

# THE GREAT LIONS OF DISTRICT 11-E1

"TOGETHER WE SERVE"



**District Governor William "Bill" Simpson & First Lady Vickie**

November Newsletter 2012, Editor Lion Debbie Kreitner



**First Vice District Governor Tim Anderson & Lion Christina**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Peter Conarty & Mary Lou**

## News from Our District Governor

### **Redistricting - Cancelled**

After careful consideration and a lot of discussion, your Council of Governors has decided to disband the adhoc Committee on Redistricting. This issue will come up again, but as for now, it is a non-issue.

### **Looking forward to Hamburg Germany**

If you are planning on going to the International Convention in Hamburg, Germany, you have until the end of December to secure the lowest registration price. After December, registration prices will increase.

Also, the price for the Michigan All State Band members to travel to Germany will be \$2882.00. Please contribute to the Band even if no one from your area is going. We missed them in Korea; they add a wonderful element to the parade and are a show piece for the Lions of Michigan.

### **Heart of a Lion Award**

This new club level award has been emailed to all clubs! The purpose of this award is to honor a locally active individual in your community who is not a Lion. Bring that person into your Club for a club meeting, a free meal, and honor their activities and good works within your community with this certificate. You might be just fortunate enough to gain a new member!

### **Club Success Process (a.k.a. CEP)**

Club success process is a great way for Club Presidents to ensure a happy, productive Club. Information gained from the CEP survey will help take the guess work out of leading your Club this year. At the very least the CEP presentation is a strong informative program for one of your Clubs meeting nights. Please contact PDG Richard Perrin ([perrin@hotmail.com](mailto:perrin@hotmail.com)) if you would like to set up a presentation or an explanation of the process.

### **Senior (advanced) Lions Leadership Institute - Oak Brook, IL**

Calling all interested Lions! If you have or are now completing a term as Club president, if you are interested in being a Zone Chair, or moving up the ladder to District Governor, this training is for you. LCI is providing training at LCI Headquarters, February 22-25, 2013. The cost is \$95.00 and the deadline for submitting your application is December 9, 2012. Please contact PDG Richard Perrin at: [perrin@hotmail.com](mailto:perrin@hotmail.com) if you are interested in attending.

### **Club Visitation**

Travel to your sister clubs. Make friends, see how their club is run, borrow ideas and projects you can use. Make connections for extra help on projects for both clubs. Make your zone a friendly, familiar place to exchange ideas and have fun. We can learn so much from all our great fellow Lions!

### **Membership**

Don't lose the momentum; continue your October membership effort throughout the year. Set up a second membership night. Be creative - maybe a spaghetti dinner with your Club information on placemats. Make a large display board of all your activities and the cumulative money you've

contributed over the years. You will be amazed at how much money your Club has donated over the years!

When you get a new member from your membership drive, what's the next step? Either that person's sponsor or an assigned mentor should make sure your new Lion gets to meetings, and that they are familiar with your Club's orientation booklet and make sure they are involved in a project and introduced to existing Club members. Keep them busy, productive and interested!

Enjoy the spectacular colors we've had this autumn and thank you for all your service!  
DG Bill

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## News from the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor

### **11E1's Got Talent** (Please help me find it!)

I'm sure we have all seen the Lion Rap Video "Rockin' the Vest" (if you haven't just click on the link below) well international has challenged the governors this year to create and come up this a Rap Video of their own featuring Lions from their district. The theme for this video needs to be Literacy.

I've been given this task by our District Governor and we need some talent! First and foremost a singer someone 16-36 that can carry a tune and rap! They don't have to be a Lion just somewhat musically inclined male or female that can Rap out a song, also if anyone has production equipment, a camera or editing software that is needed as well.

I have a rough outline of a song and will need Lions from several different clubs to make guest appearances in the video with 1 or 2 words to be spoken by the club as a group. Such as "Word", or "Read", just to stick in at the appropriate places within the song.

I would also like to use children with Lions shown reading to them or being read to by the kids maybe in a library setting with the books in the background. Should be FUN!

If anyone can help please let me know also if you could take news of this back out to the clubs within your areas and check with them that would be a big help! Maybe you have someone at your church or school, a friend of your kids or grandkids that might think this sound fun we would welcome them! If all goes well there will be a video premiere at our District Convention in the spring. Anyone that can help please feel free to contact me Lion Laurene Homsher has agreed to help with this and we REALLY need all you as our talent scouts. Thanks!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YGsi8EeC3M>

Yours in Lionism,

Tim Anderson 1st VDG

231-920-9905

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## **CELEBRITY CLUB SPOTLIGHT**

**Crystal Lions Club** has had a very active presence in their community for 61 years. They are one of the few Lions Clubs that can boast of 100 percent attendance at their club meetings and their members participate in all of their projects and fundraisers.

The community of Crystal has had some tough times and the Lions have been one of the organizations in the community to help those in need. They work with other clubs to provide assistance to build handicap ramps. The club has provided numerous pairs of eye glasses and assistance in securing hearing aids for local residents. They sponsored and participated in the building of a handicap fishing pier on Lake Crystal. The Lions put up and take down Crystal's street Christmas decorations. They build a float and participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and sponsor fireworks around Crystal Lake.

The Crystal Lions provide 2-3 scholarships to Carson City – Crystal High School students, and sponsor Boy Scout, Girl Scout, and Cub Scout troops in this area.

Fundraiser include an annual fruit sale, White Cane, food at the Crystal Art Fest and Car Show, 4<sup>th</sup> of July flare sale, and sponsor a RUN AROUND the LAKE.

Crystal Lions are very active in their community and support the local businesses. What would Crystal be like without its Lions Club?

## **OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE**

The October Membership Initiative is in full swing. Every club should have a membership event or activity underway or planned to start soon. We need to work as a team to have a plus membership report. In order to give your new potential members an opportunity to attend several meetings and make a decision, we are extending the Initiative into November. Our final membership count for this event will be November 30. Let's all work for a plus count. Remember: MEMBERSHIP IS THE KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL CLUB'S FUTURE! Lion Pete

## **Membership Rebate**

### **THIRTY DOLLAR REBATE FOR NEW MEMBERS**

I have had several e-mails asking me for a clarification on the \$30.00 rebate for new members.

The District 11 E1 cabinet voted a \$30.00 rebate on net total new members to be paid in six month intervals, using the June 30, 2012 membership number for each club.

Example: If you bring in four new members from July 1 to December 31 and don't lose any members, your club would be rebated \$120 for your administrative fund. If you bring in four members and lose two members in that same period, you would receive \$60.00 for your new members. It is the net increase above your June 30, starting membership count.

After your secretary has filed your December membership count with International, he/she should apply for the rebate to the District Secretary, Lion Jim Chipman.

The same policy will be in effect for the January through June net total new members.

Lion Jim's address is:

PDG Lion Jim Chipman 21240 Poplar Rd. Paris, MI 48858, From Lion Pete Conarty 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG



## Cedar/Maple City Lions



On October 8, 2012, the Cedar/Maple City Lions celebrated 48 years by honoring their three Charter Members; they received some a photo board of some of their past activities. They also lit our Memorial Candle. (Photos, left to right, Lions Bob Stachnik, Charles Flaska & Glen Noonan)

## Lake Ann Lions



Lake Ann Lions Club celebrated their 30 years of service Oct 8. At the Brookside Inn in Beulah with club members and their families. Special guests along with the three active Charter members were District Governor Bill Simpson and his wife Vickie, 1st Vice DG Tim Anderson and Zone Chair Connie McMorris. Active Charter Members present were Al Bluhm, Ron Gray and Jim Morse, who received plaques from District Governor Bill Simpson along with their Charter pins from President Lion Pete Lewis. District Governor Bill presented Lion Pete with a banner to commemorate 30 years of service.

1st picture: Charter Members Al Bluhm, Jim Morse and Ron Gray

2nd picture: District Governor Bill Simpson presenting King Lion Pete Lewis with banner

## Coleman Lions



### **Coleman Lions Charter Night Fundraiser**

On September 22 Coleman Lions Club celebrated the club's 72nd anniversary with their 4th annual "Charter Night Fundraiser". This year's event was attended by DG Lion Bill and Vickie Simpson, 1st VDG Lion Tim and Christine Anderson, 2nd VDG Lion Pete and Mary Lou Conarty as well as PDG Lion Lynn and Jan Mast and PDG Lion Harry Johnson. All attendees enjoyed a wonderful catered dinner, games, drawings, and auctions. This year's raffle drawing was also held. 1st and 2nd place winners of the gas grille and the Rugger Rifle were not present, but the 3rd prize, a Kindle Fire was won by Lion Mary Lewis.

At our meeting on October 1, King Lion Mary Jo Fachting presented chevrons to the following members for years in Lions Club: Lion Gordon Berthume, 30 years; Lion Louie Bauder, 20 years, Lions Al & Ann Roeseler, 10 years.

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## Global Leadership Team (GLT) News

### Advanced (Senior) Lions Leadership Institute – February 22-25 2013

The next Advanced (Senior) Lions Leadership Institute for Lions in the USA will be offered in Oak Brook, Illinois on February 22-25, 2013. Lions Clubs International (LCI) is recruiting qualified Lion participants for the institute. It is a valuable opportunity to build on skills that enhance the leadership qualities at the zone, region and district levels.

The institute in Oak Brook is designated as an Advanced (Senior) Lions Leadership Institute and is targeted to Lions that have completed a successful term as club president, but have not yet attained the position of first vice district governor. Lions who are region and zone chairpersons, as well as second vice district governors are encouraged to apply to this institute. Candidates do not have to hold a position currently may also apply.

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging in strict accordance with to the schedule of the institute. Additionally, LCI will make appropriate hotel reservations for each participant on a twin-share basis. Please note that according to new board policy, a non-refundable participation fee of US\$95.00 will be required to offset these costs for all institutes. This fee will be due no less than four weeks prior to the institute start date. Participants are responsible for all travel expenses to and from the designated venue inclusive to all relevant ground transportation charges.

A copy of the application packet to the institute is available from PDG Lion Dick Perrin, GLT District Coordinator. The application packet is also available on the LCI web site:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/development-programs/senior-lions-leadership-institutes/index.php>

LCI will be accepting 100 Lions, total, with 25 in each of four English speaking classrooms.

Completed forms must be returned by **December 9, 2012**.

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATIONS TO:

Institutes & Seminars  
Lions Clubs International  
Fax: 630.706.9010  
E-mail: [institutes@lionsclubs.org](mailto:institutes@lionsclubs.org)

To ensure timely receipt of applications, please submit by e-mail or fax.



## Crystal Lions



Picture #1: King Lion Theron Guild welcomes new member Kirsten Mitchell. (From left) King Lion Theron Guild, Kirsten Mitchell and Lynda Crites (sponsor). Picture #2: New King Lion Brian Puffpaff accepts gavel from King Lion Theron Guild.

2012 is looking to be a good year for the Crystal Lions Club. In January, we welcomed a new member, Kirsten Mitchell. Kirsten was sponsored by Lynda Crites. At our September meeting, King Lion Theron Guild passed the gavel to our new King Lion Brian Puffpaff. At our October meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Peter Conarty presented Long Term Attendance Awards to Club members as follows: 15 years – Randy Simmon, 10 years – Tom Crites and Jack Warder, 5 years – Lynda Crites and Theron Guild.



Pictured (from left to right): King Lion Brian Puffpaff, Theron Guild, Jack Warder, Lynda Crites, Tom Crites, Randy Simmon and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Peter Conarty. Crystal Lions Club members receiving Long Term Attendance Awards.

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

At our Oct. 24, 2012 Grants and Assistance meeting, a total of 21,275.83 was awarded to 7 needy recipients in the state for needed eye surgeries. At the quarterly Board of Trustees meeting on Oct. 27, 2012, it was announced that the proceeds from the dissolution of Welcome Homes would yield about \$26,000 to each of the state projects, those being Bear Lake Camp, Lions of Michigan Foundation, Leader Dogs, and the Eye Bank. Also, raffle tickets for sight and hearing will be sent to clubs in November, with sales to be completed next March and the drawing the end of April.

Lion Ron Gibson



**Youth Exchange State** Chairperson Peggy just received a letter from Peru asking for the written Invitation Letter for student Alessandra Gotelli. This letter is required from the (MD Chair) for this student to be able to apply for her USA visa to travel. Lion Peggy must list a host family for her in the letter to the Peru Consulate with the flight details of her arrival. Can some of us please find some host families for these four students; especially Alessandra at this time.

These are the names of the four Lions Youth Exchange students from Peru. The actual applications have arrived so that information has become available. Please consider being a Host Family for one of these students.

They arrive on January 14, 2013 and depart on February 27, 2013.

Alessandra Gotelli (female) DOB: 02/1996; hobbies: Music, dance.

Sol Angel Burga (female) DOB: 02/21/1997; hobbies: Play piano, tennis

Hugo Del Castillo (male) DOB: 02/12/1997; hobbies: Sports, Tae Kwon Do

Alexander Castro (male) DOB: 03/17/1997; hobbies: Football, basketball

Thank you.

Lion Steve Adsmond  
District 11-E1 Youth Exchange Chairperson

## Midland Lions

### THE ANNUAL MIDLAND COUNTY XC RECOGNITION BANQUET

Cross Country Runners from Midland County's five high schools gathered together October 23, 2012 at the Midland American Legion to enjoy an evening of fun, good food, recognition and heard words of wisdom from their coaches and a guest speaker. Each coach was given an opportunity to speak about highlights of the team accomplishments & personal best efforts by each athlete. Athletes were given tickets when they arrived and then drawings were conducted and many were winners of a variety of nice prizes. Lion Tony Sauve and his daughter did the drawings and presented the winners with the goods.

We had a real nice turn out of runners, coaches, parents and Lions who all enjoyed the program with guest speaker Dr. Bill Leibfritz, local runner who has not missed a day of running since Dec. 2, 1981. He has run over 85,000 miles in that time. He has run 45 marathons, 12 ultra-marathons, ran first marathons with each of his three children and has coached many friends through their first marathon. A powerful message to all in attendance was you are in a special club now. You have learned to enjoy an activity that is a lifelong skill that can alter the quality you live throughout the rest of your life. He and his wife Stephanie just ran across the Grand Canyon recently and were very proud of their accomplishment.

Thanks to all the Lions that came to support the athletes and coaches for their many accomplishments this year. Lion Eldon Dean, Event Chairman



All County Boys



All County Girls

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## KIDSIGHT CONER



KIDSIGHT ACTIVITY is on the 'fast track', thanks to outstanding leadership in

**Lion Bob Thompson, Lion Bill Koch** and our own never tiring 1st Vice Governor **Lion Tim Anderson.**

**Lion Bob Thompson** conducted a very successful 'walk-in' screening at CHIPPEWA LAKE Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>.  
MT. PLEASANT held a 'walk-in' screening at the Disability Awareness Expo Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Lion Tom Girvin** brought the camera and assisted **Lion Roy Gundersen** and **Lion John Monahan, Jr.** for that screening.

MT. PLEASANT has also scheduled another 'walk-in' screening on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.

MIDLAND has scheduled a pre-school screening for Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> and a 2<sup>nd</sup> pre-school screening on Nov 9<sup>th</sup>. **Lion Bill Koch** reported WHITE CLOUD will be doing a screening in Newaygo for 254 children on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>.

He's hoping to have 3 cameras that day and there will be a special training and camera update in Hart on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be WHITE CLOUD'S first adventure with a really big screening!



## Chippewa Lake Lions



Greetings in Lionism,

I was in one of the Goodwill Stores, and being a Lion, I am always on the outlook for collectible lions. When I saw "Chippewa Lake" a little bell jingled and told me that was the name of a club within our 11E1 District. When I turned it upside down and saw the tape with the charter night and date on it, I knew that unless the club had folded recently, I had what I consider a treasure in my hands.

I also knew that if it was from my own club, I would want it in our possession. I suspected it was a victim of "stolen-for-ransom" and that the club had no idea where it went. Probably their heirs of the "thief" had no idea what it was and donated it to a good cause.

So now it has come full circle. I thought about holding it for ransom, but my house is bursting at the seams already with things my heirs will consider worthless, and I would not like to think that it could once again wind up at a Goodwill Store. By the way, I have no intention of passing in the near future, but I have no control over that, so decided in favor of sending it back home. Hope it will once again have a place of honor at your club meetings.

Have a GRRRRReat year in Lionism,

Lion Karen Hayden, Secretary of Sand Lake Lions



**SHERIDAN LIONS CLUB**

**PANCAKE SUPPER**

**DATE: NOV. 7, 2012, TUESDAY**

**PLACE: SHERIDAN VFW**

**TIME: 5:00 – 7:00 PM**

