



DISTRIC GOVERNOR BILL KOCH'S MESSAGE

Lions, we have 3 new members in our district. So, yes we can!!! We can get new members even at this time. I was able to see 7 more clubs this month. Each and every club is so wonderful. Jackie and I enjoy each of the clubs. The community service they perform is amazing. We need each and every club to put articles in the District Newsletter. Let us know some of your activities. What you take as routine, could be extraordinary for those that are not doing the service. Clubs are celebrating some mile stones, with anniversaries this year. The celebrations need to be small, but celebrate!! We are excited to be Lions. Please, let me know if I can come to your club. We had clubs celebrating 30, 35, 40, 50, and 65 years of service! Celebrate all the people you have helped and enjoy your fellow Lions. Lions are forging ahead with the Forum in February; our District Convention in April; and the Multi District Convention, with the International President, in May. November is here and hunting season means no meetings to a lot of our clubs. December is Christmas and we can have our parties, but use the proper precautions. Do your Christmas projects. Many clubs do food baskets or meals. People in our communities need these services more than ever, and we should strive to continue, with precaution, these valuable services!! Your meals, your baskets, and other things that you do during the holidays are more important than ever this year, more difficult, but even more necessary than ever for the people. When Jackie and I see our clubs, we are so proud of our Lions. We are meeting so many loving, caring, hard working people, which equal LIONS. One thing, that makes our time so enriching, is the Smiles, Laughter, Jolliness, and Friendliness. The more Lions you meet, the more you know that we will survive and prosper, because of our fantastically GREAT LIONS. Thank you for all that you do.



Mark Your Calendars!

April 23 & 24, 2021 we will be having our District Convention. The theme for the week-end is ***"MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER"***, Governor Bill is excited to bring the district together again. We hope you save the date for fun and learning. The convention will be held at the Holiday Inn in Big Rapids. More info to come.



**DISTRICT 11 E-1
LION OF THE MONTH
SHIELA FERREL**

The Mesick Lions Club posted a flyer advertising for help with their Mushroom Festival. Shiela attended the meeting and became the Festival Parade Director before becoming a Lion. She was inducted by then District Governor Wayne Kreitner on October 1, 2009. She was inducted as a Lion and immediately became the Mesick Lions Secretary. A position she still holds today. She has been club president five times, was treasure for five years,

Mushroom Festival Chair for ten years and is still the Parade Director. At the District level, she was DST, has been a Region Chair and has been a Zone Chair four times. She has had the opportunity to work with six District Governors.

Lion Shiela has been married to Lion Richard for 28 years. They were married on Halloween. They have two sons, Michael and Richie and six grandchildren. Lion Shiela has been involved in Girl Scouting for 13 years. For 7 years she had 2 troops of girls at two schools. She has worked with some of her girls until they graduated from high school. Lions Shiela and Richard enjoy exploring the state of Michigan. They hike, camp, kayak and look for Petoskey stones. She indicates that the Lions and people that she has met on her Lions journey have been kind, caring, and amazing. She would like to thank them all for their support and friendship.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LION SHIELA FERREL, Our November Lion of the Month!!
Lion Pete Conarty, District GLT

GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

The Michigan Lions Institute was started many years ago with a grant from Lions Club International. It was such a success that the Institute is still operating and considered one of the premiere Institutes in the United States. Each year a limited number of Lions are able to participate in this program. This year, because of COVID-19, the institute will not be held. However, the Institute is offering a FREE virtual opportunity for all Lions in Michigan. The class/presentations are being offered on Saturday, November 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All you need to do is register at www.lionsofmi.com and click on the link. Before the webinar you will receive an e-mail with a link. On Saturday, November 7, prior to 9:00 a.m. click on your link and your e-mail to join the webinar on your device. Since our newsletter comes out on November 1st, you need to register very soon.

The program called Lions Opportunities in a Virtual World 2020 features LCI's 2nd Vice President Brian Sheehan, PIP Joe Preston and five sessions, "Meetings, Service, Leadership, Fundraising and Membership". Since we were not able to have a District Leadership Training program this year, I would recommend all club officers participate in this program. The classes are amazing!

REGISTER NOW AT WWW.LIONSOFMI.COM

Lion Pete Conarty, District GLT

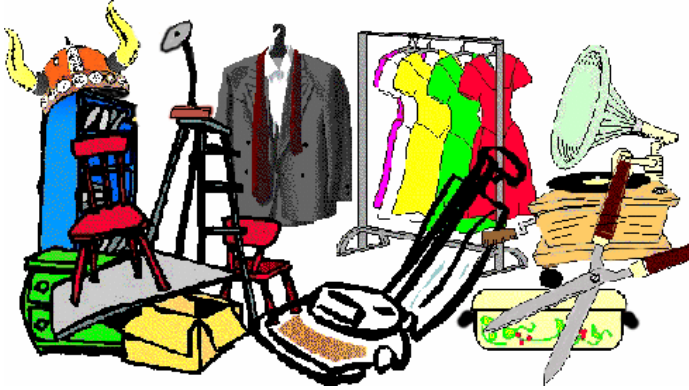
Service Stories

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 your District Editor.

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 December Newsletter by November 23! We need it early because of the Thanksgiving Holiday!

Club News

Sand Lake Lions



Sand Lake Lions Club

Annual Variety Sale

Saturday Nov. 7

9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Sand Lake United Methodist Education Building

Crafters and Vendors:

To rent a table call 616-636-5425

We will be following COVID-19 guidelines. The church is on the corner of 6th and Maple Streets, one block north of Lake Street which is the street that goes to the US 131 expressway. We are still looking for both vendors, such as Avon, etc. and Crafters. We charge \$10 for an 8" table.



The Sand Lake Lions Club recently held a work bee at which they cleaned and sorted some of the 222 pairs of used eyeglasses donated at local collection sites in the past few months. These will be added to others collected in District 11E-1, which encompasses the NW part of Lower Michigan, to be taken on a mission trip to a poverty area in Central America. Because of COVID-19, an exact location and date is yet undetermined. PDG Lion Harry Johnson from Bitely brought all the necessary supplies for processing the glasses. This included a Lens-O-Meter. This is a

device which reads the prescription of the lens. After the glasses have been cleaned, sorted, and read on the Lens-O-Meter, they are sealed in individual plastic bags with information labels. Then

all the information is entered into a computer program and the glasses go into a shipping carton. Thus, glasses no longer suitable for you, the donor, are given a new opportunity to enrich another's life.

While working on the donated glasses, PDG Lion Harry told of some of the outstanding experiences him and his wife, Lion Laura, has had on the mission trips which they have volunteered for and coordinated. Very emotional!





White Cloud Lions had an outstanding 50th Anniversary Celebration on Oct. 24th at the White Cloud Lions Den. Outstanding Guests included guest speaker **Governor Bill and Jackie Ann Koch**, Lion **Bob & Sharon Chapman** from **Hart Lions Club**, several Lion supporters from **Grace Lutheran Church** in Baldwin plus many **White Cloud Lions** with Guests.



President **Ray Williams** prepared an outstanding Swiss Steak dinner and the exciting silent auction items donated by members, guests and **Lowe's**, served as our entertainment and helped us reach our goal to earn enough money to finish the roof on our Den. It was a smaller crowd than usual because of COVID, but all attendees had wonderful evening and were happy to have a 'night out'.



And special thanks to the **Shack** for donating two certificates for hot tub overnight stays at their **Bed & Breakfast** in **Jugville** for door prizes again.



Also at our Monday night meeting we approved our 2020 donations for: *Lions of Michigan All State Band Administration; Leader Dogs for the Blind; Lions of Michigan Service Foundation; Lions of Michigan Foundation – Project KidSight; Michigan Eversight; Bear Lake Camp; Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Paws With a Cause.*

Big Rapids Lions

The Lions Club of Big Rapids carried out its long standing tradition of providing dictionaries to third grade students at the following schools - Riverview, Brookside, Crossroads Academy, St. Peter's School, St. Mary School and Big Jackson. Due to the constraints of the pandemic, face to face presentations were not possible this year. In past years, Club members have had great fun working with the students to look up a word and talk about it. The magic word has been "aardvark". The Club hopes that the 225 dictionaries that were provided to the students will be useful for both their academic and personal use.



Picture - Students from St. Peter's School display their new dictionaries.

Harrison Lions

Harrison Lions Club had their 2nd Pop Can/Bottle Drive. Bingo started back up on Thursday nights beginning on October 8. We are working on VA Thanksgiving basket for turkey day. We are collecting pennies till December. The Fall Raffle is going on and the drawing will be November 7.

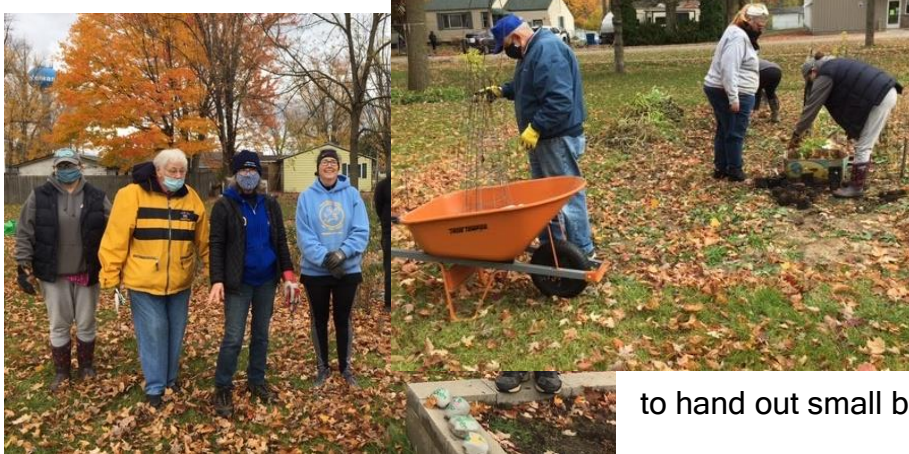
Coleman Lions

Coleman Lions Club is now meeting indoors with masks. So far so good! We are exploring holding Zoom meetings in the near future. We have also started to do some service projects this month.



On Monday, October 19, PDG Harry Johnson came to Coleman to help us with our first Glasses Workshop since March! Four Lions members and two friends washed, measured prescriptions and logged 100 glasses into the computer inventory.

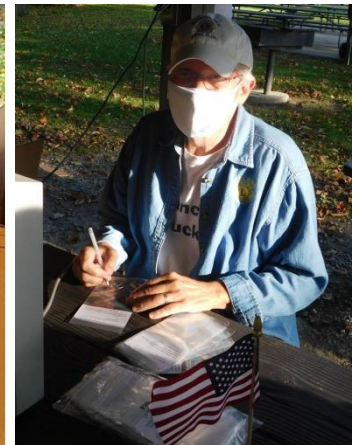
Six Lions members and four others gathered at the Coleman Community Garden on Saturday, October 24 to do a fall clean up. Plants were pulled up and placed in the compost pile, leaves were raked and placed on raised beds to later be mulched and hoses, garden signs and decorations were put away. We enjoyed working outdoors together and with so many volunteers, the work was finished very quickly!



Friday, October 30, we will be participating in the Community Halloween Trunk-or-Treat event in the Family Center parking lot! Lion Curt Gordon will dress in the LION costume

to hand out small bags of candy to children in their cars!

Midland Lions



Eyeglass cleaning and sorting, October 6, Lions pavilion, Emerson Park. Pictured are Lions Sandy House, Al Ducham, Lori Shelby Hall and Darren Hall. Not pictured are Lions Pete Conarty, Bob Stoney, Mike & Tina Hoy and PDG Harry Johnson.



DG Night at our October 6 meeting. DG Bill Koch and First Lady Jackie Koch.



DG Bill Koch presented the Childhood Cancer patch for Year 2019-20 for our banner to President Lori Shelby Hall and Lion Sandy House who heads up our clubs efforts for Pediatric Cancer support. Midland Club made donation of books regarding childhood cancer to Cancer Services library.



IPDG Jackie Glazier presented certificates for years of service to Lions Carl vanderWoude, Dave Romenesko, and Jim Warheit. October 20, 2020 meeting. Or first indoor meeting since March!

District Projects

Lions of Michigan Foundation

The Foundation is once again selling the 2021 Calendars for \$20 each. This could be a great fundraiser for the clubs. If your club sells 10 or more calendars you would get \$5 back per calendar, and if you sell 50 or more calendars your club would get \$10 per calendar. This would be an easy fundraiser for your club. I have calendars if your club is interested.

The winning numbers come from the mid day lottery drawing, with the grand prize of \$1500, 2nd prize of \$500, and 3rd prize of \$250 drawn on May 1, 2021. Call PDG Pam for calendars.

Lions of Michigan Foundation

The trustees of our District are ready to come visit your club and do a presentation. Give them a call and get a date set.

There are still a few calendars left for sale in the district, give PDG Pete a call if you are interested in a calendar.

Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes Tickets will be available soon. It is a great fundraiser for your club.

For more information give PDG Pete or PDG Pam a call.

Please keep the donations to the foundation coming, it helps furnish hearing aids, glasses and emergency relief. We hope to have the KidSight program back up and running by spring.



We are ready to do **PAWS** presentations. Please contact us at hoym@charter.net or 989-832-8354 if you are interested.

Lions Mike & Tina Hoy, **PAWS** District 11E-1 Project Co-Chairs

[**PAWS** contacts: phone 616-877-7297 or pawswithacause.org]

Update on Lion Mike's **PAWS** dog: Expected arrival date is still for November 2020.

District Eyeglass Mission Trip Update



During the past month, we have had the Midland Lions, Coleman Lions, Harrison Lions, and the Sand Lake Lions Clubs help out with eyeglass cleaning workshops. We also received a generous amount of eyeglasses from the Upper Peninsula for processing.

THANK YOU LIONS!!!

(Pictured is PDG Harry in Midland.)

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 chairs, or Lion Peggy Frank at 616 217-6840 for pick-up.



Rochester Hills, Mich., October 28, 2020 - Leader Dogs for the Blind, located in Southeast Michigan since 1939, announced today that they are launching a free virtual seminar for people who are 18 - 24 years old, legally blind or visually impaired, and from the U.S. and Canada. T.O.M. Talks focuses on three areas of importance for people who are blind: Technology, Orientation and Mobility. The seminar is free and will be held January 17-30, 2021.

Participants will develop skills needed to thrive in their career including increased independent travel, professional readiness and networking. A variety of experts from Leader Dogs for the Blind will present including guide dog mobility instructors and orientation & mobility specialists.

“People in the 18-24 age group tend to have very busy schedules,” said Erica Ihrke, Leader Dog’s manager of extended services, “so we designed this program to be partially self-guided and partially live. Our goal is for everyone to be able to achieve success.” There are four required live ZOOM sessions and two optional weekend sessions. The self-guided portion of the curriculum includes videos and activities supported with materials sent prior to the T.O.M. Talks.

To apply for T.O.M. Talks go to www.leaderdog.org/programs/tom-talks/. Applications are due by 5:00 pm (EST) on Monday, December 12, 2020. For additional information, visit www.leaderdog.org/programs/tom-talks/ or contact Kristy Plesscher, Certified Orientation & Mobility Specialist at (248) 659-5009.

Updates for the District 11E-1 Roster Book

Please Note: Eversight new address is 3985 Research Park Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Still Need corrected email addresses for Lion Becky Doll, Evert Lions and for Lion Fernando Terreros, Weidman Lions. The addresses provided in the Roster Book are not working.

Lion Jake Whelpley, Secretary, Hart Lions. Please note: correct spelling of last name is Whelpley and his correct email is jake.whelpley@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE: The Midland Lions Club address—PO Box 2243, Midland, MI 48641.

Contact Cabinet Secretary Lion Peggy Frank, 616-217-6840 or pfrank1219@yahoo.com and District Newsletter Editors, Lions Mike and Tina Hoy for updates/corrections to the 2020/21 District 11E-1 Roster Book.

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.

Let's Celebrate!

On January 13, our founder - Melvin Jones - will be honored for the 142nd anniversary of his birthday and we could not be more excited to celebrate with Lions around world.



This year, we want to celebrate what it means to be a Lion during Campaign 100, with a LCIF Week Melvin Jones photo contest.

- Contest is open between October 22 - December 31, 2020
- Voting and deadline for submission is December 31, 2020 at 11:59 pm (Central Time Zone)
- Winners announced on January 17, 2021

Limit one entry per person. Your photo submission can only qualify for one of three categories listed below (no purchase or donation is required to enter). Three winners will receive complimentary individual registration and Melvin Jones' luncheon tickets* at the 103rd Lions Clubs International Convention in Montreal, Quebec. Family, friends, and fellow Lions can vote for their favorite photo submission by going online at <https://gleam.io/g/WrR9g>.

To quote Melvin Jones, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else." Thank you for your support my fellow Lions. Here's to a great start of this year's LCIF Week!

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



We Serve

NOVEMBER IS DIABETES MONTH & DIABETIC EYE DISEASE MONTH

November 14—World Diabetes Day
November 13—World Kindness Day

**United in Kindness and
Diversity
with International President,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**

Dear Lion,

Your safe service has preserved the health and safety of so many within your local community. The coronavirus pandemic has become the global health focus for the world, but many other health issues remain. And that's where Lions can make a difference.

Diabetes affects nearly 10% of the world's adult population—and so many more are undiagnosed. That is why diabetes has been one of our five global causes. This month, I ask that you unite with Lions around the world to raise awareness and educate people so we can be the difference in our communities.

Because every global cause has a solution that begins at home.

Regards,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

November 1—Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 3—Election Day

November 11—Veterans Day

November 21—World Hello Day

November 26—Thanksgiving Day

