





## District 11-E1 Newsletter 2010 - 2011

March 2011

# Together We Serve"



Governor Lion Laura & PDG Lion Harry Johnson

Greetings to All!

We are fast approaching the first day of spring. I'm sure for most of us; its arrival is long overdue! With it comes the busiest time of year in our world of Lionism. Clubs should be busy with nomination of officers for next year. Many clubs are kicking off projects and fundraisers. We all should be making plans to attend the district convention in Mt. Pleasant on April 1, 2, 3. Please remember your silent auction donations. This event enables us to keep the cost of registration down. Let us not forget the annual White Cane weekend at the end of April. Many clubs use this as an opportunity to hand out PR material that highlights how they use the monies collected from White Cane Sales. The Multiple 11 convention will be in Auburn Hills the weekend of May 20-21st. Please mark these important dates on your calendars!

In closing, PDG Harry and I would like to thank each and every Lion who has called, e-mailed, sent cards or offered to help in any way in response to our recent house fire. The response of our LION FAMILY has been extremely overwhelming! We are truly blessed to have you all as family. Both VDG John and Bill will be finishing up most of the remaining visitations for me. I'm once again blessed to have friends who came forward and lightened the load! Hope to see someone from each club at the convention!

DG Laura

District Governor Laura & PDG Harry are requesting help from the District Lions. They need help on the March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17th and March 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> for demolition of the old house. They need Lions with skill saws, sawzaw, crowbars, hammers, sledge hammers, any other equipment that is needed for demolition. Also lots of extension cords and if anyone has a generator. Please contact DG Laura at 231-250-0537 or email her at <a href="mailto:lionlaura@maxnet-usa.net">lionlaura@maxnet-usa.net</a>
Please help to support our Lions Family.



Daylight Saving time begins March 13.



1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Lion John & Carolyn

Dear Fellow Lions,

The essence of Lionism is service, especially service to youth, to people with vision and hearing difficulties, and to victims of disasters. One of our important district programs helping youth is KidSight, a screening program to identify children with correctable vision problems. Many of our clubs have held KidSight screenings and many children with problems have been identified and helped. Currently, an experienced Lion brings the camera and the local club arranges for the children to be screened. The experienced Lion is needed because taking the pictures requires practice in taking them and in deciding whether the eyes are shown correctly. The camera has to be held just right and any errors require taking another picture. The pictures are taken in a relatively dark room and the resulting film sent to Detroit for reading by an eye doctor. If an abnormality is detected, the parents are sent a notice and requested to visit an eye care provider. Clubs pay for the film and a fee for reading the film, about \$4 per child. To test 100 children costs local Lions Clubs \$400. In addition to the cost, the system has two limitations: one is the availability of film; the other is the delay between screening and notification of the parents. The film problem is becoming especially critical because the company that made the film has gone out of business and no one has stepped up to make the film in their place.

A few months ago I wrote to you about a replacement system for the film camera. Currently, the camera detects only strabismus, a condition in which the eyes are not aligned. Although this problem is very serious because if left untreated it can lead to loss of 3 D vision, it is relatively uncommon; it occurs in about 4% of the population. The replacement system, a PediaVision System, detects not only strabismus, but also focusing problems like nearsightedness and farsightedness, as well as other vision problems. The system requires an operator and a computer entry person. The operator can learn to use the device in five minutes, because the system will not take the picture and do the screening until the device is lined up correctly. When it is, it lets the operator know and a digital picture is taken. The device then does the screening automatically. The system detects the problems immediately so that there is no delay in notifying the parents. The parents can then take action by bringing the child to an eye care specialist to solve the problem. The new system solves the film problem because it does not use film. Instead it takes a digital picture that is kept only a short time, and it reads the picture and other information from the child's eyes electronically and prints out the results for the parents. The cost of consumables per child includes the cost of a piece of paper with the report and the cost of an envelope to put the report in, if needed, a few cents. What does cost a lot is the PediaVision device itself, \$10,000 per device.

Because our clubs do not have an extra \$10,000 lying around, we plan to apply for a grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to help pay for the PediaVision Systems. LCIF will pay for half if we can raise the other half first. If we can raise \$5,000, we can get \$5,000 from LCIF and get a PediaVision System. If we can raise \$10,000, we can get two of them. If we can raise \$15,000, we can get three, and three should be enough to supply clubs throughout the district with the system when they need it. There are many children in the district; my hope is that we can screen them all to save vision for as many as possible. If we can average \$10 per Lion in the district, we can get three PediaVision systems. At your next board meeting, please ask your club to consider pledging toward raising the money to apply for the grant to buy three PediaVision Systems. Please notify Governor Laura about your club pledge. It would be great if we could hear from all the clubs by the District Convention on April 1.

Yours for Lionism and Service,

John Monahan 1st VDG



2 Vice District Governor Lion Bill & Vickie

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to March! Winter is still here and is showing its "Lion-like" tendencies. Well, keep the faith - spring is just around the corner. How do I know? Because of the Home and Garden Show at DeVos Place; it follows the Golf and Boat Show and spring follows the Home and Garden Show.

I attended my first Governor's training session this past weekend and it reminded me of the transition from middle school to high school. In middle school I knew where the classrooms were, the names of all the teachers and fellow students. Now in governor's training you're the tenth grader in with more experienced 1st Vices and seasoned Governors. You've got names and people to learn, there's a large governor's training manual to conquer, not to mention all the information in our constitution and policy manual, plus current day issues affecting the Multiple District and the clubs of 11E1. This step in my education is very exciting and I want to grasp the information that will help make it easier for our District to succeed.

I'm looking forward to spring and seeing you in April at our District Convention. Make sure you register before March 15th and bring as many Lions as possible. We have an exciting race for 2nd VDG and a great opportunity to renew friendships from past years.

Lion Bill Simpson

2nd VDG

# Winter Blasted in Lake City

On Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, Lake City held it 1st ever "Winter Blast" in an attempt to promote community activities and draw in some visitors during the winter months. Since the district has been working on getting a new club started here for some time now it was decided to pass out FREE doughnuts and hot chocolate along with information about Lions in the hopes of bringing us more visibility within the community and maybe attract a few more potential members.

It was a warm sunny 23° well until you got near the lake where the ripping winds and wind chill dropped the temperature down to single digits. Bundled in their warmest winter wear and manned with a portable propane grill Zone Chair Tim Anderson "Extension Team" along with, Lions Mike Holdship, Bill Taylor, Mel Goldie, and Tom Jones all from the Cadillac Club setup shop at the edge of the lake and did their best to warm the hearts and stomachs of all those that stopped during this all day event.

Even though the weather wasn't friendly and attendance not what was hoped we managed to collect a few more new names and just as important spread some good will towards the Lions within the community.

#### **District Convention Information**

- 1. Please remember to bring your banners for the Parade of Banners to be held on Saturday before lunch.
- 2. Please bring your items for the Silent Auction, this helps defray the costs of the District Convention for the district. This year we will be able to use Visa & Master Card credit cards on site for the auction items.
- 3. New members that have been installed by their club since the last District Convention can be reinstalled by the International Director during lunch. Lunch and registration will be covered by the district. This is a worldwide installation done during district conventions. Please send Lion Debbie Kreitner this information as soon as possible
  - at debkreitner@charter.net or mail to: 514 W. High St. Greenville, MI 48838
- 4. Please remember if you have had members pass on this year, the Memorial Service will be held before breakfast on Sunday Morning. There is a copy of the memorial information on the District Web site: milions11e1.org
- 5. Please remember to have your delegate form filled out and returned to Lion Gayle Morlock by March 15, 2011. Otherwise you will not be able to vote.
- 6. Please remember to wear green on Friday Night, it is an Irish Theme!!!!!!!

## **Alternative Activities**

These activities are scheduled by our convention but are occurring off sight in the nearby area. **Please see the registration table to sign up** and to get more information.

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Ziibiwing Cultural Center Museum Tour

Cost: \$5.75 Seniors \$2.75

Soaring Eagle Casino 2395 South Leaton Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

We have made arrangements with the Isabella County Transportation Commission (ICTC) for their bus to pick up guests at 1:45 at the hotel and transport those that want to go to the Ziibiwing, then anyone else can then ride on to the Casino. The bus holds 25 people and will return our guests back to the hotel at around 4:15. **The cost is \$2.00 per person each way.** 

If you have any further questions, please contact me by e-mail or by phone 616-754-8409. Hope to see everyone there.....

# District 11-E1 Certification Information

<u>Club Secretaries</u>—remember to send your list of delegates, alternates, and PDGs who will be attending the district convention in Mt. Pleasant to Lion Gayle Morlock before March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Past District Governor's get a vote independent of the club delegates. List them at the end of your list of delegates under PDG.

The number of club delegates is based on our membership minus drops as of **February 27, 2010**. You get one (1) delegate for every ten (10) members or major fraction thereof.

As of March 5, 2011, I have received 3 certification forms.

Send to: Lion Gayle Morlock

9357 95<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Evart, MI 49631

landg@netonecom.net

Thank you,

Lion Gayle Morlock, Chairperson

Certification Committee

#### **Young Blood Fresh Ideas**



The Cadillac Lions Club recently sworn in a new member and would like to introduce for the first time Lion Brendon Carlington he just turned 18 last month and he's a senior at Lake City High School. Brendon's been hearing about the Lions trying to get a club started over in Lake City for a while now and decided as his birthday approach he wanted to help.

Brendon's lived in Lake City all his life and thought the residents of his home town might more readily listen to one of their own about forming a club so he decide to step forward and take the lead. He's already hit the streets and has rounded up 4 potential new members that have agreed to come to the next Cadillac Lions meeting to see if Lions is for them.

Lion Brendon has set a goal for himself he would like to see a new Lions Club up and running in Lake City within the next 4 months. You see he has enlisted into the Army and will be shipping off to boot camp after graduation in June and he just wants to leave his mark and make a difference within his community before he leaves.

Pictured: Lion Brendon Carlington and his Sponsor Lion Tim Anderson of the Cadillac Lions Club

## Leo's Breakout at Michigan Forum



If you went to this year's Michigan Forum you were likely to see some new faces at the Break-Out Sessions that were held on Saturday Feb 19th and not just in the audience. This year for the first time the Leos of 11-E1 lead by District Leo Chairman Lion Tim Anderson were asked to hold a breakout session on Leo Clubs.

For a fresh prospective on the Leos charter members from the new Greenville Club Leo Abbey Atanasoff, Club President and Leo Ali Wilson, Vice President came over and shared why they joined the Leos, how they helped start their club and what types of projects their club is currently involved in.

From the Fremont Packers Club Leo Kendra Alt, (who happens to also be a charter member of her club) a seasoned veteran of the Leos who's currently serving her second time as Club President at the ripe old age of 16. Leo Kendra shared how being part of the Leos has helped her open up and grow socially as a person. She also spoke about how her club was started, about their projects and lastly how important her Leo Club Advisor is not only to her but her club. At this point the floor was opened for questions and all three Leos along with Lion Tim did an excellent job answering the wide range of questions asked by the Lions in attendance. As time ran out District Governor Laura Johnson came forward and presented the Leos with framed Certificates of Appreciation from the District in recognition of their taking part in the Forum. Way to go Leos!

Pictured: Governor Laura Johnson, Leo Abby Atanasoff, Leo Ali Wilson, Leo Chairman Lion Tim Anderson, Leo Kendra Alt

#### **Fellow Lions**

The next Region II Zone 3 meeting is being in Luther on Wednesday April 6th 2011 @ 6:30pm - \$7.00 for meal.

Place: The Luther Lion's Den in Luther, Michigan.

The club Presidents and or Secretaries are asked to attend the zone meetings along with any and all other interested club members. Please RSVP to me by March 30th 2011 so dinner arrangements can be made.

This is the last zone meeting for this year:

4th Region II Zone 3 meeting is being held in Luther on Wednesday April 6th 2011 @ 6:30pm - \$7.00 for meal at the Luther Lion's Den in Luther, Michigan.

**Thanks** 

ZC Lion Timothy Anderson Region II Zone 3 Cadillac Lions Club 231-775-2939

## **Update from PDG Larry Morlock**

My health continues to improve. After being quarantined and not being able to exercise, I have been released to do heavy exercising and doing whatever my body will allow. Alas, I have a weight gain from being sedentary to take off again. Overnight sugar levels are still beyond my goal and continue to adjust the insulin. My blood pressure is great. I'm off tow medications that were related to the surgery. Anti-rejection medication dosages haven't changed since the first part of November. I'm being sent back to my nephrologist in Big Rapids next week. After that I have an appointment at the transplant center for May 9<sup>th</sup>. If all blood work remains stable, I'll only need to go to the transplant center every 6 months for 2 years. My skin color is not "ashen", but has returned to normal.

Wishing everyone good health and successful Lion projects. See you at the District Convention. PDG Larry Morlock

#### Zone 3, Region 3 Zone Meeting Summary for February 28, 2011

Meeting was hosted by Hesperia Lion's Den who served an excellent soup and chili dinner. Meeting was called to order with the pledge, song, and prayer.

Clubs represented in the zone were Fremont, Hart, Hesperia, and White Cloud. Unfortunately Newaygo wasn't able to find any members who could attend. Attendance was 17 including program speakers Tim and Grant Anderson from Cadillac and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Bill Simpson, from Big Rapids.

Lion Tim Anderson gave a good youth program about Leo's clubs and Lions Cubs programs. Tim did a great job of using personal experience for initiating improvements in the Cadillac club as they gained women members and started a Cub program. His family is all fully involved in their club in some capacity. Lion Tim told about some of the activities that the cubs do during Lions meetings to have fun quietly.

Lion Laurene Homsher related her Leo club experience and the background of some of the Packer Leo club members. PDG Janalee McClure related their club's Cub night, held twice per year that is a fun night of games so Cubs and Lions members can get to know each other better.

Lion Grant Anderson gave a good summary of the Lions Youth Exchange program. Youth Exchange is a great experience for a student to get an international experience during the summer months when they are off from school. Grant is a 17 year old Lion who is already recruiting friends into the Lions organization and will be an asset to Lionism.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Bill Simpson was presented with an Appreciation Certificate for attending all three of the Zone 3 meetings this year. It is greatly appreciated to have such a great commitment of District Leadership for our zone. Lion Bill gave us important information for the District convention, in Mt. Pleasant on April 1-3. He told us to make sure each club sends their allowed delegates and get them registered soon. He also asked each club to contribute an item for the silent auction which helps offset some of the convention costs and also send a photo and information about deceased members for the Sunday memorial service.

Lion Lynn Mast gave a membership moment about encouraging all Lion clubs to have a membership night event for recruiting new Lions.

In Closing, I announced that I have enjoyed being Zone Chairperson for two years and want to pass that great opportunity on to someone else. The prerequisite is that a zone chair has to have served their club as Club President. Interested Lions should contact me or VDG John Monahan.

Steve Adsmond, Zone Chair Fremont Lions Club

#### **Kaleva News:**

Kaleva Lions raffling off a beautiful grill again this year. If you see it you will want to buy tickets. LOL. Manistee County is the place to be this summer starting at the Manistee Forest Festival, Bear Lake Days, Kaleva Days, Acadia Days and Onekama Days. The whole month of July every weekend Lions are helping make people smile with their hard work. Come join us as "We Serve" Welcome Brian Beaver to the Kaleva Lions.

**TO:** Lions Services for Children Chairpersons

RE: Save the Date!!! March 22, 2011 is **Diabetes Alert Day** in the USA

Chairpersons, please share this important message with the clubs in your area.

## What is "Diabetes Alert Day"?

It is a one-day wake-up call to inform the American public about the seriousness of diabetes.

#### By participating in Diabetes Alert Day, Lions can help many young people.

- Diabetes is one of the most common chronic diseases in children and adolescents; about 151,000 people below the age of 20 years have diabetes in the USA.
- Health care providers are finding more and more children with type 2 diabetes, a disease usually diagnosed in adults aged 40 years or older.

#### How can Lions participate in "Diabetes Alert Day"?

- Utilize information, resources and suggested activities at NDEP Diabetes Alert Day 2011, including:
  - o Diabetes Risk Test
  - o Family Posters and PSA's promoting diabetes prevention and control
- News Release (customizable)
- Share Tips for Teens: What Is Diabetes? With the schools and youth groups
- Check out NDEP's <u>Helping the Student with Diabetes Succeed: A Guide for School Personnel</u>. Are the schools in your community aware of this publication?
- Learn about <u>diabetes camps</u> for children and youth in your area. Determine how your club can help children and youth attend diabetes camp.

#### LCI is interested to know about YOUR Diabetes Alert Day

We ask that Lions let us know how they participated in Diabetes Alert Day 2011.

Please have your club secretary report via the <u>Lions Club Service Activity Report</u>.

We will appreciate receiving your reply on or before Friday, April 8th.

In Lionism,

Marilee Kadar, Manager Health & Children's Services Department

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Lions Clubs International Headquarters
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## **New Volunteers at Michael's Place**

We will soon be having some new volunteers at Michael's Place ----with 2 legs, and some with 4!!!! We will be training a couple of new volunteer group facilitators in March who will begin joining us on Monday nights after Spring Break. In addition, we have a very special opportunity to have Kim Wattles and her two special friends, Aberdeen and True, joining us on Monday nights in the near future. Aberdeen (on the left) is Kim's Therapy Dog and a Retired Leader Dog Mom who helps her do Leader Dog presentations in schools, for the Lions Clubs and any other



organizations that need them. On her birthday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> "Abby" will be 5 years old. True (on the right) was a puppy program raised pup, which means Kim got her when she was a pup and raised her until she was 13 months old, then turned her back to the school for her formal training as a Leader Dog. Everything about her was perfect to be breeding mom so after a month in a half True was pulled to be a breeder for Leader Dog. She had one litter of 4 pups and when she was bred again she got an infection and had to be spayed. So she is now Kim's pet dog...but another Retired Leader Dog Mom who travels with Kim for Therapy work and Leader Dog presentations. True will be 3 on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

It is our hope that children and adults who are grieving will be able to connect with Aberdeen, True and Kim as an additional source of comfort and support. Both Aberdeen and True are friendly, "mellow" dogs who have been trained not to jump on or bark at others. As Kim shared "They are both very loving black labs who love to have their bellies rubbed and just be loved up."

Kim is hoping to begin bringing the dogs on March 14. However, as we work to make our new Family Support Center a warm, nurturing, healing environment for all who are grieving, we are proceeding with caution to make sure our group members, adults and children alike, are comfortable with the prospect of having these dogs at our meetings. If anyone has issues with dogs, or suffers from allergies to dog dander, **PLEASE** talk to me about these concerns. We don't want anyone to feel they can't attend group meetings because the dogs are there. Our primary goal is to aid in your healing, not interfere with it. Please let me know if you have any concerns whatsoever.

This information came from Michael's Place and is located at 1144 Boon St. in Traverse City. It is a family support center. Phone number is 231-947-6453, website <a href="https://www.mymichaelsplace.net">www.mymichaelsplace.net</a> for a map.



# Lions Bear Lake Camp 11-D1 & D2 Spring Clean-up Work Bee June 4, 2011

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  - o Diabetes Risk Test

Please return this form to Lions Bear Lake Camp, 3409 N. Five Lake Rd., Lapeer, MI 48446 or fax (810) 245-0750 or email: info@bearlakecamp.org by May 15.

Club	District	
Number of participants:		
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## **Buddy Days for Michigan Eye Bank Organ Donation Program**

Tuesday, April 17, is the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Buddy Day. Michigan Eye Bank, Gift of Life, and Lions & Lioness volunteers will join Secretary of State Branch managers at local branch offices to promote donation and encourage Secretary of State Customers to sign up on the Donor Registry. Please work with your local Liones and Lioness club to sign up for a shift.



# Clare, Coleman, Harrison, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, Sanford MARCH 2011

March came in like a Lion but hopefully the weather roar will subside quickly!

#### March Calendar:

Deadline for District 11 E-1 Convention Registrations - March 15. Good News: You still have time to make that all important decision to attend. The convention doesn't occur in our Zone very often. This is a great opportunity. If you can't make the entire convention, come for the Saturday events. If you plan to vote for a District officer, you must register by 1:00 P.M. on Saturday. There is a silent auction at the convention to help defray convention expenses. If you have an item that you or you club could donate, bring it to the convention on Friday night or call me and I will make arrangements to take it to the convention for you.

March 22, is Diabetes Alert Day — an illness that causes a lot of eye sight problems.

April 1 – District 11 E-1 Convention in Mt. Pleasant, Comfort Inn –see the District Newsletter for details. End of an Era:

The Midland Lioness Club is terminating on June 30, 2011 after 27 years of service to the Midland community and the Midland Lions. An invitation is being extended to all the Midland Lioness to transfer to the Midland Lions Club. Their services will be missed. CLARE: The Lions are filling eye glass requests and have started their delicious cheese cake fundraiser. Last year one member sold 100 cheesecakes.

**COLEMAN:** The Coleman Lions enjoyed a steak Dinner with the Shepherd Lions Club. Coleman won the wager as to which Lions Club could gain more members in one year. Shepherd hosted the dinner.

District co-chair for Leader Dogs, Pam Blizzard did a presentation at a recent meeting on matching clients with Leader Dogs. On March 16, eight Coleman Lions will be volunteering at the Midland County Mobile Food Pantry to be held in Coleman. The Club, also, made a donation toward the purchase of the food. Plans are on the way for a bake sale, use of the concession wagon, and highway clean up in the next few months.

**HARRISON:** The Harrison Lions will be hosting a Texas Hold-em in Mt. Pleasant at the Chippewa Lanes on March 24-26. The club runs bingo games each week.

**MIDLAND:** The Lions are gearing up for their April White Cane project and working on their July Golf Outing and Hole in One Contests.

MT. PLEASANT: The Lions are preparing to host the District 11 E-1 Convention on April 1-3 at the Comfort Inn. The Club did a collection of non-perishable food during the month of February. A grand total of 20 cases of food was collected and donated to the local Red Cross Food Pantry. Meijer's donated \$135 to the club and with the \$265 donated by Mt. Pleasant Lions another 40 cases of food was purchased and delivered to the local food bank. The club is in the process of working on their 57th annual Chicken Barbecue on May 1. Tickets are out and can be purchased for \$9.00 in advance and \$11.00 on the day of the barbecue.

SANFORD: The Sanford Lions will not be meeting in March but have scheduled an April meeting to plan their White Cane fundraiser to be held on April 29 and 30.

See you at the convention April 1-3. Mark your calendars – Zone meeting Wednesday, April 13, Doherty Hotel at 6:15 p.m.

Lion Pete Conarty, Region II, Zone I Chair