



District 11-E1 Newsletter

New Members

+195

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From the Governor

Greeting Fellow Lions

Wow...May is here already, clubs will be out doing White Cane this weekend and it's the season of the "Yellow Vest". Talk about visibility! If your club has an event or fundraiser being seen it key to growing.

We have to let the community know we are out there and there's no better time or way.

Talking to the people that approach or attend your projects is also a GREAT way to let the public know what we do. Small talk can be a wonderful tool that allows you to find a common interest or thread between Lions and the person standing in front of you.

We make a difference and that matters to so many people. Recently with the flooding going within our district Lions stepped in to help answering phones, organizing relief efforts changing people's lives for the better.

Each and every one of you make your community a better place to live so be proud of what you do and help others invite others to feel that same pride!

The number at the top of the page is at 195, that's 390 more hands we have added to our clubs to help serve. Great work! We are only 14 members away from reaching our new goal of 209 and with 2 months left I KNOW we can do this! Go Lions!

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"Follow Your Dreams" (209)



Tim Anderson



CATCH YOUR DREAMS!

"Unsung Heroes"

A special "Thank You" goes out to the following Lions for all they do for their clubs and community!



April 1st while visiting with the **Six Lakes Lions Club** once the business portion of the meeting was completed I was asked to speak. I presented a Michigan Safari pin to a member who bagged his first new Lion of the year.

I then spoke about the successes we have had and about our recent convention also about the goals we have to reach yet in the last quarter of this year.

I also spoke about Lions hard working Lions that can be found at each and every club throughout our district. I talked about recognizing and honoring one of those hard working Lions at each club this year.

At this point I asked **Lion Debbie Johnson** to stand and I named her the "Unsung Hero" of the Six Lakes Lions Club. As she stood her fellow Lions began clapping and congratulating her. I reached out my hand and shook hers smiling as I thanked her for all she does for the club and community.

I held out her new pin showing her and then her club as I explained how special and important it was and how she should wear it with pride.

I then held out her certificate first showing her and then turning it to read aloud for all in the room to hear. Once done I presented it to her and we stopped for a moment or two for pictures.

As her club started clapping again I patted her on the back and shook her hand once more as the room quieted I "Thanked" her loudly and clearly for all to hear.

Congratulations Lion Debbie Johnson on being named the Six Lakes Lions Club's "Unsung Hero"!



April 8th during my visit with the **Shepherd Lions Club** after enjoying a chicken fried steak and hearing everything they have been up to and are planning for the near future, I was asked to speak.

I shared with them how our district is fairing and growing. We talked about different ways they could increase their membership and I spoke about heroes and how they are amongst us.

I explained to them what I have been doing and how I've been trying to honor the "Unsung Heroes" that can be found in every Lions club. I asked **Lion John Williams** to stand and I named him the "Unsung Hero" of the Shepherd Lions Club.

Now something happened or maybe I should say didn't happen Lion John didn't stand but instead he looked right at me and questioned my choice, telling me that there are others within his club in his opinion much more deserving of this honor but it was at this point the applause started and he was urged to stand by his fellow Lions.

Lion John came up front as I extended my hand we shook as I thanked him for all he does, I held out his pin showing him them holding it high so all in the room could see and I told him to wear it with pride he deserved and earned it.

I then showed him his certificate then read it aloud making sure all in the room could hear as I finished cameras came out and applause filled the room once again.

Finally I patted Lion John on the back, shook his hand one more time and clearly and loudly "Thanked" him for all he does.

Congratulations Lion John Williams on being the Shepherd Lions Clubs "Unsung Hero"!



April 9th during my visit with the **Lakeview Lions Club** after catching up with some old friends and hearing about how their club is gearing up now that the weather is warming we paused for dinner and a little social time.

After dinner and some quick club business I was asked to speak, I spoke about our recent convention and district elections. I then shared with the club how well we as a district are doing so far this year and how proud they should be of themselves.

After taking a moment to tell them about our new clubs and how they are doing I spoke about hard workers and dedicated Lions that can be found at every club. I then asked **Lion Dick Goedge** to stand and I named him the Lakeview Lions Club "Unsung Hero"!

Applause from his fellow Lions encouraged Lion Dick to come up front to join me. I reached out my hand to meet his congratulating him on all he does. I held out his pin for him to see explaining its meaning and how only a handful of Lions will have one like it so take care and wear it with pride!

I then held out his certificate unfortunately at this point I called him George there's something about Lion Dicks last name Goedge that at a glance registers as George in my brain. He quickly corrected me and scolded me on the mispronunciation. Everyone laughed.

I then held out the certificate reading aloud and correctly this time pausing afterwards for pictures as I presented it to him. He smiled at me as I patted him on his back stepped back and once again shook his hand I said "Thank You" loudly and clearly for all to hear.

Congratulations Lions Dick Goedge on being named the Lakeview Lions Clubs "Unsung Hero"!



April 14th at Williams Cafe while visiting with the **Barryton Lions Club** I was called upon to speak. I talked with them about our recent elections and the officers that will be serving next year.

I shared with them our growth both in members and new clubs and offered help if they ever feel the need from the district and our membership team on aiding them grow. They asked me a few questions on how they might attract younger members, they also asked if I could pass on any ideas that might help them bring in new Lions.

It was at this point once I had answered all the membership questions that I began talking about the many clubs within our district and the hard workers found at each and every one, suddenly I stopped talking it was getting hard to hear, their secretary was busy signing members up to work bingo making plans and well using the time I was given to get something's done.

As the room fell silent except for the continued scheduling of their secretary I called her name then called her name again and told her I hated to interrupt her but I needed her to come up front and stand beside me. She slowly rose up telling me she was just signing up, I stopped her there as the other Lions began teasing her telling her she was in TROUBLE!

As she slowly came around to me I asked her if she had been listening to me and her eyes went down as she quietly said "No". I told her "well if you had you would have known I was just going to name you **Lion Bonnie Vogel** the "Unsung Hero" of the Barryton Lions Club.

That's when she looked at me and said "The what?" she had been so busy working she had no idea what I was talking about. So I started all over & explained it to her again now that I had her attention.

Her fellow Lions first laughed then applauded for her as I reached out and shook her hand "Thanking" her for all she does. I then held out her pin explaining to her its meaning and importance and when I gave it to her she proudly held it out for all in her club to see.

I then showed her and then the rest of the club her certificate reading it aloud before presenting it to her, the room filled with cheers and applause once again as we stopped for a picture or two.

Once everything had quitted down again she turned to return to her seat I stopped her telling her there was just a few more little things. I patted her on her back for a job well done, shook her hand once more and clearly and loudly "Thanked" her for all she does.

Suddenly other diners started cheering and yelling out "Way to go Bonnie" and "Congratulations Bonnie", and they began clapping for her, I smiled as I realized everyone in the restaurant had stopped their own meals and had been watching us. Lion Bonnie thanked them all for their kind words as she headed back to her seat.

Congratulations Lion Bonnie Vogel on being named the Barryton Lions Clubs "Unsung Hero"!

District 11-E1



April 15th during my BRISK and I used the word BRISK for two reasons, one the Fire Station heat was not working and with the outside temp being 29 degrees the inside was VERY cold as well so it was because of this that the **Sheridan Lions** King Lion Lynn Lund decided to have a quick (Brisk) no nonsense meeting so everyone could get out and get someplace that was warmer.

The meeting started and moved very quickly covering everything that needed to be done and that was coming up. Before I knew it I was introduced and it was announced I was there to give out a special honor and I should get that out of the way right now.

I stood and after thanking the club for having me I quickly filled everyone in on the health and happening from around the district then moved straight into talking about my visits and hard workers and what I was doing this year in honor one at every club.

At this point I asked **Lion George Krafft** to stand because he was the Sheridan Lions “Unsung Hero”! Lion George seemed surprised and caught off guard as he stood I asked him to come around and stand beside me. His fellow Lions clapped and shouted out congratulations as he came around the table.

My hand came out to meet his and we shook and exchanged smiles before I produced his pin showing him and the rest present and explaining to them all the limited number of these given out and what it meant to receive one. They are earned through selfless efforts and to receive one is recognition of the fact you make a difference and it's appreciated. Smiling he accepted the pin commenting on how nice it looked.

I then held out his certificate reading it aloud for all to hear and so all would know why Lion George was being honored. We paused for pictures as the certificate was being presented. Finally I patted Lion George on the back shook his hand once more and clearly and loudly “Thanked” him for all he does.

Congratulations Lion George Krafft on being named the Sheridan Lions Clubs “Unsung Hero”!



April 17th I was invited to dinner with the **Hart Lions Club**, now this was no ordinary meeting this was strictly a brief gathering & meal before they headed out to work their spring roadside clean-up.

After enjoying the wonderful food I was introduced and given a few minutes to speak. Knowing I only had a few minutes and that the club had a project to get to I went straight into how I've been traveling around and all the great hard working Lions I have seen and this year honored.

I asked **Lion Bob Chapman** to stand and I named him the "Unsung Hero" of the Hart Lions Club, now Lion Bob looked right at me and said "NO" he has done nothing to deserve this honor no more no less than anyone else at his club and because of that he didn't feel right about accepting it.

I told him to come on up this decision was actually made by his entire club, they chose him and like it or not he was deserving! So Lion Bob came up front begrudgingly and shook my outreached hand, he thanked me I smiled back at Bob and said we are here to thank you!

I fished in my pocket and pulled out Lion Bob's pin, now if you know Lion Bob heck if you just look at Lion Bob you know he likes pins so he was very happy and pleased with the one I was now showing him. I explained its meaning and importance and after showing the rest of his club I presented it to him

I then took out the matching certificate and showing all read it aloud, we stopped as I handed it to Lion Bob for a picture or two. Afterwards I patted him on his back, shook his hand once more and clearly and loudly "Thanked" him for all he does. Lion Bob told me how much he appreciated this honor then turned to return to his seat.

Congratulations Lion Bob Chapman on being named the Hart Lions Clubs "Unsung Hero"! (39)



April 21st I spent some time with the **Vestaburg Lions Club**, we enjoyed dinner and some brief club business then I was asked to induct their newest member. It's always fun when you get to bring someone into Lions and watch them become a part of a club, a family.

Afterwards I spent a little time talking about our district and what it's been up to. I talked about growth, I talked about the future and the past 4 years about all the clubs I've visited and the hardworking Lions I've seen firsthand.

At this point I asked **Lion Todd Horrocks** to come forward and I named him the "Unsung Hero" for the Vestaburg Lions Club. I reached out my hand as Lion Todd neared and shook his thanking him for all he does. Then I took out his new pin and showed him and his fellow Lions explaining to all its rarity and importance.

I presented it to Lion Todd and then showed him the matching certificate reading it aloud for all to hear. We paused for a moment to have a picture taken and once done I patted him on the back, shook his hand once more and clearly and loudly "Thanked" him for all he does.

Congratulations Lion Todd Horrocks on being named the Vestaburg Lions "Unsung Hero"!



April 28th Tonight I was invited down to the **Crystal Lions Club** and after dinner I was introduced and given the floor to speak. I talked briefly about our year and dreams that became a reality about growth and our future.

I also talked about our past, my travels and heroes. I explained what I've done 40 times already and what I was about to do for a 41st time here tonight, I wanted to recognize and honor GREAT everyday Lions and at this club I asked **Lion Theron Guild** to come up and join me as I named him the "Unsung Hero" for the Crystal Lions Club!

Lion Theron walked around and as he did I stepped toward him to greet and shake his hand. I "thanked" him for all he does and has done. I then held out his new pin, showing him and explaining how I'm a pin guy so the first thing I did when I decided to create this honor was to design a very special pin. I told him how rare the pins are and how special it is to receive one.

When I presented Lion Theron with the pin he held it out showing everyone proudly as they clapped and cheered and as pictures were taken. I then held out and up his certificate reading it aloud and showing all his fellow Lions. We were asked again to pause for a few pictures and once again applause broke out in the room.

At this time I patted Lion Theron on the back, shook his hand once more and clearly and loudly "Thanked" him for all his service to his community and club.

Congratulations Lion Theron Guild on being named the Crystal Lions Clubs "Unsung Hero"!



Changes and Updates

Bob and Shirley Flynn changed their phone number! New number is 231-388-4544. So if you have booked the District Float and need to arrange to pick it up this is the new number to call.



Pete Conarty

1st Vice District Governor

Greetings Lions,

Congratulations to the clubs that participated in the April 4, LCI World Relay Lunches in our District – White Cloud, Honor, Cedar-Maple City, Empire, Lake Ann, Kingsley, and

Traverse City. The White Cloud Lions featured a number of community exhibits and the other Lions clubs made needed contributions to a Food Pantry. A number of our clubs, also, participated in the April 2, Donor Day at our Secretary of State offices. We continue “To Serve” in many different ways and that makes Lions unique in their service to our communities.

Our Global Leadership Team under the direction of PCC Lion Dick Perrin is in the process of training new club officers for the next Lions year, 2014-15. Seven training sessions are being held in conjunction with Zone meetings and will be held through late May.

It is important for all club secretaries to notify Lions Club International using MYLCI as soon as you know who you’re new or returning club officers are. At the same time, help us meet our Roster Book deadline by submitting your President and Secretary information to PDG John Monahan by E-mail at john.monahan@cmich.edu or mail it to PDG John Monahan, 814 Riverview CT., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

District Governor Tim has set the membership bar high for us this year and we have been successful. We have two months to go to hit the new a membership number of 209. “Just Ask!”

Lion Pete Conarty 1st VDG

CALENDAR 2013-2014

White Cane Week
April 27th – May 3rd
EVERYWHERE!

**Lions of Michigan State
Convention**
May 16-17 2014 @
McCamly Place Hotel
Battle Creek, MI

Lions International Convention
July 4-8 2014 Toronto, Canada

**IPDG Tim Anderson's
Appreciation Dinner**
August 23rd 2014
@ McGuire's Resort
7880 Mackinaw Trail,
Cadillac MI



“Did You Know”

If the District Governor drove to every club in 11E1 from his home in Cadillac just 1 time and back how many miles would he have driven altogether?



Mike Howard

2nd Vice District Governor

Lion Friends

I just wanted to update you all on how Mike is doing, he has been moved to:

MidMichigan Gladwin Pines
449 Quarter St
Gladwin, MI 48624

It's a nursing facility that provides rehabilitative services with physical, occupational and speech therapists. It's a lot closer to home and Mike seems to like it there! He continues to grow stronger working very hard towards his goal of coming home.

He is still unable to swallow and that is the hurdle he is trying to get over right now, because of this he continues using the trach and has to be feed through his stomach. Once he is able to swallow we have been told he will be allowed to come home.

He was very pleased to hear he was elected as 1st Vice District Governor and all the faith you have in his recovery it makes him all that much more determined to get better.

Thank you for all your prayers and cards and please keep them coming they mean so much to the both of us.

GOD BLESS

And as Mike always says ~ LET the LIONS ROAR

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WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER AS LIONS OF OLD AND NOT
OLD LIONS
RESTORE THE LIONS 'ROAR'

'ROAR" 'ROAR" 'ROAR"

Club Aniversaries *May*

FREMONT LIONS

Chartered
05/03/1960
54 YEARS

GREENVILLE LIONS

Chartered
05/11/1936
78 YEARS

MANISTEE LIONS

Chartered
05/07/1957
57 YEARS

MT. PLEASANT LIONS

Chartered
05/04/1939
75 YEARS

ONEKAMA LIONS

Chartered
05/01/1967
47 YEARS

SANFORD LIONS

Chartered
05/06/2004
10 YEARS

SHEPHERD LIONS

Chartered
05/05/1972
42 YEARS



DISTRICT 11E1 ROARS

Bear Lake Leos

The Bear Lake Leo's recently held their Charter Signing Luncheon on Saturday April 19th at the Bear Lake Lion's Den, even though this group of young individuals have been around for a while now this important part of becoming a club was not previously done due to a mishap with the original charter paperwork when it was lost in the mail on its way to the club and never arrived.

The Leo's help their community their Lions Club and have even extending their "Service" to other neighboring Lions Club helping out with events and fundraisers lending extra hands to aide in making the project's a success!

After lunch and the introduction of the Leo's and guests District Governor Tim Anderson recognized and honored Leo Richard Smith by presenting him with the Leo Medal of Honor for all he does and continues to do within the Leos for his community in the name of Lionism.



Lion Duwane Heffner was also honored for his work and dedication as Leo adviser he was awarded the Governors Leo Award of Excellence for his efforts in the advancement of our youth!

GREAT job and service you two we're all proud of both of you and your work towards our future!



Cadillac Lions

On Friday April 4th the Cadillac Lions joined clubs from all around the world taking part in the Global Lunch Relay. The Cadillac club chose the “After 26 Depot Café” as the location to hold their luncheon to show support for and to call attention to this establishment that offers work and financial assistance to disabled and challenged members of our community.

A food drive was also held collecting non-perishable food items that were donated to the Shepherd’s Table a local food bank to benefit those in our community that need help.

The event was a success with not only the Lions in attendance but our Mayor and several members of other community organizations attend and took part. The event received GREAT media coverage by both the local newspaper and television stations both sending reports and doing stories.

Cadillac was just one club of many within our district taking part in this event and from the Facebook postings and pictures just one of many clubs from around the world.



Cadillac Lions Shack Sunk!



On Monday April 14, at 2:16:43 AM the “Shack” fell through the ice marking the end of our contest for this year.

The First place \$1000.00 winner is:
Dianna Haynes of Cadillac
She guessed 2:38 AM

Second Place \$200.00 went to:
Lynette Bassford of Cadillac
She guessed 4:20 AM

Thanks to all who bought tickets and made guesses! The “Shack” has been retrieved and placed in storage until next year!

Carson City Lions

The club held its annual (21st) Community Recognition Night on March 18th. We gave out 4 \$250 Edward Herald Memorial Scholarships and honored our Citizen of the year.



We also recognized new businesses, the Carson City Garden Club and the Top Academic Seniors of 2014. The photos are of the Citizen of the Year and our scholarship winners.

Chippewa Lake – Mecosta Lions

As of February 21, 2014, the Mecosta and Chippewa Lake Lions Clubs have officially merged to become the Chippewa Lake - Mecosta Lions Club. The merger was proposed as a way to more effectively serve both communities and also the Rodney area that does not have its own Lions Club.



The merger has been in the works for several months and the clubs have been working together on various projects. It is a GOOD fit and we are excited about what the future holds for Lionism in our communities.

Club resources have been combined, including the [Club website](#) and [Facebook page](#). The Chippewa Lake Facebook page will stay up for a while longer as a [History Archive](#) since it has been around since 2011 and there is far too much information to migrate to this new page.

The merged club members meet from March thru October on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at Autumn's Restaurant in Chippewa Lake (2nd) and New Hope UMC near Mecosta (4th). There is usually one meeting per month from November through February. Go Lions! WE SERVE.



Leader Dog Bobbi is "Rockin' the Vest" at the Chippewa Lake – Mecosta Lions Easter Egg Hunt in Mecosta on April 19. Bobbi's person is Lion Nancy Lepkowski.

Coleman Lions

Six Coleman STAR Leos accompanied by three Coleman Lions Club members served Easter dinner at the Coleman Senior Center on April 16. Guests enjoyed having the youth deliver the dinner to them! The Leos also cleared and washed tables.

Early May will be busy for Coleman Lions, starting with White Cane collections Friday, May 1 in front of downtown businesses.

Saturday, May 2 will find us at the Railway Family Center for a Kid Sight vision screening, during a community Health Fair. On Monday, May 5 we will team with the STAR Leo Club on the bi-annual Adopt-A-Highway clean up on US 10. And later that evening we are hosting a dinner and awards for STAR Leo members and their families. Pictures will follow next month.

Come out to Yoder's Amish Auction in Clare and try our Koegel hot dogs and Polish dogs. Our concession wagon can be found in the main aisle both Friday and Saturday, May 16 and 17 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.



In Memory

LION GENE R WHITE
Big Rapids Lions Club

LION VERSELL CLEMENTS
Kaleva Lions Club

LION ROSE KONARSKI
LION NORMAN K SLOSSER
Luther Lions Club

You are all missed!

(Names will be shared as they get reported to LCI)

Edmore Lions

For the third year in a row, the Edmore Lions Club and Montabella Public Schools are participating in the Fourth Grade Foresters project publicized by the National Arbor Day Foundation to celebrate Arbor Day. The goal of the 4th Grade Foresters project is to have 4th graders nationwide plant a tree in observance of Arbor Day.

The Edmore Lions Club purchased 100 pine tree seedlings for Montabella schools, enough for every 4th grader to receive a tree to plant at their home! Pictured in the photo with Edmore Lions Club President Ervin Moore are from left to right, 4th grade teachers Mrs. Carrier, Mrs. Fenton, and Mrs. Heller, along with 4th graders Tristin Almanza, Ryan Cook, and Salvador Almanza.



The Edmore Lions Club held their annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 19th at Curtis Park in Edmore. The event was attended by more than 100 children from toddlers to 5th graders. In addition to the usual amount of candy and prizes collected, two lucky children found the eggs with the note inside that said “Grand Prize Winner” and both walked away with brand new bicycles! Everyone had a great time celebrating Easter.

Greenville Leo's



The Greenville Leo's got together to pack-up backpacks for the homeless women & girls in the community that is on the run from a trouble home or for some other reason. The back packs are full of things that they can use to get them by for a while; these items are used while they are in transit to a new location, such as a different family member or safe house. The Leo's packed 10 back packs.

Greenville Lions

The story behind White Cane Week

If you find yourself at True Value Hardware, Kmart or Walmart on Thursday, Friday or Saturday this week, most likely you will find a Greenville Lions Club member at the entrance holding a white cane with a red band and a clear container with a few dollars and some loose change.

You've seen these men and women every April, with their bright yellow vests and big smiles, and you may have dropped some change into their container. You have probably also thought, "Who are these men and women and what are they doing?"

Let me fill you in ... First a bit of history: In 1921 Bristol, England, a man named James Biggs became blind following an accident. James felt uncomfortable around his home because of the high amount of traffic. He painted his walking stick white so it would be more easily visible.

In 1931 France, Guilly d'Herbement recognized the danger to blind people in traffic and launched a national "white stick movement." She donated 5,000 white canes to people in Paris.

The earliest history of white canes in the United States was in Illinois. In the early 1930s, George Bonham, president of the Peoria Illinois Lions Club, introduced an idea of using a white cane with a

red band as a means of assisting the blind in independent mobility. The club approved of the idea and hundreds of white canes were made and distributed.

Shortly thereafter, the Peoria City Council adopted an ordinance giving a white cane bearer the right-of-way to cross the street. News of this quickly spread to numerous other Lions Clubs across the nation.

To make Americans fully aware of the meaning of white cane and the need for motorists to exercise special care for the blind person who carries it, in 1964 the U.S. Congress approved a resolution authorizing the U.S. president to annually issue a proclamation designating a National White Cane Safety Day.

Today white cane laws are on the books of every state. I will be joining my fellow Greenville Lions Club members this week, just as they have for past 50-plus years, with white canes in hand, passing out a bit of information to area residents on what white cane safety is all about. We will also have clear containers collecting loose change or a dollar or two.

These donations will be used by your Lions Club to fund charity projects, including a donation to Michigan Leader Dogs for the Blind and Camp Tuhsmeheeta on Lincoln Lake Road.

Many of us, myself included, take our eyesight for granted. When you are out this week, a donation, like the price of a cup of coffee or a can of pop, can be a small way of acknowledging your thanks for your good eyesight. Also know that your donation, grouped with many others, will be put to good use assisting someone dealing with the challenges of blindness.

I have had the pleasure of being a Greenville Lions Club member for seven years. During that time, I have met some of the most caring, generous, "down-right good people" I have ever met and I am proud to call them fellow Lion Club members. During this time, I have truly learned what "pay it forward" really means.

For 78 years, the Greenville Lions Club members have lived the club motto "We Serve." I am happy to continue that rich tradition of service.

Most likely you have attended one of our spaghetti dinners or golf outings. We'll be golfing again this year on May 17. You have probably enjoyed a hotdog or a brat during Danish Festival. We'll be back again this year on Aug. 15 and 16.

We have put all your financial support to good use, right here in Greenville. We thank you.

Harrison Lions

The Harrison Lions club are currently selling "Spring Raffle" tickets, please contact our club if you're interested in purchasing one. We will be installing our new club officers on June 18, 2014 with our special guest DG Tim Anderson doing the honors for us.

Honor Lions

Honor has started planning for our busy summer season. . We kicked off by participating in the Around the World Lunch relay. We joined with six other clubs in our area had a great lunch visited with load of friends, we also collected 43lb. of food and \$45.00 for a local food pantry.

Several said we need to do this again it was a chance to catch up with the other clubs and the cake was compliments of the Traverse City Red Lobster who could not have treated all of us any better great place.



Honor is also starting our Lucky 13 Raffle drawings, we are in to the 3rd week and it is going great. We are also busy choosing our Benzie High Scholarship student, one of our elementary schools is raising money for their 5th time going to the world finals for Odyssey of the Mind they have ask for our help to make this happen for some very creative 4th grade students.

We have White cane coming up in May, a craft show and rummage sale in June, 4th of July with our Hot Dog wagon, and Coho Festival in August. So the Honor Lions will have a busy summer and we will let the area know we are here as we Roar!!! We have our new officers chosen, our PU101 in and should have a smooth transition as we work to serve our community have a great Spring!

Mesick Lions

Mesick Lions "Amazing Kids" Award

The club wanted to connect with the Mesick Elementary school children in some way. We contacted our principle and he thought that the "Amazing Kids" certificate would be a good award for the fifth grades. He said, "They feel like they are too grown up to be considered a part of the elementary school, but, yet, they aren't in middle school. This would be a great way to reward them for their past and future work as students of the Mesick Schools".

On the back of the certificate, "amazing" is defined as:

Active - involved member in the classroom

Makes a Difference in their community

Accountable - responsible for what they say or do

Zeal - they are interested and enthusiastic. Eager and determined their best and complete tasks

Impeccable - Clean, neat, respectful

Natural - all around good citizen

Generous - shows kindness and concern

The Mesick Elementary School has 2 rooms of 5th grades and each room picks an "Amazing" Child each month. The choice is the teachers of each room. We have also teamed up with the Mesick Pharmacy and attached to the certificate is a free night's movie rental.

In a recent conversation with Mr. Akom, school principal, he said that the 5th graders "LOVE" this program and each one of them is trying their best be rewarded with this certificate!

2nd Annual Mesick Lions Community Easter Egg Hunt

Our club held its second annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday, April 17th at the Enchanted River Playground.

We were praying that Mother Nature would cooperate (last year, she did not!!), but, this year, she did -- all the snow was gone and the kids came out to hunt those eggs!!!

We stuffed 14,000 eggs with candy and we are guesstimating about 200 children attended our hunt! What an awesome time was had by all!!

King Lion Sheila Honored



There's a simple six letter word that strikes terror into the hearts of many Lions and that word is "CHANGE". This year that word was used a lot by several 1st time Club Presidents.

At the start of his year DG Tim announce an open door policy which encouraged anyone within the district to contact him directly, ask any questions or seek help for anything that might be within my power or knowledge to help them with.

3 first time presidents took him up on that offer and for the first 6 months of this year they repeatedly contacted DG Tim by text, email, on Facebook or over the phone they came to me for advice again and again to use me as a sounding board or for help and he did the best he could for all of them.

They each had ideas, they had plans, and they wanted to make their clubs better to see if its service and membership could improve if they could strengthen their clubs. Guess what? The changes worked! The world didn't stop or fall of its axis but instead their clubs benefited from of all things "CHANGE"!

Now there must be other clubs out there in E1 that had change this year but these are 3 are being singled out mainly because of the squeaky wheel principal.

So on April 22nd DG Tim paid a visit to the Mesick Lions Club and he awarded 1st time King Lion Sheila Ferrel an award named after one of her clubs Charter members.

Lion Sheila added new programs and fundraisers, she broadened what they do and the idea of what they could do in the future. Her ideas, enthusiasm and spirit made this club better!

In recognition of this Lion Sheila was presented on behalf of the district with a Ken E. Lautzenheiser Fellow. In recognition of all she has accomplished.

Congratulations Lion Sheila for changing your club and how it serves for the better! Very proud of you!



Donation to Mesick High School Music Student

Our club was contacted by a Mesick High School music student for a donation to help him with a great opportunity. Sage Radtke, a Mesick High School sophomore who plays the French horn in our band, was recommended to travel abroad this coming summer with the Blue Lake International Southern Winds ensemble.

As part of this group, Sage will be staying with families in Germany, France and the Netherlands and playing the French horn in concerts in Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Austria, Denmark, France, Italy and Spain. Sage's career goal is to be a music educator.

Although, this is an opportunity of a lifetime, it is a very expensive opportunity! Sage had collected all but \$1,200.00 at the time of his visit with our club! The Mesick Lions donated \$500.00 to help Sage with this awesome endeavor and hopes that he has a trip of a lifetime!!

Midland Lions

CONGRATULATIONS LION JOE LUBBEHUSEN

Lion Joe will be honored with an Award from the National Alzheimer's Association. He is in the top 50 in the nation for raising funds for Alzheimer's research and local programming and services in 2013! His goal was to raise \$10,000, but he reached over \$13,000! He will be honored on April 8, 2014 at 2:00 pm, Colonial Villa, with a pin and recognition for his work. This has been a labor of love for Papa Joe in honor and memory of his wife Margie. This month is also his 61st year as a Midland Lion.

Stanton Lions

The Stanton Lions Club took part in the World Lunch Relay by hosting a "friends and family" luncheon on April 4th. Had 22 in attendance with speakers representing; Blue Star Mothers, bone marrow donations and Lion Larry Alman speaking on "organ donations". Pizza was served.

Busy planning the Stanton Old Fashions day programs; including a 5K run-walk and chicken barbecue dinner for the second week-end in August and our annual golf outing scheduled for July 18 at the Links of Bowen Lake.



White Cloud Lions

White Cloud Lions go Global with the World Lunch Relay

We participated in the International Global Luncheon on April 4th. We had banners made for 9 non-profit and service organizations that **'offer needed services that makes the world a brighter place'**. We put a blue and gold world on the banner to help signify the importance of the luncheon.

We had just under 100 attendees for the luncheon from four surrounding communities with 80% being non-lions. We served lunch for 2 hours and had 3 musicians furnishing live music in the background - even a saxophonist that played with the Tommy Dorsey band in his youth!

Some attendees brought food donations for the community food pantries. Each organization had a table display of their services for the community members to view. Our International Global Luncheon was an outstanding success.

White Cloud Lions Easter Egg Hunt

Next the White Cloud Lions filled 2,000 plastic Easter Eggs with tootsie rolls and hid them in the White Cloud Park for the 24th Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt on the Saturday morning before Easter. Three children that found the golden eggs won the Easter Baskets. The Easter Bunny attended the entire event and spent time with all the children.

White Cane Days

And last of all - this weekend is our White Cane Days. We are handing out candy, the white cane law book marks and coloring books for the children. Another very successful week-end.



District E1 Receives “New” Recovery Grant



On April 17th Governor Rick Snyder declared a state of disaster for Newaygo and Osceola counties due to the recent record level flooding and asked all humanitarian groups to come together to help with the flood recovery. Both of these counties are in our district more than 1000 homes had to be evacuated and over 3000 people relocated and misplaced between the 2 counties.

The next morning our District Governor contacted the Lion Club International Foundation and inquired about one of their “New” Recovery Grants. Our Alert Team went into action working with the local agencies to gather the required information needed to write the grant proposal.

While this was being done Lions from the local clubs Ewart and Crossroads in Osceola County and White Cloud, Fremont and Newaygo in Newaygo County helped local DHS, Emergency Services and the Red Cross out with the relief efforts for those affected and misplaced in their area.

The Recovery Grant is part of a “New” pilot program which began March 2014 and runs until April 2015, it offers cleanup and recovery assistance to areas hit by natural disasters. The max grant amount request is \$20,000. After talking to the local agencies involved we were supplied with a list of needs and using that list we were able to match it up with the grant criteria.

Our Grant request was “Green Lighted” and approved in the amount of \$18,500 to be used as follows. We’re supplying dumpsters already placed for both areas to help with the cleanup – we’re helping with propane tank resets and reconnects (over 40 tanks floated away) and also offering replacement glasses for anyone who lost or had their damaged.

Requests are being screened thru the DHS and Red Cross then passed on to us to verify they were indeed affected by the flood. No funds are being given out only goods and services.

We received the VERY 1st Recovery Grant ever given out by LCIF and because of this new program the Lions are able to help the people of our district return home and begin their cleanup and recovery. GO LIONS!



Congratulations

The following Lions have brought in their 1st new Member for the year and have earned the new

MICHIGAN SAFARI PIN

CHIPPEWA LAKE / MECOSTA
Lion Tammy Thorne

EMPIRE
Lion David Taghon
Lion Michael Bolton

MIDLAND
Lion Ron Sharp

This pin will be awarded to all Lions once they bring in their 1st new member of the year!

WAY TO GROW LIONS!

From the District Editor

Please submit any and all stories or updates to Lion Deb Kreitner, our editor and let's try our best to help reach Lion Deb's goal of have **EVERY** club in our district submit at least one story this year Please do not send them to her cell phone, please use her e-mail; debkreitner@charter.net

So let's hear about your club and what it's been up to! Let's hear about your members your raffles or fundraisers or upcoming events. Lions Lets **ROAR!** Send stories and pictures.

Also, please remember all State "Lions Pride" newsletter stories **MUST** be submitted through our district Editor, **NOTHING** sent directly to the state will be make it into their newsletter it must be submitted to our editor first.

The goal this year was and is to have ALL the clubs submit at least one story to our newsletter.

Just to help you out here is a list of those 13 clubs we haven't heard from yet. Let's hear from you!

BARRYTON
KALEVA
SAND LAKE

CRYSTAL
LAKEVIEW
SANFORD

FRANKFORT
LUTHER
SHEPHERD

HART
MANISTEE

HOWARD CITY
NEWAYGO

Welcome New Lions!

CHIPPAWA LAKE / MECOSTA

Lion Ruby Eldridge
Lion Sheila Jones

EMPIRE

Lion Wayne Aylsworth
Lion Ruth Ann Bolton
Lion Michael Bolton

MIDLAND

Lion Crystal Jefferson

CROSSROADS

Lion David Belden
Lion Shelly Gerring

KINGSLEY

Lion Kathleen Berry

LUTHER

Lion Mary Kay Weipert
Lion Robert Weipert



From District 11E1 To Our 11 Newest Members

WELCOME!

+195

"Did You Know"

From DG Tim's home in Cadillac to all our clubs and back just making one visit per club totals 5673 miles

F.Y.I.

That's the same distance if you were to drive from New York City to San Francisco California and back again with a little left over to spare

Presidential Stock for Leader Dog



Leader Dogs for the Blind’s puppy raising program began in 1958 when three Labrador retriever puppies were placed with members of the Oakland County [MI] K-9 4-H Club. The kids were given the puppies and told to bring them back in one year to Leader Dog. At the time, Leader Dog did not have a breeding program; all puppies and dogs were donated, purchased or rescued from shelters.

In the early 1980s the puppy raising program started to become the structured program it is today when it began to be managed in-house by Leader Dog employees. Today, there are still several 4-H members raising Leader Dog puppies.



With the formalization of the puppy program, Leader Dog began its breeding program. Starting with just six female dogs in the early 80s, the breeding stock numbers grew to 38 females and 10 males by 1992.

Currently, Leader Dog has over 100 female and male dogs in the breeding program and includes Labrador retrievers, Golden retrievers, and German shepherds.

It all started with "\$400 and a hatful of ideas." - Donald P. Schuur.

On April 4, 1939, the Articles of Incorporation (Non-Profit) for the Lions Leader Dog Foundation* were signed by Charles A. Nutting, Donald P. Schurr and S.A. Dodge, members of the Uptown Lions Club of Detroit. Their motivation to form the organization came from their unsuccessful attempt to pay for a fellow Lion, Dr. Glenn "Doc" Wheeler, to get a guide dog from the only U.S. guide dog organization existing at the time.



CHARLES A. NUTTING DONALD P. SCHUUR S. A. DODGE

The purpose of the corporation was stated as, "To train and distribute blind leader dogs to be known as Lions Leader Dogs among preferred blind people in the United States and Canada. To conduct a course of instruction for trainers of Lions Leader Dogs. To conduct a supervised course of training in order to coordinate a blind person with a Lions Leader Dog. To conduct research in order to ascertain the most desirable breed of dog for blind leader work and to conduct research in all other problems relating thereto.... In general, to conduct an educational and charitable foundation for the purposes indicated."

*Changed to "Leader Dog League for the Blind" in 1940, then to "Leader Dogs for the Blind" in 1952.



Greenville Lions Club Charity Golf Classic

DATE: May 17th, 2014
TIME: Registration at 8:00 am. Shotgun start at 9:00 am.
PLACE: Glenkerry Golf Course
1413 E. Kent Rd
Greenville, Michigan 48838



Tournament Committee

Roger Wilson
Bo Stephenson
John Moy
Kyle Maddie
Sheri Bursach
Steve Bursach
Tom Ewell
EJ Paas
Deb Kreitner

ENTRY FEE: \$50.00 per golfer. (Includes green fees, cart & catered lunch)
Tournament is limited to the first 22 paid teams. Each player will receive a "Goodie Bag" and have a chance to win numerous other prizes.

Format: Tournament will be played in 4-person scramble format. Individuals are encouraged to sign-up and will be placed on a team.

Hole-in-One: Chance to win a NEW PONTOON BOAT!!!!

Cancellation Policy:

1. If a player cancels, 48-hour notice is required to receive 50% of entry fee.
2. If a player is a "no-show" entry fee is non-refundable.



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616-754-7834

Please return the bottom section with your team entry fee.

ENTRY FORM:

Name: _____

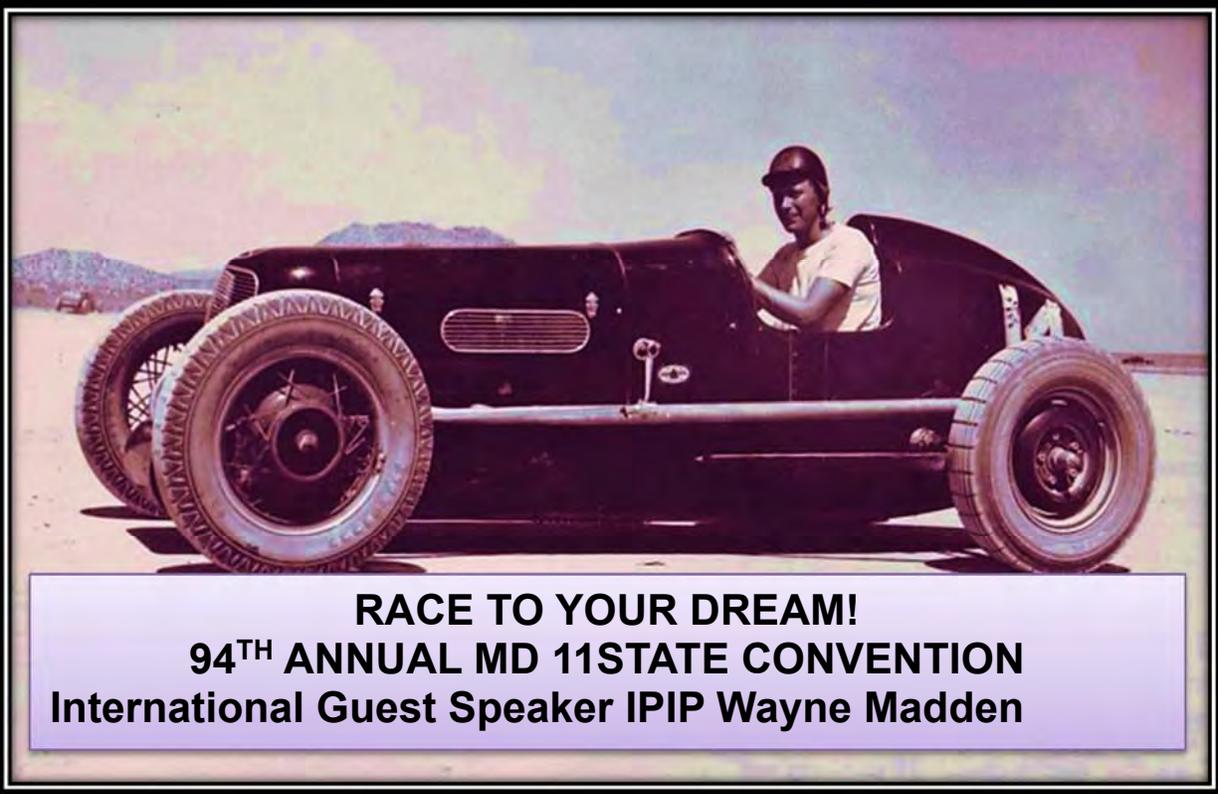
Company: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

email: _____

Please make check payable to "Greenville Lions Club"
Send entry form and payment to: PO Box 721 Greenville, MI. 48838
For more information please call John Moy @ 616-754-7324 or lionsgolfclassic@charter.net



LIONS – START YOUR ENGINES AND GET READY FOR THE LIONS OF MICHIGAN MD 11 STATE CONVENTION!

The excitement begins on Thursday, May 15, with a pre-convention picnic to be held at Cornwell's Turkeyville. Spend time with fellow Lions in a relaxed, country atmosphere just minutes from Battle Creek. LCI IPIP Wayne Madden has been invited to attend.

Cornwell's is best known for their famous turkey dinners, going back to the 1960's. The Country Gift Shop, Bakery, Homemade Ice Cream and Antiques Coop will be reminiscent of our days spent in Shipshewana! Meet in hotel lobby @ 5:30 p.m. Event start time: 6:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception and "Pit Stop" Buffet Dinner and Entertainment Friday, May 16. Let's fire-up this Convention by starting with "Happy Hour"-which in race car terms is slang for the official practice before a race! Social Hour begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. Entertainment immediately following dinner, with the Hospitality Room opening at 9:00 p.m. and After-Glow in hotel bar.

Saturday "Breakfast of Champions" Awards Banquet, May 17, 8:30 a.m. Enjoy a delicious breakfast as we recognize fellow Lions of their accomplishments throughout the year. The Lions of Michigan MD 11 Business Session begins at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday Evening "Winner's Circle" Awards Banquet & Memorial Service will begin with a Social Hour at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Hospitality Room open and After-Glow in Hotel bar, immediately following Awards Banquet & Memorial Service.

Saturday Breakout Sessions: Tools to Becoming an Extraordinary Lion! *and*
LCI Convention Elections: What's It All About? Also, special "Toronto Convention" travel information with LCI Convention Committee Representative!

Registration materials online at www.lionsofmi.com