

THE GREAT LIONS OF DISTRICT 11E-1

"TOGETHER WE SERVE"



District Governor William "Bill" Simpson & First Lady Vickie

September Newsletter 2012, Editor Lion Debbie Kreitner



1ST Vice District Governor Tim Anderson & Lion Christina



2nd Vice District Governor Peter Conarty & Mary Lou

News from the District Governor

October is new member month and I hope each of your clubs is working on ways to attract new members. One great tool available from LCI is Public Service Announcements. There are radio spots and billboard advertising ready for you to use. Remember it's no longer time to be bashful about promoting your club and its projects. Be proud of all your Club does for the members of your community! JUST ASK - and do it through the newspaper, radio, or door to door flyers. One idea suggested to me was to have a table set up at a busy intersection or business and hand out flyers or just talk to people as they come by. Statewide, October 7th has been designated as the kickoff date for the membership drive. Hopefully, we'll see Lions out statewide in large numbers on that day and throughout the month of October.

Let's be a 100% District by contributing to our state projects. Michigan has a history of public service and that service is made possible from support by you. Our four state projects are Bear Lake Camp, Lions of Michigan Foundation, Michigan Eye Bank and Leader Dog for the Blind. Both the Eye Bank and Leader Dog have fundraising aids available for you to use.

A great opportunity for fellowship and inspiration is coming up at our Fall Conference on Sept 9th in beautiful White Cloud. We have four clubs presenting information about their special fund raisers. They will show you the 'hands on' how and why of their projects. Also scheduled is the Parade of Checks, an update on the Kidsight camera and much more. We start at 10:00 a.m. and should be done by 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided by the White Cloud Lions at a very reasonable cost of \$7.50. Come one and all -- see you on Sunday, Sept. 9th.

Celebrate your year in Lionism - visit another Lions Club. Share your projects and proven membership techniques with your fellow Lions and in turn learn from those you visit.

DG Bill

District Governors Travels

September 7th, home football game, Big Rapids vs. Central Montcalm

Onkama Lions, September 10 at 6:30 P.M.

USA-Canadian Forum, Tampa, Florida, Sept. 12-19th,

Lions Zone 2 meeting, September 20th, 7:00 P.M. at the Gate in Big Rapids

Coleman Charter Night, Sept. 22nd at 7:00 P.M.

Mesick Lions, September 25th at 6:30 P.M.

News from the 1st Vice District Governor

How I spent part of my summer!

Let's do our best to support our projects and if you get the chance take a trip to visit one of them or invite our district chairperson to come to your club to share with you about the GREAT things we help these projects accomplish.

Bear Lake Camp Visit

The 1st VDG's had a GREAT time out at Lions Bear Lake Camp on July 22nd, Dennis the camp director showed us around we got to see the new fans in action and the campers, KIDS, out having fun swimming and being together. After our tour we stayed and shared dinner with the campers enjoying the everyday camp routines singing and yelling to see who gets to get up and eat 1st.

Also the order with a SHAVE & A HAIR CUT clap of the hands the room went silent as the kids clap the TWO BITS response and now with the room quite Dennis or one of the councilors can speak and be heard. It was at this point we were introduced and after receiving our red Bear Lake neck ties and posing for a picture once we put them on the ice cream was served and the singing contest began to see who gets to get up and get theirs first.

The best part of the visit was when we got to help with the night's activities by running the games at carnival night, seeing the look on these kids' faces as they played many of these simple games for the first time and the excitement as they collected their tickets to be cashed in later for prizes. It was a memorable visit and Bear Lake is defiantly a GREAT project! Go Lions!

Leader Dog Visit

On August 11th Leader Dog hosted a 1st VDG summit down in Rochester where Lions from all over the country gathered to learn and share ideas. We toured the school, learned about the inner workings of the program, and heard firsthand how Lions have helped change many lives through the gift of a leader dog.

The best part about all this is seeing this project up close and knowing WE as Lions made this possible! During the traditional Chili & Doughnuts lunch Lion Mark Mansell who has finished his ride across the country was there to speak to us. At one point he asked me to stand and proceeded to tell everyone that only one district across this entire country truly treated him like a guest. They furnished him rooms for the nights he was in their district, saw to it he was feed along his way, and greeted him at every rest stop, and he wanted to mention and THANK the Lions of 11E1 for making him feel welcome!

So I wanted to pass this onto all of you that came out and help support Mark on his ride through our district. Our district is outstanding and it's because of all the Lions that make it up, it's because of you!

Yours in Lionism,

Tim Anderson 1st VDG

231-920-9905

Club Celebrity Spotlight

The **Luther Lions Club** was chartered in 1978 and now 34 years later they still have 2 charter members that belong to the club. Their oldest member who's also one of the charter members is Lion Don Robbins; He is in his late 80's.

When the club was first charter they met at a local restaurant later moving the meetings to the basement of a nearby church. As their numbers grew and wanting a place to call their own the club built the building they are still in now, the Luther Lions now had a permanent home. The new building quickly became a great asset not only to the Lions Club but also to the community

When asked "What would you want people to know about your club" the one thing that kept coming up from the members was the use of their building. This building is used for many worthwhile things in the course of a year. They allow non-profit groups to use the building for all types of activities. The Lioness club has a yearly blood drive here also. The club members are a great group of civic minded people willing to help and do things to make the community a great place to live. They love to get together for Lions activities and share a good story or joke while doing good deeds for the club.

This past year the building was designated as an area fallout shelter and equipped with generators to be used in case of an emergency and over this past summer a new roof was put on and is just about finished with a few last pieces of trim still needed to be put into place. The Luther Lions also host our District Float, cooks a mean pancake breakfast and are always a joy to visit! If you're ever in the area stop by and share some time with them.

Club Celebrity Spotlight

Chartered 55 years ago, the **Weidman Lions Club** has 38 members. They have been able to increase and maintain their membership level for the last several years. The club was chartered by the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club. The Weidman Lions have been very active in the food service areas for their fundraising activities such as; the Wheatland Music Festival, Weidman Daze Celebrations, candy sales, and Keoze nut sales. When not involved in food activities, the club has an annual golf outing to raise funds.

Weidman Lions have been a KidSight leader in the state, screening more than 350 children in the last six months. Other special projects include an Adopt A Road project, annual blood drive, city beautification projects, and a Santa Claus House. The Weidman Lions are involved in school projects such as sponsoring educational trips, giving out scholarships to students and dictionaries to the schools. The Weidman Recycling Center is solely funded by the Weidman Lions and they also provide support for Special Olympics, the local food pantry and local family assistance. Weidman Lions are usually represented at their Zone meetings and the District cabinet meetings. This is a club full of enthusiasm and dedication.

News from the 2nd Vice District Governor

Lion Officers,

We have a wonderful Fall Conference planned for you and your club members on Sunday, September 9, 2012 in White Cloud, MI. The conference will be held at the Newaygo County Commission on Aging Building, 93 S. Gibbs St. from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

We have four District Lions Clubs that will present a special project/ fundraiser that their club is involved in. Our District Float trailer will be in the parking lot for you to see and we will have information on how to get the trailer for your next parade. Plus pictures of how other clubs have used it. A Parade of Checks/Pledges for our State and District Projects will be held with representative from those groups available to accept your checks or pledges. There will be an update on our Pedia Cameras and programs.

We have a representative from the Dow Corning Corporation Health Care, "Child Vision - How Do We Bring Sight to 100M Children in the Developing World", James Stephenson will have their new eye glass invention for you to see and handle. The emphasis is on helping children.

Plus many more items are on the agenda. It will be a full, fun and interesting time. Also, included is time to meet new Lions and bond with Lion friends from other clubs.

The White Cloud Lions Club is preparing us a lunch and snacks for the conference. Dress is casual and you can bring a guest. The registration fee is \$7.50 and includes your lunch and snacks. The fee is payable at the door.

I have attached a registration form for you to download. However, you may e-mail me your name, club name and numbers attending at mlpjc@sbcglobal.net or call me at 989-835-8712 and leave a message.

Don't miss out on a great opportunity and a Fall Conference with many District Lions participating to bring you outstanding information.

Bring a car load. It is easy to register.

Lion Pete Conarty 2nd VDG



LAST CHANCE TO TOUCH DOWN

DISTRICT 11 E1 FALL CONFERENCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2012, 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

NEWAYGO COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

93 GIBBS ST., WHITE CLOUD, MI 49349

Dress Casual, bring a guest! \$7.50 registration fee (lunch and snacks) pay at the door.

CALL LION PETE TO REGISTER (now) 989-835-8712

**MICHIGAN LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE/GRADUATE
R. A. Mac MULLAN CENTER – HIGGINS LAKE, MI
NOVEMBER 9 -11, 2012**

The Michigan Lions Leadership Institute will be held at the Mac Mullan Training Center on Higgins Lake from November 9-11.

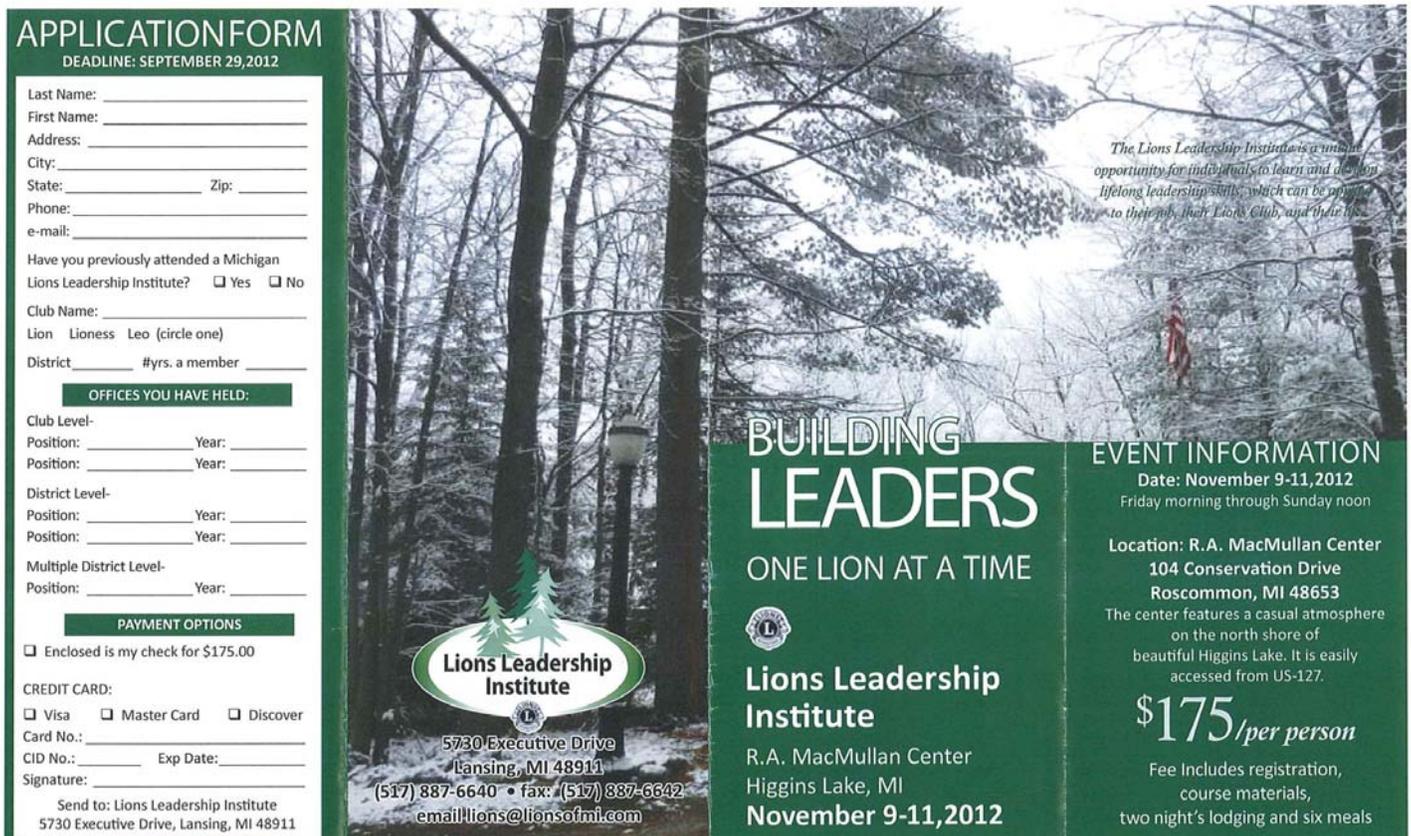
All clubs are encouraged to send someone to the Institute. The deadline for submitting applications is September 29th but submit them as soon as possible because the Institute tends to fill up rather quickly. The registration fee is \$175.00 which should be sent with the application. The fee covers registration, course materials, two nights lodging and six meals.

There will also be a Graduate Institute for those Lions who have attended the basic Institute.

All club presidents and zone chairs have received copies of the registration forms for both institutes so you may contact them if you need a form or more information about the institutes. You can also contact me to get a registration form and information.

Again, please send someone from your club to the Institute. They and your club will benefit greatly.

Lion Dick Perrin
District Coordinator
Global Leadership Team
Email: perrinr@hotmail.com
Phone: 231-796-5675



APPLICATION FORM
DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 29, 2012

Last Name: _____
First Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
e-mail: _____

Have you previously attended a Michigan Lions Leadership Institute? Yes No
Club Name: _____
Lion Lioness Leo (circle one)
District _____ #yrs. a member _____

OFFICES YOU HAVE HELD:

Club Level-
Position: _____ Year: _____
Position: _____ Year: _____

District Level-
Position: _____ Year: _____
Position: _____ Year: _____

Multiple District Level-
Position: _____ Year: _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Enclosed is my check for \$175.00

CREDIT CARD:
 Visa Master Card Discover
Card No.: _____
CID No.: _____ Exp Date: _____
Signature: _____

Send to: Lions Leadership Institute
5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911

Building LEADERS
ONE LION AT A TIME

Lions Leadership Institute
5730 Executive Drive
Lansing, MI 48911
(517) 887-6640 • fax: (517) 887-6642
email: lions@lionsofmi.com

The Lions Leadership Institute is a unique opportunity for individuals to learn and develop lifelong leadership skills, which can be applied to their job, their Lions Club, and their lives.

EVENT INFORMATION
Date: November 9-11, 2012
Friday morning through Sunday noon

Location: R. A. MacMullan Center
104 Conservation Drive
Roscommon, MI 48653
The center features a casual atmosphere on the north shore of beautiful Higgins Lake. It is easily accessed from US-127.

\$175/per person
Fee includes registration, course materials, two night's lodging and six meals



Enhance and hone leadership skills which can be applied to your everyday life.



LIONS GRADUATE INSTITUTE

R.A. MacMullan Center
Higgins Lake, Michigan

November 9-11, 2012

APPLICATION FORM

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 29, 2012

Last Name: _____
First Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
e-mail: _____

What year did you attend the Leadership Institute? _____
Club Name: _____
Lion Lioness Leo (circle one)
District _____ #yrs. a member _____
Highest Lions office held _____

(CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE)



PAYMENT OPTIONS

Enclosed is my check for \$175.00
CREDIT CARD:
 Visa Master Card Discover
Card No.: _____
CID No.: _____ Exp Date: _____
Signature: _____

Send application and check to:
Lions Graduate Institute
5730 Executive Drive
Lansing, MI 48911

Midland Lions Club

2011 Shoot for Sight HOLE-IN-ONE Contest

The Hole-in-One Contest, our largest fundraiser, earned over \$12,500 this year. This was about \$1,000 more than last year due to more sponsors. We liked the new qualifying location at Big Al's and the shorter hours. Unfortunately it was hot, very hot. The result was that our golf income was \$319 below last year. We finished strong, though, after things cooled off. The final Friday was our best day, even though it was only 5 hours long. And we had our only qualifier hole-in-one on Friday. Special thanks to all the Lions and friends who worked through the 90+ heat and one day of rain. Also a special thanks to the team captains, the set up crew, and the team that worked the Finals. We could not have made the fundraiser work without this dedicated effort.



The Hole-in-One Family Weekend took place on July 14 & 15. Twenty one kids participated; unfortunately none were involved with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. The youngest participant was a 3 year old who came out to play with his father. The Family Weekend portion of the HIO raised approximately \$294.00 during the Family weekend.



Midland Lions Club

MIDLAND LIONS CHICKEN BBQ FUNDRAISER REPORT

Our total income for this year is \$13,899.00; expenses are \$4,696.50 with a net income of \$9,202.50. This is up by more than \$2,500.00 from last year! Ticket sales by Lions were down by about 100. The top ticket sellers were Joe Lubbehusen -78, Eldon Dean-66, John Swank-60 and Dave Romanesko -59. There were 1,112 tickets sold out of 1,300 printed of which 953 meals were served (offsite pick-up 298 dinners). Sales of additional beverages and excess food brought in \$197.50. Meals delivered to the Open Door were equivalent to feeding 35 families according to the Open Door Director. (Making the Chicken BBQ, as a Service Project and Fundraiser, all in one!) All in all a very successful fundraiser! **Thank you** to the Chicken BBQ committee: Co-Chairs Lynda Stark and Jim Dunlap, Ed Schendel, Bernie Philabaum, Pete Conarty, Jim Mitchell, John Kaminski and Mike Hoy. A Special **BIG thank you** to all of the volunteers who worked very hard to make light work for everyone on both Friday and Saturday. **Great work!**



Cedar-Maple City Lions Club



Cedar-Maple City Lions had a special Lion visitor from Australia at their July 28 yard sale. They exchanged banners and he bought some tickets for their September 10, raffle. Pictured above is Lion Tom Triebes and Lion Gerry White with the banner.



Pictured is Lion Bill Hearney in the blue shirt, leaning against the wall is the Lion from Australia. Lions Gerry White and Lion Tom Triebes, pictured with their backs and two customers from the yard sale. Lion Bill Hearney is from the Murron Lions Club in District 201Q4, Queensland, Australia.

“HELP WANTED”

Calling all Lion’s

Our small but valiant teams of KidSight Screeners are looking to expand into your area! We are currently taking applications to fill the following position:

Screeener/Digital Camera Operator

This position will be an apprentice position to start working side by side during actual screenings under the supervision of one of our District KidSight Team, a learn as you go opportunity until both you and the trainer both feel you’re ready to solo.

Areas currently in need of more screeners are:

Region 1 Zones 1 & 2

Region 2 Zones 1 & 3

Region 3 Zones 1 & 2

If you would like the opportunity to experience the fast paced exciting fields of Children’s Vision Screenings then please do not hesitate to contact us! Operators Are Standing By!

Please contact one of the following Lions:

Janalee McClure 231-689-1321

Bill Koch 231-652-1164

Dan Gibbons 231-889-4870

Bob Thompson 989-644-3907

Thank you,

District Governor Bill Simpson & the District KidSight Team



Lions clubs would you please pass this information along to your area schools.
Thanks, District Chair Lion Youth Exchange Steve Adsmond, Fremont Lions



Dear High School Counselor,

With your permission, would you please print this article in your school newspaper or your community paper if you have one? I would really appreciate it if you would give a copy of this information to your foreign language teachers and other counselors to share with the students that might like to take advantage of this wonderful life changing program.

The International Lions Youth Exchange program opens up the opportunity for students between the ages of 17 to 21 to be able to travel most anywhere in the world for 4 to 6 weeks during their summer vacation. They will either stay the full visitation with a Lion Family or a Lion approved Family or also have the chance to attend a 7 to 14 day youth camp with other youth from around the world.

This is a culture exchange, not a traveling vacation. There is a time line for the application process, so this needs to be in the hands of the students immediately, because the first electronic application is due no later than **September 30th**.

With your help I believe we can make a few good students great ambassadors for your school, community, city, Lions District, Michigan and the United States of America.

If you have any questions please call or email me, Peggy Allen, State Chairman for the Lions of Michigan Youth Exchange Program, at 734 -428-7034 or MIYouthExchange@aol.com or have all the interested students contact Lion Steve Adsmond, at 231-924-3719, who is the District Chairperson for the Lions Youth Exchange program in your area.

Thank you for your consideration of this program.

Peggy Allen, State Chairman
Lions of Michigan Youth Exchange Program
734-428-7034
MIYouthExchange@aol.com

LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM NEEDS HOST FAMILIES

The Lions Youth Exchange program is launched with letters to every public high school in Michigan outlining the opportunities for any student to visit a foreign country this next summer during their summer vacation school break. The program's purpose is: "To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world". A copy of the letter is attached.

There is a need for host families for students of other countries who want to come to Michigan on their summer school break. The program is currently looking for a student host family in Michigan who will host a 17 year old female student from Australia who will be here from December 1st through January 9th. If you are interested in being a host family, the requirements are that the hosts provide a separate bed as well as all meals to the student, as well as provide the student with continuous adult supervision during their stay. If you, or someone you know, is interested in being this girl's host family, please contact me immediately.

This Lions Youth Exchange program will be featured prominently at the District Fall Conference on September 9th in White Cloud, so you can learn more about Youth Exchange by attending this event.

Lions Clubs can financially assist exchange students who are accepted into the program. Each District has ways to involve the youth who will be traveling to visit other countries, in Lions programs that help them talk about the Lions club in their towns.

Lion Steve Adsmond
District Youth Exchange Chairperson

News from your District Editor

Manistee Lions Club

Word has been received from the Manistee Lions club about the passing of Lion President Tom Thompson; please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

The new President for Manistee is Lion John Mencarelli.
His address is 305 Gloria Lane, Manistee, MI 49660;
phone is 231-398-9256, e-mail is; jmenc@manistee.org

Coleman Lions Club

Coleman Lions Charter night is September 22, 2013, Saturday at 7:00 P.M.
at the Coleman VFW Hall on 104 N. 4th St., Coleman, MI 48618

Good News for Lions Clubs

The Lion Pride Magazine will feature a classified advertisement section. Clubs can promote upcoming events on a special page in the Lion Pride Magazine. Ads will be arranged in district order, so it is easy to locate events.

Advertisements start as low as \$15.00

Classified advertisements start at \$15.00 for 50 words. A \$.25 fee will be added to the total for each additional word.

For more information contact Wendy Burns at lions@lionsofmi.com or call 517-887-6640.

Layman's 10 Commandments

Someone has written these beautiful words. Must read and try to understand the deep meaning of it. They are like the ten commandments to follow in life all the time.

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
2. Why a car's WINDSHIELD is so large & the rear view mirror is so small?
3. Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, look ahead and move on. Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If going well enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong don't worry, they can't last long either.
5. Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamond! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a base of Gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"
7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES; it takes away today's PEACE.



**KALEVA 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 6:29 PM
Social Hour at 5:30 PM**

**Where: Bear Creek VFW Post 6333
13300 Nine Mile Road
Kaleva MI 49445**

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