



Lions of Michigan – District 11-E-1



District Governor Lion Larry Morlock First Lady Lion Gayle *Newsletter March 2009*

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Most of our clubs will most likely experience some difficulty in fulfilling their desired philanthropic desires for their community these coming two years. We Lions do great work in alleviating pain and basic needs of our citizens and so the pain becomes ours when we can't meet our people's needs. Through no fault of our own the forces of economics are currently against us. Though our leaders in Washington, D. C. are making a valiant effort to turn around the bad economics of our time, they will need the help of all Americans to accomplish a stable economy.

I remember my parents talking about the sacrifices of the big 'bust' that occurred in the late 1930's just after they had been married. My father was looking for work in Detroit standing each morning outside of the Packard Motor Car Company seeking day work to support my mother and himself. Day after day, he told me, he was passed over because he had no experience in manufacturing having been raised on his mother's farm in Chase, Michigan (Lake County). Finally, one day he got selected from the throngs of men standing outside the plant gate. He lied by saying he had experience. He relied on his untested ability to learn an assembly line job with no job experience. Other men, he told me, on the line helped him gain the experience to do his job. Later in life, as he told my brother and sister his hard story I realized how much it hurt him to have to tell a lie to put food on their table.

I tell this true story because many of our citizens in our communities are facing unemployment and I'm sure many of these people are facing loss of their home and inability to care for their families. We Lions need to support the basic needs for these families in their desperate times by sharing our philanthropic endeavors whatever they may be. Even kind words and the minimum of assistance can ease the pain of the heart and mind. Like my dad's generation the men and women today can help those families survive in their harsh times. Our motto "We Serve" has never been more important than it is right now.

Lost & FOUND

One Vice-District Governor 11-E-1 name tent—name VDG Wayne Kreitner. Tail twister will auction it off at the 11-E-1 Cabinet Meeting on April 17th at the District Convention.

Governor's Travels

DATE	VISITATION/EVENT
March 17	Region 2 Zone 3 Meeting—Cadillac
March 22	Convention Committee Meeting—Ludington
March 23-25	Extension Training—Marion Public Library 9:00 - 5:00

March 28	DG Chuck Belesky's Convention (D2)—Saginaw
March 31	Region 3 Zone 1 Meeting—Edmore
April 2	Region 2 Zone 2 Meeting—Big Rapids
April 4	DG Linda Bosma's Convention (B2)—Kalamazoo
April 14	Baldwin Lions Club—Official Visit
April 17-19	District Convention—Big Rapids
May 2	Onkama Lions Club Charter Night
May 7	Sanford Lions Club 5 th Anniversary
May 13	Region 2 Zone 1 Meeting—Clare
May 15-16	MD11 Convention—Lansing
May 19	Midland Lions Club 75 th Anniversary
May 20	Region 2 Zone 3 Meeting—Luther
June 8	Weidman Lions Club—Official Visit

**Vice District Governor Wayne Kreitner and
Lioness Debbie Kreitner**



Today we as Lions of this great District are suffering the same hard times that many other organizations and people are suffering. We need to draw together as a strong group and support the people in our own communities. We have been supported by our communities for a long time and now it is our turn to return the favor. You will be contacted for many types of help from people. If you are not able to help them as a service organization, please try to direct them in the correct way to an organization that might help them.

Our State projects are also suffering during these times. A good example is Leader Dog who has laid off employees and cut programs. This program has been noted as a very strong program. During the times we are going through they along with other programs are not receiving donations and returns on investments. If you have not donated to the state projects please do so at your earliest convenience.

Please remember that **WE SERVE** and **TOGETHER WE SERVE STRONGER**.

PROJECT KIDSIGHT

PDG Bill Raymor and PDG Harry Johnson along with the assistance of former First Lady Jane Raymor travelled to the Montessori School in Midland and were joined by Roy McNeil and Carolee Rolf both from the Midland Lions Club. In all, 71 students between the ages of 9 months and 6 years old were screened in just over 3 hours. Talk about touching the hearts of students, representing 23 countries, we proved once again that Lions Clubs reach out to all corners of the world in the many service projects that we do. We screened two sets of identical twins and there was even one little girl who looked at her photo and said "Now that's perfect!!. Lion Bill, Lion Jane, and I are usually available to work a Kid Sight Screening in almost any area of our District. This is one of the many Lions Clubs projects that help get the word out about Lions and maybe help to recruit some new members in your own club.

Harry Johnson - PDG

A message to ALL CLUBS in District 11E1:

We hope you will be represented at our District Convention in Big Rapids on Saturday, April 18, 2009.

Not only do we have very important elections that afternoon, we also will be deciding if we want our District to adopt the Standard District Constitution from Lions International. The International format includes all the basic requirements for Districts and we have added everything you've already approved to that format. We haven't made any changes to the constitution this year, only put everything in the International Standard District Constitution format.

You can get the entire constitution, with all of the District 11E1 previously approved items included in bold & italicized for your perusal. Our District website is: milion11e1.org. If you need me to mail you a copy to read give me a call, fax or email and I'll be happy to get it to you.

Sincerely,

PCC Janalee McClure, District 11E1 Constitution & By-Law Chairperson
231-689-1321, fax 231-689-0621 or email: janalee@riverview.net

FAMILY & WOMEN'S MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By District Chairperson, Lion Laura Johnson

*Lions International offers many avenues to make membership in our organization affordable. Is your club aware of the **STUDENT MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM**?*

If your club is fortunate enough to have members that are between the ages of 18 and 30 years of age, and they are enrolled in at least 1 credit hour in any type of college class, they qualify for receiving their International dues at half price! That is a savings of \$19.50. This includes members in all types of clubs, whether a traditional club or a campus club. The benefit of having these younger members in your club means bringing new energy and fresh ideas into your community. Let's all look for this type of prospective member and give our clubs an energy boost!

*The **FAMILY MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM** has been around for a while now, since January of 2007. It allows for one head of household to pay full members dues, plus initiation fee. After that one family member joins, up to four additional members, all with the same residence may join at a reduced rate, plus their initiation fee is waved. This is a great way to get the whole family volunteering together, sharing valuable time together all while giving back to the community. A good suggestion to spark interest in this program would be to ask spouse or children of your current members to help at a service project or fundraiser. Try to match the project to one's interest, exposing them to the world of serving others while spending valuable time with their loved ones.*

*Did you know that 14.5% of all new Lions join under the **FAMILY MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM**? Last year that represented 9,468 new members!*

There were over 4,000 new Lions clubs last year that contained family memberships, for a total of 13,837 family friendly clubs!

WOMEN IN LIONISM are steadily growing in numbers! The current number of women members, effective October 2008 is 260,824, that is an increase of 5,485 from the start of the year. World wide, women make up

19.9% of all Lions. Did you know that the first woman Lion elected as a District Governor was from France in 1991?

One way to attract women to join would be to identify a need in your community that would stimulate female interest. Set up a service project or fund raiser that would meet the need. Ask for help from community members who would be interested in helping. When they see what Lions are all about, chances are you'll have gained some new women members in your club.

International is offering an award for clubs with an overall gain in women membership during the 2008-2009 year. Our own District Governor will be presenting special recognition at the District Convention in April to clubs who have met the challenge to grow in female membership.

Lions International has several great publications to promote all the types of members. They are pocket size, with many vibrant photos depicting family and women serving as Lion volunteers. If you would like some for your club, please feel free to contact me, as I have a supply on hand, or contact the supply department to order them direct at no cost.

In closing, as I've visited more than half the clubs in our district, I've found we still have clubs that have not stepped up to the plate, accepting women into their clubs. This is a tragic loss of ideas, energy and talent that women can bring to a club. My challenge to all is to look around and seek out female members – you'll be glad you did!

Youth Exchange

Lions,
We have young people from Finland, Turkey & Germany requesting a visit of 3-4 weeks in Michigan. Would you please consider hosting a young person this summer? Give me a call or email & I'll send you the application to host!

Thanks,
PCC Janalee McClure, District 11E1 Youth Exchange Chairperson
231-689-1321, fax 231-689-0621 or email: janalee@riverview.net

Region 2 Zone 3 Meeting March 17

Fellow Lions: The next zone meeting for Zone 3 Region 2 is being held in Cadillac on Tuesday March 17th (**St. Patrick's Day**) @ 6:30pm at McGuire's Resort in Cadillac, Michigan. The Club President and or Secretary are asked to attend the zone meetings along with any other interested club members.

Please RSVP to me no later than 3/11/2009 so dinner arrangements can be made.

There are 2 zone meetings left for this year:

Cadillac on Tuesday March 17th @ 6:30pm - \$13.00 for meal. Luther on Wednesday May 20th @ 6:30pm. If you have any questions or need directions please feel free to contact me. Thanks, hope to see you there!

Lion Zone Chairman Timothy Anderson, Cadillac Lions Club, 231-775-2939

Thought of the month

Forget about all the reasons why something may not work.
You only need to find one good reason why it will.

Dr. Robert Anthony

Eyeglass Mission to Mexico

Our trip began in Grand Rapids, Michigan on Valentine's Day. After an 8 hour layover in Chicago, we departed for Mexico City. The other members of our team (17 in all) met us in Mexico City for the last leg of our journey to Comitán, Mexico. When we arrived in Comitán, the local Lions Club greeted us and we began to set up our clinic. In the next 4 days, we would see more than 2,365 men, women, and children. The oldest patient that I fit eyeglasses onto was 99 years old and she was very spry and nimble. I had the pleasure of fitting a pair of glasses onto a young school aged girl that were a minus 9.5 (they allowed her to finally see her textbooks and homework) and the grateful smile on her face was enough to warm the heart of even the coldest person. Speaking of cold, the temperature at night was somewhere between 47 and 50 degrees. That didn't seem to bother the patients too much as they started lining up at 1:00 AM each night. They were bundled up in horse blankets, overcoats, and whatever else they could find to keep the cold winter air off of their bodies. This service project of the Comitán Lions Club had a two-fold purpose (each patient brought a small bag of rice, beans, or a bottle of cooking oil) which was later distributed to the needy in the area. As you can see by the large pile of food, everyone was able to benefit from this project. On our last day of the trip, we visited the "Gran Canyon" which had crocodiles, solid stone walls that reached over 1000 feet high, and a river that was 30 feet wide and over 130 feet deep. For a more detailed presentation of this Eyeglass Mission Trip, please stop by our table at the District Convention or call me at: (231) 745-4524 Home or (231) 250-5257 Cell Phone I look forward to seeing you soon. Harry Johnson - PDG



Cedar/Maple City Lions Club

The Cedar/Maple City Lions Club just completed our last 50/50 Basketball drawing. We raised about \$800.00 toward our Glen Lake High School Scholarships. Photo L to Rt, Lions Rob Serbin (chairman), John Lanham, King Lion Dave and Mrs. McNeil.



On Monday, March 9, PDG Lynnwood Mast was our guest speaker. His program was on the Michigan Organ Donor Registry project. This covers Eye



and other Organ donations. Michigan Lions are working with the Michigan Organ Donor Registry, to get the word out on this very important Gift of Life. Thanks Pat Hobbins, Cedar/Maple City Lions Club. Photo- Left is 1st VP, Rob Serbin and PDG Lynnwood Mast.

Coleman Lions Club

Coleman Lions Club will not be having a Corvette Raffle this year. We are trying several new fundraisers instead. We are having a pancake breakfast on June 13 during Coleman's June Fest, parking cars at two Midland Loons (our minor league tea m) games, and having a dinner, cash raffle and silent auction in September. Look for more news about these events in the months to come!

Recently we have made donations to Eagle Village, Literacy Council of Midland County, Coleman Community Schools Board Scholars program and Youth Leadership of Midland County.

Hesperia Lioness Club

On November 15, 2008, charter member Julie Feldt passed away suddenly at her home. When the Hesperia Lioness Club was founded on April 9, 1984 she served as a Director. During the years that I knew her (from 1995 on) she served as President, Vice President, and Secretary. She also put together many quilts for the club to raffle each 4th of July.

Julie is sorely missed by her family, Dr. Larry Feldt, her community, and mo st especially by her fellow Lioness members, Lioness Mary Anne Eskew

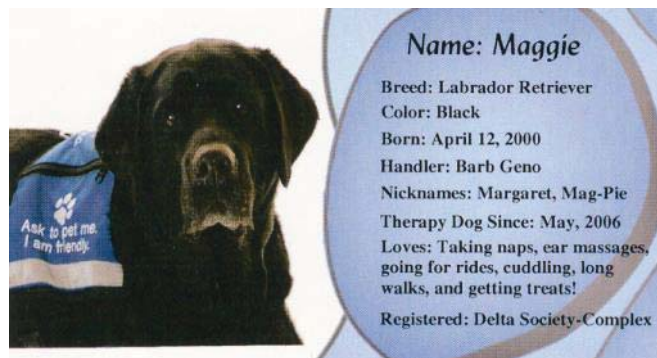
Fremont Lions Club

Fremont Lions Club February Highlights



February 2nd meeting

Our guest speaker was Ron Vliem, Executive Director of the Fremont Chamber of Commerce. (left)



Name: Maggie

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Color: Black

Born: April 12, 2000

Handler: Barb Geno

Nicknames: Margaret, Mag-Pie

Therapy Dog Since: May, 2006

Loves: Taking naps, ear massages, going for rides, cuddling, long walks, and getting treats!

Registered: Delta Society-Complex

Kaleva Lions Club

Kaleva Lions had a soup luncheon this last Saturday to help fund our CSFII commitment of \$8,250. We received nearly \$400.00, leaving a balance of \$400.00 to go, meet our goal. Thank you. On February 21st Kaleva Lions is held a Saturday snowmobiles buffet breakfast 9:00 till 1:00 at our Lions Den. Our regular Sunday breakfast will start back on the first Sunday of March. A big thank you to PDG Lynnwood Mast and Lion Jan for visiting our club and giving us a program on organ donating.

Kaleva Lions sadly announces that Life Member Lion Bernard Lenz has passed on. Lion Bernard served Lions and our community for a long time. Lion Bernard was a mentor and friend to all of us here in Kaleva, God Bless You Lion Bernard. On a brighter note Kaleva Lions Board approved three new members applications. We welcome Lion David Decker sworn in at our regular meeting. Paul and Margaret Thomas to be sworn in soon. Thanks to Lion Bill Taylor and the Cadillac Lions for helping Kaitlyn Cronkhite family. You make us proud to be Lions. Let's get Sam signed up.

Kaleva Lions weekly Sunday breakfast is back, please stop by and have pancakes with us on Sundays from 8:00 till 12:00. Also, our fresh made pasties are for sale every week on Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at our Lions Den at 14361 Mine Mile Road, Kaleva, MI. or phone 231-362-3174.

Midland Lions Club

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! May 19 is our 75th Anniversary Celebration!

Weidman Lions Club

The Weidman Lions Club held their February meeting at Woodland Hospice Morey Bereavement Center, 2597 South Meridian Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI. Woodland Hospice House is in a serene setting and calm atmosphere, and opened the end of July 2008. A tour of the House was given by Christine Peters. They offer a full scope of services. They also have a family Cafe', Meditation Chapel, Family Room, and a children's playroom.



The Weidman Lions Club sponsored a Peace Poster contest. The St. Joseph School in Beal City participated. The theme of the contest was Peace Begins With Me. Pictured on the left is Sara Schafer 1st place winner. She received a \$100.00 savings bond. Runner up is Apollo Schafer and he received a \$50.00 savings bond.

WHITE CLOUD LIONS CLUB:

This is a very busy time of year for the White Cloud Lions. We have taken in two more new members this month and have scheduled an orientation for Monday, March 31st at our den.

This is our year for 'partnering up' with other Lion Clubs.

At the end of this month we are doing a kidsight project at the Newaygo County Family Expo with the Newaygo Lions Club, assisted by Onokama's Past Governor Dan Gibbons.

We are teaming up with Fremont Lions Club and the Newaygo Lions Club to cover the Fremont Secretary of State office for Buddy Day.

And we are looking forward to attending the 30th anniversary of the Hart Club.

We are very proud to be a very active member of Region 3, Zone 3. Together we can accomplish almost anything!

Join us on any second Friday for our Fish Fry!

State LEO Conference

While the attendance was not quite what our MD -11 Leo Committee had hoped, there was no lack of enthusiasm from the Leos, advisors, dignitaries and guests that attended the February 28, 2009 State Leo Conference. Camp Tuhsmehta south of Greenville was the perfect winter location where Districts 11-A2, 11-B1, 11-B2, 11-D1 and 11-E1 shared a full day of fun. Individual clubs represented were from Applegate, Bridgman, Fremont, Greenville, Marshall, Napoleon, Romeo and St. Charles. Leos received a "goodie bag" compliments of the White Cloud and Fremont Lions, Leader Dog School and the US Army complete with pens, pencils, notepads, bookmarks, pedometers and Lions of Michigan Foundation mints.

Leos, Advisors, Governors and guests converged to be educated, informed and have inter-active opportunities and the MD-11 committee did their best to achieve those goals. Special thanks go to committee members Kim Thiede, Shirley Ashley, Deb Carlson, Jim Blaschka, Orville Collins and Laurene Homsher for their organization and facilitation.

The introductory session on "How to relate to blind and sight impaired individuals" was facilitated fabulously by Lion Sharon Burton, CEO of Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind. Lion Sharon helped attendees understand how to speak to, walk with, and become friends with sight impaired persons. A brief video was shared (soon to be released by some ABC-TV network affiliates) regarding unique individuals who are blind but who have accomplished personal goals beyond all expectations. Everyone was amazed beyond belief. All in attendance were challenged to do things equally great.

Zone Chair, Nancee DeVogel, led the Leos into cooperative learning with her session on "Leadership and Your Responsibility For It". Leos formed groups from outside their own clubs to immerse themselves in team building and group cooperation. Nancee offered a variety of activities to sharpen individual skills as well as hone group cohesiveness. Leos were 100% engaged and inter-active during Nancee's presentation.

Kathleen Breen from Leader Dog School shared valuable information on the "Do's and Do Not's" when encountering a Leader Dog. Kathleen had so much information that time ran out. She did invite all to come tour Leader Dog School and challenged the Leo Clubs to help with the Puppy Donation Program. Clubs were going to have an "Across Michigan Contest" to see who could raise the most for this valuable and necessary program.

Since Helen Keller challenged Lions members to become Knights of the Blind, the MD-11 committee divided attendees into two groups: one ate blind at lunch and the others at dinner. Leos paired with another individual and while one was "blind" the partner served as the person's "guide". It was a total learning experience for both! For many, this was the most frustrating, yet fun and worthwhile activity of the conference.

We were graced with a visit from Penrickton Center. Leos were exposed to multiple impairments and ways to function. Penrickton invited all to come to the center for a club field trip.

Not only did Lion George Wurtzel prepare all the meals for the conference, he was the chief tour guide of Camp "T". All attendees took an hour walk with Lion George enjoying the beauty and fresh Mid-

Michigan air. Leos immediately reinacted the "snowball exchange" begun last year at the Conference and guests were feverishly taking photographs. The sun was shining, the snow was glistening and everyone was smiling!

The final conference session involved everyone present sharing "Tried and True Fund Raising and Unique Community Service Projects." There was a wealth of information contributed by all clubs. This exchange of ideas was so valuable, especially for the newest clubs and officers present.

We can be proud of the Leos in our state. These youth are rolling up their sleeves and reaching out to those in need both nearby and abroad. The Lions motto WE SERVE is surely alive and well and we have a bundle of excited youth ready to fill our shoes into the next generation of service for others.



COME JOIN US APRIL 17-19, 2009



DISTRICT CONVENTION

Knights of the Round Table is the theme for our convention. Join in and dress for the theme on Friday night.

The convention is just around the corner. Have you mailed in your registration form??? It is due by the 31st of March, or the registration fee will increase to \$10. Have you sent in your delegate form to Lion Gayle Morlock??? It has

a deadline date of March 30th.

District C-1 is providing us with entertainment for our Friday mix and meet, join us for a comedian out of Ohio, and a great time.

Saturday forums will be very informative. The business meeting will take place with elections of our Cabinet members.

There will be a diabetes testing, ear lab to check hearing and Lion Karla and her team will be doing computer training.

We will again have the Auction to help offset the cost of future conventions. Be sure to get your item to convention to be auctioned

off.

Sunday will be our Memorial Service and Awards.

If your club has deceased members since our last convention forward a picture of the member and a short blurb about the member to Lion Pam Schroeder before March 18th. It will be a nice recognition of our

members who are no longer with their club.

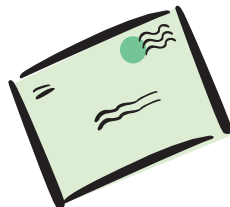
Come for friendships, fun, knowledge, fun and your clubs right to vote for the candidates.

See you in Big Rapids at the Holiday Inn on April 17th.

BRING YOUR CLUB BANNER AND STAND.

If you have any questions give me a call, Lion Pam Schroeder

@ 231/889-4870



Come Vote and have a good time!



Lions of Michigan 11-E1 District Convention Registration
 Holiday Inn 1005 Perry St. Big Rapids,



Form
 MI.

April 17, 18, and 19, 2009

Please Print information on form: Must be registered to Vote!

Lions/ Lioness/ Leo Club _____ Office _____
 Lion/ Lioness/ Leo Member _____
 Address _____ City & Zip _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____
 Guest / Spouse _____

Registration fee is \$5.00 for each attendee. Amount enclosed: \$ _____
 \$10.00 if after the deadline
 (No charge for new members being re-inducted Saturday)

Friday Mix & Meet \$5.00 (cash bar, hors d' oeuvres, comedy show) \$ _____

Saturday Lioness and Leos Breakfast Buffet – ALL welcome \$12.00 \$ _____

Saturday Lunch (Beef Tip Stroganoff \$15.00 each \$ _____
 If new member being re-installed no charge Sponsor is _____

Saturday Governor's Banquet \$22.00 each \$ _____
 Pick One Pork Loin _____ OR Tilapia (fish) _____

Sunday Awards Buffet Breakfast \$12.00 each \$ _____

Make checks payable to District 11 E1 Convention Total enclosed \$ _____

Special Dietary Needs? _____

Mail Registration form with payment to: Lion Pam Schroeder
 Registration deadline for meals is March 31, 2009 4829 Crescent Beach
 Questions? Call Pam 231/889-4870 Onokama, Mi. 49675

Convention Room Rate \$75.00 per night
 Call 231/796-4400 to reserve your room today!
 Reminder – We are having our convention with District C -1, reserve room early,
 There will be an alternate hotel



DISTRICT 11-E-1 DELEGATE CERTIFICATION FORM



CLUB NAME _____

NUMBER OF MEMBERS _____

ARTICLE XI SECTION 7 of the District 11 -E-1 Constitution

and By-Laws so states that: Each chartered Club in good standing in Lions International and the District shall be represented by one or more delegates at the District Convention and shall be entitled in each such Convention to one (1) voting delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, of said Club as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month last preceding the month during which the Convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Further, full delegate Status shall be accorded each Past District Governor who is a member of a Club in this District, independent of the Club delegate quotas herein above specified. Each certified delegate present in person may cast one (1) vote for each office to be filled and one (1) vote only on each issue to be voted on by the members of said Convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the Convention.

Table with 3 columns: NAME, DELEGATE (D) ALTERNATE (A), SIGN AT CONVENTION. Multiple empty rows for data entry.

I hereby certify that the delegates and alternates listed above are in good standing with Lions Clubs International and The Lions of Michigan.

Club President/Secretary

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO: LION GAYLE MORLOCK, On or before March 30 , 2009
9357 95TH AVE.
EVART, MI 49631