

DISTRICT 11 E1 CONVENTION, APRIL 26-27, 2019

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MARCH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



DISTRICT GOVERNOR AL ROESELER'S MESSAGE

Last month I wrote about some of the amazing things that have been accomplished so far this year. This month I want to highlight some of the challenges/opportunities that lie ahead.

As you receive this newsletter on March 1st a group of 17 Lions will be returning from what was hopefully a successful eyeglass mission trip to Merida Mexico. This is the first eye glass service project of its kind sponsored by our district. Hats off to PDG Harry Johnson for his tireless work putting this together.

Thousands of glasses were collected from many district clubs. Hundreds of hours of service time were logged preparing the glasses for shipment. Your district funds were used to pay for the shipment and supplies for the trip. Eight clubs hosted these events with many more sending workers. It is Harry's and my hope that this will be the beginning of ongoing service project for our district.

After a small gain in membership last year, this year we are unfortunately once again losing members. I understand completely the difficulty of recruiting members, especially in small towns. I fear however some discouraged clubs may be making a minimal effort at recruitment. I want to suggest two approaches. First concentrate on keeping the members you have. Reach out to members who are inactive. Show them that you care about them and value their contributions. Listen to their ideas and try their suggestions. A member who feels valued is less likely to leave Lions. My second suggestion is don't ask perspective members to join Lions, rather ask them for their help with a service project. Once you get them hooked on the great feeling of being of service to others, they will be much easier to land as a Lion. I am looking forward to a successful District Convention. Our arrangements with the Quality Inn in West Branch will be economical for attendees. We have a fun 50's Sock Hope planned for Friday evening, and some great programs planned for Saturday. Speakers include current MD11 Council Chair Barry Allen, our Multi District nominee for International Director Justin Farber, and of course our International Director guest Pat Vannett among others. This will be a great opportunity to laugh, learn, mix, and mingle; a great way to recharge your Lion batteries!

In the next few months VDG Jackie will be putting together her leadership team for her year as Governor. I can tell you from experience it is not an easy task. As I have emphasized in my club visits there is so much more to Lions than just our service to our communities. The district needs good women and men to further the important causes that we promote and provide resources for our local clubs. If she gives you a call asking for your help, be generous with your time and talents.

DISTRICT 11 E1 CONVENTION – APRIL 26-27, QUALITY INN – WEST BRANCH. Delegate Credentials to vote at the convention are due, April 1. Registration forms are due by April 8. Memorial Service pictures and information are due by April 1. Ads for Tidbits are due by April 8. Make your Hotel reservations early to guarantee a room - Information is on the registration sheet. All forms are included in this Newsletter.



Mt. Pleasant Lions host a Student of the Month program with the Mt. Pleasant area schools. The students are given certificates and invited to a Lions meeting with their parents. Featured above are the December and January Students of the Month.

District Governor Al Roeseler presented a number of Years of Service Chevrons in the past weeks. Pictured below are some of the recipients:



Vestaburg Lion
Kathy Palmer- 10
years of service



DG Al recently visited the Midland Lions Club and presented the club with an LCI Club Excellence Award for the 2017-18 year. Picture left: Past President Steve Jenkins accepts the award and an Excellence pin for his leadership.



Evart Lion
Terese Whitten
10 years of service



Remus Lion
John Orr
20 years of
service

CONVENTION TIME

It's sock hop time! Come join the party, April 26th and 27th in West Branch. Maybe we can get Governor Al to show us how it is done. It will be a fun time for all.

Meals: Friday - Hamburgers, hot dogs and French fries

Saturday: Breakfast - Eggs, sausage, bacon, potatoes and toast

Lunch - Turkey, Ham & roast beef sandwiches, chips and pasta salad

Banquet - Caribbean Seared Pork Loin or Lemon Rosemary Grilled Chicken

Break Out Sessions: Service Project Roundtable, Diabetes, New Voices, Childhood Cancer, My Lion and the 11 E 1 Eye Glass Mission Trip.

HARRISON LIONS - PILLS

Harrison Lions are sorting pill bottles for shipment to Matthew 25 Ministries in Ohio. The Ministries will sort and ship the containers to countries that do not have pill bottles or have a shortage of pill bottles. The club has shipped over 1,300 bottles since they started the program. Current fund raising activities helped to send two Harrison Lions, Nancy Blakemore & Teri Clark, on the District Eye Glass mission trip to Mexico.

STANTON LIONS



The Stanton Lions Club met in February for their annual Spouses Night. They had 26 members and guests in attendance to announce their Citizen of the Year winner for 2019. The winner, this year was Joseph Pelish, a long time Stanton area resident, who has been very active in community programs and the Stanton American Legion. Attached is a picture of the presentation. From left to right is Ginger Gurecki (Chair), Joe Pelish (winner), Fran Pelish and Larry Beardslee. The Stanton Club and the Sheridan Lions Club met for the second time on February 5th, to discuss the possibility of the two clubs uniting as one club. There was a general consensus of the members present to pursue the discussion.

Baldwin Lions Aid Family

The Baldwin Lions Club helped a local single mom and her 6 year old daughter in need. The club gave her a \$50 Walmart card, plus paid \$150 on her propane bill. The club collected food and each Lion brought a gift for little Natallie and her mom Stephanie. There were two large round tables full of gifts. Delivering the gifts were our King Lion Sue Jones, Deb Wilkinson and Laura Johnson.



YOUR VOTE COUNTS

District Governor Al Roeseler appointed a special committee to find inconsistencies in our District Constitution. One problem was in the area of Regional Chairs. The question was should they be appointed or elected in Regional meetings at the convention. For several years, the governors had decided not to use Regional Chairs. The last two years, the DG decided to try the positions again. At the Regional meetings, some Region Chairs were not elected, no interest. The DG appointed the position. At the District Convention, Lions with credentials will be asked to vote for a constitutional change.

1. Should Region Chairs be elected in District 11 E1 or
2. Should the Region Chairs be appointed by the District Governor?

If you attend the Convention, vote and let your voice be heard. Credential forms must be turned in by your club secretary by April 1, to be able to vote.



JOURNEY TO PEACE - The 2019 Peace Poster theme. Order your Peace Poster material; get your area students involved. The posters above were created by Lions at the Lions Forum in a Creative Leaders group.



EDMORE LIONS

“The Edmore Lions Club hosted the District Governor at their regular monthly meeting at Maxfield’s Restaurant. DG Al Roeseler gave a presentation on Lion activities worldwide, but his first order of business was to present a 25 year service pin to Lion Tony Maxfield (picture on left) for his many years of service to the Edmore Lions Club. Following DG Lion Al’s presentation, Edmore Lions Club President Chris Miller presented the President’s Award to Lion Erv Moore for his years of service to the Edmore Lions Club during a difficult period for the Club” (picture on right).



**1ST VDG
GOVERNOR
JACKIE GLAZIER**

March has arrived, is spring next? Sports fans are looking forward to March Madness, getting brackets ready and waiting to get those brackets filled out for college basketball. Can I say, GO GREEN?!! (GO BLUE?) Lions, I’m asking you to read the two flyers about International Women’s Day and participate in the Battle for Balance Pose. Take a selfie or group picture and strike your Better for Balance Pose, send it to me or to Lion Peggy Frank. The photos will be displayed on Saturday March 9th at the White Cloud Lions Club. Our Lions International President has taken and shared her photo, now it’s our turn.

March 9, all Lions and the public are invited to an informative presentation about Human Trafficking. Lion Dee Van Horn from the Big Rapids Lions Club does an outstanding presentation.

All the information is on the two flyers for March 9. Our day will start at 10:00 a.m. with a meet and greet The presentation will begin at 10:30. Information about lunch costs, my e-mail and phone number are included on the flyer. PLEASE~bring Feminine Hygiene Products or nonperishable food items to be donated. Donations will be delivered to Project Starburst and WISE.

ALL Lions supporting men and women in Lions are New Voices!

DISTRICT 11 E1 LIONS CONVENTION MEMORIAL SERVICE

Dear District 11-E1 Lions Clubs:

Each year at the District Convention we remember and honor those Lions who have gone to serve in the Kingdom beyond. The District Convention 2019 will be held on April 26 & 27. Preparation for the Saturday morning Memorial Service takes a lot of time and the cooperation of all Lions Clubs in the District is critical. If your club has lost a member since the 2018 District Convention, I would like to receive the information NOW so that we can begin to put the memorial together.

Please fill out the form included in the newsletter and send it to me, along with a color (real) photo of the deceased member that I can scan. You may also email a digital photo (preferred method). **The Form and photo should be separate files if emailing.** Please do not send a copy of the obituary as the photo or the biography. Fill out the form as well as you can and scan in a glossy photo as a .jpg file and the form as a document. If you do not use the form, please note that the write-up must include the member's Lions history- Club, District, State, International- and can also include other non-Lion information relevant to celebrating their life. **PLEASE take this seriously and if you do not know the person's history, do some research and ask other members to help you write the tribute to their life and service.**

As the convention nears, I may be contacting you if there are any questions or needs. If, after submitting the forms, any additional members pass away please forward the information for that member AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. This will make the final preparations for the Memorial Service go much smoother. Please note that if any Lions member passes after the cutoff date of April 1, 2019, you have the choice this year of getting that member added to the Memorial Program this year right up until the convention or you may wait to have that member honored at the 2020 convention. I will be able to make additions and corrections right up until the convention. Thank you for your assistance. Lion Karla Roebuck

Include a glossy color photo if mailing. Attach a color photo at least 35K if emailing. Email the form and the photo as separate files.

Please provide early to:
Lion Karla Roebuck
12195 Arthur Rd.
Rodney, MI 49342
(231) 972-8885
kroebuck@greenridge.com

MEMORIAL INFORMATION

Please complete as much of this form as possible.

Lions Club of _____

Deceased Lions Name _____ Age _____

Date of Death _____ Inducted into Lions Club _____ / _____ / _____

OFFICES HELD BY THIS LION IN THE:

CLUB: _____ DISTRICT: _____ INTERNATIONAL: _____

HONORS AND AWARDS RECEIVED BY THIS LION FROM THE:

CLUB: _____ DISTRICT: _____ INTERNATIONAL: _____

MILITARY SERVICE _____ Branch _____ From _____ To _____

Medals/Commendations earned _____

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR COMMUNITY SERVICES & INTERESTS:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OF INTEREST AND/OR IMPORTANCE

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



International Women's Day

Help forge a better working world - a more inclusive, gender-balanced world.
How will you #BalanceforBetter ?



#BetterforBalance

Strike your #BetterforBalance pose
Take a picture and submit your photos to:

Jackie Glazier at jackieglazier14@yahoo.com

Your photos will be displayed at
International Women's Day 2019
celebration on March 9, 2019.

Display your #BetterforBalance photos on
Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter for
International Women's Day March 8, 2019

*The future is exciting. Let's build a
gender-balanced world. Everyone has a
part to play—all the time, everywhere.
From grassroots activism to worldwide
action, we are entering an exciting period
of history where the world expects
balance. We notice its absence and
celebrate its presence.
Balance drives a better working world.
Let's all help create a #BalanceforBetter*



International Women's Day

Help forge a better working world - a more inclusive, gender-balanced world.
How will you #BalanceforBetter ?



Lions District 11 E1
Invites

Lion Dee Van Horn
to Speak at White Cloud Lions Den
About Human Trafficking



Saturday March 9

10:00 Meet & Greet

10:30 Presentation

Lunch to follow

\$5.00 at the door for lunch



Submit your pictures of
#betterforbalance
and event advanced lunch count

Jackie Glazier 231 534-4932
jackieglazier14@yahoo.com

Peggy Frank 616 217-6840
pfrank1219@yahoo.com

Please bring **Feminine Hygiene Products** or

Non Perishable Food Items
to be donated to:

PROJECT
STARBURST



MD 11 LIONS State Convention

May 16 - 18, 2019

Auburn Hills Center Point Marriott Hotel
Come join us for a fun time. The theme is the Wild, Wild West. There will be a contest for the best dressed for the theme.

Our guest for the week end will be Lions International's 3rd V P, Brian Sheehan. We have Sponsor opportunities for Districts, Clubs or Individuals:

Platinum Sponsorship \$1000 - sponsor Awards Banquet

Gold Sponsorship \$500 - sponsor Awards Breakfast

Silver Sponsorship \$400 - complimentary exhibit table

Bronze Sponsorship \$300 - sponsor

Thursday Picnic or hospitality room

Heart of A Lion \$150 - sponsor a breakout session

Watch the District newsletter for more information to come, Hope to see you there.

PROJECT KIDSIGHT ACTIVITY BAGS

A highlight of the Michigan Lions Forum was the activity work session on Friday night. Approximately 100 Lions gathered to assemble 1,000 KidSight activity bags to be given to children having their eyes screened at a Lions KidSight function.



Each District was asked to contribute items for the bags. Our District brought activity books. Other items put in the bags were reading books, pencils, crayons, life savers, stickers, etc. These bags will be distributed to each District for their KidSight activities. The whole process of putting the bags together took approximately one and a half hours.



2ND VD GOVERNOR
BILL KOCH

Just think it is the beginning of March. One thing all Lions need to remember is the 2018 Michigan voluntary contribution schedule 4642. This is done when filing your taxes and if you get a return you can schedule a small amount to the Lions Foundation. This is an easy way to help fund Lions projects. I am finally starting to walk so I will be much more active in the not too distant future. I have been missing and out of action for 4 months, a long time. I will try to start seeing some of the clubs next month. If there is snow or Ice, you won't see me for a while. Hope to see a lot of you at the forum. If you have never been to a Lions Forum You are missing a great opportunity to hear and learn about the Lions and meet some of the people you help go to school. The White Cane Scholarships given to visually impaired students help them in their quest to get a degree. YOU, Lions make a new world possible for the unsighted. I have a lot to catch up on but I have two great leaders in Gov. Al and 1st VD Jackie. So I'm sure with their help and your patience I will catch up and serve you well. I look forward to starting my visitations and see our clubs as soon as possible.

2nd Vice Governor Bill



Above Pictures: PDG Pam Schroeder and Lions from other Districts packing KidSight activity bags.

**AGENDA FOR LIONS MD 11 STATE CONVENTION
May 16-18, AUBURN HILLS MARRIOTT, PONTIAC**

MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION

THURSDAY, MAY 16 2019

6:00 p.m. Pre-Convention Picnic at LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND
Experience the excitement of our State Project, Leader Dogs for the Blind!
You must register in advance. Picnic: \$10.00 Bus Transportation: \$5.00

Meet in hotel lobby @ 5:00 p.m. Bus (\$5.00) or Car Pool to LD

3rd VP Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori Sheehan are scheduled to attend if travel time allows

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019

9:00 a.m. Council of Governors Meeting

9:00 a.m. Lions and Guests Golf Outing –Shotgun Start - **Complete Details Coming Soon!**

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.– NEW! Breakout Session: Spring into Summer with the latest in flowers and potted container design! **Class is limited to 35 participants**

Exhibitor Displays Open both Friday and Saturday

1:30 p.m. – District Governors–Elect Planning Meeting

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. –NEW! Breakout Session: Diabetes: Harnessing the Power of Diet

6:30 p.m. –Welcome Reception & Wild, Wild West Bash! **COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!**

Prizes awarded for top costumes. Silent Auction will remain open through Saturday @ 6:30 p.m.

8:30 - 10:30 p.m. –Entertainment by **The Gobie's Band**

10:30 p.m. The After-Party Hospitality – Hosted by the Lions Convention Committee

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2019

8:30 a.m. -2019 Awards Breakfast

Guest Speaker, Lion Lori Sheehan "Keeping our Lions Healthy!"

10:30 a.m. Business Session – Hear reports from our 5 State Projects and more!

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1:30 p.m. – **Breakout Session:** Fighting Childhood Cancer – Beaumont Hospital (*Invited*)

2:30 p.m. – **Breakout Session:** LCIF Campaign 100 – 3rd VP Brian Sheehan

3:30 p.m. – **Breakout Session:** Eversight: Making Vision a Reality

4:30 p.m. – International Convention Travel Tips to Milan

LCI International Convention led by PDG Bill Simpson

SATURDAY AWARDS BANQUET-KEYNOTE ADDRESS –

6:00 p.m. Social Time

7:00 p.m. Banquet and Keynote address by: 3rd VP Brian Sheehan

S.A. Dodge Awards

9:30 p.m. Silent Auction Wrap-up

10:00 p.m. The After-Party Hospitality –Hosted by the Lions Convention Committee

**DEADLINE FOR CERTIFICATION FORMS TO VOTE
APRIL 1, 2019**

DISTRICT 11 E-1 DELEGATE CONVENTION CERTIFICATION FORM

CLUB NAME: _____

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: _____

ARTICLE VII SECTION 2 of the District 11E-1 Constitution and By-Laws states that: Each chartered Club in good standing in Lions International and the District shall be represented by one (1) voting delegate and one (1) alternate for each 10 (ten) 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 (March 1, 2018). 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 before 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. All eligible delegates must be members in good standing of a Club in good standing in this District. Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired up to thirty (30) days prior to the close of credential certification.

NAME of DELEGATE/ALTERNATE **PLEASE PRINT**	DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE	SIGN AT CONVENTION
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I hereby certify that the delegates and alternates listed above are in good standing with Lions Club International and Lions of Michigan: _____

Club President/Secretary/or District Governor at Convention

Remember: All delegates must be registered & certified BEFORE 12 NOON, Saturday, April 27, 2019, or they will not be allowed to vote.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY April 1, 2019, to: Lion Richard Ferrel, 8771 North 1 Road, Copemish, MI 49625

GOING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN MILAN, ITALY CHECK OUT THE HIGHLIGHTS

102 International Convention, Milano, Italy

Buon giorno! If you are planning on attending the 102nd International Lions Convention, the historic, **metropolitan** city of Milan, Italy welcomes you! You will need a passport, so this is the time to check and make sure yours is valid with at least 6 months of remaining time from the start of your travel. Following is some information about travel and the top things to see in Milan.

Airports:

Malpensa Airport (MXP), 28 miles NW of Milan

Linate Airport (LIN), 5 miles east of Milan

There are bus, train, taxi and private shuttle services available from the airports to Milan

Getting Around:

Metro Public Transit (called ATM)- runs until 12:30 a.m., options for ticket purchases range from a single ride to 10 rides, 24 or 48 hour passes

Taxi – sometimes easier to go to a taxi stand rather than flag down a cab

Hop On Hop Off (Red Bus)- \$25 for 24 hours, \$29 for 48 hours. A recorded commentary can be purchased on the bus

Sights to Visit:

Duomo – Milan's showplace cathedral, open daily, dress modestly, no shorts or sleeveless tops

Duomo Rooftop – you can take the elevator or stairs (there is a cost). From the rooftop view the spires, the city and square and maybe even the Alps

Duomo Museum – historical church art; closed Mondays

The Last Supper in the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie; closed Mondays; cost is approximately €12, plus additional for an English tour; show up 20 minutes before your scheduled time. Reservations go on sale about three months prior to viewing dates and fill up quickly. If tickets are sold out, another option is to book a tour that includes viewing the painting.

La Scala Opera House and Museum – open daily; from the museum you may be able to see into the actual opera house and view the stage and seating.

*All prices subject to change

PDG Lion Bill Simpson

International Convention Chair

