



## District 11-E1 Newsletter 2010 - 2011

“Together We Serve”

September 2010



**District Governor Lion Laura & PDG Lion Harry Johnson**

GREETINGS TO ALL LIONS OF 11 E1!!

The seasons are changing and fall is upon us. With the changing season, we direct our focus and activities to prepare for winter and the approaching holidays. Let us not lose focus as Lions. We all became Lions for one purpose, which is to "SERVE" our fellow man. There are many ways for us to accomplish our service. One way is to support our projects on a regular basis. I recently had the opportunity to visit one of our State projects, Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan. Although I toured there 11 years ago, the visit renewed my personal vision and commitment of the services that we provide. Did you know there are over 14,000 graduate teams' (dog and recipient) since its beginning in 1939? Those teams are located in countries like Spain, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, Taiwan, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and of course, our United States. The cost to raise, train and place a dog is currently \$38,000 per dog. Of that, Lions provide only 20% of the cost. There are 91 families hosting breeding dogs and 450 puppy raisers in over 22 States. One fact that I found very disturbing is that since its inception 71 years ago, Leader Dogs has hosted Lions visiting from other States, even other Countries, but has NEVER been supported by 100% of the Michigan Lions Clubs. Being that Lions are creative, our Council of Governors came up with a unique idea to change our percentage of donations to this worthy Project. As I visit each of the clubs in our District, I am bringing with me a small coin holder that holds \$5.00 worth of quarters. All that the individual Lions Club has to do is fill that holder up and return it to me. Not only is this a fun project but a rewarding one as well. If each of your members would reach into their pockets and bring out a quarter or two for this worthwhile project it wouldn't take long for our respective Districts to become 100%. While I'm on the subject of visitations, I would like to thank each of the Clubs for their hospitality and respect that they have afforded me and PDG Harry when we visited your Club. Many times after a strenuous day at work it is refreshing to know that you are among friends and fellow Lions members that share the same goals as other members around the District, State, and World. THANK YOU!!

Laura Johnson - District 11E1 Governor



1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Lion John Monahan & Carolyn

Fellow Lions,

Have you ever thought about being president of your club? Maybe when you did that you said “I can’t do that.” Well, in fact, you can if you prepare. An excellent way to prepare is to attend the Lions Leadership Institute at Higgins Lake, November 12-14. If you are a hunter, you will notice that the Institute is over before deer season, so no excuses. The Institute is an excellent way to learn leadership skills, especially those related to Lionism. The program runs Friday morning through Sunday noon, and offers wonderful opportunities to learn how to motivate Lions and to present Lionism to prospective Lions. At the same time, the training helps motivate you to achieve more in Lionism and, thereby, serve others even better. And, by the way, the food is excellent and plentiful, and you don’t have to do the dishes.

You may have noticed how much fun it is talking to fellow Lions from other clubs. At the Institute, you will meet Lions from other districts. These Lions are friendly, and their clubs are having many of the same problems your club is having. You can discover how different clubs attack similar problems in different ways. Maybe more important is the fellowship that develops among the Lions there. It’s a great experience, and I hope you will be able to attend. The cost is \$175 and covers registration, course materials, two nights’ lodging, and six excellent meals. Some clubs will fully or partially reimburse members for the expense. The actual cost of the Institute is partially subsidized by our district and by Lions of Michigan. An application is available from DG Laura Johnson or at the Lions of Michigan web site: [http://www.lionsofmi.com/pages/upcoming\\_events](http://www.lionsofmi.com/pages/upcoming_events) .

If you have already been to the Leadership Institute, you should consider the Graduate Institute also at Higgins Lake on the same dates. Important parts of the Graduate Institute include learning presentation skills, acquiring a greater ability to apply leadership skills, and developing a greater understanding of Lions, including Lions International. It is the same price as the Leadership Institute. The application is available at the same web site as the Leadership Institute.

Applications need to be in Lansing by September 30, so please do not wait. If you apply, be sure to let DG Laura Johnson know. Every club, every zone, every region and every district needs trained Lions leadership. I hope that you will let the light of leadership that is within you, however well hidden, shine out.

Yours in Lionism,

John Monahan  
1<sup>st</sup> VDG



2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Lion William (Bill)  
& Vickie Simpson

#### Dedication of Walk of Honor at the Michigan Eye Bank

Vickie and I attended the dedication of the Walkway of Honor at the Michigan Eye Bank in August. We enjoyed ourselves and learned what a dedicated group of people work for our Eye Bank. I was impressed with the contemporary building located near the Ann Arbor airport. The Walk of Honor tastefully displays plaques and bricks honoring those who have generously donated to the Eye Bank. Hearing about the Eye Bank and actually seeing it in action are two different things. Touring the building and seeing the labs, conference rooms and quiet rooms (used to talk to the families of the deceased) set a reflective tone. We were told they call on every death in the state, sometimes over 500 calls a day including hospitals, mortuaries, physicians and families of the deceased. Their professionalism and compassion is apparent as they deal with the task of saving sight. I was truly impressed with the Eye Bank's sensitivity in handling the human side of eye donation. Our visit confirms my positive feelings about the heart sticker on my driver's license.

Do you have yours?

This was a very positive experience for me and I would recommend it if you ever have the opportunity.

Yours in Lionism,  
Lion Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG

### **IPDG Lion Wayne Kreitner Appreciation Dinner**

**October 9, 2010, at Greenville Country Club, 925 W. South St., Greenville, 48838**  
**Social Hour starting at 6:00 P.M. with free wine tasting and a Buffet Dinner at**  
**7:00 P.M. Please Call Lion Pam Schroeder for reservations at 231-889-4870**  
**Cost for the meal is \$25.00, Please make reservations by September 20, 2009.**  
**Come and help celebrate IPDG Wayne's year as District Governor.**

## **Fellow Lions**

The club President and or Secretary are asked to attend the zone meetings along with any and all other interested club members.

I would like to take a moment to thank each of the clubs in our region for agreeing to host a zone meeting again this year.

There will be 4 zone meetings total in the coming year:

**1st Region II Zone 3 meeting is being held in Evert on Wednesday September 8th 2010 @ 6:30pm - \$10.00 for meal at the Evert Township Hall in Evert, Michigan.**

**2nd Region II Zone 3 meeting is being held in Baldwin Tuesday November 9th 2010 @ 6:30pm - \$8.00 for meal at the Hollister Senior Center in Baldwin, Michigan.**

**3rd Region II Zone 3 meeting is being held in Cadillac Tuesday February 15th 2011 @ 6:30pm - \$13.00 for meal at McGuire's Resort in Cadillac, Michigan.**

**4th Region II Zone 3 meeting is being held in Luther on Wednesday April 6th 2011 @ 6:30pm - \$7.00 for meal at the Luther Lion's Den in Luther, Michigan.**

Thanks

ZC Lion Timothy Anderson  
Region II Zone 3  
Cadillac Lions Club  
231-775-2939

## **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mesick Lions Golf Outing**

The Mesick Lions Club hosted its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Outing at the Briar, in Mesick on Saturday, August 14, 2010. The weather was beautiful and the golfing was great. 6 teams played in the best ball scramble. Watch for an invitation to our 2011 Golf Outing as we invite you all to put a team together and come enjoy a day of golf, food, fun and laughter with other Lions, family, friends and community members.



## CEDAR-MAPLE CITY LIONS



Friday August the 27<sup>th</sup>, the Cedar/Maple City Lions served lunch for the 225 Model T Club Touring people. There were about 100 Model T's on the road. Region Zone 1 Chairman, Bob Manning from The Empire Lions was there to help. Photo 1, Lion Cooks: Jim Lyskawa & Lee Winfrey (he brought his grill). Photo 2, the Lions who were serving: Lions Roy Romanowski, 11E1 Zone Chair Bob Manning, and Margaret Hobbins & Kary Tosch.

## Coleman Lions Club

It's been a very busy month for members of Coleman Lions. We spent the week of August 15th to the 21st at the Midland County Fair selling our Cash Raffle tickets. Our booth attracted lots of attention this year because we stuffed our lion costume and set it up in a chair! Lots of kids stopped by to have their pictures taken! We also collected a few eye glasses from visitors.

A week later we had our first yard sale which was held at the hall on Friday and Saturday. We thank everyone who donated items for our sale, especially our new friends from the Bay City Lions club who brought many wonderful things left from their sale. We in turn donated our unsold items to the Sanford Lions for their sale! This was a great fundraiser for us and we plan to hold another sale in the spring. Our last big weekend, two days with our raffle tickets and concession wagon at Yoder's Amish Auction & Flea Market just ended.

Crowds were huge and we sold out of many items! Coffee and hot chocolate were big items Saturday in the cool, windy temperatures.

We are now gearing up for our 70th anniversary Charter Night on September 18th. There are still tickets available, \$15 each. Doors open at the Coleman VFW Hall at 5:30 PM. Dinner is at 7:00 PM. There will be games, auctions, prizes, and fun, fun, fun. Our cash raffle drawing will be held that night as well.

For more information or to make a reservation call 989-465-1099.

## Mesick Lions Club Inducts Leo's to Lions



On August 10, 2010 the Mesick Lions Club inducted three new members. All three of these young men were members of the Mesick High School Leo's Club. They received "Outstanding Service" awards for their work in the Leo's Club during their High School careers. Their years of service are transferred into the Lions Club thanks to the "Leo to Lion" program. Devon Hoaglund, Ryan May and Jeff Velfling, three hard working, dedicated young men are all attending college this fall but they plan to continue serving their community wherever they are. The Mesick Lions Club is thrilled with this addition to its club and knows we'll see great things from these new Lions!

## Leader Dog Chairman



This is a picture of my friend, Pam with her leader Dog Standard Poodle Nicholas. I was very fortunate to spend the entire weekend with her down in Rochester. Not only did we have a fun, very productive time but it sure was an "eye-opener" for me to see what a blind person goes thru on a daily basis. I have a much better appreciation for not only what they go through but what our Leader Dogs can do for them! Pam and I are Leader Dog Chairwomen for our Michigan Lions District, 11 E 1 and we feel this upcoming year in our district will be very educational for our members as the Leader Dog Team down in Rochester gave us more information to do our job more successfully. We are excited and plan on contacting each club and give them an opportunity to have us give a presentation to their club.



## Greenville Lions Club

### **A New LEO Club will be starting in Greenville:**

Greenville Lion Advisor Roger Wilson and assistants Lion Dan Eagles and Lion Larry Alman met with the students at Greenville High School on September 15, for an organization meeting to get a Leo's club started. There were 16 students there for the first meeting. There were many other Lions that were also present at the first meeting. The Greenville Lions will be sponsoring the new Leo's club. The Leo District Committee Chair, Lion Tim Anderson from the Cadillac Lions Club has met with the advisor in preparing for this new venture.

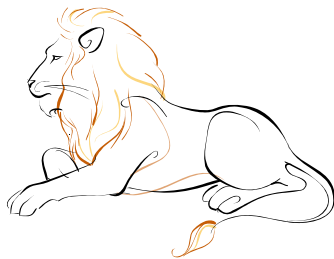
**The Greenville Lions will have a Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, September 17, at the American Legion on M-57 in Greenville from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Please come and join them as this has become a regular spring and fall event fundraiser.**

## Weidman Lions Club

The Weidman Lions Club gave four scholarships totaling \$3,500.00 to four Chippewa Hills High School graduating seniors, Sarah Fiorillo attending Central Michigan University's Broadcasting and Cinematic Arts program; Amanda Fron attending Spring Arbor University's Early Education, and Special Education programs; Jodi Bleise attending Grand Valley State University's Radiology program; and Alyssa Ulrich attending Central Michigan University's PA program.

## Midland Lions Honor PDG Andy Watson

This month we honor PDG Lion Andy Watson as our Midland Lion of the Month. He joined the Lions Club in February of 1969. He was sponsored by Lion Henry Gray and in turn, sponsored the



memberships of Lions Jim Ostler and Scott Ware. Lion Andy held all the offices within the local club except for Tail Twister. He served as President of the Midland Lions Club in 1976. He was, and still is, active on various committees and chairmanships including Eye Bank, Mints and Eye Glass Collection. Lion Andy was District Governor for the fiscal year 1986-1987. Through the years he has served as Chairman of District Convention committees, District Cabinet, Secretary of Lions Foundation,

and the Eye Bank Program and is the Lions representative on the Advisory Board for the Diabetes Center. In 1996 Lion Andy was honored with the most prestigious State Lion Award--the S. A. Dodge Award for distinguished service. Lion Andy shared a favorite memory from his days of traveling to different clubs to speak about the Eye Bank. On one occasion he was preparing to speak at a meeting of the Weidman Lions Club. The projector was set up and everything ready when the city fire alarm went off! All the members, but one, jumped up and left! They were all volunteer fireman. Lion Andy did not leave and a couple of hours later they returned and he went on to present his Eye Bank Program. That is a great example of the Lions motto "We Serve". Thank you Lion Andy for your 41 years of Service!



## LIONS NEWSLETTER

### ZONE I, REGION II

Clare, Coleman, Harrison, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, Sanford, September 2010

We certainly seem to have a healthy Lions Zone. I am hearing about great things going on in each club. Our International President has indicated January, under his Beacon of Hope Program, for each Lions Club to participate in a community service project. Many of our Zone clubs have a number of community service projects that they engage in on a regular basis. January would be a wonderful time to have community project in line with our national program. We will be talking about the program at our next Zone meeting in October.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The District Conference will be held on Saturday, October 23 at the Remus Township Hall from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. A lot of good information, International and District, will be disseminated. Each club should plan to have representatives at this meeting.

**CLARE:** The Clare Lions don't meet in July and August. They are starting September off with the first of their fall fundraisers, the Hunter's Raffle.

**COLEMAN:** The Coleman Club is starting September off with a fundraiser at the Yoder Amish Auction. They will be selling hot dogs and Polish dogs as well as tickets to their Charter Night and cash raffle tickets.

On Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, Coleman will be hosting their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Charter Night. Tickets are \$15 and dinner starts at 7:00 p.m. Coleman will be honoring the 26 businessmen who chartered their club.

I hope as many clubs as possible from our Zone can have a representative at Coleman's Charter Night.

**HARRISON:** The club is doing a fundraiser dinner for the Camper Show at the Harrison Fair Grounds on September 18 and a Texas Hold Em in Mt. Pleasant at the Chippewa Lanes later in the month. Harrison continues to have their weekly Bingo games.

**MIDLAND:** The club has just revised their entire constitution and worked on their budget to lower their dues approximately \$10 a member. The Midland Lions last fundraiser of the year is a golf outing at Curry West in Midland on September 11.

The Club will be hosting the Stoppert Awards Banquet later this month. Lion Robert Stoppert was a Midland Lion and a Past District Governor. He taught and coached at Midland High School. The award honors a coach from midland County that exemplifies Lion Stoppert's outstanding contributions to children and coaching.

**MT. PLEASANT:** After the club's very successful May Chicken Bar BQ fundraiser, the club has turned its attention to community service projects. In August, Mt. Pleasant Lions prepared breakfast for people at the Community Compassion Network Food Drive.

All summer, the Mt. Pleasant Club has helped the Red Cross by collecting toiletries for disaster victims (two large cases), yarn to knit blankets (six large plastic bags) and donated \$231 to the Red Cross for the Soup Kitchen.

**SANFORD:** The club is working on a rummage sale to be held in conjunction with Founders Day. They also had a food wagon at Sanford's Freedom Festival and had the Michigan Hearing Lab at the festival.



All of our fundraising activities are a great time to approach potential members. Our Zone is still at a minus ratio from last year despite the fact that many new members were brought in. While we are concentrating on new members don't forget that member retention is an important factor. At our first Zone meeting last year, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Lion John Monahan was present as a speaker on retention. He gave every club a CD on retention produced by Lions International. If you have not reviewed that CD recently, it would be worth your time. If you are a new president and have not seen it, please ask your past president for it.

See you at our Zone Meeting on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Print several copies of our Zone newsletter and share it with members at a meeting. We have a lot of great activities in progress. These activities are examples that other clubs might be able to use. It is important for our Lions to have a better understanding of other clubs in the Zone.

Lion Pete Conarty, Zone Chair

### **Evert Lions Club**

During our summer venues at the food booth 2 members registered 19 people for the organ donor registry. Many people we talked with were already on the donor registry and several were from out of state. Information was given to some people explaining the registry and how to sign up

The club screened 8 children in an hour during National Night Out for Project Kidsight with the youngest child being 11 months. The evening was warm and we screened in a tent which was moved twice trying to get a dark area.

The club did the pig roast on Labor Day Weekend during the Car Show.

The club has one more venue at the booth—Spit and Whittle in September. The NFL Punt, Pass and Kick will take place before a high school home football game on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Club members with the help of the high school football players measure the distance for the punt, the pass, and the kick that students between the ages of 8-17 perform. The club supplies hot dogs, chips and pop to all participants.

### **Traverse City Lions**

Lion John Hunt, Chairperson of the raffle for the Traverse City Lions. We are conducting our 2010 raffle. Our goal is to sell 2,000 tickets @ \$2.00 each. Based on our results for 2009 that is a very reasonable goal. Our sales to date have been impressive. We have set dates at **Sam's Club** for Thursday, August 12; Thursday, August 19; Thursday, August 26; Thursday, September 9; and Thursday, September 16. The available hours are from 10AM to 8PM. Remember – The raffle proceeds support our Lion's sight and vision services to the community. **Call Lion John Hunt and volunteer to sell tickets at Sam's Club. To date we have sold 1,012 tickets at Wal-Mart and Sam's.**

**Lions Leadership Institute at Higgins Lake is November. 12, 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Please make reservations by September 30, 2010 by calling the Lions of Michigan State Office,  
517-887-6640**

## Kaleva Lions Club

King Lion Bob Antosik and Kaleva Lions want to thank Alexis Trevino, Brandon Brotherton and Kenny Wilson for their help with our pancake breakfasts. Governor Laura Johnson honored them with pins. Governor Laura Johnson reported on happenings going on in our district and thanked us for the good jobs we were doing. Thanks for coming.

Lion John Mencarelli and Manistee Lions club set up a booth at the Manistee County Fair. Onkama, Bear Lake and Kaleva Lions helped man it. It was very nice and handing out Lions Balloons to the kids of all ages was fun. Thanks for getting us together Lion John Mencarelli.

Kaleva Lions serve Pancake Breakfast's on Sunday mornings and Fresh Pasties on Thursday morning. Come get some.

## Roster Book Changes: Please Note the Changes

We have a number of changes in the directory for Reg. II Zone1.

Clare: Correct the meeting dates.

Clare Lions meet the first Tuesday at noon at Mid Michigan Community College and the third Wednesday at the Doherty Hotel in Clare – 6:00 p.m.

Harrison: President Norbert Schollett's e-mail is changed.

[nschollett@gmail.com](mailto:nschollett@gmail.com)

Sanford:

Secretary Joanne Burghardt new e-mail – [sadler@tds.net](mailto:sadler@tds.net)

President Dennis Stine – Phone 989- 687-6298 Home

E-mail [stined50@gmail.com](mailto:stined50@gmail.com)

Thanks,

Lion Pete Conarty, Zone Chair

## Empire Lions Club



Here are some of the Empire Lions Club fundraising activities from August.

Picture 1: Lions Jim Martin, John Stewart, and Tom Rose grill 1/2 chickens for the annual Lions Barbeque Chicken Dinner.

Picture 2: Lions Joan Kilgore and John Spring serve another happy customer.

Picture 3: Lions Pat Taghon and Dave Taghon preside over the 44th annual Auction and Yard Sale.

## Cabinet Officers Visit Leader Dog



Pictured above at Leader Dog are Leader Dog Co-Chair Lion Pam Blizzard from the Carson City Lions, her Leader Dog Nicholas, District Governor Lion Laura Johnson, Leader Co-Chair Kim Wattles from the Honor Lions, and her Future Leader Dog in training Lynard, along with 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion John Monahan. The visit was a very successful and a learning experience for all. Please make time to visit Leader Dog sometime in the near future; it is something that you will never forget.



**Editor's note: Please remember to get your articles in by the 10 of the month, because the newsletter goes out on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Thanks for your help.**

**District Editor: Lion Debbie Kreitner**

**DISTRICT 11-E1 FALL CONFERENCE**  
**October 23, 2010**  
**Wheatland Township Hall**  
**201 S. Sheridan Rd.**  
**Remus, MI 49340**  
**9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

We need to have a good count for the Fall Conference this year and that is why we need a registration form.

We will also be having a Parade of Checks for our District Projects, so please bring your yearly donations to the Fall Conference.

This will be a good time to see people from our District Projects, that will be having tables set up and information to hand out.

**Presentations to be made:**

**Leader Dog**---Pam Blizzard & Kim Wattles

**Camp T**---Larry Alman

**Bear Lake Camp**---Dennis Tomkins

**Welcome Homes**---Brian Shepard

**Tail Twisting**---Ron Gibson & Kyle Madole & Big Rapids former Tail Twister

**All State Band**---Matt Niemi

**Lions International Liability Insurance**---Pete Conarty

**LCIF Foundation Grants**---Tim Anderson

**MERLOW**--- Transition/Bill Raymor

**LMSF**---Kerry McGinley

**Michigan Eye Bank**---Lynn Mast

**Lunch will be served for the cost of \$10.00 per person.**

**Menu: Tossed Salad, Chicken Parmesan over Spaghetti,  
Garlic Bread, Cake and Jello**

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**Registration Form:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail, call or e-mail your information to:**

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