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From the District Governor

Hello Lions of District 11-C2, it's now "Fall" or at least it feels like right now. With "fall" comes football, baseball play offs and dozens of other things to keep us all busy. There are many things we can and should do as part of being a Lion. So when you think about what needs to be done add to your list one thing to help your community and practice "We Serve".

There have already been several District activities that have taken place so far this first quarter of our Lions calendar. Many have been summer fun and some were supporting our communities in District 11-C2. We had the Installation of Officers, a mini-cabinet meeting, a full cabinet meeting, a GLT meeting on CEP potential for Clubs, a meeting of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and several district committee/service activities. I'll provide more details late on one special Project Kidsight activity.

The Eaton Rapids and Dimondale Lions Clubs had a golf outing on July 16, 2011. About 100 Lions as well as friends/golfers from the all over the area attended. The Lansing Host Lions club invited the rest of the District to share their night out at the Lansing Lugnuts on August 2, 2011. There were over 35 Lions and guests that attended. Not bad for an event that was planned with very little lead time. Next year there will be a Lugnuts outing for all the District in June and we hope it will have a big turn out. The Bellevue Lions Club held its annual Corn Roast at the Conservation Club in Bellevue on August 16, 2011. Many Lions had a few hotdogs, brats, burgers and lots of fresh picked sweet corn. The Ithica Lions Club had its 60th anniversary party on August 18, 2011 at a park near Ithaca. It was a perfect summer evening with lots of food and a luau theme that had everyone in Hawaiian shirts or beautiful sarongs. A lovely Hawaiian dancer provided entertainment and the guests she netted into dancing with her gave a good show. (cont)

Words from your District Governor (CONT)

That was only some of the activities that went on since the start of the Lion year. Many clubs had summer picnics, participated in community activities like the DeWitt Ox Roast and many more. So Lions had a good first quarter and now we need to look to what's next. The next quarter should see us working on community service, club fund raising and many other projects.

It's now my pleasure to tell you a District 11-C2 Program Sharing database/listing service is up and working. I've talked about this to many Lions that we have been setting it up. But now it is working and can be seen and with the help of district Lions will become a tool for club to use when needed. Simply put it's a tool to help club program chairs find more and different programs that can be presented to clubs at their meeting. It does not replace the program chairs hard work of finding good quality program that will be interesting and informative. The complete Program Sharing Introduction page and the program sharing data form are included in the back of this newsletter. Please review! Once you do please participate by submitting good quality program that can be shared with other Lions. You can see it on the District 11-C2 website, click on the link included here:

http://www.district11c2.org/program_sharing.htm

Our District Project Kidsight team deserves some special recognition. Lion Lloyd Kilbreath has been busy training Lions all over the District on how to use the new Pediacare Camera system for screening children for potential eye problems. As a result when one of his committee members got the call to see if we could help a group of children that had a unique circumstances she was ready. Lion Kathleen Campbell got a call from a county worker asking could we help a group of children that were the sons and daughters of migrant farm workers. She asked the right questions, accessed the difficulties and organized to not only screen the children for potential eye problems but how to get them glasses as well. The children of migrant workers do not have access to professional eye care and the resources to get glasses if needed. The additional problem of moving frequently only compounds the problem. Since many of the kids had never had an eye test of any type and some were as old as twelve, it was not surprising that they had a very high "refer" rate. Of 48 children screened thirteen had to be referred to an eye care professional and nine ended up needing glasses. This is where Lion Kathleen was able to go beyond just screening the kids. She with the help of the St Johns Lions was able to get the children into some local eye care professionals. The glasses needed were then paid for by donors that have asked not to be mentioned. The same thing happened again with a smaller group of kids that were screened in DeWitt. Of the four screened, one was referred and tested and a pair of glasses was paid for by the DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club. The amazing thing is that all these children were screened, then tested, prescribed for, glasses ordered and finally given to the children in the time of about six weeks from start to finish. Being migrants they moved out of the area in mid August. Since I have needed glasses before I was in fourth grade I know what a life changing event this was for those kids I needed glasses and it took someone else to recognize it and recommend I see an eye doctor. Getting them really did change my life. I'm proud that Lions could help these kids and my Lions went above and beyond to get it done.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Ray Robbins DG



Left: One of the kids screened by Lion Kathleen Campbell. This young lady is one of the kids that ended up needing glasses.



Above: 11-B1 District Governor Dan Shepherd, 11-C2 District Governor Ray Robins and seated is Lori Kemp, sales Manager of the Lansing Causeway Bay Hotel.

District Convention for 2012

The date and site of the annual 11-C2 District Convention is now confirmed. District Governor 11-C2, Lion Ray Robins and District Governor 11-B2 Dan Shepherd, met with the staff of the Lansing Causeway Bay Hotel on August 19, 2011 and finalized the contract between the two districts and the hotel. The joint convention will start on Friday, March 23, 2012, continue on Saturday and conclude on Sunday, March 25th. The convention will include joint meals and breakout sessions. Business meeting for Lions of District 11-C2, B1 and the Lioness attending the convention will be conducted separately. The convention committees of each district will soon begin joint meeting to work out the details and put together a complete plan. The theme has already been agreed to: Jimmy Buffet, Parrott Head fun in the sun. Expect a little bit of summer in the middle of winter. The Friday night party will be a Cheese Burger in Paradise with fun food, games and music. Rooms will be \$84.50 per night.

Welcome Homes Vision Services

NEW ADDRESS INFORMATION!

Welcome Homes Vision Services
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Grand Rapids, MI 49546

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THINGS TO REMEMBER

Please send WHVS information regarding upcoming convention and/or fundraisers

Aids and appliance can be found on the WHVS website...simply click on the MaxiAids link.

Calendar of Events



EVENT	DATE	TIME
USA/Canada Forum Anchorage, Alaska	Sept 22-24, 2011	
Council of Governors Meeting	Oct 7-8, 2011	
Honorary Committee meeting**	Oct 10, 2011	7:00PM
Cabinet Meeting* Chisholm Hills Banquet Center	October 19, 2011	6:00-9:30PM
IPDG Marion Ramer's Appreciation Dinner Prairie View Banquet Center DeWitt, MI	October 22, 2011	6:00-9:00PM
Council of Governors Meeting	December 2-3, 2011	
Honorary Committee Meeting**	January 9, 2012	7:00PM
Cabinet Meeting*	January 18, 2012	6:00-9:30PM
Michigan Forum Ramada Inn, Lansing, MI	February 17-18, 2012	
Council of Governors Meeting	March 2-3, 2012	
Honorary Committee Meeting**	April 9, 2012	7:00PM
11-C2 District Convention Causeway Bay Hotel, Lansing	March 23-25, 2012	See Convention schedule
Cabinet Meeting* Chisholm Hills Banquet Center	April 18, 2012	6:00-9:30PM
Multiple District 11 Convention Crown Plaza Hotel Grand Rapids, MI	May 18-19, 2012	
Holt Community Kids' Day Holt Lions Club and Delhi Parks and Recreation Dept.	June 9, 2012	10:00AM-2:00PM
Lions International Convention Bussan, Korea	June 22, 2012	

*Chisholm Hills Banquet Center, 2395 Washington Rd, Lansing 48911-7210

**Date subject to change. Meeting place Lions of Michigan State Office

CLUB EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

CEP is Lions Clubs International's newest program to nurture and grow our Lions Clubs. Go to the Lions webpage and learn more about this process. Several Clubs have used this to grow and enrich their Clubs. We need facilitators to assist Clubs through this program and training is needed. Contact Lion Tom Doyle PDG to learn more and see if this is a challenge you would like to undertake. The training takes about 4-5 hours and we are looking at setting a training session for the end of October. Contact Lion Tom (517) 669-8164 We are also looking to indentify 3-4 clubs who may wish to Participate in this program for their Club.

A note from the Newsletter Editor's Desk

Well as you all know, September is a very busy month, but I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer and are energized to handle another full year of service through our wonderful service organization. Please keep sending me information to include in the newsletter, the more the better! With every publication I will become savvier (hopefully), this has been quite the undertaking for me and I hope that you all enjoy reading the newsletter as much as I enjoy compiling it. My email is tsjellyboo@aol.com and my phone number is 989-277-3802 cell, and 989-634-9740 home.

Yours in Lionism
Lion/Lioness Denise Temple DS PDP

DeWitt Lions Club Gets Four New Lions!

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Pictured above are Steve Frederick with his sponsor Lion Tom Doyle PDG. Dr Muhammed Rais with his sponsor Annette Wright. Dan Coss with his sponsor Jim Rundborg. And Lisa McIntosh with her sponsor John Donahue. They were all sworn in by DG Lion Ray Robins.

I am Lion Jo Ann Sheehan. I am a member of the Holt Lions Club.

I am District 11-C2 Leader Dog Chair and a graduate of two leader dogs.

If any of the Lions/Lioness Clubs would like me to make a presentation at their Club

meeting please have them contact me at

517-394-4818 or joann_sheehan@comcast.net

ODE TO CHARLIE

Charismatic

Helpful

Astute

Resourceful

Laughter

Intelligent

AND ABOVE ALL ENTHUSIASTIC!

We will all miss Lion Charlie!

What's happening in Bretton Woods Lions Club

Words of wisdom from their President

Together Everyone Accomplishes More.

They plan on selling candy mints September 23-25 at the Speedway Station on Saginaw and Creyts.

Did you know? Last year, we served fifty-five people who needed eyeglass and exam assistance!

That project alone was \$2750.00 **We really do make a difference!**

LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

This will be held on November 11-13, 2011 at the MacMullen Center on Higgins Lake.

Deadline for registration is usually September 30th.

The leadership skills that you have an opportunity to learn not only help you to be A better Lion, but can also be applied to other life experiences such as Church, work and family.

ROSTER BOOK CHANGE

Lion Tom Goldsberry pg. 38 phone # is 517-898-5129





The next Eyecare mission for Latvia is set for May 4-15, 2012. We still have some openings for anyone who wishes to experience "service to ours" first hand. No particular skills are needed. We will teach you a skill and you will work with the Lions of Valmiera.

News from Delta Lions

We have been very busy
Working on several fundraising projects

Lions of Michigan Candy Days
Touch-A-Truck Day
Summer and Fall Softball Concession Stands

MY FRIEND (A REAL OUTDOORSMAN) TOLD ME-

This morning he waded across a raging river,
Escaped from a bear in the woods,
Marched up and down a mountain,
Stood in a patch of poison ivy,
Crawled out of quicksand,
And climbed up an enormous tree!

His friend said, "Your must be some outdoorsman!"

"No," I replied, "I'm just a lousy golfer."

Contact Dr. Tim Fauser at HTFauser@sbcglobal.net for more info. Our District 11-C2 has earned International accolades for this trip which will be our 5th to this region.

Mason Lions In Action

They participated in the
Mason Cares Memorial
This took place
September 11 at the fire station

They worked on cleaning equipment
As well as doing grounds maintenance

They had a tent at
Mason Down Home Days

They are working hard
At increasing their membership
Holding a Membership meeting
On October 12, 2011
All members are encouraged to
Bring any contact information
About people you want to invite.

*News from around the District
And State from IVDG Lion
Karen*

Who are your new club members?
The District Newsletter wants to know! Any time your club welcomes new Lions and your club name to IVDG Lion Ray Robins. Pictures and
**Reminder – This year Lions International has a goal of planting one million trees world-wide. If you plant a tree by May 1, 2012 – any size, anywhere, let Lion Jenni know so she can report it. Dave Scutt has already planted 300 trees on his property near Diamondale – way to go!*

**Official club visits scheduled so far: East Lansing Meridian, Laingsburg, Bretton Woods, Eaton Rapids and Region 3 zone 1 combined meeting.*

**Recently I attended sessions about Leader Dogs for the Blind and Michigan Eye-Bank. Leaders from these receive GPS units which are easy to use and much smaller than the Trekker units introduced only a few years ago. There is no cost to the recipients for any of the services. The Eye-Bank event included talks by a cornea transplant recipient and an organ donor mother.*

LION JIM DUNN

CHAIR OF THE MICHIGAN EYE-BANK COMMITTEE

Don't forget the District Website **IS PUTTING A CALL OUT**

FOR LIONS TO HELP WITH THE

MICHIGAN EYE-BANK COMMITTEE

contact 517-669-9216 or LionJimD@aol.com