



District 11-E1, District Governor Lion John Monahan
“Together We Serve” “December Newsletter 2011”



District Governor John & Carolyn Monahan

Fellow Lions,

Leo Clubs are a potential door to a future of younger Lions in our clubs. Alpha Leos are students in grades 7 to 12. A new Leo club is being formed by Bear Lake club; this means that the community of Bear Lake will have an organized group of young people who want to contribute to their community. In 5 to 10 years, some of these Leos may become Lions, enriching our clubs with youth, vigor, and new ideas. This Leo club and all the other Leo Clubs in our district are Alpha Leo Clubs, which enroll young people under 18. There is another group of young people who could also benefit from the chance to help their communities in an organized way: those over 18 and under 30. These Omega Leos are typically no longer in school; instead they are attempting to establish themselves in their community as family members, church members, and as people earning a living. Their interests and activities are different from those under 18. Worldwide, there is more Omega than Alpha Leos. The beauty of Omega clubs is similar to Alpha clubs - young people learn the satisfaction and fun of contributing to the community without having to pay International, state, or district dues. The Omega clubs have an additional advantage over alpha clubs; members can remain in the club longer. Finally Omega clubs have an additional advantage in that their members are not only eligible to become Lions at any time, they are also more likely to be on the road to financial stability to soon be able to pay Lions dues. If anyone in your club is interested in forming a LEO club, either Alpha or Omega, please contact Laurene Homsher, 231-924-5486 or lhomsher@fremont.net. She will get you started. For more information on starting a Leo Club, look on the District website <http://www.millions11e1.org/> under Info and find Manuals for Alpha and Omega Leos as well as a Leo to Lion manual.

KidSight is getting going quickly. There was a training session for the new forms and new digital cameras on December 4 in Luther. There were a number of Lions certified to do the complete screening job, including the clerical work. There will be another training session on January 10th at the White Cloud Lion's Den, 294 N. Charles (M-37) at 5 pm. A free dinner will be served at 6:30 for all attendees. I hope to see you there. If you plan to come, please email Janalee McClure, janalee@riverview.net, so she will know how many people to prepare for. In other KidSight news, the district will furnish all the forms and other things you need to conduct a screening session, except the children. Your club will need to find children 1 to 5 years old to screen. Please get in touch with your KidSight coordinator, Janalee McClure, Dan Gibbons, or Lloyd Helder, to arrange for equipment and supplies for your screening session. Please arrange early, at least two weeks, if possible, so that there are fewer problems. Let's get trained and get screening.

The New Year is coming; let's make it a great one for the Lions of District 11-E1.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, John S. Monahan DG



1st Vice District Governor Lion Bill & Vickie Simpson

Season's Greetings!

At this busy time of year it can be easy to forget how fortunate we all are. One huge blessing this Holiday Season is the troops returning from Iraq. It has been a long involvement and its end will bring gladness to our nation and many families. Our thanks to the troops and their families for the sacrifices they have made defending our country.

Personally, we can give thanks to our own families and Lions organizations which never fail to lift our spirits and help us to refocus our energies. It's such a pleasure in my travels to see how much our clubs have and continue to accomplish, giving to their communities, local children and others in need. I'm very proud to be a Lion and even prouder to represent you in district 11 E1.

Vickie and I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Bill Simpson
1st VDG





2nd Vice District Governor Lion Tim & Chris Anderson

Season's Greetings Fellow Lions

I hope your holidays are full of family and good cheer! With the winter months upon us and our snow bird Lions heading or readying to head south, the winter can be not only short on day light hours but we can also find ourselves as a club short on manpower as well.

Things seem so slow down in the winter but the need for help always seems to increase at this time of year. This is a great chance for someone who may normally be in the back ground working or helping with club events to step forward and shine! Everyone can be a leader they just need to find their direction and others will follow.

This is time to allow a newer member or even a long time but less active member his or her chance to take the reins and guide the sleigh. Ask one of the quieter members of your club to fill in as Tail Twister, or Lion Tamer, maybe they can lead the pledge, prayer or opening song. The important thing is to show them they can do anything and they are a very important part of your club.

By doing this you may find they become more active the rest of the year or even better yet you may find new life, new ideas, and new direction for your club. At the very least you may spark the fire or renew the passion one of your members for Serving!

From my family to all of you my Lions Family, Happy Holidays!

Tim Anderson 2nd VDG

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Nomination Procedures

Lions who wish to run for a district office (Governor, 1st VDG, 2nd VDG or Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee) are reminded to send in their intent letters by **Monday, January 30, 2012**. The letter should come from the club's secretary, signed by the club president indicating the club's support and sent to the persons indicated below. If you have any questions, please contact the Nominations Chair who is listed below.

Nomination Procedures:

Any qualified member of a club in the district seeking the office of District Governor, 1st Vice-District or 2nd Vice-District Governor shall file his/her intention to so run in writing with the (1) Nominating Committee at least sixty (60) days prior to the opening session (**March 30, 2012**) of the District Convention, with copies to the (2) Cabinet Secretary and (3) 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 name(s) of all candidate(s) 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. A 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.

Nominations for the office of Trustee of the Foundation shall be written and shall be certified by the President or Secretary of the Nominee's Lions Club as being the act of a majority of the members of the Club, and shall be filed with the District Nominations Committee Chairperson not less than (60) days prior to the convening date of the District Convention (**March 30, 2012**). The procedure and rules for nominating and electing a trustee of the foundation shall be the same as for District officers, which are indicated in Article 1 of these By-Laws.

Lion Dick Perrin, PDG
Nominations Chair
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Credentials Information

District convention is being planned. Credential forms will be in the January newsletter and should be turned in by February 29, 2012 to Lion Gayle Morlock, Chairperson.

The number of club delegates will be one (1) for every ten (10) members of major fraction thereof. The club membership number is determined by the count as of February 1, 2011.

Remind your delegates that they must register and be certified before lunch on Saturday, March 31, 2012. If a delegate is not certified before lunch, that delegate will not be allowed to vote.

Any questions please contact Lion Gayle Morlock at 231-734-5200 (H) or email landg@netonecom.net

Lion Gayle Morlock, Chair
Credentials Committee

IMPORTANT NOTICE: KIDSIGHT TRAINING SESSION SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012

WHITE CLOUD LIONS CLUB will be hosting a KidSight Camera training session at the Lion's Den, 294 N. Charles, at White Cloud, MI 49349. The trainer will be 2nd Vice Governor Tim Anderson. The focus of the training will be setting the equipment up properly, the keyboard training for your sessions and creating the disk for the information storage requirement for your sessions. This training will start at 5:00 p.m. and is open to all interested parties. Please make your reservations with Lion Janalee McClure, janalee@riverview.net or 231-689-1321.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the Region 3 Zone 3 Meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us for the dinner, without charge, and of course the Zone Meeting is also open to all Lions.

Lion Lester McClure, Zone Chairperson, Region 3, Zone 3

Lions Club International Senior Leadership Training

This letter was sent to PDG Lion Richard Perrin who is the Global Leadership Chair

Dear GLT District Coordinator,

Quality leadership is critical to the future of Lions Clubs International. As the Global Leadership Team District Coordinator, I know you can appreciate the time, effort and energy an effective leader must dedicate to enhancing his or her knowledge and leadership skills.

As you are aware, we recently conducted the 2011-2012 Senior Lions Leadership Institute for Lions from Constitutional Area I & II – USA, Affiliates, Bermuda and The Bahamas and Canada. This institute took place in Oak Brook, Illinois, USA. Approximately one hundred enthusiastic Lions participated in this unique learning experience. Lion Timothy Anderson of Cadillac Lions Club successfully completed this institute. This Lion participated in sessions designed to enhance knowledge of LCI fundamentals and membership programs, LCIF, and the benefits of diversity and mentoring. Additional sessions sharpened skills related to conflict resolution, creativity, project and change management, leading teams and communications. Throughout the institute, Lion Anderson contributed to a steady exchange of ideas, challenges and successes.

As a key leader in your district, we encourage you to personally congratulate Lion Anderson and to recognize the successful participation in this Senior Lions Leadership Institute. Of equal importance is the active engagement of enhanced knowledge and leadership skills. For the benefit of the district, club and for this institute graduate's further leadership development, we offer the following suggested activities:

Report on Lions Leadership Institute experience at a club or zone meeting, or at a district convention

Share new knowledge by providing fellow Lions with training based on one of the Senior Lions Leadership Institute topics.

Recruit a mentor to assist in further leadership development Participate in public promotion of Lions Clubs

International at a community event, with other service organizations or with the local media assume a leadership role or manage a club or district project Introduce a prospective new member to Lions Clubs International.

Through active participation in a Senior Lions Leadership Institute, Lion Anderson has demonstrated a commitment to quality leadership. We hope you will encourage this Lion to use newly sharpened skills for the benefit of the club and district and to further leadership development by sharing this experience with others. It is this continual sharing of success that will allow us all to look forward to a bright future for Lions Clubs International.

Thank you and best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir

Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir, International Director, Chairperson, 2011-2012 Leadership Committee



Recently a Senior Leadership Institute was held down at Oakbrook, Illinois and Michigan's future leaders were there in full force! 2nd VDG's from 6 districts attend and completed the training in the hopes of become better leaders better prepared to lead. We were asked to "Think outside the box" and if possible "Come up with just 1 new idea." 197 Lions from around the country banded together laughed, shared ideas and grew into better Lions thanks to this training and we all walked away with NEW ideas! Pictured: The Michigan Governors of 2013-14, Instructor PID Dennis Cobler tooting his own horn!



NOTES FROM PETE

GMT DISTRICT COORDINATOR

Last year Lions International had 4,900 clubs that did not add one member to their club. A number of those clubs were in our District. Lions International reports an enrollment of over 12,000 members for the first five months of this year. District 11 E-1 has had an enrollment of 35 but we lost 59 members. The District now stands at a -24 for this Lions year. The December issue of Lions Magazine did a wonderful parody of "It's A Wonderful Lions Life". Where George wishes he had never become a Lion. Angel Melvin gives him his wish and George realizes that it was a mistake. **LIONS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** (Read it if you haven't, it is cleverly done). What if your community didn't have a Lions Club? What would be missing – eye exams, eye glasses for the needy, a children's Halloween Party, contributions to local charities, no help for the Leader Dog Program, no ramps for the disabled that were built by Lions?? Look around your community. What would be missing without your Lions Club? We need to leave a legacy for our communities and our Lions Club. Past Lions did it for us. This Holiday Season, family and friends will gather for Holiday parties and church activities will bring many like-minded people together. This is your opportunity to give a gift of service to an individual. Give an individual your club brochure or JUST ASK them to attend one of your meetings. We want Lions Clubs to be fun and interesting but we also need to leave a legacy. "What would your community be like without your Lions Club?"

Happy Holidays!

Lion Pete Conarty, GMT District 11 E-1 Coordinator

Luther Lions Club



Luther Lions Club was the host for Lake County Christmas for Kids. The program ran from Dec 5th through the 9th. Over 600 children receive gifts, including warm clothing, underwear & sox, toys, 4 books and stocking stuffers.

Donations were made to the Lake County Department of Human Services.

Luther Lions instead of exchanging Christmas gifts this season collected and donated over \$400.00 worth of food for the Edgetts Church food pantry.

Luther Lions hosted the District training program for Kid-Sight on Dec. 4. There was a large turnout of clubs and many members were certified.

LCIF - MELVIN JONES FELLOW AWARD

The following was received from Lions Clubs International Foundation and on the next page is a letter from Immediate Past International President Sid L. Scruggs, III, Chairperson, for Lions Clubs International Foundation regarding some exciting changes in the donation procedures to the Foundation for a Melvin Jones Fellow award: Following the recent Board meeting in Hong Kong, LCIF has an important announcement to share with you regarding the MJF program. As LCIF Coordinators, we hope you will share this important development with the Lions of your district or multiple districts.

Below are details regarding the expansion of the MJF program to include donations to five special program areas? Donors will now be able to receive MJF and PMJF credit when directing their support to:

Disaster

Humanitarian Needs (includes donations to the Measles Initiative)

Sight

Youth

Area of Greatest Need

Restrictions beyond these five special areas will be honored by LCIF, but will not be eligible for MJF or PMJF credit. For example, a donation that is restricted to a specific disaster, such as an earthquake or tornado in a particular region, will not be eligible for credit toward an MJF or PMJF.

The MJF program was established by LCIF in 1971 to recognize unrestricted donations of US \$1,000. Today, more than 75% of the funding received by the foundation annually is given through the MJF program. By expanding the recognition program, LCIF is able to recognize more individuals while continuing to support its many programs. The expanded program will also offer additional benefits, including:

Donors will now have the opportunity to direct support to a desired special area

LCIF will be able to immediately provide funds for large-scale disaster relief, rather than collecting and distributing funds over a period of weeks or months

Funding directed to "Area of Greatest Need" provides LCIF with the ability to financially support any program within the four general areas. Donors are encouraged to consider this opportunity when making a gift.

For additional information on the change to the MJF recognition program, please visit www.lcif.org.

Dear Lions,

I would like to share with you some exciting changes to our donation procedures that will enable us to help even more people. Many of you have shared with your Board of Trustees and me interesting ideas for expanding giving opportunities to our Foundation. As a result, you can now choose from five general categories to designate your donations and receive Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition for each donation:

Area of Greatest Need: Donations in this category will support all program areas and allow LCIF the flexibility to supplement initiatives where additional funding is necessary or where the need is most urgent.

Disaster: Donations designated here enable LCIF to direct the funds to the area's most in need following disasters in order to provide for immediate, mid and long-term relief.

Sight: Donations here seek to support hundreds of sight-related activities ranging from equipping eye clinics to providing Braille computers for the visually impaired.

Youth: Donations in this category support the Lions Quest program and other initiatives such as educational infrastructure improvements and programs to assist at-risk youth.

Humanitarian Needs: Donations here will fund projects that meet diverse community needs beyond sight, disaster and youth, such as the measles program, water wells and vocational training programs for the disabled.

I know you will agree with me that these positive changes will help LCIF to provide aid to even more people in need around the world. These changes are effective immediately for all future donations. Donating is as easy as before - details on each program can be found online.

I thank you for your continued support.

Serving together today for a better tomorrow,

Sid L. Scruggs, III

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

White Cloud Lions Club



In keeping with Lions International's "Relieving the Hunger" campaign for December & January the **White Cloud Lions Club** is distributing bags of groceries and personal care items to 70 families in need of assistance in the White Cloud area. The Lions were able to secure a grant from Great Lakes Energy peoples' fund and the following stores helped with donations: Brookside Grocery, Wal-Mart's and the Lions themselves.

The Lions serve our community (Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services).

Pictured above in the following order:

Row 1 - Co-chairpersons **Jackie Spotts & Bob Van**, plus Barb Magoon

Row 2 - Nancy Aupperlee, Ruth Gleason, President Helen Strong, Janalee, Jackie & Bill Koch.

Row 3- new member Donald Petrie, Karen Strong, Vern Brandt, Viola VanDyk, Lester McClure, & Mary Allen. Lion Terry Strong took the picture.

Club Excellence Process

You may have read about it in the Lions magazine or heard about it at a Zone meeting. Perhaps you even were present when it was being promoted by District Governor John or Vice-District Governors Bill or Tim. But maybe you are still wondering what CEP (Club Excellence Process) is and how can it help your club.

All Lions clubs strive for excellence, but achieving it takes concrete action. You can launch your club on the road to excellence (or keep it there!) by participating in the Club Excellence Process (CEP).

CEP covers the following Characteristics of an Excellent Club:

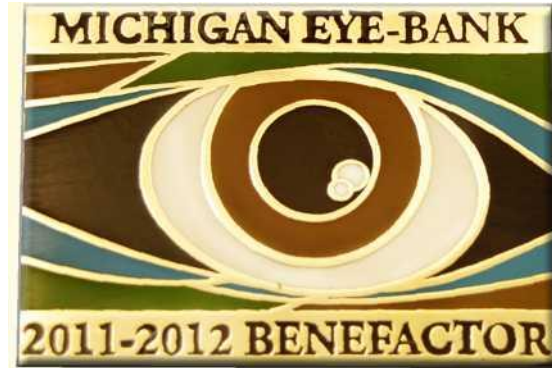
- Service-minded
- Good Communication
- Strong Membership Program
- Retention of Members
- Effective Leadership and Club Operations

CEP is a four-part process workshop that is led by trained, experienced Lions and can be customized to meet the needs of your club. The process covers community needs, the above characteristics of an excellent club, obstacles to excellence, locating resources, goal setting and action plans.

The workshop can be completed in one or four sessions and can be scheduled for club meetings or other gatherings over a period of time.

If your club is interested in learning more about this Process, please contact GLT Coordinator Lion Dick Perrin or Second Vice-District Governor Tim Anderson.

**In celebration of
International Lions Eye Bank Week,
the Michigan Eye-Bank presents its first
*Benefactor Pin***



The Michigan Eye-Bank Benefactor Pin was created as a symbol for those who support sight restoration, as a way to share with others their personal commitment to the gift of sight.

For a contribution of \$20 or more, you will receive this limited edition Benefactor Pin.

All proceeds will benefit the Michigan Eye-Bank's humanitarian aid program, public and professional donation education, and research into the causes and cures of blinding eye conditions.

To learn more about the Michigan Eye-Bank Benefactor Pin or other ways you can give your support, call (800) 247-7250.

***Michigan Eye-Bank
Benefactor Pin Contribution Form***

Name _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Contribution amount _____

(Please make checks payable to the Michigan Eye-Bank.)

Credit card payment: Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Credit card # _____ Exp _____ 3 or 4 Digit Sec. Code _____

Signature _____

Please mail this form to: Michigan Eye-Bank, Attn: Alison Wright
4889 Venture Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Edmore Lions Club



Hunger is no longer a foreign concern. Service group volunteers from the Edmore Lions Club and Christian Endeavor Youth Group recognize that people in the community are struggling to feed their families. These organizations united for their second annual food giveaway on Wednesday, December 7 at 6 p.m. at the Curtis Building in Edmore. Their financial contributions, as well as a donation from the Maxfield family, will pay for delivery of 10,000 pounds of food acquired through the Feeding America network. Edmore Lions Club and Endeavour youth group also partnered for a 5000-pound food distribution at Christmas time last year.

It was estimated that over 110 families were served with various food items that included dairy, produce and bread products. "We are now able to deliver three times as much food to the local community members than in the past with the Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry."

Harrison Lions Club



Harrison Lions Club held their first Hunters Raffle from August to October 15, 2011; they profited around \$5,000 to help in their charitable account. Like they said it was their first time and it turned into a great success for their club. On Saturday, November 12, they held their drawing at Jay's Sporting Goods Store. 1st place went to Mike Janisse of Roscommon and he won a 270 Savage rifle, 2nd place to Eric Anderson of Cement City and he won a \$500.00 gift certificate to Jay's Sporting Goods; 3rd place went to Chris Beur from Mt. Pleasant won a 22 rifle.

Corrected E-Mail Address

PDG Lion Jerry & Lion, Lioness Kay Brandt have a new e-mail address:
New address: jbkb@ispmgt.com

Greenville Lions Club



Greenville Lions Club held their annual Christmas Toy Project on December 10, 2011 for the Greenville area children. The events preceding up to the Toy Give Away started with letters sent out to area merchants and residents in November that have made donations in the past to the club. Then on December 8th, members of the Greenville Lions and Greenville Leo's and spouses went shopping at the local Meijer's store. After hours of shopping and check out, then loading of the truck and making delivery to a local school unloading, back to the store to load the truck and or vans and then back to the school again for unloading. Then on December 10, 2011, the Greenville Lions members and Greenville Leo's and other volunteers start the process of setting everything up according to ages, this started at 7:00 A.M. and continued until 8:30 A.M. Then it was time to let the parents in to start shopping for the items that they needed for their children. Between \$14,000 and \$15,000 in toys were given away, along with every child getting knitted hats and gloves which were donated by area volunteer knitters. Another part of this project is our Poinsettia give away to the area people that are shut-ins they are delivered on the day of the toy project. The Toy Project has been part of the Greenville Lions club for about 25 years and the Poinsettia project has been going on for 17 years. In the early 1950's, the toy project consisted of getting used toys donated and taking them to the school to be fixed, repaired and repainted for the distribution to the children of the area. We support our community and the community supports the needy children of the area. "Together We Serve"



Midland Lions



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Lions Annual Christmas Party for special kids will be Tuesday, December 20. The kids start arriving at 5:45, eat at 6 and Jews will be performing magic at 7:00 and Santa arrives at 7:30.

If you want to see some appreciative kids enjoying themselves, if you want to laugh and have a good time, if you want to be amazed by the number of cookies some kids can eat, if you want to see "Santa believers" by the score, if you want to see a professional clown work a group of kids into a frenzy, if you want to help the kids or just watch, if you want to experience one of the neatest things we, as Lions, do for the community, you won't want to miss this event.

The country club traditionally does a really nice set up for the kids with decorations and a buffet of finger foods that they enjoy.

LIONS CLUB JANUARY FOOD PROJECT

The Midland Lions Club is working with the Midland County Food Pantries Food Distribution Program on Wednesday, January 18, 2012. The Lions Club is purchasing the food and helping to distribute it. This service project will be held at the Midland Civic Ice Arena from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. We need Lions, spouses, relatives and friends to help distribute the food. Last January's Food Distribution Event was fast paced and time went by rather quickly with the process they had invoked.



PEACE POSTER CONTEST

The International Lions Club sponsors a Peace Poster each year. This year the Midland Lions Club invited the MPS Middle School students to participate through their art teachers under the direction of Central Principal Steve Poole, Lions Peace Poster Chair. The Midland Lions Peace Poster winner is Madison Tarnowski an eighth grader from Northeast Middle School. Her poster theme is "UNITY".

Left to right – Pete Conarty, Midland Lions President; Cindy Tarnowski, Madison's mother; Madison Tarnowski; Curt Gledhill, Northeast art teacher; Jeff Jaster, Northeast Middle School principal.