

THE GREAT LIONS OF DISTRICT 11E-1

"TOGETHER WE SERVE"



District Governor William "Bill" Simpson & First Lady Vickie

October Newsletter 2012, Editor Lion Debbie Kreitner



1ST Vice District Governor Tim Anderson & Lion Christina



2nd Vice District Governor Peter Conarty & Mary Lou

News from Our District Governor

Fellow Lions,

Let's think about doing a little ROARING! As Lions we have a lot to roar and be proud about. We do a lot of good within our communities and help the overall quality of life of many people. Our 2nd VDG Pete talks about roaring into October, our new member month, with enthusiasm. We need to roar with enough energy to find new recruits to help us with projects like Kidsight and White Cane. Lion Pete is so confident of your ability to get new members that he has volunteered to receive a pie in the face if we achieve less than a plus 30 for overall new membership gain.

What else could ROAR stand for? How about "Reach Out and Read", which is one of the main programs of International President Madden's literacy initiatives. Part of that program is raising funds for the purchase of books, training materials to work with young readers and other resources. How about becoming a volunteer reader for at risk families and young children. You could organize a book drive for your county or city library and possibly for a local pediatrician to give out to their young patients.

It's amazing how fast time flies. We are one quarter way through the 2012/2013 Lions year and it's time to look over our shoulders and evaluate our goals for this year. We still have time to complete attainable goals. But, if the goals aren't realistic, now is the time to reset them and move forward. If we were in a race this would be called a "Pit Stop," a time to refuel, restock and reenergize for the balance of the race. Clubs should rethink their plans and if necessary add that second membership night or maybe another spaghetti dinner that puts you over the top for your goals. I know it is hard work, especially the planning, but when you succeed, the rewards will benefit so many people. Good luck, work hard and remember your District Leadership Team is there for you.

When Lions ROAR, good things happen!

DG Bill

News from the 2nd Vice District Governor

Fellow Lions,

Membership is the KEY to success! New members guarantee that our Lions Clubs will continue to serve their communities and fulfill Melvin Jones legacy. We have been recruiting some great new Lions but fewer than we are losing. Now is our chance to turn this loss around – **October is Lions Membership month.** This is a wonderful opportunity for all of our 46 Lions Clubs to plan a recruitment strategy.

The strategy might be in the form of a Community Appreciation Party or Friendship Night; a tailgate Halloween Party to hand out candy to children and brochures to their parents; Lion members handing out calling cards to potential recruits with an invitation to a meeting; write letters, from names gathered at your meeting, to potential members; wear “Just Ask” pins, your Lion hats and talk about your Lions activities and how you serve your community; put up posters around your community; or collect all of your members Lions Magazines and put a sticker with your club’s name and a phone number on it – distribute them to doctors, dentists, and other offices. Whatever strategy works best in your community. If every club could bring in one new member in October, we would be back to the same number of Lions that we had last year. An additional bonus - District 11 E1 will rebate clubs \$30 (for your administrative fund) for each new member.

“Membership is the KEY to success”! Use your KEY strategy and unlock the door for new members.

Lion Pete

Calling all Lions Clubs

Please remember to get your

990s in to the IRS by November 15, 2012

CELEBRITY CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Mesick Lions

What District Lions Club is 60 years old, has 20 members (plus 2cubs) and has leased and operated a community park, Lions Veteran's Memorial Park on the Manistee River for 20 years – **MESICK LIONS CLUB!** The club leases the park from Consumers Energy. Club members have repaired two existing pavilions at the park and built one larger pavilion. They are presently working with a high school student, working on his Boy Scout Eagle Badge, who is building a play area in the park. The park is used by the community and visitors for special occasions (church activities, birthday parties, reunions) and many picnics and river activities.

Mesick Lions host the Mesick Mushroom Festival which features: a parade, arts and crafts, flea market, and many food and fun booths. Next year's Festival will be larger through a cooperative effort with the Wexford Sand Co. in Yuma. The Mesick Club sells mints, Christmas trees, and approximately 65 dozen Christmas Cookies as part of their fundraising activities.

Special services include providing 20 pairs of eye glasses for community residents, working with the Michigan Lions Foundation to help a woman get cataract surgery, student eye screening and a first ever Easter Egg Hunt for Mesick children. The Mesick Lions feel that their services help needy individuals, other community clubs and help the economy by bringing in many visitors.

CELEBRITY CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Barryton Lions

The Barryton Lions is a small club, in a small rural setting, but with very big hearts, when it comes to those that need our help. Within the past year we have assisted with the Kid Sight program at the local elementary, provided eye glasses and hearing aids. We helped with donations to the food pantry, along with helping to distribute the food.

We gave out 2 scholarships this year and supplied all the local fourth graders with dictionaries. We supplied over 300 bags of school supplies to local students, ranging from pre-school to high school. We also have a grant available for the Barryton Elementary School in the amount of \$25,000.00 to help bring technology to the classroom.

Our donations do not stop there; we have also contributed to God's Helping Hands in Remus, Leader Dogs for the Blind and several other organizations. We have Bingo on Tuesday nights at the Community Center in Barryton; it starts at 6:00 P.M. The money made there goes into the Lions Project Account, which 100% of that goes back to the community.

To sum it up, it doesn't matter what size your club is, it is the size of your heart and the ability to help those who need us that really counts.

Club Celebrity Spotlight

Big Rapids Lions

With the help of the Greenville Lions Club as our sponsor, the Big Rapids Lions Club was formed with 35 charter members on February 22, 1938. Our charter from Lions Clubs International was received on March 4, 1938.

For almost seventy-five years, the Big Rapids Lions Club has worked to promote activities which benefit and improve the community in which we live. Our primary focus is working to improve the sight and hearing of children and adults in our community and around the world. We support research efforts to eliminate diabetes and other factors that can lead sight or hearing loss. In addition, our club works to support the improvement of our schools, Ferris State University and the community.

During the years of our existence as a club, one of the most important projects was our work on the various Community Pools of Big Rapids including building a bath house. Other fund raisers included White Cane Sales and Light Bulb Sales. Currently our biggest fund raiser is running the Concession Stand at Ferris State University's Top Taggart Field. The stand is open for all home Big Rapids High School, Rocket and Ferris State University football games.

Our newest fund raiser is the Blues, Brews and BBQs Festival which was held in July prior to the Mecosta County Fair. We enlisted the aid of several local organizations as well as other area Lions clubs in addition to the members of our club.

We will be celebrating our club's 75th charter night in the spring of 2013. All Lions are invited to attend and celebrate with us. Information concerning the location, date and time will be announced soon.

Calling all Lions Clubs

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Fremont Lions Club



LION MAX GARDENOUR RECEIVES KEN LAUTZENHISER FELLOWSHIP

On September 17, the Fremont Lions Club honored member Max Gardenour with the prestigious Lions of Michigan Foundation "Ken Lautzenheiser Fellowship". A \$500 donation was contributed in Max's honor to assist persons requiring corneal transplants, hearing aids and other medical assistance that they are unable to pay for themselves.

This honor was given to Gardenour for his unselfish service and dedication to assist persons in need. "Our club is notorious for honoring our members without them having any idea. It was evident from the look on [Lion] Max's face that he was truly surprised (also that all the club members had kept this honor a secret) and that made his receiving this honor all the more special to our members," states club president Laurene Homsher.

Gardenour serves as one of the club's "lion tamer's" along with member Bob Fenner. Their job is to see that all club paraphernalia is properly placed before every meeting (banner, bell, gavel, flags, name badges, etc.) and to greet all guests with a warm smile and friendly handshake. Max and Bob also serve as the "Lions Mint Men" seeing that the Lions Mints that are in local businesses are maintained. Max has done this job unselfishly for nearly seven years and had perfect attendance as well.

"Max is one of our "quiet heroes". He comes to each meeting at least 30 minutes in advance to see that all the necessary emblems are displayed properly. He always shares a warm smile and welcoming handshake to each member and guest and does it with reverence and grace. We were most pleased to present this honor to Lion Max," shares Homsher.

The fellowship has special meaning to Homsher since it is named in her father's honor for being the founding father of the Lions of Michigan Foundation. Due to health constraints, Lautzenheiser was not able to present the award himself, but sent his very best wishes to Lion Max.

Midland Lions Club



I'd like to take a moment to introduce the newest member of my family. Karen and I picked up Future Leader Dog Hannah on Labor Day weekend. Hannah is a Golden/Labrador Retriever cross and is the 12th puppy we've raised. Hannah will likely be attending many of this year's meetings just as soon as she is a little more house broken (which won't be long).

Raising Leader Dog Puppies is a way Karen and I have found to make a difference in someone's life, providing independence and mobility that was taken away by blindness. As Lions we make a difference by serving our community and by providing organizations such as Leader Dog with our fundraising dollars. Let's continue to show people how "We Serve".

President Lion Ron Sharp



I have just received a request for host families for **only 2 weeks** for 4 students from New Zealand. They need hosting from December 28, 2012- January 12, 2013.

They are:

James Grant (M) 17 from Hastings, North Island, New Zealand
Callum Harvey (M) 17 from Napier, North Island, New Zealand
Loren McCarthy (F) 17 from Tauranga, North Island, New Zealand
Tessa Noble (F) 17 from Invercargill, South Island, New Zealand

We only have a week to try to find placing for these students. If it doesn't happen, I must turn down the request so the coordinator can check with other states.

In addition there are the following students who need host families in Michigan from Peru:

The names of the four students arriving from Peru have arrived. The actual applications are coming by post mail, so that information will become available as soon as it arrives. Please consider being a Host Family for 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

Sincerely, Steve Adsmund, Fremont Lions Club, District 11-E1 Youth Exchange Chairperson
Home: 411 E. Maple, Fremont MI 49412
231-924-3719

KIDSIGHT CORNER



Our District 11E1 Fall Conference, held September 9th in White Cloud, was a huge success, thanks to all the hard organizing work by
2nd Vice Governor Peter Conarty.

Twenty of our District Clubs were in attendance and over 50% of the Clubs donated or pledged to Project Kidsight, many earning their Project Kidsight 2012-2013 Banner Patch already.

A special thank-you to the members of the Baldwin, Big Rapids, Cadillac, Chippewa Lake, Fremont, Harrison, Kaleva, Luther, Mesick, Onekama & White Cloud Lion Clubs.

Congratulations to Cadillac, Edmore, Lakeview and Luther Lion Clubs for already completing a Kidsight photo session this fall with the assistance of photographers PDG Dan Gibbons from Onekama & Lions Doug Middlesworth and Tom Girvin from Weidman.

IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT PROJECT KIDSIGHT YEAR

**White Cloud Lions Club
41st Anniversary Party!
November 3rd, 2012 at their Lion's den.**



This year President Terry's theme is "M&M's!" He has been collecting for years and has a very large collection! Wear something with M&M's on it or your favorite bright M&M color and you will receive a free ticket for the drawing for a night at Double JJ Ranch and Golf Resort!

Special Activity: We will be having a silent auction running from 6-8 pm. If you donate something to the auction you will receive an additional door prize ticket for each item donated. ***All proceeds of the silent auction will benefit King Lion Terry's special projects: Project Kidsight and Scholarship Fund!***

Hospitality starts at 6:00 pm

Meal served at 7:00 pm Cost is \$7.00

Make Checks Payable to White Cloud Lions Club and sent to P.O. Box 116, White Cloud, MI 49349 or for reservations call President Terry: 231-245-0250, Secretary Becky: 231-629-6111, or Mary: 231-689-0944

All food will be provided, BYOB

2nd VDG CONARTY CHALLENGED



Second VDG Pete Conarty has been appointed to lead the October Membership Initiative. At the District Fall Conference, PDG Jim Walls of the Stanwood Lions Club challenged Lion Pete to a “Pie in the face” at the District Convention in March if our District could start the Month of November with a + 15 total for membership. Lion Pete says, “Bring it on”!

To accomplish a pie for Lion Pete, the District would have to recruit 30 new members and offset any new loss with an equal number of new members. Get on Board! Pete challenges all Lions Clubs to try.

Officers:

This message is for the clubs that were represented at the Lions Fall Conference on Sept. 9.

The speaker James Stephenson from Dow Corning brought us 20 pairs of the special glasses that are being developed by Dow Corning. He left us the glasses as examples. However, Lion Ron was not able to get the club names that took the glasses. We ask that after you have had a chance to share them with your club that you pass them on to another club. This could be done at a Zone Meeting.

Thank you, Lion Pete



**SWISS STEAK DINNER
and DANCE**

Proceeds for Manistee County UNITED WAY

Saturday October 13, 2012

Happy Hour (Cash Bar) 4:30 P.M.

Dinner 5 P.M.

Dancing 6:30 - 10 P.M.

Music by "COUNTRY STYLE"

At the LIONS DEN, Manistee County Fair Grounds

Single \$15 Couple \$25

Sponsored by Lions Clubs of Arcadia, Bear Lake, Kaleva,
Manistee, Mesick and Onkama

For more information call 231-723-9783, or
231-889-4870



KALVEA LIONS CLUB



1962-2012

50 YEARS OF SERVICE

Join the Kaleva Lions Club in celebrating our 50th Anniversary serving Kaleva and the surrounding Communities. We will have a catered dinner and PDG Dan Gibbons will be the guest speaker.

When: Monday, October 15th, 2012

At 5:30 PM Social Hour,

6:29 Dinner (Roast Beef & Broasted Chicken)

Free After Hour Party and Open Mic Night with Cheryl Wolfram from 8:30 PM to 10:30 PM

Where: Bear Creek VFW Post 6333

13300 Nine Mile Road

Kaleva MI 49645

Cost: \$15 per Person

Please R.S.V.P. to the Kaleva Lions Club with your payment enclosed, to be received by

Monday, October 8th, 2012.

_____ Attending at \$15 each

Total payment Enclosed \$_____

Please make checks payable to and mail to:

Kaleva Lions Club 50th Anniversary Dinner

14361 Nine Mile Road

PO Box 315

Kaleva, MI 49645