

NEWSLETTER

11 E1
NOVEMBER 2015



LEADERSHIP AND LIONISM – DISTRICT GOVERNOR’S MESSAGE

There are many characteristics of a good leader.

A good leader recognizes the value of other people. We give them the opportunity to chair committees on the local, district and state levels.

A good leader will share information with others. Some feel they have power if they do not share information, but it will hurt the team instead of helping the team.

Good leaders have above average character. There are NO perfect people; we all have room for improvement. Leadership draws criticism from some, and will not be viewed as right all the time. The people who know the leader best will trust the leader’s character.

Good leaders use their influence for the good of others. You want to make a positive difference in the lives of others and help them to be a good leader.

A good leader is skillful and competent. Do not question whether the leader is going to be able to complete a task. Encourage them to ask for help and get the job finished to the best of their ability. There is more than one way to do things.

A good leader is not afraid to have others to succeed, even if it may be greater than their own success. Good leaders are not threatened by others success, they are proud of them.

A good leader will serve others expecting nothing in return. They love and value people and want to help others for the good of the one being helped, not for personal gain.

Good leaders continue to learn and implement the learning to the betterment of the organization.

Good leaders remain accessible, approachable and accountable to others. Everyone must work together to get the task handled.

Good leaders are visionary and think beyond today. We must encourage change for us to grow and stay healthy.

If we want new leaders in our clubs, district and state we must give others the chance to grow and be a leader. Leadership starts at the club level. (Reprinted from the Lions Pride editorial)

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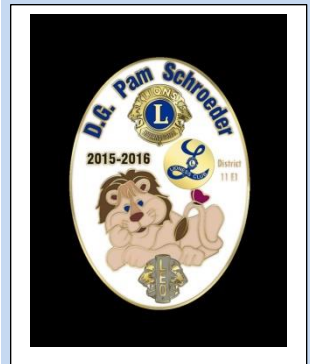
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CONGRATULATIONS! COLEMAN LIONS – 75TH ANNIVERSARY CHARTER NIGHT CELEBRATION



COLEMAN LIONS

The Coleman Lions Club was chartered on September 6, 1940. The Midland Lions Club sponsored the club. In the last 75 years, the Coleman Club has made outstanding contributions to the Coleman community with their special projects and fundraising. The club has the most active Leo Club in District 11 E1 and has often joined with other civic groups in the community on projects. One of their big projects is their annual Charter Night, a public event – pictured above. Happy Anniversary Coleman!

DISTRICT GOVERNOR PAM'S NOVEMBER MESSAGE

I have been visiting many clubs and what a thrill it is to meet the members of the district. It is interesting to see how the clubs operate and what projects they continue to accomplish. Keep up the enthusiasm for Lions and it is great to see the fun clubs are having. **Great job Lions of 11 E 1.**

If you have not scheduled your official visit, let's get a date set.

It will soon be time to send our letters to Lion Richard Perrin for our District officers. We have many people in the district that have Leadership skills, give some thought to moving into these positions. If you have any questions for any of our officers, give them a call. If you are interested in a district committee, talk with our 1st Vice Governor Lion Ron Gibson.

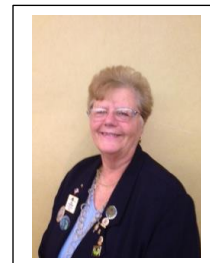
With the holiday season approaching let's remember those less fortunate. Clubs could do a food drive or adopt a family for a project.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Let's have fun as we Serve!

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

DISTRICT 11 E1 NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



1ST VDG MESSAGE RON GIBSON

At the cabinet meeting on October 17th, our District voted to make Paws With A Cause our new District project. This replaces Opportunities Unlimited For The Blind (the old Camp Tuhsmehta), which was dropped at our last District Convention. Paws is located in Wayland, Michigan, south of Grand Rapids. Like Leader Dogs for the Blind, Paws uses service dogs to help people with a variety of disabilities. Paws helps people who are deaf or hard of hearing, who have epilepsy or other seizure disorders, and children 12 and younger with autism. Their staff is available to speak at one of your meetings and they do offer visits of their facility. More information is available at their website www.pawswithacause.org.

GREENVILLE LION – LARRY ALMAN HONORED



Greenville Lion Larry Alman was recently awarded the Shining Star Award from the Michigan Secretary Of State for his work promoting organ tissue and eye donations. Lion Larry is the recipient of five cornea transplants since 1999. This is Larry's way of giving back. Larry has logged in almost 600 volunteer hours. In one event in 2008, he signed up 200 people for the Michigan Organ Donor registry. It is estimated that he has influenced 2,200 Michigan residents to become registered eye, organ and tissue donors.



Greenville Lions Honor Former Member

The Greenville Lions Club donated \$2,500.00 to the 4-H Council in memory of former Lion Harold Christiansen. He died earlier this year after 65 active years in the Greenville Lions Club. The money is going into a fund for scholarships that will be matched. The fund has collected \$41,000 to date. Pictured above at the presentation is Greenville's King Lion Bo Stephenson and representatives from 4-H.



Empire Lions

Empire Lion Leigh Payment presents a new Magnifying Reader to Empire resident Fay Shalda. Nancy Simmons from Low Vision Solutions provided instruction on the use of the Reader to Fay.

CLUB TAX TIME

All Lions Clubs are on the fiscal tax year, July 1-June 30. Every club must file an annual tax return. Returns are due November 15. Clubs file a 990N, a 990 EZ or a 990 form. If your club set up a charities 501(C)3 organization. Both the club and organization must file a return.



PEACE POSTERS

The deadline for Peace Posters is November 15, to the District Governor. Clubs can submit one poster for every poster kit purchased. Judging will be held at the District level. The winner will be sent to the state level for judging.

DISTRICT 11 E1 November Newsletter

LCIF – LIONS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Lions Clubs International Foundation has supported compassionate service of Lions since 1968, providing grants of nearly US \$1 billion to support local and global projects benefiting millions of people.

The Foundation’s effort to save sight, combat measles, provide disaster relief, train young leaders, and improve communities have steadily increased over the years to meet growing demand worldwide.

By providing grant support through 2018 and beyond, LCIF will empower Lions and their partners to undertake even larger projects in local communities, serve vulnerable populations worldwide, and respond to an increasing number of natural disasters.

By LCIF’s 50th anniversary in 2017-18, Foundation grant support will make it possible for Lions to:

- *Immunize millions of children against measles and rubella - US\$37 million
- *Prepare and respond to hundreds of devastating natural disasters – US\$20 million
- *Serve more than 240,000 Special Olympic athletes and their families – US\$6 million
- *Improve education, health care, and other social services in hundreds of local communities – US\$53 million
- *Teach critical life skills to 200,000 additional students through Lions Quest – US\$18 million
- *Identify and support thousands of people impacted by disasters – US\$7 million

As LCIF expands grant support to advance Lions services worldwide and responds to growing global needs annual donations must grow to US\$50 million by 2017-18

HELP RAISE US\$50 MILLION ANNUALLY FOR LCIF

Lion support is needed to meet and sustain LCIF grants and programs through 2018 and beyond.

By gradually increasing our goals this is attainable:

Fiscal Year	Donation Goal
2014-15	US\$38.4 million
2015-16	US\$41.3 million
2016-17	US\$45.4 Million
2017-18	US\$50 million

As we all know, club contributions count towards the Melvin Jones Fellowship.

MESICK HALLOWEEN Carnival

The Mesick Lions Club hosted their first Halloween Carnival for the kids of the Mesick Elementary School on Saturday, October 24.

The Club reached out to the community for extra manpower. The Lions asked area businesses and organizations/clubs to man a carnival game of their choice. They ended up with 15 carnival games and 16 different businesses and organizations were represented!!

A "Treat Walk" ended up with 2 - 6' tables stacked 5 containers high of cupcakes, cookies, cakes, rice krispie treats, etc...

To involve parents – the Lions held adult costume and pre-carved pumpkin contests. Pizzas and dinners were donated as prizes. Two local Art students did face painting and a balloon artist did his magic. Gordon Russ and his "Spooky Monster" magic show performed. A local DJ donated his services to provide us with music for the whole event!

The turn-out was AMAZING!! We guesstimate 300 - 400 kids and adults attended the carnival!



HARRISON LIONS
 Harrison Lions are hosting an Arts and Craft show Thanksgiving weekend at the Harrison Lions Den. The Lions are looking for crafters to display their wares. Contact Lion Penny at 989-539-0092 if you or a friend would like to participate.

DISTRICT OFFICERS
 1ST VDG Ron Gibson has announced that he will not be using District Regional Chairs next year, 2016-17. He will be needing District Chairs, Zone Chairs, and the elected positions of 2nd VDG and a trustee for the Lions of MI Foundation. Send letters of intent to PCC Richard Perrin, 13948 Jet Dr., Big Rapids, MI 49307 for 2 VDG and trustee.



11 E1 Club of the Month-**Manistee Lions** by: **DG Pam Schroeder**

Manistee Lions Club has been in existence for 58 years. They are a small club of 24 members. They are best known for their Fish Boil which takes place around the 4th of July each year. They do many service projects in the community. Some of the projects include Kidsight, donor registration, highway clean up, White Cane, buying eye glasses and hearing aids for those in need, just to name a few. The Manistee Lions have donated two reading machines, one to the Senior Center and one to the Library.

The biggest project that the Manistee Lions undertook was reconstructing the Lions Pavilion at the beach and adding six picnic cabanas. The building is used for club meetings, wedding showers, reunions and many other things. You must sign up to use the building and post it so others know it will be in use. Some funds were donated and the club did fund raisers to complete the project. They are now working on rain gutters for it.

The members worked together to get the project finished; it took over a year to complete. It is a project that they can be very proud of and the community appreciates the Lions for all the work they do. The club won state recognition for their work.

I have worked with the Manistee Lions on a few projects and they make me feel like I am a member of their club. Good Job Manistee Lions!

Learn more about the construction of our new Canine Development Center at leaderdog.org/canine-center or 'like' us on [Facebook](#)

Our mission is to empower people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel.



The big news from Leader Dogs for the Blind is the progress being made on the Canine Development Center. Every day there are more items to mark completed on the interior of the new building. The puppy area is closest to completion. All of the garage doors leading to the outside play areas are in and working. Feeding stations are installed. All that is left is to put up signage. The breeding areas are almost completed and equipment is being installed in the veterinary clinic. \$13.6 million of the goal of \$14.5 million has been raised in pledges and donations. Of this total, Lions have raised \$1.9 million of their \$3 million goal.

If your Lions Club has not yet heard about an opportunity to contribute please contact Ron Sharp, Pam Blizzard or Bill Simpson for a personal club visit.



BIG RAPIDS LIONS

Joni Thompson, Executive Director for Angels of Action and Lori Suppes, Board member attended the Big Rapids Lions Club meeting on September 29th. Joni explained that current estimates are that approximately 60% of Mecosta County's children in grades K-4 are in danger of going hungry during the school year. Joni updated the Lions on the current efforts of Angels of Action to reduce this number. Presently, they are serving all seven of the elementary schools in Mecosta County, providing food for the weekend to over 600 children in grades K-4 when school breakfast and lunch meals are not available. A second initiative the group has started will provide basic hygiene items such as travel size toothpaste, shampoo and soap as well as toothbrushes for these students on an as needed basis. The Club members donated over 50 needed items at the time of the Club meeting.
Picture – Lori Suppes and Joni Thompson

MIDLAND LIONS JOIN FORCES ON HELEN KELLER PRODUCTION



"We can DO ANYTHING WE WANT to if we stick to it long enough."
Helen Keller

The Midland Lions Club recently was invited to participate in the Bullock Creek Community Theater's production of the "Miracle Worker", the play about Helen Keller and Annie Sullivan. The Midland Lions produced a flyer with details of Helen Keller's story on one side and a history of the Midland Lions Club on the other side. These inserts were placed in each program. The Lions had the opportunity to usher for the play and set up display tables about the Midland Lions and the Leader Dog program under the coordination of Midland Lion Ron Sharp. On the last day of the production, a KidSight unit was set up under the direction of Lion Sandy house, in a room off the lobby, for children attending the production.

SAVE THE DATE
2016 LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM
February 26-27, 2016
Causeway Bay Hotel, Lansing, MI
Seminar Sessions
White Cane Supply pick up
Forum Luncheon – Keynote Speaker,
Michigan Supreme Court Justice
Richard Bernstein.
Recognition of Scholarship winners.
Meet other Michigan Lions.
Website www.lionsofmi.com



LUTHER LIONS
Luther Lions held their spaghetti dinner and auction. Above Lion Shirley Flynn stirs up the sauce. King Lion John Potts helps the auctioneer, who at left models a woman's wig to auction.



NOVEMBER DISTRICT CALENDAR

NOVEMBER – DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH, DO A PROJECT!

- 1 - Day light Savings Time Ends
- 2 – Election Day
District Gov. visit Greenville Lions Club
- 3 - DG visits Sheridan Lions Club
- 4 - Zone Meeting, Region 1 Zone 1, Lion Jackie Glazier Chr.
1st VDG Ron at Harrison Lions Club
- 7 - Onekama Lions Dinner Dance
- GMT Meeting in Lansing
- 9 - DG visits Barryton Lions Club
– Kidsight screening in Fremont
- 10 - Zone Meeting, Region 3 Zone2, Lion Ray Williams Chr.
- 1st VDG at Baldwin Lions Club
- Organizational meeting for New Club in Clare
- 11 - DG visits Evert Lions Club
- 13 - Lions leadership Institute, Higgins Lake
- 13-15 -Eversight – National Donor Sabbath
- 14 - 1st VDG Works Concessions, Big Rapids Lions – Ferris U.
- 17 -Mesick KidSight screening
- Follow up meeting in Clare for a new Lions Club
- 19 DG visits Hart Lions Club
- 24 -DG visits Manistee Lions Club
- 26 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING to all Lions members and their families.

DINNER IN THE DARK PHOTOS HOLIDAY INN - MIDLAND



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ARCADIA WINS 2014-15 GOVERNOR'S CHALLENGE ON MEMBERSHIP



Arcadia Lions Club members and guests celebrated winning IPDG Pete Conarty's Governor's Challenge of being the club to recruit the most members during his tenure with a delicious dinner prepared and served by IPDG Pete. District Governor Pam Schroeder and PDG Dan Gibbons also attended, presenting milestone service chevron awards and sharing DG Pam's own Governor's Challenge to the individual and club that inducts new members during her tenure.

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION

PDG Jim Chipman (District 11 E1) is the newly appointed Vice President of the PDG's Association. Jim is a Big Rapids Lion. He replaces PDG Duane Witter, a Carson City Lion, as Vice President. Duane was Vice President for several years. The PDGs are active in mentoring new and seasoned Lions, volunteer for projects in their Districts and take on jobs to help move their Districts forward.

DISTRICT 11 E1 LIONS ROSTER CHANGES

Ann Roeseler – E-mail change:
Ann.roeseler@gmail.net
Al Roeseler – No business phone or fax.
Sheridan - President Stan Preshaw, Secretary – Richard Langin.
Baldwin Lions meet at Pompeii's Pizza on Main St.
PDG Harry Johnson – No cell phone.

PAWS WITH A CAUSE

District 11 E1 has a new District project, Paws With A Cause. The Paws organization has been in existence for 36 years. It serves clients in 36 states and has placed more than 2,600 assistance dogs. The dogs are trained to support people with a variety of disabilities. They act as a constant companion to a client helping them gain independence with their disability. Paws trains the following types of assistance dogs:

- * Service Dogs – for people with a physical disability, chronic illness or neurological disorder.
- * Hearing Dogs – for the deaf or hard of hearing.
- * Seizure Response Dogs – for those with epilepsy or other seizure disorders.
- *Service Dog for Children with Autism - children 12 and younger.

Combination Dogs – Service and Hearing, Service and seizure response, Hearing and seizure response.

Paws For A Cause is a nonprofit organization. Clients do not pay any fees to apply or receive a dog. The costs to breed, raise, custom train and support each Paws dog is about \$30,000. Costs are underwritten by donations to the organization.

The dogs used in the program are mostly Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers and a few smaller breeds such as Papillions and Miniature Poodles. A trainer frequently works six months with a client and dog to meet the client's needs. Paws clients receive lifetime team support through their field representative and headquarters.