

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019

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JANUARY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



DG AL ROESELER'S JANUARY 2019 MESSAGE

The New Year is a great opportunity for new beginnings. Mistakes of the past become merely learning experiences, as we tackle new challenges and opportunities, older and wiser. Not only does this apply to our personal lives, but our lives as Lions as well. Though the track record for New Year's resolutions is generally dismal, the idea itself is not without merit. If we each resolve to do one thing new and improved in our Lions Club what would it be? Perhaps a new fund raiser, service project, or a new member drive.

As Lions if we stagnate it is a real danger signal. Just to maintain the status quo is to be in decline. In this new year, we need to challenge ourselves with new goals. As a wise philosopher (Yogi Berra) once said "if you don't know where you are going, you'll end up someplace else." Our clubs need to develop a clear actionable and achievable goals.

Always remember that you are not alone. Our District, Multi District, and LCI all have resources you can draw on to assist your club. Your club officers have District Roster Books that list the names and contact information of people that are more than willing to be of help. District Officers, Region, Zone, and Committee Chairs are all available for support. Don't hesitate to reach out for help if needed.

I want to wish each club all the best in the new year. Please contact me if you would like me to visit for a special event. Ann and I are even willing to pitch in if needed. I would especially love to come to new projects that have been developed as part of goal setting for your club.





Fremont Lions Club

December 4, 2018. What a great turnout for the 2018 Fremont Lions Christmas party. The 32 Lions members and their families in attendance provided a really nice contribution to the True North Toys for Tots program as can be seen in this photo. A special thanks to Lions Jim Patterson and Pete Slovinski for leading the club in a truly inspirational Christmas sing-along. What a fun night!!

LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM FOR LIONS ABOUT LIONS

**Plan now to attend the Michigan Forum February 22-23, 2019
at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Flint.**

Friday night we will carry on our newest tradition of holding a large, group service project. This year's special guest will be PDG Ronnie Martin, LCI New Club Development Consultant.

Up to 16 breakout sessions will have a strong focus on the club level: Service, membership, retention, new club development, leadership and more. Whether you're a seasoned member or a new Lion, the Michigan Forum is for YOU.

Join us as we continue tradition of service and leadership through Lionism!

White Cloud Lions Club completed three special service projects in December:

1. Provided gloves, mittens, socks and hats for all the children in Big Jackson School.
2. Distributed 106 knitted hats to the preschool children in Newaygo County.
3. Donated their building for a **free Christmas Day Dinner** that served over 500 meals, including home delivered meals.



2ND VDG
BILL KOCH
IN
SICK BAY

2ND VDG Bill Koch fell on the ice several weeks, ago, after working on a project at the White Cloud Den. He has had surgery and is recuperating slowly:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year ! I should be able to start driving in 6 to 8 weeks. I will be setting up visits as soon as I can drive. Please send the many things your club has done through the Holidays to Pete Conarty, our District Newsletter Editor. The entire district can benefit from every club's experience. For Kidsight, we have made a change. Dawn Houghton has the computer and Jacklin Mills is doing the scheduling.

Jacklin's number is 231-834-8935. My Jackie says thank God for all the blessings given this year and for the Lions and all that they do for others. Our Christmas wish is that the Lions grow and prosper this next year. We share the message of Christ whenever we help someone.

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STANTON LIONS had a busy Holiday Season. Picture on the left: Lions host a Christmas meal for Senior Citizens in their community. On the right: Lions Jay Tans, Tom Reece, Tom Walls and Larry Beardslee prepare packages of food for distribution to needy families.



IST VDG JACKIE GLAZIER'S MESSAGE

The cold winds of Lake Michigan have blown the last page of the 2018 calendar away and we begin 2019. Happy 2019 Lions!
As I look back, I am grateful for ALL the events and activities I've attended. I have been to meetings, meetings, meetings but, I wouldn't change any of that. Visiting Lion Clubs always brings a huge smile upon my face! Lions you are the BIGGEST joy of what we do when we share the fun of our service or get out and help our community. Staying positive and visible as Lions is how we will grow and stay united. Being a Lion is full of opportunities and joy! I'm making my 1st New Year's resolution: Continue Sharing the Fun & Joy of Being a Lion. I have an announcement coming in the Feb or March newsletter so keep reading them... (hint:NV)

Advice From A Cardinal

Stand out in A crowd

Go out on A limb

Be A Bright spot in other's lives

Add color to your life

It's okay to be A little flashy

~Lions with our yellow vests & bright shirts let's follow the advice of a beautiful bird.



Project KidSight

Kudos to our KidSight teams! This has been a banner year and it's only halfway through. By my calculations, we have screened 1,834 children in the past 6 months with around 194 referrals. The other thing that amazes me is the number screened during the busy holiday months: November had 169 and December 260, both with 12 referrals each. Great job everyone!

The next screenings coming up are at the Sam's Clubs in Mt. Pleasant and Traverse City on Saturday, January 12 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. If you are available to help, please email Lion Ann (ann.roeseler@gmail.com) Or if you are interested to learn more about KidSight, drop by, ask questions, try your hand at the camera. I hope clubs will look for new opportunities to provide a KidSight screening in their community!



2019 TIDBITS BOOKLET

IMPORTANT INFO TO KNOW WHEN IT COMES TO TIDBITS

Each Lions Club Ad will be included in the drawing for a free hotel night at next years convention!!!!

Each Ad only costs **\$20.00** and must be prepaid.

Checks should be made out to **District 11E1 Convention** and mailed to Janalee McClure, Box 177, Brohman, MI 49312

Ads can be emailed to: janalee@riverview.net or to Lion Brenda Adsmond: badsmondathome@comcast.net



Reader's
CHOICE RECIPES
For Holiday Feasting

Send us
your
favorite
recipe!

*Mark The Date
And Celebrate!*

**ANNIVERSARY'S
FUNDRAISERS**
invite all of us to come

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR CLUB:

1. Does your Club have a special member you'd like to honor?
2. Has your Club adopted your new service project this year?
3. Has your Club added any new members this year?
4. Does your Club have a special activity scheduled?

IF YOU CAN ANSWER 'YES' SEND YOUR AD IN RIGHT AWAY

Happy New Year!



The end of the year is fast approaching, and registration for LCICon 2019 is already well underway. The discounted "early bird" registration fee will be unavailable after January 11, 2019. Whether you're traveling alone or in a group, you'll want to take advantage of the most affordable fee available. The registration fee schedule is as follows:

- **Through January 11, 2019:**
US\$150
- January 12 – March 31, 2019:
US\$200
- April 1 – Convention: US\$225



Empire Lions Club Lion of the Year, Rich Andersen, center, with last year's Lion of the Year, Bill Banish (R) and Empire Lions Club President, Doug Slessman at the annual Empire Lions Christmas party.

SHERIDAN LIONS

The Sheridan Lions Club delivered 18 gift bags to local widow/widowers and families that recently lost a loved one on Tuesday 12/18. The bags contained fruits, candies and crossword books. They also contained homemade Christmas cards that were provided by the Central Montcalm 4th graders. These cards are a big hit and loved by everyone that receives them. It was a fun night!!!



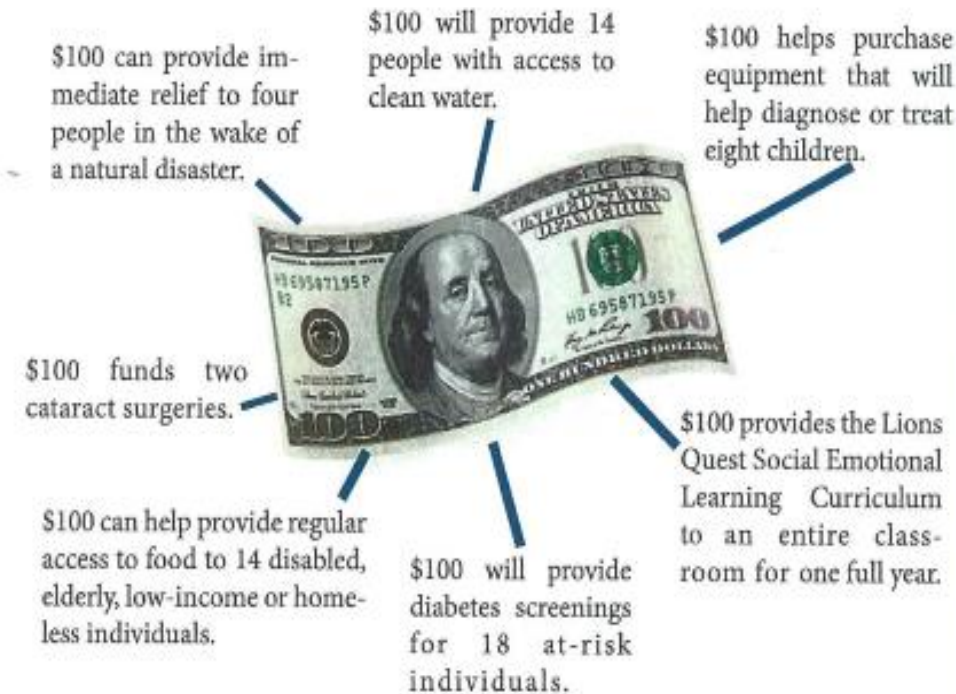
SHERIDAN LIONS



MIDLAND LIONS ENJOY CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

The Midland Lions had a Holiday Party and celebrated with 27 Coats for Kids and 15 Toys for Tots. The Lions rang bells for the Salvation Army, served a Holiday meal and passed out gifts to Senior Citizens at one of Midland's Senior Centers and hosted a party for special children in grades 1-3 from the Midland Public Schools.

What can a \$100 Donation to LCIF Accomplish?



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Reasons to Support Lions Clubs International Foundation

- Every day, 245 people die from measles.
- Today, 253 million individuals are blind or visually impaired
- By 2040, nearly 650 million people are expected to be living with diabetes.
- Every 2 minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer.
- Each night, more than 800 million people go to bed hungry.
- Each year, our planet experiences a 15% increase in natural disasters.
- By 2025, half of the world's population will be living in water-stressed areas.
- Today, 2/3rds of children report being the victim of bullying.

What is Campaign 100?

Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service is the foundation's next transformational campaign. The goal is to raise \$300 million dollars over the next three years to increase our global service impact. We will fight diabetes as well as expand our efforts in support of LCI's other global causes.



How can I help as a Lion?

Campaign 100 provides options for individual Lions to make pledges. These can be provided as a one-time donation, or broken up into annual or even monthly contribution. Pledge cards will be provided to your club in the coming months through your club's LCIF coordinator.

How can our club help support Campaign 100?

As with the variety of options given to individual Lions, Clubs can also pledge support in a variety of ways. It is important to note that all individual Lion donations/pledges within a club are credited to the club's total as well. One of the benchmark goals a club can join is to set a goal of raising enough funds that would equal to the same as if every club member gave \$750 per member. Achieving this benchmark would allow the club to be recognized by LCIF as a *Model Club*. These funds can be raised through fundraising efforts, individual pledges/donations or through seeking donations from community partners or non-Lions. There are so many options available. More information on these options will be available in the coming months.



BIG RAPIDS LIONS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

As part of its outreach to help the youth of the community, the Big Rapids Lions Club provides dictionaries to all of the 3rd grade students in Big Rapids. This year the Lions handed out 210 dictionaries in 10 classrooms including Riverview Elementary, Brookside Elementary, Cross Roads Academy, St. Peter's, St. Mary and Big Jackson. Teachers throughout the schools indicated they use the dictionaries in their classroom activities and truly appreciate having them for all of their students.

Each year, the Big Rapids Lions Club holds a special Christmas dinner where they entertain spouses and honored guests. Once again this year, the Club decided to reach out beyond the community and spread some Christmas cheer. Club member Chad Saxton who works at Eagle Village arranged for 12 students and three staff members to join the Club for dinner. Club members took the names of the students, purchased gifts and each student received a Christmas package. Santa Claus made an appearance to hand out the gifts. Can anyone guess who Santa Claus is??? HINT: a PDG from a nearby club. Members had a great time interacting with the students – some even sat on Santa's lap to give him their Christmas wish list!

Picture – Santa with PDG Jim Chipman.



INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT
 Lions Club International reported as of July 1 – December 10:

- Lions recruited 68,000 new Lions
- 25,000 new women Lions
- 578 new clubs

**I'm proud of myself.
 I finished a jigsaw
 puzzle in 6 months,
 and the box said 2-4
 years!**

Harrison Lions – Put together 12 food baskets for the local Harrison veterans in December.

COLEMAN LIONS

Santa was seen arriving in Sanford at the Centennial Museum grounds on December 11. Over 700 children and as many parents visited Santa during the three-day event, where cookies and cocoa were served, and gifts were handed out. Coleman Lions screened 122 children during Santa Express from December 11 to 13. Each child screened received a book to take home.

Coleman Lions sponsored two families to buy gifts for. Each family member received several gifts and each family received a turkey.



Coleman Lion Pam Render screening children



Edmore Lions Feed America The Edmore Lions Club sponsored a 10,000 pound Feeding America Food truck in early December. More than 200 families received a large box of food for the holiday season. In addition, thanks to donations of boots and shoes from Wolverine, and hats, gloves and coats from the Cedar Lake Acts of Kindness, families went away with much more than the food assistance. These combined efforts helped families in need to have a better holiday season. Funds for the above project came from two sources. The Edmore Lions sold 100 spiral cut hams to generate funds. The other source is a life sized Christmas card on an easel placed in the local Chemical Bank Branch, with a note that asks residents in Edmore to sign the card and make a cash contribution to the Edmore Lions Club, in lieu of sending out Christmas cards! These two projects fund the food pantry truck.



MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM

Registration **FORM**

Please complete the registration form and send it along with a check to Michigan Lions Forum, 5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911, Telephone 517-887-6640 or Fax 517-887-6642

Name _____
 Address _____
 Club Name _____
 District _____
 Contact Phone _____
 Email _____

Names of Registrants

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____

_____ Registrants at \$40.00/person* \$ _____

*Registration fee is \$40.00 and includes lunch, forum and proceeding booklet. \$40.00 price is for reservations received before February 8, 2019.
After 2/8/19 \$45.00.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
 Lions of Michigan

HOLIDAY INN GATEWAY CENTRE

Flint

Lions Room Rate is \$85
 5353 Gateway Centre, Flint, MI 48507
810-232-5300

HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE:
February 8, 2019



Large Group **SERVICE PROJECT**

Join us Friday night, **February 22** as we work together on a large group service project! Club members attending may report service hours to LCI.

*Lions of Michigan
Service Foundation
2019 Calendar*

**A customized Lions of Michigan
Calendar with all Districts represented
on a page and many other bits and pieces
abouts Lions in Michigan
Also a chance to win some money**

CALENDARS SELL FOR \$20.00

*The calendars are a fund raiser for the foundation.
Drawings for the raffle money is held twice a month.
Each drawing has two prizes - \$100.00 and a \$25.00 prize*

On May 18, 2019 the Grand Prizes will be drawn:

1st prize \$2,500

2nd Prize 100.00

3rd prize \$50.00

**WANT A CALENDAR E-MAIL TRUSTEES PETE CONARTY OR PAM SCHROEDER
PETE – MLPJC@SBCGLOBAL.NET; PAM – DGIBBONS4870@CHARTER.NET**

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THE NEWSLETTER**

UP COMING EVENTS

**DISTRICT CABINET MEETING
SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2019 – 9:30 a.m., COLEMAN LIONS HALL
314 w. RAILWAY, COLEMAN**

MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM, Feb. 22-23, Holiday Inn Gateway Center, Flint

**DISTRICT 11 E1 CONVENTION, APRIL 26-27, 2019
QUALITY INN, 2980 CROOK RD., WEST BRANCH, MI**



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