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“United We Serve”



August 2008

Notes from the Governor

It's hard to believe a month has gone by already. We had our mini-cabinet meeting for the District the end of July. Here are some of the decisions and goals we set for the coming year:

The Board decided to buy two computers; one for the secretary and one for the treasurer to make their jobs easier and to have better communication with the clubs.

Past International Director Dennis Cobler was there to explain the new three-year membership program International is starting, with Dennis at the helm for our District. We are setting some goals and will be getting started on them in September. There will be a class held September 6th to train Lions in our District to be Guiding Lions. All of our Region Chairs and Zone Chairs that are not already trained will be at this class. There is going to be room for any Lion in the District to come to this meeting and be trained. If you are interested in this training, please e-mail me or call (231) 798-2021 so we can get a head count. This will be the first step in organizing new clubs in the District. We can use all the Lions we can get, so please give this some thought.

Our Region Chairs will be looking in their regions to have a Lion from every region on all District Committees. If there is a committee that interests you, please contact your Region Chairman. This is something we feel is very important to help our District function better and for all Lions to be better informed on what is going on in our District, the State, and at the International level. Please start looking at your club calendars and start scheduling the guest speakers that are available to speak about our District and State projects. They are available and ready to come and speak to you on what these projects are about and what you can do to support them.

This year we are going to have Region meetings instead of zone meetings. This will give our Zone Chairs more time to make club visitations and help the clubs in their zones. These region meetings are part of the President and Secretaries' job. Part of their oath of office was that they would attend these meetings and if they could not, they would send a substitute in their place. Please make sure your club is represented at these meetings.

My calendar is starting to fill in, so if you have a special event or meeting you would like me to attend, please e-mail me or call (231) 798-2021. I will try to do everything I can to accommodate these dates.

I feel this is going to be a great year for the Lions of District 11-C1 with all the Lions in the District working together to make us one of the strongest Districts in the world.

If you have any questions or needs please call me.

Yours In Lionism – District Governor, Mike Johnson

**DON'T FORGET ---- EVERYONE BRING SOMEONE AND OUR MEMBERSHIP
WILL BE OVER 2000 MEMBERS IN 11-C1.**

Submission of Newsletter Articles & Pictures

Please note that the new District Editor is Lion Sandy Harz. If you have news and pictures about events in your club, please send the information to Sandy at: rsharz@yahoo.com Snail mail address is: 13830 Oakwood Circle, Grand Haven, MI 49417. If you are attaching a picture to your e-mail, it helps if it is in a “jpeg” format. The **deadline** for information and pictures is the **5th of each month**; this way I can get the newsletter out in a timely manner.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (616) 842-1759. I’m looking forward to lots and lots of information about your club activities and pictures of these activities. Please remember that an “activity in progress” picture is more effective than a “posed” picture.

Please have your club newsletter editor e-mail or snail mail me your club newsletter.

FREE Club Webpage

Has your club signed up for a FREE webpage on the District 11-C1 website? You can get a free website just by contacting Webmaster Cathy Koning at webmaster@lionsofmi11c1.org

Check out the new Lyons/Muir website – newest webpage on the District 11-C1 website at www.lionsofmi11c1.org/lyonsmuirlions/index.shtml Your club could have a similar webpage to “brag” about your club and the details of your meetings – when, where, etc. – and list all the projects your club is involved in. Don’t let another month go by without getting your club “noticed” on the District website. Lion Cathy will be glad to help you. There is more information on the District website; check it out at: www.lionsofmi11c1.org/resources.shtml

Thanks Cathy for giving of your time to help out clubs get the word out about what they do. WE SERVE!!!

Governor's Travels

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VISITATION/EVENT</u>
August 1/2, 2008	Leader Dog Visitation
August 8-10, 2008	Council of Governors Meeting – Lansing
August 16, 2008	Cabinet Meeting, ABVI time TBD
August 19, 2008	Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Fruitport Corn Roast
August 21, 2008	Whitehall/Montague Visitation
August 23, 2008	Lions Night at Berlin Raceway
August 29-30, 2008	Governor's R&R
September 6, 2008	Guiding Lion Training – at ABVI
September 14, 2008	Governor's Appreciation Brunch
September 18-20, 2008	USA/Canada Forum – Saskatoon, Canada
October 1, 2008	Ravenna Steak Fry
October 3-5, 2008	Council of Governors – St. Ignace
October 7, 2008	Lyons/Muir Visitation
October 8, 2008	Fruitport Fish Fry
October 11, 2008	Cabinet Meeting, at ABVI
October 14, 2008	Muskegon Host Visitation
October 21, 2008	Grand Haven Visitation
October 25, 2008	Fruitport 60 th Anniversary Celebration

Club Secretaries/Program Chairpersons: I am in the process of setting up my club visitations. Please contact me to set a visitation to your club. First Lady Sue & I are looking forward to meeting with your club this year.

Also, if you are having any fundraisers, ie, spaghetti suppers, carnivals, pancake breakfasts, etc, please let me know as I hope to attend as many of these functions as I am able.

DG Mike

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ZONE 2: Casey Dutmer

REGION 3 – Chair: Edwin Osborne

ZONE 1: Tom Hauck
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REGION 4 – Chair: Carol Ruddy

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CLUB NEWS (aka Gran's Gems)

Fruitport Lions: starting to make plans for their 60th Anniversary party in October. Andrew Joseph was born August 6 to Chrisie and Rick Workman who both became members of the club on October 1, 2007 – Congratulations!!!

Grand Haven – had a busy week working booth at the Coast Guard Festival Carnival. Hosted PDG's on their float at Coast Guard Festival Parade with a picnic following. Will be hosting annual Fruitport/Grand Haven/Spring Lake Corn Roast.

Grand Rapids – Holding their Summer picnic. Held a successful White Cane Drive. Held a very successful "Drive for Vision 2008" golf outing.

Muskegon Host – working at Summer Camp for the Blind. Holding a Pancake Cook at the Shoreline Spectacular at Pere Marquette Park. Had the Sightmobile at Muskegon Summer Celebration. Placed flags on Seaway Drive during Bike Time.

Whitehall/Montague – celebrated their 50th Anniversary on July 24 with a dinner. New officers were installed.

<p>To: All Clubs</p> <p>From: Treasurer District 11C-1</p> <p>When making checks to the District projects please put on the Pay to the order of line:</p> <p><i>"District 11-C-1"</i> and then the project that it is intended for. Any questions feel free to contact me.</p> <p>Thank you for your understanding</p> <p>Lion Robert Babcock District Treasurer 11-C-1</p>	<p>DISTRICT 11C1 LIONS SUPPORT Campaign SightFirst II Polo Shirt Sale Includes Left Chest Lions Logo Right Chest name of club & member name \$15.00 purple or gold</p> <p>Also available: \$20 sweatshirt (purple or gold) \$35 windshirt (waterproof, navy only)</p> <p>Order form available at: http://www.lionsofmi11c1.org</p> <p>Lion Sue Johnson is taking the orders H: (231) 798-2021</p>
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Grand Haven Lions Float in Coast Guard Festival Parade



CT Robert Babcock handing out candy

Celebrating Independence Workshops

Date: First Friday Each Month
Time: 2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Place: Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired
456 Cherry Street, SE
Grand Rapids, MI

Friday, September 5's meeting is "Accessible Voting". Find out about the AutoMark Voting Machine. For upcoming seminars, check the ABVI web page at www.abvimichigan.org.

LIONS CLUBS ROSE DAY

Rose Day sales are coming!! Start taking orders for beautiful long stemmed roses on **September 1**. They will be delivered **October 18th** (the last day to order is **October 2nd**). The roses will be \$20.00 per dozen, same as in the past. Let's keep this District fundraiser alive. The only change this year is "When you sell – you deliver". In other words, whatever orders you or your club takes, you will be delivering them, unless you make arrangements with another Lion from a participating club to make your delivery for you.

ANNOUNCING A RESOURCE FOR THOSE WHO LIVE WITH VISION LOSS – SPANISH SPEAKING

Do you know anyone who is blind or visually impaired? Each day family members and friends who live with vision loss face unique challenges in a world oriented to visual prompts and signals. Now, support and help are available in your community.

A new **Spanish speaking** monthly peer support group for persons who live with vision loss, their families, and friends invites you to participate.

Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at:

Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired
456 Cherry Street, SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Our first meeting is Wednesday, September 17, 2008.

Please contact Rosemary Ramos (Group Facilitator) at (616) 458-1187 or (800) 466-8084, Ext 314 for more information. For information about our other support groups, visit the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired web site: www.abvimichigan.org/programs.

Nashville Lions Club, Delton Lions Club, and Lakewood Lions Club along with other business and private partners helped to sponsor a Community Eyecare Day. There were 67 patients seen by Drs. (Lion) Michael Flohr, Katherine Selleck, and Chad Kresnak. These eye exams were given free of charge thanks to the sponsors. The patients were diagnosed with vision problems ranging from: Glaucoma/Ocular hypertension – 5, Cataracts – 18, Diabetes – 4, Macular Degeneration – 1 and Anophthalmos – 1. They plan to have another Eyecare Day tentatively set for October 25th in Lowell. Sponsors and volunteers are welcome to help out.





The **Spring Lake Lions** had two new Lions inducted by PDG Dan Leaver from the Fruitport Club. L to R: Charter member Jim Huggins (President), new member Gary Hooyenga, PDG Dan, new member Tom Palarz, and Charter member E. Jack Gardner (Lion Tamer). Welcome to these new Lions.

The **Ravenna Lions Club** announces that their next Steak Fry will be October 1 at the Ravenna Conservation Club located at 2530 S. Slocum Road, Ravenna. Social time starts at 6:00 p.m.. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Please contact Phil Annis at H (231) 853-2004 or W (231) 853-2828 for further details and/or to RSVP.

The steak fry's in the past have been delicious and everyone has a great time. Please plan to join them!!

FOR SALE: The **Sparta Lions Club** has a complete Bingo Set (light-up board, calling station, cards, etc in very good condition for sale. Any reasonable offer accepted. Please e-mail Secretary Barb Bettes at ba2bettes@netzero.com or call her at (616) 997-9889.

On a beautiful July 28th Saturday afternoon, the **Rockford Lions Club** gathered to celebrate the end of another successful year of serving the Rockford community. Gathering on the grounds of Lion Fred Hallstedt's riverside estate, the members and their families enjoyed Fred's special BBQ'd ribs and the many side dishes contributed by the members.

Highlighting the event was the inauguration of our new club president, Jan Strauss. Well deserved and noteworthy in that Jan is the first woman to hold the presidency in the 50 plus years history of the club.

Also featured was the membership's election of Lion Polly VonEschen as Lion of the Year. Polly gives and gives to her community and to her club – and this was the club's way of saying "Thank you, Polly, for all you do!"

The club's first meeting of the new year will be on Thursday August 28. If you know someone in the Rockford area that is interested in serving the needs of the community, let them know about this meeting.



Outgoing President, Pete MacGregor; Lion of the Year, Polly VonEschen; Incoming President, Jan Strauss.

You're invited to the **District 11-C1 Governor's Appreciation Brunch**, Sunday, September 14, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

It will be held at Terra Verde Golf Club located at 11741 Leonard Road, Nunica, Michigan. The cost is \$16.00 per person. Please submit your reservation, using the reservation form below, and mail to: **IPDG Gary Lacy, 15029 Reid Ct – Apt. #109, Grand Haven, Michigan 49417**. Reservations need to be made no later than **August 25, 2008**.

Please make a reservation for ____ people for the Appreciation Brunch on Sunday, September 14th @ 2:00 p.m. Enclosed is my check for \$_____.

Mail this form and your check to: IPDG Gary Lacy
Please make checks payable 15029 Reid Ct. – Apt. #109
To District 11 C1 Grand Haven, MI 49417



**FRUITPORT LIONS CLUB
60th ANNIVERSARY
1948-2008**



*You are cordially invited to a special celebration
Fruitport Lions Club
60th Anniversary
Saturday October 25, 2008
Fruitport Auditorium
(corner of Pontaluna Road and Third Avenue)
Fruitport, Michigan
Social Hour: 6:00 p.m. – Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
Semi-formal Attire
Cash Bar
\$20.00/person
RSVP by October 10, 2008*

Please make a reservation for ____ people for the 60th Anniversary on Saturday, October 25th. Enclosed is my check for \$_____. (Please make checks payable to Fruitport Lions Club)

*Mail this form and your check to: Sue Johnson, 141 W. Pontaluna Road
Questions Call: (231) 798-2021 Muskegon, MI 49444*

It's not too late to go to the races – you can still order tickets, but please call soon !!!



LIONS NIGHT OUT AT BERLIN RACEWAY

LET'S GO RACING

I am pleased to announce that we have put together the third annual Lions Night Group Outing at Berlin Raceway in Marne. This special event will take place on Saturday, August 23, 2008 with a race time of 7:00 PM. This will be a special night for Kids and Lions alike.

Admission for Kids 12 and under will be free and Adult tickets will be only \$11.00. This special evening will also feature Monster Truck Rides for only \$3.00 and many Free Kids events to include Inflatables, Climbing wall, driver autographs, etc. I will need a count of those paying adults (and approximate child count) that are interested in attending by July 24, 2008. Let's continue to make this an annual Lions event and show our support to local events.

Please pass the word to your fellow Lions, friends, family, co-workers, perspective LIONS, etc. Let's show them Lions have fun to.

You may contact me at the following:

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