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**NEWSLETTER
JULY 2016**



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CENTENNIAL DISTRICT GOVERNOR
RON GIBSON



**DRIVING
TO A
NEW
CENTURY
OF
SERVICE**

**GOVERNOR RON'S
2016-17
LIONS THEME**

Welcome to a new year in Lionism! It's an honor for me to serve as your District Governor this year. When I became a Lion 15 years ago I had no idea I would someday be in this position. People in my club, Fremont, and in our District saw what they believed to be leadership abilities in me. I was mentored, trained, encouraged and, ultimately, elected. They did exactly what Lions should do, identify and develop new leaders. That holds true for your club and for the District. Continue to look for our future leaders. I look forward to visiting every club this year and will also be at zone meetings, at least once. I'm already scheduling visits to clubs, so if you have a date you'd like me to visit, please contact me. Next month I'll share some of my goals with you, which include mentoring, training, and retention. Finally, let me say thank you to now Immediate Past District Governor Pam Schroeder. Her hard work and dedication to Lionism and her friendship to so many is a shining example of the best that Lions can be. Let's all make this a great year!

DG Ron



**MICHIGAN'S
INTERNATIONAL
DIRECTOR
PDG JENNY WARE**



ID Jenny Ware and her husband, Jeff

PDG Jenny Ware, from Rapid River, MI in the UP has been elected an International Director from Michigan on the ballot in Japan! The Upper Peninsula of Michigan has its first International Director in many years. Congratulations to ID Jenny, she has worked very hard for this honor.



BALDWIN LIONS

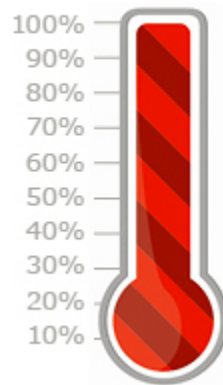
The Baldwin Lions Club gathered for the first highway cleanup of 2016 last week. Over half of the club members participated! They found no unusual items, but did pick up 16 bags of trash from a 2 mile stretch of M-37. It has been the club's practice to contribute \$150 to the local Girl Scout troop each time they clean the highway.



We did it...together!

Through a combination of your generous donations, multi-year pledges and grants, we have reached our **Canine Development Center** campaign goal of \$14.5 million. This state-of-the-art facility not only increases the health and happiness of future Leader Dogs, it encourages their development so they can become our highest-quality guide dogs ever. On behalf of our current and future clients, Leader Dogs, puppies, volunteers, staff and supporters, we have one thing to say to you:

\$14.5 MILLION



THANK YOU!

Submit a Photo and Share Your Lions Year!

Show Lions everywhere how you served your community and made a difference in people's lives this year. [Visit the Submit a Photo page](#) on the Lions Club International website and upload photos of your club in action, doing hands-on service, reaching out to people in need and having fun. Your photo and story might be featured on our official social media channels, including Facebook and Twitter.

50th CHARTER NIGHT CELEBRATION



The Stanwood Lions Club is celebrating their 50th anniversary on Monday, August 29. Location is the Northland United Church in Stanwood. Mark your calendar. More information to come.

Lions Worldwide Week of Service for Youth in August



This August 8 –14, join International President Chancellor Bob Corlew and Lions around the world for a special Worldwide Week of Service event dedicated to engaging youth in our communities. From organizing a new Leo Club to inviting youth to serve alongside you, there are countless ways to join the Worldwide Week of Service for Youth. To learn more about how your club can serve, visit Lions100.org and start planning your service project today!



MESSAGE

1ST VDG PEG WALLS

I am looking forward to working with Governor Ron and all the Lions of 11-E1 this coming year. I want to encourage everyone to get behind the governor. Volunteer, don't wait to be asked. As always, be positive. Remember to celebrate the values of Lionism, and ask another to join us.



Lions of Michigan Foundation CRUISE PLANS FOR 2017

Seven Night Southern Caribbean Cruise! On the Royal Caribbean "Adventure of the Seas," March 4, 2017, \$1,000 per person not firm. Various cabins at different prices Details to follow on both - Contact PDG Ken Frary (616) 675-7666 Cruise benefits you and the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

Northport Lions

Northport Lions Club had a benefit concert on Sat. evening June 22, held at the Northport Community Arts Center. A musical group from the Grand Traverse and Grand Rapids areas, called Óld Friends- Simon and Garfunkel - A Tribute'. They brought an 8 piece combo and two singers, one who was Art Garfunkel and the other, Paul Simon. They played most of the original hit tunes from an actual concert held in Central Park in NYC in 1985. Approximately 210 people attended and really enjoyed the program. About \$4200 was raised and will be given to the Leelanau Children's Center in Northport and Leland, MI.

JULY
4th Independence Day
14 DG visits Traverse City Lions
23 District 11 E1 Cabinet
Harrison Lions Den 9:30 A.M.



MEET SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR AL ROESELER

Up until last year, I was not active in Lions outside of my home club, Coleman Lions. This last year has opened a whole new world of Lions service opportunities to me, and I am excited about what the future has to offer. I realize that I have not had an opportunity to get to know many Lions outside of Coleman and my Zone. In an effort to help 11E 1 Lions to know a bit more about their new 2nd Vice District Governor, here is a brief bio.

I have spent 38 years in education as a history teacher, Vice Principal, Principal, and Superintendent before retiring at the end of 2007, as Superintendent of Coleman Community Schools.

I was lucky enough to marry my high school sweetheart, Lion Ann Roeseler for 47 years.

I am active in my church (Trinity Lutheran in Midland) and in the last 10 years I have gone on many rebuild mission trips to a number of disaster areas with the church's rebuild team.

When I came to Coleman in 2001, I joined the Coleman Lions Club. I served two terms as club president and also served as treasurer for four years. In July 2015 I began a term as Region 2 Zone 1 Chair.

Looking for that perfect round of golf, has been my lifelong quest. Unfortunately it has been elusive, but like most golfers I continue to try when time permits. Other hobbies include travel, maintaining the old family farm in Kaleva, and recreational reading.

Over the next few years I am looking forward to working with the Lions of District 11E 1. We have much to do to help and support our communities, district, and Lions International.

Lion Al



COLEMAN LIONS AND LEOS

Three Coleman Lions members and 14 STAR Leo Club members volunteered at the Mt. Pleasant Special Olympics on Friday, June 3. Lions Al and Ann Roeseler worked at Opening Eyes greeting athletes and guiding them to the next station. Lion Linda Lovejoy accompanied Coleman STAR Leos who worked with athletes at the softball throw. Everyone found it to be an inspiring experience and plan to volunteer again next year. In addition, Coleman Lions had a very successful yard sale and have also worked at two Loons games. earning the club money to support club activities.



L to R: Adrian Wright, O'Malley Bosanic, Dr. Dan Wrubel, Bruce Fredrick

Big Rapids Lions Club Donate to SVOSH

At the recent meeting of the Big Rapids Lions Club, members welcomed members of SVOSH and presented them with a check for \$2,000 in appreciation for their assistance with the concession stand at Ferris State University during the 2015 football season. Representing SVOSH were Dr. Dan Wrubel, Adrian Wright, and O'Malley Bosanic. Dr. Wrubel updated the members on the recent trips to Domingo and other Central and South American countries where eye exams and glasses are provided to individuals who have no other source for care. The glasses used for the projects are a result of donations to the College of Optometry at Ferris that can be repurposed for this use. Dr. Dan also talked about the program that is held during the Special Olympics to conduct exams and help secure eye care solutions for Special Olympics athletes. He invited Lions Club members to volunteer and join him and others for the out of country trips as well as at the Special Olympics.



Chippewa Lake-Mecosta Lions Club lining up for the Chippewa Lake Days Parade — Nancy Lepkowski, Randal Roebuck, Bob Roebuck, John Noller, Karan Michaud Noller, Judy Thomas and Lee Thomas.



MIDLAND LIONS FUNDRAISERS

Late May to mid-July, the Midland Lions hold their biggest fundraisers. Above picture - Lions march in the Memorial Day parade advertising their July 8 – 15 Hole in One Contest. July 16, Midland Lions hold their Chicken Bar BQ dinner in conjunction with Midland's River Days. In the left picture Lions John Culver and Al Ducham are collecting for White Cane using their new White Canes to collect funds. The canes caught the attention of many people that wanted to take a close look at them.

Big Rapids Lions Honor Scholarship Winner

The Big Rapids Lions Club gives each year to one or more students from the Big Rapids High School, the Donley Scholarship. This year's winner was Samantha Pettersen. Samantha received a check for \$1,000 to assist her with her college expenses when she attends MSU in the fall to study genetics. Pictured left to right: Rick Horst, Lions Club Scholarship Committee Chair, Paula Jonathon,



DISTRICT 11 E1 JULY NEWSLETTER

ARCADIA DAZE

Arcadia Lions Club will host the 35th annual 3 day Arcadia Daze community event on July 22, 23, and 24. There will be food and beverage tents, craft beer tasting, a Lions Club Pancake Breakfasts, Pulled Pork Supper, and BBQ Chicken Dinner. Entertainment includes music, children's fishing, children's vision testing, a street fair, family portraits, auto muster, 5K run, and a gala parade featuring the Scottsville Clown Band. Community events include fireworks, Methodist pie sale, Lutheran ham and German potato salad luncheon, Bloodmobile, and Pleasant Valley Community Center children's games and Vendors in the Valley. Funds raised from this event are used to support the Arcadia Lion's Club health, environment, vision, and youth projects throughout the year.







New Centennial SIGNS


We gave our Lions signs a facelift in Chippewa Lake and Mecosta. This photo is in Chippewa Lake where our old sign was barely visible and faded in the lovely little area the community maintains on the corner. The Centennial signs look great!



DG Ron Gibson has re-appointed PDG Janalee McClure (picture 1, above) to serve as District 11 E1's cabinet secretary and Lion Kay Brandt (picture 2, above) as 11 E1's Treasurer for the 2016-17 Lions Year.



Cadillac & Wexford Lions



Riding for a Diabetes Free World

Lions Centennial Celebration 2016-2017

Starts in Cadillac, MI at noon Sunday July 31st, 2016

Day 1: Ride to Sault Ste. Marie/Kewadin Hotel.

Day 2: Ride from the Soo to Marquette.




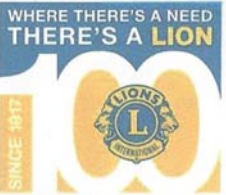
Day 3: Rode to St. Ignace where the ride ends.

Endorsed by Michigan Lions statewide

You can do any segment. \$25 registration, which includes a commemorative t-shirt. Donations to the American Diabetes Association online at www.diabetes.org/lionscentennialcelebration or at the start of the ride.

Contact person: Bill Bradfield, President Cadillac Lions at: hoxeyvillain@hotmail.com or (231) 222-5143

1,052,000 people in Michigan suffer daily with diabetes, 29,000,000 in America and



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**Summer
Open house**

*****FRIDAY*****

July Twenty – Ninth

6:00 – 8:30 PM

**Complimentary BBQ, Tours
Live Bluegrass Music
Picnic Attire**

4889 VENTURE Drive . Ann Arbor

RSVP By July 22

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Kingsley Lions Club Car, Truck, & Motorcycle Show



*Theme of this years
festival is
Our Country, Our Community*

*Suggested Donation Fee of
\$10.00 to the
Kingsley Lions Club*

Kingsley Heritage Days

Downtown Kingsley, MI 49649

July 16th, 2016

Parade at 11:00 am (rain or shine)

Car Show at 11:30 to 2:30 pm

Steven D & the Keys will be DJ during the Car Show

(made possible with a donation from the Kingsley Downtown Development Authority)

All classics, custom, and rod cars, truck, and motorcycles.

1st, 2nd, & 3rd place Peoples Choice Awards will be presented at 2:30 p.m.

Contact Dawn Wilhman (231) 313-1837 to register or for more information.

All proceeds go to the Kingsley Lions Club to serve the needs of our community through sight programs, aid to our youth, humanitarian needs, community activities and educational programs.