

# District 11-E1 Newsletter

New Members

67

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## From the Governor

Fellow Lions

WOW...what a great 1st month to our Fall Membership Drive, we've brought in so far in the first 30 days 28 new Lions members and we still have 1 more month left on this drive. I'm **VERY** proud of all the Lions of our district and all the good work you all do for your communities! We have grown by 57 new Lions so far this year and are only 67 members away from reaching our district membership goal of 124.

Keep up your good work...Ask and be seen! With the addition of the new Kingsley Lions Club (their paperwork has been filed with LCI and they should be added to our district in the next 7-10 business days) which at this time has 22 members they will bring our total "New" membership up to 79 well over the ½ way point towards our district goal leaving just 45 more new members needed.

Now some of you may have heard I would like to surpass our goal of 124, instead my "Dream" is to reach at least 129 new members but when that happens let's not stop there! We are only 4 months into the year and thanks to all your efforts we are just shy of the 2/3's point already.

Let's show people how FUN Lions can be and how much good we do for our communities but most importantly let's help them experience the feeling we get when we reach out and help someone, of course the best way to share that feeling with them is by asking them to help out with our projects and to become a part of our clubs. So keep up the good work WE CAN DO THIS! **Happy Thanksgiving and Go Lions!**

DG Lion Tim Anderson  
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**"Follow Your Dreams" (129)**



Tim Anderson



## “Unsung Heroes”

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



On October 2<sup>nd</sup> during a visit with the **Remus Lions Club** I spoke of Membership & Service about what has been done and what is still to be done. I paused at this time to share what I've been doing and then I turned to Their King Lion and said for the 1st time this year the "Unsung Hero" was going to a club president **Lion Mike Gingrich** the "Unsung Hero" of the Remus Lions Club is you!

Besides being King Lion you wear many hats and step in whenever and where ever needed, and because you're the King Lion I bet you're rarely if ever thanked and it's for this reason I chose you! The rest of the club and the visitors present all agreed no one deserves this and the appreciation more. Applause broke out and shouts of congratulations began filling the room.

Lion Mike stood as I patted him on his back and shook his hand, I presented him with his new pin (his vest currently didn't have ANY pins) and as he placed it on his vest I read his certificate allowed for all in the room to hear. With a huge smile on his face I thanked him again for all he does for his club and community. **Congratulations** Lion Mike Gingrich the Remus Lions Clubs "Unsung Hero!"



On October 7<sup>th</sup> visiting with the **Empire Lions Club** after enjoying a wonderful chicken dinner & when the business portion of the meeting was completed. I was introduced by PDG Dick Daniel & given the floor. I talked about Membership & how we're currently starting of our Fall Membership drive & Lions Week in Michigan. I shared ideas & joked with them about our trivia question from the newsletter last month in which their club was the answer.

After sharing goals & talking about dreams, I began speaking about honoring Lions. As it so happened I had dinner with the person I was about to ask to stand so I said **Lion Tom Rose** you're the "Unsung Hero" for the Empire Lions Club. As Tom stood telling me "he was nothing special plenty of people help out in this club", I told him one person can make a difference and especially someone that is always there always willing to help and steps in when needed like he always does. He told me that was his job...but I reminded him he told me over dinner he didn't work he was retired so what he did for his club and this community he did because he wanted to not because he had to.

I handed Tom his pin and he showed it to the room as I held out and read his certificate aloud. When I finished and went to hand it to Lion Tom he smile and said "wow this is pretty nice" applause filled the room as members of his club cheered. I patted Lion Tom on his back shook his hand and as the room quieted down I said "Thank You" and expressed my personal gratitude for all his efforts in the name of Lions and his club.

**Congratulations** Lion Tom Rose the Empire Lions Club "Unsung Hero"



On October 8<sup>th</sup> during a wonderful visit with the **Chippewa Lake Lions Club** at Autumn's Restaurant we shared laughs, stories and good food. While waiting for that good food I was asked to address the club. I spoke about Lions, Membership, Communities and Dreams and what a good time I've had visiting with them in the past. I began talking about hard working Lions and how every club seems to have at least one that stands out and how I was honoring one of those dedicated Lions at each club in our district as I traveled around this year.

It was at this point I asked **Lion Jim Kistler** to stand and walking over to him I said Lion Jim you are my "Unsung Hero" for the Chippewa Lake Lions Club! As his club clapped I showed then presented him with his new pin and as Lion Jim started to place it on his vest I began reading his certificate aloud so everyone in the restaurant could hear (my voice carries and this is a tiny restaurant). With a smirk on his face Lion Jim accepted the certificate as I shook his hand and patted him on the back and after posing for a picture or two I thanked Lion Jim once again clearly and loudly for all to hear.

**Congratulations** Lion Jim Kistler the Chippewa Lake Lions Clubs "Unsung Hero!"



On October 14<sup>th</sup>, while visiting with the **Lake Ann Lions Club** under the Leadership of King Lion Tricia Lewis I was invited to speak about our district and goals. I spoke of Membership stopping to congratulate and honor a member for bringing in a new Lion...I spoke of growth and retention...I spoke of service and dedication at which point I talked about what I've noticed and what I've been doing honoring 1 members from each club.

I asked **Lion Stan Sprague** to come forward and announced he was the "Unsung Hero" for the Lake Ann Lions Club! Man you never saw a guy in such a hurry to return to his seat, I thanked him and he turned to return so I had to stop him, I then presented him with his pin and he accepted it and headed back to his seat...I stopped him again telling him there was more.

I held out this certificate and read it aloud before presenting it to Lion Stan and just as soon as the picture was done he headed back to his seat and I once again stopped him...not sure what he thought I had planned he was doing his best to slip away every chance he got!

I held out my hand as applause filled the room and I patted him on his back and finally I stepped back and loud enough for all to hear I said "Thank you" for all you do! At this point I told him now it was ok to go back to his seat.

Lion Stan Sprague **Congratulations** on being the Lake Ann Lions "Unsung Hero!"



On October 16<sup>th</sup> at the **Harrison Lions Club** after being introduced by PDG Jerry Brandt and enjoying a delicious dinner I inducted a new member, passed out a Michigan Safari pin and spoke about growth and service. I spoke about clubs new and old and the importance of serving our communities and finally I spoke about hard working dedicated Lions and explained what I was doing.

It's gotten to the point now about 1/2 or more of the Lions present know what's about to come and I can watch smiles grow and eyes began to search the room wondering what name I'm about to call.

**Lion Norm Schollet** can you come up here with me you are the Harrison Lions Clubs "Unsung Hero!" All eyes turned to Norm as he is encouraged up front.

Lion Norm has a smile on his face proud to be recognized as I pat him on the back and present him with his new pin he holds it out for all in the room to see. Smiling I tell him that's not all I hold out the certificate first showing him then reading it aloud so everyone can hear.

We paused a moment for pictures as the applause filled the room and afterwards I shook his hand once more and loudly said "THANK YOU".

**Congratulations** Lion Norm Schollet on being named the Harrison Lions Club's "Unsung Hero!"



October 21<sup>st</sup> the **Kaleva Lions Club** celebrated their 51<sup>st</sup> year of Service and after sharing a wonderful meal I was able to honor a few very good Lions. 1 for bringing in a new member, then 3 more for their years of service and most importantly a very special woman.

I spoke about our goals and the FUN we're having to reach them, about Dreams, successes and service and I called upon **Lion Audrey "Ma" Lafuze** to come up front to name her the "Unsung Hero" of the Kaleva Lions Club. She is hard working dedicated, never ending and she is also the mother of a few of the members and a force in this club. She gets things done and works, serves to help wherever she can.

Lion Audrey turned red when her name was called she smiled from ear to ear and joined me up front as applause filled the room I presented her with the flowers her son Carl had waiting for her. I explained to her how important she is and presented her with her new pin showing the room what it looks like.

I then held out the certificate as a fellow Lion commented how wonderful it was for her to receive this honor and how no one deserved it more. I read the certificate aloud as applause broke out again I presented it to Lion Audrey. As the applause died down I patted her on the back shook her hand and loudly and clearly so all in the room could hear I "THANKED" Her for all she does.

Lion Audrey Lafuze **Congratulations** on being named the Kaleva Lions Clubs "Unsung Hero!"

## District 11-E1



October 24<sup>th</sup> I visited with the **Bear Lake Lions Club** after renewing old friendships, and sharing a great meal "Loved the Meatloaf" I was given the floor and the chance to speak.

I spoke about promises & how the district takes care of the clubs so the club can take care of their communities, about dreams & the importance of having them, I shared our goals & the FUN & success we are having in reaching them this year & about service & recognition presenting Chevrons to mark years of service.

I also spoke about Heroes and how they are amongst us, how every club has at least one and I asked **Lion Patrick Sedlar** to come forward to stand with me so I could have the pleasure of naming him the Bear Lake Lions "Unsung Hero!"

His fellow Lions cheered & clapped as Pat rose & walked towards me just smiling. I joked with him about how rare a Lion he was & how important he is to his club. He shook my hand in disbelief this was happening to him. I presented him with his pin which he began to put on but stopped wanting to show his club first. I then held out his certificate reading it aloud making sure all could hear.

As pictures were taken Lion Pat asked if I was sure I had the right Lion so I reassured him I must because his name was right there in black and white. I patted him on the back shook his hand again and after clearing my throat and quieting the room I thanked him again. **Congratulations** Lion Patrick Sedlar on being named the Bear Lake Lions Club "Unsung Hero!"



October 28<sup>th</sup> during my visit with the **Onkama Lions Club**, after a wonderful meal and a short business session I was asked to speak. I began with goals, Dreams for the year & how important it is for us all to have them & try our best to reach them. I spoke about the growth we are having, our fantastic 1st 28 days in our Fall Membership Drive and recognition for hard work & efforts.

I gave out a Michigan Safari Pin to a member who bagged his first new Lion for the year & honored many Lions with chevrons for their years of service. To go faster I said I could use a Vanna

White so **Lion Pam Schroeder** came up & helped. I shook hands and congratulated Lions on 10-20-50 years with Lions then as the last chevron was passed out I spoke about clubs and hard workers.

I asked Lion Pam to come up once more and as she did I told her she was the "Unsung Hero" of the Onkama Lions Club. She smiled and came forward thanking me before I even had the chance to thank her. I presented her with her pin and read her certificate aloud as applause filled the room.

Now if you know Lion Pam you know she is a dedicated lion always striving to make things better and there was no one this honor could better fit at this club then her. I hugged Pam patted her on the back and shook her hand as I Thanked Her for all she does.

**Congratulations** Lion Pamela Schroeder on being named the Onkama Lions Club "Unsung Hero!"



**Pete Conarty**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor

The US/Canadian Lions Forum in Overland Park, KS last September had some highly motivated presentations. One presentation was from a blind, wheelchair bound, physically impaired, 26 year old man.

He had graduated from college, was in the college marching band (with his father's help), has written a book, sings and plays a piano and has produced CD's – Patrick Henry Hughes. You may have seen him on TV.

He indicated that he likes the name PAT because for him it stands for P - persistence, A – action, T – trust. Patrick has never said "I can't do it" but "How am I going to do it".

Membership gets difficult, we get tired of hearing about it but we need to find ways to continue our legacy to our communities. One way of keeping our Membership is through "Retention". "How happy are our members?" "Do we keep them involved?"

### HOW CAN WE KEEP OUR LIONS?

1. Good mentoring programs – a member needs to mentor a new Lion, stay in touch for the first two years.
2. Orientation – members need to know and understand Lions at all levels.
3. Keep all your Lions involved – assigned to a committee, work fundraiser and special projects, attend meetings. Take the initiative call them to be involved.
4. Communication – a club newsletter, Facebook/website, calling committee, send out post cards, directories, calendars of events. Members have a need to know!
5. Do a club assessment – find your club's weaknesses and strengths and work on them. Disinterested members usually have lost touch with their membership.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Thank you for all your efforts and the time that you devote to your communities for Lions. Lion Pete

### CALENDAR 2013-2014

**Lions Fall Membership Drive**  
October 6th-November 30th  
2013

**Lioness State Convention**  
November 1<sup>st</sup>- 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013  
Holiday Inn, Big Rapids, MI

**Michigan Lions Leadership Institute**  
November 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> 2013,  
Higgins Lake, MI

**District 11E1 Cabinet Meeting**  
January 11<sup>th</sup> 2014 (Saturday)  
@ Big Boy  
1310 S. Mitchell St, Cadillac MI

**Midwest Eye-Banks/Lions of Michigan Foundation Fundraising Cruise**  
January 26 2014 - Sailing from Fort Lauderdale, FL

**Michigan Forum**  
Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
9:00 AM  
Ramada Inn, Lansing

**District 11E1 Cabinet Meeting**  
March 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> 2014  
District Convention @  
Double Tree Hotel, Holland MI

**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





**Mike Howard**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor

Hi everybody

I hope everyone is enjoying the fall weather. Our fall membership drive is October 6 – November 30.

We need to promote FUTURE of our LIONS by getting NEW MEMBERS and retaining them in our clubs. Remember some of the newer members recruited may have new ideas, so welcome them warmly and make them feel a part of your club.

I visited the Honor Lions Club and they had a potential NEW MEMBER plus two of his family. GOOD JOB HONOR. Also, a good job involving your Community in your events.

Governor Tim is well on the way to getting a pie in the face. Let's help him exceed the number of 129, so his wife will also get a pie in the face.

District Tail Twister Ron Gibson has started a guess when the District Governor will meet his membership goal POOL. For \$5.00 all you have to do is fill out an entry blank that you can get from LION RON or from District GOV.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Michael Howard,  
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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 October

#### CADILLAC LIONS

Chartered  
11/23/1943  
70 YEARS

#### CRYSTAL LIONS

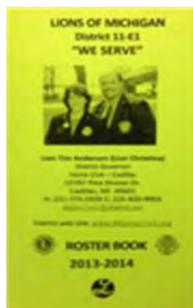
Chartered  
11/26/1951  
62 YEARS

#### HARRISON LIONS

Chartered  
11/15/1967  
46 YEARS

#### NORTHPORT LIONS

Chartered  
11/05/1952  
61 YEARS



### 2013-2014 Roster Books

If you or your club would like extra copies of this year's District Roster Book we are offering them on sale for \$3 apiece while supplies last!

Please contact DG Tim to get your extra copy today!

## DISTRICT 11E1 ROARS

### Baldwin Lions

The Baldwin Lions visited two 3rd grade classrooms at the Baldwin Elementary School recently. A total of 51 dictionaries were presented to some very excited children!



While visiting the Baldwin Lions club, 1st VDG Lion Pete Conarty installed new member, Lion Melissa Wynn. She was sponsored by Lion Deb Wilkinson. Lion Pete also has the honor of installing the first Baldwin Lions' Cub, Samuel Wynn. Our new Lion Cub had his first "official" duty leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance



Allison Clarmont was able to sign up several dozen people as organ donors while attending the Blessing of the Bikes in Baldwin. She even rode her motor cycle there and received a blessing for safe travels! While selling water and collector series pins at the Blessing of the Bikes, the Lions were assisted by Allison Clarmont from the Michigan Eye Bank.

## Cadillac Lions

### KidSight Screening



State Representative Bruce Rendon taking a moment during the Cadillac Lions KidSight Screening held at the Missaukee Early Head Start office in Lake City on October 4<sup>th</sup> to have his picture taken with the Governor...well District Governor. I just think he wanted to try on my hat! Thanks Bruce for sponsoring this screening for the kids!

Thanks also to Lions Bill Shier from the Cadillac Club and PDG Dan Gibbons, and his new apprentice Lion Jackie Glazier for running the camera.

Rep. Bruce Rendon & DG Tim

### Stuff the Bus



Lions Carl Daily and Gary Williams



Lion Cub Rachael Lions Bob Leyko & Carl Daily

On October 11th the Cadillac Lions held a “Stuff the Bus” food drive in conjunction with the CWTA the drive lasted just one day but the outpour from the community filled the bus from to back supplying the much needed supplies to our local food banks!

### Super Buddy Day!

On October 22<sup>nd</sup> the Cadillac Lions manned a Donor Table at the Secretary of State’s office to bring awareness and sign people up for the Organ Donor Program! The theme for the day was “Have a Heart” as those that entered where asked if they currently have a “Heart” on their driver’s License.

## Cedar/Maple City Lions

Monday October 14, 2013, the Cedar Maple City Lions Club celebrated their 49th Anniversary. Our three remaining Charter Members are Lions, Glen Noonan, Robert Stachnik & Charles Flaska. Our 11E-1 District 1st VDG Peter Conarty congratulated them for helping to establish the Lions Club 49 years ago and the many community projects completed.

Lions Glen Noonan, Robert Stachnik & Charles Flaska, lighting the Memorial Candle.



Lions, Glen Noonan, Robert Stachnik, Charles Flaska & 1st VDG Pete Conarty.

## Governor Honors Governor Congratulations DG Tim

Cadillac Mayor Bill Barnett stopped in at our District Cabinet meeting on Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> to present DG Tim Anderson with the Special Tribute from and signed by Michigan Governor Rick Snyder, Senator Darwin Boohar, and Representative Phil Potvin that was being awarded on behalf of the city of Cadillac and its citizens for all of DG Tim's efforts and work in and for the betterment of the community and the people within it in the name of Lions. Thanks Mayor Barnett for delivering this honor on Governor Snyder behalf and from ALL the Lions of 11E1 Congratulations DG Tim!!



## Welcome New Lions!



**BALDWIN**  
Mary Martin

**BIG RAPIDS**  
Michelle Stem PhD

**CHIPPEWA LAKE**  
Norveda Kistler  
Karan Noller  
Paula Hunter

**EVART**  
Vicki Cushman  
Brian Cushman  
Jim Whitten

**HARRISON**  
Stacy Stocking  
Brenda Benchley  
Linn Price

**LAKEVIEW**  
Greg McKenna

**MOUNT PLEASANT**  
Minde Lux

**STANTON**  
Lucy Hubbard  
Dana Fruchey  
Lorraine Reese  
Marilyn Beardslee

**WHITE CLOUD**  
Ellen Jackie Spotts (Reinstate)

**COLEMAN**  
Amy Doherty

**EMPIRE**  
Dianne Hammersmith  
Ron Hacker  
Steve Glazier

**FREMONT**  
Cheryl Price (Reinstate)

**HONOR**  
Beverly Holbrook

**LAKE ANN**  
Michael Putman

**MESICK**  
Mike Covey

**ONEKAMA**  
Shannon Shull

**STANWOOD**  
Cherlyn Davis (Reinstate)



From District 11E1 To Our **28** Newest Members

**WELCOME!**

## Chippewa Lake



The Chippewa Lake Lions had a special guest well actually two special guests at our recent October meeting held at Autumn's by the Lake Restaurant in Rodney. DG Tim Anderson and his daughter Lion Cub Rachael Anderson paid us a visit and shared with us the goals and "Dreams" of our District and how we were doing on reaching them.

After dinner DG Tim inducted 3 new members into our club and passed out 3 Michigan Safari Pins to the sponsors for bringing in their first new Lions for the year. Lion Jim Kistler from our club was also honored when he was presented the "Unsung Hero" Award from the District Governor.

The meeting was FUN and informative, maybe just a little loud at times but we ended the night having the waitress and Autumn herself come out and ask about joining the club and they were given membership applications to fill out. I guess this just goes to prove if we show others just how much FUN we are having they will want to join us as well!

### **ATTENTION CLUB DELEGATES! MEET THE CANDIDATES!**

If you're attending the 2014 LCI Convention in Toronto, Canada, July 4-8, 2014, here is a unique opportunity to meet the two candidates running for 2nd Vice President of Lions International:

PID MIKE BUTLER, TEXAS & PID BOB CORLEW, TENNESSEE

Mt. Pleasant Comfort Inn, Mt. Pleasant, MI

Friday, November 22, 2013

Cost: \$12.00

5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Pizza & Salad Buffet Dinner at 6:00 P.M.

Candidates Q & A begin at 7:00 P.M.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to meet both candidates in person & learn of their leadership roles. The "Meet The Candidates Registration Form" and Biographies for both candidates are available at <http://lionsofmi.com/>

## Coleman Lions



A Good Time Was Had by All Coleman Lions Club had another successful Charter Night “Fundraiser” on October 19. New games, “Heads and Tails” and “The Lions Roar” were a lively addition this year and gave winners \$100+ to spend on the auctions! Coleman area businesses and friends of Lions came through with lots of great prizes for our auctions and drawings.

A special thank you goes to PDG Lynn Mast for his presentation and video on the Michigan Eye Bank. We also thank puppy raisers Lee & Linda Techlin for bringing a Leader Dogs for the Blind display and future Leader Dog, Nevada. Our community is better informed about Lionism because of the information they shared.

With so many things going on in our District, we were honored to have several special guests in attendance; Lions DG Tim & Christiana Anderson, 1st DG Pete Conarty, PDG Jerry Brandt & Kay, PDG Harry & PDG Laura Johnson, and PDG Lynn & Jan Mast. We thank them for their support!

The success of the event will allow Coleman Lions Club to continue its support of many worthwhile causes.

Coleman Lions Club was pleased to have new Leo advisor, Amy Doherty join our club on October 17th. Amy teaches for Coleman Community Schools and was recently hired by the high school to lead the STAR Leo Club. We are looking forward to working closely with Amy and the students. Our first teaming effort will be on October 31 at the annual Halloween Party.

## Empire / Honor Lions

Empire Lions Club and the Honor Lions Club partnered up on October 22<sup>nd</sup> to hold a “Super Buddy Day” at the Honor Secretary of State Office. This was done in several locations around our district to not only promote the Organ Donor Program but to allow the Lions a chance to get out and be seen during our Fall Membership Drive.

The ladies at the Secretary of State Office, Elaine and Mary Lee thanked the Lions for coming and just made our clubs feel welcome; they also invited us to come back in any time. Both Clubs had a great day with the Donor Registration and this was a GREAT chance to not only promote our clubs but the Michigan Eye Bank at the same time.

## Fremont Lions



Retirement of Former Lion, Al Buitendorp

On Sunday, September 22, I attended the retirement open house for former Lion and longtime Lions supporter, Al Buitendorp. For newer members, Al has always been a great salesman for our largest annual project, the Holiday Nut Sale. He always sold a large number of jars from his barber shop. With a large number of friends and relatives present I had the honor of presenting him with the “Heart of a Lion” award for his many years of support.

Al has promised that the new owner of his shop will continue to stock and sell our delicious Koeze and Ferris nut products come November.

On another note, I bumped into Paul Camiller’s son at the retirement party. For the older members, Paul was a member of the Fremont Lions back in the 80’s. His son told me that Paul is still an active Lion in the Ashville, North Carolina club. I sent along our greetings and best wishes.

## Honor Lions

The Honor Lions Club was finally able to replace and install their new sign on Oct. 29th. Redesigned by Jeff Main of A+ Signs in Honor, re-constructed by King Lion Jim Mallison and retired coach Will Lynch, and installed with the help of Troop 267 Scout Leader Kevin Ingleston and scouts, this true community project was completed as the sun set. All materials were donated by Honor Building and Supply in Honor. The former aged sign was damaged in a wind storm earlier in the year.



### *"Did You Know"*

Which of the 45 Lions Clubs in our District was the "LAST" one to be chartered?

## Kingsley Lions



On October 24<sup>th</sup> the new Kingsley Lions Club held an Officers Training session before their Meeting. PDG Harry Johnson did the honors of installing the Club Officers and PDG Dick Perrin held a new member orientation to give an over view of what Lions is all about what we do.

A few gifts were presented to help the club start out, a wall plaque with the Lions Logo was given to hang at the meeting place along with a loaner gavel both from DG Tim and an old Lioness Bell was

presented by the Honor Club so their new King Lion can properly start and end their meetings.

The speaker was Lion Kim Wattles spoke to them about Leader Dog and introduced her retired dog "True" sharing with them that she would be picking up her 14<sup>th</sup> dog in a couple weeks to train. She informed them about every aspect of dog raising even what happens if the dogs are career changed. Lion Kim told them about the school and cost of raising dogs. Because of her talk the club would like to take a trip to the school.

They also learned about the Lions of Michigan Foundation and about their Mint program, the Foundation has been called and is setting them up with Mints. Other Lions Projects introduced to them were the Quest program, and Lions All State Band, they were very excited at the things their new club could do for their community.

The club is currently working on their first project, they've teamed up with the ROCK Youth Center in Kingsley and will be collecting Hats, Gloves, and Socks for the area youth which is a service and a great need for the kids with winter approaching.

Lion Ron Gray a Charter members from Lake Ann, their sponsoring club, came to welcome them and show his clubs support. At their next meeting the club will choose their charter night, and set their club dues, their next meeting will be a day early, Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup> because of deer season. They will be having only one meeting in November because of Thanksgiving and will only be one meeting in December as well because of Christmas. Their normal meeting days will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month starting in January at which time they will start planning new projects.

The Traverse City Lions have stated they would like to work with them on a project, to be chosen in the future. This new club has the energy and excitement to get involved and do great things, they know they will have 2 Guiding Lions Connie McMorris and Dick Daniels and they are both looking forward to get our new fledging's Lions off to a great start. This is a growing community and we hope will be a very active club. Welcome Kingsley!!!

## Lake Ann Lions

District Governor Tim Anderson and his daughter Lion Cub Rachael paid a visited our club during our first meeting in October besides honoring a member of our club for this work DG Tim also presented a Michigan Safari Pin to Lion James Morse for bringing in a new member and fined our Tail twister Lion Joe Greer. It was a fun evening!



Lion James Morse and DG Tim Anderson



Tail Twister Lion Joe Greer and DG Tim Anderson

### *In Memory*

**LION GLEN FLASKA**  
Cedar / Maple City Lions Club

**LION THOMAS HAWKINS**  
Honor Lions Club

**You are missed!**

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



## Mesick Lions



A graduate from Mesick High school, now an associate professor at Ferris State University in the College of Optometry, set up the SINE Program - Students in Need of Eye care. She offered this program to the students of the Floyd M. Jewett Elementary School of Mesick.

There were 47 students that were referred by teachers, school staff and parents to be examined. 18 of these children had no vision insurance, the school was not a participating provider for their vision plan or they were ineligible for either exam or glasses.

37 children required a new pair of glasses or their first pair of glasses. 45 children had diagnosed refractive error. 17 children had diagnosed problems with binocular vision, focusing, eye tracking or a combination. 23 children had a medical eye diagnosis.

The Michigan College of Optometry and the University Eye Center report the retail cost of the program is estimated at \$12,000.00. The retail cost of those uninsured, underinsured or ineligible students totaled \$3,255.00.

An Academic Service Learning Grant from Ferris State University of \$500.00 will help to subsidize the uninsured or ineligible children's eye exam and help a bit with the cost of closing the entire University Eye Center for the program.

The Mesick Lions Club was honored to be a part of this program with a donation of \$880.00 to fund the non-insured student's eyeglasses - which was at a great discounted price.

The Mesick Lions club would like to honor Sarah Hinkley with the "Heart of a Lion" certificate. A huge thank you goes out to her for starting this program and the Michigan College of Optometry and the Ferris State University Eye Center for their participation in this program.

## **Mt. Pleasant**



**THE 8TH ANNUAL MT. PLEASANT LIONS CLUB CHILI DINNER**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd FROM 4:30 TO 7:30 PM**

**AT THE MT. PLEASANT HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**IT'S AN ALL YOU CAN ENJOY DINNER...COMPLETE WITH 3 DIFFERENT VARIETIES OF CHILI...BREADSTICKS...SALAD...DESSERT...AND BEVERAGE...ALL FOR ONLY \$6.00 IN ADVANCE...OR \$7.00 AT THE DOOR. TAKE OUT IS AVAILABLE.**

## **Onekama Lions**

The Onekama Lions had a busy October. We hosted the 4H Buyers Banquet on the 5th. They supplied the meat and we did the rest. Several members came out to help make this project a success.

Our first meeting in October is our time to serve the Senior Citizens a meal. It was a free spaghetti dinner served to all that showed up. Of course we had a 50-50 drawing: as the seniors enjoy this part of the evening. PDG Dan Gibbons did a small talk on Leader Dogs.

We hosted the Zone Swiss Steak Dinner and Dance. All the clubs in the Zone put this event together and the proceeds went to the United Way. The band was terrific and all had a good time.

There have been two fundraiser benefits held this month. Two gentlemen in our town have suffered falls and head injuries so we donated the hall for them to use for their benefits. Some of our Lions also helped to work these events.

We ended our month with a visit from the District Governor. It was our awards night and Governor Tim helped to give out the special awards. We sent home Lion Tim with an apple pie. Hope you are enjoying all your pies Governor Tim.

We added one new member this month, but hope it does not end there. We are working on Membership, like all the other clubs are doing. We have done book marks and put them in the library and around town, hope it helps to get members.

A happy Lion is a busy Lion, so that shows Onekama is very happy.

Would like to have Clubs come visit us, so let's get some visitations going.

## Remus Lions



Congratulations Remus Lions Club on your 75 Years of serving your community!

Recently the Remus Lions Club turned 75 year old and several of our District officers were there to help celebrate this. DG Tim spoke about the clubs 75 years and all they have accomplished then presented the club with a few gifts, a banner from the District commemorating their club and service, a personal banner & pin from International President Barry Palmer along with a letter and 75 year patch for their club banner.

The main topic at the gathering besides all the GREAT work they have already accomplished was rebuilding and how this Club makes a difference within their community and what it and the district needs to do, what it can to see that this Lions Club remain and grow so they will be here to make a difference for many more years to come. Lions PDG's Lynn Mast & Harry Johnson both spoke as members of our districts GMT Team about retention and reaching out within the community for new members.

An offer was made by the District to come in and help the club rebuild, help us recruit and grow to do whatever needs to be done to help us reach 100 years of service within our community!

### *"Did You Know"*

Some of you might have thought the answer was Kingsley but their paperwork hasn't come back from LCI just yet, so the correct answer is the Sanford Lions Club Chartered almost 10 years ago on May 6<sup>th</sup> 2004

## Traverse City

Note: Pancake Breakfast – November 2, 2013 at American Legion Post #35. Address is 1231 Hastings near the Traverse City Airport. Come on out and enjoy a good meal and cheer us on as we try this for the 1<sup>st</sup> time! Special THANKS goes out to the Lake Ann Lions and the Bear Lake Leos for their help with making this possible!

It was agreed by our club last month to hold 6 additional meetings per every other month beginning in November, 2013. These meetings will be on the second Wednesday at “The Cottage” restaurant 472 Munson Ave. here in Traverse City. This will provide a venue to have special programs and introduce potential new members to what Lionism is all about. Meetings: (spouses and guests are always welcome)!

## White Cloud

Lion Brent Pierce, a Director in Lion Bob Corlew’s Club (the endorsed Candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President of LCI), visited the White Cloud Lions recently. He stopped for a photo opportunity with the White Cloud Club while passing through the area after visiting his home town of Newaygo. The Lions were excited to hear more about our campaign for Second Vice-President of Lions Clubs International.



### Election Notification:

**This notification is to alert Lions in District 11 E1 that the positions of Region Chairs will not be filled in the 2014-15 elections to be held on March 22, 2014. Lion Pete Conarty, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor**

## Fall Membership Drive

In the past month we have had 4 separate Lions clubs bring in 3 new members each and 1 other club actually brought in 4 new members, that's 16 new Lions total just from those 5 clubs. We are growing and it's THANKS to all of you! We have 1 more month left on our Districts Fall Membership Drive so let's keep asking, keep doing, keep being seen, and keep those new members coming in!

Remember 1 person can and does make a difference to your club and to your community. The extra pair of hands can make your project run that much smoother, the new ideas might just give your club the enthusiasm it needs to fire it up and motivate its members, and the new eyes may see a need in your community that hasn't been noticed until now and allow your club to step in and "Serve" where it hasn't before. Go out and Just ASK one person you might be glad you did!

Here's a few ways to keep things FUN during this second half of our membership drive. The 1<sup>st</sup> is a link to my "NEW" Governors Pardon which you can download and print off our District Website and the 2<sup>nd</sup> is a contest we are holding to see if you can guess the date when we will reach our 124<sup>th</sup> new member as reported to LCI. It's a 50/50 with proceeds being split between the winner and the District. Now let's have some FUN! <http://www.millions11e1.org/pardon.html>

## DISTRICT 11E-1



**\$5.00**

**GUESS THE DATE  
WHEN WE WILL ADD OUR  
124<sup>TH</sup> NEW MEMBER**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**50/50 DRAWING WITH  
PROCEEDS SPLIT BETWEEN  
THE DISTRICT AND THE WINNER(S)  
(Deadline is 12/31/2013)**

## Opening Eyes & Special Olympics



This was the youngest athlete screened.

Lion Bill Soule was one of the many Lion volunteers from the Mt. Pleasant lions club. White Cloud Lion Viola Vandyke is registering athletes for their vision screening. Lion Deb Wilkinson from the Baldwin Lions and her mother help to tally the results of nearly 1,000 vision screenings. PDG Harry Johnson working at the color blindness station. PDG Dan Gibbons escorting athletes. Several Lions from around the District volunteered at this year's vision screening held at Mt. Pleasant.





## Congratulations

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

BALDWIN  
Laura Johnson

BIG RAPIDS  
Jackie Perrin

COLEMAN  
Ann Roeseler

CHIPPEWA LAKE  
Jim Kistler  
John Noller  
Karla Roebuck

EMPIRE  
Richard Figura  
Jackie Glazier

EVART  
Larry Morlock

LAKE ANN  
George Gehling

HONOR  
Connie McMorris

HARRISON  
Jerry Brandt

ONEKAMA  
Walter Croft

MOUNT PLEASANT  
Diane Fleming

LAKEVIEW  
Harold Wilkes

STANTON  
Larry Beardslee  
Dan Fruchey  
Tom Reese  
Jay Tans

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

*SUPER JOB LIONS!*



FOLLOW YOUR DREAM

## District Cabinet Meeting



1<sup>st</sup> VDG Pete Conarty, GMT Jim Walls, DG Tim Anderson, GLT Richard Perrin, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Mike Howard

District Governor Timothy Anderson presents his team with their Dream Achiever Award Pins for all their work toward helping our District meet and exceed our 1st quarter goals. THANKS TEAM!



DG Tim and District Secretary Janalee McClure

DG Tim was surprised at our cabinet meeting with this beautiful DREAM CATCHER presented on behalf of his cabinet in honor of his Dream of starting a new club this year being realized. Follow your Dream, and then CATCH that Dream! Thank you everyone for all your efforts this year!





### **A Leader Dog Has Access to All Public Accommodations**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) allows a Leader Dog to accompany its handler to all public functions. This means that our dogs are allowed access to stores, restaurants, churches, hospitals and all forms of public transportation. However, the trainers at Leader Dogs recommend that we use common sense when deciding when and where to take our dogs. There are certain situations that may cause the dog to be nervous or uncomfortable such as large, noisy crowds and places with very hot footing are a couple of examples that we should avoid. I did have to leave a concert with my first dog. The concert began with fireworks being shot off and continued with very loud music. My poor dog was shaking and tried to crawl under the seat. We ended up sitting in the lobby for the rest of the concert. On another occasion, Nicholas and I were riding on a ferry boat. He was fine on the bottom floor but the minute he stepped onto the metal floor of the top level he started to dance. The floor was just too hot for him so we spent the rest of the ride in the shade.

A couple of times I have been questioned about Nicholas's presence, but explaining that he is a guide dog has always settled any concerns. This has not always been the case for all guide dog handlers. I have friends in other cities that have been refused service in restaurants and by taxi cab drivers. This is illegal under the ADA and the usual response is to contact a police officer for help.

The rights provided by the ADA do not apply unfortunately to Puppy Raisers and Future Leader Dog puppies. It is the responsibility of the Puppy Raiser to always ask permission from a store or restaurant owner before taking the puppy into the establishment. The Puppy Raiser acts as an ambassador for Leader Dog educating the public on the importance of allowing the puppy access to any type of situation a blind person might encounter in their daily life. Most of the time owners and managers are accommodating and will allow the puppy access. However, if the owner decides not to allow access the Puppy Raiser will simply thank them for their time and move on. Lions can always help Leader Dogs for the Blind and the Puppy Raisers do their job by spreading the word of our mission and the importance of allowing access for Leader Dogs and Future Leader Dogs.

Pam Blizzard [pamblizzard@cmsinter.net](mailto:pamblizzard@cmsinter.net)

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**GO LIONS!!!**

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### From the District Editor

**THANK YOU!** To the 28 clubs that have submitted stories to our District Newsletter so far this year! Keep them coming in because we ALL want to hear what your clubs are up to!

The goal this year was and is to have ALL the clubs submit at least one story to our newsletter, now I know your all meeting and working to help your communities so the 18 clubs that haven't sent in any news about what they've been up to must just be extremely busy "SERVING".

Just to help you out here is a list of those 18 clubs we haven't heard from yet. Let's hear from you!

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|----------|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| BARRYTON | BEAR LAKE   | CRYSTAL  | EDMORE    | FRANKFORT |
| HART     | HOWARD CITY | KALEVA   | LAKEVIEW  | LUTHER    |
| MANISTEE | MECOSTA     | NEWAYGO  | SAND LAKE | SANFORD   |
| SHEPHERD | SIX LAKES   | STANWOOD |           |           |

### Camp T Cleanup Crew 2013



On October 19th the PDG Association held a Fall Clean up and Put Away at Camp Tuhsmehta here in our district. 11 Lions came out to help with tasks ranging from gardening, to clearing and marking a new hiking trail, and breaking and putting away bunks, chairs, benches and canopies.

A few of us came on Friday and spent the night enjoying the company of our fellow Lions and a good night's rest before the work began on Saturday. Breakfast and lunch was provided by the camp and the weather couldn't have been better! This yearly project is easy and something the camp NEEDS done so a BIG Thank You goes out to the following

Lions for all their help in making this weekend a success!

PDG Ken Frary, PDG R.G. Barnum, Lion Gloria Barnum, Governor Tim Anderson, Lion Dan Grese – CEO of Camp, Lion Russ Lauerty, Lion Bonnie Lauerty, 2nd VDG Mike Howard, Lion Marilyn Witter, Lion Larry Alman, PDG Duane Witter

**Peace Poster Deadline** is fast approaching all clubs that sponsored a Peace Poster Contest this year must have their winner turn into the District Governor by November 15th to have it included as part of our Districts contest.