNDERSTANDING*



Habib Tsoungui & Family,
Big Rapids Lions President

**PEACE POSTER
WINNERS**
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District Winner:
Isabella Waite
Big Rapids Middle School



Sheridan Lions
Caitlin Miller
Central Montcalm Middle



Tiffany Harwood & Family,
Big Rapids Lions President



Baldwin Lions
Abbey Bradley, Baldwin



Fremont Lions – Fremont
Middle, Ashley Johr



Big Rapids – Isabella Waite and family
With President Bruce Fredrick

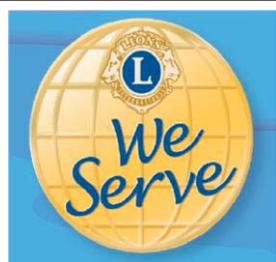


Front Left – Dylan Lopez, Glen Lake – Cedar-Maple
City Lions



**RECYCLE NOW
GO GREEN**
 District 11 E1 is sponsoring a Recycling Project for the District. We are collecting that drawer of old pins that you no longer need. Have pins that need to GO? Call or E-mail PDG Jim Walls, District Pin Chair. Walls7@hotmail.com
 Or
 231-796-2861

Congratulations to the approximately ten District 11 E1 Lions that attended the Michigan Lions Institute in Higgins Lake on November 7, 8, and 9. The reviews are in and they are positive. We have one of the best Institutes in the United States. If you haven't had the opportunity to attend plan ahead for next year – November 13,14,15.



Harrison Lions – Harrison Middle
 Tyler Lewandowski,



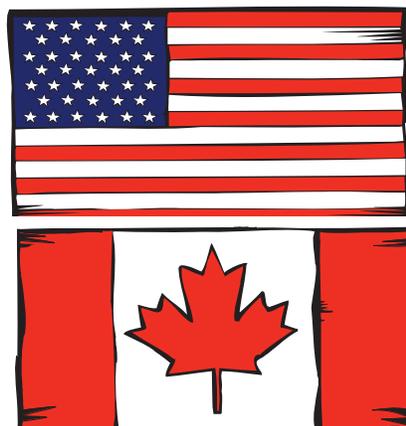
Midland Lions – Grace Trosin
 Northeast Middle School



Cedar-Maple City Lions
 Megan Abu, Saint Marys

US/CANADA FORUM

The Forum is an opportunity for Michigan Lions to shine among Lions in the US and Canada. The Forum is being revamped with an additional day of breakout sessions (120 in all), a carnival with an indoor ferris wheel on Thursday night, a change in Saturday night's activities focusing on in-service and speakers that are appealing to Lions. Opportunities to participate in Lions University will be available. Dates are Sept. 17, 18, and 19. Registration materials will be sent out from the state office soon. Help is needed to run this event. They need at least 350 volunteers. Check the information in your Lions Pride newspaper.



Leadership Is A Gift To Give

This Holiday season is a gift giving time for many people. We search for bargains and big sales. Think about giving your club or District a gift – your Leadership. One of the dynamics of Lions is Leadership. Our clubs, District, and Multiple District offer Lions an opportunity for training and growth as leaders. Leadership leads to new ideas, new members, less burn out among members, retention of our members, and fun, effective, and interesting meetings. We need Lions to step forward and take the initiative that will make us stronger and more able to serve our communities in the future.

Be Bold! Be a Lions Leader!

International Leo's
Day
OCTOBER 5TH

On Thursday, October 13, the Coleman Leo's Club served Thanksgiving Dinner to Senior Citizens at the Coleman Senior Center. The Seniors were delighted to be served by these exuberant Leos.



LION CONNIE MCMORRIS

Passed November 23, 2014

Lion Connie was a most wonderful, understanding Lion. She was active in her community and gave 115 percent of her time to Lions. She was Region 1 Zone 1 Chair for 5 years, President of the Lions Honor Club, Guiding Lion to the Kingsley Club and was awarded the International President's Award last year. She was awarded the first quarter Outstanding Zone Chair Award for her work in her Zone this year from International President Joe Preston. She will be missed.



MEMBERSHIP COMES WITH TIME AND TALENT

In a recent memo, PDG Tim Anderson referred to a plan that has been used but with a twist. The plan was to send a manager or business leader a letter inviting him/her to be a Lion. The twist is send the letter but ask the business leader to recommend several of his/her employees that are community minded and service oriented to be Lions. The leader may even consider him/herself in that category. The time and expense is minimal and is a wonderful opportunity for those who don't like to come face to face with a prospect to be involved. Several Districts have tried it with success. LIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE! WE NEED THEM!

NEED HELP!

Dr. Dan from Ferris State University in Big Rapids has an urgent need for recycled glasses. SVOSH's supply is running low. If your club has a supply to turn in consider getting them to Dr. Dan.



*DISTRICT CALENDAR
DECEMBER*

*December 5 –
International Leo Day
Engage your local youth
start a new Leo Club*

*December 6 – District
Guiding Lion Training.
Mesick Lions Den 10:00
a.m.*

*December 7, Region 1
Zone 2 – Zone Christmas
Party in Kaleva*

*December – January
Lions Food Aid
Help your local food
pantry or contribute.
Plan a special food
project.*

*December 25 – Merry
Christmas!*

*Plan ahead – Jan. 17,
District 11 E1 Cabinet
Blue Lake
Tavern/Restaurant
On M20*



Season's greetings!

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Feeling in the mood to give a seasonal gift or help with your income tax deductions.

We have suggestions:

- Lions of Michigan Foundation
- LCIF
- Leader Dog
- Michigan Eye Bank
- Bear Lake
- All Sate Band

A Christmas joke:

What do you call a person who is afraid of Santa Claus?
Claustrophobic!

District Trivia

*District 11 E1 has 207
Lions that have received
a Melvin Jones Award.*

Christmas in Baldwin



Several members of the Baldwin Lions Club, with the help of Leo their Lion friend, helped to welcome Santa to the annual Santa Parade on Nov. 22, in Baldwin. The District float was snowed in so the Baldwin Lions walked the parade route. Candy was passed out and adults were given a trifold flyer with information on the Baldwin Lions Club. The flyer contained an invitation to come to a meeting.

Season's Greetings 1stVDG Pam, DG Pete

