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JUNE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



DISTRICT GOVERNOR AL ROESELER'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that I am writing my last newsletter article as Governor. This past year has gone by so quickly. I think the best explanation is the old saying, "Time flies when you are having fun". It has been fun visiting District clubs and to see all the great things they are doing to support their communities. As Governor you get the opportunity to meet so many great Lions who live the motto, "We Serve". Beyond our district it is so impressive to see the impact of Lions of Michigan and Lions International has on the need of our state and the world.

With just one month left in my Governorship there are two areas I want to address. The first is donations. It seems to me that as Lions we have done a poor job of encouraging our members to make personal donations to Lion causes. We tend to believe that giving a club donation is enough. I am sure that most Lions make contributions to charities such as their churches, Red Cross, United Way, etc. Yet we do not think about making donations to our own charities. For example, only 6% of Lions make contributions to LCIF. I suspect even a smaller percentage give to Lions of Michigan Foundation, not to mention State and District projects. I'm not talking about giving away the family jewels, but even a five-or ten-dollar contribution would demonstrate support and commitment to our causes. If enough of us did that it would be a significant amount. Please give this your consideration.

The second area is membership. As of last month, our district was down thirty-three members for the year. If each club could add one member in June, we could finish the year with growth for the second year in a row. Last year LCI waved enrollment fees in June. Though the fee is still waved for veterans, there is no general fee waiver. I would suggest that clubs use administrative funds to offer new members a cost-free enrollment. If that is a problem for your club let me know and I will see if we can find some resources to help you out.

It has been an honor to serve as your District Governor this past year. I want to thank you for your support and the many acts of kindness shown to Ann and me. We hope to see you at my appreciation luncheon on August 24th.



DG Al Roeseler presented a Leader Dog medallion to Lion Pam Blizzard at her home in Carson City on May 13, as she was unable to attend the District Convention in April. The medallion is in honor of Pam's 10 years of service as District chair for Leader Dogs.



District Governor Elect Jackie Glazier inducting the Kingsley Lions Club officers for the 2019 – 2020 year. Induction took place May 9, 2019



SCHROEDER ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT

The Board of Trustees of the Michigan Lions Service Foundation elected PDG Pam Schroeder, Vice President of the Foundation for 2019-20. Pam has served as a Foundation Trustee for District 11 E1 for the last two years and was re-elected for a two year term at the April District Convention.

Big Rapids Lions Conduct White Cane Sales and Kidsight Screening

The Big Rapids Lions Club members had a busy Saturday on April 27. Members were placed throughout the community conducting the annual

White Cane sales. And more members were participating in the Mecosta County Community Expo conducting Kidsight screenings with the assistance of Dawn Houghton from the White Cloud Club.

Forty seven children were screened with 3 referrals made. White Cane sales continued on the following Saturday, May 4. Students from the Optometry Department at Ferris State University assisted with the sales. The Club was pleased to collect a total of \$1,300 for the 2 days of work – great support from the community!



Picture – Big Rapids Lions Club Member Terry Ventocilla

THE STANTON AND SHERIDAN LIONS CLUBS HAVE FINISHED THE PAPERWORK TO MERGE THE TWO CLUBS WITH THE NEW NAME "CENTRAL MONTCALM LIONS CLUB," EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019.

THE CLUBS ARE WORKING ON FINALIZING THEIR ANNUAL GOLF OUTING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 28, AT GLENKERRY GOLF CLUB IN GREENVILLE. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT LARRY BEARDSLEE

ATTENTION

WHO:

**ALL LIONS CLUB PRESIDENTS,
SECRETARIES,
TREASURERS,
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSONS,
SERVICE CHAIRPERSONS,
PROGRAM SCHEDULERS.**

**You are invited to receive your updated information
and a special gift for your 2019-2020 year.**

WHERE AND WHEN:

Tuesday, June 11th at the White Cloud Lions' Den

Monday, June 17th at the Harrison Lions Club.

**Come at 6 pm for dinner or 6:30 pm for your updated info
and gift.**

**We need to know who is coming to which venue, which Club
Office materials they will need, and whether they are coming to
dinner. Dinner is usually \$8. We need accurate counts in order
to make enough copies of materials and to plan for dinner.**

**Please let me know by Thursday, June 6 for those attending the
Tuesday, June 11 training at White Cloud and by Thursday, June
13 for those attending the Monday, June 17 training at Harrison:
who is coming for which club office materials and whether they
are coming to dinner.**

Group Leaders

PDG John Monahan

Lion Karla Roebuck

PDG Bill Simpson

PDG Ron Gibson

Presidents and vice-Presidents

Secretaries

Treasurers

Membership Committee Members

Questions? Call or email PDG John Monahan:

John.monahan@cmich.edu. C: 989-330-9908 H: 989-772-1852



MD11 STATE LIONS CONVENTION: R-L Lion Ann Roeseler, DG Al Roeseler, LCI 3rd Vice President Brian Sheehan, Lion Lori Sheehan, PDG Bill Simpson, PDG Pete Conarty – Wild Wild West Night.



**CONARTY AWARDED THE
ROGER LAMOTHE AWARD**

PDG Pete Conarty has served as District 11 E1 Newsletter editor for 5 years. During that time he has been active on the State level as the State Chair of the MD 11 District Editors Committee that works with the MD 11 Pride Magazine. At the MD 11 State Lions Convention, PDG Pete was awarded the Roger Lamothe Award for his contributions to the committee and the Pride Magazine.



IN MEMORIUM – PDG IRWIN BECK
Lion Irwin was District governor of District 11 E1 in 1990-91. He was a member of the Empire Lions Club for 60 years. He passed on May 15, at the age of 91.



**LIONS CLUBS
INTERNATIONAL
BIRTHDAY
JUNE 7**



**Message
1st VDG Elect
Bill Koch**

Hi Lions,
This Lions year is coming to a close. We are saying good bye to Governor Al. Please send him a note and thank him for his hard work. We will soon have a new Governor. If there is any way you can help her please volunteer. There are many appointed positions to fill. Every Lion should try to be a leader in their club, zone, and region. WE need leadership or we will not be able to continue to help all the people we help. Decisions are made in each district. Then each district interacts with the rest of the state and LCI. How do we get things done? Ordinary Lions learn about Lionism in their clubs and Zones meetings. They then can step forward. Why, because we give people full lives in many ways. If you have sight problems and need a dog, Lions direct you to Leader Dogs. If you need an eye transplant, Lions help direct you to Eversight or the Michigan Lions Foundation for help. Lions enable people to Live a full life. Like the Little girl said to her parents when she saw the kidsight trailer, "Look Mommy they are the ones that helped me SEE!"

LEADERS HELP US HELP PEOPLE!
2ND Vice Governor Bill Koch



HARRISON Lions President Nate Blakemore presenting Sara Gillespie the Harrison Lions Club Scholarship.



PDG Jim Walls presents Stanwood's Lion president, Judy Dowell with a certificate awarded at the State Convention for being the "best little club" with the most membership growth. Lower picture: Stanwood inducts two new members.



Helen Keller

*Helen keller DAY
JUNE 27*

EVART: The Cushmans of the Evert Lions Club have started showcasing the life of dedicated Lions. Many of these Lions have not served beyond the club level but have been outstanding in their clubs. Below is another segment in the life of a Lion.

Year in the Life of a Lion

The night was foggy, no wonder attendance was down. The month prior had hosted no meetings due to Mother Nature's ability to turn a state into a virtual icebox rendering most of the State paralyzed. So tonight the meeting would run, the willing would come and enjoy the company of some eager Lions.

Luckily the Lion of the evening was there, setting at the table, welcoming members as they came in. It would lead one to wonder what the club would be like without him there. And tonight it was so important that he was.

The man's name is Bill Wilder, he's been with the club over fifty years. Served as King Lion three times, and presently holds the office of Treasurer. A true Lion, yet there is more to this man than one would know. He has spent all of his life working with people.

He started by serving his country for four years in the Air Force, jokingly saying he was tail gunner on a Dinosaur, after a few minutes admitting he was a radar man. But that is the kind of joker he is. He can tell a story with a straight face and make it believable. He was a school teacher for forty years and Driver's Education for eight. He was a principal for three different school districts. He was kind, never over bearing, a man that most schools today would appreciate in their school systems. Yet, he as most finally came to the age to retire. But this would not slow him down.

He isn't only an active Lion; he has been a member of the Masonic Lodge for 59 years and helps with the Jobs Daughters. He logs many miles taking them to conferences or helping when with fund raisers.

When asked about his favorite Lions event he said the Food Booth. He spends countless hours working and running supplies. He enjoys being with people, he loves to be of service to his fellow man.

As the evening was growing to a close he was giving his treasurers report, highlighting the scholarship grant that the club was giving at the end of the school year.

Guess he really hasn't given up the school years, it is apparent he is of service to his fellowman. And for that, he is a significant part of the "Year in the Life of the Lion."



The Midland Lions Club held their Awards Banquet on May24. Six of the 14 Lions that received Years of service Certificates that totaled 247 years of service are in the left picture. Picture 2 – Lion Mike Hoy collects money for the Midland Lions White Cane Drive. His White Cane is made of PVC pipe.



PCC Janalee and Lion Lester McClure had a fire in a storage barn at their home. The White Cloud Lions presented them with a bench to replace the one lost in the fire.



Delegates at the April District 11 E1 Convention put together hospital bags, filled with gifts, for children as their service project. Pictured: District GST Coordinator Sheila Ferrel delivers some of the kids hospital bags to the MidMichigan Foundation manager Carlene Skorczewski.



DG Al Roeseler presents a 15 year Lion Chevron to Coleman Lion Bonnie Ranck at their May Lions meeting.



The District 11 E1 Eye Glass Mission trip to Mexico was so successful that work has begun to collect, clean and sort eye glasses for the next mission trip in 2020. The Lions above are having fun as they clean a new supply of glasses.



Picture left: Coleman Lions prepare their food trailer to serve meals at the Sanford Lake Fishing Tournament May 18.

Project KidSight Trainings

Two trainings for KidSight screeners and support people are being held this month. The most up to date forms and procedures will be explained. Background checks are now required of everyone involved in a screening. Forms will be available for those who have not yet sent it in. There will be KidSight cameras available for hands-on experience for anyone interested. The training dates are:

Thursday, June 13, 7:00 PM at Zion Lutheran Church, 3401 E River Rd, Mt Pleasant

Saturday, June 15, 10:30 AM at Luther Lions Hall, 1103 N State St., Luther

I will try to limit the trainings to 1 hour, before camera "play"! Those wanting to be certified screeners will need to take a quiz on the presentation and have at least 2 KidSight screening experiences using the camera under a certified screeners supervision. There will be an opportunity for everyone to sign up to help at a summer event in our district.

Please RSVP with the training date you plan to attend (or with regrets). Call or email Lion Ann Roeseler, 989-615-3959, ann.roeseler@gmail.com



Coleman Lions Club sponsored a Health Fair on May 11, at the Coleman Family Center. Twenty-seven vendors, including Paws With a Cause, American Cancer, Gift of Life, and Mason's Child ID participated. Fun activities were available for kids. Diabetes testing and education were a big draw. Over thirty A1c screenings were done thanks to the D.A.D. grant and Lion Bill Bradfield's efforts to make that happen. Another table had blood pressure and glucose testing. Camp Midicha was featured and money was raised to send a local boy to a Diabetes camp in Fenton.



Left to right Governor Al Roeseler, Bill Bradfield, Barry Allen Chairman Council of Governors. Bill Bradfield was the Project Coordinator of the Defense Against Diabetes, D.A.D. diabetes program in 2017 and he now serves in the same role for the 2019/2020 grant that was just received for our state grant of \$250,000.00; our second grant in 18 months! PDG Ron Gibson was the DAD Project Administrator for the District grant.

It is with great pride that we wish to recognize Lions District 11E1 for their excellence in developing our Diabetes Pilot Program, "Defense Against Diabetes" Let it be known that District 11E1 were the Pioneers in Michigan in 2017 that forged this great program that makes the lives of people with diabetes a little better to cope with in their daily suffering with this horrible disease.

The project that you completed in 2017 set the precedent that will be used in the future to serve the 1.3 MILLION PEOPLE in Michigan with diabetes and their quest to learn how to manage this terrible disease and lead a normal healthy lifestyle through education.

We thank you for your unmatched ambition and extraordinary efforts, wishing You well in the future to sustain your noble cause. Sincerely, the Michigan Lions Board of Directors for the "Defense Against Diabetes".

Cedar-Maple City News

On May 6, the Cedar-Maple City Lions went on our spring roadside pickup.

May 11, 2019: We had our vendor marketplace fundraiser for local businesses.

Cedar-Maple City Lions were part of the Ed and Irene Fleis scholarship committee where we helped choose scholarship winners. Sixty \$1000 scholarships were awarded to recipients.

Upcoming Events:

1 of 2 White Cane Campaigns on June 22 during the Cedar Polka Festival.

Our club is also taking part in the festival by selling 50-50 raffle tickets. We will be under the tent in Cedar May 20-23.

June 28, 2019 we have a Propane Fill-Up at Stevens propane



Chippewa Hills High School students, who the club has sponsored this year or in the past to be part of the Lions of Michigan All State Band that performs at International Conventions. This year the convention will be in Italy. Students, From Left to right are Cassidy LaLonde, Sydni Nelson, and Braydon Nelson center of picture — with Randal Roebuck, Debbie Benson, Lisa Gregory, John Noller, Karan Michaud Noller, Bob Roebuck, Stosh Benson, Evelyn McKinney, Ric Gabbert and Karla Roebuck From the Chippewa Lake-Mecosta Lions Club.

FREMONT LIONS FLY-IN

Chapter 586 of the Experimental Aircraft Association, located at Fremont Airport, joined with the Fremont Lions to conduct a Fly-In on Saturday, May 25th. The purpose was to honor our service men and women who made the supreme sacrifice for our country. With the help of Boy Scout Troop 1139, the Lions held a pancake breakfast starting at 8:00 a.m. The EAA and veterans held a ceremony at 9:00 a.m. around the flag pole with a fly over by the Warbirds Group of WW2 planes. Helicopter and airplane rides were available. Even though the weather did not cooperate, the event was a success thanks to the efforts of all organizations and local businesses involved.



THE END THANK YOU!

Five years ago, I was your District Governor and our District Editor quit due to ill health in

her family. It was time to get the newsletter out, so I did. I have had the opportunity to continue to serve as your editor for four more District Governor (60 issues of the Newsletter). I want to thank the many club officers and Lions that sent me pictures and articles about your club for these sixty newsletters and were willing to take a copy to their club members or forward the newsletter to their Lions. A special thanks to Lion Karla Roebuck for posting every newsletter on the website and to Lions Ann Roeseler (Coleman) and Dee Van Horn (Big Rapids) for being my most consistent contributors.

It has been a privilege to serve as your District Editor. My replacement will be Lions Mike and Tina Hoy of Midland. They will do an outstanding job for the District.

DG AI Invites you to his Appreciation Luncheon



12 O'clock Noon
August 24, 2019 at
Trinity Lutheran Church
3701 Jefferson Avenue
Midland, MI

RSVP to Lion Ann Roeseler
ann.roeseler@gmail.com

\$15

Make checks to Coleman Lions Club
P.O. Box 163, Coleman, MI 48618



Lake Ann Lion Joe Greer, a Melvin Jones honoree, has been flipping pancakes for the Lake Ann club for over thirty years -- somewhere around 75,000 pancakes. Here he is pictured with his most recent creations. The Lake Ann Lions holds their famous breakfast on the Sunday of each of the summer holidays. The next breakfast will be to celebrate Independence Day, Sunday July 7, and the club will end the summer with a Labor Day weekend breakfast on Sunday, September 1.



Message
DG Elect
Jackie Glazier

As Lions we have several opportunities to come together and see fellow Lions from our district. The end of April DG AI had his district convention. The convention was a great time. Every spring the DG hosts a convention where Lions from the district are encouraged to come together and celebrate Lions and Lionism (great speakers and fun). There are many opportunities offered in a Lion year for training and sharing ideas with fellow Lions. We start with zone meetings and cabinet meetings. All Lions are encouraged to attend these meetings and are always welcome. Lions also have the Fall Conference, Higgins Lake Leadership Institute, District Convention, MI Forum, MI Convention and the USA/Canada Forum. Attending any of these events and learning more about Lions enhances what we do in our district and clubs. As Lions we need to remember~Share ideas. Have fun! Grow!