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DG PEGGY presented a John S. Noel Fellowship
by ID Jenny Ware from her Stanwood Lions

**“Celebrate the Joy of Service
Centennial Year**



DISTRICT 11 E1

OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

DG PEGGY WALLS MESSAGE

It is said that if a community has a Lions Club, that community will get better. There is no doubt in my mind that this is a true statement, however limited. The community not only gets better, it flourishes and blooms! Great things happen! Miracles occur! I have had the privilege of visiting nineteen clubs in the District since July. I have become more aware of the accomplishments of these individual clubs and the profound differences they have made in the areas they serve. I get excited thinking about the visits to the remaining clubs of District 11-E1. The signs announcing the clubs at the edges of the towns and villages make one aware that within the community there are great members who care deeply. These people are known as LIONS! It is a humbling and wonderful experience to be able to serve as your District Governor.

I share your concerns about membership. I know that each Lion wants their club to be around in the years to come. There is no other way to say that the time is NOW to invite others to join. It has been my privilege to induct new members. It is hard to tell who is prouder when this occurs--the new member or the sponsor. How many of you remember the person who sponsored you into the club? How many of you have overheard a sponsor remark on an occasion of recognition to another say, "I was his sponsor!?" Individuals are remembered when they make a difference in another's life. Sponsoring another into Lionism will change a life. Be positive! Thoughts and attitudes make a difference. You make a difference. Ask another today. Our family of Lions can and will grow with your commitment. **DG PEGGY**



Membership is Every day!

Assess Needs:

Use more help?

Years of Service to your community?

Average age of Lions in your club?

We Serve!

Need Members.

Just Ask!

Did you ask your spouse to marry you? Did you ask for a job? Have you asked for other things in life?

Were you asked to be a LION?

ASK SOMEONE TO BE A LION!



MESSAGE

October is here and LCI has several things lined up for Lion Clubs.

Worldwide Week of Service in Sight (Oct 9-15)

Join Lions around the world for a special worldwide week of service. This is a great opportunity to save sight in your community and support the Centennial Service Challenge. Plan the project~Promote your project~Report your project. World Sight Day - Uniting Lions to improve Sight and prevent blindness.

White Cane Safety Day October 15th

CLUBS: By going to the LCI website, clicking on Oct 2017 it brings up all this information. Each of these activities are great ways to get your club noticed in the community and you will be meeting new people very excited to join your club! Make use of the LCI website. It offers lots of helpful tools and info for Lions and clubs. Clubs remember: Report your activities. Keep Smiling and have Fun! Keep looking for your next new member.

2nd VDG Jackie



2ND VDG Jackie Glazier's



Spectrum Health Big Rapids, Reed City Hospitals and Big Rapids Lions Join Forces as part of the District "Defense Against Diabetes" campaign. The staff from Spectrum Health Big Rapids and Reed City Hospitals scheduled a sign-up and testing program for September at the Ferris Football Game. Big Rapids Lions Club members worked the concession stand and were joined by DG Peggy Walls and PDG Jim Walls. Lions Bill Simpson and Denny Finney, took a few minutes to observe the action at the DAD booth. Picture – Bill Simpson, Beth Langenburg and Scott Lombard -Spectrum Health and Denny Finney and James Nostrant.



DAD Tent! Big Rapids Farmers Market



SAND LAKE LIONS

The Sand Lake Lions gave 513 pairs of glasses to DG Peggy Walls for processing to go to third world countries at their last meeting. Half the glasses were collected from Love in the Name of Christ of Newaygo County. The other half came from the collection box that the Lions have in the Sand Lake Branch of Independent Bank.

Pictured are: Pres. Guy Hayden, Sec. Karen Hayden, Treas. Kandy Roemer

EYE GLASS MISSION WORK SCHEDULE

Mon., Oct. 2, 9-12
Luther Lions

Mon. Oct. 9, 9-12
Coleman Lions

Mon., Oct 16, 9-12
Harrison Lions

Sat., Oct. 21, 9-12
Kaleva Lions

Mon., Oct. 23, 5:30
White Cloud Lions

Sat., Oct. 28, 9-12
Cedar/Maple City
Lions

EYE GLASS



MISSION TRIP



HELP



NEEDED

The District 11E1 Eyeglass Mission is picking up momentum. Every Lion can participate in this worthwhile Project. If your respective Lions Club has a Clubhouse or building where we can hold a Lions Eyeglass Work Bee. We will set up a workshop at your location. We need approximately 2500 pairs of finished eyeglasses by no later than November 1st. To date, we have just been able to process and prepare for shipment, 500 pair. Approximately 1 pair in every 15 or 20 collected glasses are usable for the Eyeglass Mission trip. If any of your Lions Club members have experience with optical equipment or would like to help make this District Project a reality. Please contact PDG Harry Johnson at (231) 7454524 lionharry1947@gmail.com. Lion PDG Lynnwood Mast is also on the Committee and you can contact him . Harry Johnson PDG - Chair

1st VDG Al Roeseler and
Lion Ann with Lions
International 1st Vice
President Gudrun
Yngvagottir from Iceland
in Portland, Oregon at
the US/Canadian
Forum.



1st VDG AL ROESELER'S
MESSAGE

In the "job description" for the 1st VDG of District 11-E1 is "attend the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum". When I first saw that I thought it was a little strange, until I attended the Forum. The learning, and networking opportunities are incredible. Over the three days of the Forum there were 88 sectional learning opportunities. If you are unable to find a number of them of interest to you, you must live under a rock. I am sure some of the sectionals are of low quality, but try as I might; I was unable to find them. Each of our Forum meals had a motivational speaker. They all were incredible. They made us laugh, cry, but most importantly they inspired us to be better Lions.

Meeting other Lions from around the US and Canada was one of the high spots of the Forum. It is truly incredible how open, friendly, and willing to share Lions are. We serve not only our communities, but each other as well. Lions International leadership was not only present at the Forum, but played active roles in the learning process. International Directors were everywhere. They conducted some of the sectionals, and even held meet and greet hours in the exhibit hall. After a sectional she conducted for 1st VDG's, Ann and I were able to meet International 1st Vice President Gudrun Yngvadottir and her husband. (She will be the first female president the year I am District Governor) At meals each table had a dignitary as a table host. Over the three Forum days, we ate with a past International director, a past International President, and our own current International Director Jenney Ware and her husband Jeff. As you might have guessed by now I would recommend that the Lions of 11-E1 strongly consider attending next year's forum. It runs September 20 – 23 in Columbus, Ohio. Ann and I have already signed up and we would love to see you there.



DG PEGGY'S

TRAVEL SCHEDULE

October 2--Coleman
October 3--Midland
October 6-7--Council of Governors--
St. Ignace
October 9--Crystal
October 10--Howard City
October 13--Traverse City-World Sight Day
October 16 --Honor
October 26--Kingsley

October 11--Ewart
October 18--Stanton
October 23--Onkama
October 24--Shepherd

**KIDSIGHT CORNER THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARADE
OF CHECKS DONATION TO KIDSIGHT: Cadillac,
Cedar/Maple City, Chippewa Lake/Mecosta,
Coleman, Onkama, Mesick, Weidman, White Cloud**



Coleman Lions KidSight screening at Sanford's Founder's Day. The Lions screened 63 children with 6 referrals.



WE HAVE NEW DIGS!

Greenville Lions have a new home. The Lions moved their meetings to a conference room at a Men and Women's Rehabilitation Center- 407 S. Nelson ST., Greenville.



1st VDG Al Roeseler and Lion Ann helped out with the Manistee Lions Adopt-A-Highway cleanup on M-55 September 12. The cleanup was followed by a pizza and salad supper meeting.

WE SERVE – MT. PLEASANT LIONS

Mt. Pleasant Lions club inducted a new member on Monday September 25th: Robert "Bob" Banta.

The Mt. Pleasant Lions helped the Community Cancer Services of Isabella County with a fund raising event by volunteering to set up their 19th Annual "Into the Light" Cancer Awareness Walking Event on September 22nd. The club pooled together donations from Lions members and donated over \$600 to the Community Cancer Services. Seven Lions helped set up and take down the event. The "Into the Light" Walk is the Cancer Services biggest fund raiser.

White Cloud Lions Club – Schedule Rocks

- IPDG Ron Gibson inducted our 5th new member this year – **new Lion Mark Frank** sponsored by spouse, Lion Peggy Frank
- Celebrating 47th Anniversary with a Party on Sat. Oct. 7th at the White Cloud Lions Den with a 'Fishing Theme' as we are 'fishing' for new members every week! You are welcome to join us anytime.
- Joining **White Cloud Trail Town Celebration** with a two day food booth in partnership with White Cloud Sally's Restaurant
- Our Program meeting on October 23rd will be hosting a 'cleaning glasses work bee' at our Den for the 2018 District 11E1 Eyeglass Mission Trip.
- Setting up free refreshment table for all White Cloud participants in the annual Halloween Parade.
- Doing multiple Kidsight Screenings this month in Hesperia, Fremont, White Cloud & Croton.
- And 'last but not least' our 2nd Friday, Oct. 13, Community Fish Fry Fundraiser from 4-7 p.m



In Memorium

Lion Robert Hedlund

*Midland Lions - 41
years*

WHAT DO THESE FAMOUS AMERICANS HAVE IN COMMON?



President Gerald Ford



President Jimmy Carter



Roberto Clemente



Larry Bird



Helen Keller



Amelia Earhart



Adm. Richard Byrd



John Rutherford

They were or are Lions Club members!

DISTRICT 11 E1 KIDSIGHT SCREENING SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Oct. 2nd – Hesperia Preschool
Oct. 3rd – White Cloud Preschool
Oct. 4th – White Cloud Preschool
Oct. 5th – Hesperia Preschool
Oct. 5th – Fremont Center Preschool
Oct. 7th – Midland Home Depot Safety Day
Oct. 8th – Manistee Fire Department

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Oct. 9th – Fremont Center Preschool
Oct. 9th – Pine Street Preschool Fremont
Oct. 11th – Mesick Schools
Oct. 13th – Traverse City
Oct. 17th – Midland Stepping Stones Preschool
Oct. 19th – Vestaburg Elementary School

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Elementary School
Oct. 20th – Buckley
Schools
October 26th Greenville
High School Expo

Coleman Lions Club
**CHARTER NIGHT
PARTY**

Dinner & Auction

Saturday, October 21, 2017

VFW Hall

204 Railway Street, Coleman, MI

Doors open and games begin at 5:30pm

Dinner at 7:00pm Tickets: \$15.00

WIN:

- a Ten Point Crossbow
- a beautiful quilt made by Ruth Ramsey, donated by Greta Tigner
- cash!

Dinner catered by
Jenny's Diner
Featuring Swiss Steak
and Roast Turkey



GAMES
DRAWINGS
FIFTY-FIFTY



Tickets may be purchased at CW Gordon Sales & Service or from any Coleman Lions Club member.

Reservations must made
by October 13, 2017
Call or email Mary Jo at 989-386-4204,
mjfacting2002@yahoo.com
Checks can be mailed to: Coleman Lions Club,
PO Box 163, Coleman, MI 48618

DISTRICT 11 EI FALL CONFERENCE

HARRISON LIONS DEN



Dg Peggy Walls and ID Jenny Ware present Lion Bill Koch with an International President's Letter of Appreciation for his work on KidSight. Lion Bill Bradfield received the Mike Howard Spirit Award for his work on the DAD grant and implementing it with the community agencies.



Ice breakers – spaghetti, marshmallow build a structure



Picture left: Michigan Lions Foundation President Conrad Swanson, Trustees Pam Schroeder & Peter Conarty and Midland Lions President Steve Jenkins check out the Michigan Lions Foundation Exhibit Board.



ID Jenny Ware presents 1st VDG Al Roeseler her banner for his work on the Fall Conf.



Harrison Lions - John Sovey, Sue Andres, Jerry Brandt and Norm Schollett sorting and cleaning used glasses for the District 11 E1 Eye Glass Mission trip this winter. The workshops are now being held at different Lions Dens around the District to give more Lions accessibility to help at the workshops.



Introducing Lion Leona

Lions attending the 2017 District 11E1 Fall Conference got a big surprise this year. Pictured above are Bill Bradfield Zone Chair, Lion Leona and Jenny Ware International Director at the Fall Conference. Bill made a presentation of the taxidermied Lion that was originally from South Africa. It is part of a large collection that was given to him. He will donate the money that is raised in an online auction for the animals that will take place in Beulah, Michigan on November 4th by Auctioneers Inc.

Lion Leona however will not be auctioned on line, instead Bill wants to keep this treasure within the Lions of Michigan. A committee was formed and met immediately following the conference. The group decided to raffle the Lion off by selling raffle tickets for \$5.00 each. The raffle will be held at the annual State Conference in May of 2018. All proceeds of the online auction and the raffle will be a fundraiser for all of the charities that we support including the Lions Foundation of Michigan, which we already have an agreement in place to do. The winner of the raffle will be ask to display Leona at his or hers Lions Clubhouse/Clubhouse of their choice.



PAWS WITH A CAUSE

District Paws Co-chairs Lions Mike and Tina Hoy are available to make a presentation at Lions Clubs. The Big Rapids Lions Club recently had them as a program.

DISTRICT 11 E1 MEMBERSHIPS – YEARS OF SERVICE

Lions Clubs International acknowledges Lions for their years of service with a Lion pin. **District 11 E1 can be proud of the fact that the following Lions have maintained productive membership for 10 years:** Bruce Fredrick- Big Rapids, Peter Slovinski-Fremont, Ron Baker- Howard City, Stephen Scott- Howard City, Roger Gilbert- Mt. Pleasant, David Smith-Shepherd, Patrick Williams- Shepherd, Katie Brandt-White Cloud, Karl Leute

Midland, Richard Scott- Arcadia, Kevin Ingleston-Honor, Joanne Ingleston- Honor, James Sorbie-Empire, Robert Quinn- Empire, Branden Tyler Olsen-Frankfort, Michael Howard-Harrison, Susan Howard-Harrison, Pamela Long-Kaleva, Carl Sunbeck-Manistee, Timothy Cooley-Mesick, Dr. Tyrus Wessell-Northport, Allen Noftz-Northport, Douglas Scripps-Northport, Kathy Wessell-Northport, Ivan Palmer-Vestaburg, John Potts-Luther, William Atkinson-Luther, Edye McCarty-Luther, Sharon VanAltine-Luther, Curtiss Helgren-Hart, Richard Johnson-Stanton, Mel Hopp-Lake Ann.

The following Lions have been part of the family of Lions for 15 years: Richard Horst-Big Rapids, Laine Niemi-Carson City, Cecil Boyce-Lakeview, Harold Wilkes-Lakeview, Harold Cook-Mt. Pleasant, Frank Socha-Remus, Kevin Davis-Shepherd, Steve Wolfer-Stanwood, Dennis Taylor-Coleman, Daryl Zelenak-Midland, Gerald Linn-Arcadia, Paul Skinner-Empire, Bill Schuh-Harrison, Lori Schuh-Harrison, Cindy Wright-Harrison, Allan O. Shea-Kaleva, Barbara Barnes-Mesick, Henry DeYoung-Northport, Vera Harper-Northport, Ellen Shanafelt-Barryton, Nancy Mohr-Barryton,

Next recognized are those Lions who have served for 20 years: Daniel Herald-Carson City, Jane Kiel-Mt. Pleasant, Louis Gula-Remus, Marguerite Walls-Stanwood, Karlis Greizus-Weidman, Allan Ducham-Midland, James Mason-Arcadia, Keith McArthur-Arcadia, Robert Serbin-Cedar Maple City, Thomas Rademacher-Empire, Kay Brandt-Harrison, James Landes-Northport, James Mackey-Onekama, Rosalind Jaffe-Onekama.

For a quarter of a century these Lions have maintained membership: Mark Opel-Edmore, Diane Fleming-Mt. Pleasant, Michael Wisneski-Shepherd, Audrey Williams-White Cloud, Ray Williams-White Cloud, Roman Miller-White Cloud, Douglas Hull-Arcadia, Dean Lillie-Cedar Maple City, Lance Roman-Empire, Eulalio Leyva-Kaleva, Joe Skiera-Onekama, Michael Jonassen-Hart, Nancy Lepkowski-Chippewa Lake Mecosta.

Thirty years of service were realized by these Lions: John Monahan-Mt. Pleasant, Michael Gingrich-Remus, Jack Nartker-Shepherd, Lynn Brugger-Coleman, Richard Bukowski-Midland, Eugene Lentz-Frankfort, Pauline McClure-Northport, Jerry Wilson-Onekama, Rose Ann Maue-Onekama, Donald Green-Traverse City, James Monroe-Traverse City, Anthony Monton-Hart, Terry Dykema-Hart, William Askins-Hart.

For thirty five years the following Lions have stayed involved in their

clubs: Donald Veitengruber-Greenville, Terrance Carey-Mt. Pleasant, David Travis-Shepherd, Peter Conarty-Midland, Roy McNeill-Midland, William Shier-Cadillac, Albert Fath-Evart, Robert Bevier-Evart, Ronald Dabb-Evart, Richard Bechtel-Hart, Thomas Reese-Stanton, Allen Bluhm.

For forty years these Lions saw reason to stay involved: Peter Frye-Greenville, Jan Pol-Weidman, Raymond Eldridge-Arcadia, Mike Sheridan-Empire, PDG Laura Johnson-Baldwin.

These Lions continue to serve in their 45th year: Donald Potter-Fremont, David Adams-Bear Lake.

Fifty years and still going strong: Peter Buehler-Cadillac, Jerry Brandt-Harrison, John Hunt-Traverse City, William Sowle - Mt. Pleasant, Richard Donley-Weidman. Topping off the list of long-lasting Lions with **Fifty five years:** Irwin Beck-Empire, Ken Holden-Harrison.

Congratulations and "thank you" to all of the above Lions for leading the way, for your service and your example.

