DISTRICT GOVERNOR PEGGY WALLS







"Celebrate the Joy of Service

# DISTRICT 11 E1 NEWSLETTER

# **DECEMBER** 2017

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### DG PEGGY WALLS MESSAGE

#### **Merry Christmas and Happiest of New Years!**

Wasn't it just yesterday that this was the refrain heard and said? Time does not wait, but rather moves forward steadily and surely--not faster as we seem to feel due to the tasks we are pressured to do, the things we want to do, and all the time we tend to put off doing. How much better would it be if we just set our minds to accomplish all that we could do in a day, everyday, to the best of our abilities?

I know that I, for one, would probably get a lot more done and feel better for having done so. Procrastination can be an excuse as it becomes a habit. So, with this time of the year coming round again, it is time to make some resolutions. What are yours going to be? One of mine is to complete tasks that I dislike sooner rather than later. Someone once told me to time the tasks I dislike and then try to justify why I keep putting that task off. For example--it only takes approximately three minutes to empty the dishwasher. I have been known to put it off for twenty four hours.

Another resolution that I would like each of you to make is to invite one person a week to join your Lions Club. If we all do this, we could increase our numbers and our services. We think about "doing" it, but if we each just "do" it on a conscious level, we could make a difference. That person we ask does not necessarily have to be someone we know well, but it could be a person we come in contact with, for example, the teller at the bank, the dentist or doctor, the teacher or coach, the neighbor's relative. We do not know who will make a good Lion, but everyone deserves the chance to become one and the only way that can happen is--they need to be asked. So commit with me to make a resolution to ask another weekly to become a Lion.

Again and sincerely---May you have a wonderful and Blessed Christmas and a Marvelous New Year.



# MIDLAND LIONS CENTENNIAL LEGACY PROJECT

The Midland Lions Club completed their third Centennial Project in November. The club financed a pavilion for the Sandford Lake Park in Sanford. The park hosted 13 fishing tournaments this past year and is open to the public for swimming and water sports. The pavilion will have picnic tables and be utilized by the public and for the Fishing Tournaments. The Lions, also, worked with the Bay City Lions Club and contributed to a pavilion for Camp Fishtales in Pinconning. Fishtales is a summer camp for handicapped children. The third Centennial project was to shingle a Midland Park pavilion that the Lions contributed to the city a number of years, ago. Midland Lions will hold a Christmas Party for children in the Midland Public Schools, grades 1-3. The children with their teachers will enjoy a dinner and then be treated to gifts from Santa and Mrs. Clause.





LIONS OF MICHIGAN INSTITUTE District 11E1 Representatives Dick Ivan, Midland Lions; 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Al Roeseler; Taylor Sheehan-Shaw, Roger Gilbert, Mt. Pleasant Lions; seated: Bill Bradfield, Cadillac Lions; and Sharyl Majorski, Mt. Pleasant Lions. Side Picture – Nate Blakemore, Harrison Lions.



Lions 11-E1 District Governor Peggy Walls presented Kingsley Lion Diane **Walton with the "Spirit of Lionism"** Certificate at their October 26th, 2017 meeting. A well deserved award for Diane as she works tirelessly for all in the Kingsley community.

IN MEMORY

DEB KREITNER – President Greenville Lions CLARENCE DAVIS – Empire Lions Club



# Merry Christmas!





The Kingsley Lions Club helped serve pie at the Kingsley Methodist Church Community Supper on November 15th. It was a good turnout and the community enjoyed a delicious free turkey dinner with all the fixings.

### LCI'S CLUB **EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Lions Clubs International has guidelines to spur each club on to top notch performance. DG Peggy has been handing out copies of the Excellence form to each club as she visits. We encourage all clubs to review the form and try to meet as many of the criteria as possible.



# 1<sup>ST</sup> VDG AL ROESELER'S

### MESSAGE

Recently I discovered that I have an extreme allergy to yellow jacket stings. The experience as you can imagine was scary. Being unable to control a situation, and being completely dependent on others is not something I found enjoyable. Never-the-less in my case the outcome was quite satisfactory. My wife, EMTs, doctors and nurses saw to it that I was well taken care of, and received the treatment I needed.

As I processed what happened to me, I could not help but make comparisons to the mission of Lions and our "Where there is a need there is a Lion" mantra. How many people in our communities and the world over find themselves beset by events beyond their control and find themselves in need of support and assistance? A blind person in need of a guide dog, someone struggling with diabetes, a family discovering their child has cancer, a community ravaged by a natural disaster, are just a few examples. I am extremely proud that my Lions club along with 48,000 more across the globe are working hard to address these type of issues and in doing so making this world a better place.

As the holidays approach it is an excellent time to reflect on our service as Lions. As I have visited clubs across our district; it has been inspiring to see all the wonderful things we are doing. This is an excellent time to celebrate all we do for our neighbors here in Michigan and around the world, and reaffirm our commitment to do even more in the year ahead.

Ann and I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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MERRY PEACE CHRISTMAS BELIEVE FROM JOY SECOND VDG JACKIE AND LION STEVE



A CHRISTMAS PUZZLE FROM YOUR 2<sup>ND</sup> VDG JACKIE GLAZIER. Relax and enjoy! Find the words in the second box in the first box and circle them.



**Stanton Lions Club** served a turkey Thanksgiving dinner for the residents of the local senior citizen home on **November** 21. The Lions will also be participating in the Stanton Christmas celebration by giving out cookies to the attendees on Dec 8th. On Dec 23, they will be serving approximately 30 dinners for families in need.

**Empire Lions** donated \$7,000 to the Village of Empire to cover the cost of replacing playground equipment at the South Bar Lake Playground.

**Sand Lake Lions** sponsored a dart board game for Halloween at the Sand Lake Fire and Rescue Squad Station.

### White Cloud Lions Club is

holding a fish fry at their Den on December 8, a Christmas Party on December 11, and held a Christmas auction at the Den in November. The club sold food at the Christmas auction as a fundraiser.

### **NEWS AROUND DISTRICT 11 E1**

**Big Rapids Lions** purchased and delivered dictionaries for 198 third graders to six elementary schools in Big Rapids. The club is in the process of purchasing a new warming oven for the concession booth at Ferris State University. They run the concession stand for all the Ferris U. and high school home football games. The concession stand is the Lions major fundraiser. The club recently honored their two Peace Poster winners, Aliyah Glentz and Casimer Kondziolka and their parents at a club dinner. At their Christmas dinner. Lions will be bringing gifts to be taken to the children at Eagle Village. Below: Thank You letters from the children for their dictionaries.





# LEADER DOG

Greetings Fellow Lions,

I am Karen Hayden from the Sand Lake Lions Club which is just in District 11 E1, along the southern border of the district. I have been given the privilege of serving District 11 E1 as co chairman for Leader Dogs for the Blind along with Pam Blizzard from Carson City.

Pam and I had the opportunity to meet on Nov. 11 for a training session and again on Nov. 13 at the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club. One of the things I would like to accomplish is having representatives from our District Clubs visit the Leader Dog School in Rochester, MI. With that goal in mind, I am working with a travel company in hopes of being able to set up a day trip in the Spring; possibly April.

It has been suggested that we might do this during the week rather than on a Saturday. I would really appreciate your input on this. Thank you,



l would like to take this opportunity to thank the many Lions Clubs and their members for their hard work these past months on cleaning glasses for the <u>District</u> <u>Eye Glass Mission Trip</u>. Our work schedule for the next few months is: Coleman, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>; Kaleva, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>'; Harrison, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>; / January 6, Cedar Maple City; Jan 13, Kingsley; Jan. 20, Luther. If you would like to take part in this worthwhile project, call PDG Harry Johnson or PDG Lynnwood Mast. Thanks, Harry Johnson, PDG Lion Harry – <u>lionharry1947@gmail.com</u> Lion Lynn – Imast@riverview.net



**Coleman Lions News** 

The community Halloween Party at the Coleman Family Center had more kids than ever, we estimated 400-500! Lions and Leos provided free popcorn and lots of games with prizes. The new Sling Shot game loaned to us from the High School was popular among older children, and the Money Pit, where kids could keep any coins they found in the sawdust was another favorite. Other groups did a free hot dog supper and trick or treating tables. Our two Peace Poster contest winners and their families were invited to a dinner meeting November 6. Tiffany Loggie, the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner was presented with a check for \$50 and runner up, Savanah Doke received \$25. At the Lions November 16th meeting, ten turkeys and a check for \$200 were presented to Billie Jo Parker from the Coleman Food Pantry to help make this Thanksgiving and this holiday season a little brighter for some local families. And a Heart of the Lion award was given to Janet Roman for her work on getting a community garden started in Coleman. Coleman Lions will be holding KidSight screenings in the Sanford Historical Museum during their Santa Express on December 12, 13 & 14 from 3:30 - 7:30 pm, with support from Midland the Lions.



**REGION 3, ZONE 1 MEETING** 

Lion Matt Niemi Zone Chair

Lions from Sheridan, Shepherd, Stanton, Vestaburg, Carson City and Edmore

### NEWS AROUND DISTRICT 11 E1

**Edmore Lions** have three Christmas projects: 1. Sponsor Feeding America with the Endeavor Center. A mobile Food pantry that the Lions purchase 10,000 pounds of food to distribute to the community. 2. A Holiday Ham Sale, \$25 for a 8lb spiral cut honey ham. Proceeds fund the Feeding America project. 3. A public Christmas Card located in the Chemical Bank. People sign the public card in lieu of sending personal Christmas cards and make a donation to sign the card. Proceeds fund the Feeding America program.

**Carson City Lions** had a candy sale, hosted a speaker from Paws With A Cause and have a club Christmas Party planned.

**Vestaburg Lions** held a KidSight screening and screened 67 kids. They will be holding a Kids Christmas Party on December 2, with Santa at the library. Their Food Wagon continues to be their biggest fundraiser. They held a spaghetti Supper during Homecoming this year.

SEASONS GREETINGS AND THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTING TO OUR DISTRICT 11 E 1 NEWSLETTER DISTRICT EDITOR PETE **Sheridan Lions** are volunteering to make free lunches at the local school for the I'm Kids Meal. The club picks a family to help at Christmas and will be delivering Christmas baskets to local widows and widowers.

**Shepherd Lions** in November sold Koze Nuts at the Maple Syrup festival. They donated money to the Santa House to buy candy canes for the children. The Lions donated money and gifts to the Township Fire Department Christmas program and adopted a family for Christmas. The club is working on a Lucky 13 Raffle as a fundraiser for January.



Midland Lions -King Lion Steve Jenkins brings a fresh approach and humor to a Lions meeting.

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Casimer Kondzioka, King Lion Tom Samual, Aliyah Glantzl, Big Rapids Lions Peace Poster Winners.



Coleman Lions Peace Posters – Tiffany Loggie - 1st, Runner Up – Savanah Doke



DISTRICT CONVENTION

This vest of pins, including many vintage Michigan pins, will be raffled as a reward to those who participate in the 1700 bathing suit pageant at the District Convention. Remember, that you can enter your President or his delegate if have a one plus in membership by the end of the March reporting date. A similar vest was auctioned at a recent International Pin Trader Swap for over \$200. In fact, the little stick pin has gone for that much individually in auction. **Go get a new member or two or three and get creative.** 

There are currently seven clubs that tentatively qualify to participate. Wouldn't it be great if 43 clubs qualified. It is possible. Just ask.



District

# Governor's

Dec. Travels

December 1-2 Council of Governors Meeting--Grand Blanc December 4-- Ludington Jaycees December 6--Harrison Lions Club (noon) December 6--Frankfort Lions --Christmas December 8--Lakeview Lions --Christmas December 11--Stanwood Lions Christmas December 9--Zone Christmas--Onekama

## CENTENNIAL SERVICE CHALLENGE AWARDS



Lions Clubs International Centennial Legacy Challenge encourages all Lions Clubs to participate in a 100 year Anniversary project for their community. There are three levels to the Centennial Project:

Level1. A project that raises community awareness.

Level 2. A project that provides the Community with a gift. Level 3. A project that makes a Community impact.

### There are levels within each level.

Our District has two Clubs that have completed a project at Level One (Vestaburg and Lake Ann). Four Clubs at Level Two (Big Rapids, Stanwood, Evart and Luther) and six Clubs at Level Three (Lakeview, Mount Pleasant, Weidman, Cedar Maple City, Chippewa Lake-Mecosta and Kingsley), 6 Clubs at Level Four (Fremont, White Cloud, Coleman, Harrison, Mesick, and Baldwin). We have 2 Clubs receiving Legacy Level Two Patches (Coleman and Harrison). Great work on the part of all these clubs. Remember your projects must be reported in order to qualify. There is still time to earn the patches. Also, if your Club is doing a Diabetes Project there is an additional patch available. Again, it must be reported to qualify. Thank you and congratulations to all!

### DG Peggy

### REMINDER



End of December 2017, the program to bring a Vet into Lions with no payment of induction fees ends.

### DISTRICT 11 E1



# PEACE POSTERS THE FUTURE OF PEACE

DISTRICT WINNER



Marley Kohler –St. Mary School Cedar/Maple City Lions Club



Barbara Dupis – Harrison Lions club



Aliyah Glentz – Big Rapids Middle School, Big Rapids Lions



Raiden Lay – Sheridan Lions Club



Tiffany Loggie – Coleman JR./SR High Coleman Lions Club



Casimer Kondziolka – St. Mary Catholic School, Big Rapids Lions Club



Caitlyn Rau – St. Joseph the Worker School, Weidman Lions Club



Emma Shermak –Mesick Jr. High, Mesick Lions Club

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#### Fremont Lions Legacy Project

The Fremont Lions Club accepted the challenge for contributing a Centennial Community Legacy Project to the Fremont Community. Through meeting with the city representatives this spring, the club learned the city would like a small picnic shelter in Fremont Lake Park that would hold two three picnic tables. Project Chairs for this community gift were Fremont Lions Roger Bradshaw and Jim Patterson. They led the way from the initial drawings and budget of the 20'x20' structure, to getting Lions to volunteer and leading construction. It was constructed with Lions hands and funded by Lions money collected from the community from several projects over several years. From board approval the first week in July to the completion this past week, many Fremont Lions volunteered in all phases of construction to make this a lasting legacy.

# Lions and LCIF Work Together to Fight Measles



As many Lions know, LCIF has committed to raising \$30 million dollars by the end of 2017, which will go to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, an organization that will match LCIF's measles contribution dollar-for-dollar. Meanwhile, Lions are using LCIF grants to get measles and rubella vaccinations to areas that need it the most. Through organized campaigns, Lions are helping to vaccinate children at no cost to their family. Learn how Lions and LCIF are fighting measles by visiting our <u>blog</u>. Help LCIF with the vaccination of 114 million children; donate today!

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### **District 11-E1 Nominations**

Greetings from your nomination committee! It is time to consider nominations for our spring District Convention for the positions of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor and Trustee for the Lions of Michigan Foundation to serve in the 2018 Lions year beginning July 1.

If you are interested in running for one of these positions or know a Lion who would be great as a district leader, you can look up the nomination procedure and rules on our district website, <u>http://www.milions11e1.org/</u> You will find the Constitution and Bylaws as the third link down on the front home page, under Current Events heading. Go to page 6-7 of the constitution for Article 2, Nominations.

This will outline how to make your nomination. Please have all nominations turned in to myself, and to the District Secretary, no later than Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm, so that all nominations can be verified prior to our District Cabinet meeting on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Remember, it is also the nominees' responsibility to show compliance with the qualifications required for the office they are seeking. Here is a portion of the constitution concerning nominations: Section 3. FIRST AND SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECTION PROCEDURES. Any member of a club in the district seeking the office of first or second vice district governor shall file his/her intention to so run in writing with the Nominating Committee at least sixty (60) days prior of the opening session of the District Convention, with copies to the Cabinet Secretary and Multiple District Executive Secretary and furnish evidence of his/her compliance with the qualifications for said office set out in the International Constitution and By-Laws. The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination at the district convention the names of all candidates so qualified. If none are so received and/or so qualified, then, but then only, nominations for the office may be made from the floor. Each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech of no more than five (5) minutes duration, and one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes duration. Thank you! Lion Steve Adsmond, District Nominations Committee Chair



LAS VEGAS, NEVADA LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL 101<sup>ST</sup> CONVENTION JUNE 29 - JULY 3, 2018 Michigan Hotel – Luxor Convention activities MGM GRAND Get the Early Bird Rates Reserve NOW! Reservation Form in the November Pride or online MYLCI

# MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM: Lions As Leaders

Join us as we continue the tradition of service and leadership through LIONISM! Now is the time to plan to attend the 2018 Michigan Forum! The event will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, February 16-17, 2018. This year's keynote address will be presented by Ann Guzdzial, Chief Program Officer, Special Olympics, Michigan. Ann will share the many opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities. The "healthy athlete program" is an opportunity that offers free medical exams, dental exams, and the Opening Eyes Program. Ann will share how Lions Club International has so graciously funded the Opening Eyes Program and has offered athletes the opportunity to receive free vision care and glasses since 2000

The Forum registration fee is \$40.00 and includes lunch, the forum and the proceeding booklet. After January 30, 2018 the registration fee is \$45.00. Pay online at <u>www.lionsofmi.com</u>. Or send it the Lions of Michigan office in Lansing. (5730 Executive Dr., Lansing 48911).

The Forum is being held at the Crowne Plaza in Grand Rapids. Room rates are \$82.00.

Reservations: 616-957-1770 or mail to the Crowne Plaza , 5700 28<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. The hotel reservation deadline is January 30, 2018.

Attend the Michigan Forum

February 16 and 17, 2018

Crowne Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids

REGISTRATION AND HOTEL DEADLINES January 30, 2018