



**District 11-E1, District Governor Lion John Monahan**  
**“Together We Serve” “March Newsletter 2012”**



**District Governor John & Carolyn Monahan**

Dear Fellow Lions,

The District Convention is the only place where Lions from many different clubs gather together. It is a great time to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. I hope to see you there. There are two highlights of the convention: The Country and Western Night on Friday, March 30 and the address by International Director Doug Alexander on Saturday, March 31 at noon. Square dancing on Friday and a great presentation on Saturday noon, what could be better? I hope your club will send representatives to vote on two important issues as well as four races for positions. One issue is whether we agree to add Lions Clubs International changes to district constitutions to automatically become part of the District 11-E1 Constitution. The second issue is whether Project KidSight should be a District project. A non-voting issue to be discussed will be redistricting. Additionally, the races are for District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor for 2012-2013 and for Lions of Michigan Service Foundation District Representative 2012-2014. These races are unopposed.

Whether you are coming to the Convention or not, please consider donating an item for the silent auction. Our district has a reputation for donating lots of eye catching items for the auction. Let's maintain our excellent reputation.

One of our KidSight representatives, Dr. Lion Lloyd Helder, will be leaving the District in May. Thank you Lloyd for your faithful service. We hope you get involved with Lions in your new community, Holland, Michigan.

Spring is here early in Michigan. One way to enjoy it is to ask friends and acquaintances to join Lions. By joining, they get the chance to enjoy the satisfaction of helping others, a chance you already enjoy. Of course, the more people, the easier it is to complete service and fund raising projects. So as 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Tim says, “just ask.” It works.

If you want me to visit your club, please call me (989-772-1852) or email me ([john.monahan@cmich.edu](mailto:john.monahan@cmich.edu)) and let's arrange a time. There are three full months left in this Lions year, and I would like to visit as many clubs as I can.

Yours in Lionism,

John Monahan  
DG 11-E1



## **1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Lion Bill & Vickie Simpson**

Hi everyone, welcome to March, it's our convention month. This year we have a western theme, so pack up your spurs, 10 gallon hats and a good appetite. Be ready for a square- dancing good time.

This past week I had the pleasure to visit two clubs that exemplified the Lion's spirit in action. The Hart Lions extended a courtesy that should have long term benefits for their club.

Also, the Kaleva Lions showed true community spirit in cooperation with the Red Cross by opening their Lion's Den to feed and warm those without power from a heavy snow storm. While there, I had the honor of installing two new Lions members to the Kaleva Lions Club.

Just a reminder that now is the time to hold those elections for new officers and get those pesky PU 101's (new officer forms) submitted to LCI.

- Did you know that Lions Jim Chipman and Kerry McGinley have been District secretary and treasurer since 2005-2006?
- Did you know that PDG's Janalee McClure and Richard Perrin were past MD 11 Council Chairs?
- Did you know that the Hart Lions Club is raising money to purchase their own Pedia Vision Camera?
- Did you know the Kaleva Lions make their famous pasties year round?
- Did you know that measles kills 450 children in Africa and Asia every day?
- Did you know that the Gates Foundation (Bill Gates, Microsoft type) has teamed with LCIF to inoculate one million children per year to combat measles?
- Did you know our District Convention's hospitality room is # 440 at the 28<sup>th</sup> St. Crown Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids?
- Did you know that a Master's program will be offered this November at Higgins Lake along with the Leadership and Graduate programs?
- Did you know that the 2013 Multiple District 11 Convention will be held in Shipshewana, Indiana?
- Did you know that I'm ready for spring to start on March 20<sup>th</sup>?

See you at the convention! 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Bill

**The following Lions have submitted their names and letters of support for election to the following offices at the District 11 E-1 Convention in Grand Rapids:**

**District Governor – 1st VDG Lion Bill Simpson – Big Rapids Lions Club**

**1st Vice District Governor – 2nd VDG Lion Tim Anderson – Cadillac Lions Club**

**2nd Vice District Governor – Lion Pete Conarty – Midland Lions Club**

**Lions of Michigan Foundation – Lion Ron Gibson - Fremont Lions Club**

**PDG Lion Dick Perrin, Chair**

**Nominations/Elections Committee**

**District 11 E-1**



2nd Vice District Governor Lion Tim & Chris Anderson

## Strengthen Membership - "Lions Mentoring Program"

The objective of the Lions Mentoring Program is to help every member achieve the goal of better serving his or her community. It does so through a program of personal development that helps members realize the potential that their unique skills and knowledge offer. The Mentoring program prepares them for leadership in clubs, in the association and in their personal lives as well. For Lions Clubs International, this means more hands and better service for the people who need it most.

The Lions Mentoring Program is completed in two parts, basic and advanced. Each part is completed in two levels.

### Basic Mentoring

- **Level One, The Responsibility of Being a Lion:** The first level of the Basic Mentoring Program is devoted to developing an understanding of which Lions are their vision of humanitarian service, the traditions, the organizational structure and the responsibility of being a Lions club member. It should be a goal of every club that all new Lions complete the level one in their first three months of membership.
- **Level Two, Relationships:** The second level of the Basic Mentoring Program is for developing relationships and organizational skills in preparation for leadership at the club level. Level two should be completed in the new Lion's first six months of membership.

### Advanced Mentoring

The goals of the Lions Advanced Mentoring Program are to see results and to provide replication.

- **Level One, Results:** The emphasis of this level is upon developing accountability for results by focusing on community projects and programs that provide useful and needed humanitarian service. Completion of this level provides a stepping-stone for accepting a leadership role within the club.
- **Level Two, Replication:** This level concentrates on the mentee's role in developing others for leadership in the association and for humanitarian service. It ensures long-range growth and can serve as a basis for leadership within the district structure. This phase can be augmented with additional training at district level and at area forums.

# How to Participate

1. Contact your club president to express interest in the program. He or she will help you find a mentor or mentee.
2. Download the [Basic Mentoring Guide](#) or the [Advanced Mentoring Guide](#). The guides can also be ordered from the [Membership and New Club Operations Department](#).
3. Complete the mentoring levels of your choosing.
4. Submit the Achievement Forms in the back of the guides to the [Membership and New Club Operations Department](#). Upon completion of the Basic Mentoring Program, both mentor and mentee will receive a certificate of achievement. Mentors and mentees completing the Advanced Mentoring Program will receive a lapel pin.

You can also contact me or our GLT Dick Perrin we have some of the Mentoring Guides on hand and would be willing to help you get started!

Thanks for your Service!

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## Kaleva Lions

Kaleva Lions are teaming up with other Groups to do more than what we can do on our own. Last month we teamed up with The United Way having a soup luncheon to help fund their efforts. The local Relay for Life Group used the Lion's Den with another fundraiser to help fight Cancer. A spaghetti dinner is planned to help redo Brethren's baseball field another team effort with Lions and Coach Jim Richardson and team members. Last week after the heavy snow storm Red Cross and local fire fighters set up emergency shelter at our den. Kaleva Lions are proud to be teaming up to do good things.



Kaleva Lions Scores another hit



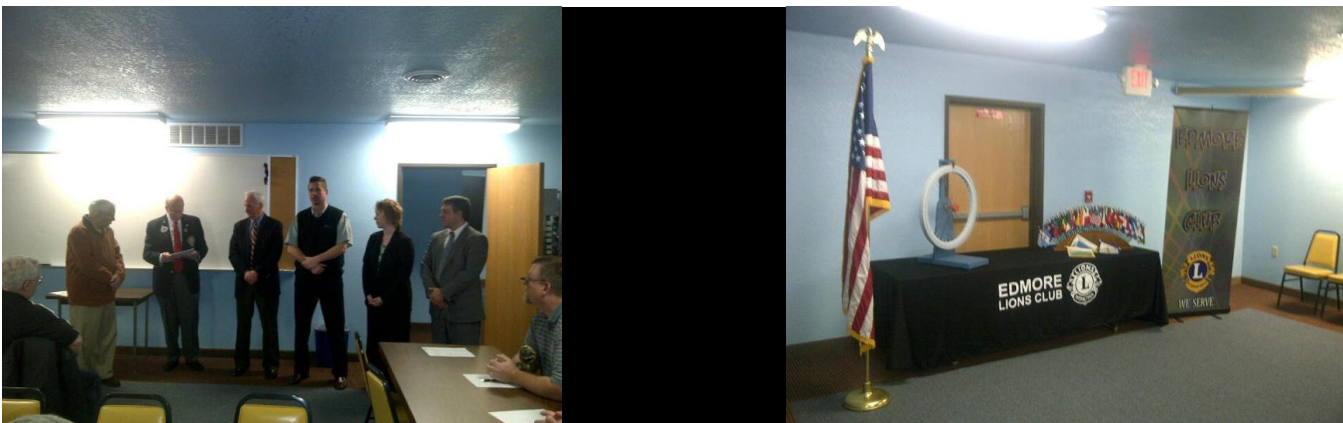
## NOTES FROM LION PETE GMT DISTRICT 11 E1 COORDINATOR

“JUST ASK” is our GMT theme. Congratulations to our 26 District 11 E1 clubs that have added a total of 61 new members to the District membership since July 1, 2011. Our goal is for each club to have one more member than they had on July 1, 2011 by June 30, 2012.

I keep my Lions hat in the car and wear it often. Last week, a man in the grocery store parking lot asked me, “What are the Lions?” I gave him my ELEVATOR Speech. He was interested and asked me more questions about Lions. An Elevator speech is a short summary about a topic that can be delivered in 16 seconds or the span of an elevator ride. The point is to get their attention and tell them WHO, WHAT and WHY. Hopefully, they will want to hear more. My Elevator Speech: “Lions are lively individual offering needed services to their communities. There are over three million Lions in approximately 206 countries and areas. We have fundraisers to provide eye exams and eye glasses for people in our communities, and help out in our communities and around the world in a variety of ways. Lions are usually found helping out in disaster areas. Lions Club has made a difference in my life.” “JUST ASK” –THEN GIVE THEM YOUR ELEVATOR SPEECH!

Lion Pete Conarty, GMT District 11 E-1 Coordinator

## Edmore Lions



**Edmore Lions club had District Governor John Monahan install 2 new members at a recent meeting held at their new meeting place at the Depot. Great job Edmore Lions!**



## Howard City Lions Club

Howard City Lions provided hot chocolate, coffee and cookies for all at the annual Howard City Tree Lighting event this past December. Lions President Mike Scott and Lion Ron Baker man the table! A cold, chilly evening topped off by a “Lion’s” helping of hot beverages.



Howard City Lions Club & Winter fest: Howard City celebrated winter fest with the local Lions Club out in full force. Various events found our local Lions helping with the hearing screening bus and participating in sled bed races, frozen chicken bowling, sledding, and penguin races and, of course, enjoying the hot chocolate at the Lions tent! Winter fest in our small town and the local Lions Club—a winning combination!



## GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM DISTRICT COORDINATOR

February 2012

### **Club Officer Leadership Training**

Club Officer training will begin in April. We would like to do these at the various zone meetings. Training will be offered for Club Presidents, Club Treasurers and Club Secretaries. Scheduling will be done with the Zone Chairs once the PU-101 Forms have been submitted by the clubs.

### **Lions Mentoring Program**

The Global Leadership Team encourages each club in District 11 E-1 to consider participating in the Lions Mentoring Program available from Lions International.

Help your new members become the best Lions they can be. The Lions Mentoring Program provides an opportunity for new Lions to learn about the responsibilities of being a Lion from an experienced mentor. The mentor helps the Lion set goals, plan activities and mark their progress as they learn to better serve their community.

There are two levels to the program.

**Level One:** The Responsibility of Being a Lion. It should be the goal of every club that all new Lions complete Level One in the first three months of their membership

**Level Two:** Relationships. Here the new Lion develops relationships and organizational skills in preparation for leadership at the club level. This level should be completed in the new Lion's first six months of membership.

Complete information about the program is available on the Lions Clubs International website. Follow this link <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/mtr16.pdf>

### **Club Excellence Process (CEP) Program**

The Club Excellence Process (CEP) is a [four step workshop process](#) designed to help Lions clubs improve in areas of their choosing. Each club participating in a CEP Workshop would discuss service, communication, growth and involvement. Each workshop is led by a trained facilitator. Each participant will receive a CEP Participant Workbook.

The CEP Program can be broken down or started out just by doing parts of it - such as the club and or community surveys. Those results are then used to help the club decide if they want to do the whole program. Just doing the surveys is a whole lot less imposing and scary than taking on the entire CEP all at once.

A Lions club must complete a [CEP Request for Resources](#) in order to participate in a CEP Workshop and to receive CEP Participant Workbooks from LCI.

We encourage you to [preview the CEP](#) with your club at a meeting and to consider the CEP Workshop for your club.

## **Individual Lions Training Opportunities**

- USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum – Tampa Bay, FL - September 13-15, 2012
- Michigan Lions Leadership Institute – Higgins Lake, MI – November 9-11, 2012
- Michigan Lions Leadership Graduate Institute – Higgins Lake, MI – November 9-11, 2012
- Senior Lions Leadership Institutes - Not yet announced for 2012

## **Online Lions Educational Opportunities from Lions Clubs International (LCI)**

- LCI Webinars - <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/development-programs/webinars.php>
- LCI Online Courses - <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/lions-learning-center/index.php>

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**The Global Leadership Team (GLT) is gearing up for club officer and zone chair training. We hope to begin earlier this year so that everyone can be trained by the start of the Lion year in July.**

**Each club is asked to submit their PU-101 forms as early as possible so that we have an idea of who are the new and continuing officers and also so that soon-to-be District Governor-Elect Lion Bill Simpson can begin work on his district roster book.**

**We will work with the Zone Chairs to schedule the club officer training.**

**Zone Chair training will be held at the District Convention at 10:00am on Saturday, March 31st. We hope that the zone chairs for 2012-2013 will be able to attend.**

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## Leader Dogs for the Blind



Mike Dengate is the new Lions Regional Representative for Michigan at Leader Dogs for the Blind.

After a career in banking, Mike joined Leader Dogs as a Puppy Care Attendant in January, 2011. He transferred to the Lions team in October. Mike and his wife, Judy, live in Waterford. They have three children, four grandchildren and two Rescue Dogs of undetermined parentage.

Mike will have a Leader Dogs display at the 11E1-11C1 Lions Convention in Grand Rapids March 30-April 1. Please stop and meet Mike and discover the latest news from Leader Dogs for the Blind.

## District Convention News

**We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the convention, if you haven't got your auction item for the convention. Please try to do so, this helps defray some of the costs for the convention. Friday evening is going to be a fun event; remember to wear your western attire. Lots of great things happening on Saturday; with the forms and cooking classes in the morning. The International Director Doug Alexander will be speaking to us after lunch. There will be a special wine tasting in the afternoon. Saturday night banquet always brings surprises with the awards that are given out by our District Governor's.**

**Lion Debbie Kreitner, District Convention Chair**