

MAY 2020 DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



DISRICT GOVERNOR JACKIE GLAZIER'S MESSAGE



Big shout out, *"Thanks!"*, to all the Lions who are helping in their communities during these times. As Lions, take time to learn how and what you can assist with. Check with local food banks or schools. Call ahead and make arrangements before arriving at places. Do you have sick or elderly neighbors that need groceries? Call family and friends to make sure everyone has a smile and a laugh for the day. Lions roar with a smile! Clubs, what a great time right now to have a member update the E-Clubhouse Website. Every club has this but very few sites are up to date. How refreshing knowing that if someone visits your site all information is correct and they could contact the club. How does your club webpage look? Do you post information about your club? What a great way to let others know about breakfast or dinner. Secretaries, now is the time to see the great new update to post your club activities. Lions working together during this time will accomplish a lot.

June 1st is Helen Keller Day

At the 1925 International Convention, Helen Keller asked Lions to become "Knights of the Blind". Ever since, Lions have made vision their primary mission. (Lion Magazine, Winter 2020)
Just as most of you, I have questions and wonder what is ahead, but all we can do is take it day by day and keep in touch with each other. Ask for help. Assist those that need it. Watch webinars and check websites. KEEP SMILING! LIONS SERVE! DG Jackie



May 2, 2020 Cabinet Meeting is canceled.

First Vice District Governor Bill Koch



Lions, our normal routines are a mess. Seeing a couple of clubs a week is not the norm now. Going to a meeting is a no no. This will pass, but in the meantime let's not forget your club elections for the year 2020-2021. As soon as the elections are held let I or PDG Ron Gibson know who the officers are. Please let us know the contact information. As soon as I can I will put a list together for my club visits. Elections can be held by phone or computer. Hopefully by June we can start meetings again. I have been able to call quite a few Lions and I have been writing weekly to some people in care centers.

These are people that need our letters more than ever. Please spend a few minutes to write a small note. We are only isolated in our homes, but we can go for walks, go to the grocery store, or gas station. We can see people even if it is farther away than normal. We can be outside. A lot of our seniors cannot. Remember WE SERVE in good times and in bad. I cannot wait to see you and don't forget our office training is still scheduled as of now, stay tuned.

Here is a way we can make money: A lot of stores will not take bottles and cans back right now. We can collect and store them until the time stores will take them back. GO LIONS!

1st VDG Bill Koch (231-652-1164)

From the desk of Second Vice District Governor Bill Bradfield

Contact info: hoxeyvillain@hotmail.com or 231-222-5143



Hello All,

Due to the Covid-19 Virus we have placed a temporary hold on all Diabetes classes until it is safe to mingle once again. Currently there are 38,642 confirmed cases in Michigan and 3,499 deaths as of April 28th.

I hope you and your families are all safe and healthy. As of recent I have been in communication with our providers from MSU regarding development of D-PATH diabetes management online classes. I am happy to say we are ready to start recruiting participants. You will be able to participate in the

classes in the convenience and safety of your own homes so you won't have to travel. We are looking at start up dates sometime in May for the classes which are 2-1/2 hours long once a week for 6 weeks. All related costs are provided by our LCIF grant and includes 2 instructors from MSU and a training manual which is yours to keep and a certificate of completion. Since the crisis has started it has become common knowledge that people with diabetes are in more danger of becoming ill than those who are not diabetics and your immune system is not as strong to fight this terrible disease. This is the main reason why we have been working behind the scenes to develop this very necessary training class which does not propose any health threat to those who become involved. With most of our people being self-quarantined, it is an ideal time for people with diabetes, Lions, and the Public to take advantage of these classes. Family members can also participate. Our trusted professionals from MSU always do an excellent job as I have completed the class myself and can assure you that you will be pleased with the results.

There is no cost, no travel time, you have the time, and you won't be exposed to the public, so now is the most ideal time to sign up! What you need to do first is contact your Club President and sign up. He or She will send me a list with phone numbers and email addresses. You will be placed on a waiting list. You will be called for our classes that will start in May. This innovative idea could add years to your life. I would also like to thank the members of District 11E-1 for having the opportunity of serving as your 2nd VDG for the past year and I would appreciate your support as 1st VDG for the next year. Please "Stay Safe, Stay Home".

In Lionism,
2nd VDG Bill Bradfield

***MAY 2020 DISTRICT 11 E-1 LEADER OF THE MONTH
LION DIANE FLEMING***



Diane was the first woman to be invited to join the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club in 1992. She was elected president of the club in 2002 and again in 2016. She has been a board member or an officer every year since 1995. She is currently serving the club as a two-year director. She has served as the chair of the Lions Light Bulb Sales Committee, the annual Chicken Barbeque, and is currently in her third year as co-chair of the annual Chili Supper fundraiser. Diane initiated the 8th Grade Citizen of the Month/Year Award in 2014 and has participated in Kid Sight screening for the last three years. At the district level, Diane has served as Region 2 - Zone 1 chair in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2016-17 and as District Treasurer since 2017-18.

Diane was a financial aid administrator at Central Michigan University for 30 years. Diane is an ardent community volunteer. As a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Mt. Pleasant she taught the high school bible class for four years, served as chair of the Board of Education, was a member of the choir, teaches English as a second language to international students at Christ the King Lutheran Chapel at CMU, and has been a member of the Board of Stewardship for 20 years and has been chair of the Board of Stewardship for the last eight years. Diane serves on the board of directors for Community Cancer Services as the Community Liaison, assists with food distribution with the Community Compassion Network, and is a volunteer cook at the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen. She has been married to Richard Fleming for 37 years. Rich is a member of the Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club, and Diane and Rich have facilitated several joint Lions/Rotary service projects. Between them, they have four children and three grandchildren. Diane has edited Rich's two historical fiction novels and is helping to research his third historical fiction novel about David Crockett. In her spare time, Diane is an avid reader, enjoys traveling with Rich, and working in her gardens. Lion Diane Fleming is our District 11 E-1 May Leader of the Month. Lion Pete Conarty, District GLT

LEADERSHIP - BE INVOLVED!!

This has been a difficult time for many of us. It has created social and physical isolation. It has so to speak upset the applecart on our Lions activities, meetings, and fundraisers. It will affect our Lions Club budgets to help our communities. Many changes may have to be made in some clubs to reschedule, cancel or try something new. This will bring the club's leadership into focus to lead the way. Many Lions who have been isolated will be eager to get back into the groove - attending meetings, social events and working on projects. However, we need to be ready to revitalize the Lions who haven't been too active and could drift away during this period of inactivity. Challenge yourself as a leader. Set up a way to communicate with your Lions during this period to let them know that they are appreciated. Plan on how you are going to get your club back into action and make Lions a vital part of their life. Isolation gives you time to plan and set goals for your club to make it vital to your community. Don't expect it to just happen. Leadership is you!

Lion Pete Conarty, District 11 E-1 GLT

2020 OFFICER TRAINING

We have been listening to the club officers. They indicated that they would like an officer training session held in the Northwest part of the District. This year, we are planning three training sessions to try and cover all clubs as closely as we can. These trainings are for new club officers and continuing officers (update our skills). Also, any interested Lions. There will be trainers for presidents / vice presidents, secretaries and treasurers. All sessions will be held on a Saturday morning followed by lunch. There will be a small fee for lunch. Sessions will be from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. that will include lunch. Please plan now and put your dates on your calendar. You have a choice as to which training session you would like to attend. As we get closer to the dates, we will ask for your

attendance and at which site. ***DATES AND LOCATIONS:*** HARRISON - MAY 30 (Saturday after Memorial Day) Harrison Lions Club House; BIG RAPIDS - JUNE 6, Big Rapids Safety Building; ONEKAMA - JUNE 13, Onekama Lions Club House. According to the Lions Club International Constitution all Lions club officers need to be elected by May 15, each year. This is so that all officers are in their files and can be communicated with for the year. *I would like to hear from present and incoming officers - "what would you like to have included in your training session?" Do you have questions or problems that need to be addressed that would pertain to all officers? E-mail me - mlpjic@sbcglobal.net. PDG Pete Conarty, GLT*

2020 HALL OF FAME

District 11 E-1 has two inductees for the Hall of Fame.

PDG Andy Watson will be inducted as the deceased member to the Hall of Fame in August. Lion Andy was a member of the Midland Lions Club for 49 years and a very active member of our district and state. He was involved with the Michigan Eyebank for 15 years and involved with the Lions of Michigan Foundation for about 15 years. Lion Andy was dedicated to Lionism.



PDG Pete Conarty will also be inducted in the Hall of Fame. Lion Pete has been very active in his 37 years of Lionism on all levels. He was on the board of his club for 30 plus years, worked his way up the ranks and became Governor of our district. Lion Pete was also active on the state level as chairman for the Newsletter Editors. He has been a member of the Lions of Michigan Foundation and is currently the Fund Development chair now for three years. Pete is an all around Lion.

The Hall of Fame will be held August 1, 2020 in Mt. Pleasant. Join us for an evening to celebrate these two Lions into the Hall of Fame.

???? Lions

FREE Space to put your Club's News!
Please contact us to be included in the next issue
of the District 11E-1 Newsletter.

Editors, Mike and Tina Hoy—Please submit your club information in Word and pictures as an attachment. Please contact us at hoym@charter.net or 989-832-8354.

Service Stories

Each Lion and every club is changing lives in ways both great and small. Service is a personal journey that impacts the people serving and the people we serve. We make an effort to post club service stories under the District Club Happenings section of the Lion Pride. Has your story been shared? Contact ***District 11E-1 Newsletter Editors, Mike and Tina Hoy***—Please submit your club information in Word and pictures as an attachment. Please contact us if you have any questions or comments at hoym@charter.net or 989-832-8354.

Please submit materials for June 2020 Newsletter by May 22, 2020.

CLUB NEWS

Harrison Lions

We haven't had any meetings since COVID-19 "stay home, stay safe" orders. Hoping to have a meeting in May. Members have spring raffle tickets to sell, till we are able to sell at two of our locally businesses. Take care.
Lion Penny McGlaughlin

Colman Lions



We were pleased to have IPDG AI Roeseler induct three new members into our club at our March meeting. Pictured are King Lion Lynn Brugger, IPDG AI, new members Jamie DeCatur, Bob Jennings and Jason Perkins, and sponsoring Lion Ann Roeseler. Coleman Lions Club has been practicing social distancing but have stayed in contact with members via email and phone calls. Unfortunately, several of our activities and fundraisers had to be canceled.

We missed doing our Adopt-A-Highway clean up but will be ready to go in July if the state permits. Our bake sale and health fair were two other activities canceled. We will look for another time to hold these events!

The Executive Board has conducted business via email as well. In April we donated to two local places to help citizens who are hungry. The Coleman Food Pantry expects a surge in requests in the coming weeks, and Leah's Korner Kafe is offering free meals to those who need them. This effort was started through a generous donation from our volunteer firefighters. Now Coleman Lions has joined in this wonderful cause. It is also helping Leah's keep their doors open as they offer take out 7 days a week.



The end of February, members of the Coleman Lions attended the newly chartered Cub Scout troop's Pinewood Derby and Blue & Gold Banquet. As sponsors of the den, we wanted to show our support and enjoy the fun!

Lion Peggy Frank, our District Hearing Committee Chairperson, gave an interesting talk at our March meeting. We learned about the new application process for hearing aids and were reminded to turn applications in to PDG Pete Conarty or PDG Pam Schroeder, our Foundation representatives. She suggested there might be other ways we can assist people, such as transportation to hearing appointments.



Midland Lions



Thank you, Midland Lions Club for the large bag of dog food purchased for our puppy, Isla. We are first time puppy raisers for Leader Dog after being introduced by our daughter who is a teacher for visually impaired and blind students. We are enjoying having Isla in our home and being a part of her larger role to play. Your generosity of providing a



large bag of food is very much appreciated! Pictures are of Isla who is now 13 weeks old.
Yours, Cindy, Rick and Isla

The Midland Lions Club has not been able to meet, but has kept in contact with club members via phone calls, e-mails, and newsletters. Our Spring White Cane Fundraiser has been cancelled as well as the Midland Memorial Day Parade which the Midland Lions have always participated in. We hope to meet again later in May.

District Projects



Please click on link below to read letter from *PAWS With A Cause* CEO:

<https://www.pawswithacause.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/public-letter-from-CEO-1-945x1536.jpg>

Please Note: There is currently a *pause* in presentations due to COVID-19. When you are ready for a *PAWS* presentation, please contact us at hoym@charter.net or 989-832-8354.

Lion Mike is another step closer to getting a *PAWS* dog. He heard that a dog was selected and is in training. If all goes well, and when the training is completed, Lion Mike can expect to receive the *PAWS* dog in late Summer or early Fall. So we are keeping our fingers crossed. We will keep you updated.
Lions Mike & Tina Hoy, Co-Chairs, *PAWS With A Cause*.

District Eyeglass Mission Trip Update

The State Department has warned us not to go to Haiti due to civil unrest. I have just received word from Costa Rica about their interest in an Eyeglass Mission to their Country. The Virus has certainly put a damper on things, but where there is a need, there's a Lion. More information as it becomes available. Time is of the essence for a trip in May, so if that does not materialize, we are considering this fall. If all does not go well, we will reschedule for next winter Feb/March when the snow is deep here and the warm southern climate is blessing us.

I received a \$500.00 Check from the Big Rapids Club for the Mission trip line item in the budget and would like to ask any Lions clubs that would like to help support this worthwhile project.

Thanks, Harry Johnson, PDG

[His contact is lionharry1947@gmail.com or 1-231-745-4524.]

Used Hearing Aid Donations

Remember we accept used hearing aids of any age or condition. All used hearing aids are recycled with one of the hearing aid manufactures. Lions of Michigan Foundation is given credits to be used towards the purchase of new hearing aids. Most Clubs collect hearing aids with their glasses. If you have hearing aids for recycling give them to our Foundation Reps. Lions Pete or Pam, your zone or region chairs, or Lion Peggy Frank at 616 217-6840 for pick-up.

Project KidSight

Project KidSight has been on hold the past several weeks. We need to be careful not to start up too soon, but as things in our communities start back up, look for opportunities to hold KidSight screenings.

Summer is usually a very busy time for outdoor events with fairs and festivals. Who knows what will happen this year! Please let me know if you schedule a screening.

Lion Ann Roeseler - ann.roeseler@gmail.com

BEAR LAKE CAMP

Dear Lions Bear Lake Camp Family,

First, let me introduce myself as Shelly O'Henley, Executive Director of Lions Bear Lake Camp, succeeding Dennis Tomkins after his retirement. COVID-19 has changed the way we do everything in our lives, including the way we are now doing business at Lions Bear Lake Camp. The Lions Bear Lake Camp Board of Directors is meeting regularly to assess camp's response to the COVID-19 crisis which continues to change rapidly. **We are monitoring the situation closely; any decisions about programming will be based on recommendations from federal and state government health organizations and what is best for our Lions Bear Lake Camp family.**

The following contingency plans have been implemented to ensure that Lions Bear Lake Camp thrives on the other side of COVID-19:

- Lions Bear Lake Camp will remain closed effective immediately through minimally May 31, 2020 or when it is deemed safe for our camp to function.

- Keeping the safety of our employees in mind, we have intermittently laid them off.

- Due to travel restrictions, I will be working from my home and will do my best to continue the great relationship we have with our Lions Bear Lake Camp family.

Please contact me in the following ways: Shelly@bearlakecamp.org, [810-837-0119](tel:810-837-0119) (Cell), [810-245-0726](tel:810-245-0726) (Office), or [810-245-0750](tel:810-245-0750) (Fax)

To learn more about our programs and services visit www.bearlakecamp.org Like us on Facebook!

Finally, as you can imagine the loss of revenue is going to be detrimental. We ask that if you have the ability, please make a personal donation and we ask our clubs, that have supported us throughout the years, to continue your support as we need it now, more than ever before. You can make an online donation by click on this link: <http://bearlakecamp.org/index.php/make-a-donation/make-a-donation-main-menu>

Or via mail: Lions Bear Lake Camp, 3409 N. Five Lakes Road, Lapeer, MI. 48446

I know you share my concerns that this crisis will affect the operation of Camp's 2020 season. I also know that we all want to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Ultimately, we want the Lions Bear Lake Camp experience to be a safe one for you, your family and our staff. Please continue to share our message with your family, friends and fellow Lions members.

Together We Serve,

Shelly O'Henley, Executive Director

DBA: Lions Bear Lake Camp/ Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp, Inc.

Greetings from a secure undisclosed location:

The Match Has Dropped!

Leader Dogs for the Blind is excited to announce our 1st ever Spring Match Mail Campaign. It arrived in your club's mailbox within the past few weeks featuring Lion/client Wendi Simpson-Dyer and her Leader Dog, Lily (pictured right). While club meetings, fund raisers, and conventions have been suspended, our client needs, and the care of our canines never takes a hiatus.

"We want to pay it forward," explained St. Jacobs Lions Club (1-CN, IL) President Guideon Richeson of their \$20,000 match campaign donation. Combined with Ramsey Lions Club's (5M-7, MN) pledge of \$50,000 our spring mail campaign has a \$70,000 goal! Regardless of amount, every donation will provide twice the impact. Thank you to both clubs for their generous support.

Help us meet our goal either via mail or online:

A) A remittance slip is in the mailer. If that isn't available due to meetings cancellations, make sure you write "match campaign" in the memo or with a short correspondence. When mailing in your club's donation, please include your club's updated contact information including mailing address, contact phone and email and mail to:

Leader Dogs for the Blind Attn: Lions Team, 1039 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307

B) Gifts received online via this link will count as well! Give online at <https://www.leaderdog.org/lionsgive/>

The 3rd quarter donation reports will arrive in the next two weeks. As always, a complete list of club donations is available on our website: leaderdog.org/lions-club/club-donation-reports.

Attention club presidents/secretaries/treasurers: please take a few minutes to update your club contact information with us. Simply email Lion Kathy Gilchrist at KGilchrist@LeaderDog.org with your club name, mailing address, main contact phone and email address. This information allows us to quickly and accurately recognize each club's good work and continue to provide you with timely updates.

Together We Serve,

Lions Beth, Mike, Kathleen and Kathy

Your Leader Dog for Lions Engagement

PS: Keep us connected -please share our emails with your club, district members and newsletter editors!



Actually, I am working from home as we await and pray for a quick end to this awful pandemic. I hope this finds you and your loved ones well. Timing, as they say, is everything. We have just launched a Lions first-ever Match Campaign. Although our club meetings, fund raisers, and conventions have been suspended, our client needs, and the care of our canines never takes a hiatus. Clubs have received the attached flier over the past couple of weeks. I just want you to be aware of the Campaign, in the event you receive any questions. It gives Clubs an excellent opportunity to double the impact of any gift they make between now and the end of the fiscal year on June 30. Please feel free to share it. Please take good care and be safe!



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(I hope you enjoy this picture and in a small way it brightens your day. It appeared in Sunday's Detroit Free Press.)

MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION UPDATE

Please note that due to safety concerns relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19), the decision has been made to cancel this year's MD 11 Lions Convention in Holland.

The date for next year's convention in Holland will be May 20-22, 2021. If you have already made your room reservations at the DoubleTree Holland, the hotel will cancel your room reservation for you. AFTER May 30, 2020, you may call the hotel to make reservations for May 2021 by calling 616-394-0111.

For those of you who have mailed in your registration forms, refund checks will be mailed back to you. If you should have any questions, contact PDG Bob Sturgis, pdgstrugis@aol.com or the state office, 517-887-6640 ext 11.

Watch for updates in the Lion Pride and future e-mails.

Thank you.

Lion Wendy Burns

Executive Director, Lions of Michigan

Dear Lion,

I have always believed that the world is a better place because of Lions. It is you who accomplish the extraordinary in your community, and in the lives of the people you serve. You believe that kindness matters. And in this challenging time, I want you to know that you matter more than ever.

As you continue to serve safely during this global health crisis, know that Lions Clubs International is here to support you. Together, we will restore hope. Together, we will comfort our communities and ensure their health and safety.

Together, we will get through this.

Regards,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

Lions International HQ Oak Brook, Illinois, office closure extended to May 30

While staff will not physically be in the building, staff teams will be working remotely and available during business hours to respond to the needs of Lions. You may [contact LCI staff](#) or [LCIF staff](#) as needed. The performance of systems may be impacted due to the increased number of people working remotely, and response time may be affected. Some of our business operations that require physical interaction will likely be limited.

More details will be provided as the situation evolves, but here is some preliminary guidance:

- Regarding payment of outstanding dues, we recommend that districts allow clubs that are able to demonstrate they have sent or submitted payment to participate in voting. This could be via a bank statement, copy of demand draft, etc. Clubs will not be cancelled during this time based on the challenges related to receiving and processing physical checks and electronic payments.
- For Lions International payments, please utilize online payment options via MyLCI or any other electronic payment method (ACH, SEPA, Boletto, NEFT, etc.) instead of sending checks to the office.
- Please [submit LCIF donations](#) via the website instead of sending checks to the office. Please also note that grant disbursements and recognition will be delayed while the office is closed.
- There will be delays in shipping awards and recognitions, club supplies orders, as well as delays in processing reimbursements.

We appreciate your patience during these extraordinary times and wish for the health and safety of all our Lions and staff around the world.

In kindness, PIP Frank Moore

Executive Administrator and Secretary

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

34th Annual Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

Your Lions or Lioness Club can earn easy money for your local projects and help the Lions of Michigan Foundation by selling tickets for the Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes. The more tickets you sell, the more money your club earns - up to more than 1/2 of your total ticket sales. The Oscoda Lions Club earned over \$4,500 last year and the Alpena Lions earned over \$3,000. YOUR CLUB CAN DO THE SAME!

Each year, our foundation partners with Lions and Lioness Clubs throughout Michigan to help people with sight and hearing disorders, and the Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes provides the bulk of the necessary funding for that help. There are no risks for your club to participate in the Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes – only benefits. And, REMEMBER, you might also win one of the many cash prizes available, including the \$5,000 Grand Prize!

30 - 99 TICKETS SOLD = \$3.50 PER TICKET FOR PARTICIPATING CLUB
100 - 249 TICKETS SOLD = \$5.00 PER TICKET FOR PARTICIPATING CLUB
250+ TICKETS SOLD = \$5.50 PER TICKET FOR PARTICIPATING CLUB

Try these marketing ideas, and you will be surprised at how easy it is to sell tickets for the Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes. YOUR CLUB CAN'T LOSE.

1. Ask all of your members to buy and sell one ticket each. This will double ticket sales statewide, and it would provide tens of thousands of dollars for eye care and hearing aids in Michigan.
2. Obtain Board approval to buy Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes tickets in the club's name, or encourage each club member to donate \$10 to buy tickets in the club's name. Every year, some of the top prizes are won by Lions and Lioness Clubs.
3. Encourage your club members to buy tickets for their friends and family members. The tickets make great gifts for Christmas (stocking stuffers), birthdays, anniversaries or any special occasion, especially for that person who seems to have everything. Wouldn't it be great if a family member won the \$5,000 Grand Prize? Send the tickets to friends and family members with a letter that explains what Lions are doing to help people in need and why we are doing it.
4. Invite community groups (band boosters, scout troops, etcetera) that your club supports to help sell tickets. Give the group their share of the proceeds.
5. Plan to sell Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes tickets for a weekend or two at a local super market or other high volume location or event. Set up a table to display Lions information and your Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes tickets. Make up posters and signs, and pass out pamphlets that explain what Lions do and how the money collected helps people in your community.
6. Nearly all Lions and Lioness Clubs hold 50/50 raffles for our administrative fund. Try changing the format during the months of the Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes, December-April. Give the 50/50 raffle winner a \$10 Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes ticket for each \$10 of 50/50 raffle winnings.
7. Consider organizing a spaghetti dinner, auction or another special fundraiser to raise money to purchase tickets for the Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes in your club's name - that is a winning idea for your club and our foundation.

The Foundation's Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes is still active and the drawing will be held on May 16 at the Lions of Michigan Office.

Nominations and Elections Committee Report April 26, 2020

Because we didn't get to hold our District 11-E1 Election as scheduled and planned for March 28, 2020, instead we will hold the election electronically. All delegates as submitted and qualified by our Credential Chairperson Gayle Morlock will be sent an election announcement email on April 27th followed by an electronic ballot on Wednesday, April 29th at 9:00 am. Then the delegates will have from then until Monday evening May 4, at 9:00 pm to complete their vote. If their vote is not completed by that time, their vote will be disqualified, and their club's alternate delegate will receive a ballot with instructions for voting. We are using electionrunner.com for the election, and all ballots are confidentially received and tabulated. **If 2 club delegates from the same household registered with the same email, you haven't received the election in duplicate! There is one ballot assigned for each of the delegates.** Delegates most likely will receive their ballot from adsmond@comcast.net which is my personal email, or possibly FremontLions.electionrunner.com.

It is important that all delegates vote for all positions to be voted on in this election. Once all delegates have voted, the results will be made known. Please be aware, the results won't necessarily be finalized by Wednesday, April 29 at 9:00pm. This will take some time afterward if by the deadline we need to contact alternates for voting. Thank you for your understanding, as this is a first for all of us! **The Nominations are:**

District Governor
Lion **Bill Koch**, White Cloud Lions Club

First Vice District Governor
Lion **Bill Bradfield**, Cadillac Lions Club

Second Vice District Governor
No candidates

District Trustee for the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation
Lion **Pete Conarty**, Midland Lions Club

Lion **Bill Simpson**, Big Rapids Lions Club

Since no Lions could hear their nominating and seconding speeches at the District Convention, their speeches are available here:

Nominating and Seconding of PDG Pete Conarty for Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee



I nominate PDG Pete Conarty for the Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee.

Lion Pete is an all-around Lion. He has been very active in his 38 years of Lionism on all levels. Lion Pete joined the Lions to serve his community. He has been on the board of his club for 33 of those years, serving as President three times, and continued up the ranks and became our District Governor.

Pete has been chairman for many Club, District and State programs and projects. When he was District Editor for five years, he would go on the website for our clubs and get articles for our newsletter. He worked hard to get every club in the newsletter that year. That is dedication.

Lion Pete is well educated in Lionism. He has attended many District, State and International Conventions; many Michigan and USA Canada

Forums; two years of Michigan Lions Leadership Institute and two Leadership Conferences in Chicago.

PDG Pete is a widower now, he and Mary Lou, his wife, raised six children, while he served as a teacher/administrator for 35 years in the public schools. He managed a drive-in restaurant for 4 years in conjunction with teaching, taught elementary children in summer school, and night school for adults [Delta and Central Michigan University], President of the local teachers union and district teachers group; Chief negotiator for two teacher contracts; Chairman of the Public Schools Diversity and Senior Citizens Committee. Chaired committee for transition of the intermediate schools into a middle school. Worked on committee to renovate the school's major auditorium and the communications wing in the new high school. Restaurant chef for 5 more years. Lion Pete also served as United Way President, and was Interim Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters, President of Senior Services, Meals on Wheels, Senior Transportation, Boy Scout Counselor, director of Teenage Musical Theatre group for 12 years, taught religious education and is involved in ministries for his church.

PDG Pete has received many awards: International President and Leadership Awards, Progressive Melvin Jones, many fellowships, district Braille Award, LaMothe District Editor Award, club awards and many for his teaching services and community activities.

If you want a good job accomplished, get a busy person for the job. Join me in voting for PDG Pete Conarty for Lions of Michigan Trustee.

PDG Pam Schroeder

It's my honor to second the nomination of Past District Governor Pete Conarty of Midland to serve as one of District 11 E1's trustees for the Lions of Michigan Foundation. I've known, liked, and respected Pete for many years and can tell you that he puts his whole heart into everything he does. He loves Lions and he loves the Lions of Michigan Foundation. He currently serves as chair of the Foundation's Fund Development and Marketing Committee and, as such, is responsible for developing new programs to help raise money for the Foundation's many programs. He has done this well and loves to speak about and promote the Foundation whenever possible. I encourage you to vote for PDG Pete; he will serve our District very well!

Respectfully,

PDG Ron Gibson

Fremont Lions Club

Nominating and Seconding of PDG Bill Simpson for Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee



Lions all,

It is an honor to be asked to nominate PDG Bill Simpson for the office of Trustee, Lions of Michigan Service Foundation. Bill is a member of the Big Rapids Lions Club and has been for 24 years. Lion Bill has done everything in the club and District, from being President of the club to serving on all the committees. For the past 14 years he has chaired the snack bar concession for the Ferris Football games. In fact, he was doing this job yesterday checking out the facility and stepped into a pile of crap, literally, as the sewer had backed up. Bill was District 11-E1 Governor in 2012-13 after being highly active on the cabinet beginning in 2005-06. Bill attended Leadership School and Graduate School at Higgins Lake in 2009 and 2011. After serving as Governor, Lion Bill

stayed busy serving as trustee for the Lions of Michigan Foundation from 2013-2017. After serving there, he became the International Convention Chairman for the Multiple, and is still serving as its chair. He was a Board Member for Eversight for 6 years retiring from that position in 2019.

Lion Bill has received many awards over the years for his many hours of service. From the Big Rapids Club, he received the Melvin Jones and the Progressive Melvin Jones, The Big Rapids Club appreciates his many hours of dedication. He has received the International Presidents Award, Lion of the year, Guiding Lion, Doc Bar Fellowship, and Charles Weir Fellowship Awards. These are just some of the awards Lion Bill has been presented.

PDG Bill has been married to Vickie for 47 years; they have two children and one grandchild. Vickie has supported Bill in all his Lion endeavors, and I am pleased to count Bill as a friend, and I know he will work hard at being Trustee for the Lions of Michigan Foundation and even harder for the Lions of our great District.

Please cast your ballot for Lion Bill.

PDG Jim Chipman
Big Rapids Lions Club

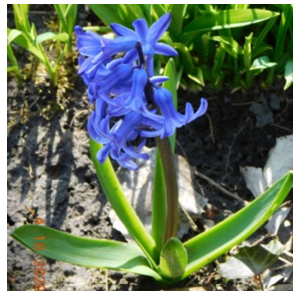
Lions,

I would like to second the nomination of Lion Bill Simpson for the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation trustee position. Lion Bill has been active in Lions for many years and has been a real asset to his club and this District. As a Lion he has held most of every position there is in his club and district. Always working for the good of the Lions. He has worked tirelessly as the Strategic Planning Chair of the Lions of Michigan foundation. PDG Bill has used his many talents to train 11 E1 incoming officers especially the Treasurer position. The list of jobs Bill has done for the Lions include the most important to our District. That was Governor. Bill with his VDG put this District in the position to become a leader in Kidsight by leading the way with the purchase of the new spot cameras. Because of that work, we are today second in the state and knocking on the door to become number one for Kidsight. The most valuable of all things, is our kids and because of Kidsight and the spot cameras, thousands of children have had their sight corrected in district 11E-1. Lion Bill did not stop but continued with his role as international convention chair. His managerial skills, devotion to Lionism and energy will serve our District well as Michigan service foundation Trustee. Therefore I ask for the Lions to vote for Bill Simpson for Michigan Service Foundation Trustee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lion Bill Koch

This Election Report Respectfully Submitted,
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Welcome to the Month of May 2020

LCI has designated May as STRENGTHEN MEMBERSHIP MONTH.

May is also:

Military Appreciation Month

May 16th is Armed Forces Day

May 25th is Memorial Day

Older Americans Month

Date Your Mate Month

Bike Month

Motorcycle Awareness Month

Photograph Month

Get Caught Reading Month

Hamburger Month, May 28th

Hamburger Day

Egg Month

Salsa Month, May 5th Cinco de Mayo Day

Salad Month

Strawberry Month



National Wildflower Week (1st full week of May)



National Hospital Week (1st full week of May)

Nurses Week (May 6th - 12th) May 6th Nurses Day and May 12th International Nurses Day

May 8th World Red Cross Day

National EMS Week (3rd full week of May)

Police Week (Week of May 15th Peace Officers Memorial Day)

May 4th International Firefighters Day

Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4th - 8th) May 5th Teacher Appreciation Day

May 1 International Global Love Day

May 2 Start Seeing Monarchs Day

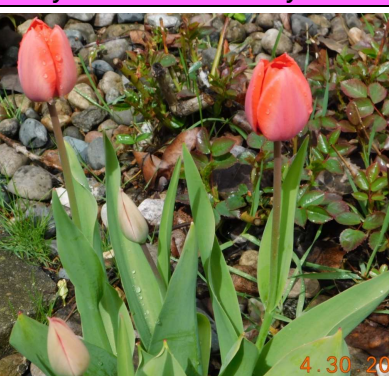
May 3 Garden Meditation Day and World Laughter Day

May 4 Renewal Day and Bird Day

May 7 Day of Prayer

May 9 Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Day

May 10 Mothers Day



May 11 Eat What You Want Day

May 15 International Day of Families

May 16 Do Something Good for Your Neighbor Day

May 31 Smile Day ☺

For more fun and ideas for spending your time, visit

www.NationalDayCalendar.com